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Day after, Haryana Dy CM: SDM who said break farmers' heads will face action

SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

A DAY after Karnal sub-divisional magistrate Ayush Sinha was caught on camera instructing police to beat farmer protesters and to not let anyone breach the security cordon without a "broken head", Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said the government would take action against the officer.

"I am pained at yesterday's incident...that statements that do not meet the ethical standards of an IAS officer. were given by an IAS officer. Action will be initiated against him..., Chautala said at a press conference in Chandigarh on Sunday. "From the way the statement

is being made in the video, I feel that he does not fulfill the oath that an officer takes to maintain ethical standards. Uske oopar jo karyawahi hogi woh sarkar zaroor karegi (The government will certainly take suitable action against him)," Chautala said.

In an apparent reference to



Karnal Sub-Divisional Magistrate Ayush Sinha



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ties: Taliban leadership in Qatar Taliban deputy head in Doha mentions trade with India through Pakistan

KEY SIGNAL IN VIDEO MESSAGE

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

"like in the past".

tan's Milli Television.

the officer's statement that "we have not slept for the entire night", Chautala said: "He (the officer) probably does not know that the farmer also can't sleep



Sher Mohammad Abbas Stane-THIS IS the Taliban's first kzai, deputy head of Taliban's ofoutreach to India since the fice in Doha, in a carefully group captured power scripted statement that he read two weeks ago. A wary out in Pashto in a 46-minute Delhi will, however, wait video message broadcast and watch for demonstrable behaviour on the Saturday on the group's social media platforms and Afghanisground in Afghanistan that shows good faith by The signal is significant given the Taliban, including its that Pakistan holds the levers to treatment of Afghans who the Taliban. and Islamabad and have worked with India.



The US said it conducted an airstrike on a vehicle carrying "multiple" Islamic State "suicide bombers" heading towards the Kabul airport on Sunday. AP REPORT. PAGE 12

To evacuate, Delhi dialled Karzai, Abdullah, Moscow

a tense two days after the fall of

Kabul on August 15, among

those critical to the negotiations

for safe passage for the Indian

convoy from the Embassy to the

airport – besides the Americans

- were two high-profile Afghan

politicians who are currently in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

MUMBAI, AUGUST 29 AS INDIA made frantic efforts to evacuate diplomatic and other personnel at its Embassy, and other Indians and Afghans over

Ceasefire is successful due to India's strength; new dynamism against enemies, says Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Sunday said the ceasefire with Pakistan has held because of India's "strength". Without naming Pakistan or

China, he said that India was facing its adversaries with a new dvnamism. "If a ceasefire is successful to-

day, it is because of our strength. In 2016, cross-border strikes changed our reactionary mindset into a proactive mindset, which was further strengthened by the Balakot airstrike in 2019.' Singh said at the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington.

"The belief that India would not only end terrorism on its own land but also not hesitate to conduct counter-terrorism operations on their land if needed is gradually becoming stronger," he said, and commended the armed forces for defeating the neighbour "which has been targeting our nation".



Savs 'changing equations' in Afghanistan a 'challenge'. PTI

Singh said the neighbour that had lost to India in 1965 and 1971 cannot wage a "front war" because it does not have the capacity - and for that reason, it resorts to "proxy war, and terrorism has become an integral part of their state policy".

"Ever since our country became independent, it has been the effort of the opposing forces to create an atmosphere of instability within the country through one or the other means. If we look at the history of the last 75 years, it seems that we **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



a medal, we created a legacy. Will be connected to India my whole life' SJOERD MARIJNE FORMER COACH, INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM **PAGE 14**

In new JNU



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TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, AUGUST 29

FOR 18 months now, Bhanu Upadhyay, a postdoctoral fellow at IIT Bombay, has been running around for an Aadhaar card. After many calls to toll-free numbers, e-mails, and visits to application centres, the Aadhaar application of the 33-year-old Nepali-origin resident of Assam

is "still under process". Upadhyay, who hails from Abhongpathar, a remote village in Golaghat district, managed to work around the need for the unique identification number. 'But it's giving me sleepless nights now since I will be applying for jobs at central institutions which won't accept my application without Aadhaar," he says.

आधार सेवा केंद्र AADHAAR SEVA KENDRA

About 8 lakh who gave biometrics waiting for Aadhaar. File

Around eight lakh people who provided their biometrics, and also made it to the National Register of Citizens (NRC) published on August 31, 2019, are struggling to get Aadhaar, and

In all, 27 lakh people had registered their biometrics, but 19 lakh of these did not find their names in the NRC. State government officials

reckon it is a "unique problem" **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



WITHOUT RAM. **AYODHYA IS NOT** AYODHYA, SAYS PRESIDENT PAGE 6



by seeking an inquiry in the Pegasus spyware issue and teaming up with rival RJD to demand a caste census, key ally JD(U) turned up the heat on its alliance partner Sunday by ask-



ing for an NDA coordination

committee at the state and cen-

tral levels to "discuss several is-

May not be in race for PM, says resolution

Minister should have. Speaking to reporters after the council meeting, JD(U) principal general secretary and national **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

The party also passed a reso-

lution at its national council

meeting that Bihar Chief

Minister Nitish Kumar has "all

the qualities" that a Prime

sues we differ on".

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course, 'jihadi violence' is only form of 'fundamentalist religious terror'

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

"JIHADI TERRORISM" is the only form of "fundamentalist-religious terrorism", and Communist regimes in the erstwhile Soviet Union and China were the "predominant state-sponsors of terrorism" that influenced "radical Islamic states".

These are some of the key assertions in a new course on counter-terrorism for engineering students pursuing a dual degree programme at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

The optional course, titled 'Counter Terrorism, Asymmetric Conflicts and Strategies for Cooperation among Major Powers', was cleared during a meeting on August 17 of the university's Academic Council.

The course will be offered to students pursuing an MS with specialisation in International Relations after a BTech in Engineering – online classes for the monsoon semester start on September 20.

The Council is the university's highest decision-making body for academic programmes. Its clearance for the course will have to be endorsed by the Executive Council, which decides on management and administrative issues, as part of procedure.

One of the new course's modules, titled 'Fundamentalistreligious Terrorism and its Impact', states: "Fundamentalist - religious inspired terrorism has played a very critical and dominant role in the spawning of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2





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VIBRANT MURAL IN KOLKATA'S NEW TOWN CAPTURES THE CITY IN ALL ITS GLORY Led by artist Sayan Mukherjee, a group of 10 painters and illustrators have conjured up the captivating artwork in just ten days

TECH

LENOVO ASIA PACIFIC GAMING LEAD Ian Tan talked about

the uptake of budget gaming PCs



ENTERTAINMENT

What does the return of the Taliban mean for

sports in Afghanistan?

With the Taliban returning to power after 20 years, just like everything else in Afghanistan, the future of sports in the country remains highly uncertain. In the past the Taliban has promoted men's cricket, but will it do so this time as well?

Mandaviya releases first commercial batch of Covaxin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE ANKLESHWAR, AUGUST 29

UNION MINISTER for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandviya released the first commercial batch of Covaxin manufactured by Bharat Biotech from its Chiron Behring vaccines facility at Ankleshwar in South Gujarat on Sunday and said third phase trial of vaccine for children above

two years of age will begin soon. 'Today, first batch of Covaxin manufactured by Bharat Biotech at Ankleshwar has been released. The company has the capacity to manufacture one crore dose per month... The world's largest vaccination drive is going on in India... we are increasing manufacturing and simultaneously the capacity of administering it," he said.

"Zydus Cadila vaccine has been authorised to be used on emergency basis and it will be administered to children above 12 vears old. Bharat Biotech vaccine has been allowed research work for vaccine of children above two years of age which has completed second phase. And research work for third phase has also been permitted..." Mandaviya said.

CHHATTISGARH Mob assaults pastor while raising 'stop conversion' slogans Kawardha: A group of over 100 people allegedly beat up a 25-

vear-old pastor after barging into his house at a remote village in Chhattisgarh's Kabirdham district on Sunday, during which

FROM PAGE ONE Rajnath Singh Karnal SDM

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his comments.'

Saturday, Sinha can be heard in-

structing a group of policemen:

"Utha utha ke maarna peechhe

sabko(hit them hard)... We shall

not allow this cordon to be brea-

ched. We have enough force avail-

able. 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 nahin

aana chahiye. Agar aaye toh sar

phoota hua hona chahiye uska.

Clear hai aapko (No one should

breach the cordon and reach me.

If someone does, make sure he

has a broken head. Hope this is

Sinha was deployed as duty

magistrate to maintain law and

order near Hotel Prem Plaza in

Karnal, where state BJP leaders,

including Chief Minister Manohar

Lal Khattar and state party presi-

dent Om Prakash Dhankar, were

meeting to discuss the party's

strategy for the panchayat elec-

"It's the job of the police to main-

tain law and order. Should action

not be taken if someone attacks...a

person who holds a constitutional

On Sunday, Chautala also said:

of the IAS.

clear).

tions.

have inherited the challenges," the Minister said. But India's paradigm for na-

tional security has now changed, he said. "I am happy to say that we have made major changes to our security policies... Under a new dynamic, we have made our attitude against terrorism proactive."

Despite the challenges at India's borders, "the common man is confident that there will be no compromise on India's national security", Singh said. "The belief gradually became

stronger, that India would not only end terror on its own land, but would not hesitate to attack on their land if needed," he said. Speaking about the nearly 16-

month standoff with China in eastern Ladakh, which began in May 2020, Singh said: "In the northern sector too, last year a unilateral attempt was made to change the status quo on the border." But "here too we have gone from our old response to our adversary to a new dynamic".

Singh said that today, "the enemy no longer needs to enter the border", and can "also target our security apparatus from outside the border". The "alignment and realignment of global powers add to already changing security challenges"

On Afghanistan, where the Taliban are back in power after 20 years, Singh said "the changing equations" presented a "challenge". These "circumstances have forced every country to think on its strategy today", he said, adding that the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, or Quad, "has been formed keeping these things in mind".

"Military power, trade, compost or is an elected representative?" He said that while "most of munication, economy, and political equations, this change can be the 40 (farmer) union leaders" clearly seen in all areas. In this era were from Puniab and UP. it was of globalisation, with these changes happening all over the world. no nation should be left untouched; I understand it is not possible," he said. "Keeping our security preparedness in proportion to these changes, or should I say a step ahead of that, becomes our need, not our achievement... The change in the security paradigm over time is the reality of today. "To deal with these challenges. continuously strengthening our preparedness, and making strong strategies is not just the need of the hour, but it is also a demand."

between the West and the Soviet Union and China. The Soviet for 200 out of 365 nights... The use Union and China have been preof such language by an IAS officer dominant state-sponsors of terfor them (farmers) is conrorism and they have been heavdemnable. There is an important ily involved in terms of their part of their training in which they intelligence agencies training, aidare taught the importance of ining and providing logistical suptegrity and balanced action. port to Communist ultras and ter-Certainly, action will be taken and rorists," it states.

"In the post-Cold War period, an explanation will be sought for the trend has been well adapted The Samyukt Kisan Morcha by several radical Islamic states has demanded the suspension of that have mirrored the earlier tac-Sinha, an officer of the 2018 batch tical strategies of the Communist powers and have continued to aid In a video clip that was circuand arm the various terrorist lated widely on social media on groups," it reads.

When contacted by The Indian Express, Aswini Mohapatra, Dean of JNU's School of International Studies (SIS) and concurrent faculty in the School of Engineering, said he was not involved in the design of the course.

Ruchir Gupta, Dean of the School of Engineering, said Arvind Kumar. Chairperson of the Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, wanted to introduce the course. "We have a joint programme with SIS, they asked us to pass this course so we passed it. I'm not an expert on international relations," Gupta said.

Kumar confirmed to The Indian Express that he had designed the course. Asked about the reference to only one religion in the module on "fundamentalist-religious terrorism", he said it was "because Islamic terrorism is a world-accepted thing. After the Taliban, it has gained momentum now.'

Kumar said that "to the best of my knowledge", he has "not come across" an instance of any other religion resorting to methods of terrorism.

On the reference only to Soviet Union and China as "predominant state-sponsors of terrorism", Kumar said: "State-sponsored ter-

Taliban leadership in Qatar: India very important...

open.

Afghanistan.

Stanekzai

Rawalpindi have always seen India's ties with Afghanistan as a negative influence. It is also the first categorical statement directed at India by a senior leader of the Taliban since they captured power in Kabul on August 15.

The Indian Express reported Sunday that the United Nations Security Council, with India as its president for the month of August, had dropped a reference to the Taliban from a paragraph in its statement asking Afghan groups to not support terrorists "operating on the territory of any other country".

Stanekzai, incidentally, was at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun in the 1980s as part of training for Afghan army

ster of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai had said: "The Government of India has decided as a matter of policy not to enumerate caste-wise populations other than SCs and STs in the census."

Karzai, Abdullah power-sharing negotiations with the Taliban.

Hamid Karzai and former vicepresident Abdullah Abdullah, who was also the chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation in the ousted government of Ashraf Ghani.

The decision to evacuate the ntire Indian Embassy including

cadets. In 1996, he had made a said. On the Taliban's plans for similar overture to India after the Taliban's first takeover of Kabul when he was Deputy Foreign Minister of a caretaker regime.

This time, his statements come at a time when India has evacuated its entire Indian diplomatic contingent from the embassy in Kabul.

"India is very important for this subcontinent. We want to continue our cultural, economic and trade ties with India like in the past," he said.

"We give due importance to our political, economic and trade ties with India and we want these ties to continue. We are looking forward to working with India in this regard," he

Taliban a terrorist group, it is among three countries - Pakistan and China are the other two that have kept their diplomatic missions open in Kabul even after the Taliban takeover. Russia has hosted Taliban delegates including Mullah Baradar in Moscow for talks, and had pushed for the Taliban to play an important role in post-US Afghanistan.

Russia's Ambassador to Kabul Dmitry Zhirnov held talks with the Taliban on security for his country's Embassy two days after they took over, according to reports in the Russian media. Moscow's special envoy to Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov said in an interview that Russia had built contacts with the Taliban over seven years. It was these contacts that New Delhi called on Moscow to leverage on its behalf. Karzai has known Mullah Baradar closely. The two men had tried to start negotiations for a political settlement back in 2010. Abdullah was in touch with the Taliban during the "intra-Afghan talks" last year after being appointed head of the High Council for National Reconciliation. Karzai and Abdullah have reached out to the Taliban to negotiate an inclusive government and one or both could be part of the new dispensation in Kabul. With 150-odd evacuees gathered at the Embassy negotiations continued through Monday. The green light came late in the evening - and the convoy left for the airport around 10 pm. The vehicles were allowed into the technical area of the airport around 2.30 am. Four hours later, the C17 took off for Delhi.

ment is formed.

trade in the region, Stanekzai Stanekzai also referred to the Chabahar port developed said: "Trade with India through Pakistan is very important for by India while speaking about us. With India, trade through air relations with Iran, and highcorridors will also remain lighted its importance for trade. Over the last two weeks, This is again an important Taliban spokespersons Suhail statement from India's point of Shaheen and Zabiullah view since Pakistan has always Mujahid have also spoken

> lations with India. South Block, which is tracking all these statements carefully, is yet to respond to these messages. But officials have pointed out that the Taliban had cooperated for the safe passage of Indian diplomats and nationals, and Afghans, who were evacuated from Kabul.

about the group's views on re-

Guwahati, the Home and Political security measure to keep track of the digital entity of those who Department in Dispur, and the may get excluded from the list, UIDAI regional office in Guwahati said officials involved in the drafthave been flooded with letters ing of the SOP. from aggrieved citizens.

blocked overland transit, trade

and access between India and

relations with Turkmenistan,

Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-

Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas

pipeline project and said the

Taliban would work to address

the problems that are holding

up the venture once a govern-

Speaking on Afghanistan's

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The state's Home and Political Department was made the regisold Bikash Singh, a Computer trar of this exercise with the UIDAI Applications graduate from providing technical support. The Duliajan in Upper Assam. Unable biometric details of 27,43,396 to apply for jobs for the lack of an were collected by the UIDAI dur-Aadhaar card, he has shot off muling the process. In March 2019, Upadhyay re-

members flying to Guwahati -

and driving to Sarupathar in

tiple letters to the Prime Minister's Office RGI Chief Minister's Office and the UIDAI, Guwahati – but without luck. "My brother, who is in the first

One among them is 22-year-

Golaghat – for the hearing. While his mother had made it to the year of college, has not been able NRC, his father, his sister and he to apply for scholarships. It is had not. "The officials told us that mental torture," said Singh. Then there is Mamtaz Begum, nousewife in Assam's Baksa dis-



They were former president

New Delhi also reached out to Moscow.

once the list is out, we would get our Aadhaar cards." he savs. On August 31, all three made it to the NRC. "I was glad the ordeal was over," he said, but the Aadhaar ordeal had just begun. The freeze in biometrics is linked to the fate of the NRC which, even after two years of publication, hangs in limbo; the Registrar General of India has not notified it, and the Supreme Court, which supervised the process from 2013, has not heard the matter since January 6, 2020. Both the BJP government and the state coordinator of NRC have not accepted it either, and are currently pushing for a "corrected" NRC. "Nothing is happening right now," admitted an official from the NRC office, requesting anonymity. Last year, H D Sarma, the NRC state coordinator, submitted an affidavit to the Gauhati High Court, referring to the August 31 list as a 'supplementary' list and seeking re-verification. Sources in the NRC state coor-Efforts are now on to evacuate the 260 Indians who are still dinator's office said the Supreme stranded in Kabul. Court SOP clearly said Aadhaar will be given to those who are part Assam NRC of the "final NRC". "But the NRC and attribute it to red tape and a we have now is not final...so how lack of clarity on the NRC exercise can we share information on the itself. The state has highlighted applicant data – even if it is for an the issue by writing to the Aadhaar card? That will mean vi-Registrar General of India, but no olating the SC order," the official said.

they were heard raising slogans against religious conversion, a police official said.

The incident took place around 11 am in Polmi village under Kukdur police station limits when a prayer was underway at the house of pastor Kawalsingh Paraste, said Kabirdham Superintendent of Police Mohit Garg. "As per the preliminary information, a crowd of over 100 people stormed into his house and allegedly damaged articles of worship and household items, and tore scriptures," he said. **PTI**



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Harvana that was suffering as a result of the protests. "Why is Haryana being made the epicentre (of the protests) again and again? These 40 leaders should explain why they did not blockade UP and Punjab... They want to disturb the system and hurt the agrarian economy of Haryana. But

we won't let them succeed." Karnal deputy commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said on Sunday that while he "regretted a few of the words that were used (by Sinha) in the video" and that "these should not have there",

Sinha was an "upright officer".

"These words came out in the heat of the moment which should not have come out." Yadav said. "His (Sinha's) intention was not wrong because that was the last naka from the venue. We had given strict directions to him that protesters should not go beyond this point at any cost. And it's natural that the directions that were given to him were supposed to be given further to the force, so that no doubt remains in the mind of force over what is to be done.'

INU course

terrorist violence in the beginning of the 21st century. The perverse interpretation of the Koran has resulted in the rapid proliferation of a jihadi cultist violence that glorifies death by terror in suicidal and homicidal variants.

It states: "The exploitation of the cyberspace by the radical Islamic religious clerics has resulted in the electronic propagation of jihadi terrorism world over. Online electronic dissemination of Jihadi terrorism has resulted in the spurt of violence in non-Islamic societies that are secular and are now increasingly vulnerable to the violence that (is) on the increase."

Another module, titled 'Statesponsored Terrorism: It's Influence and Impact', refers only to the Soviet Union and China.

"Terrorism has always a geographical base and support havens for its operations. State sponsored terrorism has been largely during the ideological war

rorism is very difficult to define, we have to find evidence for it and only then we can include it."

ID(U)

spokesperson KCTyagi said: "Just as there had been a coordination committee of the NDA during the AB Vajpayee government, we would welcome a similar committee now to discuss several issues we differ on. It would help in smooth functioning of the alliance and discourage unwarranted comments from leaders of the NDA alliance."

Later, speaking to The Indian Express, Tyagi said: "We have also passed a resolution at the party's national council that Nitish Kumar might not be in the PM race but has all the qualities that a PM should have".

Asked about the need for such a resolution, Tyagi said: "There have often been insinuations from some quarters (on Nitish Kumar's prime ministerial chances), and we wanted to keep the record straight".

The ID(U) leader also said the party would continue to demand a caste census. "We are waiting for a positive response from the PM," he said.

Asked about the JD(U)'s demand for a coordination committee, BJP leader and Bihar Deputy CM Tarkishore Prasad was cautious in response. "We support it because it will help us coordinate on various issues." he said.

On August 23, Nitish Kumar had led a 10-party delegation to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the caste census issue. Earlier, the Chief Minister had demanded a probe into allegations of surveillance of phones using the Pegasus spyware.

step regarding a caste census, especially with the UP elections around the corner. Several party leaders have privately said that the party cannot afford to antagonise the OBCs, who have become a crucial support base in recent years.

On July 20, in a written reply

Ambassador Rudrendra Tandon, was taken after the Ghani government collapsed, and security personnel in Kabul's Green Zone, where the diplomatic missions are located, abandoned their posts.

Armed fighters had set up their own checkpoints across the Afghan capital. Their chain of command was not clear; apart from the Taliban, several allied groups, including Pakistan-based groups such as the Haqqani network – some of whom nurse a special animus against India were reported to be present. Driving to the airport through these posts was fraught with risks.

On August 16, after an Air India flight from Delhi was unable to land in Kabul as thousands swarmed the tarmac, India sent an IAFC17 Globernaster transport aircraft to evacuate its citizens. including those at the Embassy, through the military side of the airport that was controlled by US forces.

But the challenge was to get the Indians to the airport safely – and to ensure that the Taliban or groups allied to them did not place hurdles in the way.

The US had been using Black Hawk military transport helicopters to evacuate their Embassy since August 12. Some European diplomatic missions too had access to military aircraft, but the Indian mission did not have its own air resources.

With no line of communication with the Taliban, India had to rely on third-party interlocutors to establish contact. "We reached out to all those who had any channels with the Taliban." a senior official said.

So, even as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, and officials of both sides were in constant touch on the logistics at the military side of the airport, New Delhi fell back on some old friends in Kabul -Karzai and Abdullah were tapped. India also dialled Russia for

help. Although Russia considers the

action has been forthcoming so

At the heart of the problem is a November 2018 Supreme Standard Court-approved Operating Procedure (SOP). Under the SOP, those left out of the draft NRC list published on July 31, 2018, had to mandatorily submit their biometrics during the hearings of 'claims' (to include themselves in the NRC) and 'objections' (to object to someone else's inclusion) process. These hearings were conducted in the run-up to the publication of the complete list on August 31, 2019.

"Once the final NRC has been published, such persons who are included in the NRC, will be given the usual Aadhaar number as applicable to legal residents in the country." Clause 9 of the SOP stated. The clause was added as a

New Delhi

At the UIDAI, Regional Office, Guwahati, officials told The Indian *Express* they cannot issue the Aadhaar numbers "till a clarification is received from RGI and the matter is communicated to UIDAI by Home and Political Department, Government of Assam." Kuldeep Pegu, Deputy Direc-

tor, UIDAI, Regional Office, Guwahati. said in an email the NRC biometric enrolment had been kept on hold in accordance with the SOP guidelines. "Till a clarification is received from RGI and the matter is communicated to the UIDAI by Home and Political Department, Government of Assam, the Aadhaar number cannot be issued," he said.

Since the publication of the NRC in August 2019, the offices of the NRC State Coordinator in

trict, who has applied for Aadhaar seven times. Newly married Roshni Singh, a Bihari-origin resident of Assam, who is based in Mumbai, said she has not been able to open a bank account nor get a ration card.

On its part, the state government has been in touch with the Centre about the issue. In response to a question in the Assembly session in July, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the state had taken up the matter with the RGI and the Union Home Secretary.

The NRC office in Guwahati also wrote to the state's Home and Political department thrice since March 2020 highlighting the "deprivations of the public". In the latest letter, H D Sarma, the NRC coordinator, said: "...around 26 lakh applicants whose biometrics were captured during claims and objections phase are not able to obtain the Aadhaar card as the enrolment numbers have been blocked by the UIDAI as per para 9 of the SOP... government may like to file an affidavit in the Supreme Court seeking relaxation of para nine of the SOP so that applicants are able to avail the benefit of Aadhar card."

In turn, officials at the Home and Political department have said they have written to the Union Home Secretary and RGI twice — in November 2020 and June 2021.

"RGI has not made their stance clear on the NRC yet... till they do not declare it as the final NRC, our hands are tied," said an official from the Home and Political department. The Indian Express reached out to the RGI. but did not receive a response

Caught in the middle are people like Upadhyay, Begum, and Bikash Singh. Bikash Singh recently formed a WhatsApp group 'We Want Aadhaar'. "There are about 35 on it - everyone is facing some issue or the other...someone's PF has stopped, someone else is not able to get a ration card. I don't know how much it will help-butfornow.at least we can vent." he said.





The BJP is wary of taking any

to a question in Lok Sabha, Mini-

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Zero Covid-19 deaths on 18 days in capital last month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

MORE THAN half the days in the last month have seen no Covid deaths in Delhi.

Since July 29, zero Covid deaths were recorded on 18 days - the longest stretch with no deaths was five days from August 20 to 24. The highest number of deaths in one day in the last month was on August 6, when the city recorded five fatalities. A total of 31 people died of Covid in the last month. On Sunday too, zero deaths were reported.

These are positive numbers for a city where the second Covid wave did not just see a large number of cases, but fatalities as well. The Covid death



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count had gone as high as 448 on a single day on May 3. In April and May, the city had recorded 13,201 deaths. Even when daily case count began to decrease. the number of deaths continued to remain high. On June 3, when the case count had dropped to



ICUs during the second wave and struggling with a long battle were still dying every day. Dr Lalit Kant, former Deputy

576, the number of deaths was

Director General ICMR, said: "When we have a peak of the magnitude that we did in Delhi, more people develop antibodies against the virus which gives some protection. When they

have that protection, not only total number of cases but also serious cases start to come down. This is what we're seeing in Delhi, when serious cases come down. deaths also come down. We also

are getting immunised, so there is a combined effect of exposure on people. However, this is a del-Doctors had said the number of deaths were not dropping as icate equilibrium that might be rapidly as number of new cases disrupted anytime. A mutation because patients admitted to of the virus can cause antibody protection to fall flat, depending on number of factors. There is

still a chunk of people not exposed to the virus, there are people whose antibody protection will be wearing out."

