



**IIM Director at end of term, his undergrad degree still not with Centre**

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

BARELY FIVE months are left for the five-year term of Director, Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak, to end, and the Union Government is still trying to get hold of his undergraduate degree.

Records show that the Education Ministry has written twice to IIM Rohtak Director Dheeraj Sharma this year asking him for verified copies of his educational certificates to which the Director hasn't replied. This even as the Centre defends his appointment in court against allegations of ineligibility.

The Ministry's first letter went out February 18, a reminder (on not receiving Sharma's response) was sent June 28.

Sharma's appointment has been challenged in the Punjab & Haryana High Court. The petitioner has alleged that the Director, among other things, misrepresented his educational qualifications and is ineligible to hold the post.

A first-class Bachelor's degree is a pre-requisite for getting appointed as Director. However, while the Education Ministry has copies of Sharma's MBA degree from Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar University and PhD degree from Louisiana Tech University (LTU), US, it has no official record of his undergraduate degree. It's not clear how Sharma's appointment was approved in February 2017 without this document.

The Ministry's senior counsel, it has been learnt, who is

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**U.P. UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER 'JAT KING'**

## In protest season, PM reaches out to farmers, invokes Charan Singh

Says govt policies on MSP, other schemes aimed at empowering small farmers

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ALIGARH, SEPTEMBER 14

WITH JUST months to go for the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh — where farmers, mainly from the Jat community, have been protesting against the farm laws — Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached out to the community on Tuesday, saying that the Centre is working to empower small farmers.

Addressing a function after laying the foundation stone of a state university named after "Jat king" and freedom fighter Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh in Aligarh, Modi said the Centre had paid Rs 1 lakh crore directly to small farmers during the pan-



Prime Minister Modi with Yogi Adityanath, Anandiben Patel and others at the function in Aligarh on Tuesday. PTI

demic, of which over Rs 25,000 crore went to farmers in Uttar Pradesh.

"Eight out of 10 farmers in

India are small farmers who have a small plot of land measuring less than two hectares. That's why it is the central govern-

ment's continuous effort to empower the small farmer," he said.

In this context, Modi also invoked former Prime Minister and Jat leader Chaudhary Charan Singh, whose grandson and Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Jayant Chaudhary has been playing a major role in mobilising farmers' protests in UP. "Chaudhary Charan Singhji cared for the small farmers. It is very important for the government to stand with them like a partner," he said.

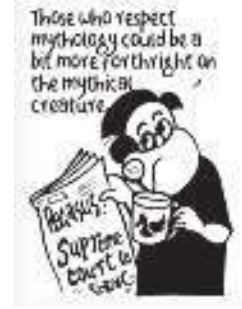
He said his government's policies on MSP, crop insurance, kisan credit card and pension scheme were all aimed at empowering small farmers.

Over the past few years, the UP government has worked to

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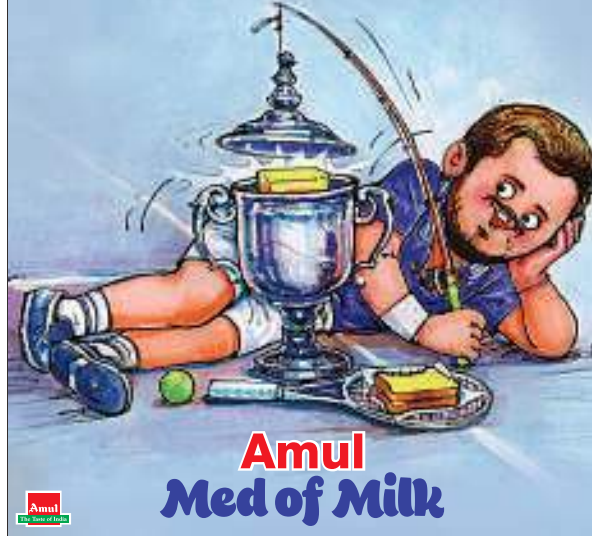
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## Some Pak interests in conflict with US, will consider ties: Blinken

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

PAKISTAN HAS a "multiplicity of interests" in Afghanistan, including "some that are in conflict with ours", United States Secretary of State Antony J Blinken told Congress on Monday.

The US, Blinken said, will be looking at its relationship with Pakistan in the coming weeks to decide what role Washington would want it to play in the future of Afghanistan.

His statement is significant because Pakistan has tremendous influence on the ground in Afghanistan, with the ISI-backed Haqqani Network calling the shots in the Taliban cabinet.

"It (Pakistan) is one that is involved (in) hedging its bets

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Blinken addressed first public hearing in Congress on Afghanistan

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**E** Pointer to way forward

THE BIDEN administration is facing anger on Capitol Hill over the manner of the exit from Afghanistan, and Pakistan's 'duplicitous' role. Blinken's statement is significant since the ISI has huge leverage over the Taliban government.

## Red Fort violence: Delhi Police sees a conspiracy in rise of tractor sales

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

TO SUBSTANTIATE its allegation that the Republic Day violence by a section of farm protesters was "a deep-rooted, well-orchestrated conspiracy", the Delhi Police has cited a "rise" in sale of tractors in Punjab and Haryana between November 2020 and January 2021.

The "sale of tractors rises to a considerable extent rapidly in a well-orchestrated conspiracy

and with the sole object...to take tractors to Delhi for agitation and protest," says the chargesheet.

According to the chargesheet, Punjab saw the biggest increase in sale of tractors in these three months. Tractor sales went up by 94.30 per cent in December 2020, when 1,535 tractors were sold, as compared to December 2019, when 790 tractors were sold, it says.

Similarly, January 2021 saw an increase of 85.13 per cent, with 2,840 tractors being sold as

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## Panic in Haryana village as 7 kids die in 3 weeks, health officials probe

**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA**  
CHILLI, PALWAL, SEP 14

IN THE time of Covid and public health emergency, health officials in Palwal district of Haryana are scrambling to diagnose the reason for the death of at least seven children, all aged below 14, within three weeks in a village.

Such is the panic in Chilli village, over 20 km from Palwal, that health officials are camping in a panchayat house to investigate the cause of death — it is still unclear and the reasons being



No link to dengue yet, say officials. Pavneet Singh Chadha

cited, by residents of the village and health officials, range from dengue to pneumonia, gastroen-

teritis to vector-borne diseases owing to lack of sanitation.

While residents claim the deaths are the result of a dengue outbreak, authorities say their team, comprising an epidemiologist, a science officer and health inspectors, is "studying the pattern", but is yet to find a link. Authorities say there is a possibility that the deaths could be because of multiple illnesses arising due to poor sanitation in the village. Officials say they have counted seven deaths over the last 20 days during their door-to-door survey. The village

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The Indian Express' Sourav Roy Barman talks about the Uttar Pradesh government banning the sale of non-vegetarian food and liquor in the Mathura-Vrindavan district, and how it is affecting people from across communities

## West Bengal Advocate General quits citing ‘personal reasons’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 14

WEST BENGAL Advocate General (AG) Kishore Datta stepped down from his post on Tuesday citing “personal reasons”, but a government source claimed that the move was linked to the administration’s recent losses in several cases, including the post-poll violence case, in the Calcutta High Court.

Datta sent his resignation letter to Governor Jagdeep Dhankar, Law Minister Moloy Ghatak and Chief Secretary Harikrishna Dwivedi. After

Dhankar accepted the resignation, the state government appointed Soumendranath Mukherjee the new AG.

In his resignation letter, Datta wrote, “I do hereby tender resignation as the Advocate General for the state of West Bengal, with immediate effect, owing to personal reason. Please accept the same. It was a wonderful experience working for the state of West Bengal.”

A government source, however, said, “Recently, the government lost many cases in the Calcutta High Court, including the post-poll violence case. Top leaders of the ruling party were annoyed with that.”

## Cong panel on agitations meets, Priyanka lays stress on follow-up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A PANEL set up by Congress president Sonia Gandhi under the chairmanship of senior leader Digvijay Singh to plan “sustained agitations” on national issues met for the first time on Tuesday.

At the meeting, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra suggested that the party should try and ensure that the message of the agitation reaches people and that there should be “follow up” action after agitational and campaign programmes, it is learnt.

Sources said Priyanka pointed out that the party organises campaigns and programmes at the national level with little impact at the district, taluk and panchayat levels making them a futile exercise. Her focus, sources said, was on how to take the message of the agitation to every household.

The meeting identified inflation as the main issue on which the party should launch a national agitation immediately. The committee also was of the view that the party should wage campaigns against the farm laws and asset monetisation to “highlight the high-handedness of the government.”

## Agri Ministry inks MoU with 5 firms

New Delhi: The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare on Tuesday signed 5 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for pilot projects with five private companies – CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Limited, ITC Limited and NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML).

According to the Agriculture Ministry, the Jio Platforms Limited will conduct its pilot project to provide advisories to farmers in two districts of Maharashtra – Jalna and Nasik; ITC Limited will building a “Customised ‘Site Specific Crop Advisory’ service” to be implemented in identified villages of Sehore and Vidisha districts of Madhya Pradesh and support

Wheat crop operations; Cisco will “conceptualise a Proof of Concept in effective knowledge sharing between farmers, administration, academia and industry” in two districts – Kaithal (Haryana) and Morena (Madhya Pradesh).

The NCDEX will work on four services – Market Linkages, Aggregation of demand, Financial Linkages and Data Sanitization – across three districts – Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), Devanagere (Karnataka) and Nasik (Maharashtra).

Ninjacart will develop and host the Agri Marketplace Platform (AMP), which will enable bringing together all the participants in the post-harvest market linkage. **ENS**

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### Tractor sales

compared to 1,534 in January 2020. In November 2020, there was a 43.53 per cent increase in sales, with 1,909 tractors being sold as compared to 1,330 in November 2019, says the chargesheet.

In Haryana, tractor sales increased by 31.81 per cent in November 2020 (3,174 tractors sold) as compared to November 2019 (2,408); by 50.32 per cent in December 2020 (2,312) as compared to December 2019 (1,538); and 48 per cent in January 2021 (3,900) as compared to January 2020 (2,635), it says.

The chargesheet, filed in May, says there are several video clips of farmer leaders instigating their supporters to “modify their tractors and get heavy metal accessory installed so that the police barricades can be breached”. All these video clips were recorded prior to Republic Day, it says.

There are also video clips in which farmer leaders “are claiming that the tractor rally will not follow the agreed route (and) if they are stopped by the police, they will breach the barricade and enter Delhi at any cost,” says the chargesheet.

The objective of the protesters was “to conquer/get hold of (Red Fort)” and turn it into a protest site to “cause embarrassment and humiliation at national and international level to the people of this country” by hoisting the Nishan Sahib and Kisan flag on Republic Day, says the chargesheet.

Police have cited the disclosure statement of one of the accused, Iqbal Singh, who reportedly said that “if he succeeded in getting the Nishan Sahib hoisted... he would get a cash reward announced by the Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) group, an organisation banned by the Government of India.”

The chargesheet cites a purported audio conversation between Singh’s daughter and a relative, in which they reportedly mention a payment of Rs 50 lakh. The investigation in this regard is underway.

Saying that Singh visited Tarn Taran in Punjab on January 19 this year, the chargesheet says the “absconding accused persons who hoisted Nishan Sahib at Red Fort also hail from Tarn Taran.” Citing call detail records, it says that Singh “was in touch with the absconding accused persons through one of his associates”. “There are vague allegations without any substantial evidence. This is an absurd allegation that poor farmers bought tractors to conquer Red Fort,” Singh’s lawyer, Jasdeep Dhillon, told *The Indian Express*.

The chargesheet also cites a purported video clip of actor Deep Sidhu addressing the protesters and “calling the other leaders of the farmers’ union to reach Red Fort and take further charge”.

Sidhu’s lawyer, Abhishek Gupta, told *The Indian Express*, “The police have not produced anything to substantiate this claim. This allegation that the

## Govt for small farmers, says PM, invokes Charan Singh’s legacy

minimise the problems faced by sugarcane farmers and has spent around Rs 1.4 lakh crore on MSP, said Modi. “In the coming years, the sugarcane farmers in UP will open new doors of possibility as ethanol from sugarcane will be used widely as fuel,” he said.

“There is a need to save UP from anti-development forces,” said Modi. “People of UP still cannot forget how it was before 2017. There were scams, and welfare schemes for the poor were spiked by those in power, people would be scared to let their daughters step out of their homes. The criminals are all behind bars now,” he said.

The Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University is being set up in an area of over 92 acres in Kol tehsil of Aligarh. It will provide affiliation to 395 colleges in Aligarh division.

For years, the BJP has been demanding that the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) be renamed after Mahendra Pratap Singh, who donated land for the campus.

The state government’s decision to set up a university

named after the Jat leader is being seen as part of the ruling BJP’s bid to win over the community ahead of the Assembly polls early next year.

A section of Jats, who form a major share of the population in western Uttar Pradesh, is seen to be aggrieved with the BJP over the new farm laws.

“It is the country’s misfortune that the subsequent generations were not acquainted with the sacrifices made by patriots such as Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, Chotu Ram and others, whose contributions gave direction to the freedom struggle. So many generations remained deprived of learning about their deeds,” Modi said.

“The 21st century India is correcting those mistakes of the 20th century,” he said, adding that the country was learning about them in the 75th year of Independence.

Modi said former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh, who died recently, would have been happy to know that a university named after Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh was coming up in Aligarh.

Speaking on the occasion,

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said: “UP has become a destination for investors. Around 1.61 crore people have got jobs and investments have totalled over Rs 3 lakh crore.” Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma and Governor Anandiben Patel were also present.

Later, Modi also reviewed the progress of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor. Addressing a gathering after visiting an exhibition on the Aligarh node of the corridor, Modi said Uttar Pradesh was benefiting from the “double-engine” government, as the BJP was ruling both at the Centre and in the state.

“The locks of Aligarh used to safeguard homes and shops. In the 21st century, my Aligarh will work to safeguard the borders of India. Till now, people depended on Aligarh for the safety of their homes and offices, because when a lock was from Aligarh, people would feel assured,” he said, referring to the local lock-making industry.

New industrial units of small arms, armament, drone,

aerospace, metal components, anti-drone system and defence packaging products are coming up, Modi said, adding that this would give a new identity to Aligarh and its surrounding areas.

He said the country has launched a campaign to encourage domestic production of defence equipment and platforms like fighter aircraft, drones and warships. “India is emerging from the image of being a big defence importer... India is now moving towards a new identity as an important defence exporter of the world. Uttar Pradesh is going to be a big centre of India’s changing identity,” he said.

“The UP defence corridor is coming up with big investment and employment opportunities. Today, Uttar Pradesh is becoming an attractive place for investors from the state and the world... This is possible when there is a proper atmosphere for investment and necessary facilities are made available. Today, UP has become an example of double benefits of a double-engine government,” he said.

deaths. “Poor sanitation and a contaminated water supply could have caused the spread of vector-borne diseases. Some water pipes are coming out of drains, so there is contamination. There is no proper drainage, so wherever water collects, there is a possibility that mosquitoes will multiply during the monsoon,” Dr Rajiv Batish, district malaria officer, said, adding that they had also appealed to residents to get vaccinated and the infants immunised.

“We have done 250 rapid diagnostic tests for malaria and 194 slide tests, all of which have been negative. Sixty-four samples of RT-PCR tests for Covid have also turned out negative. For dengue, we had sent 12 samples, who we thought were high risk, but all are negative. I have written to the Deputy Commissioner to get the village cleaned on priority and have also ordered for RT-PCR tests for Covid for the entire village,” Dr Sandhu said.

## Blinken

constantly about the future of Afghanistan, it’s one that’s involved (in) harbouring members of the Taliban...,” Blinken told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

“It is one that’s also involved in different points (of) cooperation with us on counterterrorism,” Blinken added.

Congressman Joaquin Castro, Democrat from Texas and Chair of the Subcommittee on International Development, International Organisations and Global Corporate Social Impact, asked Blinken whether, given Pakistan’s longtime support for the Taliban and the harbouring of the group’s leaders over the years, it was time for the US to reassess its relationship with Islamabad, and its status as a Major non-NATO ally (MNN).

Blinken replied that this was something that the US would consider.

“For the reasons you cited as well as others, this is one of the things we will be looking at in the day and weeks ahead, the role that Pakistan has played over the last 20 years and the role we would want to see it play in the coming years and what it will take for it to do that,” he said.

Blinken faced tough questions from lawmakers who scrutinised the Biden administration’s response to the situation in Afghanistan, including America’s chaotic exit from the country as Kabul fell to the Taliban and President Ashraf Ghani fled.

Congressman Bill Keating, Democrat from Massachusetts who is Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, and Member of the House Armed Services Committee, described Pakistan’s role as “duplicitous”.

“They (Pakistan) created, named, and helped the Taliban regroup in 2010 in Pakistan, and the ISI has strong ties with the Haqqani Network which is responsible for the death of US soldiers,” Keating said. He added that Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan had celebrated the Taliban takeover of Kabul, and described it as “breaking the shackles of slavery”.

“Congress has been told that relations with Pakistan are complicated; I say it is duplicitous,” Keating said. The US must reassess its relations with Pakistan, he said.

India has been reaching out to US lawmakers over the past few weeks. India’s Ambassador in Washington DC, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, has been discussing issues related to Afghanistan with them.



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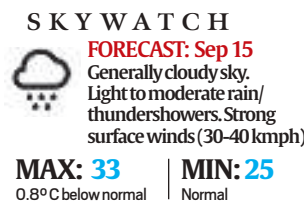
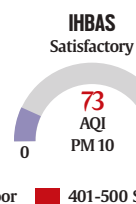
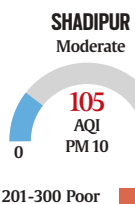
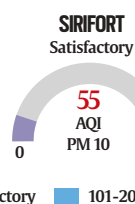
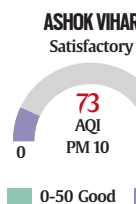


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## POLICE POINT TO INVOLVEMENT OF DAWOOD'S BROTHER

# Men trained by Pakistan ISI planned festival attacks, six arrested: Delhi Police Special Cell

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE DELHI Police Special Cell has arrested six men, including two allegedly trained by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), with officials claiming that the intelligence agency was working with Dawood Ibrahim's brother to plan attacks during the festive season in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Special CP (Special Cell) Neeraj Thakur said, "We have arrested Jaan Mohammed Sheikh (47), a resident of Maharashtra; Osama alias Sami (22), a resident of Jamia Nagar; Moolchand alias Saaju (47), a resident of Rae Bareilly; Zeeshan Qamar (28), resident of Allahabad; Mohd Abu Bakar (23), resident of Bahraich; and Mohd Amir Javed (31), a resident of Lucknow."

"Two of the accused, Osama

and Zeeshan, got training this year in Pakistan and were getting instructions from the ISI. They were asked to conduct recce of suitable locations in Delhi and UP for planting IEDs," he said.

Thakur said the arrested persons were tasked with executing separate aspects of the alleged terror plan. "Underworld operative Sameer, a close contact of Dawood's brother Anees Ibrahim, was hired by a Pakistan-based person and he connected with underworld operatives in Pakistan to ensure delivery of IEDs, weapons and grenades to different places in India," he said.

A few weeks ago, a team led by inspectors Sunil Rajain and Ravinder Joshi received inputs from intelligence agencies that a Pakistan-abetted and sponsored group was planning to execute serial IED blasts in India. "The group had received multiple IEDs arranged from sources across the



(From left) Mohd Abu Bakr, Moolchand, Md. Amir Javed, Jan Mohammed Ali Shaikh, Osama, Zeeshan Qamar

border and they were at an advanced stage of preparation. On Tuesday, after collecting information about them, simultaneous raids were conducted in different states. Initially, underworld operative Jan Mohd Sheikh was apprehended from Kota, when he was on his way to Delhi. Osama was apprehended from Okhla, Mohd Abu Bakar was apprehended from Sarai Kale Khan, Zeeshan was apprehended from Allahabad, Mohd Amir Javed was

apprehended from Lucknow, and Moolchand was apprehended from Rae Bareilly. The operation in UP was conducted after coordinating with officers of the UP ATS," Thakur said.

He said the arrested men have disclosed they had received sophisticated RDX-based IEDs, grenades, pistols and cartridges from a sleeper cell operative, and that these were sent to UP for safe concealment. "Underworld operative Jan Mohd Sheikh with

training in Pakistan," he said.

Thakur said that over the next few days, after several short sea-journeys and changing boats, they were taken to a town near Gwadar port in Pakistan. "There, they were received by a Pakistani who took them to a farmhouse in Thatta. There were 3 Pakistani nationals in the farmhouse. Two of them imparted training to them. Both of them were from the Pakistan Army as they wore military uniforms. They were imparted training of making bombs and IEDs and committing arson with the help of items of daily use. They were trained in handling and use of small firearms and AK-47s," he said.

Police said Osama was pursuing an online course from a university in Allahabad while Zeeshan was studying at a college in Uttar Pradesh. The profiles of the other men are being ascertained.



The area has been barricaded

## Road caves in at Aurobindo Marg

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A PORTION of a road on Aurobindo Marg, Adchini, settled in due to leakage in a water line Monday night. Three vehicles, a DTC bus and two two-wheelers got stuck in the caved-in road. They were rescued safely and no injuries were reported.

Somnath Bharti, the MLA in the area, said, "I reached the spot when the incident took place around 9:30 pm. A crane was deployed to rescue the three vehicles. There were no injuries." He said that excess stormwater in drains was one of the reasons for the cave-in. He added that there is some trenchless work by cable companies, which could have also contributed to the cave-in. He said restoration work is going on and should be done in a week.

Officials of the Public Works

Department (PWD) said that when there is a leakage in a pipeline under the road, it leads to erosion of the earth below. The crust can only handle it for some time, but eventually, it gives way and caves in.

Officials added that manpower and machinery were deployed when the incident took place and vehicles were removed by hydra cranes.

The Delhi Jal Board started work on the sewer line. They will be working on the restoration overnight, said officials. Once that is complete, the PWD will fill the cavity.

As of now, the part of the road has been barricaded and is closed to traffic.

This is not the first road cave-in of its kind this year. A car had got stuck due to a cavity in Dwarka in July and a huge portion of the road under the IIT Flyover had caved in this August.

## Separate depts to ready action plans by September 21 to combat pollution

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE DELHI municipal corporations and different government departments have been tasked with preparing action plans to deal with air pollution by September 21. These plans will culminate in the Delhi government's Winter Action Plan for the national capital.

A review meeting on the action plan took place on Tuesday. Different departments of the Delhi government have been allocated focus points from the ten-point Winter Action Plan, according to Environment Minister Gopal Rai. The Development Department will prepare a timeline and action plan to curb stub-



Different departments are expected to work together to combat pollution. *Archive*

ble burning, while all government agencies that carry out construction work will submit a plan to control dust pollution. The Transport Department and Traffic Police will prepare a plan to handle vehicular pollution,

which will include increased monitoring of pollution certificates. MCDs will work on preventing garbage burning by ensuring timely removal of garbage. The Environment Department will collaborate with other states and the Centre.

To handle dust pollution, the MCDs, the New Delhi Municipal Council, the Delhi Development Authority, the Central Public Works Department, the State Public Works Department, the Irrigation and Flood Control Department and Cantonment Board have been tasked with preparing an action plan on mechanical road sweeping, procurement of dust suppression chemicals, disposal plan for dust, and training for staff to sensitise them.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE DELHI Development Authority said that the common area in the DDA flats belongs to all and no one can claim their rights on these spaces, including the roof, terrace, or staircases of the blocks. A senior DDA official said that there were complaints about regular neighbourhood disputes due to these reasons and the allottees were seeking clarifications on access to common spaces, roof rights, unauthorised and illegal constructions by certain allottees, permission to installations of solar panels on the rooftop.

Common areas including a roof terrace, common staircase (extended to roof terrace) of the

block shall remain common to all the residents or owners of the block and cannot be used by any particular resident or groups exclusively.

Also, the policy allows installation of solar panels for domestic use. These decisions were taken Tuesday during the Authority meeting, which is the DDA's highest decision-making body, attended by LG Anil Bajjal, DDA vice-chairperson Anurag Jain, and senior officials.

The land-owning agency has also cleared the hurdle for the construction of a multi-level parking facility that can house 3,000 cars in the proposed Nabi Karim Metro station. The facility will be of help to people and

traders living in the Sadar area.

The area witnesses heavy traffic due to its proximity to wholesale markets in the Sadar area and New Delhi Railway Station.

"To cater to the acute demand of parking in the area, the authority has given final approval for the change of land use for lands measuring 2.6 hectares, from residential to transportation, for multi-level car parking on Idgah Road," said a senior DDA official. The proposed modification would help the North MCD and the DMRC in the construction of multilevel car parking at Nabi Karim Metro Station.

It will now be forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for notifications.

## Sirsa acquitted in rioting case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

DELHI SIKH Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) president Manjinder Singh Sirsa and four others were acquitted in a case of rioting by a Delhi court on Tuesday. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sachin Gupta said the complaint, which was the basis of registration of an FIR against them, "comes under a cloud and becomes a doubtful piece of paper when the complainant himself denied going through its contents before signing the same".

The prosecution had argued that alleged incident took place on November 15, 2012 at Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib. It was alleged that a meeting was called by the then president Paramjeet Singh Sarna, during which the accused were part of a mob that pelted stones and damaged property.

The court said that "contrary to the case of the prosecution, none of the above mentioned witnesses supported the prosecution case to prove the charges against the accused persons".

The court noted that the complainant based his complaint on "hearsay and not on the basis of his personal knowledge".

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## Undertrial attacked in Tihar jail

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A 41-YEAR-OLD undertrial prisoner, accused of a Rs 150 crore financial fraud, was allegedly attacked by one of his fellow inmates Tihar's jail number 3. Initial investigation has revealed the accused was hired by two persons from outside the jail to attack the victim, Vikas Dhull. The jail administration has filed a complaint with the Delhi Police, and asked them to lodge an FIR against the attacker.

"The incident took place around 4:30 pm on September 12 in central jail number 3 near the main gate of ward number 2, where jail inmate Vikas Chopra (27) had attacked Dhull with a surgical blade. After attacking him, he also inflicted self-injury on his neck and face with the surgical blade. Jail staff reached immediately and the victim was rescued. A body search was done and a surgical blade was recovered from his mouth," a senior jail official said. The deputy superintendent of jail filed a complaint at Hari Nagar police station. During questioning, Chopra claimed he was asked by 2 men outside the jail to attack Dhull, police said. When contacted, DG (Prisons) Sandeep Goel, confirmed that a complaint has been filed.

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Sr. No.	Built-up Units	No. of Units	Days for inspections (10.00 AM to 05.00 PM)
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II.	Residential Units on Lease-Hold Basis	31	Every Wednesday
III.	Commercial Units on Lease-Hold Basis	132	Every Friday
<b>Total</b>		<b>191</b>	

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Sr. No.	Event	Date & Time
1.	Starting date and time for bid submission	From 15th Sept., 2021 (10:00 AM)
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3.	Opening of e-bids	12th Oct., 2021 (From 10:15 AM onwards)

**Chief Accounts Officer, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh**





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Total	400*	14,12,805	25,083	2,66,00,501

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DENIES BAIL TO 2 RIOT ACCUSED

Pelting stones at police officials justifies murder charge, says HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday granted bail to two persons and denied relief to two others arrested last year by the Delhi Police for allegedly being part of an anti-CAA protest during which head constable Ratan Lal was killed.

The court, in separate orders, observed that an accused being part of the protest was not a sufficient ground to refuse bail, but an overt act of stone pelting by a member of the mob justifies invocation of murder charge against someone who is not merely a curious onlooker. It was alleged that they were among protesters who had assembled near the Chand Bagh and 25 Futa Road on February 24, 2020.

The court heard on September

3 granted bail to five accused and observed that "the sole act of protesting" cannot be used as "a weapon to justify the incarceration" of those exercising this right. The court had delved into the legal question -- if an offence of murder is committed by an unlawful assembly, should each person in the unlawful assembly be denied the benefit of bail, regardless of their personal role or aim of assembly.

Justice Subramoniam Prasad, in the orders passed Tuesday, said that the Supreme Court has held that once an individual is deemed to be a part of an unlawful assembly, it would not be open to the courts to acquit some members on the ground that they themselves did not perform any violent act. However, the bench also said that the apex court has held that conduct of the accused during their partic-

ipation in that assembly must be examined.

"The common object of the unlawful assembly could be gathered from the nature of assembly, arms used by the members of the assembly, and the behaviour of the assembly at or before the scene of occurrence," it said.

Dismissing the bail applications of Sadiq alias Sahil and Irshad Ali, Justice Prasad in separate bail orders said they have been seen on multiple CCTV footage, carrying a danda. The court said the fact that Sadiq "actively participated and pelted stones at the police officials at the scene of crime" justifies the invocation of Section 149 IPC read with Section 302 IPC in the case.

"The clinching evidence that tilts this court to prolong the incarceration of the petitioner is

his presence in the Vishal Chaudhry video, wherein he is clearly identified at the scene of crime using a stick to beat uniformed police officials who are present around him," the court said in Irshad Ali's bail order.

It made a similar observation in Sadiq's bail order, saying that he held a danda in one hand and pelted stones with his other hand "at uniformed officials who at present around him, and are heavily and hopelessly outnumbered".

Granting bail to Shehnawaz, the court said it has been 17 months since his arrest and added: "It is the Constitutional duty of the Court to ensure that there is no arbitrary deprivation of personal liberty in the face of excess of State power." The court said he cannot be kept in custody only on the basis of the disclosure statements.



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Both Hindu, Muslim accused in riots case, court separates trial

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

RELYING ON a Gujarat High Court judgment on the separation of trial of accused persons from two different communities during the Godhra trial, a Delhi court has ordered the separation of trial of the accused on grounds of their faith in the murder of a 24-year-old man during last year's Northeast Delhi riots.

On February 24, Salman had left his home with his uncle, and was caught in the riots at Shiv Vihar while returning. He was shot in the head and died three days later.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav passed this order in a case where five people are accused -- three Hindus and two Muslims.

The court said that a "peculiar situation has arisen that whether the trial can be permitted to proceed with assortment of accused persons from different religions purportedly acting under two different conspiracies and unlawful

**The court relied on a Gujarat HC judgment, which authorised separation of trial of the accused from two different communities**

assemblies."

"This is definitely going to prejudice the defence of accused persons from different religions," the court said.

ASJ Yadav said that a "similar situation had arisen before a Gujarat court conducting the trial of Godhra communal riots".

The court relied on a Gujarat High Court judgment titled Additional Sessions Judge V State of Gujarat 2011, which authorised separation of trial of the accused from two different communities.

"Bearing in mind the aforesaid judicial precedent, this court also deems it appropriate to separate the trial of the accused persons so that their defence may not even likely to get prejudiced," the court said. The court directed DCP

(Crime Branch) Dr Joy N Tirkey to furnish a complete set of chargesheet in physical form to the court within two weeks.

The court directed the Ahlmad (court official) to put up a separate Sessions Case number in this FIR and the "existing chargesheet shall be treated as chargesheet for three accused persons namely, Kuldeep, Deepak Thakur and Deepak Yadav, whereas the other chargesheet shall be treated as chargesheet for accused persons Mohd Furkan and Mohd Irshad".

As per court documents, Furkan and Irshad were captured in CCTV at the scene of crime on the date of incident. The police have cited witness statements and their phone records to place them at the spot. Their lawyers, AA Khan and Abdul Gaffar, argued they were falsely implicated. The remaining accused were also caught in CCTV footage. Kuldeep, however, was arrested in another murder case and later booked in the present case. Their lawyers argued that witnesses were planted in this case.

BRIEFLY



CM meets Bajrang Punia

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met Tokyo Olympics 2020 Bronze Medallist Bajrang Punia at his home on Tuesday and felicitated the wrestler. "His performance will act as an example and inspire future athletes to bring more medals for the country," he said.

Work to clean Yamuna in 3 years: Jain

New Delhi: The Delhi government plans to boost capacity utilisation of all the existing 13 Common Effluent Treatment Plants of the DSIIIC, so that all industrial waste gets treated before falling into Yamuna. Water and Industries Minister Satyendar Jain met officers of DSIIC, DJB and National Environmental Engineering Research Institute to discuss a plan to clean the river by reducing the amount of industrial waste coming through storm water drains. **ENS**

In disrepair, Begumpur mosque awaits some help

ASHNA BUTANI  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

WITH A missing dome, plants growing from the structure, and grass and mud on the courtyard, the forgotten Begumpur masjid is in a state of disrepair, though officials of the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) said conservation work is taking place.

On Monday, William Dalrymple, author and historian, tweeted a photo of the mosque saying: "The roof of the Begumpur Masjid just collapsed in the rain due to ASI neglect. With better management, this vast medieval wonder could still be a major revenue-earning tourist site. Instead, it's being allowed to collapse and disappear."

An ASI official, however, clarified, "A small portion had fallen in 2019 and ASI gave support to the remaining structure by erecting pillars."

"The remains of the structure had fallen into the nearby drain.. which got cleared a few days back by the circle office. Those remains from the drain cleared by the ASI are now being seen as the fallen structure," added the official.

A team from the Delhi circle office visited the site Tuesday and confirmed that there had been no such collapse this season. Teams have been working on the site for some time now, with drains being cleared and conservation work being done, said the official.

A few stones lay strewn across the ground below the missing dome. On Tuesday afternoon, labourers worked on the drain below the dome. They said that it appears the stones have fallen recently because of the work going on near the drain.

At dusk on Tuesday, the for-



A team from the Delhi circle office visited the site Tuesday and said there had been no collapse this season

gotten mosque remained completely devoid of visitors, but for a group of elderly locals who sat on a bedsheet and played cards on its steps. The allure of the place lies in its simple rubble masonry, large courtyard, and pylon minarets.

However, the courtyard is grassy and muddy, while thick vegetation prevents visitors from going in further, and the sky can be seen through the parts of the dome that fell.

