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17 सितम्बर से 7 अक्टूबर, 2021



श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री

मनीय श्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी का गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री से लेकर भारत के प्रधानमंत्री तक का 20 वर्ष का कार्यकाल जनकल्याण व सुराज की दृष्टि से मील का पत्थर साबित हुआ है। उन्होंने 7 अक्टूबर 2001 को गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में शासन संभालते ही शासन व्यवस्था में आमूलचूल परिवर्तन कर उसे जनोन्मुखी और ज़िम्मेदार बनाकर पूरे देश को गवर्नेंस का नया रास्ता दिखाया। उन्हीं से प्रेरणा लेकर मध्यप्रदेश सरकार ने गरीबों, महिलाओं, बच्चों, किसानों, मजदूरों, पिछड़ों, अनुसूचित जाति और जनजाति के कल्याण के लिए **‘जनकल्याण और सुराज का अभियान’** आरंभ करने का निर्णय लिया है।

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17 सितम्बर 2021

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- पोषण वाटिकाओं का लोकार्पण
- कुपोषित से सामान्य श्रेणी में आये बच्चों की माताओं को पोषण अधिकार सूचना पत्र वितरण
- मातृ वंदना योजना के हितग्राहियों को राशि वितरण
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महिला सशक्तिकरण

29 सितम्बर 2021

- महिला स्व-सहायता समूहों का क्रेडिट लिंकेज



नगरीय प्रशासन

22 सितम्बर 2021

- विकास कार्यों का लोकार्पण



औद्योगिक विकास

30 सितम्बर 2021

- उद्योगों को भूमि आवंटन के लिए आशय पत्र (लेटर ऑफ इन्टेंट) जारी करना
- सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्योगों को भूमि आवंटन के लिए आशय पत्र (लेटर ऑफ इन्टेंट) जारी करना



किसान कल्याण

23 सितम्बर 2021

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- किसान उत्पादक संगठनों का गठन
- कृषि अधोसंरचना निधि के अंतर्गत राशि वितरण
- मिनी किट वितरण



ग्रामीण विकास

01 अक्टूबर 2021

- प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना के अंतर्गत निर्मित आवासों में गृह प्रवेश
- पंचायत भवनों का भूमि पूजन



स्वास्थ्य

24 सितम्बर 2021

- प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों का भूमिपूजन
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जल जीवन मिशन

04 अक्टूबर 2021

- जल जीवन मिशन के अंतर्गत योजनाओं का भूमि पूजन



ऊर्जा

27 सितम्बर 2021

- विद्युत उपकेन्द्रों का भूमिपूजन तथा लोकार्पण
- संबल योजना के हितग्राहियों को राशि वितरण



स्वामित्व योजना

06 अक्टूबर 2021

- स्वामित्व योजना के अंतर्गत आबादी भूमि के अधिकार पत्रों का वितरण



शिक्षा

28 सितम्बर 2021

- बालिका छात्रावासों का भूमिपूजन
- विद्यालयों में अतिरिक्त कक्षाओं का भूमिपूजन
- विद्यालय भवनों का लोकार्पण



कोविड बाल सेवा योजना

07 अक्टूबर 2021

- कोविड बाल सेवा योजना के नये प्रकरणों को स्वीकृति एवं राशि वितरण
- कोविड बाल सेवा योजना से लाभान्वित बच्चों से भेंट
- कोविड अनुकम्पा नियुक्ति योजना में नियुक्ति पत्र वितरण
- अन्न उत्सव के सभी पात्र हितग्राहियों को राशन वितरण
- जनकल्याण तथा सुराज के लिए सीएम जनसेवा तथा मोबाइल गवर्नेंस सेवाओं का विस्तार

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RULES**

Madras HC stays key clause: 'May rob media of its independence'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

UNDERLINING THE right to freedom of speech and expression as critical in a democracy, the Madras High Court on Thursday stayed the operation of a key provision of the Information Technology Rules, 2021, enacted in May, that set up an oversight mechanism by the Central government to regulate social me-

dia and digital media platforms. "Prima facie, there is substance to the petitioner's grievance that the oversight mechanism to control the media by the Government may rob the media of its independence and the fourth pillar of democracy may not at all be there," a bench of Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice P D Audikesavulu observed while staying the operation of Rule 9(1) and 9(3) of the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**COERCION, HARASSMENT, SAYS HIS CENTRE**

ED searches activist Harsh Mander's office, residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate Thursday conducted searches at offices and residential premises associated with social activist Harsh Mander, in connection with a case of alleged money

laundering.

The ED's case is based on another case registered by Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing against the Centre for Equity Studies (CES), where Mander is a director.

An ED official confirmed the agency was conducting searches

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Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Governor Acharya Devvrat with the new ministers after the swearing-in ceremony in Gandhinagar on Thursday. *Nirmal Harindran*

After CM change, all-new ministry for Gujarat; 7 OBCs, 7 Patidars in

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, SEPT 16

CALLING IT a "democratic experiment", the BJP Thursday ushered in an entirely new ministry in Gujarat, replacing all the existing names, just over a year ahead of the Assembly elections in the state. Only three in the

government of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, a first-time MLA who took oath on September 13, have held ministerial posts earlier.

In the shake-up involving balancing of caste and regional representation, and induction of younger leaders, those dropped included powerful Deputy CM Nitin Patel. Asked if leaders were

aggrieved over the changes — the BJP put off the swearing-in scheduled for Wednesday amid the anger — Nitin Patel said, "If some community, an individual or district gets disgruntled, then

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Kohli says leaving as T20 captain after World Cup, Rohit set to take over

SHAMIK CHAKRARTY
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 16

VIRAT KOHLI announced on Thursday that he would step down as India's T20I captain after the T20 World Cup beginning in the United Arab Emirates on October 17.

The announcement paves the way for split captaincy across formats in Indian cricket.



Understanding workload very important: Kohli

Kohli mentioned Rohit Sharma as "an essential part of the leadership group", all but anointing the latter his successor

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Days before Quad, Australia, US, UK join hands to counter China

SHUBHAJIT ROY & KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

HOURS BEFORE the US, UK and Australia signed a new trilateral security alliance for the Indo-Pacific in an attempt to counter China's growing assertiveness in the region, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inform him about the pact that was going to be an-

NARCL

Centre cover for bad bank to ease clean-up

With Rs 30,600 cr govt guarantee, it will take over stressed assets of Rs 90,000 cr

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE GOVERNMENT has approved extending a guarantee of Rs 30,600 crore to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) to help clear the banking sector's stressed assets of around Rs 2 lakh crore in a time-bound manner. A total of Rs 90,000 crore of stressed assets, against which banks have made 100 per cent provisions in their books of accounts, will be transferred to NARCL in the first phase. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said most of the big-



Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday. *Anil Sharma*

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ticket NPAs (Non Performing Assets) will be transferred to NARCL, thereby cleaning up banks' balance sheets and freeing

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By UNNY

**EXPLAINED****Upset Paris hits out**

FRANCE IS upset as it has been kept out of the loop. But, with the core objective of pushing back against China's aggression, all five countries — US, UK, Australia, France and India — are on the same track.

nounced, sources told *The Indian Express* on Thursday.

Unveiling the ambitious security initiative, US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, in a joint statement, said their move will promote stability in the Indo-Pacific and support their

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lucant in disclosing their sources of funding and other relevant document to the inspection team," NPCRR said in the reply.

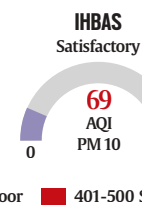
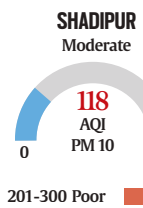
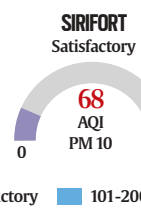
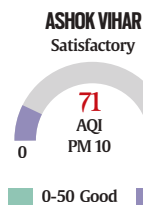
With regard to the CES' home, the NPCRR told the court that an employee had "informed" it about cases of child sexual abuse being reported there, and inaction by the management.

In a statement, the CES board said the ED search was "a continuation of harassment and coercion of CES and Harsh Mander for being an outspoken and passionate defender of human rights".

It said, "...Over the last several months, the organisation has been subjected to raids, investigations, and inquiries by different government agencies including Delhi Police, and NPCRR. CES has cooperated with every government agency by providing all organisational details requested... including balance sheets and other financial and programmatic documents.. It is deeply distressing for the entire team of CES and this continued harassment has created hurdles in the path of our organisational vision of working for the poorest of the poor and most marginalised sections of society."

On Thursday morning, employees who reached the CES office in Adchini after the searches started, were not allowed inside. They said most of their work involved research pertaining to human rights.

A statement signed by 565



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AMID FEARS OF THIRD COVID WAVE

Festival season nears, experts suggest muted celebrations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

AS THE festival season approaches, experts have suggested muted and simple celebrations in the city, minutes of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) meeting held on August 27 show.

During the meeting, which was attended by Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, among others, constant surveillance, testing and simple celebrations during the upcoming festival season were suggested.

During the meeting, Niti Aayog member Dr VK Paul indicated that large gatherings during festivals can reverse gains made so far.

"He mentioned that citizens must be prepared to celebrate the coming festivals in simple ways. The third wave of Covid, most of the experts believe could be in October/ November, 2021, which falls during the festival season. He emphasised that a narrative for celebrating festivals in a simple manner should be started, as festivals



The third wave of Covid, most experts believe, could be in October/ November, 2021, which falls during the festival season. *Archive*

can easily reverse all our gains," the minutes say, talking about the suggestions made by Dr Paul.

Dr Paul also it was important to promote contact tracing and ILI/SARI surveys during this phase as symptoms of flu and Covid are similar, the minutes said.

The DDMA meeting was held to discuss the preparation

the national rate of 0.104%, the minutes said. Delhi's fatality rate of 1.74%, however, is higher than the national rate of 1.34%. AllMS director, Dr Randeep Guleria also stressed on continuous testing referring to influenza cases in the city.

Private and government hospitals have reported an increase in the number of cases of viral fever, including influenza and dengue, being reported in the city over the past few weeks. Doctors, however, said no serious outbreak has been observed so far and very few of their patients require admission.

ICMR DG, Balram Bhargava, meanwhile, suggested that if any gatherings are to be permitted, the attendance be limited to those who have been vaccinated.

At present, any social, political, religious or cultural gatherings have been banned. Business exhibitions, however, have been allowed. While places of worship are open, visitors are not allowed. Schools have been reopened, but only for those in classes IX and above.