The government is preparing to conduct its seventh sero survey to estimate the percentage of the population exposed to SARS-CoV2 after the second wave. Samples collected from a resettlement colony by an AI-IMS team during the second half of March had found a seropositivity rate of 74.7%.



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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29	"Whatever there is"		nagement (SAM) Branch, Patna, Secure recovery of bank's dues from the follow Description of the Charged/ Mortgage Property			where is", "As Reserve Price (in Rs)	is what is" and Earnest Money			working day).		Registered Post with acknowledgement due should reach latest by 4.00 p.m. on 07-09-2021.
THE DELHI Police Crime Branch arrested four men, including a	Branch			Guarantor(s)			Deposit	3.	Publication	On 07-09-2021	Office of the	01107-03-2021.
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Directorate in Delhi received several complaints against an "Enforcement Directorate offi- cial" named Rajeev Singh. While there is no one by that name, of- ficials found that the man was posing as an Enforcement Directorate officer, sending fake	Flat No. Prince F Apartme Vivekan	Sunita Guarantor) -101, Residency ent and Bark	West-Side Set Back of the building. ii) All that part and parcel of the property of Sale Deed No.494 dated 11.01.2010, Flat No103, area of super built up 595 sqft. situated in Prince Residency Apartment, Vivekanand Park, New Patliputra Colony, Patna, Mauza-Ma	Sri Vijay Singh (Mortgagor) Mrs. Sunita Singh (Guarantor) inpura commonly	known as New	₹22,81,000/- (Rupees Twenty lac eighty one thousand only) Patliputra Col	₹2,28,100/- (Rupees Two lac twenty eight thousand one hundred only) ony, PS Digha	6.	Withdrawal of valid Nominations	From 09-09-2021 (Thursday) to 15-09-2021 (Wednesday) between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (on every working	Office of the Returning Officer.	The Nomination can be withdrawn by the candidate by written application. Candidature may be withdrawn by Notice signed by the candidate and delivered in person or by the person duly authorized by him at any time after the presentation of the nomination papers to the Office of the Returning Officer.
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Monika Bhardwaj, DCP (Crime Branch), said, "We exam- ined all calls and notices and found that the accused persons	Aurangaba	Ltd.	building in the name of Sri Ajay Kumar Mehta S/o Sri Ramjatan Mehta, Title Deed No.8626	Mehta S/o Sri Ramjatan Mehta	(Rupees Nine crore thirty five lakh ten thousand four hundred fifty	(Rupees Fifty one lac thirty five thousand only)		8.	Polling if required	On 24-09-2021 (Friday) from	Respective Polling Stations	Polling Stations are set up at places as specified in detailed
were using apps to send spoof e- mails from the National Informatics Centre mail id (gov- ernment mail). They were also	& Guaranto 2. Smt. Sai & Guaranto	or) rita Devi (Director or),	dated 27.06.2012, admeasuring 9 Decimal situated at Mauza- Jomhour, Khata No.16, Plot No 542/4256, Thana No105, Tauzi		three only) as on 08.06.2018 with further interest, costs,			9.	Counting of votes polled.	8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. On 26-09-2021 (Sunday) from	Staff Learning Centre Address:	Notice of Election.
making calls from different gov- ernment office numbers (using spoof apps) to threaten the vic- tims. They wanted the victims to feel that government officers are contacting them."	4. Smt. Su: Late Sham Village-Jan	re, PS-Jamhore, rangabad,	No4715, Dist-Aurangabad. Bounded by: North-Nij, South- Late Ramsaran Mehta, East- Ramjanam Mehta, West-Santu Pd Agarwal Others.		other charges and expenses thereon, less recovery if any					10.00 a.m. till the completion.	Madhushree, Madhushree, Plot No. 85, Sector 17, Vashi, Navi Mumbai- 400703.	
The investigating team con- tacted one of the victims, a busi- nessman named Mohammad Rafi, and "laid a trap" by asking the accused to come collect the money.	W/o Late admeasuri Plot No36 Ramjanam Singh, Wes	Shambhu Mehta, ng 5.5 Decimal situ 559, Thana No109 Mehta, South-G st-Plot No.3658.	uilding in the name of Smt. Sushila Devi Title Deed No.6994 dated 19.06.2007, lated at Mauza-Jomhour, Khata No.239, 5, Dist-Aurangabad. Bounded by: North- upteshwar Narain Singh, East-Alarak ame of Sri Binod Kumar Mehta S/o	Devi W/o Late Shambhu Mehta		₹20,80,000/- (Rupees Twenty lac eighty thousand only) ₹10,10,000/-	₹2,09,000/- (Rupees Two lac nine thousand only) ₹1,01,000/-	10.	Declaration of Result of Election by Returning Officer.	At 5.00 p.m. on 30-09-2021 (Thursday)	Annual General Meeting at Pracharya B N Vaidya Sabhagruha, Hindu Colony, Dadar (East), Mumbai 400 014.	
On Saturday, police arrested Rai and his associate Bhupender Singh near Parliament Street when they came to get the ex- tortion money from the victim.	Sri Sham admeasuri Khata No.2 by: North-N Shivana Pa	bhu Mehta, Title ng 31.25 Decimal s 25, Plot No1, Tha Vij Hal Bikdreta, So athak Bigha.	Deed No6976 dated 06.06.2003, ituated at Mauza-Padrawa, P.S-Jamhor, na No286, Dist-Aurangabad. Bounded nuth-Nij Bikreta, East-Dilip Mehta, West- Equitable Mortgage- All that	Mehta S/o Sri Shambhu Mehta	₹5,91,96,434/-	(Rupees Ten lakh ten thousand only) ₹91,04,000/-	(Rupees One lakh one	11.	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman	On 30.09 2021 (Thursday) immediately after constitution of newly elected Board of Directors	Saraswat Co-op. Bank Ltd. Ekanath Thakur Bhavan, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400025.	
While Rai used the name Rajeev Singh to cheat people,	SAMB Prop.: Sh	ri Ashutosh	nart and narcel of the Land and	Lal Jha S/o	(Rupees Five crore ninety	(Rupees Ninety one lac	(Rupees Nine lac ten		<u> </u>	011601018		
Bhupender Singh posed as his advocate. Police said Singh			Building along with present and future construction there on:		one lakh ninety six thousand	four thousand only)	thousand four hundred only)	4.		all Lists and Noti		
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and threaten them with legal ac- tion.	2. Shri Bh	agwan Lal Jha	Regd. No.76/Pat/81 Dated 28.10.1986, Khata No.69, Survey		with further							t and copies thereof are being . Office, Zonal Offices and all the
During questioning, police	R/o Jagat	Narayan Road,	Plot No.1195, Tauzi No.131,		interest, costs, other charges				Branches	of the Bank.	-	directorship should have been
found that the duo worked with a murder accused named Afzal	School, Pa	an, Near PP atna-800013	Thana No.26, situated at Village- Jaganpura, Thana-Phulwarisharif,		and expenses thereon less				member fo	r a minimum perio	d of twelve months in	nmediately preceding the date of
Ahmed, who is out on parole,	3. M/s Raj Pvt. Ltd. tl	nandini Projects nrough its	District-Patna, Bihar, bounded as		recovery if any.							didate should have an operative
and a cyber expert named Akash Chauhan.	Managing	Director, Road	under (as per deed): North-Road,						period of tw	elve months conti	nuously prior to the dat	te of nomination and will continue
"The notices were prepared by Rai and sent by Chauhan.	Chandrad	eep Complex, ow Road, Bandar	South-Co-operative Plot No08, East-S.P. No1195 (Part), West-							emains as a Directo - law 55 B, a candi		ontest the election to the Board of
They were using spoofing apps	Babaicha,	Patna, Bihar	14 feet wide Road.									,000/- as Security Deposit at the date withdraws his nomination or
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by spoofing landline numbers of	Till 5.00 PM.	-								, ,	,	if at an election where a poll has mber of valid votes polled by him
ED and several Delhi Police es- tablishments to threaten the vic-	Bid incremental am	ount is Rs.10,000	1 from 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM at the platfor /- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). Prop						does not e	exceed one-tenth	of the total number	of valid votes polled by all the
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other accused about his plans. The other men would call the	www.mstcecommer	ce.com.	ramber mentioned above while S	caroning for the p					ace : Mumbai		Sara	Returning Officer, Iswat Co-operative Bank Ltd. &
victim and threaten him," said	Date : 25.08.2021 Place : Patna					Authorised Offi k (Erstwhile All			ate :24 th Augu	st 2021		Deputy Registrar Mumbai (1) City
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Office of the Returning Officer, Saraswat Saraswat Co-op. Bank Ltd., Read. Office **Bank** 5th floor,Ekanath Thakur Bhavan, 953, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai – 400 025. Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd. (Scheduled Bank) All the members of Saraswat Co-op. Bank Ltd., Notice (In brief) of Election to the Board of Directors of Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2026 No. Saraswat Bank-ELN-1 of 2021 Mumbai dated 24.08.2021 In exercise of powers conferred by Section 45 of the Multi State Co-op. Societies Act, 2002 and the Rules made thereunder, I, Jayant D. Patil, Returning Officer, hereby notify the Elections for the period 2021-2026 to 16 (sixteen) seats on the Board of Directors of Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai. 1. Constituencies as per Bye-law No.55: No. of seats on the Board of Directors From members of the Society residing in MMRDA area 10 seats II. Outside the MMRDA area but within the State of Maharashtra 04 seats III. A State or States other than the State of Maharashtra or Union Territories in the Union of India, where the Bank has or may have its Branches 02 seats TOTAL 16 seats (Total Sixteen Seats) Note : Under Bye-law No. 54, the Board shall consist of sixteen members. 2. The list of members eligible to vote as on 24-08-2021 prepared by the Bank and finalized by the Returning Officer will be published by the Bank on 01-09-2021 on the Notice Board of Regd. Office of the Bank and will also be available at all the Branches of the Bank. 3. The Election Programme is as under: Sr. Event Date & Time Venue Remarks No. 1. Obtaining of 31-08-2021 Office of The Nomination Forms can be Returning Officer Nomination (Tuesday) to obtained free of charge by any or from Zonal Forms. 07-09-2021 member by submitting written be by th the he

		a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (on every working day).		Returning Officer or any other Officer authorized by him in this behalf. Nominations sent by R e g istered Post with acknowledgement due should reach latest by 4.00 p.m. on 07-09-2021.
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NE DELHI RIOTS: COURT PULLS UP POLICE Standard of investigation very poor in many riot cases: Court

the matter.

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

A DELHI court came down heavily on Delhi Police while framing charges against two men accused of being members of a mob that attacked the 65th Battalion of the Sashastra Seema Bal during the Northeast Delhi riots, observing that "in a large number of cases of riots, the standard of investigation is very poor".

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav in his order passed Saturday said "after filing the half-baked chargesheets in court, police hardly bother about taking the investigation to a logical end".

"The accused persons, who have been roped in multiple cases, continue to languish in jails as a consequence thereof. It is high time that the DCP of Northeast District and other higher officers concerned take notice of the aforesaid observations and take immediate remedial action required...." the court said.

The present case was registered on the complaint of a constable from the 65th Battalion, which came under attack by a mob near Shiv Vihar on February 25 last year. The court framed charges against two men, Ashraf Ali and Parvez, under sections of rioting, voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid, vol-

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Chandni Chowk has been

dismantled by the trader

who made it, after he was told by the North MCD to

take it down earlier this

month. The building, on

the 1.3-km pedestrian

stretch between Red Fort

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53 people were killed in the riots last February. Archive

untarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty among other sections of the IPC. The judge said it was "really painful to note" that a large number of cases of riots have been pending consideration on charge and in majority of cases the "IOs have not been appearing in court... at the time of considera-

tion on charge' ASJ Yadav said IOs have not been briefing the Special Public Prosecutors for arguments on charge. "On the morning of the date of hearing on charge, they simply e-mail PDF of the chargesheet to learned Special PP and leave it upon him to argue the matter on charge as it is, without giving him an opportunity to go deep into the facts and

the investigation conducted in "It is further painful to note

that in a large number of cases of riots, the standard of investigation is very poor. After filing chargesheet in the court, neither the IO nor SHO nor supervising officers bother to see as to what other material is required to be collected from the appropriate authority... and what steps are required... to take the investigation to a logical

end." the court said. It said this case was a glaring

example where the injured persons are police officers "yet the IO did not bother to collect sample of acid/corrosive substance and to have its chemical analysis, particularly when IPC Section 326-A(voluntarily causing griev-

ous hurt by use of acid, etc) has been invoked in the matter". It further noted that the IO

has "not bothered to collect the opinion about the nature of injuries upon the victims, particularly when the provision of IPC Section 332 (voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty) has been invoked".

The supervising officers have miserably failed to supervise the investigation under the Delhi High Court Rules, the court said: "They don't even bother to care for the queries of learned Special PPs, regarding the chargesheet and the further investigation which is supposed to have been

conducted in the matters. This case is a glaring example, wherein injured persons/victims are police personnel itself."

The lawyer for the accused had told the court that their clients were falsely implicated in the case. It was argued that the accused persons were not named by the complainant, and they are the only ones chargesheeted in a case involving a mob of 100-150 persons.

Special Public Prosecutor RCS Bhadoria argued that the 65th Battalion was "deployed at a very short notice and as such, it is very difficult for the complainant and his colleagues to get acquainted with the area/locality and as such, they could not specifically name/identify the accused persons". He further submitted that accused persons have been categorically named/identified by independent witness.

The court said the statement of this independent witness 'cannot be brushed aside/discarded merely because there has been some delay in recording thereof or the complainant has not specifically named them".

The court, however, agreed with the argument of the defence lawyers that the "absence of report regarding the nature of injuries upon the MLCs of victim constable(s) Srinavasa Rao, Mukesh Singh, Manikandan, and G Nalloperum is fatal to the case of prosecution".



It took authorities more than two hours to recover the bodies of the victims from the river. Amit Mehra

Out for bath, 3 teens drown in Yamuna

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THREE TEENAGERS who had

gone for a bath in the Yamuna river in North Delhi's Wazirabad drowned Sunday morning, while one of their friends was rescued. It took authorities more than two hours to recover the bodies. They will be handed over to families after post-mortem.

Police identified the victims as Sameer (16), Pankaj (15), and Sumit (14). Locals said that the three, along with Sameer's younger brother Bunty (14),

left their homes at 6 am to go for a run.

The families, residents of Brijpuri area, live next to each other. They said the boys usually come back home after their morning run but on Sunday, they went to take bath near the ghat.

"We received a PCR call at around 7.41 am that four boys were drowning in the Yamuna. Two fire tenders, a team of divers, and local police rushed to the spot. All four had gone to the Yamuna on Sunday morning for a bath," said a senior police offi-

"When they started scream-

ing for help, some onlookers and he couldn't swim. Pankaj and Sumit also tried to help but rushed in and made a call to the PCR. They were fished out and drowned. taken to a nearby hospital, The boys were screaming for where three of them were de-

help when fishermen and locals rushed to help. Bunty was rescued by fishermen who threw a net at him and pulled him out. The others couldn't be saved in time.

that the boys were warned by the caretaker of the ghat near Wazirabad bridge but they decided to go for a swim. They four were in the water

when Sameer started struggling to stay afloat. Bunty told police that he tried saving his elder brother but the river was deep

Eight months after policy

notified, 40 projects get

clared dead on arrival. Police

have informed their families," an

During enquiry, police found

officer said

Families told police that the boys liked to run in the morning because all of them wanted to apply for the Indian Army and Police Services examinations in the future. Their fathers work odd jobs to earn money for their

families, said police.

newborn

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plaint was filed after the infant went missing from a Community Health Centre in Murad Nagar. The child's mother, Meenu, had alleged that she woke up at around 4 am on Saturday to find

her baby boy was missing. Teams, including SWAT



Since January, the project that has been approved to transplant the largest number of trees – nearly 4,000 – is NHAI's Urban Extension Road-II. Archive



The new clinic coming up in Shakur Basti is made from a red shipping container, has modular interiors, and is narrower than the previous designs

Compact, portable: New mohalla clinics to be made from containers

Aadmi Party's main projects, has

been an uphill task. When the

2 arrested for kidnapping

LESS THAN 10 hours after a three-day-old infant was kidnapped from a government hospital, Ghaziabad Police rescued the baby and arrested two people in connection with the case. According to police, a com-

cials, began investigation and the

Since January this year, the project that has been approved to transplant the largest number

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II). The project is slated to dis-

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tion, the official said.

and Fatehpuri Masjid, was renovated by Rajasthan-based trader and architect Ankit Keyal. He said he removed it after the North MCD served him a notice.

At Delhi Metro stations. separate toilets for

transgenders

New Delhi: In an attempt to provide a safe space and prevent discrimination against transgender people, the Delhi Metro has made now made separate toilets, which were earlier meant only for people with disabilities, open to transgender people, said a spokesperson of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. At present, Delhi metro has 347 such separate toilets at stations across the network.

Fellowship for Afghan students at **Jindal univ**

New Delhi : In response to the turbulence in Afghanistan, Jindal Global University has introduced a fellowship for Afghan students pursuing Ph.D. in the university, offering a monthly stipend, accommodation and health insurance. The fellowship policy, JGU's ADVANCE (Advancement of Afghan Nationals in Comprehensive Education), will be effective from January 2022, for a maximum of 10 students. ENS

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party came to power in Delhi in 2015, building 1,000 mohalla NEWER MOHALLA clinics in the clinics was one of the main city will be made from portable promises made. Over the years, containers, which can be assemhowever, land procurement has bled quickly, and fit into smaller been among the several issues spaces. The first such clinic is bewhich meant that about 500 ing constructed at Shakur Basti. have been built so far. the assembly constituency of

The clinic coming up in Shakur Basti is made from a red Health Minister Satyendar Jain. Getting land to build these shipping container, has modular clinics, which are among Aam interiors and is narrower than

Gangster's death in Tihar:

Probe finds slap was trigger

the previous designs. "We have noticed that land procurement along with finding space in congested areas was an issue. These clinics are needed where people are so we can't look for secluded spots. The new structures can be set up quicker than permanent structures. They will also occupy less space and are designed in a way to utilise space well. This design will be used in clinics that will be operationalised next,'

said a government official.

accused were intercepted near Gangnahar hours after the incident. The boy was safely recovered from the accused and handed over to the family," said Dr Iraj Raja, SP Rural Ghaziabad.

After the woman informed her family, a large crowd gathered outside the hospital. Angry family members and locals from Surana village blocked the Meerut-Ghaziabad stretch of the highway, demanding action against the hospital staff. The blockade lasted for a few hours and was only lifted after senior officials promised swift action. Police obtained CCTV footage

and arrested Vijay, a transgender, and one Prince after the team zeroed in on them on Saturday night.

Police said the accused confessed to stealing the baby as they wanted to take him home. Police, prima facie, have not found any evidence that the child was being trafficked.

Two ward staffers were suspended for alleged negligence, said an official from Ghaziabad Medical Department.

the local environ," the tree transplantation policy states.

which nearly 4,000 will be transplanted, according to an official Much regarding transplantation is still a "work in progress", of the Forest Department. The the official said. Monitoring of UER-II is a Ring Road that will connect NH-1, NH-2, NH-8, and transplanted trees does not fall NH-10, and will pass through within the ambit of the Tree Najafgarh, Rohini and Dwarka. Transplantation Cell, constituted earlier this year, he added. Another project that will

Local committees comprising members of residents' associations and experts will have to be formed in the areas to which the trees are transplanted to monitor their growth.

The Tree Transplantation Cell of the Forest Department empanelled four agencies in June this year and project implementing agencies can choose from among these to carry out transplantation. The agencies had to fulfill criteria including previous experience in transplantation.

Going by the Tree Transplantation policy, 80% of the trees affected by a project are to be transplanted, barring invasive or exotic species like the vilayati kikar. The policy makes a provision to penalise the agency carrying out the transplantation if it fails to ensure an 80% survival rate of the transplanted trees. The payment that the agency will receive depends on the survival rate of the trees.

The Forest Department ensures that the soil where the trees are transplanted is suitable. Compensatory afforestation is mandatory both for felled trees and transplanted ones.

Since permissions have been given only recently, transplantation is yet to begin in full-swing, the official said. Once transplantation has been carried out on a large scale, a study will be done to determine the survival rate and success of the policy, he said.

The largest transplantation drive that is already underway is for the trees that are making way for the Dwarka Expressway. Till October last year, around 3,800 out of 10,000 trees had been transplanted for the project.

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE POLICE probe into the death of gangster Ankit Gujjar (29) at Tihar Jail earlier this month found that a slap was the trigger for an alleged assault on him by security personnel, The Indian Express has learnt. Sources in West district police said they recorded statements of 12 jail inmates and 10 jail officials, which revealed that Gujjar had allegedly slapped the prison deputy superintendent (DS), after which jail security personnel

allegedly beat him up before shifting him to another cell. Sources said two other inmates who were injured, Gurjeet Singh and Gurmeet Singh, were

lodged in ward 5A, cell number 26, along with Gujjar. "In their statements, the two

brothers told police that a mobile phone and a charger were recovered from Gujjar's possession during a surprise search by jail staff in their ward. The DS came and allegedly slapped Gujjar, who slapped him back. They alleged that the DS called

more security personnel and told them that three of them (Gujjar and the two other inmates) had attacked staff... and ordered the personnel to charge...," said a police source. The brothers said in their statements that after the alleged assault. they were shifted to another cell where Gujjar was found dead the next morning. "Police also recorded statements of jail officials, who corroborated

this," said the source. The deputy superintendent

and five of his subordinates were suspended after the incident. Urvija Goel, DCP(West), had said, "We have already booked six persons in the case and are investigating the matter.'

Gujjar was an accused in the murder of BJP leader Vijay Pandit outside his Dadri home in 2014. He was arrested in 2015. Police had received Gujjar's autopsy report from the medical board of three doctors, which stated, "There are multiple injuries... the cause of death due to haemorrhage consequent upon only cumulative effect of multiple blunt force injuries sustained to the body." Gujjar's father Vikram Singh

had alleged that his son was killed by jail officials as he refused to give them "protection money". Vikram had also shared a purported video of an inmate who was lodged in the same cell as his son, wherein he claims that Gujjar was slapped by the deputy superintendent, and he slapped him back, following which "30-35 security personnel opened lathicharge and assaulted him for around 30 minutes".

Meanwhile, security personnel from Tihar and Delhi Police have been deployed outside the house of the DS and other jail officials after police uncovered an alleged plot by some criminals to take revenge for Gujjar's death.

DCP (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said: "Satender alias Satte was arrested for allegedly planning to harm a jail official to avenge the death of Ankit. Satender had asked his associate to procure an AK-47 to eliminate the deputy superintendent of Tihar Jail; the audio of the same had gone viral. He is involved in over 20 criminal cases but was out on interim bail in a murder case of a rival gang member.'

Director of finance firm arrested for 'cheating' over 500 people of Rs 3 crore

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THE ECONOMIC Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested the director of a finance company for allegedly cheating more than 500 people on the pretext of getting them to invest in schemes and fixed deposits

Police identified the accused as Murari Kumar Srivastav, and alleged that he had fled with more than Rs 3.5 crore of investors' money.

R K Singh, Additional Commissioner of Police (EOW),

said Srivastav ran the company along with other directors at Paharganj. Police said they are questioning Srivastav and conducting raids and to make more arrests

"They targeted investors in Delhi-NCR and collected more than Rs 3.5 crore. The accused promised returns on the investments but shut the company and fled. We have found that 531 people were cheated by the accused," said Singh.

Police initially received complaints from 38 people. Most of them invested Rs 2 lakh-Rs 10 lakh in the schemes.

The people said they were

promised 18% interest on the schemes. They were also told that the company is registered with the Reserve Bank of India and authorised by the government.

'The company had been cheating people for three years. We are vet to receive other complaints and ascertain the total amount. They were neither registered with RBI nor authorised," said Singh.

After a case was registered by the EOW, teams were sent to arrest the directors. Using technical surveillance, Srivastav was traced to Bihar and arrested from Humayunpur village.

Srivastav and his associates allegedly collected investments mostly through cash to avoid being caught, police said.

"After collecting more than Rs 3.5 crore from over 500 investors, he shut down the company, sold his house, and ran away along with other associates," said Singh.

The directors were allegedly collecting small payments from their investors and maintained a passbook and records. Initially, to "attract" more people, the accused returned the money to a few investors and gained the trust of many investors who were later cheated, said police.



Universal love

Krishna Janmashtami is not just a festival, it is an occasion to renew our commitment to dharma and contextualise it in our daily lives





with her husband Vasudev. He killed all their six children who were born in captivity. However, at the time of the birth of their seventh child, Balram, the embryo was mystically transferred to Princess Rohini's womb. So when the couple's eighth child, Krishna, was born, Kansa was lulled into a sense of complacency. Taking advantage of the midnight hour, when the entire palace was in deep slumber, and a raging thunderstorn, Vasudev carried the baby in a basket, smuggled him out and took him to Nand and Yashoda's house in Vrindavan. He then returned to Mathura to the palace with a baby girl and handed her over to Kansa. When the king tried to kill the baby, she transformed into Goddess Durga, warning him about his impending doom. Krishna grew up in Vrindavan and finally killed his demonic uncle.

The whole episode is a metaphor for the human condition. Krishna was born amid chaos when persecution was rampant, freedoms were denied, evil was everywhere and there was a threat to his life. Given the hostile atmosphere around him, he grew up with foster parents in Gokul. To conceal his divinity, he grew up as a commoner, fraternised with everybody, regardless of where each came from. Shaped by his surroundings, he conceived a holistic and equitable society and laid the framework of what we know as dharma today. Krishna is considered a poornavatar or a human whose godly qualities were manifested in full. In fact, he is beyond religion and embodies a universal philosophy. This is one of the reasons why the worship of Krishna has even transcended boundaries, considering the global appeal of the ISKCON (International Society of Krishna Consciousness) movement. This is because Krishna is the personification of love and compassion.