The mosque, located in Begumpur, Malviya Nagar, has 64 domes with one central dome. According to the ASI, the mosque

is believed to have been built by Khan-e-Jahan Juna Shah.

According to Rana Safvi, author and Delhi chronicler, the mosque measures 307 ft by 295 ft in size. She said that the 14th-century mosque is the first Indian type of 'Brahmukhi' or pylon mosque type.

The courtyard is frequented by green parakeets, pigeons, and local cricketers who use it as a playing field. Since there is no system of ticketing, there is no way to stop people from entering the mosque from a rear entrance, after dark.

With inputs from Divya A

Action on lawyer for raising his voice

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A DELHI judge has initiated criminal proceedings against a lawyer for arguing in a high-pitched voice with the prosecutor in his courtroom.

Additional Sessions Judge Shivaji Anand at the Rohini district court had given the lawyer, Suresh Tomar, multiple warnings and even adjourned the matter to another date, seeking an explanation for his behaviour.

However, when the lawyer refused to give a written explanation and remained defiant, the judge initiated criminal proceedings against Tomar, observing that he showed no remorse.

The lawyer was representing his client in an attempt to murder and Arms Act case. He had filed his client's bail application seeking interim bail for two months as he was suffering from various ailments.

On September 8, when the court ordered the jail authorities to verify his medical condition, the lawyer kept arguing with the prosecutor in a high-pitched voice which the court said was a "mockery".

The judge gave him a warning, but the lawyer continued to raise his voice, the court said. The court, in the meantime, started hearing another matter. The lawyer in the new case had also taken his position on the dais, however, Tomar kept raising his voice.

The judge then ordered the lawyer to give a written explanation on the next date of hearing as to why he had interfered in the court proceedings.



According to official estimates, there are 675 JJ clusters that house 3.06 lakh families. Express

Paid for a flat but never got one: Slum dwellers bear brunt of Centre-Delhi tussle

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

PROMISES, ANNOUNCEMENTS and provisions in the law are at Shamshad's fingertips. "Jahan jhuggi wahan makaan, nahi toh jhuggi ke paanch kilometre radius mein naya ghar, har paanch saal mein sunte hain ye saari baatein (Housing at the existing slum site or within a 5-km radius, these are promises made to us every five years)," he said.

A resident of C-33 JJ Basti on the Kali Bari Marg near RML Hospital since birth, Shamshad (35), a tailor, paid Rs 71,491 to the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) in 2013, hoping to secure a flat at Dwarka in a housing complex meant for the economically weaker sections built under the erstwhile Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

Eight years later, the promise of a dignified living continues to elude him, even as he struggles to repay the loan he took at a high interest rate. The plight is shared by at least 2,694 families who paid up to Rs 1.42 lakh (general category) and Rs 31,000 (Scheduled Caste) to the board for low-cost flats.

Letters exchanged between the DUSIB and the Union Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs, seen by The Indian Express, show that the process of relocating came to a complete halt due to a disagreement between the Delhi government and the Centre over a decision taken by the Union Cabinet in 2020 to use 55,424 flats built in the city under JNNURM under the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) scheme.

Out of the 55,424 flats, 38,824 flats are finished, while the remaining are under construction. However, only 3,829 flats are currently occupied. The rest have been lying vacant for years due to issues ranging from absence of coordination between the Centre

and the state to the distance of the colonies from economic centres that are sources of livelihood for the urban poor, resulting in their gradual deterioration.

Vinod Kumar (36), employed as a painter, also made the full payment in 2013. "We have spent our lives here. We want our children to move up in life. There will be issues if we are moved too far from our sources of income. But those difficulties pale in comparison to the wretched living conditions here," he said.

Amzad, a roadside tailor, said, "I paid Rs 94,000. Now they want us to pay Rs 30,000 maintenance charge. And why will we be allotted the flats on rent when we were made to pay with the promise of ownership? I had to take loans to pay, faced with the threat that the slum will be demolished within 15 days."

The rehabilitation process hit a hurdle after the Union Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs communicated to the states and UTs in July last year to convert the flats built under the JNNURM into Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) and use them for "no other purpose", as per a Union Cabinet decision. So far, 29 states and UTs have agreed to implement the policy.

The Delhi government wrote back to the Centre, saying it has already taken Rs 76.71 crore relocation charges from agencies such as DDA, DMRC, NBCC, SDMC among others to relocate jhuggis on their land to flats. As per the list shared with the Centre, 2,694 persons have also paid their share to the DUSIB.

"DUSIB has charged the relocation charges from land-owning agencies and also from the beneficiaries as per provisions of relocation policy duly approved by the Lt Governor. Relocation charges amounting to Rs 76.17 crore in respect of 10 JJ bastis were received from land-owning agencies... It is requested to kindly exclude them as these JJ dwellers and land-owning agencies concerned were identified

and committed prior to the communication by the Centre to the Delhi government," DUSIB Director (Rehabilitation) Abdul Dayyan wrote to the Centre.

When contacted, Dayyan said the matter remains unresolved.

It also came up in a review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and it was decided that after allotting the flats committed to the beneficiaries, the remaining ones "may be explored for utilisation under the rental scheme". However, the Centre rejected the proposal, saying Delhi should make proper use of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to ensure housing for all.

"When we made the payment, my girls were kids and we could adjust even in a cramped room. It is not possible anymore. The roof is leaking and during rains, water floods the room. The community toilet stinks. There is no water in the taps. Why were we made to pay at a short notice under the threat of demolition?" asked Shahjahan, a homemaker.

Kirpal Singh, who the residents consider as the 'pradhan', said he raised the matter of pending relocation, despite making payments, with DUSIB CEO Vijay Kumar Bidhuri two months ago.

"But there has been no headway. Even basic facilities like water and light in the toilets are not made available despite repeated requests," Singh said.

The Indian Express found the toilet complexes, one under the DUSIB and another run by the NDMC, filthy and unusable, making the situation particularly distressing for the women of the families, originally hailing from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and some other states.

According to official estimates, there are 675 JJ (jhuggi jhopdi or slum) clusters in the city that house 3.06 lakh families, and nearly 1,800 unauthorised colonies, home to a mix of low- and middle-income families.

A year after first trying it, farmers warm up to Pusa decomposer, officials plan to ramp up use

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

WITH THE wheat-growing rabi season right around the corner, the Pusa bio-decomposer that made its debut in fields last year is on the minds of farmers in North Delhi.

Used to decompose paddy stubble after a harvest and prevent stubble burning, the decomposer was sprayed on around 30 acres of farmer Umesh Singh's farmland in Hiranki village last year. Singh is prepared to harvest the crop by the end of the month, but awaits clarity on use of the decomposer this year and whether it will be provided again.

Prakash Singh also had the decomposer sprayed on around 3 acres in Hiranki. It can take about 20 to 22 days for stubble to decompose, he said. The decomposer has also helped improve soil fertility and reduced the need for extensive plough-



Farmers say decomposer has improved soil fertility. Express

ing to mix stubble with soil, Singh said. By the time farm-workers from Bihar arrive to sow the wheat, the land is free of stubble, he added.

Pointing to a field of paddy ready to be harvested, Jasram, a farmer in nearby Palla village, said the decomposer has reduced the need for fertiliser. "Where the decomposer was sprayed, we used very little urea

as fertiliser and absolutely no potash. Usually around four bags of fertiliser are necessary for an acre of land," he said.

What did he do to get rid of stubble before the decomposer was introduced last year? Burning is common even in Delhi, he said. "It's easy to strike a match and get rid of stubble immediately. Most farmers want to clear the field immediately

and sow vegetable crops in Palla. Some might not be willing to wait for over 20 days to allow the stubble to decompose, and that could lead to some hesitation in using it," he said. The paddy is ready for harvesting in some fields, like his own, but there has been no information from the government yet on whether or not the decomposer will be made available.

But Jasram is willing to purchase the decomposer separately this year, even if the government does not provide it, since the benefits of low fertiliser use outweigh the time taken to clear the field, he said.

Om Veer Chauhan in Jhangola village also had the decomposer sprayed, but remains skeptical. "It was only sprayed on some pockets of land last year. Without the decomposer, we would irrigate the fields, leave it for a while and turn the soil to get rid of the stubble. This is not very different from that process," he said.



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### MAKING AN EXCEPTION

NOT KNOWN for issuing condolence messages on the deaths of Indian leaders, banned Naga insurgent group NSCN (IM) on Tuesday released a statement saying they were “deeply saddened” by the demise of veteran Congress leader Oscar Fernandes. In 2005, Fernandes was appointed by the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh as leader of a Group of Ministers to talk with the NSCN leadership. In the condolence message, the NSCN (IM) leaders said they “fondly remember him coming to Amsterdam and Bangkok in 2006 to discuss the Naga issue”, adding that Fernandes’s efforts in trying to resolve the issue were sincere. Calling him “the most liberal politician in India”, the outfit said they have lost a friend and a leader who understood the Naga issue.

### ALMOST THERE

DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL University V-C Yogesh Singh is all but set to become the next head of Delhi University. Considered close to the RSS-backed teachers’ body, Singh was among five candidates recommended by the search-cum-selection committee. Although the ministry usually forwards all the shortlisted names to the President, recently only one name was sent to Rashtrapati Bhawan. Singh is the only name that has gone to President Ram Nath Kovind.

### BOOSTER SHOT

THE UNITED Nations-affiliated bodies have been showering praises on India’s effort on achieving the landmark 75 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses. On Monday, the WHO took to Twitter to congratulate India for accelerating Covid-19 vaccination. On Tuesday, the Ministry of Health released an e-book, developed with support of the UNICEF, on how the world’s largest vaccination programme was planned and implemented by the different stakeholders across the country.

## Choice of CMs shows BJP now sticking to caste calculations

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

HAVING ONCE pointedly chosen leaders from non-dominant castes in states as its chief ministers, the BJP appears to have had a change of heart. Ahead of several Assembly elections, it has brought in new CMs in recent days who hew to the safe, time-tested strategy of caste balancing.

After Uttarakhand and Karnataka, the most recent example is Gujarat, where the BJP went with a Patidar, bowing to a long-standing demand of the dominant community, in place of Vijay Rupani.

According to sources, the changes put on notice leaders like Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Haryana and Devendra Fadnis in Maharashtra. The two had been handpicked by the Narendra Modi-Amit Shah leadership from outside the Jat and Maratha communities that dominate the two states, respectively, to lead the party.

Similarly, in 2016, at the height of the Patidar agitation, the BJP had



Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami; Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel (left) during a visit to flood-hit Jamnagar. *Express*

sent a strong message by picking Rupani, a Jain, the first time a member of the community became the CM in the state. Despite claims by several contenders, including Patel leaders, and despite the BJP falling to its lowest tally in the Assembly in the 2017 elections under Rupani, the BJP had persisted with him as CM. However, on Sunday, its surprise replacement for Rupani was a Patidar.

Party leaders admitted that the choice of Bhupendra Patel was “another indication that even the BJP with Modi at the top cannot defy electoral compulsions”. However, the PM did put his sig-

nature style on the change by picking a little-known, first-time MLA over other Patel leaders.

Earlier, in Uttarakhand, the BJP replaced Trivendra Singh Rawat, under pressure from both the faction-ridden state unit and from the RSS, which was said to be unhappy with the performance of the CM who was just four months into office. Rawat was replaced with another Thakur, Pushkar Singh Dhami, who importantly hails from the hills, a stronghold of the party.

In Karnataka, four-term CMBS Yeddyurappa could not hang on to his post under pressure from Delhi.

However, the BJP did not dare antagonise his community, despite speculation about the same, and picked as his replacement a fellow Lingayat, Basavaraj Bommai.

In an interview to *The Indian Express* in April, Amit Shah had admitted that there had been “some setbacks” to the “experiment” of breaking “caste barriers”, but said they stood by it.

At least two senior BJP leaders admitted the party is now under pressure to “not ignore either the dominant caste or the community where its major support comes from”.

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## Thakur’s visit triggers murmurs of change

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

WITH THE BJP central leadership effecting leadership changes in three states within months, Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur’s second trip to Delhi in less than a week on Tuesday triggered speculation about possibility of a similar change in the hill state, where elections are due next year.

BJP sources, however, sought

to dismiss it, saying the Chief Minister was called to Delhi to discuss the party’s strategies for the upcoming by-elections in one Lok Sabha constituency and three Assembly constituencies.

Thakur was in Delhi last week to invite President Ram Nath Kovind as well as Union ministers for an event to mark the golden jubilee of Himachal Pradesh’s statehood. His second trip within days sparked rumours that he was summoned to Delhi by the leadership to discuss a

possible change of guard in the state.

“The CM is in the national capital to discuss the by-elections. Preparations also have to begin for the Assembly elections and strategies have to be formed to counter the Congress, anti-incumbency factor and factionalism in the state unit,” said a BJP leader familiar with the developments.

The party is preparing for the Lok Sabha by-election in Mandi, which has 17 Assembly segments, and bypolls in three assembly

constituencies – Jubbals-Kotkhai, Fatehpur and Arki.

The Mandi seat fell vacant after two-time BJP MP Ram Swaroop Sharma was found dead – in a suspected case of suicide – at his official residence in Delhi in March. “The Opposition has used Sharma’s suicide to target the BJP, saying he hung himself after being under pressure from the BJP central leadership,” said a source from Shimla.

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## Senior leader in Congress Kerala unit joins CPM

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 14

ALL INDIA Congress Committee member and Kerala unit general secretary K P Anil Kumar Tuesday quit the party as a fallout of discontent over the appointment of district committee chiefs in the state. After announcing his exit from the Congress, Kumar joined CPI (M).



KP Anil Kumar

A leader from Kozhikode district, Kumar is the third prominent Congress leader in Kerala to quit in the wake of the revolt over the appointment

of district congress committee (DCC) chiefs. Last month, when the party high command announced the new DCC chiefs, Kumar had openly criticised the list saying the nominees were cronies of state party chief K Sudhakaran. Kumar, who was in charge of organisational matters, was later placed under suspension on the charge of indiscipline.

Kumar told the media that there is no democracy in Congress. “I decided to quit the party as I was denied justice. There are many leaders in the party who are thirsting for my blood. I am not ready to be backstabbed to death in this party,” he said.

The senior party leader said Sudhakaran had wrested the Congress in the same manner the Taliban conquered Afghanistan. “He (Sudhakaran) is Sangh Parivar. I faced insult in Congress for having toiled for the party without the support of any group,” he said.

CPI (M) politburo member Kodyiyeri Balakrishnan received Kumar at the party headquarters. While Kumar said he was joining the CPI (M) with no condition, Balakrishnan said the Congress leader would get due recognition.

After Kumar announced his resignation from the primary membership of the party, Congress state chief K Sudhakaran said he was dismissed from Congress as his explanation was not satisfactory.

## RAJA MAHENDRA PRATAP SINGH’S SAMADHI IN VRINDAVAN

## Memory revived, a memorial forgotten

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR

VRINDAVAN, SEPTEMBER 14

A RICKETY structure of exposed bricks surrounding a pale white marble *samadhi* is where Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh was cremated 42 years ago. The structure has no roof, nothing to protect the *samadhi* from the elements.

On the bank of Yamuna’s Keshi Ghat in Vrindavan, under a towering banyan tree, the memorial is not hard to find, but not easy to recognise as that of a legend in whose name a state university is being established for which Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone on Tuesday.

Built on Singh’s own land donated for this purpose, the *samadhi* was originally in the middle of a little park.

Now, however, the grass is gone, and no one calls it a park. One side of it, as it appeared on Tuesday, garbage is dumped – used disposable plates and soft drink bottles among others.

A man sleeps on the floor of the memorial in one corner, while



The *samadhi* on Keshi Ghat in Vrindavan. *Avishek G Dastidar*

a monkey sits nearby watching passers by. “This is how it is used. What else to do?” says Happy, who is in his 20s, a local resident.

Mahendra Pratap Singh is known as “Raja saab” here.

“All this land belongs to Raja saab. The *samadhi* is just there. No one visits. There is nothing to see really,” says Happy.

Opposite the *samadhi*, across the lane, stands what used to be a grand mansion. The over 100-year-old building houses Prem Maha Vidyalaya Inter College, es-

tablished by Singh in 1909, now a state government-aided school teaching classes from 6 to 12.

The large wooden door is locked from outside. Tuesday being a state holiday, beggars sit in front of the door. A portion of the front side has been taken over by outsiders many years ago, while another portion is covered by a busy tea stall. Tourists throng Keshi Ghat for boating, so the stall does brisk business all day.

“There is no management. Trustees management dissolved

more than 20 years ago. It is being aided by the government. But only for teachers’ salaries and such things. Not for maintenance of the property. Roofs of many rooms have collapsed. The electricity connection got disconnected many years ago. There are huge dues since 1994,” says Dev Prakash, the school principal.

Isn’t there electricity in the school then? “I have taken a 2 kW connection in my name just for office work. I pay the monthly bill. For classes, there’s no electricity.”

Across town, the PMV Polytechnic is a bustling campus, just like any popular college. It was established by Singh the same year as the school, in 1909 – one of the first such institute in India.

The school has written to the state government to develop the memorial on Keshi Ghat like Rajghat. It has requested the school building be turned into a museum.

Inside the school compound stands the founder’s bust. “December 1 is Raja saab’s birthday. It’s celebrated in the school. It’s not a VIP affair. No one really comes,” says caretaker Sunil Babu.

## PM meets Council of Ministers to review ministries’ performance

*New Delhi:* With the BJP gearing up for crucial elections next year, PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers to review performance of key ministries.

In the marathon meeting lasting nearly five hours – held, unusually, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan’s cultural centre, the Prime Minister is learnt to have stressed on simplicity as a way of life and improving the ministers’ connect with the people. In the meeting, termed as ‘Chintan Shivir’, presentations were made by Union ministers Mansukh Mandaviya and Dharmendra Pradhan on ways to improve efficiency and maximum utilisation of time and resources.

Modi, it is learnt, recalled late BJP leader and former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar to cite examples on a simple life. He is learnt to have told the ministers that they should remember the proverb “sharing is caring,” and recalled the ‘tiffin meetings’ during his Gujarat days. **ENS & PTI**

## DMK fields two RS candidates, keeps Congress waiting

MANOJ CGG

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE DMK on Tuesday announced the party’s two candidates for the forthcoming Rajya Sabha bye-elections to fill the two vacant seats from Tamil Nadu contrary to expectation in some Congress quarters that the regional party may give one seat to ally Congress.

Sources in the Congress said the DMK had agreed to consider the party’s request for a Rajya Sabha seat while finalising the seat-sharing deal for the Assembly elections earlier this year. They said the DMK assurance had come after the Congress agreed to settle for 25 Assembly seats.

While it is not known what prompted the DMK not to cede a seat to the Congress, the move has triggered a guessing game in the grand old party. And it has upset some of the party’s G 23 leaders, which could deepen the mistrust between the grouping and the leadership.

Sources said the G 23 leaders believe DMK supremo and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin was agreeable to giving the seat to former Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, given the latter’s warm personal relations with late DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi.

A Congress leader said Stalin was keen to give the seat to Azad but the Congress leadership wanted it for Praveen Chakravarty,



Kanimozhi N V N Somu and KRN Rajeshkumar

the head of the Congress’s Data Analytics Department. According to the leader, there was no response from the DMK to the Congress’s suggestion.

On Tuesday, Stalin announced the party’s two candidates – Kanimozhi N V N Somu and KRN Rajeshkumar. Kanimozhi is the daughter of late Union minister N V N Somu. Rajeshkumar is DMK’s Namakkal (East) district in charge.

Both Azad and Chakravarty could not be reached for a response.

A Congress leader said the DMK perhaps has decided to give the Rajya Sabha seat to the Congress in June next year when five seats from the state will fall vacant due to retirement of members since the Congress leadership was not warm to the idea of giving the seat to Azad.

The leader said the Congress leadership perhaps wants the seat to be given to senior leader P Chidambaram, who retires in July next year. Chidambaram is currently a member from Maharashtra.

## TMC nominates Sushmita Dev for Oct 4 RS bypoll

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 14

THE TRINAMOL Congress (TMC) on Tuesday nominated former All India Mahila Congress president Sushmita Dev for a Rajya Sabha bypoll scheduled to be held on October 4. This came almost a month after Dev joined the party.

Announcing Dev’s nomination, the TMC tweeted, “We are extremely pleased to nominate @SushmitaDevAITC to the Upper House of the Parliament. @MamataOfficial’s vision to empower women and ensure their maximum participation in politics shall help our society to achieve much more!”

Thanking the party and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee, the former Silchar MP tweeted, “I am overwhelmed. I thank my leader @MamataOfficial from the bottom of my heart. Her conviction to see more women in parliament is exemplary. To give someone from North East is path breaking. I will do my very best.”

Dev, who was also the national spokesperson of the Congress, sent her resignation letter to Congress president Sonia



Sushmita Dev

Gandhi on August 15 but didn’t mention her reasons for quitting the party. She wrote, “I cherish my three-decade-long association with the Indian National Congress. I hope I have your good wishes as I begin a new chapter in my life of public service.”

The following day, she flew to Kolkata and joined the TMC in the presence of the party’s national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee. She was accompanied by Rajya Sabha MP Derek O’Brien.

Dev has been given the responsibility of the party’s interests in Assam and Tripura since she is a popular leader from the Bengali-dominated Barak Valley region of Assam. The party feels she can help expand its political footprint beyond West Bengal, especially in the northeast.

## ‘BJP claimed double-engine govt, now has made a volte-face’

DAYS AFTER clashes between workers of BJP and CPI (M) in Tripura, and amid a push by the TMC to emerge as a power in the state, former chief minister and senior CPI (M) leader **MANIK SARKAR** tells **MANOJ CGG** that attacks are taking place on CPI (M) workers since the party is regaining ground, and that Trinamool may still be at a nascent stage in the state. Excerpts:

**Recently, there were clashes between BJP and CPI (M) workers in Tripura, and offices of your party were targeted.**

It appears Tripura is out of India (and) the Constitution of India does not work in Tripura under BJP. The day Assembly poll results came out in 2018... the attacks started that evening and that has not stopped. Fascistic attacks, I would say. In the last 42 months, they organised so-called elections to local self-governments – the Opposition was not allowed to submit nomination papers in 90 per cent of the seats. Not only that, Lok Sabha elections in the two seats were massively rigged... even the Election Commission was forced to go for re-polling.

Second, opposition parties are barred from exercising their democratic rights; the CPI (M) and other partners of the Left are targeted. Even the Congress also – in places they were also attacked.

Third, Opposition MLAs are not being allowed to go freely in different parts of the state and in their constituencies. I was prevented from moving around on more than 15 occasions.

Fourth, the press is being attacked. More than 35 mediapersons were physically attacked in the last one-and-a-half years.

**Why do you think these attacks are taking place?**

Because what they promised during the Assembly elections, they could not deliver. It was clear to us at that time itself that those promises cannot be implemented. The way they put forth their vision document... (for the) employees, youth, women, urban and rural poor... each family they promised will be benefited financially. And that created problems. They were claiming there will be a double-engine government; now they have made a volte-face. For instance, they had prom-



CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury with Manik Sarkar at a press conference at the party office in Delhi. *Abhinav Saha*

ised that one member of each family will get a government job; now people have started asking (where are the jobs).

**Have you analysed why the Left suffered a defeat in Assembly elections? What corrective steps have the party taken?**

The anti-Left vote got consolidated. We used to get on an average 52-54 per cent (votes); it used to go up in Parliament elections. In 2013 election, the BJP got less than 5 per cent. The Congress and

their allies got more than 42 per cent. The Congress got divided and Trinamool Congress was formed... Later Trinamool merged with BJP. So a large chunk of anti-Left votes they (BJP) could gather. That was the main reason (for Left’s defeat in state elections). Allurements too – that if they come (and join BJP), they will get something.

**What are the corrective measures you have taken?**

Corrective means? Now we

are under attack. I cannot claim we have (committed) no mistakes, or (we have) shortcomings. A responsible party cannot claim that. We have identified all these things and are trying to rectify all these things. We are changing our style of functioning. (But) they are not allowing us to function.

**How has the style of functioning changed?**

At the time of elections we are going door-to-door to campaign. But it (momentum) has to be maintained.

**So there was some sort of disconnect?**

No. That cannot be said because despite all these things... we got more than 44 per cent votes.

**Trinamool Congress is making a determined bid to carve out a space for itself in Tripura.**

After its establishment in West Bengal, its main leader started vis-

iting Tripura... to build up Trinamool Congress. (The TMC) contested a number of elections but could not win any seat. That is the history (of TMC in Tripura).

**The situation has changed after TMC’s victory in Bengal in this year’s Assembly elections.**

In Tripura the BJP is in government. They (TMC) are raising the slogan, ‘we will win the battle, form the government and BJP will be ousted’. They (TMC) are (also) not being allowed to move freely. We denounce it. It is undemocratic.

**Will the aggressive bid by TMC divide Opposition vote and help BJP?**

It will be too early to draw any conclusion. We are on the field, (and) they (BJP) are concentrating their attacks on us. Otherwise, why should they attack us? The main attack is against us. If people

have really left us then they will not bother to attack us. (But) at this moment, it is too early to draw any conclusion. Election is about two years away. But I should say that people are coming back to us in a decisive manner.

**Are you in favour of opposition unity to ensure there is no division in anti-BJP votes?**

The Tripura situation is quite different from other states. The political situation differs (from) state to state.

**Does the Left need a course correction for returning as a force to be reckoned with at the national level, return to power in Bengal and Tripura?**

Our target is fundamentally, basically to change the system of our country. That may take time. For correction, the West Bengal party (unit) has undertaken. Of course in the last Assembly election the result was devastating... our central committee discussed all these things, reviewed. They have started afresh, changing their pattern of organisational work, activities.



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## BRIEFLY

### MAHARASHTRA

#### Each Mumbai police station to get Nirbhaya Team

**Mumbai:** Days after the rape and murder of a 32-year-old woman in Mumbai, the Mumbai Police on Tuesday announced the formation of Nirbhaya Team at each police station. The team will not only create a list of sexual offenders and keep a tab on them, it will also train women in self-defense, organise workshops, counsel victims, collect intelligence on known offenders, visit schools and colleges as well as NGOs working in slum pockets to create awareness among minor girls regarding the POCSO Act. "The aim is to create a respectful environment for women in the society, to create fear of law in the minds of sexual predators and curb cases of crime against women," stated a press note issued by Mumbai Police Commissioner Hemant Nagrale. **ENS**

### NEW DELHI

#### Court convicts three in coal block scam case

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Tuesday convicted three directors of a private company for securing allocation of Lalgarh (North) Coal Block in Bihar by making false submissions with a motive to make profits for their company. Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj convicted the private company, M/s DOMCO Pvt. Ltd, and its managing director Binay Prakash, director (technical) Vasant Diwakar Manjrekar and director Paramananda Mondal. The prosecution submitted that the accused "dishonestly submitted false information to MoS [Ministry of Steel] mentioning that plant will be located on private land near Rairangpur measuring 142 acres however, this land was never acquired/allotted to the company". **ENS**

### ODISHA

#### Hardcore Maoist with Rs 20 lakh 'bounty' arrested

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha Police on Tuesday arrested Dubashi Sankar, a hardcore Maoist, from a forest area in Koraput district. Sankar had a bounty of Rs 20 lakh on his head, police said. "Early on Monday morning during a search operation the operation party apprehended one Hardcore Maoist namely: Dubashi Sankar with 01 Insas Rifle, 10 rounds of ammunition, 01 Samsung mobile phone, radio, earphones, an Amazon Kindle, cash worth Rs 35,500 and other articles," police said in a release. Officials said, he was involved in many violent attacks on security forces and killing of civilians in Koraput, Malkangiri and Visakhapatnam. **ENS**

### TAMIL NADU

#### NEET candidate dies by suicide day after exam

**Jayamkondam:** A day after she appeared for the NEET exam, a 17-year-old girl died by suicide at a village near here, police said on Tuesday. The girl, Kanimozhi, took the extreme step when her parents were away on Monday night and they returned home to find her hanging, a police official said. She appeared for the examination on Sunday and had told her parents that some questions were tough and that she was concerned about the outcome, the official said, adding that investigations are still on. **PTI**

## 'We are suffocating here': A year on, Hathras victim's family lives in fear, shunned by village

JIGNASA SINHA

HATHRAS, SEPTEMBER 14

THE FAMILY has kept the ashes of the 19-year-old in a small urn in a corner of a room. Her sewing machine and clothes lie on a shelf. The Dalit family in Hathras has decided they will not perform her last rites until they get justice from the court.

A year ago, on September 14, 2020, the 19-year-old was allegedly gangraped and assaulted by four upper-caste men who left her bleeding in the field.

The family found her with severe injuries on her neck and private parts. She was taken to a hospital in Aligarh, and then to Delhi. Eleven days later, she died in Delhi's Safdarjung hospital.

The body was taken out in an

ambulance late in the evening, driven to her village, and forcibly cremated at 3.30 am by UP police and officials.

A year on, the family has been shunned by the village. CCTV cameras watch their home all the time. Around 35 personnel from the CRPF stand guard.

"*Yahaan ghutan hoti hai* (We are suffocating here). Nobody talks to us... they treat us like criminals. I know they (villagers) will attack us once the CRPF leaves. I have three young daughters and I am worried about their safety," said the teen victim's elder brother.

He lost his job soon after the incident and now stays at home.

The girl's father, who too has no job, interrupted his son. Their house in the village was built 70-80 years ago, he said, and they



The victim was cremated forcibly by UP police and officials. *File*

could not just go away.

"It's not easy to leave this place. We want people to accept us. What wrong have we done? We can't go to the temple or visit the market. We stay at home all the time and pray that the court's judgment comes

soon," he said.

The family says their fight is not only for justice for their daughter, but also against the social injustice in the village.

Two cases were registered after the girl's death. They are being heard by the Allahabad High Court and an SC/ST court in Hathras. At the High Court, the Special Investigation Team is yet to submit a report on the forcible cremation. The SC/ST court is hearing the rape-murder case.

Four Thakur men, Sandeep (20), Ravi (35), Luv Kush (23), and Ramu (26), are accused of the crime.

"I have seen the families of the accused going in cars, followed by other villagers in autorickshaws and jeeps, when they go to court or to meet the accused in jail. Half the village fol-

lows them, but there is no one with us," the girl's brother said.

The family received a compensation of Rs 25 lakh, but they are yet to get the jobs and a new house that were promised by the UP government.

"We sold all our buffaloes and cows and left our work because of the case. Even at court hearings, the villagers follow us and threaten us and our lawyer. We know they want our lawyer to leave this case. They will do anything to save the Thakur men..." the brother said.

The families of the accused, however, claimed that their lives had been "ruined" because of the media trial.

"My husband is in jail and I don't have enough money to send my three children to good schools, Ramu's wife said.

## BENGALURU STADIUM KILLING

# 27-year-old was accused in 2017 kidnap bid, with then BSY aide

JOHNSON T A

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 14

THE 27-year-old who was chased and killed at a football stadium in Bengaluru on September 12 was named in 2018 in a chargesheet over the attempted kidnapping of BJP leader and current minister K S Eshwarappa's personal assistant N S Vinay, by a gang allegedly hired by N R Santhosh, the then personal assistant of B S Yediyurappa.

Aravind alias Lee, who had 14 criminal cases against him, was hacked to death in the referee's changing room, ahead of a women's A division league match, in a suspected revenge attack stemming from gang rivalry. Police sources said no connection has been found to the attempted kidnapping case.

Aravind is accused of having been a hired hand in the May 11, 2017, attempted kidnapping, in which 12 persons, including Santhosh, are accused.

A group of assailants armed with swords first landed at a ground adjoining the Karnataka State Football Association's Stadium on September 12, where Aravind was to participate in a six-a-side tournament match, as a player and a manager. Aravind tried to escape by running into the football stadium, but was chased, cornered and hacked to death.

Police say the attack was the result of a recent incident in east Bengaluru, where Aravind grew up in soccer-crazy Pillanna Garden. He was involved in "many fights and murders there", resulting in multiple assault and attempt-to-murder cases, sources said. "Many of the fights were about football. He was recently in jail for attempt



Aravind was hacked to death on September 12

to murder a rival and was released in July."

Aravind and his gang attacked a rival gang recently in east Bengaluru, and they decided to kill him in return, police sources said.

The attempted kidnapping case in which Aravind was named was an aberration in the sense that it was registered in north Bengaluru. A group of persons with criminal records were allegedly hired to kidnap Eshwarappa's PA Vinay, to recover a mobile phone that reportedly contained material considered important by both him and the rival Yediyurappa group.

The men rammed into Vinay's car, on May 17, 2017 evening, and then tried to push him into another vehicle. He had managed to escape by raising an alarm, according to the police case.

Police claimed to have found the involvement of Santhosh, then PA to Yediyurappa, who was in Opposition at the time, and BJP youth worker, Rajendra U.

According to the chargesheet filed in 2018, Santhosh and Urs hired several accused with criminal records, including Aravind. Police claimed to have found evidence of telephonic links between the main accused and the others.

Santhosh alleged a political conspiracy. However, in February this year, the Karnataka High Court refused to quash the chargesheet against him. The case has not reached the stage of framing of charges as yet in the trial court where the matter is being heard.

## Country belongs to all: JD(U) on 'Abba jaan' row

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE JD(U) on Tuesday weighed in on the controversy caused by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's 'abba jaan' remark saying the country belongs to people of all communities.

The country belongs to everybody, be it Hindus, Muslims, Christians or any other community, and political parties should maintain restraint in their comments, JD(U) president Lalan Singh told reporters at a press conference, adding, "Terms like 'unity in diversity' are used for our country. The country belongs to all. No remarks should be made that harm the country."