3 cops suspended over SRS group MD video

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 16

A DAY after a purported video of SRS group managing director Anil Jindal surfaced on social media, purportedly suggesting that alcohol was being served in a private hospital where he was undergoing treatment, three police officials were suspended for negligence after an enquiry into the matter.

Jindal was arrested in April

2018 on charges of fraud, criminal conspiracy and cheating by Faridabad police, a month after 22 cases were registered against him at Sector 31 police station. Police said he was brought to the hospital for treatment on August 28 after a medical examination by doctors in jail.

In the 38-second video clip, Jindal is purportedly seen sitting on a hospital bed with three cans of beer and food kept on a table in front of him.

A police official deputised for

his security can purportedly be seen eating lunch on an adjacent bed, while another police official can be seen restraining the person recording the video clip.

Taking cognizance of the matter, Faridabad Police Commissioner Vikas Arora had marked an enquiry to ACP crime on Wednesday evening.

Faridabad Police spokesperson Sube Singh said: "As per the investigation report of the ACP, it has been found that the al-

leged video is from the intervening night of August 28 and 29, when the accused Anil Jindal was brought to the hospital for treatment. Three police officials, who were on duty, did not conduct a thorough examination of items that were brought into the accused's room. They have been suspended for negligence and dereliction of duty."

Singh added that jail authorities and hospital staff concerned have also been directed to conduct an enquiry.

Najafgarh section on Grey Line opens tomorrow

New Delhi: The Najafgarh-Dhansa Bus Stand section on the Grey Line of the Delhi Metro will be inaugurated Saturday. Passenger services on the section will commence at 5 pm on the same day. The Grey Line connects Dwarka to Najafgarh. The 891-metre-long Najafgarh-Dhansa Bus Stand section will take the Metro further into the interior areas of Najafgarh.

The section will be inaugurated via a video conference at 12.30 pm, by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot and Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Kaushal Kishore, will also be present at the inauguration. **ENS**

2 booked for sexual assault

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

GURGAON POLICE on Wednesday booked two men for allegedly raping a woman.

Police said that the woman got in touch with two property dealers to purchase land. The dealers said they would have to visit a few plots to zero-in on a

property.

Police said that on September 4, one of the accused gave the woman a spiked drink and took her to visit a plot in the city, where he allegedly raped her. The complainant alleged that the second accused threatened to damage her reputation and sexually assaulted her. The woman later escaped and filed a complaint on Wednesday.

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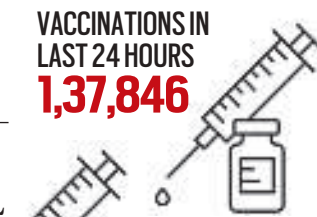
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VACCINATIONS IN
LAST 24 HOURS
1,37,846

			Total	Vacant
			16,337	16,036
TOTAL CASES	14,38,373	HOSPITAL BEDS	3,516	3,426
		ICU BEDS		
Sept 15	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Sept 15	57	53	0	74,199
Sept 16	28	22	01	72,481
Total	409*	14,12,880	25,084	2,67,47,181

*Total active cases

PIL CHALLENGES HIS APPOINTMENT AS POLICE CHIEF

Asthana picked as Delhi's top cop for effective policing: Centre to HC

SOFIAHSAN

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE CENTRE Thursday defended IPS officer Rakesh Asthana's appointment as Delhi Police Commissioner, saying he has been brought in to provide "effective policing" on recent law and order situations in the national capital. The government also said it needs to be given a leeway in the appointment of Delhi Police Commissioner as any "paediatric approach" would not be in the national interest.

The submission has been made in a written reply filed in response to a PIL seeking quashing of Asthana's appointment, inter-cadre deputation, and extension of service. The court is expected to hear the case next week.

The Centre said that since AGMUT cadre comprises Union Territory and small Northeastern states, the requisite experience - "of working and supervising the central investigating agency, para-military force and police force of a large state having di-

verse political and law and order problem" - was found lacking in the present pool of available officers. Senior officers in the Delhi Police are usually picked from the AGMUT cadre.

"Hence, in public interest, a decision was made by the central government to have an officer who had experience in all the above fields to supervise Delhi Police force and to provide effective policing on the recent law and order situation which arose in the National Capital Territory of Delhi," the Centre said.

It further said that Asthana has been witnessing diverse and extremely challenging situations "of public order/law and order situation/policing issues" which not only have "national security implications" but also "international/cross border implications".

The plea against Asthana's appointment before the High Court has been filed by Sadre Alam, a lawyer. The court has also allowed an intervention application by the Centre for Public Interest Litigation (CPIL) in the case. CPIL has accused Alam of



Rakesh Asthana

copying contents of its petition pending before the apex court.

The Centre in the reply has called Alam's petition "an abuse of process of law" and said the case is "manifestly an outcome of some personal vendetta" against the officer by Alam and the CPIL since appointment of eight IPS officers done earlier since 2006 "in the same manner" was never challenged.

A 1984 Gujarat-cadre officer and former DG BSE, Asthana was on July 27 deputed to the AGMUT cadre and granted an extension of service for a period of one year beyond his date of retirement, which was July 31. He

was also appointed Delhi CP on July 27 up to July 31, 2022.

Alam, in the petition filed through advocate B S Bagga, argued that the MHA's decision was in violation of the directions issued by Supreme Court in the Prakash Singh case and of the policy regarding inter-cadre deputation of All India Service Officers. Submitting that the post of Delhi CP is akin to the post of DGP of a state, Alam has argued that Asthana was not empaneled by the UPSC as directed in the Prakash Singh case and he did not have a residual tenure of six months of service at the time of his appointment since he was to retire within four days.

The Centre, in its reply, said the Prakash Singh case was not applicable to Delhi as it is a Union Territory. Delhi, being the capital of the country, has its own characteristic factors which do not exist in any other commissionerate, it said. "Apart from being the capital of the country, any incident happening here has far-reaching impacts and implications not only throughout the country but beyond borders. In

view thereof, it is respectfully submitted that any statutory provision or any other regime deserves to be read in such a way that a leeway is given to the central government in appointment of the Delhi Police Commissioner. Any straitjacket or paediatric approach would not be in national interest," the Centre submitted in court.

Asthana in a separate reply to Alam's petition said that as a part of a "selective campaign" against him, proceedings are being consistently filed against him by these Common Cause and Centre for Public Interest Litigations. He added that "outside court, the people having control of the said organisation spearhead a malicious campaign against me". Asthana also said that there was a sustained social media campaign against him "which corroborates and justifies" his apprehension that the challenge to his appointment "is the result of either some vendetta which is unknown to me or is being conducted at the behest of some undisclosed individual / rival / interest".

Blended learning here to stay, says Miranda House principal



Covid been like? How has the college adapted to the change?

The Covid restrictions have changed the face of education globally, and the challenges of the times have brought in a focus on online learning. We do strive to improve accessibility and inclusion as much as we can. Delhi University brought in online admissions and examinations. We are functioning on a principle of "anti-fragility", which means learning and growing from crisis and disruptions. We have widened our in-

ternet connectivity and are striving to connect with each student by enhancing our support through providing them digital devices. We have also emphasised on blended learning in every way and have been able to connect nationally and globally with academics and experts. However there is no substitute for being in the physical environment of a vibrant campus. We hope that with complete vaccination and SOPs, we will be able to have our students back in college. But blended mode of learning is here to stay; education does benefit by it. Also our student volunteers did an excellent job of running a Covid helpdesk during the second wave which supported many in the city.

Do you have any words on what this new batch of students hoping to enter DU can expect in a university changed by the pandemic?

The young people are resilient and products of this learning system changed by the pandemic. In a sense, they are already prepared. My primary message to them is to, first and foremost, protect themselves by full vaccination. The second thing is to be prepared to learn new skills and develop their potential for cutting-edge research and learning.

BRIEFLY

Memorandum submitted to Puri to cancel land allotted to Haj House

New Delhi: A delegation of khap panchayats from villages in Palam, led by state BJP president Adesh Gupta, met Union Housing and Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and submitted a memorandum to him demanding the cancellation of land allotted for Haj house in Dwarka, said the BJP in a statement. The minister assured the delegation that he would look into the issue, it added.

2 held with firearms

New Delhi: The Delhi Police Tuesday arrested two members of an interstate firearms gang from Delhi's ISBT in Anand Vihar. Police claimed that the accused have been working for the last four years and have sold more than 600 firearms in more than five states. A team led by ACP Special Cell Attar Singh found that the duo collected firearms from MP and would come to Delhi to deliver them.

Worker slips into sand, dies

New Delhi: A 21-year-old construction worker died and another was injured after they slipped into the sand at a construction site in CR Park Thursday. **ENS**

Delhi riots: Court frames murder charges against 5 for killing man

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A DELHI court Thursday framed charges of murder against five men accused of killing a man and burning his body during the Northeast Delhi riots, taking note of his brother's blow-by-blow account.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav framed charges against the accused — Lakhpat Rajora, Lalit, Yogesh, and two more men, both named Kuldeep — under IPC sections including murder, rioting, mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house and dacoity and sections of the Arms Act.

Mohd Anwar was shot and set on fire by a mob at Ramlila ground on February 25 last year and only a piece of his leg was found by police. His brother Saleem Kassar had told police that "a riotous mob looted his house and set it on fire after breaking open the doors... with saris and dandas". He further alleged that the "riotous mob had also committed murder of his elder brother, Mohd Anwar, with gunshot injury and thereafter burnt his body." The mob also took away 17 goats from his brother's house.

The court in its order said the complainant in this case, Saleem Kassar, had "seen his elder brother being shot dead and his house burnt by riotous mob, so it was natural for him to get shattered and shocked".

"However, by passage of time, after gaining some composure and confidence, he has not only given a blow-by-blow account of the incident but has also categorically identified accused Lakhpat Rajora," the court said.



Mohd Anwar was killed during the riots last yr. Archive

It said Kassar's statement also corroborated with that of his son and a protected witness. "At this stage, their aforesaid statements cannot be brushed aside/discarded merely because there has been some delay in recording thereof or that the complainant did not specifically name/identify the accused persons in his initial written complaint made to police," the court said.

It acknowledged that "though there is some delay in recording statements of public witnesses in the matter, at this stage, this court cannot lose sight of the fact that on account of prevailing communal tension in the area, it was very difficult for the investigating agency to trace eye/public witnesses promptly because people were so shocked and traumatised that it took several days for them to muster the courage to come out and report the matter..."

The court said, "At the time of framing of charges, the FIR and material collected by investigating agency cannot be sieved through cullender of the finest gauzes to test its veracity." It also took note of the fact that one country-made pistol was recovered from accused Yogesh and "ballistic report confirmed it was in working condition".