His attraction to devotees is magnetic. He is ever joyful, he is the preacher of Karma

Yoga (the path for unification with God through work without attachment). He is the perfect practitioner himself, helping people selflessly and for the greater good. It is from this position of strength that he delivered a discourse to his disciple and close friend Arjuna on the eve of the grand Mahabharata war. The kernel of this became Bhagvad Gita, one of the greatest scriptures of Hinduism.

This year Krishna Jamashtami will be celebrated on August 30. Devotees celebrate it with much pomp and fervour, visiting the Krishna temple, observing fast, singing devotional songs and continuing celebrations till midnight to celebrate the divine moment of his birth as an earthly avatar. Much of the momentum begins a few days in advance in the city of his birth, Mathura. Locals stage plays and dance dramas, enacting the life of Lord Krishna as Lilas. The Nanda Utsav is celebrated in Mathura and Vrindavan the day after. Maharashtra celebrates the lighter side of the Lord as a young boy through a recreation of Dahi Handi. Story goes that the women of Vrindavan, where Krishna spent his childhood, would tie their freshly churned butter pots at a height so that he could not steal them with his friends. But he outwitted them, forming a human pyramid with his friends and having his way with the butter. Recreating that ritual, devotees fill an earthern pot with dahi (curd) and makkhan (white butter) and drop it down from a coiled rope spanning both ends of the neighbourhood. The groups who set this up are called mandals and the boy participants are known as

Govindas, who compete with each other to break the pot. The ritual has now become a community sport where the boys are awarded for cresting the handi at the highest elevation. And given the surfeit of visual media, Dahi Handi has now become a spectacular acrobatic display. statues of baby Krishna, clothe him in new fabric and place him in a cradle. The devotees then break their fast, sharing food and sweets. Women draw tiny footprints outside their homes, particularly the kitchen, symbolising Krishna's notional arrival and his blessings by extension. It is a time for renewing our faith.





and is the repository of our civilisational spirit of fairness and democracy, it has got to be Lord Krishna. His birth is

celebrated every year as Janmashtmi or Gokulashtami. He was born on the Ashtami tithi of the Hindu calendar during the Krishna Paksh of what in Gujarat and Maharashtra is the month of Shravan. This is equivalent to the Bhadrapad month of North and Central India, which is usually in the months of August or September. This year is the 5248th birth anniversary of Lord Krishna, who was born to Ma Devaki and Vasudev on this day in Mathura jail. He is one of the most revered deities and the ninth incarnation of Vishnu.

According to legend, Lord Krishna took birth to kill his maternal uncle Kansa, the evil ruler of Mathura. To perpetuate his legitimacy as the supreme leader, Kansa eliminated any challenger who crossed his path. So when a seer prophesied that the eighth child of his sister and Krishna's mother Devaki would be his nemesis, he imprisoned her

Shaped by his surroundings, he conceived a holistic and equitable society and laid the framework of what we know as dharma today. Krishna is considered a poornavatar or a human whose godly qualities were manifested in full. In fact, he is beyond religion and embodies a universal philosophy





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GOVT & POLITICS





HAT IN THE RING

WITH LOK Sabha MP Karti Chidambaram openly evincing interest to head the Tamil Nadu Congress, the party high command's attempts to revamp the unit is now being keenly watched. Although Congress is now a fringe player in Tamil Nadu, senior leader Rahul Gandhi is much interested in party affairs in the state. One gets to hear that Karti's Lok Sabha colleague and Karur MP Jothimani could also be considered for the post if the party leadership decides to replace KS Alagiri. Karti, the son of veteran P Chidambaram, is also a formidable contender. It is not known whether Lok Sabha MP Manickam Tagore, the AICC in charge of Telangana who is considered close to Rahul, is interested in taking up the job.

TAKING TIME OFF

AHEAD OF the impending assembly elections in some states, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the star campaigner for Aam Aadmi Party, set off Sunday to Jaipur for a 10-day Vipassana camp. At the camp, he will be free of all distractions such as phone and other forms of communications and will dedicate his time to meditation. It appears like the Chief Minister is taking time off for some solitary reflection before he gets sucked into the rough and tumble of campaigning for Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Goa elections early next year.

HYBRID OPTION

SUPREME COURT, which has been hearing cases via the virtual mode since the lockdown last year, is gearing up to gradually resume physical operations. Starting September 1, lawyers in matters listed for final hearing on non-miscellaneous days - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - will have a hybrid option and can opt to be heard in the physical mode by registering on the court's portal. If the number of lawyers appearing in a case is more than 20, it will be heard only virtually unless the court feels otherwise. Any other matter may also be heard in physical mode on non-miscellaneous days if the Bench agrees. The court had made plans to start hybrid hearings in March this year as well but it did not take off effectively because of the second Covid wave.

I-Day announcement: Rlys floats tender for 58 Vande Bharat trains

New Delhi: Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's August 15 announcement, the Railways has floated a tender for 58 Vande Bharat train sets in order to roll out 75 such trains during the 75 weeks of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".

At present, only two such manufactured at ICF and 14 each trains are in operation-both at MCF and RCF. The closing date from Delhi. One goes to Katra for the tender is October 20. A preand the other to Varanasi. bid meeting will be held on

According to the tender, 102

VISHWAS WAGHMODE MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

AFTER Maharashtra DAYS Transport Minister Anil Parab was caught on camera directing the police to arrest Union minister Narayan Rane, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has sent him a notice asking him to appear before it on Tuesday, August 31.

Parab said there was no clarity as to why the ED had summoned him because the ED notice only mentions the summons to him "as part of an investigation" without mentioning a specific case.

"As expected, Anil Parab has been served a notice by the ED as soon as the Jan Ashirwad Yatra concluded. The central government has started its work. The epicentre of the earthquake was Ratnagiri (referring to Rane's arrest) and Parab is the Guardian Minister of that district. Please understand the chronology. This is a legal battle which we will fight legally," Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut tweeted.

Parab said it was unclear in which connection he had been



Transport Minister Anil Parab summoned by the ED. "This

evening I received the ED notice, but there is no mention of any case in it. The only thing it says is to appear before ED at 11 am on August 31. So, I can't say in which connection the notice has been served, but it says 'as part of an investigation'. We had anticipated something like this. Now, we will examine it legally and respond to it," said Parab, speaking with mediapersons on Sunday evening.

When asked whether the Centre acted in a vindictive manner, Parab said, "I will not comment on it now. I will respond legally after studying the issue." To a query whether he will

appear before the ED, Parab said "I will examine it legally and then take a decision.

Parab, known to be close to Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, was caught on

IN SENA. WHOEVER **SPEAKS AGAINST ME IS PROMOTED: RANE**

Days after he told cops to arrest

Maharashtra

Rane, minister gets ED summons

Sindhudurg: Union minister and BJP leader Narayan Rane Sunday said the Shiv Sena promotes leaders who speak against him, and claimed that his arrest was an attempt to disrupt his Jan Aashirvaad Yatra. "Some ministers who think of themselves as the President gave orders for my arrest. They were trying to stop my yatra. In Shiv Sena, whoever speaks against me is promoted," Rane said in Kankavali on the last day of ÉNS his vatra.

camera last week issuing directions to arrest Rane. The guardian minister of Ratnagiri was at a press conference on Tuesday, during which he broke off to have two phone conversations. After receiving the first call, he made another call – apparently to a police officer. Rane was arrested by police for his threatening to "slap' Thackeray remarks.

President visits temple site in Ayodhya, prays to Ram Lalla

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind on Sunday offered prayers to the deity of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, visiting the site where a Ram temple is being built. Kovind said the city could not be imagined without the deity, and emphasised that Ram belongs to everyone and "is in everyone".

Kovind inaugurated the Ramayan Conclave at the Ram Katha Park. Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were among those who attended the event. In his speech at the event, the president said he hoped that following the attempts of the state and Central governments, Ayodhya would be developed as a centre of human welfare. He also hoped for the city to be an example of social harmony, and added that he wished for it to be known in the future for its "moral and spiritual culture", and as a global hub of education and research.

Earlier in the day, the president, on the fourth and final day of his Uttar Pradesh visit, arrived in Avodhva on a special presi-

. Hanumangarhi temple.

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President Ram Nath Kovind offers prayers at the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Sunday. PTI

Ayodhya. Where there is Ram, there is Ayodhya," Kovind said.

He added, "By organising the Ramayan Conclave, the state government has taken Ramayana to the people and I appreciate CM Yogi Adityanath and his entire team. I have been told that the Ramavan Conclave last year was very much successful and it is a matter of great joy that the conclave is being organised in several UP districts this

year. Spreading Ramayana is also

Projects related to the expansion and renovation of the Tulsi Smarak were also inaugurated.

"I am happy to be here among you all. I believe that Ramayana is such a unique book that gives a message to human beings to follow the values of life," said the president.

Emphasising the importance of Ram in the context of Ayodhya, Kovind tweeted that Ram Katha was popular not only in India but

"Hello, what are you people doing? But you need to do it. Have you detained him or not?... What order are they asking for? The High Court and sessions court have rejected his bail (plea)... then use the police force," Parab was heard saying on the phone. The minister was audible as he was seated before open microphones.

Shiv Sena sources said the party would stand behind the senior leader. The issue of the ED notice was discussed with the party leadership, which is standing by him, and they have decided to fight it out legally, said sources.

"There is huge support and sympathy for Parab in the party and among party cadres. Because the ED notice has come days after Parab was caught on camera directing the police to arrest Rane. So, the party will stand behind Parab in this entire episode," said a senior Sena leader. Earlier. former Mumbai Police officer Sachin Waze, in a letter submitted to the NIA court, had claimed that Parab had asked him to carry out extortion of Rs 50 crore from a private trust.

Akhilesh calls on 5-time BSP **MLA Sukhdev** Rajbhar

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SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday visited five-time Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MLA and former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sukhdev Rajbhar at his residence in Lucknow's Gomti Nagar area.

who represents Azamgarh district's Didarganj seat in the Assembly, announced his retirement from politics on July 31, and said his son Kamlakant (Pappu) would follow Akhilesh's

Kamlakant, present at the meeting between the SP president and his father, told reporters, "My father has been suffering from post-Covid complications since he got infected last year. The visit by Akhilesh ji was not political. He had come to check on my father's health. We are grateful that he came all the way.

Senior SP leaders said the visit was significant, given Sukhdev Rajbhar's stature in his community in Azamgarh. "The

'Sabka Prayas' can take India to new heights in sports, says PM

PM praised

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[Everyone should play, everyone should blossom]," he said.

"Through 'Sabka Prayas' [every-

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festivals by understanding the

science behind them and under-

standing their meaning," he said.

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University in Russia in promoting

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Wishing people on the eve of

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MANN KI BAAT

URGING PEOPLE to transform his mantra of 'Sabka Prayas' (collective endeavour) into reality, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday said India can attain the heights in sports it deserves through everyone's contribution.

The Prime Minister had first used the slogan 'Sabka Prayas' during his Independence Day speech this year. During the 80th edition of his

monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme on Sunday, the Prime Minister said, "This is the period of 75 years of Independence. This year, we have to make a new resolve, think new every day, and increase our zest to do something new. When India will complete the centenary of Independence, then these resolutions will reflect in the foundation of its successes. So, we cannot let this opportunity go. We have to contribute our maximum efforts to this.'

Remembering hockey legend Major Dhyanchand on his birth anniversary, which is celebrated as National Sports Day, the PM said, "I was thinking, wherever his soul may be, he must be extremely pleased. Because Dhyanchand ji conquered the world of hockey for India... India's sons and daughters have once again instilled

new life into Indian hockey. "No matter how many medals we win, until we win a medal in hockey, Indians cannot fully enjoy the victory. And this time, we did win an Olympic medal in hockey, after a gap of four decades," he said.

The Prime Minister urged people to also pick up other sports. "Be it at home or outside, in villages or in towns, our sports grounds must be full. Sab khelen, sab khilen



ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR AUGUST 29

PUNJAB CONGRESS general sec-

retary Pargat Singh Sunday

questioned state political affairs

in-charge Harish Rawat about

the decision to hand the leader-

ship of the 2022 Assembly elec-

tion campaign to Punjab Chief

Minister Amarinder Singh.



LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

In a blow to the BSP, Rajbhar, leadership.

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MARTYRDOM ON 30 AUG 2016 On 30 Aug 2016, Lance Naik Rajendra Singh made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty and attained martyrdom while serving at Line of Control in Akhnoor Sector (J&K) in 'Operation Rakshak'. We bow our neads in reverence of the martyred soldier. He, in the true traditions of the 2nd RAJENDRA Battalion the Rajputana Rifles, made the

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the conclave was important to encourage cultural and religious "Ayodhya is the birth land of tourism, and increase the appeal Bhagwan Ram and his leela of Indian culture. Several places bhoomi. Without Ram, it is hard connected to the Ramayana cirto even imagine Ayodhya. This cuit, under the Swadesh Darshan programme, were inaugurated, connection of Ayodhya and Ram President Kovind said, adding has been mentioned in Sanskrit poet Bhasa's Pratimanatakam... that it would provide several fa-Without Ram, Ayodhya isn't cilities to tourists and devotees.

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across the globe. "There are many readable forms of Ram Katha, including Ramcharitmanas of Goswami Tulsidas in north India, Krittivas Ramayana in the eastern part of India, Kamban Ramayana in the south," he added.

Governor Anandiben Patel said Ayodhya was known across the world as the land of religion and culture. She added, "On the cultural map of India, Ayodhya is the only city from where people believing in different sects of religion and faith have been present."



At the rally in Phagwara on Sunday. Express

SAD-BSP's quota promise: 50% for women in jobs, 33% for govt school students

PHAGWARA AUGUST 29

THE SHIROMANI Akali Dal (SAD) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) combine Sunday held its first rally in the run-up to next year's Punjab Assembly polls. The focus of the rally, in Phagwara's Dana Mandi, was on Dalits, students, women, farmers, and contractual employees.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said they will create one lakh government jobs and reserve 33 per cent of them for students who studied in state-run schools. He also promised 50 per cent reservation in jobs for women.

visit sends a message to the Rajbhar community that Akhilesh ji is standing with them. All of us know that the BSP has disappointed many of its senior leaders, and hence the visit should help the SP transfer some of BSP's votes towards the party in next year's polls," said a senior leader.

In a letter announcing his retirement from politics, the 75year-old Rajbhar had warned that the Bahuian movement was weakening.

He said a Rs 10-lakh student

card scheme will be launched to

ance scheme," he said.

unite, the Centre will have to

New Delhi

take back the three farm laws."

Speaking to reporters at a social gathering, Pargat Singh, the Jalandhar Cantonment MLA, asked Rawat to explain when the decision was taken, as a committee formed two months ago under Mallikarjun

Kharge had decided that the elections would be held under the leadership of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. Rawat had on August 25 said

that the 2022 Punjab elections will be fought under Amarinder Singh after meeting four state ministers who were said to be seeking the CM's ouster.

Pargat Singh said that in 2017.

Tripura BJP MLAs meet to identify 'party mistakes'

DEBRAJ DEB AGARTALA, AUGUST 29

A GROUP of BJP MLAs led by former health minister Sudip Roy Barman Sunday held a public meeting in Agartala to "identify mistakes" by the Tripura government and state party unit, say-

help students who want to uning these would be brought up dertake higher education. Badal efore the central leadership. promised 400 units of free elec-Roy Barman told reporters tricity free to every consumer that the party and government every month. "Contractual emhave little interest in listening to

ployees will all be regularised by grassroots workers. our government and covered He said: "We have given them under a Rs 10 lakh health insurscope to speak and lighten their minds. Some of them might have "If voted to power, our govsaid some untoward things. They ernment will restore all dropped are saying these out of pain and welfare schemes. We will restart anguish. The party and governthe SC scholarship," Badal said. ment aren't listening to their voices. We shall bring these to the Ramji Gautam, Member of Parliament and national coordiattention of Delhi, the party and nator of BSP said: "When we the state government.

Asked if he is in touch with the Trinamool Congress, Roy

secretary Pargat Singh

Amarinder Singh was the face of the Congress in the state. But questions were now being raised on the fulfillment of promises made by the Chief Minister after four-and-half-years of Congress rule, he said.

"There is no question of groupism in here, but I feel sad that such a strong leader like Amarinder Singh has not been able to fulfill promises for the past four-and-a-half-years," said the former Hockey Olympian. Asked about new Puniab

Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu's 'eye for an eye' comment, Pargat Singh said it seemed to be directed towards Rawat, since Sidhu has "great respect for Sonia ji, Rahul ji and Priyanka Gandhi".

Former health minister Sudip Roy Barman

Barman said: "I haven't contacted them, I am confident none of those with us have communicated with TMC. I am not sure if anyone else has done it. I

am comfortable where I am." Rov Barman, who moved

from TMC to BJP in 2017, was Health Minister in the Biplab Deb cabinet. He was dropped later, ostensibly owing to differences with the Chief Minister.

In 2020, Roy Barman, accompanied by five other MLAs, visited New Delhi to speak with party president JP Nadda.

Asked about Sunday's meeting, BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya said he had no knowledge of it.

project, the outcomes could have

rected all departments and ministries of the government to conduct theme-based projects rather than department-based ones.

for best outcomes: **Jitendra Singh EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 273001 have changed my name JAMMU, AUGUST 29

AS INDIA evolves into a "frontline" nation in the global community, the current "mantra" of success would be to pull out all academic faculties from silos and integrate them for meaningful and cost-effective outcomes, said Union Minister of State in the PMO, Personal, Public Grievance and Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, here.

Speaking during the signing of two MoUs by IIM-Jammu with AIIMS-Jammu and IIT-Jammu on Sundya, the minister cited the example of the Covid-19 pandemic. "Almost every department, ministry, or agency had launched a project on Covid because it fetched visibility. media attraction and also funds" the minister said, adding, "If only all these different agencies or de-

partments had pooled their resources to come up with a single

been manifold better.' Singh added that he had di-



Arrested for raping minor, teen gets bail after paternity test comes back negative

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

AUGUST 29

A TEENAGER, who was arrested last month for the rape and impregnation of a minor girl in Kerala's Malappuram district, has been released unconditionally on bail after a DNA paternity test came back negative.

The 18-year-old spent 35 days in judicial custody before he was released Saturday. Police had taken him into custody from his house on July 22 midnight, and he was remanded in judicial

custody the next day. The Class XII student alleged physical and mental torture at the hands of the police, and his lawyer said that they will file a damage suit.

"I vehemently objected to the allegation that I had raped the minor and impregnated her. Before the next day's break, I was taken to the house of the girl, handcuffed. The girl told the police that I had abused her and was responsible for the pregnancy," the teenager said after he was released.

Actor held for possessing drugs to be probed for 'financing illicit trafficking'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

ACTOR ARMAAN Kohli, who was arrested by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Sunday for possessing cocaine, has also been booked for "financing illicit traffic and harbouring offenders". The actor faces a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 20 years in prison if convicted.

The NCB had searched Kohli's residence Saturday based on information that he was possessing drugs. Officials recovered cocaine from a table in his bedroom.

After his arrest, Kohli was produced before a magistrate court and was remanded to NCB custody for a day. His name

He said he knew the girl but denied there was any relationship

between them. "When the police forced me to confess to the charges of rape and impregnating the girl, I pleaded ignorance. They tortured me mentally as well as physically to take the responsibility for the pregnancy," he said. The teenager's lawyer said

the police moved against te teen solely based on the girl's statement. "It was the prosecution's decision to go for a paternity test without any delay. We are planning to file a damage suit against the police," the lawyer said. The 18-year-old's father said

the paternity test has brought relief for the entire family. "The girl also hails from our locality, but even after the DNA test result, they haven't tendered an apology for humiliating my son," the fa-

ther said. Meanwhile, police sources said although the paternity test came out negative, the teenager will still have to face the sexual abuse charges against him. "We have also started probing to identify the person who has impregnated the girl," an officer said.

Farmer injured in Karnal lathicharge has died of heart attack: Chaduni

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

SENIOR BKU leader Gurnam Singh Chaduni said Sunday that a farmer who had been injured in the police lathicharge in Karnal the previous day, has died of a heart attack. Haryana Police however, denied any farmer's death due to the lathicharge

The BKU leader tweeted: 'Sushil Kajal, who owned one and a half acres of land, had been participating in the farmers' agitation for the past nine months. He had suffered serious injuries in the police lathicharge at Karnal toll plaza yesterday and at night he succumbed to a heart attack..."

Police had lathicharged a group of farmers disrupting traffic on a national highway while heading towards Karnal to protest a BJP meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, on the upcoming panchayat polls, Saturday. BKU claimed 50 farmers were injured, of which 10 had sustained serious wounds.

Farmer groups will be meeting in Karnal Monday to decide the next course of action.

Farmers who attended Sushil's cremation Sunday also alleged that he had received injuries in the police lathicharge. However, Karnal SP Ganga Ram Punia said: "It's factually incorrect that he died because of the injuries received during use of force by police. Had it happened, the family members would have certainly got his postmortem done. We came to know about his death only when his cre-



other accused, who is on the run. "So far, the investigation has revealed that the case has inter-

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Kohli was

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national linkages as the cocaine seized is of South American origin. NCB Mumbai is probing the route and linkages used to bring the seized cocaine to Mumbai...

1 held in Mathura over threats to Muslim cook at dosa stall

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

plainant, a group of men had heckled him on August 18, objecting to the name of his stall – Shrinath Dosa Corner. In a video

from the city's Vikas Market.

is owned by a local resident

named Rahul, who pays them Rs

400 per day to run it. Irfan said.

"We are running this for the last

five years... That day, some peo-

ple came and tore the banners

and said that Muslim people

cannot run a shop with a Hindu

name. They seemed to have an

issue with the name."

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disappeared overnight. As the Covid vaccination rate increases, there is hope that the economy MIGRATION will grow and create more jobs.

witnessing a reduction in total employ-



Farmers block a highway in Patiala on Sunday. Express

Punjab farmers block state, national highways to protest Karnal lathicharge

RAAKHI JAGGA LUDHIANA, AUGUST 29

Thousands of farmers in Punjab hit the streets on Sunday, blocking traffic on all important states and national highways for two hours to protest against the lathicharge on fellow agitators in Karnal a day earlier.

The chakka jam continued from noon till 2pm in various Punjab villages, during which farmers burnt effigies of the Harvana government.

Manjeet Singh Dhane, vice president of BKU-Dakaunda, said, "The Haryana government ordered action against us which led to several farmers sustaining injuries during a lahicharge. The orders of the SDM Karnal has

been backed by the politicians. Hence, we need to stay united in our fight for our farmer brothers... We need to get ourselves heard and also want to give a loud and clear message to the administration that we farmers are united.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, general secretary, BKU Ugrahan said, "Effigies were burnt in 705 villages of Punjab and at 39 pakka dharna sites by our union."

Jhanda Singh Jethuke, another protester, said, "We will intensify our struggle in the coming days. On September 7, we will support a dharna staged by government employees for various demands. On September 13, we will gherao Moti Mahal, the personal residence of Punjab Chief Minister

Amarinder Singh in Patiala.'

IE Thinc session today on livelihood opportunities for migrant workers

workers? What is the role that big private sector firms can play in the process? How can the private sector join hands with civil society organisations and the governments to improve the fortunes of migrant workers? The fifth edition of the eight-

part webinar series Thinc Migration by The Indian Express, which will go live Monday, will address these questions. Presented by Omidyar Network India, the panel discussion from experiencing among the leaders from acadejobless growth to mia, private sector and civil society will examine the extent of

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STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

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Kerala	75	20,620	0.76%	0.56%								
Odisha	69	7,887	5.46%	0.79%								
Tamil Nadu	22	34,878	1.25%	1.35%								
Andhra Pradesh	18	13,825	0.90%	0.69%								
Note: Data as on Aug 29; vac	Note: Data as on Aug 29; vaccination numbers as of Aug 28. Deaths include those from previous days.											

18 children test Covid positive in Mumbai children's home

SANJANA BHALERAO MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

EIGHTEEN CHILDREN from a children's home in Mumbai tested positive for Covid-19. All the infected children have been shifted to a Covid care centre at Vashi in Navi Mumbai. Officials from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said all of them are stable.

Harish Nouni, medical officer of the M East ward said, "On August 25, one child from the home tested positive at the Chembur Shatabdi hospital and two more tested positive on August 26. Later, all the remaining inmates were tested and 15 more tested positive. We are keeping a watch on all of them." Civic officials said that an-

other screening will be held after five days at the facility. 'Regular health check-ups of

children are done. The guidelines of the government are strictly enforced," said an official from the home. As per protocol, the home has been sealed and sanitised and all other residents quarantined.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM POWER (ELECT.) DEPARTMENT DISPUR ::: GUWAHATI-6 ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF MANAGING DIRECTOR. ASSAM POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED, ASSAM

Power (Electricity) Department, Government of Assam invites application from eligible candidates with outstanding career having at least 20 years of relevant experience and proven managerial and leadership quality for the post of Managing Director, Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited.

About the Organisation:

Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited, a State Public Sector Enterprises of Assam, having annual turnover of Rs. 503.98 crores and Annual Net Profit of about Rs. 4.28 crores, was incorporated in 2005 as a Limited Company under Companies Act, 1956. {Presently Companies Act, 2013} with its registered office at Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati-1, Assam.

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EXPRESS NETWORK

POLICE ON Sunday arrested a man in Mathura for threatening a Muslim man running a dosa stall in the city.

The accused has been identified as Shrikant Sharma."We have arrested one person in connection with a case. He is a local and prima-facie it appears that he does not have any affiliation to an outfit. We are in the process of identifying other persons involved in the incident. Further investigation is pending," said an official from Kotwali Police Station.

According to Irfan, the com-

Not against O₂ plant: ABVP after lathicharge at Ramban protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, AUGUST 29

THE ABVP on Sunday accused police of harassing its activists in Ramban district allegedly for spearheading an agitation against "unplanned" demolition of some structures of the government higher secondary school there. According to the outfit, their protest is against the demolition but not against the construction of an oxygen plant on the site – as has been stipulated by authorities.