In this context, he also took a swipe at JMM leader and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren for his remarks allegedly aimed at Bhojpuri and Magahi-speaking people of the state. Everybody has a right to settle in whichever part of the country they like, he said. **PTI**

## Man arrested for kho-kho player's murder in UP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BIJNOR, SEPTEMBER 14

POLICE HERE on Tuesday arrested a Railway 'palledar' for the murder of a 24-year-old kho-kho player, an official said.

Superintendent of Police Dharanveer Singh told reporters that inter-university kho-kho player Babli, a resident of Sarvodaya Colony, was murdered on September 10.

He said on the day of the incident, Babli was going home while talking to her friend over the phone when the incident took place. Babli's friend heard her screams over the phone and informed her neighbour.

The woman's neighbour found her body. The SP said the phone was traced to nearby Adampur.

He said on the basis of physical, electronic and circumstantial evidence, police detained 'palledar' Shahzad, alias Khadim. He said Khadim confessed to his crime during questioning. **PTI**

## HINDI DIWAS



Home Minister Amit Shah at an event to mark Hindi Diwas on Tuesday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

## Want to clarify Hindi not competing with other Indian languages, says Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

HINDI IS the country's official language but will prosper only through coexistence with other Indian languages, said Home Minister Amit Shah on the occasion of Hindi Diwas Tuesday as he urged people to speak in their mother tongues.

The Home Minister said Hindi was not competing with other Indian languages. "Different opinions come. But I want to clarify that Hindi is not competing with any other Indian language. It is actually a friend of all Indian languages and it will prosper only with co-existence," Shah said.

This is a marked departure from Shah's 2019 speech on Hindi Diwas where he pushed for the idea of 'One Nation, One

Language' and stressed that it was only Hindi which could unite the whole nation.

The remarks had sparked a furore and invited sharp reactions from opposition political parties, particularly in south India.

"There is no need to hesitate, no need to suffer any inferiority complex. When the PM speaks in Hindi at the highest of international platforms, what are we worried about? Those days are gone when we used to think how we will be judged if we speak in Hindi. You will be judged by your work, your ideas, not by your language," Shah said, claiming that many countries had progressed by doing all their work, including in the field of science and technology, in their own language.

The Home Minister was speaking at the Hindi Diwas programme organised at Vigyan

Bhawan by the Department of Languages in the ministry.

He advised parents to speak to their children in their mother tongue at home even if they are studying in English-medium schools.

The Home Minister suggested that India did well in the battle against Covid-19 because PM Narendra Modi established communication with states and the people of the country in Hindi.

"Data shows we have done better than the rest of the world in fighting Covid-19. How did we succeed? In the rest of the world, the government fought Covid, but in India the people and state governments along with the Centre fought it together. This happened because PM Modi spoke to states and the people through 35 meetings and events where he spoke in the official language..." he said.

## Akhtar in Saamana: Hindus tolerant, India can never be like Afghanistan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 14

SCREENWRITER AND lyricist Javed Akhtar, in a signed article in Shiv Sena mouthpiece *Saamana*, has said that Hindus are the most tolerant majority in the world and that India could never be equated with Taliban-ruled Afghanistan as Indians are by nature moderates.

Sena, through *Saamana*, had earlier this month criticised Akhtar when he had compared the RSS and VHP with Taliban.

"Actually, in the recent interview, I have said 'Hindus are the most decent and tolerant major-

ity' in the world. I have repeated this time and again and also emphasized that India can never become like Afghanistan because Indians by nature are not extremists..." said Akhtar in his opinion piece in *Saamana*.

He further said that his critics are angered by him as he finds a lot of similarities between the mindsets of the Taliban and the Hindu right-wing.

Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena leader and executive editor of *Saamana*, said: "We ...carry views of people from different ideologies... He (Akhtar) shared the article with us and we carried it as we felt that he made some interesting points."

## 4 DRDO contract staffers held for sharing defence secrets: police

AISHWARYA MOHANTY

BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 14

ODISHA POLICE on Tuesday arrested four staff members of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), employed on contract, for allegedly sharing classified defence secrets with suspected agents from Pakistan.

The four were employed at Chandipur base of DRDO, in Odisha's Balasore district, Inspector General of Police (eastern range) Himanshu Lal said.

In a media release, Balasore police stated, "Basing on inputs received from reliable sources, four persons have been apprehended for committing offence of causing serious harm to security, sovereignty and integrity of our nation." Further investigation is on to "unearth more evidence", police said.

IGP Lal said police had inputs that classified information was being shared "from within the premises". He said the four accused worked as lower-rung contractual labourers in DRDO's Chandipur ITR.

"The information was shared

with foreign agents, appearing to be Pakistani agents. The suspected agents were contacted by the accused persons using different ISD phone numbers and in exchange they were getting wrongful monetary benefits. Their phones have been seized," Lal said.

Police have not identified the accused. They have been booked under IPC Sections 120-B (punishment for criminal conspiracy), 121-A (conspiracy to wage a war against India) and 34 (act done with common intention), and under relevant sections of the Official Secrets Act.

## Cakes, tarts come to MP tribal village as state promotes local millets

IRAM SIDDIQUE

BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 14

"YOU ARE going to step on land that our forefathers have not stepped on; be careful. These people take simple women from villages and sell them off in big cities," was the warning to Jaymati Baiga, as she set out to attend a culinary training workshop at the Institute Hotel Management in Bhopal, located nearly 500 km from her Karopani village, which is located atop a hillock in MP's eastern-most district of Dindori.

However, for Baiga, the journey held the promise of her becoming financially independent, with training to make a wide variety of products, from biscuits to cakes and tarts, using the local

millets kodo and kutki.

Baiga was part of the first batch of 24 women selected for the training as part of a scheme by the MP Women and Child Welfare Department. She recalls that she took along a bundle of leaves, to make the plates and bowls she is used to eating in, apprehensive of what she would find in the big city.

In five days, the 35-year-old had learnt to fashion chocolate cookies, cakes and tarts out of kodo and kutki. She says she can't pick one favourite. "Kodo, kutki are our strength, we like everything made out of them."

Kodo (scientific name Paspalum scrobiculatum) and kutki (Panicum sumatrense) are staple millets in eastern India, drought-resistant and ideal for cultivation in hilly regions like



The MP government chose 24 women for the culinary workshop centred on use of local millets kodo, kutki. *Express*

Dindori. Plus, they are known to have nutritional benefits for those fighting diabetes, cholesterol and hypertension. Over the years though, their production had fallen as they are less profitable

compared to crops for which the government gives MSP.

In April 2018, the two millets saw the inkling of a revival when, along with eight other cereals, kodo and kutki were identified as

'nutri-cereal' by the Agriculture Ministry. Now, the state government has tied up with the United Nation Development Program (UNDP) under its Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh initiative to take the kodo, kutki revival programme forward. The scheme has got further impetus due to the return of migrants following Covid-induced job losses.

"The (culinary) workshop is a small step towards training these women to become independent in the true sense. Dindori is being developed as a hub for the procurement of all tribal items, from kodo and kutki to Gond paintings, which will be sold not only in local markets but also exported under the brand name Andai, meaning Annadaata," said Additional Chief Secretary, Women and Child

Development, Ashok Shah.

In March, the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government had also launched a website called Andai to promote and sell tribal produce.

At Dindori, the Tejaswini Rural Women Empowerment Program, initiated by the state government's Mahila Vikas Ekav Vitta Nigam in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, has been working on kodo, kutki revival since 2012.

Consequently, production has gone up from 25,190 quintals in 2018-19 to 86,148 quintals in 2020-21, with a corresponding hike in market rates from Rs 18 per kg for kodo and Rs 26 per kg for kutki, to Rs 24 for kodo and Rs 36 for kutki. Enterprising middlemen sell the same outside the state at organic shops for Rs 120 to Rs 150

per kg, while products made from the millets are even available for as high as Rs 230 per kg.

The government did try its hand at selling kodo and kutki cookies and snacks earlier too, even registering modest profits of around Rs 9 lakh in 2019-20. However, it was difficult to ensure quality or taste standards.

"Training was the first step towards teaching these women to produce a wide variety of products along with making these standardised..." said Kumar Saket, head of UNDP Madhya Pradesh.

Baiga is now back in Dindori, with dreams of setting up a bakery of her own. One day, she hopes, she can sell the same in Bhopal, which once seemed a foreign land.



# WCD Ministry to bring rules to ease inter-country adoption

ESHAROY  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE MINISTRY of Women and Child Development will soon issue a notification to facilitate inter-country adoption under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act (HAMA). According to the new regulation, families adopting under this Act can receive a no-objection certificate from Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), the government's adoption authority, to take the child abroad.

Currently, families have to approach the courts for the no-objection certificates.

Last month, the ministry issued a notification waiving the two-year mandatory period that an adoptive family would have to stay in the country for constant monitoring by CARA and

other authorities. According to this new rule, adoptive families can now intimate Indian diplomatic missions two weeks in advance of their intent to travel with the adopted child. The families are to furnish all details, including that of residence. The Indian missions will then monitor the progress and security of the adopted child, instead of CARA and other authorities.

Ministry officials on Tuesday said these measures were being taken to facilitate ease in carrying out adoptions, while at the same time ensure prevention of abuse or child trafficking.

Enacted in 1956, the HAMA is a personal law applicable to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains and largely pertains to adoptions within a family. Adoptions under it are simpler as the two parties along with the child only need to approach a

court. On the other hand, CARA has strict stipulations prior to and after adoptions, such as Home Study Reports of the prospective parents which are prepared through social workers of selected Specialised Adoption Agency.

A senior ministry official said, "There were many challenges under HAMA pertaining to taking a child to another country. Sometimes a parent would get a job in another country but would not be able to go because it was difficult to get an NOC. We have now made this easier."

"We asked CARA to frame regulations under HAMA on how inter-country adoption can take place, as there were no protocols for this. So, when NRIs or OCIs would adopt under HAMA, they would face problems getting NOCs and would not be able to take the child back with them,

as it was difficult getting a passport or visa. The District Magistrate will now carry out a verification and within a month of the application, send recommendations to CARA for NOCs," said the official.

The official said the Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to have Indian missions to track the well-being of children adopted from here in foreign countries.

As per CARA data, 417 inter-country adoptions took place in 2020-21, and 2,693 in the past five years. As opposed to this, 26,213 children have been adopted domestically through CARA in the past five years. There is no official data available on how many adoptions take place under HAMA each year, but officials said the numbers could be much higher.

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## Centre to Delhi HC: Will seek transfer of Mehbooba petition to apex court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE CENTRE on Tuesday told Delhi High Court that that the challenge to various provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, is pending before Supreme Court, and it will seek transfer of former J&K chief minister and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's petition to the apex court in view of the similarity in litigation.

The division bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh adjourned to September 30 the hearing of Mufti's petition after Solicitor General Tushar

Mehta made the submission.

Mehta told the court that the matter related to PMLA before the Supreme Court has been assigned to a special bench, and one of the questions there is regarding Section 50 of the Act. "Your lordships may record my statement that I intend to move a transfer petition," Mehta told the court.

Mufti, who in her petition had challenged summons issued to her by ED, has also laid challenge to Section 50 of PMLA and contended that the provision violates protection against self-incrimination. The provision needs to be revisited in light of a verdict passed by Supreme Court last year, she has said.

## Criticism of SC: A-G nod to contempt proceedings against portal editor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

ATTORNEY GENERAL K K Venugopal on Monday granted consent to initiate contempt of court proceedings against Ajeet Bharti, editor of the newsportal *dopoltics.in*, over a video critical of the Supreme Court and judges.

"I find that the contents of the video which has been watched by about 1.7 lakh viewers are vituperative, gross and highly derogatory to the Supreme Court of India and the judiciary as a whole being clearly intended to denigrate the courts. The allegations made by Mr Ajeet Bharti against the

Supreme Court are, among other things, of bribery, favouritism and abuse of power," the A-G said in his letter granting consent.

The A-G referred to some of Bharti's remarks, including one where he said "the Supreme Court was shown its real place by Prashant Bhushan, all at the expense of Rs 1" and where he spoke about judges withdrawing from hearing "Mamata Banerjee's case" and said "whatever might have been the motive behind the making of these scurrilous statements, it was obvious that the speaker who is quite educated would have known that the result would be to attract the contempt jurisdiction of the Supreme Court..."

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STATES REPORTING **MOST CASES**

STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	15,876	1,99,349	16.51%	3,18,33,263
■ Maharashtra	3,530	49,671	0.98%	6,83,71,367
■ Tamil Nadu	1,591	16,549	1.02%	3,97,06,057
■ Mizoram	1,502	12,487	13.07%	9,86,006
■ Andhra Pradesh	1,125	14,412	2.33%	3,51,84,657

STATES REPORTING **MOST DEATHS**

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	129	22,858	0.47%	0.56%
■ Maharashtra	54	1,41,770	1.04%	2.19%
■ Tamil Nadu	27	35,217	1.50%	1.35%
■ Karnataka	12	37,529	1.05%	1.27%
■ West Bengal	12	18,599	1.71%	1.20%

Note: Data as on Sept 14; vaccination numbers as of Sept 13. Deaths include those caused by comorbidities.

**Javed Akhtar defamation case: Court says will issue warrant against Kangana if she fails to appear**

Mumbai: A metropolitan magistrate's court Tuesday granted exemption from appearance to Kangana Ranaut in defamation proceedings filed by Javed Akhtar, and said it would issue an arrest warrant against her if she remains absent at the next hearing. **ENS**

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Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai at an event to felicitate veterans from Goa who had participated in the 1971 war.

## Victory over Pak in 1971 war India's greatest achievement: Goa Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 14

GOA GOVERNOR PS Sreedharan Pillai on Tuesday said that the 1971 war was "the greatest achievement of our country in the field of war". Pillai was speaking at a commemorative event held at the Azad Maidan in Panaji to felicitate veterans from Goa who had participated in the 1971 war. The event was held as part of the Swarnim Vijay Varsh, celebrating the 'Golden Jubilee' of India's victory over Pakistan in 1971.

Pillai said there were lessons to be learnt from the 1971 war that led to the creation of Bangladesh and said all religions must come together and unite.

He also mentioned the national anthem of Bangladesh. "Bangladesh national anthem is (*Amar Sonar Bangla*, even though it is declared as a particular religion's republic..."

"I am stressing this because our country is the greatest country in the world. Pracheen Bharat... There was no persecution against... by and large, I am saying, nothing in ancient India," Pillai said.

He said that the 1971 war had taught us many lessons. "People from all walks of life — Hindu, Muslim, Christians, everybody should unite together. Our endeavour should be to achieve the targeted goal for that purpose, we will try. This is the apt time for that," the Governor said.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who was also present at the event, said, "I welcome the Vijay Mashaal in Goa and I feel very proud to be part of this gathering. By remembering the 1971 war, the youth will once again feel inspired and it will ignite values of patriotism."

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6.	Patna Main Branch	Amit Ranjan	Jora Management, Consultin Services Ltd. 75 Patliputra Colony Patna 800013	AB00108	8460	24.10.18, 20.02.19, 19.06.19, 19.07.19, 24.08.20, 05.06.21
7.	Patna Main Branch	Prerna Rani Verma	W/o Niraj Kumar Sinha, Jwala Bhawan, Jagat Narayan Road Patna 800001	AB00112	8460	24.10.18, 20.02.19, 19.06.19, 19.07.19, 20.08.19, 24.08.20, 05.06.21
8.	Patna Main Branch	Krishna Kumar Singh	S/o Sunil Kr Singh, 12/D Saidpur Extension, kadam Kuan Rajendra Nagar Patna 800016	AB00117	7660	24.10.18, 20.02.19, 19.06.19, 24.08.20, 05.06.21
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## PRESIDENT IN HIMACHAL PRADESH Presidential retreat staff test positive for Covid, Kovind to stay in hotel

PRESSTrust OF INDIA  
SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 14

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind will stay at a private hotel here instead of the presidential retreat, where he normally stays, during his visit beginning Thursday to Himachal Pradesh, where he will address a special session of the state assembly.

The choice of venue follows after four staff members of the retreat tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday, an official said.

The President during his four-day visit to Himachal Pradesh will address a special session of the state Assembly and will be the chief guest at the Valedictory Ceremony of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service at the National Academy of Audit and Accounts at Shimla, the official added.

He said the President will stay at Cecil hotel at Chaura Maidan instead of The Retreat — the President's residence at Chharabra on the outskirts of Shimla.

All those who come in close contact with the President will have to carry a RT-PCR negative report even if they have been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, he added.

Earlier, Speaker Vipin Singh Parmar told the media Tuesday that the President would address the special session of the state assembly on Friday at 11 am to mark the golden jubilee of Himachal Pradesh's statehood.

Kovind will be the third President to address the Himachal Pradesh Assembly. Former Presidents Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pranab Mukherjee addressed the state Assembly in 2003 and 2013 respectively, he said.

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- For shares held in physical form: New share certificate(s) will be issued and transferred subsequently to the Demat account of the IEPF Authority without any further notice. Further, upon issue of such new share certificate(s) the original share certificate(s) which are registered in your name will stand automatically cancelled and deemed to be bad delivery.
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The members may further note that the details made available by the Company on its website shall be deemed as adequate notice in respect of issue of duplicate share certificate(s) by the Company for transfer of shares to IEPF. Please note that no claim shall lie against the Company in respect of unclaimed dividend amount and shares transferred to IEPF Authority pursuant to the said Rules.

The Unclaimed dividend amount and the shares transferred to IEPF, may be claimed by the concerned shareholder from the IEPF Authority by following the procedure prescribed under the aforementioned IEPF Rules.

For any queries on the subject matter, you may contact Secretarial Department at A-26/4, Mohan Cooperative Industrial Estate New Delhi- 110044, Phone: 011-40617777; Email: [secretarial@singerindia.net](mailto:secretarial@singerindia.net)

By Order of the Board  
For SINGER India Limited  
Sd/-  
Priyanka Gandhi  
Company Secretary

**Place:** New Delhi  
**Dated:** 14.09.2021

NEW DELHI





A damaged bridge at Sarapdad village in Rajkot on Tuesday.

# 8 dead since Monday; Gujarat CM visits rain-ravaged areas

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, RAJKOT, SURAT, SEPTEMBER 14

A TWO-YEAR-OLD boy and an employee of the Gandhinagar district panchayat were among eight people who lost their lives in rain-related incidents in Gujarat since Monday, taking the cumulative toll in the state this monsoon to 48.

More than 9,200 persons were relocated and 144 rescued from flooded rural areas, while 724 people were rescued and 1,146 relocated in urban areas on Tuesday from Jamnagar district, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said in Jamnagar. At least 164 villages reported power outages, which “would be restored soon”.

Rajnikant Dulara, an employee of the Gandhinagar district panchayat, died after being struck by lightning at the old secretariat complex in the state capital, while the body of a Rajkot businessman who went missing in flood waters was found Tuesday. A search was on for his driver.

An Ashramshala principal was swept away while crossing the Kaveri river in Chikhli taluka on Tuesday. His body was found later. In Jamnagar, Manishaben (50) and her husband Rameshbhai Aghera (52) from Jamjodhpur were swept away in their four-wheeler near Samana

# Lightning killed over 300 in Jharkhand in 2020-21: Govt data

**ABHISHEK ANGAD**  
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 14

JHARKHAND RECORDED 322 human deaths and 88 animal deaths due to lightning strikes in 2020-21 – the highest in the last three financial years – according to data released in the state Assembly in a response to a question by a Jharkhand Mukti Morcha MLA Sudivya Kumar.

This is the first time that the state has released such specific data. Earlier, the Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council (CROPC), a non-profit organisation that works closely with the India

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**MT. NA. RITES CORP/EE/OHE/THDC/KHURJA. Tender ID: 2021\_RITES\_88184.1. Name of Work:** "Design, Drawing, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 25KV, 50 Hz single phase OHE SSP and SCADA works including modification of OHE at Danwar Railway Station for THDC Khurja STPP Railway Siding. District-Bulandshahr, North Central Railway, Prayagraj Division, Uttar Pradesh, India." **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 23.64 crore; **Bid Security Declaration to be submitted along with the Bid Documents as Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security) of Completion:** 12 Months. **Last Time & date of submission of Bid:** 15:00 Hrs on 07.10.2021. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://etenders.gov.in/e/procure/app>. Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only

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**Chief Workshop Manager**  
**CRWS, Nishatpura, Bhopal**  
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**Office of Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, P.W.D. Moradabad**

Short term E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tender (second call)

No. 3895 / Nivida-Moradabad/20-21 Dated:-05-09-2021

1.On behalf of the Governor of UP, tender for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from registered contractors In column No-8 from 16.09.2021 at 10.00 am to 27-09-2021 at 5.00 pm. Amount mentioned in column no. 5 & 7 shall be mandatorily deposited by Net Banking Only through E-tender portal. Technical bid / Prequalifying of tenders shall be opened on 28-09-2021 at 12.00 noon in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.

Sl. No.	District No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.in lacs)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents including GST (RS.)	Category of road contractor eligible
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1		MBD Renewal with BC of Moradabad-Tanda-Dhanhal Road km-21,22,23,24,25	135-00	Earnest Money Declaration Form	2 Month	2000+300 +54=2354	A.B. (Road Category)

Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Bidder have to login Prarahi URL <http://wms.upwd.gov.in/prarahi/> and upload their documents As per G.O No.-87 (1) / 23-7-2020 dated 25-08-2020 and E-IN-C (Vikas) and Head of Department letter-4650 / 4NL-OC / 2020 dated 27.08.2020.

Executive Engineer Superintending Engineer Provisional Division, PWD, Moradabad

Superintending Engineer Moradabad Circle, PWD, Moradabad For and Behalf of Governor of U.P.

# Expect India to announce more goals ahead of COP26: Kerry

**ESHA ROY**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

US SPECIAL Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry on Tuesday said that while India has not made any commitment to raise ambition ahead of the COP26 conference in Glasgow later this year during his meetings with Indian ministers and officials, he expects the country to make an announcement “on one thing or the other” going into the climate conference.

“I have told them [Indian government], like I have many others, that this is urgent. While people have not said exclusively no or yes, they have said they'll take a look at [raising ambition]. This is the Prime Minister's prerogative and internal deliberations need to take place before India can take that position,” said Kerry, concluding his three-day visit to the country.

“I'm confident that India is going to announce one thing or another going into COP, as will many other nations we haven't



Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri meets US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry in New Delhi on Tuesday. *Express*

heard from yet. So, I anticipate increases of ambition from a lot of different places,” he said.

On Kerry's last visit in April, he had spoken of the importance of NGOs in combating climate change. When asked about funding restrictions placed on NGOs by the government, Kerry said, “I did not have a chance to have a conversation on that partly because I was not aware of the full measure of that particular situa-

tion. It is the United States position, broadly, for any country in the world, that we think vibrant exchange in civil society is critical and contributes to processes.”

On his recent visit to China, Kerry said the two countries had “healthy and respectful exchanges” on various issues and “made some progress”.

“We did not agree on some components on how to address the climate crisis, but we have

agreed to meet again and are in the process of setting the date for the next meeting. Since I was in China, President Biden and President Xi have had a telephonic conversation addressing a number of issues,” he said.

On his meeting in India, Kerry said, “We had agreement on all quarters on finance and technology cooperation.” He said discussions with the Indian government was focused on how India's target of 450 GW renewable energy can be achieved, and what the US can do to assist in attaining it.

Kerry said the key for all countries is to raise ambitions and they need to make decisions on their power sector. “I'm not suggesting that everybody has to do the same things as developed countries. But everyone has to lay out a plan on what their energy sector is going to be and how it can be net zero in 2050,” he said, adding that India is already ahead of many other countries in its goals.

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# Medical student held in UP NEET racket

**AVANEESH MISHRA**  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 14

THE VARANASI Police Tuesday arrested a student of Lucknow's King George's Medical University and the brother of a dentistry student from Banaras Hindu University for their alleged involvement in a NEET examination solving racket.

The dentistry student, 23-year-old Julie Kumari from Patna, and her mother Babita Devi were arrested on Monday after Julie was caught writing the National Eligibility cum Entrance

Test (NEET) on the behalf of one Hina Vishwas. She had allegedly been asked by Babita and her brother Abhay Kumar Mehta to write the test. Mehta was arrested on Tuesday along with final-year MBBS student at KGMU Osama Shahid, who is from Mau district, said the police.

Shahid, who has reportedly appeared for his MBBS fourth-year final exam, allegedly took contracts to replace genuine NEET candidates with problem-solvers in exchange for large sums of money. The police said they have seized copies of 15 admit cards, four photos, four cargo

courier receipts, and two phones containing incriminating chats.

Mehta is accused of convincing his sister to write the NEET exam for a candidate for Rs 5 lakh. Based on the interrogation of the four arrested, a few other members of the racket – which is allegedly active in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and a few other states – have been identified. The police have also put together separate teams to nab them.

On Sunday, the police arrested Julie and Babita from the exam centre after getting inputs. Another person with them, Vikas Kumar Mahto, escaped.

Varanasi Police Commissioner A Satish Ganesh told *The Indian Express* officials had discovered that the well-planned racket had two people, known by their aliases Bablu and PK, at its centre. “There is a supply side and a demand side. The demand side focuses on coaching centres and retrieves data on candidates who belong to well-off families and failed to clear the NEET exam in previous attempts. The supply side identifies bright candidates, who have recently cleared the exam, but are financially weak,” said Ganesh, adding that Shahid was acting as a bridge.



AAP supporters at Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia's Tiranga Yatra in Ayodhya, Tuesday. *PTI*

# ‘Ram in our hearts, Constitution in hands’: AAP holds Tiranga Yatra

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 14

THE AAM Aadmi Party organised a Tiranga Sankalp Yatra in Ayodhya on Tuesday, saying it had Lord Ram in its hearts and the Constitution in its hands.

The party, which has plans to organise similar marches across the state, accused the BJP of practising fake nationalism and claimed that the AAP was organising the Tiranga Yatras with the aim of freeing Uttar Pradesh from “corruption, loot, rioters and goons”.

The march in Ayodhya began in the district's Gulab Badi area at

2 pm, and concluded at Gandhi Park around 5 pm. Among those who participated in the yatra were Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh.

After the event, Sisodia told reporters that AAP would form the next government in Uttar Pradesh, and that it would take inspiration from the ideals of Ram. “We have Shri Ram in our hearts and the Constitution in our hands,” Sisodia said. “Arvind Kejriwal is the only Chief Minister in India who is running the government by following the ideals of Ram Lalla. Today, Lord Ram is discussed in other parties, but we all know what is happen-

ing in his name.”

The Delhi deputy chief minister claimed that the Yogi Adityanath government was “neither of the common people nor of Shri Ram”. He added, “Even after 75 years of Independence, instead of giving their due to those who give us food, it is very shameful that they are calling farmers goondas, goons and terrorists. Even after 75 years of Independence, this behaviour with our ‘annadata [provider of food]’ is extremely shameful.”

Sisodia also alleged that in the last four and a half years, the state government had promoted goonda raj instead of ending it.

# Allahabad HC stays second suspension order against Khan

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 14

THE ALLAHABAD High Court has stayed the UP government's order suspending Dr Kafeel Khan, a paediatrician, for the second time in 2019 for allegedly creating nuisance and misbehaving with staff at Bahraich District Hospital.

Khan was already under suspension then, following his arrest in 2017 after around 30 children died at Gorakhpur's BRD Medical College allegedly due to disruption in oxygen supply. Khan was released on bail a year later.

Hearing the petition of Khan, in which he had assailed his suspension order on the ground that no inquiry had been concluded against him even after more than two years, Justice Saral Srivastava directed the UP government to conclude the probe related to the 2019 suspension within a month.

The court in its order -- passed on September 9 -- said that Khan should cooperate in the inquiry, failing which, the disciplinary authority may proceed to conclude the inquiry ex-parte.

Khan's lawyer argued that



**Dr Kafeel Khan**

there was no rule that permits the state government to issue second suspension order against him when he was already under suspension.

However, Additional Chief Standing Counsel AK Goel, on behalf of the government, told the High Court that the inquiry report against Khan was submitted on August 27, 2021, and a copy was sent to him a day later.

Goel also submitted that the disciplinary authority has the inherent power to pass second suspension order.

Stating that the matter needs consideration, the High Court granted four weeks' time to all the respondents to file a counter affidavit.

The court has fixed November 11 as the next date for hearing. In August this year, the Allahabad High Court quashed the decision of the Aligarh Chief Judicial Magistrate to accept the police chargesheet against Dr Khan in a hate speech case.

## FALLOUT OF 'NARCOTIC JIHAD' CLAIM

# Kerala: Its vote bank slipping, Cong looks at govt to bridge gap

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 14

WITH ITS Muslim-Christian vote bank facing polarisation after Catholic bishop Joseph Kallarangatt's “narcotics jihad” claim, the Congress in Kerala is looking at the state government to bridge the divide between two communities.

On Tuesday, Leader of Opposition in Assembly V D Satheesan of the Congress asked the Pinarayi Vijayan government to convene a meeting of religious heads and leaders of political parties.

“We don't want to see the situation worsen. The government is a mute witness when tension is building up between the two communities,” he said. “Is the Chief Minister not aware of the hate campaign on social media platforms? This is an issue that requires the government's urgent attention.”

Last Wednesday, Kallarangatt had claimed during a sermon that “narcotics jihad” is making non-Muslims, particularly the youth, addicted to drugs.

What is making the Congress jittery is that the party-led UDF will be left to bear the political fallout of the growing distrust between the two minority communities in the wake of that statement.

Both communities have been the mainstay of UDF. In the last Assembly elections, however, purported feelings against Muslims among a section of Christians, particularly Catholics, was seen as one of the factors that led to UDF's defeat in many seats in central Kerala, eventually helping the CPI(M)-led LDF to retain power.

The death of veteran regional Christian party leader KM Mani, coupled with the exit of his Kerala Congress (M) from UDF, is also seen as having contributed

to alienation of the Christian community.

Besides, the recent change of guard at the organisational and Parliamentary leadership of the party in Kerala, which led to the rise of Satheesan and party's state unit chief K Sudhakaran have sent a long-standing Christian face – former CM Oommen Chandy – to the back-ground. Before Chandy, party veteran A K Antony had filled that slot.

Now, it is up to the Sudhakaran-Satheesan duo to retain the Christian vote bank with the party.

Another factor that has made the Congress anxious, and indirectly led to exerting pressure on the government to broker peace between the communities, is the stepping in of BJP as the champion of the Church cause – the saffron party has been wooing central Kerala's Christian vote bank. After Kallarangatt's statements drew flak and protests from various quarters, the BJP immediately sprang to his support.

Sensing danger, the Congress has warned the Church to not fall prey to “Sangh agenda”.

The timing of the ‘narco jihad’ statement could not have been worse for the state Congress, coming at a time when UDF leaders were brokering peace between religious heads of the two communities.

IUML high-powered committee member Syed Sadiqali Shihab Thangal said his party has already called for restraint from both sides. “We, along with other Muslim organisations, are also looking for a dialogue with the Christian side,” he said.

Within the LDF, Kerala Congress (M), which had raised the “love jihad” issue in the run-up to the assembly polls, has already backed the bishop on narcotic jihad statements. Its chairman Jose K Mani has stated that by raising narcotic jihad, the bishop was exhorting the faithful to be vigilant against social evils.

# Life imprisonment sentence means rigorous imprisonment: apex court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A SENTENCE of life imprisonment would mean rigorous imprisonment and not simple imprisonment, the Supreme Court reiterated Tuesday.

The court ruling came on appeals against two judgments of the Gauhati and Himachal Pradesh high courts which upheld the conviction of accused on the charge of murder and sentenced them to rigorous imprisonment for life.

“In view of the authoritative pronouncements of this court on the issues that arise for consideration in these SLPs, there is no need to re-examine the limited point for which notice was issued,” a bench of Justices L Nageswara

## The ruling came on appeals against two judgments of the Gauhati and Himachal Pradesh high courts

Rao and BR Gavai ruled, reaffirming its 1983 judgment in the case Naib Singh vs State of Punjab and Others.

The bench pointed out that in the Naib Singh case, “the petitioner was originally sentenced to death for committing an offence of murder... Later, the death sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life by the Government of Punjab. After having undergone sentence of 22 years, Naib Singh filed a Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India

challenging his continued detention. One of the points argued by the petitioner relates to sentence of imprisonment for life not to be equated to rigorous imprisonment for life. By taking into account the earlier judgments of this court...this Court in Naib Singh's case held that the sentence of imprisonment for life has to be equated to rigorous imprisonment for life”.

The court had in the Naib Singh case held that “there is no dearth of judicial precedents where, in the matter of nature of punishment, imprisonment for life has been regarded as equivalent to rigorous imprisonment for life”. “The position in law as regards the nature of punishment...is well settled and the sentence of imprisonment for life has to be equated to rigorous imprisonment for life.”