RAINY DAY OUT

At Lodhi Gardens on Thursday, Delhi has seen over 1,160.8 mm of rainfall so far this monsoon, the highest since 1964. *Amit Mehra*

Jeweller's wife attacked, held hostage in robbery bid; 4 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A 55-YEAR-OLD woman was attacked and held hostage allegedly by her house help and cook at her home, who then made off with cash and jewellery worth lakhs. Police said the incident took place in Northwest Delhi's Mairya Enclave on Tuesday and the accused, along with their two associates, were arrested within six-seven hours of the incident.

Police sources said the four men were planning to leave Delhi and go to Nepal. Jewellery and cash worth Rs 50.5 lakh was recovered from their possession.

The victim, Parmila Singhal, is wife of Chandni Chowk Jewellery Association Head Yogesh Singhal. According to police, the woman was lying on her bed when her cook Aman Roy (19) and domestic help Sanjeev Kumar (18) came to her room and threw chilli powder on her face

and eyes, tied her up, and snatched her iPhone and gold jewellery. They then pushed her into a bathroom, opened the almirah and picked up an electronic safe that had diamond jewellery and cash before fleeing, said police. CCTV footage from the house shows the two men leaving. The case was transferred to the Crime Branch and police started scanning CCTVs from the house and outside. "We checked routes taken by suspects and deployed a team to conduct an enquiry in the area. A raiding team was sent to Mandiwala Park in Shakurpur where all four men were apprehended," said DCP (Crime Branch) Joy Tirkey.

The main accused - Roy, Kumar and their associates Ram Pukar Yadav (26) and Sunil Ram (21) - were arrested on Wednesday. Kumar and Roy were hired a week ago by the family after their help and cook went home. During questioning, police found that Yadav had been plan-

ning to rob Yogesh's family for a long time. When Roy and Kumar started working at Yogesh's place, he "suggested" they should rob jewellery and cash from there. He and his friend Ram received jewellery from the two men and were planning to flee to Nepal, said police. The four men hail from different villages in Bihar.

On Thursday, the victim's family said she is undergoing treatment after being injured during the assault.

Her husband said, "My daughter was at a shop and Parmila was alone at home. The men tried strangling her, one of them put his leg on her chest and she couldn't breathe... She somehow managed to untie the bedsheet and washed her face immediately. She locked the bathroom from inside. After they left, she went to the bedroom and locked the door. She checked the CCTV to make sure they were gone and then rushed to a neighbour's house to call police."

5 cases of gangrene in gallbladder post Covid, 'first in India', say doctors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

DOCTORS AT Sir Ganga Ram Hospital have seen five patients who developed gallbladder gangrene after recovering from Covid-19. Medical experts at the hospital believe this is the first report of such cases in India.

The five patients — four men and a woman aged between 37 and 75 years — were successfully treated at the hospital between June and August. They complained of fever, pain in the right upper quadrant of abdomen, and vomiting.

Two of them had diabetes and one suffered from heart disease. Three patients had received steroids for the management of symptoms of Covid-19.

Dr Anil Arora, Chairman of the Institute of Liver, Gastroenterology and Pancreaticobiliary Sciences at the hospital, said, "We recently successfully treated five patients for gallbladder gangrene between June to August 2021, who had recovered from Covid-19 infection and presented with severe inflammation of gallbladder without gallstones (acalculous cholecystitis) resulting in gangrene of the gallbladder requiring urgent surgery. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of a series of five cases from India in which the gallbladder gangrene had occurred in patients after recovery from Covid-19 infection."

The median duration between the symptoms of Covid-19 and the diagnosis of "acalculous cholecystitis" was two months, and the diagnosis was

confirmed through an ultrasound and CT scan of the abdomen.

Gallbladder stone disease is a very common problem in North India (affecting 8 per cent of the general population) and is responsible for 90 per cent cases of acute inflammation called cholecystitis.

Only 10 per cent of the patients have "acalculous cholecystitis", which is inflammation of gallbladder without evidence of gallstones or cystic duct obstruction.

All these five patients successfully underwent the laparoscopic removal of necrotic perforated gall bladders, Dr Arora said.

He added that "acalculous cholecystitis" with gangrenous gallbladder is a serious condition associated with high morbidity (up to 30 per cent to 60 per cent) and much higher mortality than the "calculous cholecystitis".

It is usually seen in patients suffering from diabetes, HIV, vascular disease, total parenteral nutrition, those on prolonged fasting, in ICUs, and those with underlying history of trauma, burns and sepsis.

According to doctors, all five patients had recovered from Covid-19 and did not have the common and conventional predisposing factors mentioned above.

Dr Praveen Sharma, Senior Consultant of the Gastroenterology Department, said: "Timely diagnosis and early intervention with broad spectrum antibiotics may prevent the development of onerous complication of gangrene and perforation of the gallbladder."

'Prosecution involved in diversionary tactics'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

STUDENT ACTIVIST Gulfisha Fatima's lawyer told a Delhi court, which was hearing her bail application in a UAPA case in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots, that the prosecution was involved in diversionary tactics by challenging the maintainability of the bail applications of riot accused.

This development comes in the backdrop of the prosecution raising the issue of maintainability of the bail application filed by former councillor Ishrat Jahan before ASJ Amitabh

Rawat.

The prosecution had argued that Jahan's bail plea was filed under CrPC section 439 and it could not be entertained by a special court.

Today, the court informed Gulfisha's lawyer Mehmood Pracha about the prosecution's challenge to her bail application. Pracha told the court, "When personal liberty is involved nomenclature is not important... Special court has all the powers. This is a diversionary tactic, you should take this seriously."

Pracha said that this was a well-planned tactic of the prosecution.

Games to stories: Campaign helps kids in care centres learn

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

FOR CHILDREN in 30 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Delhi, every afternoon is now devoted to words and numbers through games and activities as part of a reading campaign to build their foundational literacy and numerical abilities.

CCIs house 'children in need of care and protection' between the ages of 6 and 18, referred to them by Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards. A baseline assessment conducted across all the CCIs in July found that only 52% of children were able to read words in

Hindi and 55% were able to identify two-digit numbers.

The campaign was launched by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, along the lines of the Delhi government's Mission Buniyaad. Instructors have been trained by NGO Pratham.

At Khushi Rainbow Home for Girls, 41 of the 58 girls were found to be at the beginner level. Within this, they have been divided into three levels each for Hindi and Maths — those who cannot identify letters, cannot build words, cannot read a paragraph or story; and those who cannot identify numbers, who cannot add and subtract numbers, and cannot multiply and divide them.



The reading campaign is underway at 30 CCIs. Sukrita Baruah

Through a 40-day intervention, instructors are to create weekly plans and work on weekly goals.

Last week, the goal for those who cannot build words was to help them differentiate between

similar-looking and sounding letters. In the colourful resource room, on the day *The Indian Express* visited, the teacher was teaching the girls to differentiate between 'sh' and 's' letters. In the

next room, one of the dormitories, the teacher had drawn out a detailed storyboard for five students, to help them with basic addition through storytelling. These five students are children with special needs, who are a separate group of their own for this campaign.

"In the beginning, there was no separate group for special needs children. But in the first few days of implementing the campaign, we found that if the point is to work with children at different learning levels and address different learning abilities, the five children's needs will also have to be addressed separately," said Shalu Sharma, support person for the campaign at the centre.

According to centre supervi-

sor Arti Sharma, children residing there include those rescued from life on the street, orphans, children of a single parent who could not support them, and victims of child sexual abuse.

A 14-year-old girl was found to be of beginner level, having difficulty in forming words. "I do my school online classes on the computers in the morning. But I like these afternoon classes, I like playing the games," she said, adding that she really wants to work on her English.

"The campaign is currently being run in South and Southeast districts with over 500 children. It will be scaled up to other districts too," said Sanskriti Shree, a fellow with the DCPCR.



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FORM NO. INC-26
[Pursuant to Rule 30 of Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014]
Advertisement to be published in Newspaper for the change in Registered Office of the Company from one state to another
Before the Regional Director
Northern Region, Delhi
In the matter of sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Companies Act 2013 and clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014
AND
In the matter of WCFN Solutions Private Limited having its Registered Office at 1591 A, Sector 23, Gurgaon 122017 (Petitioner Company)
Notice is hereby given to General Public that the company proposes to make the application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking confirmation of alteration of Memorandum of the company in term of special resolution passed at Extra ordinary General Meeting held on Tuesday, 07th Day of September 2021 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "Gurgaon" to "State of Delhi".
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company, may deliver either on **MCA portal** (www.mca.gov.in) by filling **investor complaint form** or case to deliver or send by registered post of his/her objections, supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and ground of opposition to the Regional Director at the Address B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Pargawan Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, within 14 (Fourteen) Days of date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:
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For and on behalf of applicant
WcfN Solutions Private Limited
Deepak Gullapalli
(DIRECTOR)
Date:- 16.09.2021
Place:- Gurgaon
DIN-81002626






U.P. State Industrial Development Authority
UPSIDC Complex, A-1/4, Lakhanpur, Kanpur-208024

Notice regarding invitation of Public Objections / Suggestions on Amendment in Part Layout Plan of Industrial Area-Growth Centre Shahjahanpur in which Facility Plot has been sub-divided to carve out Plot No. F-8/1 for Fire Station admeasuring 4148.00 sqm.
1 (a) The Amended Part Layout Plan of **I.A. Growth Centre Shahjahanpur** of the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) situated in District **Shahjahanpur** has been prepared.
(b) A copy thereof will be available for inspection at the Regional Manager Office of the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority, 1116, Janakpuri, Opposite Ramjanki Mandir, Near Dr. Mahesh Gupta, District Bareilly between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on all working days till the date mentioned in Para 3 hereafter as well as **website www.onlineupsidc.com**
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U.P. State Industrial Development Authority

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)] / 16(3)
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4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.
Case No.: OA/249/2020
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THIS is for notice of the General Public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of **Goencho Swabhiman Party**. The office of the party is located at H. No. 12/678 behind St. Joaquim Chapel, Borda, Margao, Goa-403601. This party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951- Names/address of the office bearers of the Party are as follows:
President : Swapnesh Sherlekar,
H. No. 284, Shivolkarwada, Mulgao, Bicholim, Goa-403503
General Secretary : Krunal Naik,
H. No. 483, Wadi, Talaulim, Ponda, Goa-403401
Treasurer : Vinay Vithu Borkar,
H. No. 273, Holibhat, Talaulim, Ponda, Goa- 403401
If anyone has any objection to the registration of **Goencho Swabhiman Party** they may send their Objection with reason thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party), Election Commission of India, Nirvanchan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi- 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.