Alleging that police were visiting the homes of ABVP activists and threatening their parents, the outfit's I&K secretary, Mukesh Manhas, demanded that the administration initiate action against Ramban police station's SHO saying he had resorted to a lathicharge on Thursday on a group of activists protesting in the town. He warned of intensifying their agitation if no action was taken against the Ramban SHO.

Meanwhile, the district administration has imposed CrPC Section 144 in Ramban town and its outskirts.

which emerged on social media, driven out of homes Sharma and others are seen tearby acute economic ing the eatery's banners and distress? warning Irfan to remove the stall

The country is already witnessing a Workers at the eatery said it

But will that happen

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ties for migrant

workers, who are

"K-shaped" recovery where bigger firms have bounced back while millions of small and marginal firms continue to languish. Under the circumstances, there is a high chance that migrants may continue to struggle.

Moreover, the evidence of the past two decades shows that the Indian economy has gone

the new normal. Scan to register Again, with meagre levels of skills, mi-

grant workers often find they can only participate in a limited number of activities.

Under the circumstances, what can governments do to create more livelihood opportunities for migrant workers? What are the policy changes required to address the grievances of unemployment among migrant

losses. Our concern was to make

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up as a small trader," he said.

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ment. Persistently migrant workers and suggest high unemployment what needs to be done to create rates have become new jobs. The panel for this edition in-

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cludes keynote speaker Meher Pudumjee (Chairperson of Thermax Limited); Rajiv Khandelwal (Founder, Aajeevika Bureau), Manish Sabharwal (Chairman, TeamLease), Radhicka Kapoor (Fellow at

ICRIER), and Deepak Mishra (Professor, INU). The session will be moderated by Udit Misra, Deputy Associate Editor, The Indian Express.

In Kerala village, expatriates join hands to set up steel plant; invest Rs 1 lakh-40 lakh each

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 29

AFTER WORKING in Sharjah for 15 years, TC Shiju, 42, returned to his home in Thikkodi village, in Kozhikode district of Kerala, about two years ago. He was exploring investment choices, when he found a viable option in his village itself.

With an investment of just Rs 1 lakh, he became a partner in GTF Steel Pipes and Tubes LLP, a novel manufacturing venture set up by expatriates hailing from Thikkodi and its surrounding villages.

Set up by the Global Thikkodiyans Forum (GTF) - a social media group of expatriates from Thikkodi floated in 2015 following a looming job crisis in the Middle East – in May 2018, the unit commenced production earlier this month.

This is the first such attempt in the state where expatriates, and returnees, of a village have come together and mobilised capital for a business enterprise of this kind. The total investment of Rs 18

crore was raised from 207 people. Of these, 147 invested only Rs 1 lakh each. The price of a share was



207 people invested in GTF Steel Pipes and Tubes

fixed at Rs 50.000, and an individual had to invest in at least two shares. There was a cap on the maximum investment as well -

Rs 40 lakh per person. "The major highlight of the venture is that a large section of investors are ordinary people who have some small savings, a few lakh rupees, after years of toil in the Gulf. But for an initiative of this type, they would not have been able to be a part of a professional business venture," said GTF Steels Chairman Mohammed

Basheer Nadammal. "Most of these returnees invest in trade or hotel industry, and then back out after incurring huge

Explaining why they opted to set up the unit. GTF Steels CEO Ishaq Koyilil, also from Thikkodi, said: "As per our analysis, the monthly demand of GI pipes and tubes in Kerala was 40,000 metric tonnes during pre-Covid. It would be down to 25.000 metric tonnes now. However, the production in Kerala is only 4,000 metric tonnes per month. Our monthly production capacity is 3,000 metric tonnes. We see a huge growth potential, as construction and infrastructure sectors are poised for major growth in Kerala.'

None of the partners work in the factory. The recruitment was done in a professional manner, with only qualified, trained workers being selected.

Ummer Koyilil, 60, returned to Thikkodi village about two Abdul Latheef, also from Thikkodi, said they wanted to put vears ago, after working in Bahrain for 18 years. "I tried to set forward a business and investup a small business, but it did not ment model which could be emmaterialise," he said. "I have inulated across the state. "This vested only Rs 1 lakh in this venmodel will help ordinary expatriture. This has given me exposure ates to invest their hard-earned savings in viable business vento a business enterprise. tures. We have 2,000-odd mem-Otherwise, I would have ended bers in the GTF. Only those inter-Before deciding to set up a unit ested in investing in the steel to manufacture galvanised iron industry were selected as partpipes and tubes, the GTF explored ners. We are planning other enother possibilities, including inteterprises too, in which others in

the forum can invest," he said.

- 5. Government Officers not below the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam or its equivalent rank with adequate experience in the relevant field will be eligible.
- 6. Candidates from private sector, CPSE and State Government Company/Undertaking in the rank of General Manager Engineering Discipline) and above also will be eligible for above post and may apply.

Age

Minimum age of the candidate should not be less than 50 years and maximum age should not exceed 57 years as on 31.03.2021. Upper age limit is relaxable by another one year in case of inhouse candidate.

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Subject to the terms and conditions issued by Government of Assam the initial tenure of appointment will be for a period of 3 (thee) years. The tenure may be extended by another two years or up to superannuation whichever is earlier, subject to satisfactory performance of the incumbent.

Salary and Perks:

The post carries a fixed pay of Rs.1,60,000/- (Rupees one lakh sixty thousand) per month (without grade pay) plus other allowance admissible as per company Rules. Higher starting pay may be given considering the qualification, experience. Moreover pay protection to successful candidates under govt. service/regulatory service etc. may be provided.

Submission of Application:

Eligible candidates may submit their applications duly signed along with a photograph of the applicant, full bio-data/C.V, email address, self attested copies of testimonials/certificates, pay slip etc. may be submitted online vide email (dy.secy.power@gmail.com) on or before 30.09.2021

Application sent after last date shall be liable for rejection.

Candidates serving in Government, Public Sector Enterprises or Statutory Bodies should apply through proper channel with a no-objection from their present employer at the time of interview.

TA &D.A for appearing for interview:

Single to and from economy class airfare by shortest route from residence/place of present posting to the place of interview would be reimbursed to the candidates called for the interview subject to production of original travel documents and receipts.

Other Conditions

The selected candidate shall have to join the assignment within one month from the date of issue of appointment letter and an undertaking to that effect shall have to be submitted at the time of interview.

Sd/·

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Power (Electricity) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06.

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WORDLY WISE FEAR OF CORRUPTING THE MIND OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION IS THE LOFTIEST FORM OF COWARDICE. ---- HOLBROOK JACKSON

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OPTIMISM & CAUTION

Fifty per cent Indians getting at least one shot of Covid vaccine is a significant milestone. There is still need to unlock carefully

AST WEEK AS the country crossed 60-crore cumulative vaccinations, it reached a significant milestone in its Covid inoculation drive. More than 50 per cent adult Indians have received at least one shot of the vaccine. Official data show that 99 per cent healthcare workers have received the first jab and 83 per cent are fully vaccinated. Nearly 80 per cent frontline workers have received both the shots. In conjunction with the serosurvey results that indicated two-thirds of people in the country have antibodies against the coronavirus, the vaccination data is cause for optimism at a time when medical experts are warning of a possible third wave. These developments are likely to give a fillip to the post-second wave opening-up underway in several parts of the country and inform plans of state governments to resume physical classes in educational institutions. There can be scarcely any doubt on the need for people to emerge from the pandemic-imposed shells. At the same time, however, there is also abundant reason to suggest that necessary caveats be built into the un-lockdown measures. The temptation to assume pre-Covid normalcy should be stoutly resisted.

The government has asked states to speed up the administration of the second shots - a salient advisory given the well-established fact that two shots provide the maximum protection against the virus. The first shot prepares the immune system to build antibodies. But these antibodies are known to wane after a few months. After the second jab, the body produces a stronger immune response because it now has substantial T cells that identify the pathogen. However, there is much that is unknown about the virus's behaviour and the recent spurt in breakthrough infections in different parts of the world suggests that even two doses of the current crop of vaccines may not provide the protection they were earlier believed to offer. The ICMR has, in fact, been alive to this exigency. It has repeatedly underlined that the vaccines are "disease modifying" - they reduce the severity of Covid - but not always "disease preventing". The premier medical research agency's counsel - and that of other experts - on observing Covid-appropriate behaviour is even more prescient at a time when masks are making a comeback in the public health discourse of countries that dispensed with this anti-Covid measure earlier this year. The US Centers for Disease Control, for instance, has reversed its earlier advisory and asked people to wear masks in public indoor spaces in areas where the virus is surging.

Several countries are now planning to administer booster shots to people in 2022 to enhance their immunity against the virus. Policymakers in India are not impervious to this discourse. In keeping the virus at bay, the priority should be to nudge people to remain vigilant - not waver from Covid-appropriate behaviour - as well as complete this year's vaccination targets.

NO SINGLE STORY

DU decision to strike off works by Bama, Sukirtharani and Mahasweta Devi smacks of censorship in the name of culture

ITERATURE, BY INSTINCT and in practice, is against the oppression of the single story. It is interested, not in dogma, but in textures and voices, chronicles and records that confound easy truths. By pushing us into zones of discomfort and disquiet, it allows us a clearer view of human life. In doing so, it also offers a powerful way to speak back to power. It's an understanding that appears to have escaped Delhi University authorities, who have struck off the works of Tamil writers Bama and Sukirtharani, as well as the short story 'Draupadi' by Mahasweta Devi, from a paper of the undergraduate English literature syllabus. No reasoned argument has been offered



PRATIKSHA BAXI

IN THE 1980S, women's groups protested at the gates of the Supreme Court against the acquittal of policemen who raped a tribal girl, after four law professors wrote an open letter critiquing the judgment. On December 20, 1979, the then Chief Justice of India, Y V Chandrachud, wrote a letter to the Gujarat women's groups led by Jyoti Sangh assuring them that he fully shared their view "that life and justice must be made safe and acceptable to unprotected women". Without romanticising the past, it would be fair to note that such courtesy to women's groups has not been emulated within the judiciary since.

Protests by women against sexual impunity in law and society at the gates of the apex court have continued. For the gates of the Supreme Court have occupied a symbolic significance in the geography of lived constitutionalism through different kinds of people's movements. Today, the gates of the Supreme Court mark the contemporary geography of desperation, its destination.

On August 16, 2021, the 24-year-old rape survivor who had accused Bahujan Samaj Party MP in 2019 of rape, set herself ablaze along with her friend, a 27-year-old man, in front of the Supreme Court of India. Both are now dead. The victims thought of the Facebook live as a "dying declaration" or the final complaint against the legal system and the culture of state impunity, as they called out the names of those officers who they held accountable. After this public roll call of impunity and a powerful appeal to the public to record their testimony, the two friends set themselves ablaze. The victim indicted the police and the judiciary for stripping her of dignity

We are left numb with grief as we consume their words, their cries and images of their burning bodies at Gate D. The singed hands of the security guards of an empty apex court, without the usual bustle of lawyers and litigants, bear witness in flesh to the crisis in the legal system today.

For, as per some media reports, the victim had filed a petition in the Supreme Court pleading for a transfer of the rape case from Allahabad to Delhi in March. The brother of

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the accused MP filed a case of forgery against her, in which a non-bailable warrant had been issued by a Varanasi court in August 2021. And the Delhi police allegedly now suspect that they killed themselves after being framed in a fraud case. An enquiry has been announced, and an officer sent to judicial custody, as we despondently wait for more information on this tragic case.

A cry at Gate D

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While the media discourse on rape is mostly spectacularised and sensationalised, state response also pathologises or criminalises anti-rape protest that challenges state impunity. The dominant response to demand death penalty does not challenge cultures of state impunity. For it is not sensational enough to demand accountability and strict action against those who bring false charges against vulnerable victims and complainants. There is no sober and serious reflection on how to abolish those practices of policing that target and victimise unprotected people based on their identity or status as the first step towards addressing the social problem of violence.

Transfers and suspensions are the first response of governance to impunity. Practices of policing within a security state framework also do not actually challenge sexual impunity. The increased use of the National Security Act in rape cases indicates a breakdown in routine policing, rather than assure us of gender sensitive policing. More and more rape survivors, especially from marginalised communities, have been re-victimised. The imprisonment of victims of violence is on the increase in lockdown prisons. There is no judicial enquiry on why victims of violence are imprisoned on false counter cases. There was no change in judicial policy declaring that no rape victim would be arrested and imprisoned despite the outrage that followed the imprisonment of a rape survivor on a contempt charge at the height of the pandemic.

It is a social fact that the criminal legal system often merely re-arranges a system of illegalities. For example, rape survivors are routinely pressurised to "compromise" illegally and turn hostile in trials, failing which they may be threatened or even killed. Noting this, the Supreme Court in Ramesh v. State of Haryana, has noted that this technique of terror under the guise of compromise is part of our socio-legal culture. The apex court here gives voice to the desperation when victims and witnesses are at the mercy of police. In the lockdown, this terror was amplified as trials got postponed. During the lockdown, victims could not escape intimidation, and transfer petitions were not always heard during this time. No moratorium was declared against arbitrary arrests of women and victims of violence, despite repeated petitions and advisories. Guidelines on how to treat rape survivors during the lockdown were not announced to ensure their safety, as trials could not be held.

Their abject story is aligned to another unspoken history of our courts. While this history is unfortunately not of interest to students of law, there are many cases of suicides from court buildings by accused persons or litigants. It is not the tradition of courts to mourn the death of litigants or victims, who kill themselves from court buildings or immolate themselves in front of a court. For judicial "reference" is only passed to mourn the passing of judicial lives - not when victims and litigants give up on life because of law's violence.

Victims and litigants are usually added to the design and procedure of courts, while judicial doctrine is built on their stories of social suffering. We often forget that there is no constitutional glory without a brief. Will the judiciary mourn these deaths? Or will the victims whose hope is broken by the promise of justice be blamed rather than be honoured for reminding law and society of the forgotten quest for humanity?

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FINDING HER PEOPLE

How Gail Omvedt found acceptance in the Dalit-Bahujan community

by the DU's Oversight Committee for the decisions that several members of the university's academic council have described, in a note of dissent, as "vandalism". The Delhi University registrar defended the changes by stating a preference for "literary content ... that does not hurt the sentiments of any individual". He also objected to the language of Mahasweta Devi's 'Draupadi' - the story of Dopdi Mejhen, a Santhal woman gang-raped in police custody - as going against "culture and ethics", and the fear that it would make "students hate the military."

It appears that behind such decisions is the idea of the classroom as a sanitised encounter - to be measured by the deference of students to all kinds of authority, especially the state. The summary dismissal, too, of the works of Bama and Sukirtharani, who powerfully represent the experience of living in an oppressive caste society, confirms this narrow vision and its anxieties. In the name of "culture" and "ethics", it undoes decades of scholarship and debate that have pushed literature departments to a more expansive understanding of literary experience and merit – as gendered, as influenced by caste, and race and empire. Anything but the single wholesome story. That such a decision has been taken by a committee which does not include members from the English Literature department, among other disciplines, also leads to worrying questions of the way syllabi are being vetted. According to the DU registrar, however, "I can read English, you can read English. If something offensive is written somewhere, we don't need a PhD in literature to understand that."

Scholars and students of literature must not be distracted from their work - the critical study of all texts, whether nationalistic or not - by such censorious instincts. Nor should the classroom be held hostage to the "sentiments" of those who take offence at any challenge to the "consensus". Delhi University must rethink its decision to shrink the syllabus.

FREEZE FRAME

EPUNNY



Somnath Waghmare

ALMOST ALL SOCIAL movements in India, whether left or right, feminist or Adivasi, are led by people from historically dominant castes. The only exception is India's Dalit-Ambedkarite movement, which has never accepted our oppressors as our leaders or heroes. And yet, our movement wholeheartedly embraced Gail Omvedt, a white American woman who came to India in the 1970s for her PhD. In the last few days, since Omvedt passed away, all the messages that I have seen on Bahujan social media and WhatsApp statuses have been in tribute to her. We are all grieving. I feel as if my mother has died.

I began to shoot a documentary film on her and her husband Bharat Patankar in 2017, just after my first film on Bhima Koregaon (The Battle of Bhima Koregaon: An Unending Journey) had released. My family's village is 15 km from theirs and I have known them and their daughter Prachi for almost a decade. After three years of closely following them for the film, it hurt to shoot Omvedt's last rites on Thursday.

I had the privilege to meet her in my first year of BA, when I attended a cadre camp organised by Patankar. It was the first time I had seen a white woman, that too speaking fluent Marathi. A friend told me that she was Patankar's wife and a professor and activist who worked for our cause. I was curious about why I had never heard of her before. As much as she spoke and wrote for Dalit-Bahujans, she also treated them equally, not as if she was doing them a favour. When farmers and labourers, both men and women, met her at rallies or protests, she spoke with them kindly and patiently. She listened to them and she was accessible. It was this, along with her academic stridency, that led to her complete acceptance by Dalit-Bahujan communities.

The next day, I went to my college library and asked for books she had written. The librarian gave me her book on Babasaheb Ambedkar. That book, Ambedkar: Towards an Enlightened India, transformed my life. I knew then that I would always work for social justice.

From then on, I saw her regularly at protests, rallies and meetings for the rights of Dalit-Bahujans. I went to Pune for a Master of Arts in Communication Studies and began to work with the camera. I wanted to make films on our issues and document our Bahujan people. I saw that the so-called mainstream media and cinema purposely ignored Dalit-Bahujan icons and we did not have any documentation of our leaders, writers and activists. My first idea was to make a biopic on Omvedt and her work, but I felt it was not yet the time, so I made the Bhima Koregaon film instead.

Soon after, I asked the couple for permission to make this film. From then until the pandemic lockdown began in March 2020, I would periodically follow both of them in their social work, shooting their interactions, meetings and speeches. This was when I saw the side of her that went beyond the scholar and activist. Though she was always the centre of attention at meetings and rallies, she never cordoned herself away from people. As much as she spoke and wrote for Dalit-Bahujans, she also treated them equally, not

as if she was doing them a favour. When farmers and labourers, both men and women, met her at rallies or protests, she spoke with them kindly and patiently. She listened to them and was accessible.

It was this, along with her academic stridency, that led to her complete acceptance by the Dalit-Bahujan communities. In 2018, the Delhi-based Dalit rights NGO had organised a conference called Dalit Women Speak Out at the Savitribai Phule Pune University. The group invited Dalit women from across the country to speak. Omvedt was the only non-Dalit woman to be invited as a special guest.

In the last few years, as her health declined, I saw Patankar patiently care for her like a child. They were devoted to each other. I recorded five interviews with her, as well as many more with Patankar about their life and work. I knew, as I shot footage for almost three years, travelling with her and sitting by her side, recording the two of them singing progressive songs together and trying to capture every movement, that her time was running out. My film is in postproduction and will be released in six months. It is painful to know that she will never see this visual tribute to her incredible work for India's Dalit-Bahujans.

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INDIAN EXPRESS

AUGUST 30, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

UNCERTAINTY ON DA

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS half the additional dearness allowance for its employees impounded for a period of one year. This is believed to have been spelt out by the government at a meeting of the representatives of the national council of the joint consultative committee held on August 29. Cabinet Secretary, Krishnaswamy Rao Saheb, who presided, is believed to have said that the impounding should apply to the two instalments of DA already due -April and June. The reasons assigned were runaway inflation and the need to check money circulation and the difficult ways and means position of the government. It is believed that employees are ready for a portion of the additional DA to be impounded if they are adequately compensated in house rent allowance and city compensation allowance.

CONG (I) ROUT

THE ROUT OF the Congress (I) in the crucial elections to the Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada municipal corporations in Andhra Pradesh has shocked the party high command. The Chief Minister T Anjiah is expected in Delhi on August 30 when he will explain the reasons for the party's bad showing to the high command. It is likely that the high command will depute one of the general secretaries to Andhra Pradesh for on-the-spot assessment of the party's image in the light of the poll results.

New Delhi

MIZORAM PACT

THE CENTRE HAS decided to conclude most of the demands made by the Mizo National Front (MNF) leader Laldenga. The underground MNF and the Centre had reached a pact about two years ago under which the MNF had given an undertaking to stop all hostile activities to pave the way for negotiations for solving the Mizo problem. Despite this, the MNF continued to participate in illegitimate activities.

M O MATHAI DEAD

M O MATHAI, special assistant to first PM Jawaharlal Nehru, whose books on the Nehru Gandhi family set off a public debate has died. He was 72 and a bachelor.



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THE IDEAS PAGE

Meeting the poshan challenge

Fortification of rice supplied under government schemes is a welcome decision. This should be accompanied by policies to improve women's education and well-being



BY ASHOK GULATI AND Ritika Juneja

ON AUGUST 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort to mark India's 75th Independence Day. Besides other big announcements, he emphasised the need to ensure "poshan" (nutrition) to the country's women and children. PM Modi announced that, by 2024, rice provided to the poor under any government scheme - PDS, midday-meal, anganwadi – will be fortified. It is a bold decision. Leveraging science to attack the complex challenge of malnutrition, particularly for low-income and vulnerable sections of the society, who cannot afford balanced diversified diets, can be a good intervention. We presume that the nutrition experts of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have been consulted in arriving at the decision.

Scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have been developing biofortified crops in India with a view to eradicating malnutrition amongst the poor sections of the society. As per the ICAR website, they had developed 21 varieties of biofortified staples including wheat, rice, maize, millets, mustard, groundnut by 2019-20. These biofortified crops have 1.5 to 3 times higher levels of protein, vitamins, minerals and amino acids compared to the traditional varieties. It is worth noting that these varieties are not genetically modified they have been developed through conventional crop breeding techniques by our own scientists. A research team led by Monika Garg at the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute in Mohali has also developed biofortified coloured wheat (black, blue, purple) that is rich in zinc and anthocyanins. Farmers from Punjab and Haryana have been roped in to multiply the production of this wheat variety. This points towards the beginning of a new journey, from food security to nutritional security.

The HarvestPlus programme of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) also deserves special mention here as they have been working closely with ICAR, state agricul-



However, access to nutritious food is only one of the determinants of nutrition. Other factors like poor access to safe drinking water and sanitation (especially toilets), low levels of immunisation and education, especially of women, contribute equally to this dismal situation. In a country where about 50 per cent of the rural population does not have safe and adequate drinking water within premises, where about 15 per cent of schools still lack access to basic infrastructure (electricity, drinking water and sanitation) and where the average annual school dropout rate at the secondary level (Class 9-10) is still 18 percent (as per the Niti Aayog's SDG Index for the year 2020), one cannot tackle the multi-dimensional problem of malnutrition just by biofortification. It must be recognised that in the long run, India needs a multi-pronged approach to eliminate the root cause of this complex problem. That approach should include the following initiatives.

First, there is a direct correlation beveen mothers' education and the wellbefood can alleviate malnutrition only when they are scaled up with supporting policies. This would require increasing expenditure on agri-R&D and incentivising farmers by linking their produce to lucrative markets through sustainable value chains and distribution channels. This will generate remunerative income for farmers and fuel the scaling-up of the unfolding technology. The government can also rope in the private sector to create a market segment for foods to cater to high-end consumers.

Innovations in biofortified premium-quality biofortified

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Western countries, including the UK, must honour their obligations, not only to those who worked for them, including the refugees who must now be found homes and jobs, but to Afghan society as a whole.' - THE GUARDIAN

Opening up open-source

Constraints in public procurement processes are holding back the technology from realising its potential. Its uptake must be incentivised



ABHISHEK SINGH AND VARAD PANDE

THE JOURNEY OF Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) in India has been long and vibrant. What began with a few Linux user groups in the 1980s has grown into a movement through collaboration among a diverse community of innovators. FOSS today presents an alternative model to build digital technologies for population scale. Unlike proprietary software, everyone has the freedom to edit, modify and reuse open-source code. This results in many benefits - reduced costs, no vendor lock-in, the ability to customise for local context, and greater innovation through wider collaboration. We have seen some great examples of public services being delivered through systems that use FOSS building blocks, including Aadhaar, GSTN, and the DigiLocker. While the trend is promising, much more can be done.

Recognising its potential, in 2015, the Indian government announced a policy to encourage open source instead of proprietary technology for government applications. However, the true potential of this policy is yet to be realised, largely due to constraints in public procurement processes.

Several misconceptions remain in the understanding of FOSS, especially for GovTech, and it is important to clarify these points to help increase the adoption of FOSS.

"Free" in FOSS is perceived to be "free of cost" and hence many think that the solutions based on FOSS are not good enough. For example, FOSS is often mistaken to be less trustworthy and more vulnerable, whereas FOSS can actually create more trust between the government and citizens. FOSS communities can examine the open-source code for adherence to data privacy principles, help find bugs, and ensure transparency and accountability. Many solutions launched by the government including Digilocker, Diksha, Aarogya Setu, the Covid-19 vaccination platform CoWIN – built on top of open-source digital platforms - have benefited from valuable inputs provided by volunteer opensource developers. Such inputs have immensely helped in improving solutions and making them more robust.

Another important issue is that it can feel easier to deal with a proprietary software vendor who builds a bespoke software and can be held accountable for any failures. In the case of FOSS, there appears to be an absence of one clear "owner", which makes it harder to identify who is responsible. While this concern is legitimate, there are ways to mitigate it, for example, by having the government's inhouse technical staff understand available documentation and getting key personnel to join relevant developer communities. This has been tried out in several projects successfully but needs to be strengthened further.

ENGAGE KABUL

country.

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Importance of Engagement' (IE 28 Aug). India needs

to accept the fact that the Taliban is in power in Afghanistan now, and the only

way forward would be to engage with

them, lest it be misconstrued that we

are not interested in the future of that

AFGHAN QUESTION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Connect

with Kabul' (IE, August 27). With an at-

tack at Kabul airport killing a dozen US

troops and injuring many others, the

"wait and watch" may not be a felici-

tous approach. Creating a thoughtfully

put out plan for balancing out the rela-

tionship with the Taliban and prevent-

ing them from bolstering a breeding

ground for terrorism seems to be the

only way out. Delhi is walking on a

tightrope where both action and inac-

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The land

question, and answers' (IE, Aug 28). The

experiment of the collectivisation of

farms was tried in the erstwhile USSR

with disastrous consequences. The hu-

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has been chronicled most poignantly in

Sholokov's immortal novel, And Quiet

Flows the Don. In our country adequate measures exist to protect farmers. What

is missing is their honest implementa-

tion seem equally dicey.