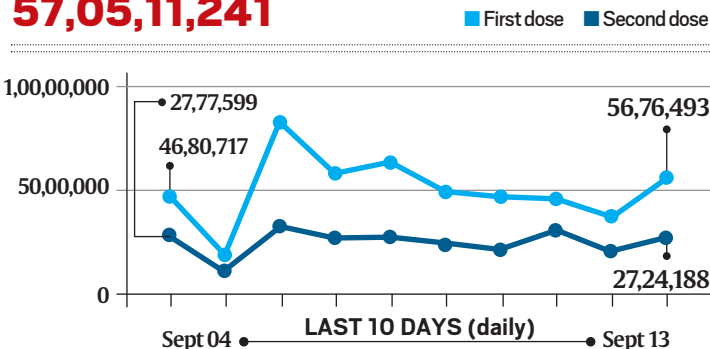
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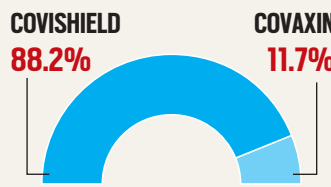
## CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

**TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA** (at least one dose)  
**57,05,11,241**



**TOTAL DOSES**  
**75,22,38,324**

(Sputnik V's 8,49,535 doses not represented in pie)

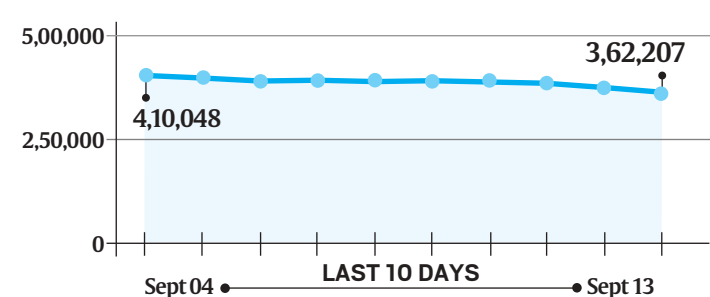


**DOSES ON SEPT 13** **84,00,681**

**SEPT 12:** 56,30,265 (37,32,783 1st doses; 18,97,482 2nd)

**INDIA ACTIVE CASES**

**3,62,207**



**INDIA TOTAL CASES** **3,32,89,579**

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Sept 14

Note: The Sept 13 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 14

## How beautified images affect perceptions of the coronavirus

A NEW study argues that black and white images of SARS-CoV-2 make the virus seem more infectious, while colour and three-dimensional images in the media have favoured the perception of the virus as a beautiful, but not quite realistic or contagious. The study by the Instituto de Radio



vs 3D, and photo vs illustration, and how these affect perceptions, UAB said in a press release.

The study concluded that the beauty of the coronavirus images is more likely to be seen in colour and three-dimensional images. And these are the images that are most used when informing the public about SARS-CoV-2. In this sense, the research discusses the role media has in distributing images that beautify the virus.

Researchers also found a negative correlation between the beauty detected in the images and their didactic value. The more beautiful the images were perceived as being, the less educational they seemed to spectators.

Source: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona



DEEPTIMAN TIWARI

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, as aircraft acting as bombs shattered the myth of American invincibility, there was a momentary sense of vindication in the Indian security establishment. There was hope the West might at last appreciate the problem that India had been wrestling for over a decade.

However, as the United States announced its global war on terror, the Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW) noted the vow President George W Bush made — that this war would not end “until every terrorist group of global reach ha[d] been found, stopped and defeated”. Indian officials wondered whether, for the Americans, the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) or Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) qualified as terrorists with global reach.

Indeed, through the 1980s, as it used the ISI to fight the Red Army in Afghanistan, and into the 1990s, the US had paid hardly any attention to India's concerns about the terrorism coming from Pakistan. The indifference persisted even after 9/11, when JeM terrorists attacked India's Parliament on December 13, 2001.

“In terms of the symbolism, the attack on Parliament was the biggest attack India had ever faced. Yet, we were on our own. The West was too caught up with the invasion of Afghanistan. (The US and UK bombing campaign had begun on October 7.) Whatever intervention came, came because we forced the hands of the US. As India moved its forces to the western border, Pakistan withdrew its military from the Afghanistan border. That was when the US put pressure on Pakistan to act, and (LeT founder) Hafiz Saeed was arrested for the first time (on December 21, 2001),” a former R&AW officer said.

The 9/11 attacks impacted India's efforts to combat terrorism in two ways. One, they inspired terrorist groups and emboldened them to launch more ferocious attacks. Two, 9/11 paved the way for India to collaborate internationally against terrorism, and to build its own capacities against Pak-sponsored terror.

“Post-9/11, terror groups had begun getting more recruits. They had access to more funds. Disparate groups even began uniting. And there was an urge to launch spectacular attacks and spread indiscriminate terror,” a former Intelligence Bureau official said.

Less than a month after 9/11, a car bomb targeted the J&K Assembly, killing 38. This was followed by the Parliament attack and, in 2002, the attack on Akshardham temple in Ahmedabad, and two suicide attacks at Jammu's Raghunath temple. The August 2003 bombings in Mumbai followed and then, the series of attacks by the Indian Mujahideen from 2006 to 2013. The most spectacular attack was, of course, the one by the LeT in Mumbai on November 26, 2008.

### Lid on Pak terror factory

To a great extent, India's efforts to combat terrorism, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, were helped by the circumstances that arose with the US war in Afghanistan. While the Pakistani establishment had to reorient its focus and resources on the Af-Pak region, beginning 2003, the A B Vajpayee government, encouraged by the US, started a peace process with the military regime of Pervez Musharraf.

“Pakistan got increasingly involved in Afghanistan. So while it managed to protect the anti-India terror groups such as LeT and

# Some gaps in security grid, but tighter overall

The 9/11 and 26/11 attacks led to investments in capacity building in counter-terrorism, altered global equations vis-a-vis Pakistan, and paved the way for cooperation with the US and others on combating terror.



Richard Holbrooke, President Barack Obama's Special Representative for Af-Pak, with then National Security Advisor Shiv Shankar Menon in New Delhi in 2010. In the middle is then US Ambassador to India, Timothy J Roemer. Express Archive

JeM from the global war on terror to an extent, with fewer resources on the Indo-Pak border and the peace process, the infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir reduced dramatically,” a senior intelligence officer said. “Over 1,000 infiltrations used to be reported every year in Jammu and Kashmir in the 1990s. This dropped to 500 in the years after the 9/11 attacks. Now we consider 150 infiltrations a year as very high,” the officer added.

From the mid-2000s, Kashmir experienced over a decade of relative calm — with violence going down so drastically that paramilitary forces deployed there began to call it a “peace posting” in comparison to a deployment in Naxal-hit Bastar. India was able to conduct elections in J&K and tourism boomed — and the message was conveyed to the world that a major part of the Kashmir problem was Pakistan.

“We were also able to take aggressive action against terror groups because post 9/11, the idea of human rights violations took a backseat among the international community,” a former J&K police officer said.

As far as international collaboration on counter-terrorism was concerned, however, the West continued to prioritise its own interests for the next few years. “After 9/11, while the US started to look at South Asia differently, this focus was limited to very narrow field of threats in geographic terms. Mostly, it was limited to Afghanistan and the Af-Pak region, and to some groups that were directly related to al-Qaeda,” the former R&AW officer said.

The LeT, active since the early 1990s, was designated as “Foreign Terrorist Organisation” by the US State Department only in December 2001. It took almost seven more years for the United Nations to put it on the UNSC 1267 list as a group “linked to Al Qaeda”. “The problem was that the attention of the US soon shifted to Iraq. So while US-India cooperation on counter-terrorism did get a fillip post 9/11, their wasn't enough time for this relationship to crystallise in the way it should have. It was only after the 26/11 attacks that the Americans started to take the LeT seriously. Their focus came back to the region after Barack Obama became President,” the R&AW officer said.

### Cooperation in the Gulf

Several officers who saw the evolution of

the US-India relationship closely said the countries' counter-terrorism collaboration in the immediate post-9/11 world remained restricted to very specific threats.

“The overarching collaboration never happened, at least as far as the LeT and JeM were concerned. The US always kept them below al-Qaeda and the Afghan Taliban as a threat, even though they were the feeder groups for both al-Qaeda and, later, ISIS,” the officer said.

The shocks of 9/11 travelled beyond the US. The spectre of fundamentalist Islam began to make countries of Europe as well as regimes of the Middle East uncomfortable. In many ways, 9/11 was the beginning of the Muslim world being plunged into a civil war where the idea of “Civil Islam” has come under pressure from the idea of “Apocalyptic Islam”.

“New equations were developed. There were countries in Europe — France and Germany — and in the Middle East, which considered the LeT and JeM a threat. They started collaborating more with us. This was a result of 9/11. There were friends who neutralised anti-India threats in third countries,” the officer said.

Over the years, countries such as the UAE and Saudi Arabia have been of great help to India — regularly deporting terror suspects wanted here. In 2012, Saudi Arabia deported 26/11 accused Zabiuddin Ansari, the man who taught Hindi to the 10 terrorists who attacked Mumbai. Both the UAE and Saudi have since sent multiple IS suspects back to India.

The 9/11 attacks also opened the eyes of the Indian security establishment to threats from beyond the subcontinent. “We became more conscious that these groups have the capacity to act far beyond their borders. There were Somalis and Malaysians engaged in global terrorism. We acknowledged that there were cells even in countries in East Africa, and that they could be a threat to us,” another former R&AW officer said.

### Boost beyond security

India also realised that the world was responding to global terrorism, and it needed to put forward an international case of the problems it was facing in its own region.

“The onus was on us to bring out the ramifications of the global reach of these (LeT and JeM) organisations. Once we were able to come

up with hard evidence, the US did respond. There were also countries other than the US who appreciated our point of view,” the second R&AW officer said.

The world listened more to India also because of its rising economic power. India's IT exports to the US were among the world's largest, and US companies were increasingly keen on investing in India and its huge market.

Within years of 9/11, India and the US signed the civil nuclear deal, which indicated that the two countries saw each other as long-term strategic partners. There was also the context of the rise of China, its expansionism in the Pacific region already a clear concern.

By the mid 2000s, India-US engagements had begun to include military ties. These included high-level contacts, joint training, and a variety of exercises. The two countries collaborated in protection of sea lanes carrying vital oil shipments and other sea-borne trade. This was followed by sizable sales of American military and defence equipment to India.

### Information, cooperation

The cooperation on counter-terrorism that started after 9/11 acquired depth and breadth with time. “Earlier, the US would hardly share intelligence. Post 9/11, they began sharing some information on LeT. They had better coverage on LeT,” a former intelligence officer said.

According to this officer, the US had provided intelligence on an attack in Kashmir during a visit by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in the mid-2000s.

Much before Indian agencies got a fix on the IM, the US had contacted India to know if it had more information on the ISI's Abdul Rehman Pasha, who it said was recruiting and training men for attacks beyond Kashmir. Pasha's name later figured prominently in context of the “Karachi project” that produced the IM, as well as the 26/11 attacks.

“It was the US which gave us information on the impending 26/11 attacks. It's another matter we couldn't prevent it. Indo-US security cooperation flowered following 26/11. The US was closely associated with our investigations and gave us a lot of information. We wouldn't have been able to prove the case and embarrass Pakistan internationally without the FBI's help,” a senior IB officer said. Since then, the US has continued to share intelligence on threats targeting India, the officer said.

### Investing in capacity

India also invested heavily in capacity-building. The Indo-Pak border was fenced, and investments were made in creating intelligence infrastructure. The National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) was set up in 2004. It also embarked on projects such as the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) and the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID). It was post-9/11 that R&AW got a counter-terror desk.

“Comprehensive changes were imagined in the Kargil Review Committee report. After the 9/11 attacks, they got a push. We also started looking at terror financing seriously and began engaging with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) was strengthened, the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) was brought in. Specific agencies for counter-intelligence and terrorism were created. There was greater synergy among different agencies, especially post 26/11, and operationalisation of intelligence became better,” a senior intelligence officer said.

Now, as Pakistan once again manages to make itself geopolitically important for those wanting to deal with Afghanistan under the new Taliban regime, the Indian security establishment is watching closely.

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# How weakening growth in consumer demand impacted GDP growth

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IS INDIA'S growth rate being held back due to weak consumer demand, or should we blame inadequate supply? That, in a nutshell, is the most fundamental policy debate around India's economy at present. To be sure, correctly diagnosing the root cause for India's anaemic growth rate in the recent past is critical to finding the right policy solutions.

Choosing individual sectors and industries — for example, car sales or box office collections — may leave one with contradictory evidence. A more robust way would be to look at the data for GDP, which is the monetary measure of the country's total output.

The key variable to track within the GDP table is Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE). A look at how this variable has grown over the years should give us a decent understanding of whether India suffers from weak consumer demand.

### What is PFCE?

The GDP is calculated by capturing the expenditures of different components of the economy. It adds up the expenditure by private individuals (PFCE), by businesses investing money to ramp up production (Gross Fixed Capital Formation or GFCF), and all the spending by the government (Government Final Consumption Expenditure or GFCE).

In India, the PFCE accounts for 55-56% of all national GDP in a year and is, quite obviously, the biggest driver of economic growth. Apart from this direct influence, it also indirectly influences the next biggest driver of GDP — the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF). This is a measure of the money spent by businesses when they make investments, and it accounts for 33% of all GDP.

It is crucial to understand the economic logic that links these two biggest drivers of economic growth, which together account for 88% to 89% of all GDP in India.

If consumer demand slows down, it robs businesses of any incentive to boost productive capacities by making fresh investments.

Just boosting investments — without regard for demand — will not make sense.

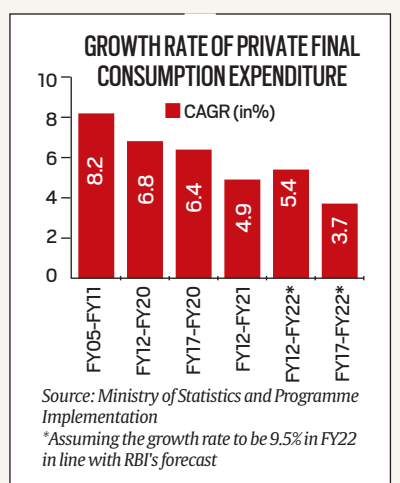
The weighty role of private consumer demand in boosting the GDP makes it the most important factor determining India's economic fortunes.

### How has consumer demand grown over the years?

The graph shows how PFCE has grown in the recent past. It maps the last two GDP data series — one based on 2004-05 prices and the second based on 2011-12 prices.

As can be seen, private consumption expenditure grew at an annual rate of 8.2% between 2004-05 and 2011-12. Then, between FY12 and FY20 (just before Covid hit India), its annual growth slowed down to 6.8%. In fact, if one further zooms into the years FY17 (after which India's GDP growth rate started decelerating sharply) and FY20, the PFCE annual growth rate had slowed to 6.4%.

Then came Covid-induced lockdowns in FY21 and destroyed the already weakening demand. If we include FY21, the PFCE growth



Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

\*Assuming the growth rate to be 9.5% in FY22 in line with RBI's forecast

rate since FY12 falls to below 5% per annum.

### What about the current year?

Of course, in FY22, the Indian economy is expected to register a recovery. The RBI ex-

pects the GDP to grow by 9.5% in the current financial year. But even if we assume that at the end of the financial year, PFCE would grow at the same rate — 9.5% — the FY12-to-FY22 growth rate would not even rise to 5.5%.

What is most revealing is if one forecasts the growth between FY17 and FY22 based on the same assumption; such a calculation throws up an annual growth rate of just 3.7%.

Comparing this 3.7% annual growth rate in private consumption expenditure in the past five years with that in the preceding years — and especially with the 8.2% annual growth rate during FY05 and FY11, which was the best phase of GDP growth in India's history — explains how India's consumer demand lost its growth momentum.

### What is the implication?

The most important implication of weak consumer demand is that investments by corporations are unlikely to pick up in a hurry. They are expected to remain subdued for the coming year or two, as indeed they were in the years preceding the pandemic despite

historic cuts in corporate tax rates in 2019. For instance, GFCF grew by just 3.9% every year between FY12 and FY20. It grew by 10.9% per annum between FY05 and FY11.

### Does India have a supply problem?

A good measure of whether India has inadequate supply capacity or not is the rate of capacity utilisation. Data from repeated RBI's OBICUS (Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey) show how capacity utilisation has struggled to breach the 75% mark. Clearly, firms have been working far below their full capacity for several years.

Of course, Covid disruptions have created several bottlenecks or broken supply chains, and this is reflected in delays and price inflation.

But, as the analysis above shows, the truly substantive issue holding back India's growth — and this holds true for the period before Covid as well — is the weak growth in consumer demand. Unless this variable improves sharply, India's GDP growth will fail to achieve its potential.





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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

JAM & ABBA JAAN

On the one hand, BJP flaunts labharthi politics as blind to identity; in the other, it holds a dog whistle

SPeaking AT KUSHINAGAR Sunday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reiterated a prominent BJP theme — that while earlier ruling dispensations limited themselves to the politics of caste, faith, region and language, in the Modi government, the poor, women and youth are beneficiaries of schemes, “*bina bhed bhaav* (without discrimination)”. Now “*vikas*” or development, he said, is “*har tabke ke liye* (for every section)”. He chanted the familiar slogan: “*Sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas*”. And then, switching to his own government’s record in UP since 2017, the CM said: “Ration *sabko mil raha hai?* ... *tab toh abbajaan kehne wale rashan hazam kar jaate the* (is everybody getting their share of food rations? ... Before 2017, those who called their father abba jaan would monopolise it”. That latter comment was crude Muslim-baiting that ill behoves a chief minister. It seemed to fit in easily with the tone and tenor of some of the CM’s other remarks in Kushinagar, where he spoke of “*tushitikaran*” or the politics of appeasement in loose terms, sweeping into its fold a wide array of separate and specific ills — “*dange... bhrashtachaar... atyachaar... aatankvaad... arajakta... anyay* (riots, corruption, oppression, terrorism, anarchy, injustice)”. And yet, the “abbajaan” slur, as much as it seems part of the BJP and Yogi’s dog-whistle politics, runs counter to the other BJP message that Yogi underlined — the Modi government’s “*labharthi* (beneficiary)” politics.

The fundamental promise of the government’s *labharthi* politics is this: That development includes and encompasses all, regardless of their caste or religion. And that it singles out for special treatment only the poor. The JAM trinity (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile) is about a number — not a first or last name. So whenever the BJP is accused of majoritarianism, its best defence has been that the development schemes that its governments promote and implement, at the Centre and in the states, from Ujjwala to PM Kisan, from scholarships for the poor to free or subsidised housing for the needy, are non-discriminatory and blind to religious differences, that they count in all communities as beneficiaries. And yet the CM, six months before elections, paints a brutish zero-sum game, in which “they” take away benefits meant for “us.”

Of course, the “abbajaan” slur also makes a claim visibly belied on the ground. In this country, the Muslim minority continues to lag behind the rest of the population on most development indices. The “politics of appeasement” that the BJP lavishly accuses its political opponents of practising while in power has been mostly effete and gestural, largely by-passing and leaving unchanged their economic concerns and quotidian well-being. Moreover, the UP CM’s rhetoric was not just playing on stereotypes, it was also reductionist: It seems not to acknowledge that the “citizen” is more than the “beneficiary” of government patronage. Both the BJP and its chief minister need to recognise that the real challenge for a ruling party and government is to accord all individuals the freedom, equality and the enabling environment that helps them exercise to the fullest their rights of citizenship.

KERRY’S OVERTURE

Partnership with US could help India meet renewable energy targets. Delhi should remain wary of upscaling commitments

USPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL Envoy for Climate John Kerry’s India visit reaffirms the changing direction in climate engagements between the two countries after Joe Biden assumed office. The urge to push countries to upscale their global warming mitigation targets has informed much of the Biden administration’s climate diplomacy. But contrary to the fears of some experts, the paradigm shift hasn’t yet translated into increasing pressure on India to add to its Paris Pact commitments. Kerry’s offer of US assistance to help India meet its renewable energy-related targets is a significant step towards defining the contours of this partnership. The Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue (CAFMD) launched by the US Special Envoy and Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav, on Monday, will be the vehicle for this collaboration.

The Partnership to Advance Clean Energy linked by the Barack Obama Administration and the UPA government in 2009 mobilised more than Rs 18,000 crore for clean energy initiatives in India. In 2018, the two countries had launched an energy partnership that emphasised renewables and sustainable growth. But CAFMD departs from these initiatives in its link with timebound climate-related goals. The US will give financial and technological assistance to India to achieve its target of deploying 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030. The US Special Envoy has, in the past, indicated his country’s inclination to mobilise a consortium of international investors to fund India’s ambitious renewable energy transition. The outlook on such collaboration brightened a day after CAFMD’s launch with the introduction of the “Prioritising Clean Energy and Climate Cooperation With India Act of 2021” in the US Senate. The legislation seeks to bolster Indo-US clean energy partnership by institutionalising research collaborations between universities in the two countries and promoting intellectual property sharing between Indian and American entrepreneurs.

The US overtures also signal India’s growing heft in climate diplomacy. There is, of course, the realisation that global warming mitigation goals will be impossible to attain without the world’s third-largest emitter on board. But India’s climate standing has also moved steadily northwards since the Paris Pact. As a leader of the International Solar Alliance, Delhi has shown that it can punch above its weight in global climate parleys. However, the threat of being asked to assume more climate responsibility looms. India shouldn’t take on more commitments that could end up undercutting its legitimate developmental goals.

THE FOURTH SWORD

Abimael Guzman, founder of Shining Path, led a guerrilla war in the 1980s that pushed Peru into a spiral of violence

IN 1969, A philosophy professor in his thirties founded a political group along with 11 others, with the stated aim to address the wide class and ethnic divide in Peru. Calling himself the fourth sword of Marxism — the other three being Marx, Lenin and Mao — Abimael Guzman believed the outfit, Sendero Luminoso or Shining Path, could organise the Quechua peasants in the Andes and lead a “people’s war” to overthrow the “bourgeois” government in Lima. The Shining Path launched a guerrilla war in the 1980s that pushed Peru into a spiral of violence for more than a decade. It embarked on a series of assassinations, car bombings, and mass shootings, often killing the people on whose behalf it claimed to wage war. In 1992, Guzman was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment. He died last Saturday, aged 86, in a naval prison.

Guzman was one among the Maoist leaders who emerged in the Third World in the 1960s. Inspired by Maoism, they dreamed of organising peasants and encircling the cities. But ideological blindness and the use of mindless violence to achieve goals alienated them from the very people they wished to liberate, and turned them into terror outfits. As in the case of many extremist groups in Latin America, the Shining Path was crushed by the might of the state and its leaders were eliminated or sent to prison.

But movements such as the Shining Path can linger on in new forms in the absence of institutional interventions to address the social disparities that gave birth to the tide. For instance, the Movadef (Movement for Amnesty and Fundamental Rights), reportedly popular among the youth, has been inspired by the Shining Path, though it claims to shun violence.



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THE PAST FEW years have apparently not been good to Indian democracy, hailed globally as the largest democracy in the world. It has performed poorly in every major global democracy report during this period. This is troubling news, for several reasons.

The Freedom House Index for 2021 pushed India down four points from last year, bringing its score from 71 to 67. This demoted the country from being a “free” to a “partially free” country. V-Dem, the world-renowned think-tank from Sweden, has similarly downgraded India. It has labelled India an “electoral autocracy”, an even more devastating blow to the pride of a country that boasts of a completely independent and impartial electoral management body. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has also been scathing in its report for 2021. A comparative study by the organisation has shown India’s score dropping from an all-time high of 7.92 in 2014 to 6.61 in 2020, and its ranking has taken a nosedive from 27 to 53 out of 167 countries.

All these reputed agencies point to several factors contributing to India’s declining performance. The country has seen increased pressure being put on human rights organisations and civil rights groups. Journalists and activists have been intimidated and incarcerated, and minorities have been specifically targeted. Hate and polarisation are rampant. It has even led to Amnesty International halting all activities in India. The most worrying trend has been the government’s crackdown on freedom of speech, with statistics showing a 165 per cent increase in sedition cases between 2016 and 2019.

The latest controversy surrounding India’s waning status as a democracy has been an engagement with the EIU after it released its 2021 report earlier this year. The report sparked outrage in the Indian government, which sought to challenge the rating. “The assessment of the EIU has been called false, biased, and misinformed (amongst other names) and Indian officials reached out to the EIU head office in London for clarification regarding the report,” according to a report in a national daily. “Elucidation was reportedly asked regarding the sample size used and the details of organisations and authors providing

Ease of democracy

India needs to do better in democracy rankings, where it is sliding. Denial should not be an option

This seeming retraction of India’s democratic performance in global reports and the Indian indignation regarding it seems to be a clear case of shooting the messenger. The government instead of facing the reality and taking corrective action continues to be in a denial mode. Recently, a question asked by a member of Parliament on declining democratic indices was disallowed as it was ‘very sensitive in nature’. Paradoxically, the law ministry took shelter behind a rule which allows for refusing a reply under ‘information on trivial matters’. Trivial or sensitive? Let the law ministry make up its mind.

data, amongst other methodology minutiae. An offer made by the Indian government to supply ‘accurate’ data pertaining to the democratic index was firmly refused by the EIU,” the report elaborated.

The democracy index has, in fact, itself spelt out that it is a weighted average of answers to 60 questions based on five parameters: Electoral process and pluralism, functioning of government, political participation, political culture, and civil liberties. Most answers are “expert assessments”. The report, however, does not give any details of the experts. Some answers are provided by public opinion surveys from the respective countries. It’s noteworthy that these questions are not specific to India but are common to all 167 countries surveyed. It’s puerile for us to feel that we are being singled out.

As the Indian government’s offer to supply data was rejected, a parallel global democracy index formulated by Indian think-tanks is reportedly being considered by government officials, with “accurate” reports on Indian and global democratic progress. A rejection of global democratic indexes is a pathetic move to hide the country’s downside on most parameters.

The EIU is not alone. The Reporters without Borders’ Press Freedom Report has placed India 167th out of 183 countries. Freedom House has also given India a score of 2 out of 4 in terms of press freedom, and has stated that the Indian press is “partially free”. EIU has reportedly asserted that incidents like the shutdown of Kashmir in 2019 and the Citizenship Amendment Act have brought about this demotion. India has become so used to a sycophantic media, that it cannot tolerate any assessment which is not flattering. Sadly, no ED raids or IT “surveys” are possible against these organisations.

Kaushik Basu, formerly the chief economist of the World Bank, commenting on this episode has referred to the “burgeoning tendency of fabricating data to present an alternative image that has beset the Indian administration.” For several years now, there have been active efforts to suppress data pertaining to, inter alia, the nosediving economy, record unemployment and even Covid cases. This, ac-

cording to Basu, “is detrimental to the reputation of a country which has pioneered data collection under greats like P C Mahalanobis. On the other hand, not showcasing actual data is making it difficult for policymakers to attempt to remedy the situation”.

This seeming retraction of Indian democratic values in global reports and the Indian indignation regarding it seems to be a clear case of shooting the messenger. Facts point irrevocably to the aforementioned incidents actually taking place. The Indian refusal to acknowledge and remedy them is irreparably harming its democracy.

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It appears from the media reports that the concern about the unflattering EIU data has been engaging the attention of the government for two years. The government’s move to monitor indices, and work on improving rankings goes back that long. A committee of secretaries’ meeting on January 30, 2020 discussed how India fared on various important parameters based on 32 internationally recognised indices in order to improve the performance on these indices.

The desire to introspect and analyse what needs to be done to improve is correct and laudable. But trying to bully or influence the rating agencies to doctor data to suit us is reprehensible. Let NITI Aayog and all concerned organisations focus on improving our performance in all the declining indicators. In this regard, our focus on “ease of doing business” which led to a phenomenal improvement in our ranking within a year is a success story to emulate.

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REAPING THE EARLY HARVEST

Rethink on free trade agreements is welcome. But India must tread cautiously



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INDIA WISHES to fast-track its free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with several countries like the UK, Australia, the European Union, and Canada. As part of these negotiations, India is keen to conclude an “early harvest” trade deal with some of these countries, liberalising tariffs on select goods. Many commentators welcome India’s rethink on FTA since it marks a departure from the trade protectionism that India has been practising over the past few years. Arvind Subramanian and Shoumitro Chatterjee have argued that between 2014 and 2020, India increased tariff rates on a wide category of products. This reversed the tariff liberalisation policy that successive governments have followed since 1991. The rise in protectionism ensured that India shied away from signing FTAs in the last seven years despite the Economic Survey 2019-2020 concluding that FTAs have been beneficial for India.

But FTAs are not just about economics. They are also about international law — an aspect that rarely gets the requisite attention. While countries are free to enter into FTAs based on their mutual interests, this freedom is circumscribed by the international law rules contained in the General Agreements on Tariff and Trade (GATT) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Being WTO members, these rules invariably apply to India and its prospective FTA partner countries.

The WTO system is premised on the principle of most favoured nation (MFN),

that is, countries are prohibited from discriminating between their trading partners. So, an FTA where countries give preferential access to each other’s products at the cost of other countries is inconsistent with the MFN rule. Nevertheless, countries are allowed to sign FTAs subject to certain conditions. One such condition, given Article XXIV.8(b) of GATT, is to eliminate customs duties and other trade barriers on “substantially all the trade” between the FTA member countries. Although the meaning of “substantially all the trade” is not given in the agreement, it is evident that the FTA should cover a very high proportion of trade between the FTA member countries. The reason for this requirement is that since FTAs depart from the MFN principle, which is the foundational rule of the multilateral trading order, such departures should not be easily permitted.

It is here that India’s “early harvest” trade deals that focus on selective tariff liberalisation could run into rough weather. For instance, the commerce minister, Piyush Goyal, recently said that the “early harvest” deal with Australia would cover half of the goods trade. This is well below the legal requirement of “substantially all the trade”. Any trade deal between WTO member countries that does not cover substantive trade between them will be vulnerable to a legal challenge at the WTO’s dispute settlement mechanism.

However, these “early harvest” trade deals can be saved from a possible indict-

ment at the WTO if they are designed and presented as “interim agreements” leading to the formation of an FTA. Article XXIV of GATT allows countries to sign interim agreements subject to certain conditions. First, countries can enter into an interim agreement provided it is necessary for the formation of a free trade area. In other words, for the interim agreement to be consistent with the GATT and WTO requirements, it will have to pass the necessity test. Thus, if India’s measures (such as lowering the tariff rate on a product because it is part of an “early harvest” deal) is challenged on the grounds of violating the MFN principle, India will have to show that it will not be able to enter into an FTA without the measure at issue, that is, without the “early harvest” trade deal.

Second, the interim agreement should include a plan or a schedule for the formation of an FTA within a reasonable period of time. Third, as required by Article XXIV.7(a) of GATT, the interim agreement should be notified to WTO members, who, in turn, can make recommendations if they believe that the interim agreement is not likely to lead to the formation of an FTA. India should be mindful of all these legal requirements since it is pursuing the strategy of arriving at an “early harvest” trade deal before signing a full FTA.

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RUCKUS IN LOK SABHA

THE LOK SABHA witnessed unruly scenes for 45 minutes on September 14 with treasury benches demanding discussion on gold auction during the Janata regime and the Opposition seeking a debate on the privilege motion against Finance Minister R Venkataraman and Arun Shourie of *The Indian Express*. In addition, K C Halدار (CPM) and K K Goel (BJP) moved adjournment motions against the escape of the chief culprit in the Aligarh riots to Pakistan allegedly with the help of Arif Mohammad Khan of the Congress. The Deputy speaker, who was in the chair, rejected all the adjournment motions. For a change, the treasury benches

kept the chair under pressure on a day which began with Union minister of state for home, Venkatasubbiah, urging the Deputy Speaker to apply rules equally to both the sides.

BHINDRANWALE’S REPLY

SANT JARNAIL SINGH Bhindranwale against whom the police have procured arrest warrants in connection with the murder of Lala Jagat Narain is prepared to court arrest. “I am even prepared to be handcuffed,” he told newsmen at his residence in Amritsar. He refused to say anything on the murder of Lala Jagat Narain, but said “he came to know of the murder when he was doing

“*dharam parchar*” at Chandokelan village near Sirsa”. He said that the police had not approached him with the warrants.

ANTULAY’S REPLACEMENT

THE CONGRESS (I) high command’s efforts to find a man with a “good, clean image” to succeed Antulay in Maharashtra have not borne fruit. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has met a large number of Maharashtra ministers and MPs who seem to have pleaded for Antulay’s continuance. However, it is understood that a serious effort is underway to find a replacement for Antulay before Indira Gandhi leaves for her foreign tour.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## The mutton mince dosa test

If fanaticism is born out of rigid rules about food, those who cross culinary barriers may show the way to a more tolerant society



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THERE IS A closer relationship between food and fanaticism than we are normally willing to accept. I am not here making the obvious point about goons who walk into private homes to check if there is beef in the refrigerator but the more fundamental point that a person's socialisation, within a family or community, into the rules concerning permitted and proscribed foods produces a mindset that translates into an attitude of either tolerance or intolerance. Food constructs the dietary other. This then morphs into the cultural other, soon becoming the political other, and further transforming into the hated other. Food in India produces political fanatics.

In a country with such a diversity of food cultures this seems like an outlandish thesis. How can India, which is an archipelago of food islands, produce food fanaticism? Let me elaborate. Each food island has evolved its cuisine based on what is available in its natural ecosystem. As the cuisine evolves, a body of conventions and rules emerge that determine what foods are permitted and proscribed, and when. These rules and conventions come with accompanying explanations. Jains, for example, proscribe foods which grow under the earth, such as potatoes, beet-root, garlic and onions, because, when uprooting them, one could harm the organisms that live on and with them. Uprooting violates the principle of ahimsa. Similarly, there is a heated debate among Islamic scholars about whether foods that have a touch of alcohol, such as vanilla extract, are haram or not. For Jews, only kosher foods are permitted. As communities consolidate culturally, their food rules become more rigid.

My interest here lies in what cannot be eaten because in these proscriptions lie the seeds of social fanaticism. I am not referring to the *sattvic*, *rajasik* or *tamasik* categorisations which link food to *gunas* since their claims of certain foods producing happiness or indolence is a matter of scientific testing. I even do not have problems with foods that make health claims since all such propositions can be tested. My problem is with foods that acquire a status based on some religious text or cultural practice, the haram/halal foods, or the “*hamare jati ke log yeh nahi khate hain*” types. For them, some higher power imbues the proscribed foods with inferior qualities, properties that should be shunned, such as dirty pork or dangerous garlic. This attitude gets transferred to those who eat such foods. They are either dirty, or unholy, or over-sexed, or just inferior.