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FINAL REMINDER-CUM-FORFEITURE NOTICE TO THE HOLDERS OF PARTLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES (ISIN: IN9081A01010) HELD AS ON THE RECORD DATE i.e. FEBRUARY 19, 2021

In terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") read with relevant rules made thereunder, the Articles of Association of the Company and the Letter of Offer dated January 22, 2018 ("Letter of Offer"), a Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice has been sent in electronic mode to the holders of partly paid-up equity shares (Shareholders) as on the Record Date i.e. February 19, 2021, who have not paid the call money or part thereof, pursuant to the First and Final Call Money Notice dated February 23, 2021, Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice dated April 14, 2021 and Second Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice dated June 21, 2021 and whose e-mail address are registered with the Company or its Registrar and Transfer Agent – TSR Darashaw Consultants Private Limited ("RTA") or the Depository Participant(s). Further, physical copy of the Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice along with the detailed instructions and payment slip, has been sent through permitted modes of dispatch at the registered address of all those holders of partly paid-up equity shares as on record date, who have not paid the first and final call money (or a part thereof). The Company has completed the dispatch on September 15, 2021.

The Stakeholders' Relationship Committee ("Committee"), duly authorized by the Board, has on September 11, 2021, approved sending of a Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice for payment of first and final call amount of ₹461/- per partly-up equity share (comprising ₹7.496 towards face value and ₹453.504 towards securities premium) as First and Final Call money ("Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice"), to the holders of such partly paid-up equity shares on which the First and Final Call Money remains unpaid.

Accordingly, the Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice has been served providing the details given below:

Payment Period	From	To	Duration
	September 20, 2021	October 19, 2021	30 days
Modes of payment	a) Cheque/Demand Draft ⁽¹⁾ (made payable to)	a) Tata Steel Call Money- Escrow collection - R a/c (for resident shareholders)	
		b) Tata Steel Call Money - Escrow collection - NR a/c (for non-resident shareholders)	
	b) R-WAP ⁽²⁾	Using the R-WAP facility at www.linkintime.co.in	

(1) Post the merger of certain Public-Sector Banks ("PSBs") with other banks, the cheques of the merged PSBs have become invalid effective April 1, 2021. Shareholders may please note that payment of First and Final Call Money made using cheques of such PSBs will not be accepted and payment of Call Money using such cheques will be rejected.

(2) Available only to resident shareholders and such payments to be received on or before close of banking hours on **October 19, 2021**. The payment through R-WAP is available for banks as stated below.

In case a Shareholder chooses to pay through cheque/demand draft, the payment slip (stating Full Name of the Sole/First shareholder; First and Final Call Notice No.; DP ID-Client ID/ Folio No; and No. of partly paid-up equity shares) along with the amount payable by cheque or demand draft must be presented to ICICI Bank Limited at any of the following locations during banking hours on or before **October 19, 2021**:

For Resident Shareholders	Ahmedabad: ICICI Bank Ltd, JMC House, Opp. Parimal Gardens, Off C. G. Road, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad – 380006, Gujarat; Bengaluru: ICICI Bank Ltd, 1, Shobha Pearl, Commissariat Road, Off M. G. Road, Ground Floor, Bengaluru – 560025, Karnataka; Chennai: ICICI Bank Ltd, 110, Prakash Presidium, Utthamar Gandhi Salai, Nungambakkam High Road, Chennai – 600034, Tamil Nadu; Hyderabad: ICICI Bank Ltd, 6-2-1012, TGV Mansions, Opp. Institution of Engineers, Khairatabad, Hyderabad – 500004, Telangana; Jamshedpur: ICICI Bank Ltd, Natraj Mansion, Main Road, Bistupur, Jamshedpur – 831001, Jharkhand; Kolkata: ICICI Bank Ltd, 22, Sir R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata – 700001, West Bengal; Mumbai: ICICI Bank Ltd., 1st floor, 122, Mistry Bhavan, Dinshaw Vachha Road, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai – 400021, Maharashtra; New Delhi: ICICI Bank Ltd, 9A, Phelps Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi – 110001, Delhi; Pune: ICICI Bank Ltd, A Wing Shangrila Gardens, Bund Garden Road Pune – 411001, Maharashtra; Surat: ICICI Bank Ltd, Platinum Plaza, Opp. V.T. Choksi Law College, Athwalines, Surat – 395007, Gujarat; Vadodara: ICICI Bank Ltd, 42, Haribhakti Society, Nr. Chakli Circle, O. P. Road, Vadodara – 390007, Gujarat
For Non-Resident Shareholders	Mumbai: ICICI Bank Ltd., 1st floor, 122, Mistry Bhavan, Dinshaw Vachha Road, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai – 400021, Maharashtra

Shareholders residing at locations where the ICICI Bank's collection centers are not available, may send their First and Final Call Money cheque(s) along with the completed payment slip by registered post/speed post/courier at the office of the Registrar: **Link Intime India Private Limited (Unit: Tata Steel Limited), C-101, 247 Park, LBS Marg, Surya Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Vikhroli West, Mumbai - 400083, Maharashtra, India, Tel No.: +91- 22 4918 6200**, stating the requisite details along with Cheque/Demand Draft payable at Mumbai, such that the same are received on or before the last date of payment of the First and Final Call Money as mentioned in the Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice i.e. **October 19, 2021**.

Further, a separate web-based application platform, i.e. the R-WAP facility (accessible at www.linkintime.co.in), has been instituted for making the payment for the First and Final Call by resident shareholders. Shareholders may please note that the R-WAP facility is available only to Resident shareholders. Non-resident shareholders are not eligible to pay the First and Final Call money through R-WAP. At the R-WAP webpage, resident Shareholders can access and make the payment in electronic mode using the R-WAP. Resident Shareholders, making the payment through R-WAP, shall make online payment using internet banking or UPI facility.

Resident shareholders may please note that payments can be made through R-WAP only from accounts held with the following banks:

1. Allahabad Bank 2. AU Small Finance Bank Limited 3. Axis Bank Ltd. 4. Bank of Baroda 5. Bank of India 6. Canara Bank 7. City Union Bank Ltd. 8. Deutsche Bank AG 9. Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited 10. HDFC Bank Ltd. 11. ICICI Bank Ltd. 12. IDBI Bank 13. Indian Bank 14. Indian Overseas Bank Ltd. 15. IndusInd Bank Ltd. 16. Jammu and Kashmir Bank 17. Karur Vysya Bank Ltd. 18. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. 19. South Indian Bank 20. Standard Chartered Bank 21. State Bank of India 22. SVC Cooperative Bank Ltd. 23. Syndicate Bank 24. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. 25. The Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd. 26. The Saraswat Co-Operative Bank Ltd. 27. YES Bank Ltd.

Please note that, failure to pay the First and Final Call Money pursuant to the Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice, as aforesaid, shall render the partly paid-up equity shares (to the extent that the first and final call money was not paid), including the application amount already paid thereon, liable to be forfeited in accordance with the Act, the Articles of Association of the Company and the Letter of Offer.

Shareholders may also note that:

- The ISIN IN9081A01010 representing partly paid-up equity shares of face value ₹10 each (₹2.504 paid-up) has been suspended by the Stock Exchanges effective Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Further the ISIN IN9081A01010 representing partly paid-up equity shares has been suspended by National Securities Depository Ltd ("NSDL") and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. ("CDSL") effective end of business hours on Friday, February 19, 2021
- The process of corporate action for converting the partly paid-up equity shares to the fully paid-up ordinary shares under the present ISIN INE081A01012 for the existing fully paid-up ordinary shares, allotted by the depositories, is estimated to be completed, on a best effort basis, within two to three weeks from the last date of payment of the First and Final Call Money stipulated under this Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice. Upon completion of the corporate action, the partly paid-up equity shares shall be converted into fully paid-up equity shares and would be credited to ISIN INE081A01012, allotted by NSDL/CDSL.
- In case of non-receipt of the Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice, shareholders can request by e-mail or letter, for the duplicate Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice to the Registrar, or may also download the same from the Company's website: <https://www.tatasteel.com/investors/investor-information/rights-issue-first-and-final-call/> or the Registrar's website: www.linkintime.co.in. In such a case, however, the shareholder has to fill the DP ID-Client ID/folio Number, number of partly paid-up equity shares held and amount payable towards the First and Final Call Money.
- The shareholders holding partly paid-up equity shares in physical form may please note that the Company will forward the fully paid-up stickers to those shareholders who have paid the First and Final Call Money and the said sticker should be affixed on the existing share certificate of the partly paid-up equity shares where provisions are given for payment of application money. These physical share certificates evidencing fully paid-up amount can also be dematerialized after receipt of the listing and trading approval from the Stock Exchanges.
- The shareholder must mention in the Application, his/her PAN number allotted under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

All correspondence in respect of the Final Reminder-cum-Forfeiture Notice may be addressed to: **Link Intime India Private Limited (Unit: Tata Steel Limited), SEBI Registration Number: INR000004058, C-101, 247 Park, LBS Marg, Surya Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Vikhroli West, Mumbai- 400083, Maharashtra, India, Tel: +91 22 4918 6300 / 91 22 4918 6200 Fax: +91 22 4918 6195 E-mail: tsl.call1@linkintime.co.in Website: www.linkintime.co.in Contact Person: Mr. Sumeet Deshpande.**

September 17, 2021
Mumbai

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Company Secretary &
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PARTY PLAN

THE BJP has some special events lined up at the party headquarters on Friday to mark the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The ruling party, which will be rolling out a three-week birthday celebrations for the Prime Minister, will hold a series of programmes, starting with a blood donation camp in the morning, which will be inaugurated by BJP president J P Nadda. The office will also hold a special photo exhibition on the life and works of Prime Minister Modi. With the government giving priority to the vaccination programme, each party worker has been asked to help at least 10-15 people get vaccinated – specially those who are hesitant. That will be the birthday gift party workers have been asked to give to the Prime Minister.

EXPERT PANEL

POLITICIANS, AN industrialist, a cricketer and academics among others have been made part of an expert committee, which will look into possible changes in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) to make it more relevant for the modern times. The 15-member committee, constituted by the Defence Ministry, is headed by BJP vice-president Bajajant Panda and includes former Indian cricket captain M S Dhoni and industrialist Anand Mahindra. Other members include BJP MPs Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and Vinay Sahasrabudde; Principal Economic Adviser Sanjeev Sanyal; Jamia Millia Islamia's Vice-Chancellor Najma Akhtar; and Mukul Kanitkar of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, which has links with the RSS. The panel will "suggest measures to empower NCC cadets to contribute more effectively towards nation building" and recommend best practices of similar international youth organisations for inclusion in the NCC curriculum.