FARM REFORMS

Hemant Contractor, Pune

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India is at an inflection point in its journey towards greater adoption of FOSS in GovTech - it has already demonstrated the potential of FOSS deployment through its use in critical, population-scale projects. With an IT workforce of more than four million employees and a software industry that is the envy of the world, we already have the required talent. What we need is a concerted push to harness the biggest promise that FOSS holds -- the possibility of collaborative technological innovation.

Here is a four-step path to make this vision a reality.

The first step is to incentivise the uptake of FOSS in government. The government's policy on the adoption of open-source software requires all tech suppliers to submit bids with open source options. Suppliers also need to justify in case they do not offer an opensource option, and sourcing departments are asked to weigh the lifetime costs and benefits of both alternatives before making a decision. While this serves as a good nudge, policy can perhaps go a step further by formally giving greater weightage to FOSS-specific metrics in the evaluation criteria in RFPs, and offering recognition to departments that deploy FOSS initiatives, such as, a special category under the Digital India Awards.

The second step could be to curate a repository of "GovTech ready" building blocks that are certified for use in government and audited for security compliances. Off-theshelf FOSS software is often not ready for direct deployment by government. Creating a repository of ready-to-use "GovTech-ised" building blocks, can help departments quickly identify and deploy FOSS solutions in their applications.

Third, FOSS innovations can be encouraged through "GovTech hackathons and challenges", bringing together the open-source community to design solutions for specific problem statements identified by government departments. The best innovations emerging from these challenges can get a leg up by listing them on government procurement platforms such as GeM. One such challenge – a #FOSS4Gov Innovation Challenge - was recently launched to accelerate the adoption of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) in government by harnessing innovation from the FOSS ecosystem.

Finally, a credible institutional anchor is needed to be a home for FOSS led innovation in India. Such an institution can bring together FOSS champions and communities that are scattered across India around a shared agenda for collective impact. Kerala's International Centre for Free & Open Source Software (IC-FOSS) is a great example of such an institution that led to Kerala being a pioneering state in the adoption of FOSS. A national "FOSS Centre of Excellence" can convene capital, resources and capacity-building support, creating the much-needed momentum to build world-class "made in India" FOSS products.



C R Sasikumar

breastfeeding, diarrhoea prevention and treatment using oral rehydration solution, child immunisation, and family planning. Innovative strategies that integrate education and nutrition programmes hold great importance in combating the malnutrition problem. The Global Nutrition Report (2014) estimates that every dollar invested in a proven nutrition programme offers benefits worth 16 dollars.

Second, innovations in biofortified food can alleviate malnutrition only when they are scaled up with supporting policies. This would require increasing expenditure on agri-R&D and incentivising farmers by linking their produce to lucrative markets through sustainable value chains and distribution channels. This will generate remunerative income for farmers and fuel the scaling-up of the unfolding technology. The government can also rope in the private sector to create a market segment for premium-quality biofortified foods to cater to high-end consumers. For instance, trusts run by the TATA group are supporting different states to initiate fortification of milk with Vitamin A and D. Other private dairies should also be encouraged to scale up milk

fortification across the country. Third, a national awareness drive on the lines of the "Salt Iodisation Programme" launched by the government in 1962 to replace ordinary salt with iodised salt, can play an important role at the individual and community levels to achieve the desired goals of poshan for all. Branding, awareness campaigns, social and behavioural change initiatives, such as community-level counselling, dialogue, media engagement and advocacy, especially amongst marginalised communities, can promote consumption of locally-available, nutrient-dense affordable foods among the poor and children. But equally important is grandma's recipe of diversified diets - we should always keep that in mind.

tural universities (SAUs), the international centres of CGIAR, seed companies and farmer organisations to accelerate production and improve the access of the poor in India to iron-rich pearl millet and zinc-rich wheat. Globally, more than 40 countries have released biofortified crops, benefitting over 48 million people.

The PM's strong commitment towards a malnutrition-free India – Kuposhan Mukt Bharat - is crucial as 15.3 per cent of the country's population is undernourished, and India has the highest proportion of "stunted" (30 per cent) and "wasted" children (17.3 per cent) below five years of age, as per the FAO's recent publication, 'The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, 2021'. These figures indicate that India is at a critical juncture with respect to

ing of children. Children with mothers who have no education have the least diversified diets and suffer from stunting and wasting and are anaemic. Notwithstanding considerable efforts by the government to improve female literacy, only 12.5 per cent women (in age group 15-49 years) were found to have completed school education (Class 12) in 2018 according to the Sample Registration System Survey. Hence, targeted programmes for improving the educational status of girls and reducing the school dropout rates, particularly at the secondary and higher educational levels, need to be promoted. Also, childcare knowledge and information on holistic nourishment should be compulsorily included in the school curriculum. This will improve mothers' knowledge regarding colostrum, continued

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tion. Agriculture needs to be depoliticised and the ongoing farmers agitation must be wound up immediately. Involvement of market forces will bring real benefits.

HN Bhagwat, Chiplun

Melvin Thomas, Bhopal STRATEGIC HELP

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A helping hand to Kabul' (IE, Aug 28). It is time we become pragmatic about how we develop our foreign relations. Being sentimental or blindly following a path just because we are used to it may land us up in the same situation that found us in the unipolar world after the demise of the erstwhile communist USSR. Strategic appreciations should be based only on hard facts however uncomfortable they may be.

Shubhada H, via email



Let's say never again

Lesson from Partition is not how horrific it was, but how not to recreate its madness

Shah Alam Khan

ON THE EVE of Pakistan's Independence Day on August 14, Sayema, a famous radio jockey with a private radio station, tweeted Independence Day wishes to friends across the border. For the next few hours, her timeline was inundated with abuse, hate and bigotry of the most repulsive nature. Unfortunately, most of those abusing her were not trolls or from the IT cells of political parties. They were common people like you and me. Sayema's message of friendship was interpreted as hate against India and most labelled her an anti-national -the commonest hole to fit a peg of any shape. Sayema is a peg with the oddest shape in this new India – she's a Muslim.

The Prime Minister of the world's largest democracy has asked us to commemorate August 14 as a "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day". The horrors of Partition are undoubtedly among the most painful memories of any society. The blood lines which were drawn over the land mass of the subcontinent in 1947 still continue to bleed for many from that generation. August 14 is the Independence Day of Pakistan, the byproduct of that very

Partition. No wonder it now becomes an anti-national act to wish Independence Day greetings to a neighbouring country.

As identity begins to take over nations and national identity becomes a tool for manipulating the masses, we need to have a clear understanding of the ideological debate on nationalism, patriotism and national identity. In the 75th year of its Independence, India is at the threshold of a Partition of a different kind. The binary which has come to rule us is ugly in its ideological posturing. The identity politics which drives the PM into announcing a Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is dangerous and illogical

The horrors of Partition are not for remembrance. They are for deriving lessons. They shouldn't haunt us but rather help us in coming out of the trauma of communalism and bigotry, which had besieged the subcontinent at that time. To remember them as a means of horror is to pollute the memory pool of coming generations. To remember them as lessons would be the best way to provide them with a handbook on "how not to communally divide a country."

History, memory and cultural identity are the most sinister tools of manipulating masses. Nothing is more productive politically than a cohort manipulated with hate. The Prime Minister could have been more careful and correct in the choice of his words. Frantz Fanon. the West Indian philosopher and writer, believed that cultural identity is a socially generated neurosis. He used it in the context of colonial cultural influences but it could be equally correct for religious influences as was seen at the time of Partition. One of the greatest writer-philosophers, Albert Camus, believed that history is not just a possible site of violence, but history coincides with violence. He debunked the theory of "history as necessity." Camus's questioning of the dialectical idea of history is so relevant in this new India, where the highest executive of the democracy requests its citizenry to remember the trauma of Partition.

The hopeless sadness which such memories can generate in the people of that era can have a disastrous outcome not only on them but on their heirs too. In countries with existing wounds like those of the Partition,

identity and culture has to be reimagined in a secular, rational perspective, away from political benefits and free from ideological bonhomie. In the words of the American philosopher, Martha Nussbaum, "as we tell stories about the lives of others, we learn how to imagine what another creature might feel in response to various events. At the same time, we identify with the other creature and learn something about ourselves." Nussbaum's words mark the epitome of what should be remembered about the Partition. We should remember that our horrors are also someone else's stories

We need healers, not the hurt, to reduce the pain of Partition. The patriotism we embrace shouldn't be at the expense of hatred of the other. The PM has a penchant for catchy phrases and words. But playing with collective memories is tricky. Collective memories are the most precious treasure of any civilisation. They should be handled with care because if they break, they can release demons of all kinds.

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JUMBLED WORDS

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date of online E-tendering is 17.09.2021 up

to 13:00 hrs. All information and tender

documents related to E-tender is available

1. Name of works : Muzaffarpur-

Samastipur-Barauni Section : Through

on website -www.ireps.gov.in.

the answer for the given quip.

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Solutions Crossword 4520: Across: 1 Adrift. 4 Africans. 9 Orator. 10 Preserve. 12 Echo, 13 Madam, 14 Anna, 17 Legal chains, 20 Burning fever, 23 Ache, 24 Abbot, 25 Talc, 28 Cash sale, 29 At will, 30 Sentinel, 31 Cygnet. Down: 1 Above all, 2 Road hogs, 3 From, 5 Fire at random, 6 Inst, 7 Arrant, 8 Seesaw, 11 Bathing belle, 15 Flour, 16 Reefs, 18 Aviation, 19 Bracelet, 21 Caucus, 22 Chosen, 26 Asti, 27 Stay

Answer: The trouble with life isn't that there is **no** answer, it's that there are **so many** answers. - Ruth Benedict

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extended to 03.09.2021.

SOLUTION: POACH, SCOWL, MANANA, SMEARY



OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

HOW BOUT

ADVICE?...

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

planetary relationships of the

rather than you. Perhaps you'll

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Life goes on in spite

it may occur to you that rather

something very useful for you

to learn. Listen well and you'll eventually turn the tables

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

of the time.

Whatever is

proposed now is bound to

than wasting your time on

such ungrateful types, why

value your truly

wonderful gifts?

displease someone but, rather

don't you just change tack and mix with people who

You can't keep

everybody happy all

than resisting a partner's criticism, there may be

of someone else's

mildly obstructive

behaviour. Actually,

The most important

day are excessively

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

prosperous, but for some strange reason they are likely to benefit any family members

pick up the crumbs from somebody else's abundant

good fortune.

on them.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) It's your period of the month for getting down to brass tacks as far as money is concerned. This is no time for frivolous attitudes and pretentious poses, and all risks must have their odds carefully calculated. A personal commitment might also come with a price tag, as it happens.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You may expect an

emotional start to the day, and if someone should happen to fly off the handle you will only make matters worse if you play the innocent. You know far more than you pretend! Give other people the benefit of the doubt, just for a change.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

This is not an especially favourable time for expressing feelings or engaging in family discussions mainly because, although you have your normal excellent grasp of the facts, these may be completely irrelevant. The best path might be to follow a gut instinct, just as long as you can restrain your impatience.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You are sandwiched between two splendid groups of planets. I can quite understand if your only options seem to be a choice between the devil and the deep blue sea, but it's not really that bad. You just have to master the incredible feat of going all out for the future while hanging on to everything that's best from the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Spare some time to pursue important professional goals, and if you're not currently at work, make a community ambition your main priority. It doesn't matter what it is, just as long as the end result is an increase in your prestige, status and self-worth.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

You are still in a quandary over one particular personal matter. You are no doubt concerned to know when the air will clear, but it could be a few months yet, so you may as well stop worrying. The question you should ask is what you can do to help yourself now, rather than waiting for circumstances to change

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1. Name of the work with its location : Design, supply, erection, Testing & commissioning of Testing Jig for PCB's of 3-. Name of the work with its location Design, supply, erection, Testing & commissioning of Testing Jig for PCB's of 3-Phase Electric Locos as per scope of work Phase Electric Locos as per scope of work attached. Location: Electric Loco Shed, attached. Location: Electric Loco Shed Gomoh, 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. Gomoh, 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs

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(Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of President of India invites tenders on web portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following 1 Name of work with its location

Interlocking of 8 nos LC gates and various signaling works in connection with replacement of signaling cable and track

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work:

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Badri Lal Meena, Director

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CORRIGENDUM This is in reference to previous Notice dt: 7th August 2021 for awarding dealership for the sale of KHADI PRAKRITIK PAINT made from cow dung, on District basis as per Term and Conditions of Application Document. Interested firms/enterprises may apply with details such as Name of the Firm/ Enterprises, Name of the proprietor/partner, Address, GST Number, Contact Number, e-mail address, specifying the District for which Dealership is required along with the fee of Rs. 50,000/- in the form of DD payable at Jaipur in favor of Kumarrapa National Handmade Paper Institute or through NEFT/RTGS to Account No. 30523012747 (State Bank of India, Branch Sanganer, Jaipur IFSC SBIN0007095). The last date of submission of application is now further extended to 03.09.2021. Badri Lal Meena, Director

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(Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender on Two packet system for award of contract for manning of enquiry through video conferencing, face to face enquiry (manual), announcing, feeding of data of TIB & CIB, Twitter Cell, Helpline 138, Central Enquiry, TTE lobbies etc. located at different stations over Danapur

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE**

OKAY, OFFICIALLY TIME TO SELL.

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HE LIVES ON.

ईसीआर/सीएओ/कॉन/डब्ल्यू टी/ई.निविदा उत्तर/12–21–22, दिनांक: 27.08,2021 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. ECR/CAO/C-N-ETN-12-21-22, E-Tender is invited on behalf of the President of India. For the under mentioned work.

1. Name of work with it's location Manufacturing fabricating IN SITU Glued Joints 52 Kg/60Kg between Muzaffarpur to Mahwal & Sarai Yard in connection with

wisdom may be much in demand.

planetary aspects are now coming so thick and fast that you might soon come to take good luck for granted. That would be a shame, for you'll then stop noticing your advantages and could even let a valuable opportunity slip through

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

your fingers.

In spite of your reputation, you are often very good at explaining yourself. In fact, you may be one of the only people for miles around who is capable of comprehending the true significance of today's emotional events. Your

You must continue to take your bearings at every available opportunity. The overall tension and uncertainty in your life should be considerably less than it was one or two years ago, but you still need regular sign-posts if you're to find your way along life's little voyages. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Sensational

196.001, 1.00–12.136, 17.882–24.773 on	💿 🛛 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳	2. Approximate cost of work :	1. Name of the work with its location : Award	Muzaffarpur-Sagauli Doubling project. 2. Approx, cost of the work of ₹1,34,76,372/-		nty thousand only), 3. Earnest	seven lakh eighty thousand	only), 3. Earnest
UP line and fro Km. 195.23 – 196.38, 1.00– 25.736, 25.906–31.625 on DN line in	E-TENDER NOTICE	₹5,55,46,621.75, 3. Earnest Money : Nil, Bid Security Declaration is to be submitted	of contract for manning of enquiry through video conferencing, face to face enquiry	. 3. Date and time for closing of tender 20.09.2021 at 14.30 hrs. 4. Website	of tender &	closing of tender : From	Money: NIL, 4. Date & Time of tender & closing of	tender : From
Barauni–Samastipur (ex) section. (Tota–	OPEN TENDER Batch No: 86/21 dated : 27.08.2021	mandatorily. 4. Last Date & Time of	(manual), announcing, feeding of data of TIB & CIB, Twitter Cell, Helpline 138,	particulars, Notice board location where	01/09/2021 up hrs. on 15/09/		01/09/2021 up to closing of hrs. on 15/09/2021, 5. We	
50.78 Km.) Approx Cost (In ₹) : ₹65,82,437.70	E-Tender Notice for supply of materials-"participation in through" web portal of IREPS-	Submission : Up to 15.00 hrs. on 21.09.2021. 5. Opening of tender : 15.30	Central Enquiry, TTE lobbies etc. located at	complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the	where tender d	ocument is available : IREPS	where tender document is a website www.ireps.gov.in.	/ailable : IREPS
2. Name of works : (1) SPJ–MFP Section : (i)	www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials : The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hr.	hrs. on 21.09.2021. 6. Website particulars	different stations over Danapur Division for three years (1096 days). 2. Approx. cost of	tender form be purchased etc. : The above	able to submi	t their original/revised bids	able to submit their origin	al/revised bids
TTR (CS+CMSC, 60 kg (1 : 12) in UP/DN	S.N. Tender No. Brief Description Quantity Published on/time Closing on	where details of the work and criteria can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in. 7. Address of the	the work : ₹18,04,89,915.68, 3. Earnest	E-Tender, E-Tendering document alogwith full information is available on website i.e.			online through this websit offers are not allowed aga	
line = 4 nos. (ii) MFP-HJP Section : TTR (CS+CMSC, 60 kg (1 : 12) in UP/DN line = 6	01 03212738 Contact segment assly 271 Nos 16.08.21/12:08:47 20.09.2021	office from where detail information can be	Money : Nil. 4. Date & Time fixed for bidding of e-tender and opening of e-tender : Date	http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note : In case of any	and any such n	nanual offer received shall be	and any such manual offer r	eceived shall be
nos. (G. total, TTR = 10 nos.) & (iii) SEJ (60	02 03193785A Aluminium expantion 24 Nos 13.08.21/16:29:42 27.09.2021	obtained : Sr. Divnl. Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, East Central	and time of bidding of e-tender - upto 12.00	descripencies found in tender notice,	complete deta	ils of tender can be seen :	ignored. Notice board I complete details of tender	can be seen :
kg) in UP/DN line = 03 nos. (2) BJU (Ex) -SPJ Section : (i) TTR (CS+CMSC, 60 kg	03 03214064B Earth return brush 216 sets 16.08.21/21:17:48 27.09.2021	Railway, Danapur. Note : Any corrigendum if	hrs. on 22.09.2021. Date and time for opening of tender - After 12.00 hrs, on	English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website		'	Notice board of Electric Loco	'
(1:12) in UP/DN line = 5 nos. (ii) SEJ (60 kg)	04 04214711 Air brake hose coupling 18286 Nos 18.08.21/15:20:18 27.09.2021	required will be uploaded on above website before 14 days.	22.09.2021. 5. Website particulars & Notice	http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days		I Electrical Engineer/TRS t Central Railway, Gomoh	Sr. Divisional Electrical East Central Ra	
in UP line = 01 no. (3) BJU–SPJ–MFP–HJP Section : (i) TTR (CS+CMSC) = 09 Set &	05 03215008 3-phase asynchronous 2 Nos 10.08.21/22:22:38 27.09.2021 traction motor	DSTE/ECR/Danapur PR/0710/DNR/S&T/T/21-22/36	Board Location where complete details (Notice and tender documents) of tender	before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in response to			PR/0704/DHN/ETRS	
(ii) Renewal of SEJ = 5 set. (4) (i) TFR on UP	06 04214598A Narrow jaw adapter 7978 Nos 19.08.21/13:38:29 04.10.2021		can be seen : Website particulars -	this E-tender. CAO/Con/North/		Government of	of Rajasthan	
line from 74.51–80.92, 81.905– 82.375, Total = 6.88 Km. & on DN line from Km.	07 04215021 Bolster for BVCM wagon 400 Nos 19.08.21/13:08:03 04.10.2021	"IMPORTANT"	www.ireps.gov.in. Notice Board Locations - Office of the Sr. Divnl. Comml. Manager,	ECR/Mahendrughat, Patna		Directorate Med		
54.73-55.754 & 55.764- 60.733 (Total -	08 04214661 L-type Non-asbestos 14185 Nos 23.08.21/13:30:30 04.10.2021	Whilst care is taken prior to	East Central Railway, Danapur.	PR/0714/CON/Engg./T/21-22/40		ChikitsaShikshaBhawar Email ID: r.mes@		
5.996 km) (Grand total (TFR) = 12.873 km. (5) CTR (S) of existing 52kg/72 UTS rails on		acceptance of advertising	Divisional Railway Manager (Comml.)/ ECR/Danapur		No. F7(100)/Rajmes/Acad./PMC/202	20/4/2285 Dated	19-08-2021
CST -9/ST sleeper with SH 52 kg/90UTS rail	09 04215006 Lock bolt with collar 100 sets 19.08.21/12:54:36 20.09.2021 10 06218839 Lead acid low 1349 Nos 23.08.21/13:30:55 11.10.2021	copy, it is not possible to verify its contents. The Indian	PR/0712/DNR/Comml./T/21-22/44		E-Tondors a	BID Invitation Notion re invited for "Project Mana		n Consultant
& PSC & 1540 nos./km DSS goods siding =	maintenance	Express (P) Limited cannot be			for Construc	tion Supervision of Medica	I Colleges in Rajasthan"	from eligible
0.300 km. (6) TRR(S) of existing 52kg/72UTS rails on goods siding = 0.630	11 06205136 Block proving by Axle 215 Sets 26.08.21/15:33:46 27.09.2021	held responsible for such	Office of The Addition	nal Objet Engineer		ne details of E-Tender .rajasthan.gov.in, http://s		
km. (7) SPJ-MFP Section (UP) – casual	Counter	contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of	Office of The Addition PHED, Regi		line.org.			in marpho
renewal of sleepers (P) in UP line. (Total -1.15 km) (8) TFR from KM 69.00-73.546,	Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS -	transactions with companies,	Notice Inviting Bio		S. No.	THE SCHEDULE IS Schedule		Time
75.00–80.75 on UP line in SPJ (Ex)-MFP	www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and	associations or individuals	Bids for "Work of reorganisation of B			ument Download start Date	20-08-2021	Time 09:30 AM
section (Total = 10.30 KM) (9) BJU-SPJ(ex) Section : TBR from km. 28.775-31.625	detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal.	advertising in its newspapers or Publications. We therefore	scheme in District, Bundi under JJM" an 19.09.2021, 18.00 Hours. Other particu			Bid Meeting	31-08-2021	12:00 PM
(Total = 2.850 km). Approx Cost (In ₹) : ₹	PR/0711/HQ/Store/T/21-22/80 Principal Chief Material Manager/ECR/Hajipur	recommend that readers	http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in,	http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, and		ument Upload start Date	02-09-2021 nd Date 12-09-2021	09:30 AM 06:00 PM
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Children gained more weight than normal in pandemic

YOUNG CHILDREN, especially those tronic health records of 1,91,509 membelonging to the age group 5-11 years, gained excess weight during the pandemic, according to a study published in the Journal of the

American Medical Association. "When we compared the weight gain among children from 2019 to

2020, we found that PAPER there was more weight gained during the pandemic for youths of all ages," Corinna Koebnick. NEW RESEARCH the senior author of this

study, of the Kaiser

bers of Kaiser Permanente, belonging to the age group 5-17 years, from March 1, 2019, to January 31, 2021.

Those age 5-11 years gained 5.07 pounds more during Covid-19 than during the same time period before Covid-19, while those aged 12-15 and 16-17 gained an excess of 5.1 pounds and 2.26 pounds over the prior year, respectively. Among 5-to-11-

year-olds, this weight gain resulted in almost 9% Permanente Southern California's more children becoming overweight

or obese compared to 5% in those aged

SIMPLY PUT Hurriyat at a crossroads

The Hurrivat Conference, the political platform of separatists in Kashmir, is getting increasingly marginalised, with the Centre cracking down on its leaders and considering a ban on both factions.

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29

AFTER BANNING the Jamat-e-Islami and the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), there have been reports that the Centre is considering a ban on both factions of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference. What does the Hurriyat Conference stand for, and what is its relevance?

The beginnings

In the winter of 1992, when militancy was at its peak in Kashmir, the separatists felt the need for a political platform that would complement the militant movement and seek a resolution of the Kashmir issue. This led to the formation of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), an amalgam of separatist political outfits.

On July 31, 1993, several separatist political, social and religious parties - with disparate ideologies but united by a common view that Kashmir is under "illegal occupation" - stitched together the alliance after seven months of deliberation.

The idea was first discussed on December 27, 1992 at a meeting called by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, then 19, who had taken over as Kashmir's head priest (Mirwaiz) and the chairman of Awami Action Committee after the assassination of his father Mirwaiz Mohammad Faroog on May 21, 1990. When the alliance took shape, Mirwaiz was its first chairman.

The Hurriyat's constitution describes it as a union of political, social and religious parties of J&K, to wage a "peaceful struggle" for resolution of the Kashmir dispute, according to UN resolutions or through tripartite talks - among India, Pakistan and the people of Kashmir.

The Hurriyat essentially was an extension of a poll alliance formed six years earlier. In the 1987 Assembly elections, several social, religious and political parties had joined hands under the banner of Muslim United Front (MUF) to oppose the National Conference-Congress combine. The elections, widely seen as rigged, sowed the seeds of a civilian and militant movement against what was perceived as New Delhi's rule in Kashmir.

The structure

The Hurrivat had a two-tier structure: an executive council of seven members, and a general council of close to two dozen members. The Hurrivat constitution didn't allow



Then chairman of the hardline Hurrivat faction Syed Ali Shah Geelani (centre), moderate faction head Mirwaiz Umar Farooq (right), and Yasin Malik (left) after a meeting in Srinagar in 2016. Express Archive

any change in the executive council but permitted increasing or decreasing the numbers in the general council.

The executive council was represented by Jamat-e-Islami, a socio-religious outfit that supported Kashmir's integration with Pakistan; Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, a pro-Independence militant outfit that declared a unilateral ceasefire in 1994 to work for peaceful solution; People's Conference, a political party founded by Abdul Gani Lone who was assassinated by militants in 2002; Mirwaiz Umar Farooq's Awami Action Committee; Ittehadul Muslimeen of Shia cleric Abbas Ansari; People's League led by Sheikh Abdul Aziz who was killed when police fired on protestors marching towards Muzaffarabad in 2008: and Muslim Conference of Prof Abdul Gani Bhat, a professor who was terminated from service by the J&K government for "constituting a threat to the security of the state".

The general council included trade bodies, students' associations, and social and religious groups. Its numbers kept changing.