The point I am making is, therefore, more than just transference. The processes of food socialisation, from childhood onwards, produce a sense of dividing the world into those who are good, who eat the things we do, and those who are inferior, if not bad, because they eat the things that are proscribed by religion or cultural practice. This is why landlords across India do not want to let their properties to non-vegetarians. It is why entire buildings in Mumbai's elite Malabar Hill have no non-vegetarian residents and do not allow non-vegetarian restaurants within



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their premises. The fanaticism that food produces translates into social life. It impacts urban spaces, undermines marriage proposals, and now, in our intolerant India, produces a “politics of othering” where the other becomes a hostile other. Because Indian cuisine is so diverse it has the potential to descend into an uncivil war on food.

The rules on proscribed foods, which are embossed on the minds of young people during their early socialisation, produce a mindset that leads to such fanaticism. Others, who do not conform to these rules, are judged as inferior, to be opposed and even despised. It is this mindset that is gaining power in India. The growing political intolerance is therefore forged not just in *shakhas* but also in the kitchens of India.

There is, however, another trend that is also growing. If one goes to the centre of Bengaluru or to the Fort area in Mumbai, one will see a mushrooming of restaurants that serve food from across the world. There are restaurants serving Italian, Thai and Chinese food, fusion food, or Asian food, which includes food from Vietnam, Indonesia, Korea and China. Alongside the fanatic Indian, it seems, the food fusionista is also emerging. Such Indians are not just prepared to cross the cultural taboos of proscribed food but are also prepared to experiment with elements from different cuisines to produce a new menu of mixed foods. Fusionistas are cool about food adventurism. Pizza may have begun life as an Italian entrée but has ended up as a Gujarati snack. Only the Indian noodle, a Chinese infiltration, has acquired more popular support. This food fusion can be called multiculturalism. Think of the most multicultural place in the world, New York City, and you will see restaurants

The fanaticism that food produces translates into social life. It impacts urban spaces, undermines marriage proposals, and now, in our intolerant India, produces a ‘politics of othering’ where the other becomes a hostile other. Because Indian cuisine is so diverse it has the potential to descend into an uncivil war on food. Rules on proscribed foods, which are embossed on the minds of young people during their early socialisation, produce a mindset that leads to such fanaticism. Others, who do not conform to these rules, are judged as inferior, to be opposed and even despised.

from everywhere serving every type of food. Food diversity is what you see in cities making room for cultural tolerance. Diversity of food consumption is a good index of a tolerant society. That is why, I suspect, some people hate Lutyens Delhi.

If large numbers in India are willing to cross over and become food fusionistas, while loving their mother's cooking no less then, I believe, we will be a more tolerant country. After all, Indian cuisine has evolved through such borrowing that remains inadequately acknowledged. I cannot imagine the cultural nationalists from Nagpur thanking the colonial Portuguese for giving us the humble potato and the fiery chilli. Even our ubiquitous samosa, it seems, has an overseas debt. A tolerant India requires our public spaces to have more diverse foods from everywhere — not just paneer pizzas from Ahmedabad but pork from Nagaland and beef from Kerala. Food festivals such as the beef festival at HCU, Hyderabad, or a pork festival at JNU or an Udupi thali at AMU are the way to go if we wish to become a more tolerant society. I was delighted to hear, some years ago, of a Marwari friend's son becoming a chef specialising in fish dishes. Think of the mental journey he and his family must have made as they broke the Marwari food taboos. This is the future. I have often wondered if anyone who has eaten and enjoyed that mutton mince dosa, in the 1970s, at the Delhi School of Economics canteen became a fanatic in later life.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The hard-line group's honeymoon period in power is closing fast, and if a broad-based government is not formed soon, Afghanistan may well collapse into civil war.” —DAWN

## With friends like these

Post 9/11, US understanding was clouded by allies like Pakistan. It is still making the same mistake in Afghanistan



MANJEET KRIPALANI

AFTER THE ATTACKS on the US on 9/11, then President George W Bush vowed revenge and stated to the world — “You are with us or against us.” A coalition was built, and the US went after the terrorists. Four presidencies later, current President Joseph Biden said, “The US cannot afford to remain tethered to policies creating a response to a world as it was 20 years ago. We need to meet the threats where they are today.” Those threats are right where they were 20 years ago, still in Afghanistan, and now backed by the strength of a state. Kind of with the US, kind of still against it.

What happened to America, that “shining city on a hill” that beckoned brightness to its shores and won allies? Some self-delusion, a belief that it was still the global monarch after World War II. And, mostly, the inability to distinguish between friends and foes over the last two decades.

At the time of the 9/11 attacks, the US dominated world discourse. Its multinational companies were global entities, with outposts everywhere. American banks and the Treasury were the big shots, intertwined.

The attacks didn't bring any of this to a halt. They added a new dimension to US economic and policy calculation: Defence. America's foreign policy became suffused with security, to support which, the defence industry expanded.

While US soldiers were fighting in Afghanistan, ordinary Americans were out shopping. By 2006, US consumers were king. Cheap goods from China flooded western, especially US markets, where everyone now could buy that aspirational cashmere sweater for a mere \$59.99. Invisible was the fact that wages weren't rising, and ever more reliable manufacturing jobs were being outsourced to China.

The warning bell had rung, but few heard it. With no productive domestic economy to lend to, American banks created new exotic financial instruments to play with — resulting in the housing crisis of 2007, and the 2008 western financial crisis.

Washington bailed out the big boys on Wall Street with almost no consequences. The productive economy of America's cars and textile factories and widgets, was replaced by a dazzling digital display from California's tech and social media companies, and a massive defence industry of arms and security policymakers.

And thus began the delusions, the miscalculations of an America, which confused friend and foe. The US, which understood Europe, preferred to be guided by the former colonial power of Britain when it came to South Asia. Missing from Washington's calculus was that Britain has never forgotten nor forgiven the loss of its empire, making it a flawed guide. Britain created Pakistan as it departed, and supported it.

The US, too, turned to Pakistan as its shepherd in South Asia. Our canny neighbour, down on funds and an unproductive economy, used confused US policies to get billions in the fight on terror, for which it was awarded the title of “major non-NATO ally”.

“Pakistan manipulated America, and America was willing,” says Neelam Deo, a former diplomat. “The American understanding of the world became clouded, and inexplicable, especially its comprehension of what motivates countries like Pakistan, where the state has clearly stated Islamic aspirations.”

Iran, which should have been a friend and initially helped the US in Afghanistan, once again became a foe — the outcome of Israeli influence. Meanwhile, China used US preoccupations to grow. Other new players came on to the scene, including India, with its GDP growing at 9 per cent in 2008.

America's digital economy grew, as did the billionaires of Palo Alto. But middle America was hollowing out. So were lots of other countries like Egypt, which saw ever more investment bypass it en route to China. The shadow and opportunities of China engulfed the former tiger economies of southeast Asia, turning them into pygmies and vassals.

Job losses and rising inequity across the world sparked the Arab protests in 2011, and also the occupy movement in the US. Social media giants like Facebook magnified these protests. The same social media companies became “Big Business”, significant lobbyists in Washington pushing for a liberal agenda. But that didn't help the 99 per cent.

The pushback to this was the election of Donald Trump who called out China for its unfair mercantilism and spreading the Covid-19 pandemic. He neutralised the West Asia oil economies by encouraging shale. And he cut off aid to Pakistan. But like all US presidents, he fell short, and did not call out its perfidy. Nor did his successor. Their one-stop consulting shop on Afghanistan is still Pakistan, and the go-to guy on Afghanistan is still the Afghan-American appointee Zalmay Khalilzad, despite his continuing failure and lack of accountability.

Now, 20 years later, the threats of the past are back and visible. The Taliban is back in Afghanistan, unchanged. It is likely to plan fresh terror wars with the help of Pakistan, and protection and assistance from China, and perhaps other Islamic states and Russia.

The US is not back. Instead, America is isolating from Europe, and though it says it will turn its attention to Asia and the Chinese domination, its allies — old and new — aren't sure. The US military has a more powerful arsenal than ever. But China is catching up.

Observers of America reiterate that the country has a unique ability to reinvent itself, to build capabilities anew. That may be the case. An acknowledgement of its mistakes and a rethink on its friends and foes could draw it back towards its pole position in the world — if the Taliban and Pakistan will let it.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A RESPONSE

THIS REFERS TO the letter, ‘A correction’, (IE, September 14). Reversed Uniyal sir, ‘Dalit Diary’, born from the womb of your article, ‘In Search of a Dalit Journalist’, added a new page in Dalit history. Truth is my only asset, you questioned that. Hence my response. These are your words in *The Pioneer*: “One morning last week, a correspondent of a foreign newspaper stationed in Delhi rang me up to find out whether I knew any Dalit journalist from whom he could get a quote on Kanshi Ram and Mayawati's recent squabble with some media persons”. Sir, these lines answer your complaint: There indeed was a foreign journalist who sought your help in identifying a Dalit journalist. If not Kenneth J Cooper, who was the journalist you refer to? Just a figment of imagination? Fact: There indeed was a foreign journalist, Cooper, heading *The Washington Post* in Delhi. He wrote an article, ‘India's Majority Lower Castes are Minor Forces in Newspapers’ in *The Washington Post* on September 5, 1996, two months before your article. He questioned the lack of media diversity in India. Sir, the ‘Hindu thing’. Why do I say that? Vivekananda, the greatest Hindu of modern India, addressed World's Parliament of Religion in 1893. Saffron robed, he praised Hinduism for its tolerance when Dalits were fighting against the moustache and breast taxes. Yet another Hindu mystic, Gandhiji — recall his idea of caste until Dr Ambedkar stared at him. On the Dalit issue, Hindus swallow untruth,

sustain caste. Hence my imaginations: Isn't AN Das a Jew related to Albert, Pratap Bhanu Mehta a cousin of Montesquieu, Chandan Mitra born near Macaulay's grave, Rama Lakshmi born at the feet of the Statue of Liberty, Avijet Ghosh and Cooper went together to a Black school in Boston. Are they civilisationally Indian? Sir, with apologies, I submit, you remain civilisationally an Indian, and a Hindu.

Chandra Bhan Prasad, via e-mail

### NOT HOLY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Step back, please’ (IE, September 14). The Kerala Church needs to change its position on “narcotics jihad”. It could aggravate the existing divide among communities.

Pradeep Ivon, Delhi

### REWARD, NOT PUNISH

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Capital for their courage’ (IE, September 14). Women who have taken small credit have been encumbered with heavy penalties. Our financial system must revisit the micro finance products and provide flexibility.

Love Kumar Lalwani, Mehsana

### ARAVALLI CHALLENGE

This refers to the editorial, ‘Flattening the hills’ (IE, September 14). The Haryana government's predicament is that it must address the housing problem without harming the environment. It must adopt a consultative approach.

Bharati Khushwaha, Ghaziabad



VALSON THAMPU

## Man of faith, and the world

Swami Agnivesh liberated slaves of bigotry, walked path of reform

THIS MEMORY GOES back to 1996. The Anglican bishop in Jerusalem was addressing a packed audience in New Delhi. He made an emotional appeal to Christian powers of the world to make Jerusalem the Christian capital of the world by annexing that city. His arguments elicited a thunderous ovation from the audience, except from two people, who had, till then, never met each other — Swami Agnivesh and I. Both of us argued, much to the discomfiture of the event's organisers and the speaker, that birth is an accident and places of birth, therefore, should not be ascribed exaggerated importance. Furthermore, if a birth has universal significance, such as the birth of Jesus, playing up the local and the regional contradicts the universality of the event. We in India were not unaware of the dangerous implications of doing otherwise. We referred, independently of each other, to the Ayodhya movement.

Later that evening, Swami Agnivesh came home. That meeting resulted in a lifelong inter-religious partnership, which proved to be a life-transforming experience for me. I remember and cherish Swami Agnivesh as an elder brother, who nurtured my potential and brought out the best in me over the next two decades and more. He was unreservedly appreciative of what I stood for, to an extent I have never experienced from anyone in the Christian community.

The greatest service Swamiji did to me was

to open my eyes to the pretensions and hypocrisies of all religious establishments, including my own. I was a sort of religious bigot till I met him. He taught me that religious bigotry was the deepest form of self-invited slavery. Hand on heart, I testify to the profundity of that truth.

It is well-known that Swamiji liberated and rehabilitated tens and thousands of bonded labourers. What is less known is he also liberated slaves of religion, such as I was. Till I met him, I thought I had a Christian mission to the rest of the world. Since then, I realised that I have a divine mission, first, to my own community — to liberate it from its wilful blindness and manifold prejudices against people of other faiths and people of no faith. He taught me the importance of speaking the truth to one's own religious community, which is a costly spiritual mission. In comparison, attacking other faiths or decaying them into one's community as converts is cheap and dishonest.

My enduring sadness is that the true significance of Swami Agnivesh remains unrecognised. He believed that religion without spirituality is a snare and a liability. While God is the effulgent centre of spirituality, mostly mediocre men manipulate organised religions to subserve vested interests. Faithfulness to God liberates, loyalty to men enslaves. Swami Agnivesh would have nothing to do with any tradition of religiosity that degrades human beings into bonded labour-

ers of humanity — degrading communalism or political buccaneering.

A couple of decades ago, I happened to address the national conference of the Episcopal Church of the United States in Chicago. Later, while I was interacting with members of the audience, a middle-aged lady asked me if I knew Swami Agnivesh. When I told her I did, and that we were in an inter-religious partnership, she bent down in order to touch my feet. I remembered Swamiji, who never allowed anyone to express respect towards him by abasing themselves. I stuck to his example. I cite this instance to point out that the respect that Swamiji commanded in other countries exceeded what was accorded to him at home.

Swamiji was truly a citizen of the world. This meant that he did not allow narrow-minded jingoism to blind him towards his larger responsibilities to humankind. The vision of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam*, the tenet that the world is one family, was what inspired him most. Towards the fag end of his life, he launched a movement under that name, but could not give it the sort of life and organisational base it needed to become an impactful people's movement.

Swamiji was convinced that the perpetuation of human slavery under religion was achieved by divorcing religion from reason as well as by making people indifferent to the duty to make justice prevail in the world. As a result, religious bigotry makes people defend

the indefensible when it is perpetrated by priestly classes of diverse kinds. People are willing to corrupt their own souls in order to shield the corrupt in their religions. Religiosity of this kind militates against the dignity and integrity of humankind.

Religious reform remains the hardest goal to achieve. It is also the riskiest. Swamiji took me one day to visit the place where Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati was poisoned to death, as a reward for his enlightened views. I am richer for delving into the teachings of Dayanand. The copy of *Satyarth Prakash* Swamiji presented to me remains one of my cherished possessions. He endeavoured, to his last breath, to remain true to the teachings of the founder of the Arya Samaj. He was saddened by the compromise a section of the Samaj made with the proponents of religious obscurantism.

The very last thing Swamiji requested me to do, on the day of his hospitalisation for possible liver transplant surgery, was to write out the views we shared on religion. I launched into that task at once. I managed to finish the first draft of the book before Swamiji lost consciousness. I am glad to say that the book, titled *Beyond Religion: Imaging A New Humanity*, is now going into print.

The writer was principal of St Stephen's College, Delhi. The first death anniversary of Swami Agnivesh was on September 11



## TOPOF THE WORLD



Labour Party leader Jonas Gahr Støre

## NORWAY

## Left-wing opposition wins in a landslide

**Oslo:** Norway's centre-left opposition parties are on course to win a majority in parliament after Monday's election and will now negotiate how to form a coalition, with climate change and a widening wealth gap expected to be central to discussions. Conservative Prime Minister Erna Solberg conceded the election and will step down after eight years in power, while Labour Party leader Jonas Gahr Støre said he intends to form the next government. To form a viable Cabinet, Støre must persuade potential centre-left partners to compromise on policies ranging from oil and private ownership to relations with the EU. **REUTERS**

## HAITI

## Prosecutor asks judge to probe PM in president death

**Port-Au-Prince:** Haiti's chief prosecutor on Tuesday asked a judge to charge Prime Minister Ariel Henry in the slaying of the president and asked officials to bar him from leaving the country. The order filed by Port-au-Prince prosecutor Bed-Ford Claude came on the same day that he had requested Henry meet with him and explain why a key suspect in the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse called him twice just hours after the killing. "There are enough compromising elements ... to prosecute Henry and ask for his outright indictment," Claude wrote in the order. **AP**

## MYANMAR

## Suu Kyi returns to court but still dizzy

**Reuters:** Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi returned to court on Tuesday, a day after she did not appear because she was unwell, seeming relieved but saying she was still "somewhat dizzy", her lawyer said. The health of 76-year-old Suu Kyi is closely watched in Myanmar, where she spent many years in detention for challenging its military governments. She is on trial over multiple charges since her overthrow in a February 1 coup. **REUTERS**

## FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS FOR LEADERS TO BE REMOVED FROM UN BLACK LIST

## Taliban say committed to promises, won't allow militant attacks on others

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, SEPTEMBER 14

THE FOREIGN minister in Afghanistan's new Taliban-run Cabinet on Tuesday said the government remains committed to its promises not to allow militants to use its territory to attack others.

The first press conference by Amir Khan Muttaqi since the Taliban formed an interim government a week ago comes as governments around the world — and many Afghans at home — are searching for indications on how it will rule Afghanistan after sweeping out the US-backed government and taking over Kabul a month ago.

The US and its allies have pushed the Taliban not to repeat its harsh rule of the 1990s, when it monopolized power and imposed its harsh interpretation of Islamic law, including severe restrictions on women and minorities.

Muttaqi gave little sign whether the Taliban will bend to the international pressure. He repeatedly insisted other countries must not interfere in Afghanistan's internal issues, including in response to a question on whether elections would eventually be held.

Muttaqi, a longtime Taliban negotiator, did make the first confirmation by a member of the new government of its commitment to the Taliban deal last year with the US that opened the way for the American withdrawal from Afghanistan. Under the deal, the Taliban promised to break ties with al-Qaida and other militant groups and ensure they don't threaten other countries from its territory.

"We will not allow anyone or any groups to use our soil against any other countries," he said.

During its rule in the 1990s, the Taliban sheltered al-Qaida and its chief Osama bin Laden. The group's refusal to hand them over after the September 11, 2001 terror attacks prompted the US to launch its assault on Afghanistan,

ousting the Taliban and leading to the ensuing 20-year war.

When asked if the Taliban would include women or minorities in the government, Muttaqi said, "We will decide in time", without making a commitment. He underscored that the government was interim and that when a permanent one is formed "we will take into account what the people want".

Governments around the world have said recognition will not take place until a more inclusive government is put in place in Afghanistan. The United Nations now faces a dilemma as it prepares to begin the UN General Assembly. Several of the Taliban ministers, including Mottaqi and the prime minister, are on the UN's so-called black list of international terrorists and terrorist financiers.

Mottaqi urged the UN to delist the leaders, saying, "The list has no logic." The Cabinet also includes Sirajuddin Haqqani, who is also on the UN's black list as well as wanted by the FBI for questioning in connection with attacks in the Afghan capital during the last two decades.

When the Taliban last ruled, the UN refused to recognize their government and instead gave the UN seat to the previous government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was killed by a suicide bomber in 2011.

Muttaqi also called for international donors to send more aid, saying "Afghanistan is poor. It needs all the help" the world can give and promising it would be distributed without corruption. He urged international banking institutions to return to Afghanistan to continue their projects.

He also said that all of Afghanistan's embassies operating abroad have been told to continue their operations. He promised Afghans would be allowed to leave the country and said it was the job of the Taliban government to provide passports to its citizens.

People hold a protest march against the Taliban in Kandahar Tuesday. *AS/ANA News Agency via Reuters*

## Taliban deny reports Baradar killed in shootout with rivals

REUTERS

SEPTEMBER 14

THE TALIBAN have denied that one of their top leaders has been killed in a shootout with rivals, following rumours about internal splits in the movement nearly a month after its lightning victory over the Western-backed government in Kabul.

Sulail Shaheen, a Taliban spokesman, said Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, former head of the Taliban political office who was named deputy prime minister last week, issued a voice message rejecting claims he had been killed or injured in a clash.

"He says it is lies and totally baseless," Shaheen said in a message on Twitter.

The Taliban also released video footage purportedly showing Baradar at meetings in Kandahar. *Reuters* could not immediately verify the footage.



AFTER COVID CASES IN INNER CIRCLE

## PUTIN GOES INTO SELF-ISOLATION

Russian President Vladimir Putin is going into self-isolation because of coronavirus cases in his inner circle, the Kremlin said Tuesday, adding that he tested negative for Covid-19. Putin has been fully vaccinated with the Russian coronavirus vaccine Sputnik V, receiving his second shot in April.

## Fears that Trump may launch strike led to US general to reassure China, says new book

MICHAEL S SCHMIDT

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 14

THE CHAIRMAN of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff twice called his Chinese counterpart in the final months of the Trump administration to reassure him that Donald J Trump had no plans to attack China in an effort to remain in power and that the United States was not collapsing, according to *Peril*, a new book by *The Washington Post* reporters Bob Woodward and Robert Costa.

"Things may look unsteady," Gen Mark A Milley told Gen Li Zuoqiang of China on January 8, two days after Mr. Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol to try to stop the certification of his election loss and in the second of two such calls. "But that's the nature of democracy, General Li. We are 100 per cent steady. Everything's fine. But democracy can be sloppy sometimes."

Yet despite his assurances, General Milley was so concerned about Mr. Trump that later that day he convened a meeting with top commanders to remind them that the procedures for launching a nuclear weapon called for his involvement in such a decision.

The book also reveals how Vice President Mike Pence struggled more than was publicly known over how to navigate Mr. Trump's demands that he upend the election certification. Speaking privately to former Vice President Dan Quayle, who



Donald Trump

oversaw the certification of the 1992 election in which he was on the losing ticket, Mr. Pence appeared open to going along with Mr. Trump's plan, pushed the false claim that Arizona's voting results were wrong and asked whether there was any way he could delay certification.

*Peril*, which is scheduled to be released next Tuesday, says its accounts are based on contemporaneous notes, documents and interviews with unnamed first-hand participants and witnesses.

The book details how Mr. Trump's presidency essentially collapsed in his final months in office. Top aides — including Gen Milley, Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Attorney General William P Barr — became convinced that they needed to take drastic measures to stop him from trampling on American democracy or setting off an international conflict, and Gen Milley thought that Mr. Trump had declined mentally in the aftermath of the election, according to the book. **NYT**

Zhou Xiaoxuan arrives at a Beijing court Tuesday. *Reuters*

## China court rules against woman in #MeToo case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 14

A BEIJING court ruled against a Chinese woman on Tuesday in a #MeToo case that wound through the courts for three years, in a blow to the tamped-down movement whose legacy remains uncertain.

The Haidian People's Court said in a judgment released late Tuesday night that Zhou Xiaoxuan, who had become the face of the country's #MeToo movement, did not meet the burden of proof in claiming that Zhu Jun, her superior at her place of work, sexually harassed her.

Zhou was a former intern at Chinese state broadcaster CCTV and went public with accusations against Zhu, a prominent CCTV host, in 2018 as dozens of women began to speak out

about their past experiences of being harassed or assaulted. Since then, the movement has been largely shut down by authorities as activists found their online posts censored and faced pressure from authorities when trying to hold protests, but Zhou has continued to speak out.

"I'm very thankful for everyone, whether we win or lose, I'm very honored to have experienced these last three years," Zhou said to reporters outside the court Tuesday afternoon, as unidentified men and women tried to push her along.

Zhou brought the suit against Zhu to counter a suit he had already lodged against her. She accused him of groping and forcibly kissing her in 2014, and asked for a public apology as well as 50,000 yuan (\$7,600) in damages.

Zhu has denied the claims.

## Covid hospitalisations hit crisis levels in southern US amid Delta variant spike

CHARLIE SMART

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 14

HOSPITALS in the southern United States are running dangerously low on space in intensive care units, as the Delta variant has led to spikes in coronavirus cases not seen since last year's deadly winter wave.

One in four hospitals now reports more than 95 per cent of ICU beds occupied — up from 1 in 5 last month. Experts say it can become difficult to maintain standards of care for the sickest patients in hospitals where all or nearly all ICU beds are occupied.

In Alabama, all ICU beds are currently occupied. In recent days, dozens of patients in the state have needed beds that were not available, according to

A Covid ward in a Florida hospital. *Reuters file*

data published by the Department of Health and Human Services.

In Texas, 169 hospitals have ICUs that are more than 95 per cent full, up from 69 in June.

There are only about 700 intensive care beds remaining across the entire state, according to recent data.

Twenty-four hospitals in Florida reported having more

ICU patients last week than available beds.

During past surges, hospitals have been forced to improvise by having staff care for more patients than usual or by setting up temporary intensive care beds in other wings of the hospital.

Patients with critical conditions besides Covid, like heart attacks or strokes, can also have worse health outcomes when most beds are full.

Unvaccinated Americans are 10 times more likely to be hospitalized with Covid than the vaccinated, according to a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Several of the states with the highest rates of ICU occupancy, including Alabama and Mississippi, are also among those with the lowest vaccination rates. **NYT**

## British children aged 12-15 yrs to be offered first dose of vaccine

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 14

SCHOOLCHILDREN AGED between 12 and 15 years will be offered a first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine starting next week, the UK government has announced after the country's Chief Medical Officers gave their go-ahead for the jobs for younger age groups.

"I have accepted the recommendation from the Chief Medical Officers to expand vaccination to those aged 12 to 15 — protecting young people from catching Covid-19, reducing transmission in schools and keeping pupils in the classroom," said UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid. **PTI**

## Key CPEC meet next week after year's delay

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 14

A KEY meeting between Pakistani and Chinese officials on the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is expected to be held in Islamabad next week, after a delay of over a year.

The 10th session of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) for the CPEC was to be held in 2020, but was postponed due to the coronavirus.

It was later scheduled to take place in July this year, but was called off by Beijing after a massive blast on a bus in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on July 14 killed nine Chinese nationals among 13 others. The Chinese nationals were helping Pakistan build a dam, which is part of the \$60 billion CPEC.

Khalid Mansoor, Special

Assistant to the Pakistan Prime Minister on CPEC, on Monday told media that the JCC meeting is likely to be held either on September 23 or 24.

Planning Minister Asad Umar and China's National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC) vice chairman Ning Jizhe will lead their respective sides in the meeting, Mansoor said. He said the JCC meeting would accord approval of new projects already discussed and cleared at the joint working group level.

Talking about the security issue, he said additional security measures have been put in place in the wake of the recent attack targeting the Chinese.

According to a *Dawn* report on Tuesday, the JCC is expected to discuss plans for industrial co-operation between Pakistan and China. **PTI**

## Booker Prize shortlist unveiled, UK-Indian novelist misses out

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 14

THE 2021 Booker Prize shortlist, unveiled at a virtual event in London on Tuesday, includes six finalists for the prestigious award for works of fiction, with an equal male-female author split.

Indian-origin British novelist Sunjeev Sahota, who had made the longlist with his acclaimed immigrant tale *China Room*, missed out in the final running.

Sri Lankan Tamil author Anuk Arudpragasam made the cut with *A Passage North*; South African author Damon Galgut for *The Promise*; Americans Patricia Lockwood for *No One is Talking About This*, Richard Powers for *Bewilderment*, and Maggie Shipstead for *Great Circle*; and British-Somali author Nadifa Mohamed *The Fortune Men*.

"With so many ambitious and intelligent books before us, the judges engaged in rich dis-

cussions not only about the qualities of any given title, but often about the purpose of fiction itself. We are pleased to present a shortlist that delivers as wide a range of original stories as it does voices and styles," said historian Maya Jasanoff, Chair of the 2021 Booker judges.

"Perhaps appropriately for our times, these novels share an interest in how individuals are both animated and constrained by forces larger than themselves. Some are acutely introspective, taking us into the mind of a Tamil man tracing the scars of Sri Lanka's civil war, and an American woman unplugging from the internet to cope with a family crisis. Some enter communities in the throes of historical transformation: the Cardiff docklands in the early years of British decolonisation, and the veld around Pretoria in the last years of apartheid. And some have global sweep, following a mid-century aviator in her at-

A composite image of the covers of the six books on the award shortlist announced Tuesday. *Courtesy: The Booker Prize*

tempt to circumnavigate the planet, and a present-day astrobiologist raising a son haunted by climate change," she said.

"While each book is immersive in itself, together they are an expansive demonstration of

what fiction is doing today," she added.

The shortlist was chosen from 158 novels published in the UK or Ireland between October 2020 and September 2021. This year's judges included writer

and editor Horatia Harrod; actor Natascha McElhone; twice Booker-shortlisted novelist and professor Chigozie Obioma; and writer and former Archbishop Rowan Williams.

Gaby Wood, Director of the Booker Prize Foundation, said: "This year, over the course of nine largely solitary months, five strangers of disparate backgrounds showed each other what they saw in stories — what dazzled them or challenged them, what touched them or left them unmoved. In the process they showed something of themselves, and came to trust each other as a result."

They also proved that the best literature is elastic: both because so many different things can be seen in it, and because — as one of the judges said — the best of fiction can make you feel as though your mind, or heart, are a little bit larger for having read it."

The Booker Prize for Fiction is open to works by writers of

any nationality, written in English and published in the UK or Ireland. The shortlisted authors will each receive GBP 2,500 and a specially bound edition of their book.

The 2021 winner, to receive GBP 50,000, will be announced on November 3 in an award ceremony held in partnership with the BBC at Broadcasting House's Radio Theatre.

The 2020 Booker Prize for Fiction was won by Scottish-American Douglas Stuart for his debut novel *Shuggie Bain*.

Sunjeev Sahota, whose grandparents emigrated from Punjab in the 1960s, has been previously shortlisted for the 2015 Booker Prize for *The Year of the Runaways* and is a winner of the European Union Prize for Literature in 2017. The 40-year-old missed out on the 2021 shortlist along with previous winner British Japanese author Kazuo Ishiguro for *Klara and the Sun*. **PTI**





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Crude oil (Indian basket) as of September 13

ONLINE WATCH  
CYBERSECURITY

## Pegasus targeting Apple devices: How new 'exploit' was discovered?

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A NEW zero-day, zero-click exploit called 'FORCEDENTRY' has been discovered in Apple's iMessage service allegedly used by Israeli NSO Group to install Pegasus spyware in Apple devices including iPhone, iPad, MacBook and Apple Watch. The exploit was discovered by researchers at Toronto-based Citizen Lab that has been investigating the extent to which Pegasus is being used to spy on civilians, politicians, judges, activists, etc. The Citizen Lab has advised everyone to update operating systems on their devices as the exploits can potentially affect their smartphones, laptops, etc till the update rolled by Apple on Monday are installed.

"Attacks like the ones described are highly sophisticated, cost millions of dollars to develop, often have a short shelf life, and are used to target specific individuals. While that means they are not a threat to the overwhelming majority of our users, we continue to work tirelessly to defend all our customers..." Ivan Krstic, head of Apple Security Engineering and Architecture said.

## What are zero-day, zero-click hacks?

These are essentially hacks that occur without any intervention of the victim, using a loophole or a bug in a particular software, the existence of which its developer is unaware about. Same kind of exploits in WhatsApp and iMessage were used to install Pegasus.

## How did Citizen Lab discover the exploit?

In a series of tweets, Citizen Lab researcher John Scott-Railton wrote: "Back in March my colleague Bill Marczak was examining the phone of a

## UPDATED SOFTWARE

■ After Citizen Lab report, iPhone maker rolled out updates to its software.

Saudi activist infected w/Pegasus spyware. Bill did a backup at the time. A recent re-analysis yielded something interesting: weird looking ".gif" files. "Thing is, the ".gif" files...were actually Adobe PSD & PDF files...and exploited Apple's image rendering library. Result? Silent exploit via iMessage. Victim sees "nothing," meanwhile #Pegasus is silently installed & their device becomes a spy in their pocket."

## How to protect devices?

The Citizen Lab reached out to Apple about the loophole in their software last week, following which the iPhone maker rolled out updates to its software addressing the issue.

## What is Pegasus? Why is it crucial?

Pegasus is a spyware developed by Israeli company NSO Group. The company claims it sells the software only to governments and government agencies and is marketed as "a world-leading cyber intelligence solution". Once infected, a phone becomes a digital spy under the attacker's complete control, extracting data, such as passwords and contact lists, and giving the attacker control to the phone's camera and microphone, and use the GPS function to track a target. In July, *The Wire* reported that a leaked global database of 50,000 numbers believed to have been listed by multiple government clients of NSO Group includes over 300 verified Indian mobile numbers.

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## GROUP HAS ADDRESSED ₹43,600 CRORE OF DEBT AS OF MAY

## Eye on value, govt seeks to 'fast-track' IL&amp;FS resolution

SUNNY VERMA &amp; GEORGE MATHEW

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, SEPT 14

WHILE THE new board of scam-hit Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) has made significant progress in the resolution of Rs 99,000 crore plus debt of the company, the government is pushing for a faster resolution to protect value and creditors interests.

IL&FS has already addressed Rs 43,600 crore of debt as of May 2021 and indicated that Rs 50,000 crore of estimated recovery is likely to be addressed by September 2021.

"There is a need fast track the resolution process to protect value. The board has adopted the asset-by-asset resolution framework, and a basket-approach in some cases, to derive most of the economic value in the entities," a senior government official said. This framework is time-taking and Covid-19 related restrictions last year and this year further affected

## EXPECTED RECOVERY

■ The new Board has said it expects overall recovery of around Rs 61,000 crore, which is about 61% of the total debt of Rs 99,000 crore

the resolution process. "But now that most institutions are open and bidders can freely participate, a faster resolution is required," the official said.

The new Board, led by Uday Kotak, has said it expects overall recovery of around Rs 61,000 crore, which is about 61 per cent of the total debt of Rs 99,000 crore. "There has been significant progress made towards resolution as can be seen from progress reports submitted in the case of IL&FS on directions by the NCLT, Mumbai bench. Over 50 per cent of the consolidated debt of various IL&FS entities have been resolved..." the official said.