PLAYING SAFE

NO SPITTING anywhere, cover mouth and nose while sneezing/coughing, wash hands even when they're not "visibly dirty" and download Arogya Setu app. These are some of the dos and don'ts officials participating in All India Civil Services Athletics Meet have been asked to follow. The shadow of Covid-19 looms so large on the event, to be held in Delhi from September 28 to September 30, that players and officials have been asked to keep six-foot distance from each other and not share each others' sports equipment. Sports equipment which must be shared should be used after all precautions. And, of course, all need to produce negative RT-PCR reports in order to participate.

Sasikala looming, raids on, ADMK fears more blows, further cracks

ARUN JANARDHANAN

CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE DIRECTORATE of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) searches at over 20 premises and locations related to former AIADMK Minister KC Veeramani on Thursday are being seen by the party as part of pressure tactics on it, as it struggles to contain dissension since it lost power earlier this year.

The raids coincided with the wedding of AIADMK rebel-turned-ANMK leader T T V Dhinakaran's daughter. The function passed without an event, with party luminaries keeping away. Leaders had been waiting with bated breath to see who turned up — as a sign on which side Dhinakaran's aunt and late Jayalalithaa confidante V K Sasikala would lean.

Several AIADMK MLAs, including in both the E Palaniswami and O Panneerselvam camps, are reportedly in talks with Sasikala. "The general feeling is she is the only leader who can bring together the AIADMK. There are fears that Palaniswami (the former chief minister) may be summoned soon for questioning in the Kodanad estate robbery case and murders, as he has been named by the accused. At least 20 AIADMK MLAs are in talks with the Sasikala camp, including former ministers. Some have serious issues with Dhinakaran but not Sasikala," a former AIADMK leader said.

The Kodanadu estate was owned by Jayalalithaa. While Chief Minister MK Stalin, who has tried to break a Tamil Nadu trend by maintaining cordial ties with Opposition parties, is expected to tread carefully on the matter, AIADMK leaders say that mere questioning of Palaniswami



V K Sasikala

would cause enough damage to the party.

A senior officer told *The Indian Express* that they expected things to move in the Kodanadu case in a month.

A source close to Sasikala said she sees Panneerselvam, who had lost out in the CM race to Palaniswami, as weaker among the two and hence more pliable. On the other hand, Sasikala blames Palaniswami for preventing her reentry into the AIADMK after her release from prison.

Since 2017, Panneerselvam has held several meetings with her and Dhinakaran amidst the party power tussle, a source said.

"Sasikala knows that Panneerselvam may not be leader material but he is the best No. 2. She will wait and watch how things turn out in the coming weeks," the source said, adding that her decision to keep away from politics in the days following her release added to her credibility.

The AIADMK believes the DVAC action Thursday proves the ruling DMK government will try to fish in its troubled waters. Veeramani, who held the Commercial Taxes portfolio in the AIADMK government, is the third former party minister to come in the DVAC net, after MRV Vijayabaskar (Transport) and S P Velumani (Municipal Administration).

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Day 2: Ripples settle, BJP leaders hail Modi's 'bold, strong' move

LEENA MISRA

AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 16

WHILE IT might seem that the BJP has taken a huge risk by bringing in a completely new Council of Ministers in Gujarat, 14 months ahead of the Assembly elections, party insiders pointed to the fact that the protests within, which ostensibly caused the postponement of the oath-taking ceremony Wednesday, had already calmed down.

Senior BJP leaders cited this to hail Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "bold experiment" in his home state, and another example of him as a "strong leader".

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the original plan was to drop a few ministers, but the party then decided to go the whole hog, thus preempting any rebellion from those dropped. "Sookhe ke saath geela bhi jal gaya" (the good were sacrificed with the bad)," is how a senior leader described the decision.

The 24-member ministry headed by first-time MLA Bhupendra Patel is younger and inexperienced in administration, as compared to former state governments, but does a careful balance



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ing of castes, regions and factions. And, it is a "gamble" that might work, said one of the leaders who had been a minister since 2002 when Modi was Chief Minister, and was dropped in Thursday's reshuffle. "Firstly, with this, the anti-incumbency factor is neutralised.

The next three months will be the real test of the new ministers, on how the public perceives you, whether their work gets done or not," the BJP leader added.

Another senior party leader said that the overhaul was necessary. "Firstly, there was need for parivartan (change), second, you need to give a chance to new people and finally, only Narendra Modi can do this. He is the only one who has the courage to do this bold experiment, and people like such strong leaders."

Although the BJP had its worst performance since 1995 in the 2017 Assembly elections (winning 99 of 182 seats), after replacing Anandiben Patel with Vijay Rupani as Chief Minister in a similar move, party leaders say the circumstances have changed.

A senior BJP leader said, "Look at the Congress. It has been five months since they lost the local body elections, when their leaders took responsibility and stepped down. They have not even been able to find new state leaders. That is the difference between us and the Congress."

Besides, Rupani fought the 2017 elections in the wake of the Patidar quota agitation and the anger over the flogging of Dalits in Una. Those factors are not in play now.

One of the first things new CM Bhupendra Patel did after taking over was to reach out to those hit by the flood-like situation in Saurashtra region.

Need to pay for better road services: Gadkari on tolls

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR

SOHNA, SEPTEMBER 16

PEOPLE NEED to pay if they want good services such as better roads, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari indicated on Thursday when asked about toll charges on highways.

"If you want to use an air-conditioned hall, you have to pay for it. Otherwise you can arrange a marriage function on a field also," the Union Road Transport and Highways Minister said when asked if toll charges along expressways would make travel costly.

Gadkari said that with quality expressways decreasing travel time significantly, the cost of fuel for journeys would also reduce. "Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will decrease travel time to 12 hours. A truck takes 48 hours to reach Mumbai from Delhi. But on the Expressway it will be 18 hours. So a truck can make more trips. That means more business," Gadkari said during an inspection of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway's Sohna portion in Haryana. The 1,380 km eight-lane expressway



Union minister Nitin Gadkari and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar inspect ongoing work on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, near Sohna in Haryana on Thursday. *Abhinav Saha*

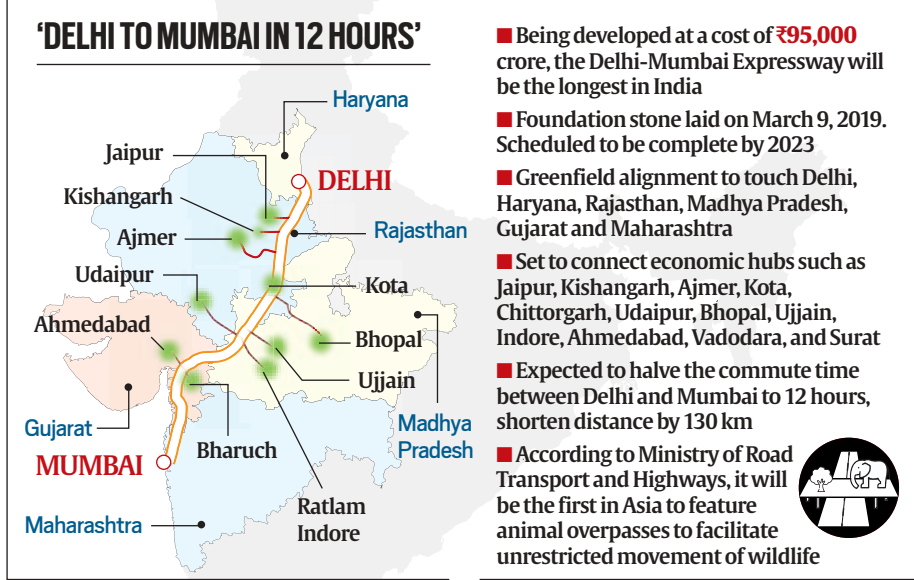
will touch six states and is scheduled to be completed in 2023.

The minister also spoke about the vision for the longest, most modern expressway in India. "The future vision is that drones will be used, there are helipads, on this road, for people and cargo to travel and also as air ambulances. We will make use of technology on this road," Gadkari said, adding that in future he wants to

build electric highways along the expressway as well.

The new expressways coming up would make travel time shorter, he said. Delhi to Katra (for Vaishno Devi shrine) would be in six hours, Delhi to Chandigarh will be in two hours, Delhi to Amritsar will be four hours, and Delhi to Dehradun in two hours, he said.

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CHOPRA'S JAVELIN, BORGOHAIN'S GLOVES AMONG NEARLY 1,300 ITEMS ON BLOCK

Govt to mark PM's birthday with e-auction of gifts today

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

TO MARK Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17, the Ministry of Culture is organising a virtual auction of gifts and mementos received by the Prime Minister. On the block are as many as 1,300 items, including the javelin thrown by Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra which he had recently presented to the PM. Sources in the Ministry of Culture say the javelin is expected to fetch above crores.

The T-shirt worn by Avani Lakhara has a base price of Rs 15 lakh, while the javelins thrown by Chopra and paralympian Sumit Antil have a base price of Rs 1 crore each. Lovlina Borgohain's boxing gloves have a base price of Rs 80 lakh while a stole with signatures of Tokyo Olympic players has a base price of Rs 90 lakh.

The memorabilia also include sports gear and equipment of other medal-winning Olympians and Paralympians, a replica of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir presented to the PM by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister



Neeraj Chopra recently presented his javelin to PM.

Twitter/neeraj_chopra1

Yogi Adityanath, and a wooden replica of the Chardham presented by Uttarakhand Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj.



(Left) Bhupendra Patel at the swearing-in ceremony in Gandhinagar, Vijay Rupani with Bhupender Yadav

BJP leaders said they were not worried about Patel's handling of a possible third wave of Covid-19 either. The Rupani government had come under severe criticism during the second wave.

While then Deputy CM Nitin Patil held the Health portfolio at the time, it is now with three-time Visnagar MLA Rushikesh Patel. But the source of the BJP's confidence is the new person at the helm of the Health Ministry at the Centre. "We have Mansukhbhai Mandaviya (a Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat) already. Besides our government at the Centre and state has put systems in place to handle the third wave," a leader said.

Among those who backed the changes was Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, now out as education minister. "Our party does as it says. Those in the organisation get to work in the government and those in the government should work in the organisation."

BJP worker's murder case: CBI questions Mamata polling agent

Kolkata: TMC leader Sheikh Sufiyan — a polling agent of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Nandigram during the recent Assembly elections — was on Thursday questioned by the CBI for more than four hours at its Haldia camp in connection with its ongoing probe into post-poll violence.