The split

From 1993 until 1996, the Hurriyat was the dominant political force in Kashmir with mainstream political leaders having withdrawn. While the National Conference returned to the political scene during the 1996 Assembly elections, the Hurrivat stayed afloat with backing from Pakistan.

After over a decade, the alliance started crumbling within, struggling to keep its flock together with its disparate ideologies, from moderates like Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Abdul Gani Lone to hardliners like Syed Ali Geelani and Masarat Alam. Their differences over future strategy, role of militancy, and dialogue with New Delhi, were out in the open.

The 2002 Assembly elections led to a split. The hardline group led by Syed Ali Shah Geelani accused Sajad Lone, representing People's Conference after his father's assassination, of fielding proxy candidates in the elections. The Geelani group demanded Lone's expulsion, but then Hurriyat chairman Abbas Ansari refused. In a meeting at Geelani's home on September 7, 2003, the

hardliners removed Ansari as Hurriyat chief and announced Masarat Alam as interim chairman. The Hurriyat split into Mirwaiz and Geelani camps.

The J&K Liberation Front led by Yasin Malik parted ways with both factions.

Moderates-Centre talks

The Mirwaiz camp was in favour of dialogue with New Delhi while the Geelani group set a precondition that New Delhi first accept Kashmir as a disputed territory.

Immediately after the split, the Mirwaiz group opened the channels of dialogue with the Centre. On January 22, 2004, then Deputy PM L K Advani hosted a Hurriyat delegation – Abbas Ansari, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Abdul Gani Bhat, Bilal Lone and Fazal Haq Qureshi – at his office in North Block. Both sides decided to meet again. The second round was held in New Delhi on March 27 that year.

Talks continued with the subsequent government. On September 6, 2005, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh met with Hurriyat moderates led by Mirwaiz. The next round was on May 4, 2006, and the two sides agreed to evolve a mechanism to continue dialogue for resolution of the Kashmir issue.

With the Centre's backing, the Mirwaiz faction and Mohd Yasin Malik also travelled to Pakistan on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus to meet the leadership in Pakistan.

The rise of Geelani

The moderates' perceived closeness to New Delhi and the absence of any outcome from the dialogue bolstered the Geelani-led hardliners. On April 12, 2016, six leaders including Shabir Ahmad Shah, Nayeem Ahmad Khan and Aga Hassan Budgami parted ways with Mirwaiz and joined Geelani.

The current disarray

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) raids on Hurrivat leaders in 2018 put both factions on the backfoot.

On June 30 last year, Geelani sprang a surprise when he dissociated himself from his faction of the Hurriyat, leaving the reins to his deputy Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai who died in custody in Jammu jail earlier this year.

The NIA raids, the ban of Jamat-e-Islami, and the arrest of most of the top and second-rung leadership of both factions, before the abrogation of J&K's special status on August 5, 2019, have left the Hurriyat in disarray.

What's new in renovated Jallianwala Bagh

Department of Research & Evaluation, was quoted as saying in the press release issued by Kaiser Permanente.

Kaiser Permanente is a healthcare consortium based in Portland, California.

The researchers analysed the elec-

12-15 years and 3% in those aged 16-17. Most of the increase among those 5-11 and 12-15 years old was due to an increase in obesity.

Source: Kaiser Permanente



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DIVYAA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

ON SATURDAY evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - also the chairperson of the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial Trust - inaugurated the renovated Jallianwala Bagh complex, which had been shut since February 2019 for an extensive makeover by the Ministry of Culture. The monument had looked nondescript on the 1-km stretch of Heritage Street in Amritsar, which draws an average 10,000 visitors a day, most of them to pay obeisance at the Golden Temple.

A look at what has changed in the makeover, and what has been added:

What's changed

Approximately Rs 20 crore was earmarked for restoration and conservation, implemented by the government-owned NBCC Ltd. Facilities such as toilets, ticketing counters and drinking water have been added. The



Visitors at Iallianwala Bagh on Sunday. after the reopening. Rana Simranjit Singh

entry and exit points have been repositioned, and a lotus pond has been built around the main memorial. The 'Shahidi Khu' or Martyrs Well, into which hundreds of people jumped to escape bullets, is now enclosed in a glass shield – a decision criticised by some since it is perceived as restricting the view.

A 28-minute sound-and-light show that re-enacts the events of April 13, 1919, is being shown free every evening. A Salvation Ground has been built for visitors to sit in silence to honour the victims of the massacre. Several new sculptures of victims have come up on the high walls of the narrow lane through which visitors enter.

Four new galleries have been created through adaptive reuse of underutilised buildings to showcase the historical significance of events in Punjab, including the freedom movement and the Gadar movement. It also has a sculpture of Guru Nanak Dev. Sikh warrior Banda Singh Bahadur, and a statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

Politics of nationalism

Last week, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh had inaugurated the Jallianwala Bagh Centenary Memorial Park, a second memorial as "a tribute to the unknown martyrs" of the massacre, saying the member the martyrs who were identified. The second memorial has been built over 1.5 acres, almost 3 km from the site. The CM, a trustee of Jallianwala Bagh, also attended the Centre's event, where he urged the PM to bring back the personal effects of Shaheed Udham Singh from the UK.

memorial at the original site was bu

With families of the massacre victims present, the PM spoke about how, to mark 75 years of 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. Modi listed 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 between Punjab and some countries, interconnectivity of places relating to the Sikh Gurus, and development of the Anandpur Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib, Ferozepur, Amritsar, Khatkar Kalan, Kalanour and Patiala heritage circuit.

Militancy in Assam's Dima Hasao: in the 1990s, 2000s, and now

TORAAGARWALA GUWAHATI, AUGUST 29

ON THURSDAY, a suspected militant attack left five truckers dead in Assam's Dima Hasao hill district. As per reports, a convoy of about seven trucks - carrying clinker and coal from a factory – were fired upon, and then set ablaze. According to police, intelligence inputs suggest that an outfit called the Dimasa National Liberation Army (DNLA) was behind the attack.

What is the DNLA?

It is a new insurgent group, formed in 2019. It has not claimed responsibility for the attack. When it was formed, it had said in a release that it was "committed to revamp the national struggle and fight for the liberation of a sovereign, independent Dimasa Nation".

Special DGP(Law & Order) G P Singh said the group was "another one in a series of militant organisations in North Cachar Hills (Dima Hasao) district claiming to represent interest of Dimasa people".

The group runs on extortion and taxation.

"It draws its support and sustenance from the NSCN(IM) [of Nagaland]," said Singh. The trucks attacked on Thursday were travelling from a cement factory, owned by a subsidiary of the Dalmia Group. According to Singh, the attack was aimed at "sending a message" to the Dalmia Group in particular, and other industries, to extort money.

Who are the Dimasas?

The Dimasa-Kacharis (or Dimasas) now live in Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong, Cachar, Hojai and Nagaon districts of central and southern Assam, as well as parts of Nagaland. Edward Gait, in his book A History of

Assam, describes the Dimasa-Kacharis as "aborigines" or the "earliest known inhabitants of the Brahmaputra Valley".

Prior to Ahom rule, the Dimasa kings ruled large parts of Assam along the south bank of the Brahmaputra between the 13th and 16th centuries.

"It was a powerful kingdom and had almost all of the southern belt of Brahmaputra under its control in the 16th century," said Uttam Bathari, Associate Professor of History at Gauhati University.



One of the trucks attacked by the new militant group on Thursday. Express

What is the history of militancy here?

The hill districts of Assam - Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao (earlier North Cachar Hills) - have had a long history of insurgency that peaked in the mid-1990s, and was rooted in a core demand of statehood. Both districts are now protected under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, that allows for greater political autonomy and decentralised governance in certain tribal areas of the Northeast. They are run by the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council respectively.

In Dima Hasao, the demand for statehood began in the 1960s, along with other tribal sections of undivided Assam. While new states such as Meghalaya were carved out, Karbi Anglong and North Cachar remained with Assam on a promise of more power by the then Congress government, including implementation of Article 244(A), which allows for an 'autonomous state' within Assam in sone tribal areas. This was never implemented.

A demand for a separate state, 'Dimaraji', gathered steam, and led to the formation of the militant Dimasa National Security Force in 1991. It surrendered in 1995, but its commander-in-chief, Jewel Gorlosa, broke away and formed the Dima Halam Daogah. After this group began talks with the government in 2003, Gorlosa broke away again and formed the Dima Halam Daogah (Jewel), with an armed wing called Black Widow. Bathari said these groups were "quite strong" in the 1990s-2000s and had "a popular support base". "There was a lot of violence, killing, and extortion," he said.

Gorlosa was arrested in 2009, signed a ceasefire agreement in 2012, and joined mainstream politics. In 2017, an NIA court convicted him and 14 others for diverting government funds to insurgent groups for terror activities between 2006 and 2009.

A senior journalist from Dima Hasao, who wished to remain anonymous, said the area was a hotbed of insurgency in 1994-95 and again in 2003-2009, but has been largely peaceful in the last decade.

What about the DNLA?

The journalist said the group was "not a big organisation". "However, they have tried to be active in the last year or so," he said. There have been extortion attempts, and firing incidents - but none as big as what happened on Thursday.'

Special DGP Singh said the group, when formed, had a strength of about 20-25. In May, a police operation led to the death of six of its top cadres. "Current strength is about 12-15," said Singh.

In Bathari's assessment, the group's main demand is the formation of the pre-colonial Dimasa state so that they can be brought under one political unit. "If you see the couple of videos the group has put on social media, it is clear that they are playing on the sentiment of the pre-colonial Dimasa state," said Bathari. Added to it is a feeling of neglect. "If you travel to interior areas, it is evident that they live in poor conditions – bad roads, no connectivity, and few schools," said Bathari.

What is the significance of the attack?

It comes at a time when the government has been making efforts to bring militant groups to the mainstream. As per government data, 3,439 militants have surrendered since 2016, when the BJP first came to power. Also, when the Bodo Peace Accord was signed in January 2020, all factions of the militant group NDFB gave up arms.

"This [the attack] comes at a time when tourism and development was gaining momentum in Dima Hasao," said the journalist.

Special DGP Singh said: "Now we have to neutralise them [DNLA] on an urgent basis."

BJP spokesperson Pijush Hazarika said the government would take "all steps at the strictest level to bring them to book".

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"I have three alternatives for my future: being arrested, killed or victory (in the presidential election)" - JAIR BOLSONARO, the Brazilian President, said in remarks to a meeting of evangelical leaders ahead of the 2022 election.

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A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched from **Kennedy Space Center** on Friday. AP

USA

SpaceX takes ants, avocados to space station

A SPACEX shipment of ants, avocados and a humansized robotic arm rocketed toward the International Space Station on Sunday. The delivery – due to arrive Monday—is the company's 23rd for NASA in just under a decade. A recycled Falcon rocket blasted into the predawn sky from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. The Dragon is carrying more than 2,170 kg of supplies and experiments, and fresh food including avocados, lemons and even ice cream for the space station's seven astronauts. The Girl Scouts are sending up ants, brine shrimp and plants as test subjects, while University of Wisconsin-Madison is flying up seeds from a small flowering weed. AP

IRAO

Macron visits Iragi city destroyed by war

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron on Sunday visited Iraq's northern city of Mosul, which suffered widespread destruction during the war to defeat the Islamic State group in 2017. Macron began his visit to Mosul by touring the Our Lady of the Hour Church, a Catholic church that was badly damaged during the rule of IS that lasted from 2014 until the extremists' defeat three years later. Iraqi children dressed in white and waving Iragi and French

AMERICAN MILITARY WINDS DOWN EVACUATION FROM AFGHAN CAPITAL US says drone kills IS suicide bombers before they could attack Kabul airport

Rocket strike near airport kills child

AP& REUTERS KABUL, AUGUST 29

A US drone strike Sunday struck a

about the incident, as well as a rocket that struck a neighbourhood just northwest of the airport, killing a child. The Taliban strikes as separate incidents, though information on both remained scarce and witnesses heard only one large blast Sunday in the Afghan capital.

winds down a historic airlift that saw tens of thousands evacuated from Kabul's international airport, the scene of much of the chaos that engulfed the Afghan capital since the Taliban took over two weeks ago. After an Islamic State affiliate's suicide attack that killed over 180 people, the Taliban increased its security around the airfield as Britain ended its evacuation flights Saturday.

tinued their runs into the airport Sunday, ahead of a Tuesday deadline earlier set by President loe Biden to withdraw all troops from America's longest war. Two American military offi-

cials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military operations, called the airstrike successful and said the vehicle carried multiple bombers.

initially described the two

US military cargo planes con-

Countries say will accept Afghans after August 31

THE US and 97 other countries

said they would continue to

take in people fleeing

Afghanistan after the

American military departs on

Aug 31 and had secured an

agreement with the Taliban to

allow safe passage for those

who are leaving. The Taliban's

chief negotiator, Sher

Mohammed Abas Stanekzai,

had announced on Friday that

the group would not stop peo-

ple from departing, no matter

their nationality or whether

they had worked for the US

during the 20-year war. The

vehicle carrying "multiple suicide bombers" from Afghanistan's Islamic State affiliate before they could target the ongoing military evacuation at Kabul's international airport, American officials said. There were few initial details

The airstrike came as the US

joint statement was released on Sunday on behalf of more than half of the world's governments and NATO. NYT Capt Bill Urban, a spokesman for the US military's Central Command, called the drone strike an action taken in "self-defence."

He said authorities continued "assessing the possibilities of civilian casualties, though we have no indications at this time. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah

Mujahid earlier said in a message to journalists that the US strike targeted a suicide bomber as he drove a vehicle loaded with explosives.

Biden headed on Sunday to Dover Air Force Base to honour members of the US military killed in Thursday's attack as their remains were returned to the US.



US President Joe Biden, First Lady Jill Biden and Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin during the transfer of remains at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Sunday for the 13 members of the US military who were killed in a bombing last week in Afghanistan. NYT

Taliban kill Afghan folk singer in restive province, says family

KATHY GANNON, TAMEEM AKHGAR & JON GAMBRELL KABUL, AUGUST 29

A TALIBAN fighter shot dead an Afghan folk singer in a restive mountain province under unclear circumstances, his family said Sunday. The killing reignited concerns among activists that the insurgents would return to their oppressive rule in the country after their military blitz top-

pled the government. The slaying of Fawad Andarabi comes as the United States winds down a historic air-

lift that saw tens of thousands evacuated from Kabul's international airport, the scene of much of the chaos that engulfed the Afghan capital since the Taliban took over two weeks ago.

The shooting Friday of the folk singer came in the Andarabi

Valley for which he was named, an area of Baghlan province some 100 km north of Kabul. The valley had seen upheaval since the Taliban takeover, with some districts in the area coming under the control of militia fighters opposed to the Taliban rule.

The Taliban say they have since retaken those areas, though neighbouring Panjshir in the

Hindu Kush mountains remains the only one of Afghanistan's 34 provinces not under its control.

The Taliban previously came out to Andarabi's home and searched it, even drinking tea with the musician, his son Jawad Andarabi said. But something changed Friday.

"He was innocent, a singer who only was entertaining people." his son said. "They shot him in the head on the farm." His son said he wanted justice and that a local Taliban council promised to punish his father's killer.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said they would investi-AP gate the incident.

Ex-UK Marine

With wind speeds topping 230 kph, Hurricane Ida makes landfall in Louisiana

KEVIN MCGILL & JAY REEVES NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST 29

HURRICANE IDA blasted ashore along the Louisiana coast on Sunday, with the eye of one of the most powerful storms ever to hit the US arriving near the

barrier island of Grand Isle. The powerful Category 4 storm made landfall on the same date Hurricane Katrina ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi 16 years earlier, about 64 kilometres west of where Category 3 Katrina first struck land.

Arriving with a barometric pressure of 930 millibars, Ida oes down as tied for the fifth strongest hurricane to make landfall in the United States based on wind speed.

Ida rapidly intensified overnight as it moved through some of the warmest ocean water in the world in the northern Gulf of Mexico, its top winds grew by 72 kph to 230 kph in five hours.

Hurricane force winds started to strike Grand Isle on Sunday morning. Before power was lost on the Louisiana barrier island, a beachfront web camera showed the ocean steadily rising as growing waves churned and palm trees whipped. More than 100,000 customers had lost power in Louisiana by noon and were without electricity, according to PowerOutage.US, which

tracks outages nationwide.

years ago. A Category 4 storm, Ida is much more powerful than the Category 3 Katrina, which had wreaked havoc in the state leading to as many as 1.833 deaths. However, the mas-

Stronger

Katrina

HURRICANE IDA has made

landfall in Louisiana on the

Hurricane Katrina did so 16

same date on which

storm than

sive toll taken by Katrina was seen as the result of an inadequate levee system, which experts now are hoping is much better equipped to handle a hurricane. But the intensity, size and direction of Hurricane Ida could result in it becoming a massive natural disaster, experts say.

> intensification from a few thunderstorms to massive hurricane over three days left no time to organize a mandatory evacuation of its 390,000 resi-

dents. Mayor LaToya Cantrell urged residents to leave voluntarily. Those who stayed were warned to prepare for long power outages amid sweltering heat.

Nick Mosca was walking his dog, like most of those who

were out Sunday morning.

Wind tore at awnings and water began spilling out of Lake Ponchartrain in New Orleans. Officials there said Ida's swift



Veteran Afghan strongmen to form new front for holding negotiations with Taliban

Afghans say Taliban's enemies starting to disappear

DEVJYOT GHOSHAL AUGUST 29

CARLOTTA GALL

AS AMERICAN troops rush to

complete their withdrawal by US

President Joe Biden's Tuesday

deadline, many Afghans are

afraid that reprisals from the

country's new rulers will soon

control of Kabul two weeks ago,

the invading units made a bee-

line for two critical targets: the

headquarters of the National

Security Directorate and the

Ministry of Communications.

When Taliban fighters seized

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follow.

A BAND of veteran Afghan leaders, including two regional strongmen, are angling for talks with the Taliban and plan to meet

within weeks to form a new front Veteran ethnic Uzbek leader for holding negotiations on the **Abdul Rashid Dostum**



27, told Reuters in an interview from an undisclosed location.

"So, it is important for the entire political community of the country to be involved, especially the traditional leaders, those with power, with public

entity to rule Afghanistan for support," Noor said. long without consensus be-Atta Noor and Dostum, vetertween the country's patchwork ns of four decades of conflict in of ethnicities, most analysts say.

leaves Kabul with dogs, cats but no local staff However, the backroom discussions are a sign of the country's traditional strongmen coming back to life after the Taliban's

JILL LAWLESS LONDON, AUGUST 29 It will be a challenge for any

A FORMER UK Royal Marine who waged a high-profile campaign to leave Afghanistan with almost 200 rescued dogs and cats has flown to safety – with the animals, but without his charity's Afghan staff, who were left behind in Kabul.



sang flags upon AP Macron's arrival.

CONGO

Suspected militants kill 19 in eastern village SUSPECTED ISLAMIST

militants killed at least 19 people in a raid on a village in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, local authorities said. The attackers looted houses and started fires in Kasanzi-Kithovo near Virunga National Park in North Kivu province overnight between Friday and Saturday, they said. "I don't know where to go with my two children," villager Kahindo Lembula, who lost four of her relatives in the attack, told Reuters by phone. "Only God will help us." REUTERS

country's next government, a member of a group said.

Rashid Dostum and others op-Khalid Noor, son of Atta Mohammad Noor, the onceposed to the Taliban's takeover. "We prefer to negotiate colpowerful governor of northern Afghanistan's Balkh province,

lectively, because it is not that the problem of Afghanistan will be said the group comprised of veteran ethnic Uzbek leader Abdul solved just by one of us," Noor,

Taliban fighters in Kabul. NYT

Their aim – recounted by two

Afghan officials who had been

briefed separately on the raid -

was to secure the files of intelli-

gence officers and their informers.

and to obtain the means of track-

ing the telephone numbers of

Afghanistan, both fled the country when the northern city of Mazari Sharif fell to the Taliban, the hardline Islamist group, without a fight.

Afghan citizens. That could be dis-

astrous for hundreds of thousands

of people who had been working

leadership has presented a mod-

erate face, promising amnesty to

government security forces who

lay down their arms. They have

even written letters of guarantee

that they will not be pursued, al-

though reserving the right to pros-

A Taliban spokesman, Suhail

Shaheen, said in a Twitter post in

English that there was no settling

of scores. Nor, he said, was there a

hit list with which the Taliban

ecute serious crimes.

So far, the Taliban's political

to counter the Taliban threat.

The US-backed government and military folded elsewhere as the Taliban swept into Kabul on August 15.

"The Taliban at this point are very, very arrogant, because they just won militarily. But what we assume(is)that they know the risk of ruling the way they did before," Noor said, referring to the previous Taliban regime's exclusion of minority ethnic groups. **REUTERS**

were conducting door-to-door

searches, as has been rumored.

of detentions, disappearances

and even executions at the

hands of the Taliban, in what

some current and former gov-

ernment officials describe as a

covert pursuit of the militants'

enemies. The scale of the cam-

paign is uncertain because it is

ground," said one former leg-

islator, who was in hiding else-

where when the Taliban

visited his home in the middle

NYT

of the night.

"It's very much under-

being conducted covertly.

Yet there are growing reports

stunning military campaign.

A privately funded chartered plane carrying Paul "Pen" Farthing and his animals took off from Kabul late Saturday after a saga that gripped and divided Britain, raising difficult questions about the relative value placed on human and animal lives.

Animal welfare campaigner Dominic Dyer, who has acted as a UK-based spokesman for Farthing, said the plane was due to land at London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday.

Farthing, who started the Nowzad charity after serving with British forces in Afghanistan 15 years ago, was eligible for evacuation in Britain's military airlift along with Afghan members of his staff and their dependents. But he refused to leave without the animals.

Dyer said Taliban guards would not let the Afghan staff enter the airport, even though they had the required papers. AP In New Orleans ahead of the approaching Hurricane Ida on Sunday. AP

UK public moves on from virus curbs even as cases rise

MARK LANDLER & **STEPHEN CASTLE** LONDON, AUGUST 29

NEARLY 60,000 football fans packed London's Emirates Stadium last Sunday to watch Chelsea outplay Arsenal. Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, Cinderella, made its glittering debut in the West End after several Covid-related delays. On the subway, where masks are still mandatory, half the riders go barefaced.

All this at a time when Britain

is reporting more than 30,000

new coronavirus cases a day, hos-

pitals are coming under renewed

strain, and preliminary data

shows that the protection pro-

vided by vaccines ebbs several

of Britain's pandemic: The pub-

lic has moved on, even if the virus

has not. Given that Britain has

been at the vanguard of so many

coronavirus developments from incubating variants to

rolling out vaccines – experts sav

this could be a glimpse into the

we have these really high infec-

tion rates." said Tim Spector. a

professor of genetic epidemiol-

ogy at King's College London,

who has been leading a major

study on Covid-19 symptoms.

"It looks like we're just accept-

ing it now – that this is the

may stem from the fact that

Britain's case rate, while high,

Some of that equanimity

price of freedom."

"We don't seem to care that

future for other countries.

Such is the strange new phase

months after the second dose.



Britain is now reporting more than 30.000 new coronavirus cases a day. Reuters

has not vet risen anywhere near the level that government officials predicted when they lifted virtually all Covid restrictions last month. Some may be because of the weaker link between cases and severe illness. And some of it may simply reflect fatigue, after 17 months of baleful headlines and stifling lockdowns.

"There's a feeling that finally we can breathe: we can start trying to get back what we've lost," said Devi Sridhar, the head of the global public health program at the University of Edinburgh. "It's really difficult to ask people not to mix for a prolonged period, especially if nere is no solution."

With nearly 80 per cent of the adult population fully vaccinated and the virus still circulating widely, Professor Sridhar said, Britain may be a model for other European countries and the United States of "whether you can manage Covid in a sustainable way". The evidence, she added, was inconclusive because Britain still faces critical challenges, like the reopening of schools on Wednesday. NYT

At least 30 killed in Houthi Israel strikes Hamas targets in strikes on Yemen military base Gaza after border protests

REUTERS

ADEN, AUGUST 29

AT LEAST 30 soldiers were killed and 60 wounded on Sunday in Houthi strikes on a military base belonging to forces of the Saudiled coalition in southwest Yemen, a spokesman for the southern forces and medical sources said.

The Houthis have carried out several attacks using armed drones and ballistic missiles on the al-Anad military base, Yemeni southern forces spokesman Mohamed al-Nageeb said.

Naqeeb said that between 30 to 40 soldiers were killed and at least 60 wounded, adding the death toll may still rise as rescuers were still clearing the scene. The southern forces are part of the Saudi-led coalition.

Two medical sources said several bodies had arrived at Lahj province's main hospital along with another 16 wounded people. It was unclear if civilians were among the casualties.

Residents said that several loud blasts were heard in the al-Anad area, which is located at some 70 km north of the southern port city of Aden. Several other residents from the disputed cen-

tral city of Taiz said they heard ballistic missiles fired from launchers positioned in the Houthi-held eastern suburbs of the city. The war started in 2014 when the Houthis invaded Sanaa and

ousted the government of Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi. A coalition

led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates intervened in March 2015 to restore Hadi to power but the ensuing conflict. now stalemated, has killed tens of thousands and caused the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The attacks came at a time when peace talks between the Saudi-led coalition and the Houthis, and backed by the United Nations and the United States, have stalled after both sides failed to reach a compromise deal.

The talks are focused on steps to lift a blockade on Houthi-held ports and Sanaa airport in return for a promise from the Iranaligned group for truce talks.

ASSOCIATED PRESS JERUSALEM, AUGUST 29

ISRAELI PLANES struck Hamas militant targets in the Gaza Strip Sunday, hours after violent clashes between Palestinian protesters and troops along the border.

The Israeli military said that planes bombed a Hamas militant facility in the Gaza Strip in response to the launching of incendiary balloons into southern Israel and violent protests staged for a second consecutive week.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett spoke to reporters in Washington before he boarded a flight to Israel, wrapping up a state visit that culminated with a



Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett

face-to-face meeting with President Joe Biden. It was the first since Bennett took office in June. "We will operate in Gaza according to our interests," he said in Hebrew on the tarmac.

the objectives for the trip" to Washington, including strategic cooperation in preventing Iran

from obtaining nuclear weapons.