IL&FS group of companies

have been classified into three categories — Green, Red and Amber — on the basis of 12-month cash flow-based solvency test, with companies in the Red category not able to fully repay even the secured debt. "It's obviously the entities in the Red category which are a problem area and this comprise over 80 entities. Even the Parliamentary panel (Standing Committee on Finance) had stressed in its recent report that delay in resolution of IL&FS can lead to steep value erosion. Many of the entities will need to be liquidated," the official said.

"The resolution process for IL&FS, under the New Board and under oversight by Justice (Retd.) DK Jain, is progressing in accordance with the framework approved by NCLAT. The progress plan is regularly monitored by the New Board and has also been discussed with the MCA...This roadmap has been shared with stakeholders in the Government and with members of the media. We have not received any communication, w.r.t. fast-tracking or expediting the resolution, from

government/ministry in this regard," an IL&FS spokesperson said. A total of Rs 58,000 crore or nearly 95 per cent of the estimated recovery is expected to be completed by March 2022, he added.

There's a suggestion from some quarters within official circles that the IL&FS should sell the debt/assets in the red category to asset reconstruction firm ARCIL, sources said. The challenges before IL&FS are timelines for approvals from NCLT and NCLAT, non-receipt of annuities amounting to over Rs 700 crore, complex transactions involving PSUs and state government as joint venture partners, non-receipt of NOCs from JV partners and non-receipt of approval from government authorities like NHAI.

Over 20 creditors have filed appeals with the Supreme Court against the Resolution Framework. Besides, there have been coercive creditor actions like debits without authorisation, refusal for meeting even "going concern payments" and refusal to create fixed deposits, interest-bearing instruments in contravention of court orders.

## MEETING ON FRIDAY

## GST Council to take up fuel inclusion, food delivery apps

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

A DISCUSSION to enact taxing of petroleum products including petrol, diesel, and aviation turbine fuel under the ambit of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is likely to take place in the 45th GST Council meeting on Friday. While this move is expected to bring in uniformity for taxing petroleum products, it would also entail a loss in the revenue share of taxes levied by the states and cesses by the Centre.

The Council in its meeting scheduled in Lucknow is likely to consider extending the time for duty relief on Covid essentials along with possibility of inclusion of food delivery apps like Swiggy and Zomato as restaurant services, sources said. The move for food apps is expected to shift the compliance burden to them instead of restaurants and will help in curbing tax evasion. It will discuss the modalities of continuation of compensation cess beyond June 2022.

In June, the Kerala High Court, based on a writ petition, had asked

the GST Council to decide on bringing petrol and diesel within the ambit of the indirect tax regime. The decision to begin discussion on putting a timeline for enforcement of taxing petrol and diesel within GST has been taken in context of the court ruling, sources said.

At the time of the introduction of GST, the Constitutional amendment had included petroleum products under GST with the caveat of the Council recommending a date for its enforcement, whenever it's applicable.

With near-record high petrol and diesel rates in the country, GST on petroleum products would end the cascading effect of tax-on-tax (state VAT being levied not only on cost of production but also excise duty charged by the Centre on such output). The juggling of taxability of petroleum products under GST will be closely watched as bringing it under its ambit would imply Centre losing its share of revenue from cesses on such products. A majority of the Rs 32.80 per litre excise duty on petrol and Rs 31.80 on diesel is made of cesses, which is not shared with states.

## FTA: India, UK to start talks by Nov 1

New Delhi: India is set to start formal negotiations over a free trade agreement (FTA) with the UK on November 1, with the aim of completing an early harvest deal on priority sectors by March 2022, the government said Tuesday.

The Commerce Ministry said in a statement an interim pact would involve early concessions on certain "key high-priority products and services" with respect to tariffs or market access. India is also currently working on an early harvest agreement in FTA negotiations with Australia.

"One of India's main demands has been the easier movement of people so that service providers and professionals working in the service sector have better access," said Biswajit Dhar, professor at JNU's Centre for Economic Studies and Planning. He added the UK may, in return, look for stricter implementation of international labour standards even as the government is moving towards giving more flexibility in dealing with labour. **ENS**

## 'Oct-Dec: Hiring outlook most optimistic in 7 yrs'

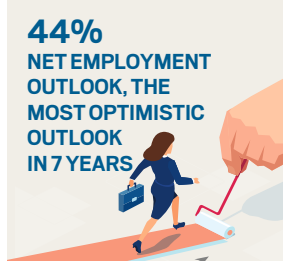
India's job market looks bullish with 44% of companies planning to add more staff in the next 3 months as corporates gear up to bring workers back, as per ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey by ManpowerGroup India

The Net Employment Outlook is derived by subtracting the percentage of employers expecting a decrease in hiring activity from the percentage of employers anticipating an increase in hiring activity

Survey of 3,046 employers indicates many companies are planning to increase their headcounts before the end of the year, expecting pandemic restrictions to ease and demand for products and services to rise

Corporate India is showing healthy signs of recovery and an overall positive sentiment is

Hiring intentions improved in all sectors quarter-over-quarter with services, manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate sectors reporting some of the most optimistic outlooks



gripping the market. Many of the deep-rooted structural factors that have sustained the Indian economy over the years are likely to play a pivotal role in the new normal

Source: ManpowerGroup India/PTI

## SC: Resolution can't be altered as it may create 'tier of negotiations'

AASHISH HARYAN

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE SUPREME Court's ruling on Monday that an insolvency resolution plan, once approved by the Committee of Creditors (CoC), cannot be allowed to be withdrawn or modified comes in the wake of separate appeals filed by three different companies, seeking to either withdraw or modify the plans.

## Companies wanting to withdraw resolution

Of the three, the first appeal was moved by Ebix Singapore, which had filed a resolution plan for Educomp. The said resolution plan was approved by the CoC in February 2018, but failed to pass the muster of 75 per cent creditors approving the plan.

However, the plan was later approved and passed after a creditor, who had initially abstained from voting, wrote to the Resolution Professional (RP) that they could not participate in the



The Supreme Court ruled the only process of withdrawal from IBC is by following Section 12A. File

voting due to a technical error, and that their vote should be considered in affirmative for the plan.

Before the plan could be approved by the NCLT, some creditors of Educomp moved the NCLT.

## NCLT and NCLAT on withdrawing plans

Though the NCLT had twice rejected Ebix's withdrawal application, it had approved it the third time, subsequently overturned by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

In its third order, the NCLT had

held that though a resolution plan becomes binding after it is approved, since Ebix was a "unwilling successful resolution applicant", it would be unable to effectively implement it. The NCLAT, however, overturned this order and said the NCLT did not have the jurisdiction to permit withdrawal after the plan had been approved by the CoC.

## SC on withdrawal appeals

In its judgment, the SC has categorically said the only process of withdrawal from IBC is by following the procedure detailed in Section 12A. "Enabling withdrawals or modifications of the Resolution Plan at the behest of the successful Resolution Applicant, once it has been submitted to the Adjudicating Authority after due compliance with the procedural requirements and timelines, would create another tier of negotiations which will be wholly unregulated by the statute," it said.

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## India, Singapore to link digital payment systems

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE CENTRAL banks of India and Singapore will link their digital payment systems for "instant, low-cost fund transfers". The linkage, which is targeted for operationalisation by July 2022, is expected to incentivise more retail investors to access global markets and make fund transfer cheaper.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) on Tuesday announced a project to link their respective fast payment systems -- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow. "The UPI-PayNow linkage will enable users



The RBI and the Monetary Authority of Singapore announced a project to link their fast payment systems. File

of each of the two fast payment systems to make instant, low-cost fund transfers on a reciprocal basis without a need to get onboarded onto the other payment system," the RBI said.

## Exports surge 45.8% in Aug on low base, high order flow

New Delhi: Merchandise exports shot up 45.8 per cent in August to \$33.3 billion y-o-y, supported by a conducive base, improved order flow from western markets and elevated global commodity prices. Exports also saw a 28 per cent jump over the pre-Covid (same month in FY20) level, as a resurgence in advanced economies bolstered demand for goods.

At \$47.1 billion, imports, too, staged a rebound and grew 51.7 per cent from a year ago and 18.2 per cent from August 2019, as per provisional estimates by the Commerce Ministry. **FE**

## Apple launches iPhone 13, upgraded iPad

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14

APPLE ON Tuesday announced its latest range of iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch, with minimal changes, but features that take into consideration new uses of these devices in the pandemic period.

The iPhone 13 will come in four versions like before with the same screen sizes. However, the new range is powered by the new and more powerful A15 Bionic processor with 5 nanometer tech and six core CPU. This chip makes the phones faster and smarter, especially when working on machine learning and AI, but also lets Apple works on improvements in camera capabilities. So the new iPhones will use computational



Apple CEO Tim Cook during the launch of the new iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch. Screengrab from official event webcast

photography to give a cinematic video mode with algorithm-based automatic focus shift, and customised photo modes like in point-and-shoot cameras. Apple is even promising a ProRes Video later this year, almost like a RAW

video file in 4K resolution.

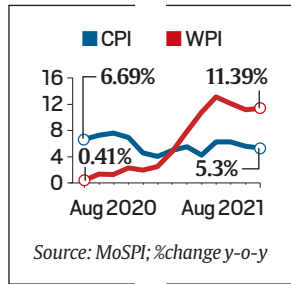
The iPhone 13 range now has a base storage of 128GB at the same starting prices as last year. The iPhone 13 Pro models feature a 5-core GPU for better graphics and a Super Retina XDR display with

ProMotion that can go from 10Hz to 120Hz refresh rate when needed to showcase this capability.

Apple also showcased two new iPads, a 10.2-inch iPad powered by the A13 Bionic processor and a 8.3-inch iPad Mini, both with capability to use then Apple Pencil. Both the iPads now have better cameras with Centre Stage that keeps users in focus on video calls using Zoom and other such apps. The iPad Mini got what Apple CEO Tim Cook called "its biggest upgrade ever" which meant a complete upgrade with a thinner design and 5G support.

The Apple Watch Series 7 has a larger Retina display with slimmer borders and a wrap around effect around the edges. But the Watch is not expected right away and will be available later this year.

## WPI inflation at 11.3% in Aug



New Delhi: The wholesale price-based inflation rose marginally to 11.39 per cent in August, mainly due to costlier manufactured goods, even as food prices softened.

Snapping the 2-month easing trend, WPI inflation rose in August and remained in double-digit for the fifth straight month. **ENS**

## BRIEFLY

## HC to insurers

Mumbai: The Madras HC has withdrawn its order directing insurers to ensure bumper-to-bumper insurance for 5 years. **ENS**

## SC, AMNS

New Delhi: The SC rejected an appeal filed by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel, seeking transfer of proceedings over a dispute for cargo handling to an arbitration tribunal. **FE**

## Google fined

Seoul: South Korea's antitrust regulator fined Google \$176 million for blocking Android's customised versions. A Russian court fined Facebook and Twitter. **REUTERS**

## 'Covid hit: NPAs may cross ₹10L cr this fiscal'

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 14

GROSS NON-PERFORMING assets (NPAs) of banks are expected to cross Rs 10 lakh crore by March 2022 in the wake of Covid pandemic, a study has said.

"NPAs are expected to rise to 8.5-9 per cent by March 2022, driven by slippages in retail, micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) accounts, besides some restructured assets," according to a study by Assocham and rating agency Crisil.

"The effectiveness of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) will be tested by the potential spike in NPAs as the standstill on initiation of fresh insolvency

## RISE IN NPAs

8.5-9%

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cases for a year ended in March 2021 and as most of the pandemic-induced policies or measures are unlikely to be continued," the study said.

## Zee shares jump 40%

Mumbai: Shares of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) on Tuesday jumped 40 per cent to Rs 261.50 on the BSE even as the company held its annual general meeting (AGM) a day after Invesco Developing Markets Fund sought the removal of its MD Punit Goenka and two directors.

Addressing the shareholders, Goenka said substantial efforts

have been taken to transform the organisation into the ZEE 4.0 version across '5Gs' — governance, granularity, growth, goodwill and gusto. Proxy advisory firm Institutional Investors Advisory Services (IIAS) has raised serious corporate governance concerns in the company. Invesco has sought shareholders' nod for six new Directors on the ZEEL board. **ENS**

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On behalf of Konkarn Railway Corporation Ltd, Regional Railway Manager, Ratnagiri is inviting Open E-Tender for the following work. **Name of Work :** Drilling/Re drilling and cleaning of weep holes in tunnel portals under Sr REN/Ratnagiri Section. **Tender No:** KR-RN-W-2021-05A. **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 25,08,269/- **Last Date and Time of Depositing of Tender ONLINE:** 05.10.2021 at 15.00 hrs. For further details, Contact office of Regional Railway Manager, MIDC Area, Mirjole, Ratnagiri. (Website: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in))

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The Acting Centre Director, Centre of Plasma Physics- Institute for Plasma Research invites sealed tenders in **SINGLE PART** from the eligible vendors (Manufacturer or Authorized distributor) for the following item:

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It is for general information that I, Zubair Ahmed Ansari, S/o Junaid Ahmed, R/o H.no-4, pocket-02, Jasola New-friends-colony, South-Delhi-110025, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Zubair Ahmed in my minor Daughter zainab zubair Ahmed aged-15-years in her school-records. The actual-name of mine are Zubair Ahmed Ansari respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

It is for general information that I,VINOD SINGH RAWAT S/O ALAM SINGH RAWAT residing at,Flat.No.130-H, Pkt-A3,Mayur Vihar Ph-III,Delhi-110096 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly-written as VINOD SINGH and ALAM SINGH in my Driving Licence No.: DL0720009317635 and my all educational documents. The actual name of mine and my father are VINOD SINGH RAWAT and ALAM SINGH RAWAT respectively.

I,Shaily Garg W/o Late Sh.Naveen Garg R/o A-63,Gali-No.3,North Ghonda,Delhi-110053,declare that in LIC Policy-No.123895789 of my late husband, his name was wrongly mentioned as Naveen Kumar Garg instead of Naveen Garg and my name was wrongly mentioned as Shanti instead of Shaily Garg.

I,SABARISH ARTHI KRISHNAN IYER,S/O GOPAL KRISHNAN IYER,H.NO.160, G-2, SECTOR-4, VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD,U.P-201010, changed my name to ARTHI KRISHNAN SABARISH

I,Raj Kumar S/o Moti Ram R/o-F-3/49, Third-Floor Sector-11,Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my minor daughter's name Prachi to Prachi Pal.

I,Pawan Kumar Agarwal S/O Om Prakash Agrawal, R/O-H-2, 244-245,Sultanpur Rohini Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Pawan Kumar.

I,Parmila Jain W/O Dinesh Jain R/O KU-133, Pitampura Delhi-110088,have changed my name to Promila Jain.

I,PREM LATA W/O-DAL CHAND, R/O-H.NO.691,G-BLOCK, MANGOL PURI, DELHI-110083, PREVIOUSLY, R/O 883,SANJAY CAMP, HAIDERPUR, DELHI-110088, have changed my name to PREM DEVI.

I,Mrinal Kumar Mukerjeea S/o Raghav Mukerjeea R/o Flat-607, Tower-D, Prateek Edifice, Plot-GH-01A (Beta-2), Sector-107, Noida-110015, have changed my name to Mrinal Kumar for all future purposes

I,Madhubala W/OJeevan Jyoti Singh R/O.k-105 Civil-Zone Subroto-park New Delhi-110010,have Changed my Name From Madhubala to Madhubala Kumari,For All Purposes

I,MOHD SHAKIR S/O.MOHD ASHIQ R/O-B-13,D.DA-FLATS MASHA-SUNDARI ROAD,NEW DELHI-2.HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON NAME,FROM MOHD SAAD TO MOHD SAAD SHAYAAAN,for all purposes.

I,MOHAMMAD TALIB,S/O MOHD SHAMIM AHMED, ADD.323, GALI.NO.09, LALITA-PARK, LAXMI-NAGAR, DELHI-110092, changed my name to MOHAMMAD TALIB SIDDIQUI.

I,MOHAMMAD SHEHZAD S/O. MOHAMMAD JAMSHED, ADD-Z-10,WELCOME SEELAMPUR GARHI MENDU, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053,changed my name to SHAZAD, Permanently.

I,MANOJ S/O ISHWAR SINGH R/O H.NO.RZT-44, UTTAM NAGAR, DR.MOHAN GARDEN, DELHI-110095.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANOJ KUMAR.

I,Kamlesh W/o Narendar Kumar R/o 9/130, Geeta Colony, East Delhi-31, have changed my name to Kamlesh Tikri for all future purposes

I,Kamlesh Kaur/ Kamlesh Kumari Kaur w/o Balbir Singh R/o A-129,Sudershan Park, Delhi-110015,Have changed my Name to Kamlesh Kumari.

I,KULDEEP KAUR,W/O SHRI RATTAN SINGH, R/O-R-12,2, 2ND-FLOOR, RAMESH PARK, LAXMI-NAGAR,DELHI 110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME KULDEEP KAUR TO TAJINDER KAUR,FOR FUTURE,ALL PURPOSES.

I,KAMALJEET SINGH, S/O NARENDRA SINGH,H.NO.309, SECTOR-11, BLOCK-D, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121006, changed my name to KAMALJEET SINGH TALWAR.

I,Divyanshu Kothari,S/O-Pramod Kumar Kothari, R/O-F-71, Type-V-F-block, Nivedita-Kunj, Rk-Puram, Delhi,have changed my name to Divyanshu Kumar Kothari, for all purposes.

I,Harshdeep S/o..sanjeev singh R/O,J1/298 DDA-FLATS KALKA JI New delhi-110019,have change my name to Harshdeep singh,for all purposes.

I,Dinesh Kumar S/O Arjun Lal Jain R/O KU-133, Pitampura Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Dinesh Jain.

I,Bhawna Wadhawan D/o Sushil Kumar Wadhawan R/o 3B/1, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Bhawna Malik.

I,Bhavika Dhawan W/o Ayush Handa R/O C-7/4,First Floor, Model Town-3,Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Bhavika Handa for all purposes.

I,ZARINA KHATOON, W/O. RAISUDDIN AHMAD, ADD-C-246, ABUL-AFAZAL-2 SHAHEEN BAGH JAMIA-NAGAR, OKHLA NEW-DELHI-110025, changed my name to ZAREENA KHATOON, permanently.

I, Vikram Singh S/O Chhattar Pal Singh R/O Air Lines Karamchari and Mitragan Sas, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Vikram Singh Solanki for all future purposes.

I, Urmil Rawat W/O Dev Singh Rawat R/O M-86 GS Appt. Sec-13 Rohini, Delhi-85 have changed my name to Urmil Kumari for all purposes.

I, Sourabh Sharma R/O F-14/33, Model Town-II Delhi-110009 have changed my son's name from Devansh to Devansh Sharma for all purposes.

I, Saurabh S/O Peyush Sharma R/O F-14/33, Model Town-II Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Sourabh Sharma for all purposes.

I,Prem Lata W/o Hemant Rathi R/o-373/26 Onkar Nagar-B Tri Nagar,Delhi,have changed my name to Prem Lata Rathi.

I, Sanjeev Chaurasiya S/O Bhagwan Das Chaurasiya R/o 29/13, Agar Nagar, Premnagar, Mubarakpur, N.Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Sanjay.

I, Ramanjit Singh Grewal S/O S. Rajinder Singh Grewal R/o G-184, Hari Nagar, Jail Road, New Delhi-110064 have changed my minor daughter name from Manjapieet Kaur to Manjapieet Kaur Grewal for all future purposes.

I, Rachana Chaurasiya W/o Sourabh Sharma R/o F-14/33, Model Town-II Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Racchna Sharma for all purposes.

I, Pramod Kumar Chauhan S/O Vedpal Singh R/o 29/90, Gali No.10, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-32 have changed my name Pramod Kumar Chauhan to Parmod Kumar forever.

I, Pradeep Kumar S/o Lal Chand Joshi R/o B-4/3 First Floor, Rajouri Garden Delhi-110027 have changed my name to PARDEEP KUMAR JOSHI permanently.

I, Neetu W/o No6949977 Hav Vinod Sharma R/o VPO-Misri, tehsil- Charkhi Dadri, Distt- Bhiwani, Haryana, Pin-127042 have changed my name from Neetu to Nitu vide affidavit No 45AA 289309 Dt 03 Aug 2021

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh R/o D-153, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Prabhjot Kaur Permanently.

Ihitherto known as Parvati Sharma alias Parwati alias Baljeet Kaur D/o Late Sh.Sukh Doyal W/o Shri Baldev Singh R/o D-226, B-Block,Front of GSS School,Sector-1, Rohini, North West Delhi,Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Baljeet Kaur and I have changed only my name not my religion.

I Vipul S/o Manish Kumar R/o House No.-1/6571, Street No-5, East Rohtas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Vipul Gupta

I Sheena Singh W/O, Shailesh Kumar R/o 601, Bha Millennium Towers, Plot No. B-9/17, Sector 62, Noida -201301 have changed my name to Sheena Gopala Krishna Pillai

I,Rahane Tatyaba Bhanudas resident at Village Talegaon Dighe Tal. Sangamner Dist. Ahmednagar Maharashtra 422611 have changed son's name from Akshit to Akshit Tatyaba Rahane vide affidavit dated 13.09.2021 Court and his Dob is 31.7.2012.

I,R Jayalakshmi lyengar,D/O Ramarithnam,R/O-B-1006, Dr.Ambedkar Basti,Sector-1, R.K.Puram, Delhi-110022,Have Changed my Name to Ramarithnam Jayalakshmi.

I Gaurav Jain S/O Late Sh. Sushil Kumar Jain R/o 50, Ground Floor, Jaipuria Enclave, Kaushambi, Opposite Pacific Mall, I.E.Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 have changed the name of my minor son from Aadi Jain to Aady Jain for all purposes.

I Manmohan S/o Jai Singh R/o Dhani Chattrian, Hrijawan Kalan, Fatehabad, Haryana-125050, have changed my name to Ravi Yadav

I Kiran Sapra D/o Narinder Sapra R/o 492/3, Gopi Vihar, Shahabad Markanda, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136135, have changed my name to Krishnapriya Dasi

I Hema Rawat W/o Bhupendar Singh Rawat, R/o K-100/1A, Krishna Park Extn, Tilak Nagar, ND-18, have changed my name to Hansi Rawat forever.

I Bhupinder Singh Rawat S/O Pratap Singh Rawat, R/o K-100/1A, Krishna Park Extn, Tilak Nagar, ND-18, have changed my name to Bhupendar Singh Rawat forever.

I Binu Randhawa W/O Manjit Singh Randhawa R/O C-6, Anand Niketan, New-Delhi-110021, Have Changed my Name to Binu Bhatia Randhawa.

I Arulmozhi Varman S/O, Munusamy R/o No 102 Second Floor, Back Portion, Block I, Karampara have changed my name to Arul Mozhi Varman for all purposes.

I Akash Jain S/o Sh. Sushil Kumar Jain R/o A-37, Pandav Nagar, Patparganj Road, Shakar Pur Baramad, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Aanya Jain to Aanyaai Jain for all purposes.

I, Dinesh Chanadra Agrawal, S/O P C Agrawal, R/o SA-89, Shastri Nagar Ghaziabad-201002 have changed my name to Dinesh Chandra Agrawal.

I, Archana Agarwal, W/O Dinesh Chandra Agrawal, R/o SA-89, Shastri Nagar Ghaziabad-201002 have changed my name to Archana Agrawal.

I Tushar S/o Manish Kumar R/o House No.-1/6571, Street No-5, East Rohtas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Tushar Gupta

I,Renuka Lokaluhe,Spouse of, No.14836225L Hav/MT Narayan Sambhaji, Resident of, VILL+PO-Kednur, Tehsil+Distt Belagavi, State Karnataka, PIN-591143, have changed my name, from Renuka Lokaluhe to Renuka Narayan Sambhaji, vide-affidavit No.IN-DL222416908115157 dt-11-Sep-2021.

I,K SHAILENDRA SINGH,S/O THAKUR JAGMOHAN SINGH,R/O FLAT.NO.702, TOWER-I-1, AWHO SOCIETY, GURJINDER VIHAR, GREATER NOIDA,GAUTAMBUDDH NAGAR, U.P-201308, changed my name to SHAILENDRA SINGH.

I, Mohini Awana Chaudhary w/o Tekram R/o Raj Farm, Royal Park Farm, Jonapur, Mehrauli, Delhi-110047 have changed my name to MOHINI AWANA permanently.

I Rahane Tatyaba Bhanudas resident at Village Talegaon Dighe Tal. Sangamner Dist. Ahmednagar Maharashtra 422611 have changed wife's name from Rahane Vaishali Tatyaba to Vaishali Tatyaba Rahane vide affidavit dated 13.09.2021 Court and her Dob is 07.06.1988.

I, Mohini Awana Chaudhary w/o Tekram R/o Raj Farm, Royal Park Farm, Jonapur, Mehrauli, Delhi-110047 have changed my name to MOHINI AWANA permanently.

LOST & FOUND

I Sachin Kumar kadiyan R/o Flat.No.221 Mahagun Mansion Phase-1, Vaibhav Khand,Indirapuram Ghaziabad, had lost my flat possession Certificate and GPA in favour of Mrs. Renu Kadyian which is registered in Ghaziabad at Book-04, Jild.No.745, pages-216/219 Sr.No.303 dated-10.08.2006. Finder inform SBI RACPC-02, Sec-62,Noida.

I, Sudhanshu P/O 89, Village Begumpur P/O Malviya Nagar New Delhi 110017 have lost my Original Marksheet of Class - 10th Marksheet & Certificate CBSC Roll No - 6413484, Class - 12th Marksheet & Certificate U.P Board Roll No-9146069. Finder Contact : 8920181876

I,Nita Dhody,W/o Late Retd. Ambassador Hercharan Singh Dhody,R/o-M-201, South city-1,Gurgaon(Haryana),have lost my original Builder byer agreemenn and allotment letter of Said property M-201,South City-1,Gurgaon.Finder contact.

I,Savitri Devi,W/o-Hargian Singh & Hargian Singh,R/o-H-10/3,F.F.,DLF City,Phase-I,Gurgaon,(Haryana),have lost my original possession certificate of Said property commercial Unit no-G-17,G.F.,South City-1 Arcade,South city-1,Gurgaon.Finder contact.

I,Smt.Saroj Bala would like to inform the general-public that I,have lost my original Sale-Deed of property-9/592, Subhash-Road,Gandhi-Nagar, Delhi-110031.If anyone-find it.Kindly return the documents on the above-address.

I,Smt.Saroj Bala & Smt.Sumitri Devi would like to inform the general-public that I,have lost my original Sale-Deed of property-9/1602,Patel, Gali. No.1,Gandhi-Nagar,Delhi-110031.If anyoneefind it.Kindly return the documents on the above-address.

Lost all original property papers Janta flat No.201 block-B, pocket-II, Jasola, Delhi-110025, founder may Inform, V.K.Jain S/O S.C.Jain #971737114.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS FOR INFORMATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC THAT MY CLIENT SH. KHARAATI RAM S/O LATE RATTAN CHAND R/O 379-380, 3RD FLOOR, PKT. D-11, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI, HERBY DECLARE THAT HE HAS SEVERED OFF ALL HIS SOCIAL, FAMILY AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH HIS SON JGDEEP KUMAR, HIS WIFE SMT. JYOTI AND THEIR CHILDREN. ANYONE DEALING WITH HIM, WILL BE HIS OWN RISK AND MY CLIENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAME IN ANY MANNER. Sd/- (AJAY KUMAR) ADVOCATE 9811140559 (Rm)-367, PITAMPURA, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL INFORMATION IS INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT SH. RAVI DUTT DHANU SO SH. RAJENDER AND HIS WIFE NAMELY SERMA R/O H.NO. A-26, HAUSTASI VIHAR, HASTNALL, NEW DELHI-110016, HAVE SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS WITH HIS WIFE JYOTI DHANU, FROM THEIR ALL MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES, AND SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONSHIP DUE TO THEIR CALLOUS BEHAVIOR TOWARDS MY CLIENT AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MY CLIENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTS AND DEEDS DONE BY THEM. Sd/- LALIT MAANI ADVOCATE Regn. No. 019891 Office No-41A, Prem Nagar, Gali No-13, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that I, SINGH W/O SH. C.P. SINGH & SH.C.P. SINGH SO LATE SH. STAKRAM SINGH, BOTH H.NO.144, MANGLA PURI PHASE-I, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110044, HAVE SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS AND CONNECTIONS WITH THEIR DAUGHTER ROSHNI SINGH ALIAS ROSHNI PODAR, and has debarred and disowned her from all their movable and immovable properties because she is out of control of my clients and she will have no claim in their properties. Anybody dealing with her shall do so at his/her own risk and responsibility. Sd/-B.B.N.DEO,Advocate RJZ-71253, West Seagar Pur, ND.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of public that my clients SMT. ANITA SINGH W/O SH. C.P. SINGH & SH.C.P. SINGH SO LATE SH. STAKRAM SINGH, BOTH H.NO.144, MANGLA PURI PHASE-I, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110044, HAVE SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS AND CONNECTIONS WITH THEIR DAUGHTER ROSHNI SINGH ALIAS ROSHNI PODAR, and has debarred and disowned her from all their movable and immovable properties because she is out of control of my clients and she will have no claim in their properties. Anybody dealing with her shall do so at his/her own risk and responsibility. Rajan Mahajan (Advocate) Regn. No-34194

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Vijay S/o Nihal Singh residing at H.no. B-169, Nihal Vihar Phase-2, Chandan Vihar, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 declare that name of mine, my wife and my minor son Gaurav aged 13 years has been wrongly written as Vijay Kumar Tanwar, Renu Devi and Gorev in his school records. The actual name of mine, my wife and my minor son are Vijay, Renu and Gaurav respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smti Suro Lal Singh and Kusum Wile of Suro both R/o H. No. 16, Block-1, Hazratnagar, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122003, have disclaimed, disowned and debarred their daughter Mrs. Eads Yadav D/o Sh. Suroi Kumar, all sorts of their movable and immovable properties and assets and have also severed the blood relations from them since 23.08.2021. Due to their uncompromising, disobedient and bad attitude and shall not be held liable for any loss or mislead, if any, committed by any one of them at any stage in future. Anyone entering into any sort of transactions, if any, with them, shall do the same at his/her own risk, Cost and consequences. Sd/- Anup Adhiana (Advocate) Chamber No. 97, "C" Block, District Court Complex, Gurgaon, Haryana

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be It Known that my client SH. HARISH CHAND WADHWA S/O SH. Khub Chand R/o House No.229, AYA, Gali No-8 Bholanath Nagar Shahdara Delhi-110032, have disowned and severed all their relation with his son NEERAJ WADHWA and his daughter in-law DEEPA WADHWA and Grand daughter MEHAR WADHWA and his Daughter DIMPLE KARNANI. W/o DHIREAJ KARNANI debarred them from their movable and immovable properties/assets due to their mis-behaving/ any body dealing with them in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their Own risk, Cost and responsibility. KAMAL SINGH (Advocate) Enrl. No.0748/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby informed that my client(s) is/are interested in Freehold Sale up to A-74, First Floor, Sector CHS Ltd. known as Shubham Apartments, Plot No.37, 1P, Extension, Patparganj, New Delhi, presently owned & possessed by Smt. Parvati Kaur Sadrasa by virtue of GH 621 duly registered vide Regt. No.13659, dated 28.08.2012 & as per order issued in the said Property. Flat is/are free from all sorts of encumbrances.