Meanwhile, the CBI on Wednesday registered one more case as part of its investigation into post-poll violence, taking the total to 35. The case was earlier registered by West Bengal Police against 12 people on a complaint at Sitalkuchi police station in Cooch Behar.

"I have answered every question of the CBI — with a straight spine. I am ready to co-operate with them in future too," Sufiyan told the media. "We are Mamata Banerjee's soldiers and have the courage to fight."

The CBI on Thursday carried out raids in different parts of Bengal in an ongoing probe into the coal pilferage case. Raids were conducted in Farakka, Kolkata and Asansol as well as other locations of Eastern Coalfield Limited.

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Day after she quit RS, TMC leader says no pressure

Kolkata: A day after resigning from her Rajya Sabha seat, TMC leader Arpita Ghosh said no one forced her to quit and she wanted to devote more time to the party organisation.

"No one in the party forced me to resign. It is my own decision," she said. "I am thinking that I should concentrate more on organisational work. In Kolkata, I can devote more time on theatre, my passion," the 55-year-old TMC leader said.

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J&K order on 'verification' puts new burden on govt employees

NAVEED IQBAL

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16

IN AN ORDER issued Thursday, the Jammu and Kashmir administration set wide-ranging parameters for "discrete verification" of government employees, which in effect puts an increasing burden on them.

The major concerns set out by the administration during periodic verification of character and antecedents of government employees include serious offences such as involvement in any act of sabotage, espionage, treason, terrorism, subversion, sedition/ secession, facilitating foreign interference, incitement to violence "or any other unconstitutional act".

But what has triggered concerns in the Union Territory is the broad and vague nature of the new parameters to verify an employee's character — the order states that "association or sympathy" with persons who are attempting to commit such offences or are involved in "aiding or abetting or advocating" these activities, can put the employee at the risk of losing verification and even his or her job.

A list of "adversely reported employees" prepared from time to time will be taken into cognisance by administrative departments and reported to the General Administration Department. If such employees are due for promotion, their cases shall be put on hold immediately.

Further, these cases will be submitted to a UT-level Screening Committee chaired by the Principal Home Secretary. This committee can act upon it, including terminating an employment from service. A Review Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary can review the decision if it is referred to by the Screening

Committee or on the representation of the aggrieved employee.

The order — issued in continuation to the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Character & Antecedents) Instructions, 1997 — provides "instructions" to be kept in mind by the administration during verification.

The latest order follows a recent circular that mandates J&K government employees to secure a vigilance clearance to obtain a passport. It has been passed under provisions of Article 311(2)(C) of the Constitution that gives the administration power to terminate an employee without constituting an inquiry against him or her on grounds of security.

In the verification process, the order instructs departments to keep in mind the "involvement of an individual's immediate family, persons sharing residential space with the employee to whom he or she may be bound by affection, influence, or obligation or involved in any of the acts, directly or indirectly, having potential of subjecting the individual to duress, thereby posing a grave security risk."

Putting the onus of reporting on family members of the employees, the order also notes that "failure to report relatives, persons sharing residential space or associates who are connected with any foreign government, associations, foreign nationals known to be directly or indirectly hostile to India's national and security interests" would also make them liable to lose verification.

Failure to "report contacts with citizens of other countries or financial interests in other countries which make an individual potentially vulnerable to coercion, exploitation, or pressure by a foreign government" will also call an employee's antecedents into question, the order states.



Central forces conduct domination marches through Kolkata on Thursday ahead of the bypoll for the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency. *Partha Paul*

Religion is for everyone: Mamata targets BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 16

REACHING OUT to non-Bengali voters ahead of the crucial Bhabanipur bypoll, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday promised to safeguard the community and work for the development of all, and not just those from a particular religion.

Reminding the Hindi-speaking voters how she visited Burrabazar, the trading hub for local Gujaratis and Marwaris, and checked on distressed traders post demonetisation, the

Trinamool supremo said, "You saw what happened after note-bandi (demonetisation). I used to go to Burrabazar every day and talk to traders."

"I am not biased towards any community. Be it a Gujarati or a Marwari, or mosque or the Laxminarayana temple or a gurdwara, religion is for everyone. The BJP taunted me for going to a mosque. But I visited a gurdwara and a mandir as well," she said. "The BJP is selling off the country's assets... They had said Nandigram is Pakistan and are now saying the same for Bhabanipur."

lot at the National Gallery of Modern Art in 2019, officials say the auction is completely virtual this time even as it is being managed by NGMA, officials say. Individuals and organisations can participate through the website (<https://pmmementos.gov.in>) between September 7 and October 7. After the auction ends, the ministry will notify the highest bidders through email.

Officials said that to prevent any fake bid, an upper limit for each has been fixed. In 2019, a silver 'kalash' gifted to the PM had received an exaggerated bid of Rs 1 crore, and was later put

back for fresh bids by the Ministry "to avoid unnecessary controversy".

Since Modi became PM in 2014, three such auctions have been conducted by the Ministry of Culture. In December 2019, responding to a query in Rajya Sabha by BJP MP Rakesh Sinha on whether the mementos, gifts, etc presented to the PM from home and abroad have been auctioned, then Union Culture Minister Prahalad Patel had said, "A total of Rs 15.13 crore has been received from the auctions of mementos, gifts, etc presented to PM from home."

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The 'Digital Hub'

KERALA
CM Pinarayi
to inaugurate
new digital hub

Kochi: The Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) is preparing to launch a product development centre, billed as one of the largest in south Asia, at the Technology Innovation Zone (TIZ) in Kalamassery, Kochi. Named 'Digital Hub', the centre, set up in a 2 lakh-sq-ft space with the capacity to support at least 200 startups, is set to be inaugurated virtually by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on September 18. It will be home to a design incubator, healthcare incubator, Center for Excellence for Mouser Electronics, design studios, co-working spaces, investors hive and an innovation centre, KSUM CEO John M Thomas said on Thursday. **ENS**

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State aims to
inoculate 8 lakh
to honour PM

Guwahati: Assam has activated at least 4,000 Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs), begun house-to-house mobilisations and scheduled bulk SMSes to raise awareness, dispatched Guardian ministers in all districts ahead of the state's 'mega-vaccination' drive on September 17, aimed at vaccinating a record 8 lakh people on a single day. The drive, like in many other BJP-ruled states, is being promoted as a "71st birthday gift" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As of Thursday, Assam has vaccinated 1.70 crore with at least one dose while only 39.1 lakh have received both doses. **ENS**

ODISHA
Medium flood
expected in
coastal districts

Bhubaneswar: A low to medium flood may hit several coastal districts of the state from Saturday night, Special Relief Commissioner Pradeep Jena said. "The water level in Hirakud reservoir is increasing due to heavy rainfall in its upper catchment area in Chhattisgarh. At present, 5.20 lakh cusec of water is entering the reservoir with an outflow of 4.80 lakh cusec. The water discharged from the dam will reach Mundali by Saturday morning," Jena said, adding: "The peak flood will pass through Kendrapara and Puri on Saturday evening and night. We have alerted the district administrations of the concerned districts. We are hopeful that there won't be any major impacts. A low to medium flood is likely to pass." **ENS**

GOA
68 Covid-19
deaths add to
mortality count

Panaji: Goa added 68 Covid-19 deaths to its mortality count on Wednesday on account of deaths that were reported late by the South Goa District Hospital. The deaths took place between August 2020 and June this year, the Covid-19 media bulletin stated. State epidemiologist Dr Utkarsh Betodkar said that the hospital had informed authorities that these were medico-legal cases, reported over ten months, and these were among the people brought to the hospital's mortuary. **ENS**

Karnataka woman writes to CM on lack of roads to village, officials sent to probe

KIRAN PARASHAR
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 16

A WOMAN has written to Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, bemoaning the lack of roads to her village and saying she cannot get married till the village gets a bus service and there would be no one left to fight for their rights. Her email evoked an official response from the government, with district officials visiting the village on Thursday and promising immediate action on her requests.

Bindu R D, a resident of H Rampura village in Davanagere district, had written an email to Bommai on September 9, demanding the construction of roads and a bus service to her village and a bus service to the village. The 26-year-old, who is the



only post graduate in her village, said she cannot get married and leave her native place till roads are built, otherwise there would be no one left to fight for her village. In her email, Bindu, said she was forced to live in a hostel during her youth to pursue her education because there were no roads and buses for her to travel. H Rampura village which is located 37 km away from the Davangere city, the district head-



(Left) The road leading to H Rampura; Bindu

quarters, has about 60 houses and 300 people. The nearest school and health care facility are about 7 km away, at Mayakonda village. Davangere Deputy Commissioner visited H Rampura on Thursday and was forced to walk nearly 2 km to reach the village. He then directed local officials to begin work on connecting roads starting Friday. "Bindu's plea has drawn the

attention of the CM and Chief Secretary as well. They have directed us to asphalt roads and to operate buses. We will be starting bus services shortly," Belagi said.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Bindu said, "There is a school for children up to Class 5 in my village, but if someone wants to study further, they will have to walk 14 km a day. Many women dropped out of school because of this.

"Though I have picked the issue now, my elders told me that this demand has been on since India became independent... I may get married one day and may relocate to another town or city but the plight of my villagers would not have changed. This issue has haunted me and this is why I shot an email to the CM marking my protest," she said.

HC notice to Centre on plea against ban on strikes under def services law

SOFI AHSAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

DELHI HIGH Court Thursday issued notice to the Centre on a petition challenging provisions of Essential Defence Services Act, 2021, which allow government to prohibit strikes by those engaged in essential defence services.

A division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Amit Bansal after hearing arguments in the petition filed by All India Defence Employees Federation (AIDEF), a body of more than 400 trade unions that represents civilian employees in defence establishments, including ordnance factories, listed the matter for hearing on November 16.

Senior Advocate Sanjay Parikh, representing the AIDEF, argued that it has been held that strike is only a form of demonstration, which is an important weapon in the workers' armoury. The right is recognised by almost all democratic nations, Parikh said.

However, the court said: "This whole new thing is for essential defence services, which has direct nexus with the defence services. Now even in essential defence service, you people want to go on strike? Then military people will also say like this," it said. "Suppose a war is going on and you people go on strike, what will happen."



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi consoles family members of former Union minister Oscar Fernandes in Bengaluru on Thursday. Fernandes died in Mangaluru on September 13. **PTI**

Rahul pays last respects to Oscar Fernandes, calls him 'true soldier' of Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 16

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi reached Bengaluru on Thursday afternoon and met the family members of late Union Minister Oscar Fernandes. Fernandes (80), who was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mangaluru, passed away on September 13.