On Saturday, hundreds of Hamas-backed activists staged a nighttime protest along the Israeli border, throwing explosives toward Israeli forces who responded with live fire. Gaza health officials said three people were injured by Israeli fire. Additional protests were planned through the week.

Organisers said the protests are meant to increase pressure on Israel to lift its blockade of the Palestinian territory. Israel and Egypt have maintained the blockade since Hamas, a group sworn to Israel's destruction, seized control of Gaza in a 2007 coup after winning Palestinian elections. Israel and Hamas have fought four wars since, the most recent in May.



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SECTOR WATCH ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

3D manufacturing of electronic gear may get its own **PLI-like scheme**

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THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology may soon come out with a production-linked incentive (PLI) kind of scheme for additive manufacturing of electronic components, sources said.

In meetings held over the last month, the IT Ministry had reached out to electronics component makers to understand their requirement so that a suitable policy could be designed accordingly, one of the sources said.

"Specific lightweight products which are used in critical electronic equipment and are very expensive to replace are among the priority items. We are looking at other areas beyond electronic manufacturing for the second phase," a ministry official said.

The Indian Express had in December 2020 reported that the IT Ministry was likely to come out with a policy on additive manufacturing soon. The new policy was aimed at promoting 3D printing on an industrial scale and helping domestic companies "overcome technical and economic barriers" so that they could build supportive and ancillary facilities for world leaders in the technology, such as the US

and China As per a draft of the policy, the Ministry values additive manufacturing or 3D printing industry at \$35.6 billion by 2023. up from a less than \$7 billion in 2017. For the electronic manufacturing component space, the Ministry sees potential for 3D components in wearable devices, soft robots, structural monitoring and building elements and radio frequency identification devices.

3D printing or additive

WHAT IS 3D PRINTING

■ 3D printing or additive manufacturinguses computer-aided designing to make prototypes or working models of objects by laying down successive layers of materials

manufacturing uses computer-aided designing to make prototypes or working models of objects by laying down successive layers of materials such as plastic, resin, thermoplastic, metal, fiber or ceramic. With the help of software, the model to be printed is first developed by the computer, which then gives instructions to the 3D printer. Like the other PLI schemes, the incentives for companies in the 3D or additive manufacturing space would be on achievement of a minimum threshold of cumulative incremental investment and incremental sales of man-

ufactured goods net of taxes. There could, however, be some relaxation for companies in this space as it is a relatively new sector, an official said. "For the electronics manufacturing sector, which is a high

volume production area, the demand and proliferation right now is very low. We plan to encourage companies application areas are smart glass, power electronics, sensors and non-electronic components in electronics such as mobile accessories and give them some incentives beyond PLI as well," the official said. Asia leads the world in 3D printing and about 50 per cent of its market is cornered by China. But, globally, the US leads with over 35 per cent share.

worth Rs 779 crore during the day,

taking the total outflows (exclud-

ing IPOs) to over Rs 48,000 crore

crore in July, Rs 25 crore in June, Rs

6,015 crore in May and Rs 12,039

crore in April. When compared to

this, FPIs had invested Rs 42,044

crore in February this year, Rs

48.223 crore in December 2020

tic stocks shot up.

INTERMEDIARY GUIDELINES AND DIGITAL MEDIA ETHICS CODE SOPs for IT rules: Social media cos may meet Ministry again @RahulGandhi has submitted a

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SOCIAL MEDIA companies across the board are likely to approach the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) once again to expedite the process of putting in place a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, sources in know of the development told The Indian Express

The need for an SOP for the intermediary guidelines was felt once again, following the recent controversy over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's post across social media platforms, wherein he had posted a photo of the parents of a nine-year-old Dalit girl who was allegedly raped. The photo stoked controversy and was subsequently taken down by Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Simultaneously. the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) sent legal notices to the platforms as well as Gandhi.

Though all the three platforms removed Gandhi's tweet and post, they claimed that it was done based on their internal guidelines on posting and not on the notices sent by the NCPCR. "Right now, the NCPCR has no

jurisdiction to send us a legal no-

A significant economic

recovery is on the cards in

2021-22, according to a

poll, conducted among

117 senior CEOs at the

recent meeting of the

Confederation of Indian

Industry National Council.

GDP growth to be over 8%

KEY

About 79% of them expected

EXPLAINE **Need for standard** operating procedures

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tice. They should have either approached us through the grievance officer or got a court order asking us to take down the post. We took down the posts as it violated our policies. There is, however, no SOP and we do not know which agency can send us a takedown notice and which cannot," a senior executive at a social media firm said.

An executive at another social media firm said that as per the Supreme Court's judgment in the Shreya Singhal case, where Section 66A of the IT Act had been struck down, the direction to remove any content from social media can only be if there is a court order, or if a competent authority of the Central government issues such order un-

der Section 69A of the IT Act. "Neither Section 69A nor the blocking rules under IT Act authorise NCPCR to direct intermedi-

aries to remove content. We will challenge its (NCPCR's) jurisdiction in this issue," the executive said. Twitter was the first to lock Gandhi out of his account, allow-

ing him access only to delete the tweet. Though Gandhi had later submitted a consent letter of the parents of the nine-year-old Dalit girl Twitter, Twitter had still not allowed general public access to the tweet and said that it would remain hidden as it is against rules under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

"As part of the appeal process,

image via our India Grievance Channel. The tweet is now withheld in India and the account access has been restored," a spokesperson for the platform had said. Twitter had, subsequently, also blocked access to the Congress party's official Twitter account and several other accounts belonging to its leaders. The platform had then said it had taken "proactive action" on several other tweets, which had posted the same image. "We have taken proactive action on several hundred Tweets

copy of the formal consent/autho-

risation letter to use the referenced

that posted an image that violated our rules, and may continue to do so in line with our range of enforcement options. Certain types of private information carry higher risks than others, and our aim is always to protect individuals' privacy and safety," a spokesperson for the platform had said.

Later, Gandhi's post was removed from Instagram as well as Facebook. In its official response, Facebook had said it had "taken action to remove the content as it was in violation of our policies".

The platform had also said in the case of the nine-year-old girl, her family had pleaded for their safety in court. and, therefore to ensure their safety and dignity, the content had been taken down.

RECOVERY IN CORPORATE PERFORMANCE, WITH TOP- AND BOTTOM-LINE GROWTH EXPECTATIONS TO BE BETTER THAN PRE-COVID: CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CII

half of the current fiscal when compared to the first half of pre-pandemic year 2019-20

33% said their firm's revenue growth will half of current fiscal when compared to the first half of pre-pandemic year 2019-20

51% indicated that Ease of Doing Business was still cumbersome at the grass roots followed by Cost of Doing Business (other than Capital cost) being high, as indicated by 32 per cent of the CEOs HURDLES:

made net equity purchases of

49% of the senior industry leaders polled indicated more than 10 per cent net profit growth during first half of current fiscal when compared to first half of pre-pandemic year 2019-20

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About one third of the CEOs indicated that current capacity Source: is still in excess of demand CII

32% hoped their companies to

register up to 10 per cent

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Amid 'difficulties' in filing, some tax compliance deadlines extended

M-CAP OF 8 MOST VALUED COS JUMPS

New Delhi: Eight of the top-10 most valued companies together added Rs 1,90,032.06 crore in market valuation last week, with Tata Consultancy Services and RIL being the prominent gainers. Last week, the Sensex gained 795.40 points or 1.43 per cent. PTI

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various compliances, including fil-

comes as the new income tax por-

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ched on June 7, has been facing

week "summoned" Infosvs CEO &

MD Salil Parekh to explain the is-

sues resulting in the disruption of

the portal developed by the soft-

ware major. In the meeting with

Parekh on August 23, Finance

Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had

expressed "deep disappoint-

ment" over persisting glitches for

more than two months after the

launch and gave a deadline of

September 15 to Infosys to resolve

tended the deadline for filing the

equalisation levy statement in

Form-1 for the Financial Year

2020-21 till December 31, against

the original due date of June 30.

The quarterly statement in Form

15CC to be furnished by autho-

rised dealers in respect of remit-

tances made for June and

September quarter, can now be

filed by November 30 and

December 31, respectively. The

original due date for filing this

statement was July 15 and

Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said

on consideration of difficulties re-

ported by the taxpayers and other

In a statement, the Central

October 15 respectively.

The tax department has ex-

the issues.

The Finance Ministry had last

glitches since its rollout.

MARKET WATCH

The CBDT in a separate statement also announced extending CITING DIFFICULTIES reported by taxpayers and other stakeholders the deadline for making in electronic filing of certain forms, payments under the the income-tax department on direct tax dispute Sunday extended the deadline for resolution scheme ing of statement for equalisation Vivad Se Vishwas till levy and remittances. The extension of compliance deadlines September 30

> stakeholders in electronic filing of certain forms it has been decided to further extend the due dates for e-filing of these forms.

> The CBDT in a separate statement also announced extending the deadline for making payments under the direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas (VsV) by a month till September 30. However, taxpayers have the option to make payments till October 31, with an additional amount of interest.

Also, the due dates for electronic filing of forms related to intimation by pension funds and sovereign wealth funds, too, have been extended. Intimation to be made by Pension Fund and sovereign wealth fund in respect of investment made in India for the June and September quarter, which is required to be furnished by July 31 and October 31, would now have to be furnished by November 30 and December 31, respectively.

The CBDT also extended the due date for uploading of declarations received in Form 15G/15H for the June and September guarter till November 30 and December 31, respectively. The original due dates were July 15

and October 15, respectively.

Suspension of foreign passenger flights extended till Sept 30

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THE SUSPENSION of scheduled international passenger flights

due to the coronavirus outbreak

September 30, aviation regula-

scheduled flights may be al-

lowed on selected routes by the

competent authority on a case-

senger services have been sus-

pended in India since March 23,

2020 due to the coronavirus

pandemic. But special interna-

tional flights have been operat-

ing under the Vande Bharat

Mission since May 2020 and un-

der bilateral "air bubble"

arrangements with selected

Kuwait City. Economies of East

Asian countries and China remain

affected by COVID-19 and caution

must be exercised, Fares added.US

President Joe Biden's administra-

tion has urged OPEC and its allies to

boost oil output to tackle rising

gasoline prices that it views as a

threat to the global economic re-

dle this issue," Fares said. OPEC+

last year implemented a record

output cut of 10 million bpd,

equating to about 10 per cent of

world demand, when energy de-

Asked about the US call, Fares

countries since July 2020.

Scheduled international pas-

tor DGCA said on Sunday.

to-case basis," it added.

has

been extended till

"However, international

SPECIAL FLIGHTS



BRIEFLY — Market rallies despite FPIs exit: Retail investors step up **FSDC** meeting on Sept 3

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has called a meeting of the Financial Stability and DevelopmentCouncil(FSDC) on September 3 to discuss the state of the financial sector and a strategy to support the nascent recovery of the pandemic-hit economy.

Airtel board okays fundraise

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel's board on Sunday approved raising up to Rs 21,000 crore by way of rights issue, at a price of Rs 535 per share, according to a regulatory filing.

Merchant bankers for LIC IPO

New Delhi: The government has shortlisted 10 merchant bankers, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc., JP Morgan Chase & Co, and ICICI Securities, to manage the mega initial public offering (IPO) of the country's largest life insurer LIC. "Goldman Sachs Group Inc, JPMorgan Chase & Co, ICICI Securities Ltd, Kotak Mahindra Capital Co, JM Financial Ltd, Citigroup Inc and Nomura Holdings Inc are among the 10 BRLMs that have been shortlisted," an official said.

'Carlyle offer for Hexaware'

New Delhi: Private equity giant Baring Asia, which owns the software firm Hexaware Technologies, is set to pick the \$3 billion offer from the Carlyle Group for the company, as per a source. PTI

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI. AUGUST 29 WHILE THE Sensex closed at an all-time high of 56,124.72 on Friday with retail investors going into an overdrive, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) sold stocks



since April this year, as worries over a taper tantrum in the US in-The BSE in Mumbai. File creased and valuations of domes-

and Rs 65,317 crore in November. Even as retail investors tight-Stocks offloaded by FPIs have been ened their grip over the stock markets, data from the exchanges acquired by retail investors and inshow FPIs have taken out Rs 7,652 stitutions with alacrity. crore in August so far, Rs 23,193

Despite the FPI pullout, the Sensex has gained over 6.600 points, or 13.36 per cent, from 49,509 since April 1 this year, aided by sustained flow of funds from retail investors and institutions. In the April-July period, mutual funds

Rs 32,155 crore, as against net sales of Rs 11,140 crore in the same period of last year, reflecting the increased inflows in the funds and heightened interest of retail investors in the equity markets. Domestic institutional institutions have invested Rs 46,940 since April this year. Investments by retail investors through SIP(systematic investment plan) are averaging around Rs 8,000 crore every month. On the other hand, active investor demat accounts rose by 27 lakh in a year to 2.221 crore as of July 2021.

The market rally is now being led by domestic retail investors amply supported by domestic institutions and mutual funds amid hopes that the Covid-hit economy will rebound in the coming quarters as vaccination has picked up and the number of infections has fallen from May highs. "Even though FPIs represent

market movers in India. At least for now, retail investors have emerged as market movers and DIIs also are playing a supportive role. We don't know how long this retail exuberance will last. Present valuations do not offer any margin of safety," said VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist, Geojit Financial Services. Perhaps this is the reason why FPIs have been consistent sellers in the cash market for many days now. At the same time, they don't want to lose momentum in the market since India is, by far, the outperformer in emerging markets. Suman Chowdhury, chief an-

'smart money' they are no longer

alytical officer, Acuite Ratings & Research, said FPI sales can be attributed largely to increased concerns on the taper down of bond purchases by the US Fed which are expected to commence by the end of the calendar year and normalise the excess liquidity in the global asset markets. However, the markets have been relatively stable due to steady purchases by DIIs and domestic retail investors as the accommodative policy stance of the RBI has ensured ample liquidity in the system.

US Fed chair Jerome Powell made clear some important points that gave investors the comfort they craved at the virtual Jackson Hole event. He indicated that tapering and interest rates are not linked, which is very important if the Fed wants to avoid a mini taper tantrum when they do pull the trigger in the coming months. The message from Powell was that the plan is still to taper this year.

"The result season is over with better-than-expected delivery and vaccination drive going on in full swing. However, the sharp outperformance in the past 18 months led to concerns on valuations," said Siddhartha Khemka, head-retail research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Delhi airport. File

Special international flights have been operating under the Vande Bharat Mission since May 2020 and under bilateral "air bubble" arrangements with selected countries since July 2020.

ated by their airlines between their territories.

India has formed air-bubble The circular issued by the pacts with around 28 countries, Directorate General of Civil including the US, the UK, the Aviation (DGCA) also said the suspension does not affect the UAE, Kenya, Bhutan and France. Under an air-bubble pact beoperations of international alltween two countries, special incargo services and flights specifternational flights can be operically approved by it.

'AI asks US court to dismiss Cairn petition'

New Delhi: Air India has asked a New York court to dismiss a petition filed by Britain's Cairn Energy for seizure of its assets to enforce \$1.2 billion arbitral awards against the Indian government, saying the litigation was premature as an appeal against the arbitration award was still pending.

The petition by the airline, which is separate to the government's plea in a Washington court seeking dismissal of Cairn's lawsuit to seek confirmation of the arbitral award, said the New York district court lacks jurisdiction to adjudicate a "mere hypothetical question" or one that depends upon contingent future events that may or may not occur. Cairn's petition to confirm the Award is pending in the District Court for the District of Columbia," Air India said in the August 23 petition. PTI

after 65 can take up to 50% equity exposure

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

MAKING THE National Pension System(NPS) more attractive for subscribers joining it after 65 years of age, the PFRDA has permitted them to allocate up to 50 per cent of the funds in equity, besides easing the exit norms.

Pension The Fund **Regulatory and Development** Authority (PFRDA) has revised the guidelines on entry and exit following an increase in the maximum age for joining the NPS from 65 year to 70 years of age. The entry age for NPS has been revised to 18-70 years from

18-65 years Any Indian citizen and

Subscribers joining NPS

on pension

New Delhi: Pensioners' body Bharatiya Pensioners Manch has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to exempt pension from income tax to provide relief to the senior citizens in the country. PTI

Call for tax

exemption

Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) in the age group of 65-70 years can also join NPS and continue up to the age of 75 years, according to a PFRDA circular on the revised guidelines.

Regulation of coal supply to plants to free up 1.77 lakh tonnes: **Power Ministry**

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

REGULATION OF coal supply to power plants that have more than 15 days of fuel stock will free up around 1.77 lakh tonnes of coal from 26 stations, said the Power Ministry. Power Secretary Alok Kumar on Sunday reviewed the report of the core management team to ensure daily close monitoring of coal stock position at thermal power plants, the power ministry said in a statement.

During the meeting, some facts emerged which will ease out the coal stock position at TPPs and will ensure uninterrupted supply.

OPEC+ could reconsider output increase, says Kuwait

REUTERS KUWAIT, AUGUST 29

THE INCREASE in oil output agreed last month by OPEC+ nations could be reconsidered at its next meeting on Sept. 1, Kuwait's oil minister said on Sunday.The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia, collectively known as OPEC+, will meet on

Since COVID-19 has begun its fourth wave in some areas, we must be careful and reconsider this increase. There may be a halt to the 400,000 (bpd) increase,"



OPEC+ last year implemented a record output cut of 10 million bpd, equating to about 10 per cent of world demand. Reuters file

Mohammad Abdulatif al-Fares told Reuters on the sildelines of a government-sponsored event in mand plunged.



Wednesday to discuss the previously agreed increase of 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) for the next several months. "The markets are slowing.

said OPEC+ members had different views on the matter."There are meetings with OPEC countries, especially the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, and so far there are different views on how to han-

14 IDEA EXPRESS, MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 IDEA EXPRESS, MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 Newsmakers in the Newsroom

We did something bigger than winning a medal, we created a legacy. Will be connected to India my whole life

Marijne talks about being shuffled between teams, earning the girls' trust and teaching them to "dream big", describes the semi-final loss and telling them why "in a few days, they would see it differently", and shares his plans about a book, and maybe *Chak De India 2*. The session was moderated by Assistant Editor Mihir Vasavda

MIHIR VASAVDA: You returned home and started coaching a club soon after the Olympics. Do you miss being in India with the team while the celebrations are going on, or have you settled into your new life?

It's strange. I chose to be with my family because I hadn't seen them for three-and-a-half months. That was the main reason for coming back. The competition in The Netherlands starts around September 11 or 12, and I'm coaching a club team so I also had to be there. But it's a bit like living in two worlds. One world is India, where the team members are heroes of the country. The girls have done so well, and there are a lot of ceremonies... What happens is you keep staying in that feeling, and then of course, vou are reminded of the Olympics. And while I'm now in The Netherlands, it feels different because life goes on. It's normal. My country is different with these things, it's not like India, there are not a lot of ceremonies.

It's sometimes tough to adjust to such a situation because you don't want to lose the feeling that you had at the Olympics. The two days that I was in Delhi (after returning from Tokyo) were amazing. Afterward maybe — and I spoke to my wife about this— it was better to stay a little bit longer in India. But at that moment you only want one thing and that's just going back to the family. It feels a bit like a two-way feeling.

MIHIR VASAVDA: How tough is it to move on, to return to the daily life after all the emotional highs you experienced in Tokyo?

I will say now that, after four-and-ahalf years, I'm used to good weather. On Tuesday, I was coaching my new team in the rain. It is cold, the summer is not really good here. Then you are really thinking like okay, my life's not going to be like this now. You are not going to be wearing shorts now, but a longer training kit. That's something different. I am someone who can adapt very fast.

The other thing was that for four-anda-half years, I didn't understand what the girls were saying to each other, and also the boys. I don't speak and know all the Hindi words. And now I understand everything. So that's also different and a nice change.

MIHIR VASAVDA: You took over the team in 2017. How different was that

DEA CXCHANGE

WHY **SJOERD MARIJNE**

Te took over the women's hockey team in 2017, Lafter they finished 12th out of 12 teams at Rio Olympics. In four-and-a-half years, he turned around the team's fortunes and brought them closer than ever to an Olympic medal. In Tokyo, India stunned former champions Australia in what was one of the biggest upsets of all-time; gave eventual silver medalists Argentina a scare before narrowly missing the bronze medal, and lost to Britain in play-off match to finish fourth. He has since moved on, becoming coach of Dutch club HC Tilburg

I was with the women for nine months so it felt like being back home. They had made good progress with Wayne Lombard and their fitness had really improved. I could continue with the plans I had for the women's team and I felt good about coming home.

SRIRAM VEERA: What did you make of reports about

Vandana Katariya's house being attacked and how did it affect the team? The most impor

The most important thing is that we weren't using social media. I didn't talk to her about it then because I didn't know if she had seen it. They were hardly using

their phones because there was a strict rule at the Olympics. After the last match, I spoke to her and she said she knew (about it), but blocked it out and continued. That's the way these girls have been trained. It's like soldiers who are trained to go into the battlefield. The things that happen back home, you have to close dreamed about what people say, about awards and about money. I only dreamed about one thing. And that is doing something that nobody has done before and creating a legacy that you will always be remembered for. That's why I will always, for my whole life, be connected with India.

SANDEEP

DWIVEDI: I'm sure you have been asked several times about Chak De India, the Hindi film. You also had a social media conversation with Shah Rukh Khan. Do you expect a sequel to the film on your journey? Have you been

approached by people?

Indians are everywhere...

and hockey's popularity has

risen with this. We need not

worry about our Olympic

status now... if you want a

million people watching ...

As long as I don't have to play myself, I will be fine. I am writing a book. The last chapter is almost finished. I can't wait for it to be published and everybody can read all the things that really happened to me for the last four-and-a-half years as coach. Also, I want to share valuable lessons for personal life, private life and also for corporate life. Maybe one thing leads to another. If the book leads to a movie, I would be honoured. It would be nice to have a Chak de India 2, yes. It won't surprise me if people come for that. But I'm not focusing on that at the moment. First let the book get published, and then let's see. I just hope people like it ... What I saw when I arrived in India, how did I do the whole thing from 2017 to the Olympics... It's an exciting story and I am happy to share it.

SHIVANI NAIK: How do you train an Indian woman player to be ambitious and to not be content?

The thing is, as a player, you only have 10-12 years at the highest level and I always asked them, what do you want to be remembered as? Do you want to be remembered as being 10 years in camps and not winning anything? Or do you want to be remembered in another way? Because after this, you are going to work or have children or anything else. So why don't you dream big? And that is something that I have taught the girls, to dream big. What is your dream goal that will inspire other women. And how can we make that happen? Like winning a medal. It's not about winning a medal but the medal helps to achieve that dream goal. It's constantly taking them out of their comfort zone.

NITIN SHARMA: How did you handle

the team post the narrow loss in the

Initially, I said, 'There are no words

that will help take away how you feel. I

have no words for that. You have to feel

it. That's sport.' But Lalso told them that

in a few days you will think differently

about this. You will be proud of what

you have achieved. I told them you don't

know this because you are away from

social media but the whole country

loves you. Right now, you will not feel

like that ... In sport, you give everything

you have got. That is the golden rule. In

the end, you see what the score is... If

you gave everything and you don't have

any energy anymore, you can be happy

MIHIR VASAVDA: You have dealt with

doing things right or do they need to

easy. There is no club competition. That's

what helps The Netherlands very much. It

helped Belgium women and men,

Germany... So that is something that's a

challenge for the federation and SAI.

Another thing is of course organising tour-

naments and Pro League with India and

that needs to happen. A lot of girls will play

hockey now. They saw how women were

stars from the Olympics. How can you

identify talent? That will be something else.

Like David John, the previous High

Performance Director... He was the one

who identified talent. One trip, I came back

and he says I'm going to have someone for

your team. I was always open to that but I

said 'I don't know.' He said, 'Trust me, I will

add someone to your team and you will be

happy.' It was Salima Tete. So she was

It's a big challenge from here. It's not

Hockey India and the SAI. Are they

focus more on certain issues?

semi-finals when they were on the

field crying?

with yourself.

team from the one we saw in Tokyo?

I didn't know what to expect at the Olympics because we didn't play matches against other good countries for five months. We played in January and February against Argentina and Germany. But it was almost two years since we played matches under pressure, and that was the (Olympics) qualifiers. That's why it was really difficult.

I get a lot of compliments but you must not forget what the support staff did. I wasn't by myself. Janneke (Schopman, analytical coach) and Wayne (Lombard, strength and conditioning coach) did so much amazing work. There were girls who didn't believe they could achieve something. They came to the camps, they did their job – they have a job for a lifetime at the Railways or wherever else - and that's fine. But they weren't ambitious. I told them that they immediately need to be ambitious and need to set goals. And that's what we did. Making the position of the women better was the dream goal and I think we achieved that goal.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: You

have made things easier for the next coach. After all this, how tough was it to walk away? Are there any regrets?

I don't have any second thoughts about coming back to India. You must

not forget that what happened at the Olympics was the outcome of four-anda-half years of hard work. Frustrations, emotions, positivity... all different things. Now everything looks like it went easy and smoothly, but that wasn't the case.

I had moments when I really missed my family and I didn't know whether I could still do the job in India. Ending things like this is perfect, but I didn't forget those moments. That is important. And for the next coach, I think it will be more difficult because the expectations are rising.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: You finished fourth at the Olympics. Is there a memory that you will carry with you from this assignment with the



against Australia. There were 24 seconds to go and Neha had the ball with Navneet and the others. They knew that we are going to win... It's about that moment... You see the four-and-a-half years flash before your eyes. All things that had happened, the losses, the frustrations... We had so much disappointment with the World Cup (in 2018), the qualifier. The girls were devastated and I used those experiences and told them, 'Listen, do you want to go through those moments again? Do you want to feel it again because you know how painful it is.' At the (Australia match) it finally went in our favour; that was the moment. We were

the ones who won and I didn't have to The Olympics was outcome tell the girls things like, 'We were really of 4.5 years of hard work... close' or 'You really The end was perfect, but I did well'. But no, we were the ones who didn't forget that. For the went into the semifinals. we were the next coach, it will be harder ones who won the as expectations are rising match. That moment of joy, I will never forget.