It is hereby notified that any person or entity firm/ company, bank, HUF, member of HUF, financial institution, having any claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents tendered/ objection to transfer, shall they may lodge/ notice in the to the undersigned with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice. failing which any further / future claim / objection(s) shall be rejected & my client / prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser concludes the sale. / Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client(s) or in the name of his/ her nominees shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, encumbrance, law & impediment. Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 717 District Courts Rohini, Delhi- 85 & 86 0810931026

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My clients RAJKUMAR GOEL and SUSHMA GOEL, R/O H.NO.115, BHAGWAN DASS NAGAR EXTN., EAST PUNJABI BAGH, DELHI revoke notice dated 05.07.2015 published in Rastriya Sahara against their Son Ankit Goel and his wife Ruchi Goel being in possession of the said property. The said mention here that now all disputes have sorted out between my client RAJKUMAR GOEL and his wife SUSHMA GOEL and Son ANKIT GOEL and his wife RUCHI GOEL therefore, my client and his wife are withdrawing the said dabr notification with their free will. Sd/- RISHPAL SINGH (Advocate) Ch.No. 116, ROHINI COURTS, DLEHI

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to public at large that my client Sh. Prahlad Sawhney S/o Sh. Hanr Chand Sawhney R/O H. No. 1087, Ward No. 1, Mehrauli, South Delhi, New Delhi 110030 do here by sever all his relations from his son Harsh Sahney bachelor, from his movable and immovable properties due to his irresponsible behavior, disobedience and unbearable attitude towards me, the said, unsocial activity or any other illegal activity whicnare beyond his control. My client shall not be held responsible and liable for his misdeeds, acts and future, any type of money transaction etc. Sd/- R.K. SHARMA Seat No. 41 Civil Side Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to all that my client Sh. Tara Kohhar Batra W/o Sh. Arun Batra R/O C-536, 2nd Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi has disowned/debarred her son Sanjay Paintal S/o Tara Kohhar Batra R/O F-171, Khanpur Ext., Delhi from all her movable/immovable properties/assets and severed all her relation with him due to his misbehavior/misconduct towards my client & he is out of control of my client. If anybody deals with him will do so at his/her own risk & responsibility. My Client shall not responsible for any kind of act done by her son. TUSHAR SAINI (Advocate) Ch. No. 734, Saket Courts, New Delhi-17.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Sanjay Kumar is one of the legal heirs of deceased Smt. Rajkumari, who left behind properties no. B-828, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi and B-792, (Front side) Sangam Vihar, New Delhi and my client is in possession of the same. The said properties have not been partitioned and my client has objection to the sale & purchase of the said property by any other legal heir or stranger, if any. Any person dealing in regard to sale & purchase of the said property may face consequences at his own cost & risk. Sd/- Anuradha Yadav (Advocate) (D112/117)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSON through this Public Notice that my client, SH. RAJ KUMAR son of Late SH. PRAHAR, and his wife MRS. SHASHI MEHRA, resident of WZ-1078, Nangal Raya New Delhi-110 046, do hereby disown and debar their son, namely SH. MRS. SIDHANT TANWAR, and his wife, MRS. VARSHA, and with their daughter SH. TAPASVYA, from their entire movable and immovable properties and also sever their all relations with them henceforth due to their disrespectful behavior towards my client. My client further declare that they and their other family member/legal heirs, shall not be held responsible or liable for the acts of debarred person, thus anybody deals with them, shall be at their own risks and costs. Sd/- ASHOK KUMAR (Advocate) Flat No. 622, Pocket GH-13, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HERBY INFORMED TO PUBLIC AT LARGE OR BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS SH. KAMLESH YADAV S/O SH. RAMA YADAV R/O F-343, GALI NO. 6, WAJIRABAD, NORTH DELHI-110084 & GRAM MARNAVIA, POST-KUMERHAT, THANALADNIVA, DISTT. MADHUBANI, (BIHAR)-847211 HAVE SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS THEIR RELATIONS WITH SH. SALIT YADAV SON OF MY CLIENT KAMLESH YADAV FOR BEING DISOBEDIENT, DISRESPECTFUL AND PERNICIOUS TOWARDS MY CLIENTS. IF ANYONE DEALS WITH THEM, HE/SHE MAY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK, COST AND CONSEQUENCES. MY CLIENTS KAMLESH YADAV SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO ANYBODY FOR THEIR ACTS, DEEDS AND MISDEEDS OF SON SH. SALIT YADAV Sd/- SACHIN SHARMA (ADVOCATE) ENROLLEMENT NO. D-135718 CH. NO. E-508, SLODIA ROAD, KARKARDOLLA COURT DELHI-110092

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संख्या सी-45/अवतन/खाणपन स्टाम्प/02/2021(1) मंडल रेल प्रबंधक (गाणियन्त्र) उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, अजमेर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए एवं उनकी ओर से खुली ई-निविदा [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) के पोर्टल के माध्यम से उकेदारों /फर्मों से आमंत्रित करते है। निविदा का विकरण निम्न है – कार्य का नाम : अजमेर मंडल के ए श्रेणी के फालना, व चरपुर सिटी स्टेशनों पर अल्ट्राहार रेलाल (General Minor Units) हेतु पांच वर्ष के आवंटन के लिये ठेका देने बाबत, न्यूनतम वार्षिक आरक्षित लाइसेंस फीस रुपये में : रुपये 529229 /- (प्रति खानपन / ई-निविदा 21.10.2021 को 12:00 बजे तक) – (प्रति खानपन ईकाई के लिए), निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (Including GST) : रुपये 7080 /- (प्रति खानपन ईकाई के लिए), ई-निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 21.10.2021 को 11:00 बजे तक, ई-निविदा खोलने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 21.10.2021 को 12:00 बजे तक, ई-निविदा की वैधता अवधि : 180 दिन, वेबसाइट का विकरण जहां निविदा की सम्पूर्ण जानकारी इत्यादि देखी जा सकती है : <http://www.ireps.gov.in>, नोट- सभी संभावी निविदा-कर्ताओं से अनुरोध है कि इस निविदा से संबंधित शुद्धि पत्र हेतु, वे नियमित रूप से वेबसाइट देखें। 479-SP/21 Follow us at [f](https://www.facebook.com/NWRrailways) [i](https://www.instagram.com/NWRrailways) [y](https://www.youtube.com/NWRrailways) [w](https://www.whatsapp.com/NWRrailways)

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य एवं आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदायें दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य तथा धरोहर राशि की विस्तृत जानकारी ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। उक्त ई-निविदा को स्वीकार/निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताये सुरक्षित राशें। अन्य नियम/शर्तें विभाग के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से संबंधित सूचना यदि कोई होंगी तो केवल वेबसाइट पर डाली जाएगी। अतः स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाइट को नियमित देखते रहना चाहिए। ई-निविदा खुलने का दिनांक-16.10.2021 1. ई-निविदा संख्या-37/ई.टी.सी.एम./2021-2022 विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड-सम्भल के अन्तर्गत गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे के कारण टावर न. 10 से 11 के बीच 132 के.वी. चन्दौसी-बजहाई डी.सी. लाइन टावर की शिफ्टिंग एवं रि-लोकेशन से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 24500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 11800/-, 6. ई-निविदा संख्या-42/ई.टी.सी.एम./2021-2022 विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे के कारण टावर न. 10 से 11 के बीच 132 के.वी. चन्दौसी-बजहाई डी.सी. लाइन टावर की शिफ्टिंग एवं रि-लोकेशन से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 24500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 11800/-, 2. ई-निविदा संख्या-38/ई.टी.सी.एम./2021-2022 विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड-सम्भल के अन्तर्गत गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे के कारण टावर न. 43 से 44 के बीच 220 के.वी. चन्दौसी-बदार्थु एस.सी. ऑन डी.सी. लाइन टावर की शिफ्टिंग एवं रि-लोकेशन से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 35000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 3540/-, 3. ई-निविदा संख्या-39/ई.टी.सी.एम./2021-2022 विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड-सम्भल के अन्तर्गत गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे के कारण टावर न. 26 से 27 के बीच 132 के.वी. बवारला-बिसौली एस.सी.

लाइन टावर की शिफ्टिंग एवं रि-लोकेशन से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 20000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1770/-, 4. ई-निविदा संख्या-40/ई.टी.सी.एम./2021-2022 विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड-सम्भल के अन्तर्गत गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे के कारण टावर न. 114 से 116 के बीच 220 के.वी. सम्भल-नरौरा एस.सी. लाइन टावर की शिफ्टिंग एवं रि-लोकेशन से सम्बन्धित



Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE SRINAGAR KASHMIR**  
Tel-0194-2474234 Fax -2482032 - email:- kasflori@rediffmail.com  
**GIST e- Tender Notice No. 16 of 2021**  
**Dated:- 07/09/2021**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-tender is invited from interested parties/persons for **Annual Upkeep & Maintenance of Mini Lake at Nehru Memorial Botanical Garden Cheshmashahi Srinagar for a period of (as) One year from the date of award of contract.**

The participants have to quote their bid amount in the concerned BOQ:-

The bidding document (s) consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in/www.dirflorikmr.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in/www.dirflorikmr.in) as per schedule given below:

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	07.09.2021 from 10:00 AM to 29.09.2021 up to 02:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	05.09.2021 from 10:00 AM
3.	Bid submission End date	29.09.2021 up to 02:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	01.10.2021 at 02:00 PM

In case of any eventuality, the tender opening date (Online) will be considered on any other convenient working day.

Sd/-  
Accounts Officer,  
(Member Secretary)

DIPK-8535

**EXTENSION OF PERIODICITY OF SPECIAL TRAINS**

This is notified for the Information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to extend the periodicity of the run of following Special Trains as under:-

Train No. & Train Name	Days of Run	Extended Up to
02583 Hatia - Anand Vihar (T) Special Express	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	04.10.2021 to 30.12.2021
02584 Anand Vihar (T) - Hatia Special Express	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	05.10.2021 to 03.01.2022
02579 Hatia - Anand Vihar (T) Special Express	Sunday, Wednesday, Friday	01.10.2021 to 31.12.2021
02580 Anand Vihar (T) - Hatia Special Express	Monday, Thursday, Saturday	02.10.2021 to 01.01.2022
02585 Santragachi Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) Spl. Superfast	Monday	04.10.2021 to 27.12.2021
02586 Anand Vihar (T) - Santragachi Jn. Spl. Superfast	Tuesday	05.10.2021 to 28.12.2021
08103 Tata Nagar - Amritsar Jn. Special Express	Monday, Wednesday	04.10.2021 to 29.12.2021
08104 Amritsar Jn. - Tata Nagar Special Express	Wednesday, Friday	06.10.2021 to 31.12.2021

**Note:- All the above trains will run fully reserved.**

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

**RailMadad Helpline No. 139**

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**GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (PURCHASE-2ND)**  
**SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA (SRINAGAR)**

Tel: 0194-2401013/2400064 (Ext: 2170), Fax: 2403403 e-mail:ammopurchase2@skims.ac.in

**e-NIT NO: SIMS 08 (PII) OF 2021 DATED: 10/09/2021**

**Sub: Notice inviting e-tenders for supply of "Card paper" on Rate Contract basis for two (2) years for SKIMS, Soura Srinagar, Kashmir (J&K).**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K State through Director Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura Srinagar, e-tenders are invited under two bid systems on Rate Contract basis for Two (2) Years from Original Manufacturers/their authorized distributors/ Dealers/ registered suppliers for supply of following item at SKIMS Soura, Srinagar (J&K):

Item Required
Card paper in Green, Yellow & Pink Colour
Detailed specifications of the item and tentative quantity is mentioned in Annexure-A of e-NIT.

The detailed tender document containing specifications, quantity, terms & conditions is available on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and complete bidding process will be online on the said e-tender portal. The e-NIT schedule is as under:

SCHEDULE TO TENDER		
S.No.	Activity Description	Schedule
1.	Cost of tender document	Rs.1000/-
2.	Bid Security Declaration	Annexure-B
3.	Start date for downloading of tenders	11/09/2021 to 04/10/2021
4.	Any clarification will be entertained from 11/09/2021 to 20/09/2021	(during office hours)
5.	Start date & time for submission of tenders	22/09/2021 (10:00 a.m)
6.	Last date & time for submission of tender	04/10/2021 upto 2:00 p.m
7.	Date & time for opening of technical bids	07/10/2021 (12:00 p.m)

**The tender notice is also available on SKIMS website [www.skims.ac.in](http://www.skims.ac.in) for reference only.** Director SKIMS reserves the right to accept/reject or cancel any tender or all tenders in full or part thereof without assigning any reason. In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day. **Complete bidding process will be online (Price bids not to be submitted in physical form).** The tender must be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed e-NIT.

No: SIMS 325/30/2021-1499-1510-84  
Dated: 10/09/2021  
DIPK-3450

Sd/-  
**A. Materials Management Officer (Purchase-II)**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**e-Procurement Notice**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD, Dhamsi on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in two Cover System for the under mentioned works from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Time
1	Construction of proposed office building of HP State Legal Services Authority at Mauja Sankat Mochan, Chakkar Shimla Tehsil & Distt. Shimla H.P. (SH:- Construction of building portion, Providing internal W.S & S.I, C/o Rain water harvesting tank and site development etc.)	Rs. 1,98,06,274/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-	Class- C	Twelve Months

**2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:-** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). \*Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

**3. Key Dates:-**

1.	Date of Online Publication	27-09-2021 18:00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	27-09-2021 18:30 to 11-10-2021 17:00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	27-09-2021 18:30 to 11-10-2021 17:00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	12-10-2021 10:30 HRS
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	12-10-2021 11:00 HRS

**4. TENDER DETAILS:** The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in two cover:

(i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all **"Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information"**.

(ii) Cover 2: shall contain **"BOQ/Financial Bid"**, where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

**5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:**The bidders are required to submit (a) online payment receipt (Tender Fee) (b) online payment receipt (EMD) (c) Form 7-8 and (d) Affidavits to the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhamsi H.P as specified in Key Dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

**6. BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on **12-10-2021 at 11.00 HRS** by the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhamsi H.P. in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhamsi. In their interest the bidders are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 75 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. **Eligibility Criteria:-** The bidders must have successfully completed similar nature of work not less than 40 % of estimated cost during the last five financial years (without Liquidated damages or compensation).

Executive Engineer  
Shimla Rural Division  
H.P.P.W.D. Dhamsi  
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

4076/HP HIM SUCHANA AWAM JANSAMPARK

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
No. PWD/BWD/TA/E-tender/2021-22/-13258-317 Dated:13/09/2021

**"CORRIGENDUM"**

The on-line tender for the work invited vide this office N.I.T. No. PWD/BWD/TA/NIT/2021-22/-11547-606 dated 19/08/2021 published vide R.O. no.3477/2021-2022(Classified) dated 19/08/2021 & Corrigendum No.12171-230 dated 26/08/2021 published vide R.O. no.3644/2021-2022(Classified) dated 26/08/2021 in Weekly Gintraj Shimla for which the starting date for downloading of bid is 09/09/2021 and deadline for submission of bid is 21/09/2021 are hereby extended as under. **The estimated cost may be read as Rs.19,45,15,415/- instead of Rs.19,90,54,299/- and EMD Rs.38,91,000/- instead of 39,81,000/-.**

1.	Date of Online Publication.	15/09/2021
2.	Document download Start and End date	15/09/2021 at 10:00AM to 28/09/2021 upto 5:00PM
3.	Bid Submission start and End date	15/09/2021 at 10:30AM to 28/09/2021 upto 5:00PM
4.	Physical submission of EMD and Cost of Tender document	29/09/2021 at 11:00AM.
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of technical Bid	29/09/2021 at 11:30AM.
6.	Date of Financial Bid Opening	

All other Terms & conditions shall be remained unchanged. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

Executive Engineer  
HPPWD Division Bhawarna  
Pin-176083, Tel:01894-247777, e-mail: [eeppwd-bhaw-hp@gov.in](mailto:eeppwd-bhaw-hp@gov.in) on behalf of Governor of H.P

4073/HP HIM SUCHANA AWAM JAN SAMPARK

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE SRINAGAR KASHMIR**  
Tel.: 0194-2474234, Fax: 2482032, E-mail: kasflori@rediffmail.com  
**Gist of e-Tender Notice No. 17 of 2021**  
**Dated: 08.09.2021**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-tender is invited from interested parties/persons for Outsourcing of Entry ticketing system of Botanical Garden Kokernag of Floriculture Department Kashmir as per details given below:

The participants have to quote their bid amount in the concerned BOQ:

Sr. No.	Period of Contract	Reserve Bid (Rs. in Lakhs)	Value of Security Deposit	Cost of Tender Document
1.	01 year from the date of award of contract	43,86,000.00	122600/-	1000/- in the shape of e-challan


The bidding document (s) consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded through the Departmental website [www.dirflorikmr.in](http://www.dirflorikmr.in) & [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of date given below:

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	08.09.2021 from 01.00 PM to 30.09.2021 upto 2.00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	08.09.2021 from 03:00 PM
3.	Bid submission End date	30.09.2021 up to 2:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	05.10.2021 at 2:00 PM

In case of any eventuality, the date of opening will be considered on any other convenient working day.

Sd/-  
Accounts Officer  
Member Secretary

DIPK-8555

**Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)**

**Empanelment of Agencies**

To Create Awareness Through IEC Activities and Support Waste Collection & Segregation at Source and Making City Garbage Free

**E-Tender Notice No. 8 / 2021-22**

No. healthho/3/kavi/158/2021  
Date : 14/09/2021  
Advertisment No- 1085

Sd/-  
Municipal Commissioner  
Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

**झारखण्ड सरकार**

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय  
102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची

**ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

**ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 15/R11/2021-22/RWD/JAMTARA**

**दिनांक :- 14.09.2021**

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	योजना का नाम	अंक में	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि	टेण्डर कोट नं०
1.	RWD/JAMTARA/01/2020-21	चापुड़िया से मझलाडीह (बोहराडंगाल) तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (लं-4.700 कि०मी०)	1,42,00,542.00	एक करोड़ बैंगलीस लाख पाँच सौ बैंगलीस रु० मात्र	09 माह	तृतीय

वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 20.09.2021

ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 30.09.2021 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

(क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची अथवा (ग) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, जामताड़ा में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 01.10.2021 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।

निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 04.10.2021 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।

निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन- 834001

ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०- 0651-2207818

निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जामताड़ा के पक्ष में एवं जामताड़ा में भुगतान होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट [jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) में देखा जा सकता है।

नोटल पदाधिकारी  
ई-प्रोक्युमेंट सेल

PR 253262 Rural Work Department(21-22)D

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICE CORP. LTD.	ONLINE TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES FOR AYURVEDIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR	13.09.2021 24.09.2021	10.78 CRORE	<a href="http://hmedc.org.in">hmedc.org.in</a>	7015723772
2	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SAMPLA	COMPLETION OF SAHEED PARK IN MC SAMPLA	CLOSING DATE 17.09.2021	5.80 CRORE	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01262-263085 soc.sampla@gmail.com
3	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	PROVIDING AND FIXING TIN SHEED FOR WAITING AREA IN GOVT. CIVIL HOSPITAL WARD NO. 01, PATAUDI+ 3 OTHER WORKS	13.09.2021 19.09.2021	51623/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0124-2672869
4	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARYOJANA PARISHAD	EMANELMENT OF STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN HARYANA STATE	16.09.2021 01.10.2021	EMD 19200/-	<a href="http://www.hespp.in">www.hespp.in</a>	99041397095 civilbranchsai@gmail.com
5	HS&B KATHAL	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE DIALA TO DHUNDHERI (IN C. KATHAL) ID-10181 AND 5 OTHERS	CLOSING DATE 05.10.2021	5.41 CRORE	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01746-222374 xenkathal2.hs&mb@gmail.com
6	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION MS GRILL RAILLING ON HARYANA PUNJAB BORDER 361 TO 392 OLD HOUSING BOARD IN SECTOR 19, PANCHKULA + 2	14.09.2021 24.09.2021	61.60 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9914544004 xennmpk@gmail.com
7	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONDUCTING INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) ACTIVITIES FOR "AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV" UNDER SWACHH BHART MISSION IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PANCHKULA JURISDICTION.	13.09.2021 22.09.2021	1.0 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9914544004 xennmpk@gmail.com
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	HIRING OF MANPOWER FOR CLEANING OF NALLAH, ROADS, MARKET ETC. UNDER JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	14.09.2021 28.09.2021	EMD 50000/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9934544004 xennmpk@gmail.com
9	HS&B SIRSA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS OF DABWALI CONSTITUENCY IN SIRSA DIVISION GROUP-I (WORK PLAN 2021-22) (QD 2138, 2141,2167 & 2158) & 11 OTHER WORKS	30.09.2021 01.10.2021	1175.90 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01666-240743 xersirsa.hs&mb21@gmail.com
10	THE BALLABGARH COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD.	E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY , INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF HIGH SPEED PPS MACHINE	14.09.2021 21.09.2021	50200/-	<a href="http://www.vitanda.org.in">www.vitanda.org.in</a>	9968604725 vitabdg@gmail.com
11	MC GANAUUR	OUT SOURCING TENDER FOR HIRING MANPOWER IN OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE GANAUUR	CLOSING DATE 22.09.2021	10200/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	secmanganaur@gmail.com
12	HVPL	PROVIDING OF OIL PLUGGING COMPOUND AND PLUGGING OF OIL LEAKAGE FROM TOP COVER CONSERVATOR TANK, INSPECTION WINDOW AND OILC OF T/F T-1 25/25 MVA, 132/33 INSTALLED AT 132 KV SUBSTATION ASSALDHHA (INCLUDING APPLICATION CHARGES.) (NIT NO. 37/2021-22/KEN/TS/RTK DATED 14.09.2021)	14.09.2021 28.09.2021	1.68 LACS	<a href="http://www.hvpln.org.in">www.hvpln.org.in</a>	01722583789 pro@hvpln.org.in
13	HVPL	REPAIRING THE ROOF, STAFF WASHROOM AND WHITEWASH AT 132 KV SUB-STATION JASSDA (NIT NO. 36/2021-22/KEN/TS/RTK DATED 13.09.2021)	13.09.2021 27.09.2021	7.74 LACS	<a href="http://www.hvpln.org.in">www.hvpln.org.in</a>	01722583789 pro@hvpln.org.in
14	HVPL	FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF NON- RESIDENTIAL BUILDING TS DEVI, HVPL KATHAL (SHAKTI BHAWAN) AT 132KV 5/STN. POWER HOUSE COLONY HVPL KATHAL F.Y 2021-22, (NIT NO. 32/GE-50/2021-22 DATED 13-09-2021)	13.09.2021 22.09.2021	3.82 LACS	<a href="http://www.hvpln.org.in">www.hvpln.org.in</a>	01722583789 pro@hvpln.org.in

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)**

**SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL**



**Kajal**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Kajal D/o Karam Raj R/o 8/126, 3rd Floor, Geeta Colony, Delhi.** Age 16½ year, Height 5'4", Built medium, Complexion wheatish, Face round wearing Blue colour kurti, Blue colour salwar and Black chappal in feet has been kidnapped since 18.08.2021. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl, but no clue has come to light so far.

In this regard a case FIR No. 410/21 dated 18.08.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Geeta Colony, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-23011334  
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218  
DP/569/SHD/2021

**SHO**  
**PS Geeta Colony, Delhi**  
**Ph. 011-22506665**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 10.09.2021 at Footh-Path Nawab Ganj, Opposite Police Station Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.** Dead Body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi mortuary for 72 Hrs. for identification. In this regard **DD No. 38A dated 10.09.2021** has been lodged at Police Station, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Unknown, Age: About 45 Years, Height: About 5'5", Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Hair: Black, Beard & Mustchases: Black, Wearing: Only Black Colour Pazam having Tag Adidas, Bare Footed.**

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

**SHO**  
**Police Station Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi**  
**DP/1503/N/2021 (UIDB) Ph.: 011-23528060, 8750870125**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**1st Corrigendum**

Closing date & Time : 01.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)

**Name of work:** Hiring of experienced monkey handler for deployment in electric locomotive shed, Ghaziabad to tackle money menace' Qt. 01 No. for 12 Months.

**Item Modified:**

Field Name	Existing Closing date	Modified Closing date
Tender Closing Date & Time	01.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)	05.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)
Date & Time of opening of Tender Document	01.10.2021 (After 11:00 Hrs.)	05.10.2021 (After 11:00 Hrs.)

Tender No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-16-2RT  
Corrt. No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-16-2RT Dated : 11.09.2021 2055/21

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**NOTICE**

**Shri Manik Mahajan, S/o Shri Vaisnoh Dass Gupta, App JE/P.way/ FDB working under ADEN/TKD is unauthorized absent from duty since April-2016. In this regard a 14 day Show Cause Notice was issued on 27.07.2021 and send to his residence address: House no. 601-A, Subhash Nagar, Rehari Colony, Jammu, State-Jammu & Kashmir, Pin Code-180005 through registered post. He failed to submit reply till date. Through this press notification he is once again informed to attend the office of ADEN/Tughlakabad within 15 days after publication of this notice. In the event of failure Railway would be Ex Parte decession and that will be binding on Shri Manik Mahajan.**

**Sr. Divisional Engineer-V N.R./Delhi Division**

2051/2021

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**OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA**  
**NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR**  
**INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**

File No-B-I-HE-05/20 Lr. No.- 34768 /, Dtd. 9th Sept. 2021

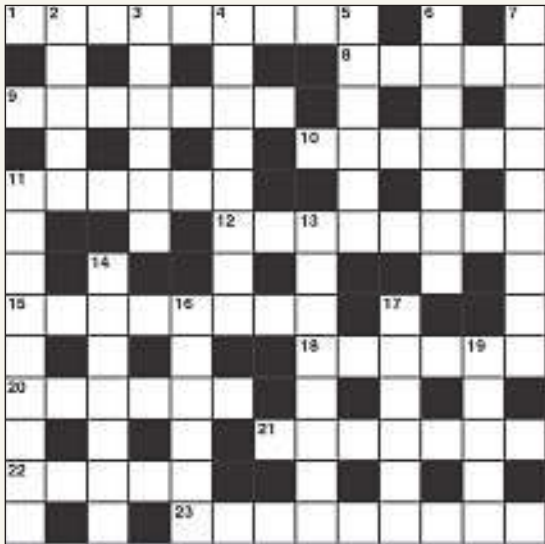
**Invitation for Bids**  
**Bid Identification No. CE (B) —14/ 2021-22**

1	The Chief Engineer(Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for Construction of Building works as detailed below.	
2	Nature of work	: Building works
3	No. of work	: 01No.
4	Bid Cost.	: ₹ 10,000/-
5	Class of Contractor	: Special/ Super
6	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	: From dt.16.09.2021 to 17.00 Hours of dt. 30.09.2021.
7	Date of Opening of Bid	: Dt. 01.10.2021 at 11:30 AM.
8	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE website: <a href="https://tendersodisha.gov.in">https://tendersodisha.gov.in</a> . addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.	

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer(Buildings),  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar  
OIPR-34117/11/0044/2122



CROSSWORD 4535



- ACROSS**  
1 Unexpected deficit appears not long before autumn (9)  
8 Love to make an entrance we hear (5)  
9 A shade unsuitable for wet weather (7)  
10 It's excessively used by composers (6)  
11 Let pass (6)  
12 What the bride says afterwards won't be in church (8)  
15 Time to start another day (8)  
18 Figures I spoil the games (6)  
20 A gift of old money (6)  
21 It makes the grandee enraged (7)  
22 See 4 Down  
23 Having the look of a powerful flyer (5-4)
- DOWN**  
2 He has a short way to pull (5)  
3 Regions unite concerning charity (6)  
4 Elector all at sea? (8,5)  
5 Hardy, no; evergreen, yes (6)  
6 The way bargemen walk (7)  
7 American politicians most cared about (9)  
11 Original sort of painting? (9)  
13 I plan too haphazardly but it's a matter of choice (8)  
14 Lavish praise (7)  
16 Disregard one note and not another (6)  
17 Ornament from Bengal (6)  
19 Delete part of an order as excessive (5)

**Solutions Crossword 4534:** Across: 1 Leaning, 4 Snail, 7 Glee, 8 Flushing, 10 Centipedes, 12 Eagles, 13 Capers, 15 Coalfields, 18 Cast-iron, 19 Type, 20 Shady, 21 Decided. Down: 1 Logic, 2 Abednego, 3 Galley, 4 Systematic, 5 Adit, 6 Luggers, 9 Life policy, 11 Deployed, 12 Expects, 14 Almond, 16 Steed, 17 Asia.

JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

A laugh, if purchased at the expense of \_\_\_\_, costs too much. - Quintilian (9)

LUERR



BBSUTY



BEGIO



AISTPP

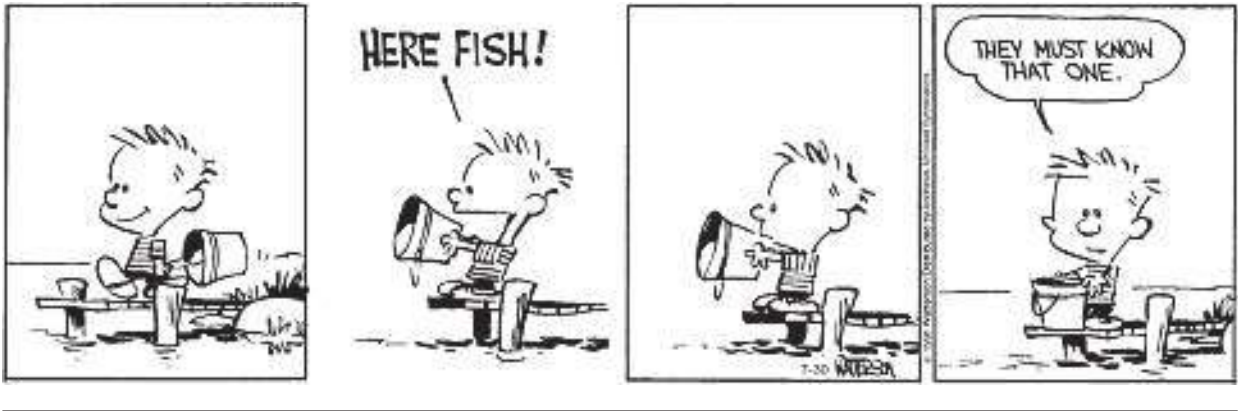


SOLUTION: RULER, BOGLE, STUBBLE, PARTISAN. Answer: A laugh, if purchased at the expense of a ruler, costs too much. - Quintilian (9)

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4595

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

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4594



**कार्यालय आबकारी आयुक्त, राजस्थान, उदयपुर**  
क्रमांक:- प.32/टी.सी. (1) आब/एल/2021-22/3169 दिनांक: 13.09.2021

**देशी मदिरा, विदेशी मदिरा एवं बीयर की कम्पोजिट रिटेल ऑफ़ दुकानों के अनुज्ञापत्र हेतु आवेदन एवं ई-नीलामी आमंत्रण बाबत सूचना फेज-XIII**

1. सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए राज्य में आबकारी बन्दोबस्त हेतु देशी मदिरा, राजस्थान निर्मित मदिरा, (RML) भारत निर्मित विदेशी मदिरा (IMFL) एवं बीयर की रिटेल ऑफ़ दुकानों (कम्पोजिट दुकानों) के अनुज्ञापत्र जारी करने के लिए आबकारी नीति 2021-22 के अनुसार भारत सरकार के उपक्रम एम.एस.टी.सी. लिमिटेड के माध्यम से ई-नीलामी (ई-बोली) आयोजित की जा रही है। अभी तक 12 फेज में नीलामी सम्पन्न हो चुकी है।

2. विभिन्न जिलों में पडत/बैक आउट कम्पोजिट मदिरा दुकान के पुनः बन्दोबस्त के लिये दुकानदार न्यूनतम रिजर्व प्राईस व कम्पोजिट फीस विभागीय वेबसाइट <https://www.rajexcise.gov.in> पर दर्शाते हैं। दर्शाई गई "न्यूनतम रिजर्व प्राईस" वार्षिक (12 माह के लिए) है। वास्तविक गारंटी राशि को गणना अनुज्ञापत्र हेतु जारी स्वीकृति की तिथि से अनुज्ञापत्र आधार पर की जायगी।

3. आवेदन शुल्क पूर्वानुसार "मूल न्यूनतम रिजर्व प्राईस" के अनुसार हो रहेगा।

4. **अमानत राशि** - आबकारी एवं मद्यसंयम नीति वर्ष 2021-22 के बिन्दु संख्या 2.7 में अमानत राशि के बारे में प्रावधान किये गये हैं। परन्तु किसी भी फेज में एक बार यदि किसी कम्पोजिट मदिरा दुकान के लिए बोलीदाता द्वारा बैकआउट किया गया है तो ऐसी कम्पोजिट मदिरा दुकानों के लिए बोलीदाता द्वारा बैकआउट किया गया है तो ऐसी कम्पोजिट मदिरा दुकानों के लिए निम्नलिखित प्रकार से अमानत राशि निर्धारित की जाती है। शेष दुकानों के लिए अमानत राशि पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

श्रेणी	अमानत राशि (रु.)
वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए 50 लाख रुपए तक मूल न्यूनतम रिजर्व प्राईस वाली दुकान	2,00,000
वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए 50 लाख रुपए से अधिक एवं 2 करोड़ रुपये तक मूल न्यूनतम रिजर्व प्राईस वाली दुकान	3,00,000
वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए 2 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक मूल न्यूनतम रिजर्व प्राईस वाली दुकान	5,00,000

5. फेज-XIII में निम्नलिखित तिथि अनुसार ई-नीलामी (ई-बोली) आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.सं.	नीलामी की दिनांक	आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि
1	18.09.2021	17.09.2021

नीलामी का समय पूर्वानुसार प्रातः 11.00 बजे से सायं 04.00 बजे तक रहेगा। नीलामी एक कार्य दिवस में न्यूनतम पांच घण्टे की होगी एवं उसके पश्चात् जब तक बोली लगती रहे तब तक 10 मिनट के अनन्त विस्तार (indefinite extension) तक जारी रहेगी।

6. **आवेदन** - फेज-XIII के लिए आवेदन को प्रक्रिया दिनांक 15.09.2021 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे से प्रारम्भ है तथा निर्धारित नीलामी की दिनांक से एक दिन पूर्व को रात 11:59 पी.एम. तक चालू रहेगी।

7. यदि आवेदक द्वारा दिनांक 12.09.2021 के पश्चात् <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> पर पंजीकरण कराया है तो उन्हें पृथक् से पंजीकरण कारणे की आवश्यकता नहीं रहेगी। पूर्व में आवेदित यूजर आई.डी. व पासवर्ड के माध्यम से ई-नीलामी हेतु आवेदन कर सकते हैं। यदि पूर्व में पंजीकरण नहीं कराया है तो <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> पर जाकर निःशुल्क पंजीकरण करा सकते हैं।

8. सफल बोलीदाता H1 के किसी कारण से बैकआउट होने पर द्वितीय उच्चतम बोलीदाता H2 को सफल बोलीदाता H1 द्वारा प्रस्तावित वार्षिक गारंटी राशि पर उस मदिरा दुकान को लेने हेतु अवसर दिया जायेगा तथा द्वितीय उच्चतम बोलीदाता H2 द्वारा सहमति देने पर पूर्व में उल्लेखित प्रक्रिया अनुसार राशि जमा कराने पर उसके पक्ष में अस्थाई अनुज्ञापत्र की स्वीकृति जारी की जायेगी।

H2 द्वारा उपर्युक्त अवसर के बाद सहमति नहीं देने पर उसकी स्वयं द्वारा बोली गई कीमत H2 पर मदिरा दुकान देने का अवसर दिया जायेगा। यदि इस कीमत पर भी H2 द्वारा मदिरा दुकान नहीं ली जाती है तो उसकी अमानत राशि जब कर H3 को क्रमशः H1 एवं H2 द्वारा प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावित वार्षिक गारंटी राशि पर उस मदिरा दुकान को लेने हेतु अवसर दिया जायेगा।

तृतीय उच्चतम बोलीदाता H3 द्वारा सहमति देने पर पूर्व में उल्लेखित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार राशि जमा कराने पर उसके पक्ष में अस्थाई अनुज्ञापत्र की स्वीकृति जारी की जायेगी।

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9. सफल बोलीदाता को "निर्धारित अग्रिम वार्षिक गारंटी राशि" एवं "निर्धारित कम्पोजिट फीस की न्यूनतम 50 प्रतिशत की राशि" दिनांक 27.09.2021 तक जमा करानी होगी तथा निर्धारित कम्पोजिट फीस की शेष 50 प्रतिशत राशि दिनांक 15.10.2021 तक जमा करानी होगी।

11. एम.एस.टी.सी. हेल्थ डेस्क पर कार्यरत समय में मार्गदर्शन लिया जा सकता है।

12. अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी।

उपर्युक्त के संबंध में विस्तृत दिशा निर्देश, शर्तें तथा अनुज्ञापत्र हेतु उपलब्ध दुकानों की निर्धारित सूची मय विवरण विभागीय वेबसाइट <https://www.rajexcise.gov.in> एवं एम.एस.टी.सी.लिमिटेड की वेबसाइट <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> पर उपलब्ध है।

हस्ता/-  
आबकारी आयुक्त,  
राजस्थान उदयपुर।

**SALUTE THE SOLDIER**

**MAJ BHAGAT SINGH.**  
**VtC 19 Mar 41 -15 Sep 65**  
We pay homage to our noble martyr, who made the supreme sacrifice while fighting the enemy in the 1965 operations in J &K. His dauntless courage and sacrifice will forever inspire the organization.  
**CO and all rks 6th Bn Brigade of The Guards.**

**Maj VS Ahlawat,**  
**(01 Nov 1978-15 Sep 2017)**  
This historic day fills our hearts with pride and sorrow alike when in the highest traditions of the Indian Army, you laid down your life in Counter Insurgency Area of Assam. World is a lesser place without you but we know that you are with the gods above and even heavens have improved by your gracious presence.