Rahul later attended a ceremony at St Patrick's Church and the burial at Hosur Cemetery. After the meeting, Rahul tweeted: "Spent some time with the family of Shri Oscar Fernandes Ji and paid last respects to him - a friend, a guide and a true soldier of the Congress Party". Several national and state

Congress leaders including Mallikarjun Kharge, Randeep Singh Surjewala, K C Venugopal, Margaret Alva, Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar also paid their homage to the late leader.

In the morning, Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar had received the mortal remains of the veteran party leader at the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) office in the city where the public paid their last respects.

Fernandes passed away on Monday at a private hospital in Mangaluru where he was undergoing treatment for a head injury that he had suffered while practising yoga at his residence in July. Fernandes is survived by his wife and two children.

SC allows 'symbolic' PoP Ganesh idol immersion in Hyderabad lake this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday allowed immersion of Ganesh idols made of plaster of Paris (PoP) in Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar lake this year after authorities in Telangana assured the court that the idols will be lifted from water with cranes immediately after a "symbolic immersion", and removed to disposal sites to minimise pollution.

A bench of Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justice Surya Kant clarified that this is the last time it was allowing this, and agreed to the state's assurance that it will put in place all necessary arrangements from next year to avoid polluting the lake.

The court was hearing a plea against certain directions passed by Telangana High Court disallowing the immersion of PoP idols in the lake and calling upon the civic authorities to instead use baby

ponds or separate areas which will not spread pollution into the lake as a result of the immersions.

Appearing for the state authorities, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said some of the idols were tall and could not be immersed in shallow water bodies. He said the directions coming in between the Ganesh Chaturthi festival can cause hurdles and urged the court to make an exemption for this year due to time constraint.

CJ Ramana said what is happening is not a new phenomenon to Hyderabad. "This problem occurs every year. You should have taken steps," he said.

The Chief Justice pointed out that the lake used to be very polluted and a lot of money was spent on it.

He said that "unfortunately this is a recurring problem" in Hyderabad, and that despite directions, the government has not done enough to make the process of immersion environment-friendly.

sharks could have grown about 2-3 metres long. They became extinct about 65 million years ago, probably due to competition from other fishes including sharks. It is interesting to note that dinosaurs also went extinct 65 million years ago. It is not clear if these two extinctions are related," he adds.

He explains that Jaisalmir is a treasure trove of marine fossils, especially invertebrates. The hybodont fossil-bearing region also had a lot of fossil wood, suggesting a vegetation-rich coastal environment.

"More studies can help unravel the extinct marine life of the region. We are continuing excavations," said Dr Bajpai.

'Money laundering' of bribes: ED names Waze among 14 accused

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

DISMISSED MUMBAI police assistant inspector Sachin Waze has been named as an accused by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in its prosecution complaint filed in connection with alleged money laundering of bribes collected from bars, restaurants and other establishments in Mumbai.

The ED has not named former state home minister Anil Deshmukh so far, stating that it has been difficult to probe the case as despite multiple summons, he had not appeared before the agency for questioning.

It has named 14 accused in all, including Waze, a trust and other companies linked to Deshmukh and his family and two of his staffers, Kundan Shinde and Sanjeev Palande, who were arrested in June.

The ED complaint states that Waze, arrested in the Ambani terror scare case, had collected Rs 4.7 crore as bribe from bars and other establishments from December 2020 to February 2021 on the directions of Deshmukh. The ED claimed that bar and restaurant owners were being harassed and



Anil Deshmukh; Sachin Waze



pressured to pay money for their smooth functioning "in difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic when the government had put time and occupancy restrictions". The agency claimed that Deshmukh and Waze "were together involved in the whole racket of extortion of collection of Rs 100 crore a month".

"Shri Anil Deshmukh used to call and instruct Sachin Waze time to time regarding handing over the money collected from various orchestra bar owners/managers to Kundan Shinde. On first instance, in the month of January 2021, Waze met Kundan Shinde outside Sahyadri Guest House where Shinde came in a white Mercedes car of the Home Minister and handed over 5 bags carrying collected money approx Rs 1.60 crore in denomination of Rs 500 which Kundan Shinde kept in the white Mercedes car of the

Minister," the ED chargesheet states, based on Waze's statement. It adds that in February, Waze again met Shinde and handed over 11 bags carrying Rs 3 crore.

Shinde has denied this in his statement to the ED, claiming that he had not met Waze during this time and that he was not allowed to use the white Mercedes car belonging to the Deshmukh family.

The ED also questioned Waze on a statement given by a bar owner. The bar owner had claimed that Waze had told them that the money collected from them will go to "No 1", crime branch and social service branch of Mumbai Police. When asked to clarify who Waze was referred to, he told ED, "I state that No. 1 as referred to is Shri Anil Deshmukh."

The ED has named Waze, Palande, Shinde, Brothers Surendra Jain and Virendra Jain, who are named as owners of some of the companies, trust Sai Shikshan Sanstha, and alleged shell companies Reliable Finance Corporation Pvt Ltd, VA Realcon Pvt Ltd, Utsav Securities Pvt Ltd, SITAL Leasing and Finance Pvt Ltd, Kishore Diwani, Premium Port Link, along with chartered accountants Vinod Hassani and Vishal Khatwani.

Body builder attempts suicide

Mumbai: Manoj Patil, a bodybuilder who won the Indian Body Builders Federation (IBBF) Mr India title for best sports physique in 2016, reportedly attempted suicide by consuming some pills at his residence in Oshiwara on Wednesday.

Patil, 29, had earlier claimed that he was facing cyber bullying and accused actor Sahil Khan of harassing him. Khan on Thursday denied the allegations, and said he would lodge a complaint. **ENS**

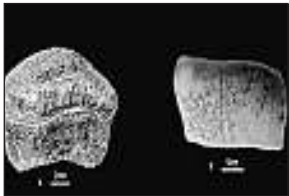
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to acquire part of lands measuring approximately 23.60 acres situated in Village Alikka, Tehsil & District Palwal, Haryana, more particularly described in the schedule below ("Subject Lands"), from its owners mentioned against each of the lands in the schedule below. If any person / entity / Bank or Financial Institution having or claiming any right, title, claim, benefit, estate, share, demand or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Subject Lands or any part thereof by way of sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, muniment, charge, gift, covenant, trust, license, tenancy, share, sub-tenancy, inheritance, claim, let, lease, sub-lease, lien, mortgage, easement, devise, bequest, hypothecation, encumbrance, possession, development rights, possession in part performance, partnership, family arrangement / settlement, its pendens, decree or order of any Court of Law or otherwise howsoever by operation of law or otherwise, is hereby called upon to make the same known in writing, with notarized documentary proof, to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no adverse right, title, interest, share, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever exists into or upon or in respect of the Subject Lands and the title and possession of the owners mentioned below to the Subject Lands is clear and marketable.	
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Land Parcel	Owners
Rectangle No. 13 Killa Nos. 18 (8-0), 22 (6-13), 27 (1-7)	Vinod Mittal son of Manphool Singh Mittal
Rectangle No. 26 Killa Nos. 21 (4-0), 3(8-0)	Vinod Mittal son of Manphool Singh Mittal (7/8 share) Jagdish son of Ghasita (1/8 share)
Rectangle No. 13 Killa No. 191/ (5-7)	Mahesh Kumar son of Mahavir Singh
Rectangle No. 26 Killa No. 212 (4-0)	Jagdish son of Ghasita
Rectangle No. 13 Killa Nos. 6 (Kamaj Marla), 7 (3-9), 14 (8-0), 15 (5-14), 16 (8-0), 17 (8-0), 24 (8-0), 25/1 (1-0)	Kamal Singh and Sunder Singh sons of Amichand
Rectangle No. 12 Killa Nos. 11 (2-9), 20 (8-0), 21 (8-0)	Chander wife of Jaswant Singh (171/211 share) and
Rectangle No. 13 Killa No. 2512 (7-0)	Prateek Kapoor son of Sant Kumar Kapoor (40/21 share)
Rectangle No. 13 Killa Nos. 1/2 (1-64/2171 share), 2 (7-15), 8 (7-64/2171 share), 9 (8-0), 10/1 (8-0), 10/2 (3-7), 26 (1-7)	Jile son of Bhagwan Sahay (5/167 share), Shyam Lal son of Bhagwan Sahay (7/167 share), Dev Karan son of Bhagwan Sahay (86/2171 share), Vimla, Sarvati daughters of Bhagwan Sahay (106/2171 share), Ram Kumar, Madan Kumar sons of Nathi (42/2171 share), Jai Bhagwan, Pawan Kumar, Pravin Kumar sons of Puraan (1086/2171 share), Vijaypal son of Deep Chand (108/2171 share), Chhuni Devi wife of Ramu (550/2171 share), Sunil Kumar, Sanjay (sons), Brijbala (widow) of Ved Prakash (64/2171 share)
Rectangle No. 13 Killa Nos. 3 (2-4), 11/2 (6-13), 12 (8-0), 13 (8-0), 19/2 (2-13), 20 (8-0), 21 (8-0)	Ram Kumar, Madan Kumar sons of Nathi (52/1057 share), Jai Bhagwan, Pawan Kumar, Pravin Kumar sons of Puraan (529/1057 share), Vijaypal son of Deepchand (52/1057 share), Chhuni Devi wife of Ramu (268/1057 share), Jile Singh son of Lalaram (30/1057 share), Shyam Lal son of Bhagwan Sahay (32/1057 share), Devkarar son of Bhagwan Sahay (9/1057 share), Sarvati daughter of Bhagwan Sahay (27/1057 share), Vimla daughter of Bhagwan Sahay (27/1057 share), Sunil Kumar, Sanjay (sons), Brijbala (widow) of Ved Prakash (31/1057 share)
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Rectangle No. 207 Killa No. 20/1 (6-8)	Nitin son of Ashok
Rectangle No. 209 Killa Nos. 10 (8-0), 11 (5-12)	Om Prakash son of Amar Singh
Rectangle No. 210 Killa Nos. 3/2/1 (4-5), 4/1 (1-3), 4/2 (6-17), 7/1 (4-0), 8/1 (0-2)	Parag Kalra son of Manohar Kalra
Rectangle No. 188 Killa No. 21/1 (1-6)	Priyanka daughter of Manohar Lal
Rectangle No. 208 Killa Nos. 1 (3-5), 10 (0-12)	Subhash son of Avinash Chand Chopra (1/2 share) Avtar Sarin son of Durga Prasad (1/2 share)
Rectangle No. 207 Killa Nos. 5/1 (4-10), 5/2 (3-10), 6/1 (5-1), 6/2 (2-12), 15/1 (0-18), 15/2 (2-1)	Avtar Sarin son of Durga Prasad
Rectangle No. 207 Killa No. 13 (7-9)	Vinod Mittal son of Manphool Singh Mittal
Rectangle No. 206 Killa No. 17 (8-0)	Shivram son of Sukhi Ram (1/3 share) Devinder, Sagar sons of Shivram (2/3 share)
Rectangle No. 207 Killa Nos. 12/2 (1-7), 16 (8-0), 18 (8-0), 19/1 (4-0), 23/2 (7-3), 24/1 (5-1), 24/2 (2-19), 25 (8-0), 20/2 (1-12), 21/1 (5-1), 21/2 (2-19),	Chandri Devi (widow), Kamlesh, Kamal (daughters) of Jagdish
Rectangle No. 209 Killa Nos. 1/1 (2-19), 1/2 (5-1)	Shivram son of Sohan Lal
Rectangle No. 210 Killa Nos. 5/1 (1-13), 5/2 (6-7), 6/1 (7-9), 15 (2-4)	Sukhia daughter of Kalludas (1/2 share), Shanti widow of Gyani (5/48 share), Vidhadevi (widow), Satender (son), Poonam (daughter) of Harbhajan (1/16 share), Devi (sons), Vidya, Lata, Satvati (daughter) of Gyani (1/3 share)
Rectangle No. 207 Killa Nos. 19/1 (5-1), 22 (8-0)	Subhash son of Om Nath Chand Chopra
Rectangle No. 206 Killa No. 22/1 (0-1)	Om Prakash son of Amar Singh (1/3 share), Shivram son of Sukhiram (1/9 share), Chandri Devi (widow), Kamlesh, Kamal (daughters) of Jagdish (1/3 share), Devinder, Sagar sons of Shivram (2/9 share)
Rectangle No. 206 Killa No. 22/2/2 (3-3)	Om Prakash son of Amar Singh (1/2 share), Chandri Devi (widow), Kamlesh, Kamal (daughters) of Jagdish (1/2 share)
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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOCHI, SEPTEMBER 16