DEVENDRA PANDEY: Was it tough to get players to open up, especially girls who came from remote parts of the country?

It was very difficult. I am the coach and in India, there is a lot of distance between a coach and the players. The distance is lesser in The Netherlands. It is easier for a coach. The whole respect thing in India is also very good but it didn't work for us. They were afraid to talk to me because they thought I would drop them if they talk about their issues. They felt I would think they are not good enough.

It was a slow process of building their confidence and getting them to understand that if you come to me with questions or feel you are not doing something right, I am there to help you instead of

judging you. The moment they realised that, they started coming to me and opened up gradually with all kinds of things, their issues. I am not a patient guy but in the end, they opened up.

NITIN SHARMA: When you joined the women's team, what were your first impressions of the team, tactically and technically?

We had our match against Belarus (in March 2017) and the first thing I noticed was that we were not fit. And if fitness is not good, it is not possible to play good hockey, so that is where it started. The other thing that I saw was a lot of technical errors. Decisions made on the pitch... I would think, 'Why are you doing this? I don't really see the reason why you are doing this.' From there on I started making a plan on how I wanted to see the team in the Olympics. And we worked from that plan backward.

TUSHAR BHADURI: How did you deal with administrative issues linked to the federation, SAI (Sports Authority of India), Sports Ministry?

I am only concerned about the things I can control. There is a lot administration-wise that I can't control. (Former India coach) Roelant Oltmans told me the moment I arrived, 'Listen Sjoerd, these things can happen and you just have to let it go. You can worry about it but it will create a lot of frustration, and that's what you have to avoid.' I am not saying it was always easy but that is what I always kept at the back of my mind. I also knew that I wanted to do better and that it was not always working. Let's say I had some challenging moments...

TUSHAR BHADURI: Was the manner in which you were shuffled between the men's and women's teams difficult to deal with?

I said this to the girls as well. I have to be able to look in the mirror and say, 'I did everything I could. I put all my energy and time in it.' In this situation, I was very surprised, because if you see those nine months, we didn't do well at the Commonwealth Games, but the rest of the time we did really well. As I said, the Asia Cup was the last tournament the men won. For me, I felt like I couldn't take it (the decision to be shifted) seriously. If this is happening, it can't be serious.

TUSHAR BHADURI: Do you feel you should have been consulted before being shunted around?

I think you should always speak with the coach. I was on holiday when I received a phone call saying that I wasn't the coach for the men's team anymore. I was then asked whether I wanted to continue with the women's team. When I look back now, it sounds funny.

MIHIR VASAVDA: You have seen The men are ranked higher Indian hockey from both sides. as they have tournaments the men's as well every time... I just hope as the women's teams. In terms of Hockey India and Odisha the support that they get, is there a can organise more difference between the tournaments for women

There is a big difference, but SAI pro-

teams?

vided the tools we wanted. So that was not an issue. It's more about participating in the Pro League, organising tournaments in your own country... The men are ranked higher because tournaments are organised for them every time. For instance, the women didn't qualify for the World League in New Zealand and the men didn't either. I just hope Hockey India and Odisha can organise more tournaments for women. Maybe the Pro League because that's what the girls need.

SRIRAM VEERA: When you rejoined the women's team, Savita Punia said that they liked having you back. Can you tell us about that exchange?

It was a good moment because it made me feel like they wanted me back.



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

your ears to it. You have to block it and that's the way it is. After the battle, you see the emotions coming. But the problem was solved. They solved it really well and really fast. The police and Rani (Rampal, captain) did really well in the situation, as it is about leadership.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: What does India doing well at the Olympics mean for international hockey? How does the world see Indian hockey post-Olympics?

The good thing about India is that Indians are everywhere in the world. I receive messages from all over the world. I think that is also a good thing because the popularity of hockey has increased with this. I think that the FIH (International

Hockey Federation) is really happy about what happened, because I don't think we have to worry about our Olympic status for the following years... if you want a million people watching these matches... I am curious about the number of spectators watching these

matches. I think they (the FIH) are really happy. And it's also good for women's hockey, that like other countries we also feel, 'Whoa! we can do this'.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI: Do you at times just think about what you have done for the game in India and what it means? Has it sunk in yet?

Yes, because I don't want to forget this. For me, they are the most beautiful moments. And the reason is that we created a legacy. We did something bigger than winning a medal. The longer we are away from the tournament, the longer it's behind us, the more we realise what we have changed. And that is something huge. I'm proud to be part of that because that's what I always dreamed of. I never dreamed about winning medals. I never

ful scouted pretty well. This will be a challenge. reger SHIVANI NAIK: What would your advice be to school coaches of girls' teams? Don't focus only on exercises of ball and stick. Train the whole motor skills.

and stick. Train the whole motor skills. Teach them to catch balls, roll balls, throw balls and movements. Make that better, then maybe someone will become a complete player.





BRIEFLY —

Four gold medals for India at Asian junior boxing championship

New Delhi: It was gold rush for India at the Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Dubai with four pugilists from the country finishing on top in the finals held on Sunday. Rohit Chamoli (48kg), Bharat Joon (+81kg), Vishu Rathee (girls 48kg), and Tanu (girls 52kg) notched up contrasting victories in their summit clashes to bag the top prize. While Chamoli defeated Mongolia's Otgonbayar Tuvshinzaya in an intense final, Joon got the better of Kazakhstan's Yerdos Sharipbek 5-0 to finish on top. In another final, Gaurav Saini (70kg) signed off with a silver medal after losing 0-5 Boltaev Shavkatjon of Uzbekistan. In the girls' competition, Rathee picked up the gold medal defeating Uzbekistan's Bakhtiyorova Robiyakhon.

Nagal pulls out of Davis Cup tie

New Delhi: Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal has withdrawn from the country's upcoming away Davis Cup tie against Finland citing a hip injury and has been replaced by Saketh Myneni in the five-man squad for the indoor contest on September 18-19. Nagal, who had lost in the first round of the US Open Qualifiers, communicated to the national tennis federation AITA on Saturday that doctors have advised him not to play on the hard courts. Non-playing captain Rohit Rajpal and chairman of the selection committee, Nandan Bal then discussed the replacement and agreed upon the name of Myneni, who last played for India in 2018 in the World Group Play-off tie against Serbia.

Mumbai defeat Oman by 4 wickets

Muscat: Young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal's stroke-filled 82 and a disciplined show by the bowlers formed the cornerstone of Mumbai's comfortable four-wicket win over hosts Oman in the first one-day here on Sunday. After losing the T20 series 1-2, Mumbai have started the one-day series on a high. Mumbai first bundled out the hosts for 196 and then cantered to the target in 43.4 overs, with Jaiswal being the star performer. The second one-day will be played on Tuesday.

Former IOC prez Rogge no more

Jacques Rogge, the Olympic sailor and orthopedic surgeon from Belgium who led the International Olympic Committee as president for 12 years, has died. He was 79. The IOC announced his death on Sunday without giving details. Rogge's health had visibly declined when he attended Olympic events since his presidency

Nishad leaps to the podium

High jumper, who lost his hand in fodder-cutting machine, wins silver medal at Tokyo Paralympics

NITIN SHARMA CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

AS 23-YEAR-OLD Nishad Kumar posed alongside Americans Roderick Townsend and Dallas Wise after winning the silver medal in men's T-47 high jump event at the Tokyo Paralympics, his parents were somehow holding back tears in village Badaun in Himachal Pradesh's Una district.

Rashpal Singh and Pushpa Kumari remembered how, 14 years ago, Nishad lost his right hand in a fodder-cutting machine. With Rashpal working as a mason, it has been a long journey to the podium. "As parents, whenever we remember the day when Nishad's hand got into the fodder-cutting machine at our home, we cry. Today's medal is the reward for his hard work. To see him hold the Indian flag and the silver medal at the Tokyo Paralympics has made us forget all the hardships," an emotional Rashpal told The Indian Express from Una.

At Tokyo, Nishad jumped 2.02m in his first attempt in the medal round before reaching 2.06m in his third attempt. It was only bettered by Townsend with a jump of 2.15m with Wise tied with Nishad on 2.06m.

With his father owning less than an acre of farmland in their village, Nishad grew up seeing his father doing masonry work to support the family. Nishad was six when his right hand went into the fodder-cutting machine while helping his mother at home. He was taken to a hospital in nearby Hoshiarpur in Punjab, but the hand had to be amputated.

Two years later, Nishad would opt for athletics under coach Ramesh at the Saraswati Vidva Mandir, Katohar Khurd, and would initially compete in 200m and 400m apart from high jump. "When Nishad recovered, he was disappointed for some time but watching sports events on television aroused interest in sports and he asked coach Ramesh at his school about starting athletics. He never saw him lesser than anybody and would often tell his mother that he will do better than normal athletes. He competed in normal categories early in his career," remembers Rashpal.

Rapid rise

While a young Nishad would win a high jump silver medal in the sub-junior category at the 2013 National School Games in Patiala, it was not untill 2017 that he started competing in the para category. The athlete came to Panchkula to train under Naseem Ahmad, coach of Olympic javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra, and Vikram Chaudhary. He would win the silver medal in high jump with an effort of 1.83m at the National Para Athletics Championship at Panchkula the same year. In 2019, Nishad would emerge as the champion at the World Para Grand Prix Championship in Dubai with a jump of 1.92m before getting a bronze medal at the World Para Championships at Dubai the same year with a jump of 2.00m.

"When he came to train, we were impressed by his height and the way he took advantage of it. He had learnt the basics of the Fosbury Flop technique on TV but we had to work a lot in improving him. He had made jumps of 1.40-1.55m in the general category and we made him spend time on vertical jumps on a board apart from standing jumps



Nishad Kumar in action at the Tokyo Paralympics on Sunday. (Below) With his coach Naseem Ahmad Reuters/Express



four days a week and he showed improvement with medals at World Grand Prix and World Championships," remembers Ahmad.

Support system

Nishad's growing prowess and ambition meant his family had to find money to fund his training. "When Nishad told me that he had to train at Panchkula. I told him not to worry about expenses. Sometimes, I would travel to nearby villages or to Punjab for work. Sometimes, I would get daily work at Rs 350-400 for 10-15 days per month and sometimes for 20-25 days per month. Whatever we could save, we saved for his training expenses and would also ask relatives for help apart from taking loan from the village cooperative society," says Rashpal.

The last one year has seen Nishad training in Bengaluru under Satyanarayan, coach of Rio Paralympics gold medallist Mariyyapan, and Ahmad believes Nishad will only improve further. "His biggest strength has been the ability to do what he visualises in training as well as in competitions. His speed before the jump was excellent and he did not look under pressure. To win a medal with a new Asian record jump speaks of his confidence. He is young and I am sure he can achieve more in the coming years," shares Ahmad.

At the village, Pushpa and Nishad's sister Rama Kumari are waiting for his return. "Bahut hi sherdil bachha hai. Jab se wo acci-

Silver pocketed, music and merriment begin for table tennis star Bhavina

SHAHID JUDGE MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

The single word, often prolonged, was what Bhavina Patel would shout with a raised and right fist to celebrate a point. Set. And match.

A simple celebration by most standards, it broke the cacophony of 'Cho-lay' being shouted at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium - the venue for the table tennis event at the Tokyo Paralympics.

'Cho-lay,' has its roots in China - a country that has dominated the sport to such an extent that foreign players (even Indians) have started using it. Essentially, cho-lay means 'good, one more.' But Patel's own war-cry, her unique identity, found a permanent place in the sport's Indian history.

As three Chinese flags were raised during the medal ceremony for the Class 4 (wheelchair) women's singles event, there was an Indian flag too. The silver was Patel's - a testimony to her unexpected, but not undeserved, achievement. It made her the first ever Indian (able-bodied or impaired) paddler to have medalled at the Olympics or Paralympics, also India's first at this edition.

The World No 12 was never expected to get this far in her first-ever appearance at the Games, not even get out of the group stage her rankings considered. But she beat World No 9 Megan Shackleton of Great Britain in the round robin. Then World No 8 Joyce De Oliveira of Brazil in the Round of 16, Serbian World No 2 and defending champion Borislava Peric-Rankovic in the quarterfinal, and finally 2016 Rio silver medallist and World No 3 Zhang Miao in the semi-final. In the summit clash she fell to World No 1 Ying Zhou – a legend in her own right who won her sixth Paralympic gold



Bhavina Patel after her final on Sunday.

medal in the final.

"With this run she's probably going to go up to the number six or seven spot," says Pramod Gangrade, general secretary of the Para Table Tennis Promotion Association (PTTPA). "The big goal now will be to keep at that spot and go higher. For that she has to continue going for tournaments regularly."

Different demeanour on court

But that's something Gangrade, a former para table tennis player himself (he was stricken with polio and has a disabled left leg) is confident Patel will anyway be targeting. He's known the 34-year-old since 2010, and he's seen how her demeanour changes when she enters a tournament.

"She's been a very jovial, fun-loving friendly person, but when a tournament starts, she goes

Vinod's bronze on hold after protest

Tokyo: Left bedridden for close to 10 years after falling off a cliff, Indian discus thrower Vinod Kumar scripted an astonishing



tale of resilience by clinching a bronze medal in the men's F52 event but a protest has put his celebrations on hold. The 41-year-old BSF man, whose Army man father was injured during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war, produced a best throw of 19.91m to finish third behind Piotr Kosewicz (20.02m) of Poland and Velimir Sandor (19.98m) of Croatia.

However, the result has been challenged by some other competitors, who have objected to his classification in the F52 category. The grounds of the protest are not clear as the process was completed on August 22.

around and sight-seeing. She's there to play. She wants nothing to distract her. The same thing happened in Tokyo."

Now that the medal has been secured though, Gangrade is reminded of what happened the last time he had seen her win a title - at the nationals in March.

"She was all quiet when the tournament was on. After she won the final and the prize distribution was over, she came to me and said to play some music on the loudspeakers so that the players could dance," he says. "It was quite an endearing sight - these players in their wheelchairs dancing to Daler Mehndi and Mika Singh songs."

There will be celebrations no doubt when he comes back to India as well. But there is a hope that government officials et al who will hold felicitation programs will be considerate.

Diagnosed with poliomyelitis when she was year old, Patel has been playing the sport for half her life. It's a much-needed release and method of exercise for her, but it does take its toll.

"These players suffer from stiff back issues very quickly. If they sit for more than two 2 hours in the wheelchair at a stretch it becomes very stiff and painful. The only way to counter it is to lie down for a while at intervals," Gangrade says.

"No matter how much fitness work you do, this problem persists. But I'm sure she'll smile through everything and sit through all the functions even if it goes on for eight hours. These players aren't starved for facilities, they long for recognition."

The celebration will only last for a monthand-a-half though, as her husband Nikul explains. "We will celebrate this medal, but there is still more to be achieved. The World Championships are coming up, then we'll have the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. We will not stop here," says the former u19 cricketer.

ended in 2013, after being appointed IOC's eighth president in 2001. Rogge represented Belgium in rugby and was a world champion in sailing

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near the pit box and the high jump area. It helped him master the Fosbury Flop technique and the medal in the Para Nationals in 2017 gave him the belief that he can do more. Once his body balance and technique was finetuned, we would make him jump 50-60 jumps

dent hua hai, usne hi hamein sambhala hai. (He is a lion-hearted kid. Since the accident, he always gave us support). He loves eating his favourite makki ki roti and saag. When he returns, we will welcome him with his favourite food," said Pushpa.

into a shell," he explains.

"She will go to the stadium, play her match, head back to her room and rest. She'll come out to have her food, and head back to the room. She'll speak little to nothing to people, and she's not really interested in roaming

ENGLAND VS INDIA

New equation: Ashwin-Shardul could be better than Ishant-Jadeja

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY AUGUST 29

VIRAT KOHLI dismissed the idea of playing an extra batsman. "I don't believe in that balance. I have never believed in that balance.'

A combination of six specialist batsmen. a bowling all-rounder and four bowlers has been India's recipe for success over the past couple of seasons. The India captain saw no reason to change it even after an innings defeat at Headingley

The template for the first three Tests in the ongoing series had been four fast bowlers and Ravindra Jadeja as a spin-allrounder. Given the skipper's reluctance to change it, maybe a change of personnel would be beneficial. On the face of it, Ravichandran Ashwin and Shardul Thakur for Jadeja and Ishant Sharma could make the team better-balanced without rejigging the template.

In fact, there's a paradox. Although Jadeja was the specialist all-rounder in the XI, India effectively played the first three Tests with seven specialist batsmen. Conditions restricted the left-arm spinner's bowling minutes at Trent Bridge and Lord's. And despite him sending down 32 overs and taking two wickets at Headingley, Jadeja hardly made much impact in a game even though he was expected to be a lot more effective. On the other hand, the lefthander is the fourth-highest scorer (133 runs) in the team at the moment ahead of Kohli, Ajinkya Rahane and Rishabh Pant.

Jadeja's contributions, however, have been restricted to important cameos and a couple of crucial partnerships. Over the last two years, his batting improvement has been immense but at No. 7, he is no Ravi Shastri and maybe only marginally better than Ashwin. And as Kohli said at the post-match

press conference on Saturday, sometimes you need to look beyond the numbers.

Only a few days ago, Ashwin tweeted a picture of him batting left-handed at the nets with a caption: "The desire to ignite something different every day never burns out." It's a matter of interpretation whether a sly dig was aimed at anyone, but someone with close to 2,700 Test runs and five centuries is no mug with the bat. In his last 10 Test innings, Ashwin has scored a hundred under pressure plus a match-saving 39 not out against Australia in Sydney last winter. His sound footwork holds him in good stead.

As an off-spinner, he is arguably the world's best. "They have to pick Ashwin. It's very hard for me to digest that the (team's) best spinner was out of the playing eleven in the first three Tests. Who you will drop? It's up to the Indian think-tank. The best spinner should be playing," former India captain and ex-selection committee chairman Dilip Vengsarkar told The Indian Express.

The Southampton Test in 2018 was one of the lows in Ashwin's career. On a turning pitch, England's Moeen Ali outperformed him with a nine-wicket match haul compared to the Indian offie's three. But over the subsequent three years, Ashwin' bowling has become even more well-rounded, with added variety. The pink-ball Test in Adelaide in December last year was a case in point, where in seamerfriendly conditions, he spun a web around Steve Smith and company, eventually retuning with four wickets in the first innings. In the World Test Championship (WTC) final also, he partially opened the game for India on the final day, just that he didn't have enough runs to bowl with in the fourth innings.

The fourth Test will be played at The Oval from September 2. It's a venue that traditionally has the flattest pitches in England. It



Former selection committee chairman Dilip Vengsarkar said Ravichandran Ashwin should be included in the playing XI for the fourth Test. Reuters

briefly became Ashwin's home ground after the WTC final, when he joined Surrey for a short County stint ahead of the Test series. He ran through Somerset's batting with 6/27 in 15 overs, dismantling them for 69 in their second innings. As the Adelaide Test last year and the WTC final two months ago showed, Ashwin of the 2021 vintage can rise above the pitch factor, for he has become more skilful in the air, through his flight, loop and dip.

Shardul for Ishant?

India started the series with Shardul as their fourth seamer and he would have retained his place but for a hamstring injury. Ishant played at Lord's and gave an impact performance in both innings. After a marauding win in the second Test, the team at Headingley sort of picked itself. But as it

turned out, two consecutive Tests at 33 years of age were a little too strenuous for the Delhi fast bowler. He was completely bereft of rhythm. Collectively, the tourists didn't bowl well at Leeds. "Basically, they (England) bowled a lot better than us in this game,' Kohli said at the presser on Saturday.

A fit-again Shardul should automatically return to the XI at The Oval. In the first Test, his two wickets in an over in the first innings included Joe Root. In the second innings also, his two wickets neutered England's middleorder charge. Shardul is a swing bowler, a valuable commodity in English conditions.

As a lower-order batsman, he is a serious upgrade on Ishant. On many an occasion in domestic cricket, Shardul has bailed out Mumbai with his batting. His 67, and a 123-run partnership with Washington

Sundar in Brisbane earlier this year, turned the game on its head. Kohli spoke about partnership batting, how stands of 50-60 runs are more important than personal milestones. From that perspective, an Ashwin-Shardul lower-order partnership inspires more confidence than the Jadeja-Ishant combine. This also allows the team management to retain a 4-1 combination.

The Pant puzzle

Inconsistency has been Pant's biggest problem. On his day, he is a match-winner and his Brisbane heroics confirm that. But away from home, such impact knocks are few and far between. India's middle order and lower-middle order have been suffering from Pant's current travails. Kohli refused to read too much into his 17-plus average after the first three Tests, protecting the young 'keeper-batsman and speaking about assessing his performance only after the series. At the same time, the skipper's antidote to tackle England's bowling was "concentration and precise decision-making"

The England bowlers aren't giving Pant any hitting space. He is trying to counter that by dancing down the track to pacers, who are much taller than him. Bounce and away movement have made him a sitting duck.

Vengsarkar opined that an iffy middle order needs the cushion of an extra batsman. "India will have to play with six (specialist) batsmen and the sixth should be Suryakumar Yadav. He is at the peak of his career and can match anybody in this team as far as batting is concerned.

Kohli sees an extra batsman as a defensive option and one loss will not shatter his belief. This, though, puts greater pressure on Pant. The youngster will be given a long rope, but the team template reduces his margin for error.

Wood, Woakes return; Buttler out

London: Pacer Mark Wood and allrounder Chris Woakes were on Sunday added to the England squad for the fourth Test against India after regaining full fitness while Jos Buttler will miss the game as his wife is expecting their second child.

Wood had hurt his right shoulder while fielding during the second Test at Lord's while Woakes has recovered from the heel injury that kept him out of international cricket since the ODI series against Pakistan in July. Woakes played a domestic T20 game on Friday and will be a welcome addition to the squad in the absence of key players such as Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer.

While Jonny Bairstow will keep in Buttler's absence, Sam Billings, who has played 25 ODIs and 32 T20s, has been brought in as the reserve wicketkeeper. "Both of them have come through fine. Wood was bowling yesterday morning. He will be available for selection and Woakes has played so he becomes available again," Silverwood said a day after England's series-levelling win over India at Leeds.

Silverwood was also asked if Bairstow was up for the job? "Yes, I am confident that Jonny can do the job if asked and yes Jonny would want to do the job if asked."

The fourth Test begins on September 2 at the Oval. The series is tied at 1-1. PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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Greenwood scores, United break away record

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MASON GREENWOOD'S late winner earned Manchester United a 1-0 win at wasteful Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Premier League on Sunday, breaking the record for the longest unbeaten away run in English Football League history in the process. Greenwood's low strike was decisive after Wolves had missed a host of chances throughout the match as United made it 28 unbeaten on the road in the league, beating Arsenal's record set between April 2003 and September 2004.

The home side threw everything at United early on, with Raul Jimenez and Trincao going close, but the visitors somehow clung on until halftime, without offering much as an attacking threat. Wolves continued to the better side after the break, with David de Gea making a remarkable double save to keep out two close range efforts from Romain Saiss.

Jadon Sancho, who had a quiet full debut, was replaced in the second half as United went in search of the winner, with home-grown voungster Greenwood netting his third in as many games to snatch all three points.

Wolves were adamant there was a foul from Paul Pogba in the build-up to the winner but nothing was given, as United made it seven points from nine so far this season to sit third in the standings, while Wolves stay 18th without a point or goal.

Tottenham Hotspurgoon top, Leeds earn a point against Burnley

Tottenham Hotspur maintained its 100 percent start to the season with a 1-0 win over Watford on Sunday thanks to a first half goal from Son Heung-Min. The South Korean's swerving free kick, three minutes before the break, deceived Watford keeper Daniel Bachmann and found the bottom-right corner.

Spurs' striker Harry Kane, who had been the subject of a lengthy but unsuccessful transfer bid from Manchester City, made his first start of the season for the club. Tottenham heads into the in-

ternational break at the top of the table having won all three games 1-0 under new manager Nuno Espirito Santo, Watford are 12th with three points.

In the other match, Patrick Bamford celebrated his England call-up with the equaliser on Sunday as Leeds United came back for a 1-1 draw at Burnley in the Premier League.

Leeds has two points from its opening three games while Sean Dyche's Burnley had lost its opening two games.

No stopping Spurs

Tottenham Hotspur maintained their 100per cent start to the Premier League season with a 1-0 win over Watford on Sunday thanks to a somewhat fortuitous first-half goal from Son Heungmin.

Watford

Son fired a swerving free kick into the box from the left-hand side that deceived Watford keeper Daniel Bachmann and found the bottom-right corner three minutes before the break. It was the South Korean's 72nd

goal on his 200th Premier League appearance for the club, helping them to maintain their 100per cent record under new manager Nuno Espirito Santo and lifting them to the top of the table with a perfect nine points after three games. Tottenham head into the international break having won all three 1-0, while Watford are 12th with three points, and Spurs fans will be delighted at how well their team has performed despite the turbulence around striker Harry Kane.

England international Kane has dominated the headlines in recent weeks with a lengthy but unsuccessful transfer bid from Manchester City, and Tottenham fans sang in support of him as he made his first start of the season for the club.

Kane could have found himself among the goals but fluffed a great chance when he failed to connect with a cross from Lucas Moura, and moments later he had a well-struck volley saved by Daniel Bachmann.

For all the talk of Spurs' attack, it is their miserly defence that has been key to their good start to the season and they restricted newly-

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think he has a long way to go. He promoted Watford to two efforts on target over the 90 minutes. will improve his numbers along-Espirito Santo was delighted side the team. He is a fantastic with his side but said that Son still team player, the way he works. I had room for improvement, deam happy for him, but the chalspite getting the winning goals lenge is to push further," the 47against Manchester City and vear-old coach told broadcaster BEIN Sports.

"Sonny is fantastic but I still "The players worked hard for

that win. In order to achieve consistency, it will take time. It was a difficult game, but really good movement in the second half. There were chances that we have to be more clinical with," he added. After the international break Tottenham face three tough London derbies against Crystal Palace, Chelsea and North London rivals Arsenal, but for now they will bask in their position at the top of the table.

"I think they (our fans) should go home proud as the boys worked hard for them," Espirito Santo said



Mason Greenwood after scoring the late winner.

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