**Fondly remembered by**  
**CO and All Ranks of 3 RAJPUT**  
**Martyr of CISF on 15thSeptember**  
**CT/GD SHUBAS NAGARGOJE**  
**ECL, SEETALPUR, 15-09-1994**  
CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with armed criminals to safeguard the national property His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noble.

**नगर निगम जोधपुर-दक्षिण**  
क्रमांक:- न.नि.जो-दक्षिण/विकास/द्वितीय/तृतीय/चतुर्थ/2021/2285 दिनांक:- 10.09.2021

**ई-निविदा सूचना**  
UBN No.-DLB2122WLOB14438

नगर निगम जोधपुर-दक्षिण की ओर से विभिन्न सिविल कार्या हेतु ऑनलाईन द्वि स्तरीय बीड प्रणाली ई-निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा से संबंधित कार्यों की विस्तृत जानकारी, निविदा की शर्तें आदि <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, [www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) एवं [www.jodhpurnmc.org](http://www.jodhpurnmc.org) पर देखी जा सकती है।

राज संवाद/टी.सी./21/6082 महापौर आयुक्त

**UJVN Limited**  
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Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508  
CIN No. U40101UR20019GC025866 Website: [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)

Letter No. 669 **E-TENDER NOTICE (NCB)** Dt.: 14/09/2021

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), UJVNL, Pashulok Barrage  
Rishkesh invites online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

**Tender No.:** NCB/13/EE (Civil)/UJVNL/Pashulok Barrage/2021-22.  
**Name of work:** Protection & Refurbishment Work From Spillway Glacis to End-Sill of Gate No. 05 to 15 of Pashulok Barrage, Rishkesh, Estimated cost: Rs. 749.89 Lakh only (GST Extra).  
**Date of availability of bid document on website:** From 17:00 hrs of 15.09.2021 to 18.10.2021  
**Last date for submission of bids on website:** Upto 17:00 hrs of 18.10.2021  
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer (Civil)

**"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"**

**UJVN Ltd.**  
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)  
H.O. "UJJWAL" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
Telephone-0135-2763808 Fax 0135-2763508  
CIN No. U40101UR20019GC025866 Website: [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)

RO No. 668 **E-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 14.09.2021

Office of the EE (M&G), Dhakrani Power Station invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

**NIT No.E-08/EE(M&G)/DKN/2021-22:-** In situ repair of Shaft Journal, Runner Blades and other mechanical maintenance work at Dhakrani power station

**NIT No. E-09/EE(M&G)/DKN/2021-22:-** Repair work of Intake gates at Dhakrani Power Station

**Estimated cost:** Rs 4715000.00 & Rs 3810000.00 (GST extra)

**Date of availability of bid document on website:-** 14/09/2021

**Last date for submission of bids on website:-** 06/10/2021 upto 18:00 Hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".

Executive Engineer (M&G)

**"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**1st Corrigendum**  
Closing date & Time : 01.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)  
Name of work: 'Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for two years of EOT Cranes with stand by spare installed in Electric Loco Shed, Ghaziabad.'

**Item Modified:**

Field Name	Existing Closing date	Modified Closing date
Tender Closing Date & Time	01.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)	05.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)
Date & Time of opening of Tender Document	01.10.2021 (After 11:00 Hrs.)	05.10.2021 (After 11:00 Hrs.)

**Tender No.:** 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-24-RT  
**Corri. No.:** 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-24-RT Dated : 11.09.2021 2054/21

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

**भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड**  
**CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.**  
एक नवल कम्पनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)  
A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
NSIC New MIDP Building, 2nd floor, Okhla Industrial Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro station), New Delhi-110 020

**TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)**

Online tenders in Two Bid system are invited for SERVICE PERTAINING TO SUBSTATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AT ICD/TUGHLAKABAD (DELHI) FOR 24 MONTHS only through e-tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying ₹1,000.00 through online from the website ([www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL)).

Tender No.	OPEN TENDER NO. CON/ICD/TKD/TECH/ELECT/2021
Estimated Cost	₹1,07,75,962/- (Inclusive of GST)
Period of the contract	24 Months (As per Clause-6 of Section -II)
Earnest Money Deposit	Earnest Money / Bid Security Declaration as per Annexure-XI
Cost of Document*	₹1,000/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Tender Processing Fee*	₹4,720/- (₹4000+18% GST) through e-payment which is Non-refundable
Date of Sale (Online)	From 15.09.2021 at 15:00 hrs. to 05.10.2021 up to 16:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Submission	06.10.2021 up to 15:00 hrs. (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Date & Time of Opening	07.10.2021 at 15:30 hrs.

\* Through e-Payment  
CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For complete details login to [www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL).  
Group General Manager/Technical (Area-1)

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-17. The details are as under:

1. Name of the work	Provision of Trap Chamber (Material Railway supplied) in Brake Pressure Pipe of 3 phase Locos in ELS/GZB. Qty. 100 Locomotives.
2. Approx. cost of work	₹ 11,39,549.60
3. Last Date & Time of Submission of tender bid of tender	05.10.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)
4. Date & time of opening of tender document	05.10.2021 (After 11:00 Hrs.)
5. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

**Note:** (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for participating in the e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers are acceptable. (iv) Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. 230-TRS-GZB-2021-21-17 Dated: 14.09.2021. 2056/21

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**UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR**

**NOTICE INVITING E-BIDS**

Electronic Online Technical and Financial Bids are invited upto 2:00 PM of October 04, 2021 for **Outsourcing of University Examination related computer based processing including Online Work, Pre Examination Work, Coding Work, Post Examination Work, Work of Supplementary Examination, Revaluation Work, Management Information System (MIS) for entire Examination work Preparation of Final Database, and bilingual database of passed out students etc. The total Estimated cost of item(s) is Rs. 1.30 crores (Per Exam Session).** Details may be seen in the Bidding Document on the website of the State Public Procurement Portal: <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, [www.uniraj.ac.in](http://www.uniraj.ac.in)

UBN: URA2122SLOB00062. Registrar

**DAY TODAY** BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
What takes place over the next few days is likely to remind you that, far from being alone, you are part of an enormous community of nations, yet you may still feel strangely isolated. Your whole mood will be beset by internal contradictions.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
The simplest result of the lunar picture will be a massive promotion at work or acclaim in your community. However, first of all, you may have to learn to let go and create the conditions in which future advances can take place. And while you're doing that, keep close attention on questions of cash, you're ready.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
You have no choice but to take the moral high ground. For a number of reasons, anything less than total saintliness will not be good enough. You may, for example, lose your self-respect if you know you have not done the best by everyone. And that would be a shame!

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
Security is such a major issue for you, but sometimes you find it difficult to decide just what will provide you with a certain future. If it's money you need, then sort out the business side of things as soon as you can. And if someone makes you extravagant promises, ask around and get a second opinion.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
It's easy to float off into the clouds, but you must now keep your feet on the ground. The possibilities for achievement are so great, but the potential for misunderstanding is even greater. This is precisely why you must never jump to conclusions.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)**  
Physical fitness and health stand at the top of your list of priorities, and you should concentrate on getting into shape. There's no doubt that you'll be busy, but you must pace yourself. After all, if you end up worn out and flat on your back you'll be no use to anybody!

**LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)**  
Your creative powers are at a peak, so artistic individuals should press ahead with great confidence. Whatever your motivation, you may put aside routine affairs and do what is right for you alone. Mind you, it won't be long before you're thinking of others again!

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)**  
There are now indications of a possible move of home or other substantial domestic change. The main priorities are practical, so it's no use flapping around, or being sidetracked by emotional cul-de-sacs. You'd be much better off sticking to what you can do best.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)**  
As long as you have all the legal and ethical issues clear in your mind, this is an excellent moment to aim for the top. It goes without saying that professional types could soon be on cloud nine. Remember - whatever opportunity comes your way, it needs to be treated with all due respect!

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
Please don't imagine that once financial questions are solved all your troubles will be over. However, it's fair to say that a successful investment, or a judicious purchase, will lift your morale. That's the least that you can expect. The best comes soon in the form of a new friendship.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
This is such an important moment in your life, but everything depends on where you are on your individual cycle. One way or another, your past efforts will soon be rewarded, even if there is a brief delay first of all. And any cancellations will give you the chance to smarten up your act.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
You are being pulled in two directions emotionally, but the key is to recognise that you don't yet fully understand your true desires. Get these sorted out and you'll realise what you must do. In the meantime, no discussion is a waste of time, no idea irrelevant to your situation.

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**  
1st & Ground Floor, I.T. Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla-171013  
Tel. No. 0177-2623259, 2623513, 2626320, 2623043  
FAX: 0177-2626320, Website: [www.hpsec.in](http://www.hpsec.in)

No. SEDC/SMMT/2K21- Date: 14/09/2021

**e-TENDER NOTICE (RE-TENDER)**

e-Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for RFP for Social Media Monitoring Tool in Himachal Pradesh.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 21.09.2021 at 11.30 A.M. through video conference. Last date for online e-bid submission is 05.10.2021 (upto 02:30 P.M.) and shall be opened on 06.10.2021 at 2.30 P.M. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website [www.hpsec.in](http://www.hpsec.in) and <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

**GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)**

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**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)  
CIN: U40109PB2010SC0035813. Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
(Contact Number: 96461-17806)

**E-Tender Enquiry No. 21/MM-4/BMC-336(A)/O&M/GHTP/2021**  
Dated: 10.09.2021

Dy. Chief Engineer, Mechanical Mts. Circle-I/GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites e-tender for Capital/Major Overhauling of Furnace Pressure Parts, Air Pre-Heaters and Wind Box & Burner System of Unit-I (210 MW, OEM-BHEL) at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat on Lump sum rates. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10.09.2021 from 18.00 P.M. onwards.

**NOTE:** Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> GHTP-403/21 7756/Ps

**GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)  
Regd. Office : Block No. 14/1, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar  
☎ 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

**TENDER NOTICE: GMSCL/D-22/2021-22**

Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/formulators /direct importers for purchase of **Surgical Item** on Rate contract basis and details of specification, quantity is available on, <https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.com> Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process.

**Duration of Downloading of tender document (online) :- 15/09/2021 to 06/10/2021 up to 18.00 Hrs.**

Last date for Submission (online): 06/10/2021 upto 18.00 Hrs.  
Last date for Submission of Physical document : 07/10/2021 upto 18.00 Hrs.  
Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): 11/10/2021 At 15-00 Hrs.

INF/1069/21-22 MANAGING DIRECTOR



The BCCI is planning to have a closed bidding for the two new IPL teams on October 17 and the bids to buy the sides can be made till October 5. Among the venues where the teams could be based include Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Pune.

## BRIEFLY

## Yuriy Sedykh, hammer world record holder, dies at 66

**Moscow:** Yuriy Sedykh, a two-time Olympic champion in the hammer throw whose world record from 1986 still stands, has died. He was 66. The Russian track and field federation said Sedykh died early Tuesday following a heart attack. "Deeply mourn the loss of Yuriy Sedykh," World Athletics senior vice president and pole vault great Sergei Bubka wrote on Twitter. "For me, Yuriy was a friend, a wise mentor." Sedykh won gold at the 1976 and 1980 Olympics, but missed the 1984 Los Angeles Games because of a Soviet boycott. He returned to win a silver medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and won a world title in 1991. Sedykh threw a WR 86.74 meters at the European Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, a mark which still stands. At this year's Tokyo Olympics, all 12 finalists in the men's hammer were born after Sedykh set the record. **AP**

## Low bounce, not-so-fast court surprises Indian Davis Cup team

**Espoo:** The Indian tennis squad was in for a pleasant surprise when it found out that the indoor hard court for the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Finland was not as fast as it was expected and carries low bounce. The Indian players got a chance to practice on the match court, which has been laid temporarily on carpet at an ice-hockey stadium here and after the first hit, it turned out that it suits the visitors in limited yet crucial way. Non-playing captain Rohit Rajpal, before leaving for Finland, had said that they are expecting fast hard courts but realised that it's not the case. "What they have done is that they have pulled the ice out and put a wooden plank and laid the court over it, so the bounce is low that suits us but at the same time the slowness of the court does not suit us," Rajpal said. "The Europeans mostly play on clay courts which are slower, so they like to rally a lot and that is their strength. Our Indian players do not do that but low bounce will certainly benefit us and our strategy will revolve around that," he added. **PTI**

## Indian boxing coaching team overhaul on the cards

**New Delhi:** Indian boxing's coaching staff could be "completely overhauled" in the next three months depending on how the world championships pan out, a national federation source has told PTI, revealing that there is "dissatisfaction" with the Tokyo Olympics performance. It is reliably learnt that the two High Performance Directors Santiago Nieve (for men) and Raffaele Bergamasco (for women) along with the national head coaches C A Kuttappa (men) and Mohammed Ali Qamar (women) are under intense scrutiny at this point. The BFI has started meeting some prospective candidates and one standout name to have got an audience with Singh is Cuba's B I Fernandez, who coached the men's team for over a decade and became the first foreign recipient of the Dronacharya award in 2012. **REUTERS**

### SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 14

FROM THE perspective of individual players, the second phase of the Indian Premier League (IPL), commencing on September 19, assumes a lot of significance. For a lot of cricketers, this is a dry run before the T20 World Cup starting next month and given that both tournaments are to be staged in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), adjusting to the conditions and generating positive momentum would be crucial.

As far as the franchises are concerned, they will have to start all over again. Twenty-nine matches were played in the first phase before IPL 2021 went into a Covid-forced postponement. Some teams had early momentum, a few were playing catch-up. Now, every side would like to hit the ground running.

### MUMBAI INDIANS

To become the first team to win the IPL three times on the spin, MI have to up the ante, which they usually do on the home stretch. In the first phase, their three losses were sandwiched between four wins, bringing them eight points. If 14 points are the bare minimum to make the Playoffs, the five-time champions need to win at least three more games.

### THE BUMRAH (WORKLOAD) FACTOR



Jasprit Bumrah bowled 151 overs in four Tests in England. Central to India's success in the T20 World Cup, the fast bowler needs to be at his peak during the ICC event. And therein lies the conundrum - how to manage Bumrah's workload, for he is indispensable for his franchise too. Maybe, the BCCI has a role to play here to ensure that a repeat of the Rohit Sharma incident (read, injury) last year doesn't happen. After the IPL last year, a BCCI functionary told this paper that Rohit had to push the envelope that resulted in him missing the bulk of India's assignments in Australia. India can't afford to have Bumrah running out of gas at the T20 World Cup.

### ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE

They will resume their campaign with 10 points from seven matches and going by their performance in the first phase, RCB look good enough to go the distance. Losing leg-

# IPL 2021

# Where we left off

Tournament restarts with teams targeting Playoffs in home stretch and individual players with an eye on T20 World Cup



The Ravindra Jadeja-MS Dhoni combination is vital for CSK as well as India's chances at the T20 World Cup.

Ravindra Jadeja/Twitter

spinner Adam Zampa could be a problem, but RCB have brought in a like-for-like replacement in Wanindu Hasaranga, on the heels of his impressive showing in the home limited-over series against a second-string Indian side.

### KOHLI'S EXAM



Nine years into his RCB reign, Virat Kohli is under pressure to win the title. Given his poor record as a captain in the IPL and ICC events, and BCCI's decision to rope in Dhoni as team mentor, not taking RCB over the line might see Kohli's critics sharpen their knives again. To be fair though, his captaincy in the Test series against England was first-class.

### DELHI CAPITALS

Top of the table with 12 points from eight matches, DC have been upwardly mobile under head coach Ricky Ponting. Shreyas Iyer's return adds to the positives, but DC's challenge could be picking the right combination. They have an overload of middle-order and spin-bowling options.

### FOCUS ON ASHWIN



Washington Sundar's injury paved the way for Ravichandran Ashwin to return to India's T20 fold for the World Cup. A couple of factors could be important here: How DC captain Rishabh Pant uses the senior off-spinner, for Ashwin would love to bowl in the Powerplays. Also, after a bench-warming England tour, this is Ashwin's opportunity, albeit in a different format, to get into the groove. It needs to be seen if any new variation is forthcoming.

### KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS

Seventh at the moment with just two wins from seven matches, the two-time IPL champions are playing serious catch-up. Pat Cummins' absence could be costly.

### VARUN'S CHALLENGE



Varun Chakravarty was impressive enough in the first phase of the IPL for the national selectors to include him in the T20 World Cup squad. At the ICC event, he

will have to fight with Ashwin, Axar Patel and Rahul Chahar for a place in the playing eleven. Varun's challenge at the IPL would be to strengthen his case.

### RAJASTHAN ROYALS

Six points from seven matches, and without Ben Stokes, Jofra Archer and Jos Buttler, they have a mighty task at hand to climb up the ladder.

### SAMSON'S RESPONSE



For Royals to secure a Playoff berth, Sanju Samson will have to lead from the front. Samson lost out to Ishan Kishan for the second wicket-keeper's slot in India's T20 World Cup squad. His franchise would benefit from a strong response to the disappointment.

### PUNJAB KINGS

Six points from eight matches, Punjab Kings need KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal to fire. Leg-spinner Adil Rashid for medium pacer Jhye Richardson appears a smart replacement.

### CHENNAI SUPER KINGS

The current league standings attest to a strong start for CSK this year - 10 points from seven matches and sniffing the Playoffs. But there's a catch. On the fresh pitches in UAE, fast bowlers are expected to get some purchase initially. This is a weak area for the three-time champions which affected them last year. It would be interesting to see MS Dhoni's gameplan this term.

### The Jadeja-Dhoni combo

After establishing himself as India's first-choice spin-allrounder across formats, Ravindra Jadeja is expected to use the second half of IPL to get into the T20 WC groove. By mid-October, pitches in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah should start assisting spinners. A good show in the IPL will hold the left-arm spinner in good stead. Watch out for a few tricks that could be in store; Dhoni and Jadeja working in tandem. A gentle reminder, Dhoni would be India's team mentor at the ICC event.

### HANDLE WITH CARE



Mohammed Shami needs to be handled with care, work-load-wise. Once again, a conversation between BCCI and the franchise (in this case, Punjab Kings) management would help.

### SUNRISERS HYDERABAD

Only one win from seven matches, Sunrisers need a golden run in the second phase. The first phase saw a mid-tournament change in captaincy with David Warner removed and Kane Williamson taking over leadership duties. Sunrisers need to get their act together.

### BHUVI'S FITNESS



Bhuvneshwar Kumar's fitness record of late has been dismal. The medium pacer cannot afford another injury ahead of the T20 World Cup. Kumar picked up an injury during the early part of the IPL phase one, but recovered to tour Sri Lanka with the Indian team.

# Raducanu's toughest challenge is coping with the fame game

### REUTERS SEPTEMBER 14

EMMA RADUCANU has spent her time hopping from one media interview to another since her fairytale U.S. Open triumph and how she deals with her new-found fame could be as important as her tennis skills for her long-term success.

The 18-year-old Briton stunned the world with her improbable run to the title last week, triggering comparisons with some of the greatest achievements in sport. Her innocence, youthful exuberance and contagious smile have made Raducanu an instant hit with fans and the media and sports marketing experts believe she could become one of the world's most marketable athletes.

Raducanu is not the first teenager to win a Grand Slam title, of course, and the experiences

of other women who have made their breakthroughs on the game's biggest stage in recent years illustrate that sudden fame can be a mixed blessing.

"I often say that we prepare how to deal with a loss but we often don't prepare for success," Daria Abramowicz, a sports psychologist who works with Pole lga Swiatek who won the French Open at the age of 19 last year, told Reuters.

"The biggest challenge from psychological perspective as we consider high performance sports is to adapt and adjust to this new reality ... in terms of partnership, sponsorship, business side of things."

Swiatek's French Open triumph was almost as stunning as Raducanu's and she said it changed her life overnight, leaving her struggling to adjust to her celebrity status and keep up with the financial and media demands.

The most graphic example is that of Japan's

Naomi Osaka, who has been marked as the next dominant player in women's sport since she announced herself on the big stage with her U.S. Open triumph in 2018.

Still only 23, four-times major champion has struggled with mental health issues she thinks were triggered by the burden of expectation on her. Raducanu has experienced help at hand as she is managed by super-agent Max Eisenbud.

Katie Spellman, who represents multiple major winners Simona Halep and Petra Kvitova, said her advice to Raducanu's team would be to focus on quality over quantity in terms of media commitments. Spellman also suggested professional media training for her and addition of someone who could help the teenager manage her social media accounts

### More success

It is not just the higher profile that will



Emma Raducanu celebrates with the championship trophy after her match against Leylah Fernandez.

change things for Raducanu going forward, however, but also the attitude and approach of her opponents on court. "The other players will be preparing for her game, will try to find her weakness on court, won't be surprised with the level or tactics for example, that's the work that people are doing right now in tennis on a daily basis," Abramowicz added.

That means that achieving more success after the initial breakthrough can take time, if it comes at all. Swiatek has reached one Grand Slam quarter-final since her Roland Garros triumph, while Jelena Ostapenko has not come anywhere near matching her 2017 French Open success. Bianca Andreescu's win over Serena Williams in the 2019 U.S. Open final was considered a seismic event in women's tennis, but the Canadian has not won a WTA title since, although injury did wipe out her entire 2020 season.

# Triller's boxing event with Holyfield sacrificed the fighter for the payday

### TIM DAHLBERG SEPTEMBER 14

MAKING MONEY in boxing means never having to say you're sorry.

Not for allowing Evander Holyfield to risk his life at the age of 58 just to make a few bucks. Certainly not for stealing money from gullible fans for a farce of a pay per view show that would have done terrible damage to the sport if only the sport wasn't so badly damaged already.

No one was apologizing - at least loud enough to hear - among the crew at Triller Fight Club, a fledgling promotional outfit on the fringe of boxing. They managed to get Holyfield licensed in Florida and moved the entire card there on short notice from California after planned headliner Oscar De La Hoya pulled out with what he said was COVID-19.

Holyfield wasn't apologizing, either, after being credited with landing just one punch before being stopped in the first round by a former MMA fighter. The Real Deal apparently now lives on the edge of reality as he suggested after the fight he wanted an-

other bout - this one against Mike Tyson.

Somewhere else in boxing, though, there was an apology. An apology both rare and heartfelt from a judge who said he messed up.

The best thing about it? It came out of nowhere, like a perfect left hook.

Stephen Blea was one of three judges ringside Friday night in Tucson as hometown hero Oscar Valdez took on Robson Conceicao in a junior lightweight title bout. It was a familiar position for Blea, who estimated he had officiated more than 60 title fights as a judge for referee in rings around the world.

On this night, the sellout crowd was cheering - and cheering loudly - for Valdez. In his ringside seat, Blea also had to deal with photographers on one side of him and a camera crew in constant motion on the other.

Still, "I honestly thought I would be able to do my job 100%, no excuses," he said.

But the crowd noise influenced Blea early. He scored some rounds for Valdez that could have been scored even, or for Conceicao.

In the end, Blea got the winner right. But his 117-110 margin stood out in a fight that was extremely close (the other two judges



Evander Holyfield (centre) has his gloves and hand wraps removed after losing in the first round of a boxing match against former MMA star Vitor Belfort. **AP**

had it 115-112 Valdez).

The predictable online outrage about his scoring started making Blea think maybe he did get it wrong. He watched a replay of the fight and concluded he should have scored the fight 115-112 or 114-113.

So he issued an apology that wasn't just stunning, but unprecedented.

All the horrible decisions over the years. All the controversies over terrible scoring.

No one ever apologized for them.

But a judge in Arizona did.

"The 117-110 score is not accurate and does not represent the actions in the ring and I feel I have let down my federation, the NABF, my organization, the WBC, and most importantly our sport and the fighters inside the ring," Blea wrote.

Hopefully the people at Triller are paying attention because they have some apologizing to do, too. Throwing a man just four years from collecting Social Security into the ring at the last moment wasn't just about making a mockery of a sport that doesn't need any more mockery.

It was also about the callousness of risking a man's life - or scrambling his brain - just so the profit and loss ledger could be balanced.

Triller is hardly alone. Boxing has a long history of promoters and managers who have sacrificed fighters for the better good of their wallets. They've ruined careers, and they've ruined lives in a sport so fraught with danger that any punch can be your last.

It was hard to even watch the clips of Holyfield for the short time he was in the ring. The fighter who gave Tyson a beatdown a quarter century ago and then forced him to foul the second time they met looked slow and confused as he desperately tried to find some of the old magic.

Even sadder was Holyfield - who made \$35 million in 1997 for the second Tyson fight - so desperate for cash that he was delusional enough to even enter the ring.

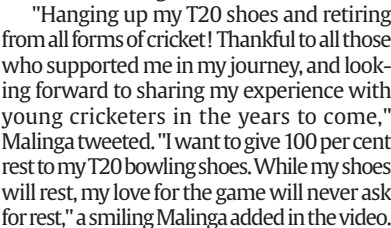
Contrast that with Blea, who was so upset about his judging that he plans to take time off and undergo a thorough retraining program before returning to ringside.

"I am an honorable man with profound love, knowledge and respect to the sport," he said. "I am sorry for having a bad night and having brought unnecessary controversy to such a sensational fight."

A real apology. In boxing, of all places. Imagine that.



**Colombo:** Sri Lanka pace veteran Lasith Malinga on Tuesday announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after terrorising the world's best batsmen for over a decade and a half with his toe-crushing yorkers delivered from a low and distinct sling-arm action. A white ball legend in his own right and one of the greatest T20 bowlers, the 38-year-old was captain of Sri Lanka's 2014 T20 World Cup winning team. He posted a message on his social media account announcing his decision.



He wasn't named in Sri Lanka's squad for the upcoming World Cup. Last year, he had expressed his desire to lead Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup, which was originally scheduled to be held in Australia in October-November 2020 but will be held next month after a COVID-forced postponement. "I am looking forward to help youngsters and guide them in the coming years," he said as he thanked his national team and all the franchises that he has played for, including IPL team Mumbai Indians.

He was the first bowler to bag 100 T20 wickets and finishes fourth in the highest wicket-taker category in the list behind Dwayne Bravo, Imran Tahir and Sunil Narine.

The Sri Lanka pacer had also announced his retirement from franchise cricket in January this year after being released by Mumbai Indians. Malinga, one of the best T20 bowlers of all time, was a key figure in the teams he played for in the Indian Premier League, the Big Bash League, the Caribbean Premier League and other franchise tournaments. During his 12-year stint at Mumbai Indians, he was part of MI's four of the five IPL title triumphs. **PTI**

## FIFPRO says no change will have legitimacy without consulting footballers

GLOBAL PLAYERS' union FIFPRO called for reforms to the international soccer calendar to address the need for a reduced workload for players after FIFA announced a feasibility study into making the World Cup a biennial event. FIFPRO said any expansion of the calendar must include proper safeguards for players' health and that the reforms should facilitate the development of both men's and women's soccer.

"Proposals isolating further expansions such as a biennial World Cup – as well as other competition reforms under discussion – are inadequate in the absence of solutions for existing problems," FIFPRO said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Without the agreement of the players, who bring all competitions to life on the pitch, no such reforms will have the required legitimacy. The current debate once again follows a flawed process and approach."

FIFPRO general secretary Jonas Baer-Hoffmann said any plans to expand competitions must integrate the views of players.

"The lack of genuine dialogue and trust between institutions in football blocks the game's ability to build more resilience after a painful pandemic, but rather we keep reverting to the same old habits of conflict," he added. "It is also once more frustrating that the specific and fundamental impact on the women's game is debated as a side-product rather than its own legitimate process with unique needs and opportunities."

FIFA's proposal to hold the men's and women's World Cups every two years instead of four has received mixed responses from its confederations. European soccer's governing body UEFA rejected the idea with its president Aleksander Ceferin warning that European nations could boycott the World Cup if it became a biennial event while South America's CONMEBOL said it was "highly unviable".

## Africa chief sounds positive

Confederation of African Football (CAF) president Patrice Motsepe said the discussions should continue "in an open minded manner", providing a potential boost to FIFA's controversial plans.

Motsepe is viewed as a staunch ally of FIFA president Gianni Infantino and CAF provides a sizeable voting bloc within the organisation, with 54 of its 211 members. "CAF is of the



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## FIFPRO STATEMENT

view that at this stage, what is most important is for the discussions and deliberations to continue taking place in an open minded manner and with the objective of doing what is in the best interest of all Member Associations, the Confederations, football players and other stakeholders worldwide."

Motsepe said in a statement on Tuesday. "CAF is deeply committed to the development, growth and success of football in Africa and the rest of the world. We believe that the long-term growth and success of FIFA, the Member Associations and all Confederations are inextricably intertwined."

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has welcomed FIFA's feasibility study for the plans, while the Confederation of North,

Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) said it was potentially open to the idea, provided it creates a more balanced structure for the game globally.

## Rugby to follow?

World Rugby Chief Executive Alan Gilpin said staging the Rugby World Cup every two years instead of every four is an "interesting concept" but that all stakeholders would have to be given their say before the idea was even considered. The comments come after world soccer's governing body floated the idea of a biennial World Cup, with FIFA's congress voting to carry out a feasibility study on the proposal. Japan hosted the last World Cup in 2019, and France is set to stage the next edition of rugby's showpiece event in two years' time.

Gilpin, World Rugby Chairman Bill Beaumont and France 2023 director general Claude Atcher met in Paris this week, and the Telegraph reported that staging a biennial World Cup was among the items on the agenda. "Biennial World Cups have been considered before and they're definitely something that we will continue to consider," Gilpin was quoted as saying by the Telegraph.

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PARIS ST Germain have been labelled as the side to beat in the Champions League since Lionel Messi joined during the close season but coach Mauricio Pochettino warned that he had not yet turned his stellar cast of players into a team.

PSG signed Messi as a free agent from Barcelona to assemble a formidable attacking trio with France striker Kylian Mbappe and Brazil forward Neymar, but they have yet to show what they are capable of together.

"We're not a team yet. We are a club that has recruited many players this summer. There are some big names but we have to turn into a team," Pochettino told a news conference on Tuesday on the eve of their opening Group A game at Club Brugge.

"We are a group of players who need to achieve results. There's a feeling that we're (PSG and Chelsea) the two teams to beat but Chelsea are the holders so they're the team to beat especially after strengthening their squad."

Captain Marquinhos said that there was "no added pressure" to win the Champions League since Messi had signed his two-year contract in a summer when former Real Madrid skipper Sergio Ramos and Liverpool midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum also arrived. "We live with the pressure every season, especially when you play for PSG. This is part and parcel of it," the Brazilian said.

"With the squad we have, people are going to talk about that even more. We are delighted to have such players with us but there's no extra pressure, there's only positives to take."

PSG reached the Champions League semi-finals last season and were runners up in 2020 but have never won Europe's elite club competition.

Pochettino said he had not decided yet whether Mbappe, Neymar and Messi, who has so far only played half an hour with PSG, would all play at the Jan Breydel stadium, explaining he would make his decision after Tuesday's training session.

Should they play together, Marquinhos said he had no concerns about how the team would defend. "If the three of them are up front, they're experienced players, they know we have to be compact and defend together, and we know the defence has to play high to put them in the best conditions," he explained. "If there's anything to be said I'll certainly say it."

Pochettino has choices to make in attack,



but perhaps more significantly, he will need to pick between Keylor Navas and Gianluigi Donnarumma to play in goal after the Italian keeper joined the club having led the Azzurri to the European title.

## Ibra to miss Liverpool game

Zlatan Ibrahimovic will miss AC Milan's Champions League opener against Liverpool, coach Stefano Pioli said on Tuesday, due to a knock the Swede sustained after making his return from a four-month injury layoff. The 39-year-old made an instant impact on Sunday in his first appearance since May, scoring the second goal of a 2-0 Serie A win over Lazio seven minutes after coming off the bench. "Zlatan would have been on the pitch from the start. But there was some inflammation in his tendon, which can happen after four months out," Pioli said.

## PLAYING TONIGHT

**10:15 pm:** Besiktas vs Dortmund;  
Sherrif vs Shakhtar Donetsk.  
**12:30 am (Thursday):** Inter Milan  
vs Real Madrid; Atletico Madrid vs  
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Liverpool vs AC Milan; Man City vs  
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