RESEARCHERS FROM the Geological Survey of India and the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee have discovered a new extinct species of hybodont shark from the Jaisalmir Basin of Rajasthan. Hybodonts dominated both marine and freshwater environments during the Triassic and early Jurassic periods.

Over 30 teeth specimens collected from the region showed that the species lived about 160 and 168 million years ago. It was named Strophodus jaisalmirensis, and the discovery is significant



Hybodont shark teeth from Jaisalmir basin. pib.gov.in

as this is the first record of Strophodus genus from the Indian subcontinent.

The collected specimens are now housed in the Palaeontology Division of Geological Survey of India, Jaipur.

"The structure of the teeth was very peculiar. We studied the crown, its ridges, edges and based on the distinctive crushing teeth, it was included in the genus Strophodus," explains Dr. Sunil Bajpai, Head of the Department of Earth Sciences at Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee. He is one of the corresponding authors of the paper recently published in Historical Biology.

The team compared the teeth characteristics with other extinct species such as S. magnus, S. smithwoodwardi, S. subreticulatus, S. reticulatus, S. longidens and finally confirmed that the teeth indeed belonged to a new species. "It is speculated that hybodont

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Suspect in minor's rape-murder found dead

Police had announced Rs 10 lakh for info on accused, minister had called for his 'encounter'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 16

A 30-YEAR-OLD man wanted by police for the rape and murder of a six-year-old girl in Hyderabad last week was found dead on the railway tracks near Warangal Thursday morning. Hyderabad Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar said the suspect appeared to have committed suicide by jumping in front of Hyderabad-bound Konark Express. "The tattoos on the hand of the deceased suggest that it is the suspect, Pallakonda Raju, who we have been looking for in the case of rape and strangulation of a child. A post-mortem is being con-

ducted, which will reveal the exact cause of death," he said.

The rape and murder on September 9 had triggered outrage in the city with people demanding immediate police action to arrest Raju.

On Tuesday, Labour Minister C Malla Reddy said the accused should be killed in an encounter. "What he has done is terrible. He should not be let go. He should be encountered," he said.

Several politicians, film stars and activists, who visited the girl's family to console, had also expressed outrage over the incident.

Hyderabad Police had faced criticism for solely relying on technical evidence such as CCTV footage or mobile phone loca-

Hyderabad Police Commissioner said the suspect appeared to have committed suicide by jumping in front of a train

tion to try and solve the case, without being able to gather human intelligence on the whereabouts of the suspect. The police had announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for any information leading to the arrest of Raju.

After the recovery of the suspect's body on Thursday, Telangana IT Minister K T Rama Rao tweeted: "Just been informed by @TelanganaDGP Garu that the

beast who raped the child has been traced & found dead on a railway track at station Ghanpur."

Raju, described by the police as a daily-wage worker and vagabond, is suspected to have lured the girl to his room where he allegedly raped and strangled her to death. The girl's body was found in the room, wrapped in a blanket, by her family members who were searching for her.

The police then launched a massive manhunt for Raju. They circulated his photo after he was seen on CCTV along with another person, who was detained and questioned but there was no breakthrough. This person told the police that he had met him only on that day and that he did not see him again.

Early on Thursday, the railway police found a body near Rajaram Bridge at Ghanpur Station in Warangal district. After comparing Raju's photos, which were circulated, and matching the tattoos on his arm, they informed the Hyderabad Police.

Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar said railway workers out on inspection spotted a man near the tracks but he ran away on seeing them. Later, a farmer informed them that a train had hit a man and his body was lying on the tracks. "This looks to be a clear case of suicide as of now," Warangal Police Commissioner Tarun Joshi said.

The body was later taken to MCM Hospital at Warangal for post-mortem.

We will suo motu stay tribunals Act, warns SC

Centre concedes, lets NCLAT acting chair work up to Sept 20

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

UPSET OVER the manner in which services of the acting chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had been terminated and the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021, invoked to name a replacement, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana warned the government Thursday that the Supreme Court may just stay the new Act.

The CJl made the remark – "Then we will have to suo motu stay your legislation" – when the court was informed by Attorney General KK Venugopal that a new appointment to the post of the acting chairperson of NCLAT had been made on the basis of his legal opinion in the wake of the new Act.

Incidentally, the Supreme Court has already issued notice on petitions challenging the Act.

The CJl's warning came during the hearing of a petition by NCLAT acting chief Justice Iqbal Singh Cheema who had challenged the curtailment of his tenure by 10 days – he was to retire on September 20.

On Thursday, when the petition came up, Venugopal conveyed the government's readiness to reinstate Justice Cheema so that he completes his full term on September 20, the date of retirement "on paper".

Venugopal said this can be treated as continued service and Justice Cheema will be entitled to all retirement benefits. He, however, said that since a new acting chairperson, Justice M Venug-

Govt notifies tribunal rules

New Delhi: The central government Thursday notified the Tribunal (Conditions of Service) Rules, 2021 amidst a standoff with Supreme Court over the legality of the rules. The Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021, passed in Lok Sabha on August 2 and in Rajya Sabha on August 9, apart from abolishing at least seven appellate tribunals under various statutes, has provisions relating to the tenure, age criteria, and search-cum-selection committee for tribunal appointments. These provisions, which alter the process of appointment of tribunal members, were earlier brought in through the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021. A bench led by CJI N V Ramana has questioned the government over the enactment of a new law dealing with the tenure and criteria for selection of members of tribunals despite the court striking down some provisions dealing with the same in an earlier ordinance. **ENS**

opal, had already been appointed, it would be awkward if Justice Cheema too were to return to office.

But the bench did not seem to agree. "You (government) are responsible for the situation," the CJl said, adding "I read somewhere

that he (Justice Cheema) has reserved some judgments. If you suddenly retire him, there will be a problem in re-hearing those cases. The way in which this order (has been) passed is awkward. How fair is it?"

The AG replied the fresh appointment was made on the basis of his legal opinion in the light of the Tribunals Reform Act, 2021.

"Then we will have to suo motu stay your legislation," the CJl said. The AG said in that case, he was ready to argue the matter on the question of stay.

Intervening Justice Surya Kant asked whether it was possible for the new appointee to go on leave for a few days so that Justice Cheema could complete his term and finish pending work.

The AG said he will have to take instructions. Returning later, Venugopal informed the bench the government had agreed to allow Justice Cheema to continue until September 20 and the new appointee would go on leave until then. "I have taken instructions. Petitioner said he took leave from August 31st to 10th September to write judgments and pronounce them before 20th. So he may be reinstated for the purpose of pronouncing judgments and existing gentleman will be asked to go on leave," the AG told the bench which welcomed it and said the "Attorney General solved the problem. We thank you for this".

Disposing the petition, the bench, however, clarified that "the instant order has been passed taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present facts and this shall not be treated as a precedent".

13 die as heavy rain continues to lash central UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 16

PERSISTENT AND heavy rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning, have claimed 13 lives in the central districts of Uttar Pradesh, while throwing daily life out of gear.

Even as the state grapples with the deluge, the Met Office has predicted more rainfall on Friday. The state's relief commissioner has put out a set of instructions and alerts in anticipation of more wet weather in the coming days.

"Heavy rainfall has been recorded across the state, mainly in the central UP districts such as Ayodhya, Barabanki and Lucknow. About 33mm rainfall has been recorded over the last 24 hours. A few incidents of lightning and thunderstorm, as well as house

collapses, have been reported. As per initial reports, 13 deaths have been reported, while close to a dozen more have been injured in rain-related incidents," UP Relief Commissioner Ranvir Prasad said.

Met officials have predicted more heavy rainfall in the coming days, and all three kinds of alerts – Red, Orange and Yellow – have been issued.

A Red alert for very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning, has been issued for Hardoi, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Mainpuri, Shahjahanpur and other adjoining areas.

People are being told to staying away from areas prone to flash floods and remain cautious about open sewer, electricity wires and poles, and inform integrated control centre in case of waterlogging, felling of trees and power breakdown.



A water-logged street in Lucknow. The city received heavy rainfall in past 24 hours. Vishal Srivastav

Rajasthan govt schools see jump of 10 lakh students in 2 yrs of Covid

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

ENROLMENT IN Rajasthan government schools across Classes 1-12 has increased by almost 10 lakh in the past two academic years (2020-21 and 2021-22) disrupted by Covid-19. Officials in the state's Directorate of Secondary Education said they expect the numbers to increase by another 1.5 to 2 lakh in the next 15-20 days, as the numbers are added up.

The jump is in line with the nation-wide trend of private school children, mostly from rural and poor urban areas, shifting to government institutes.

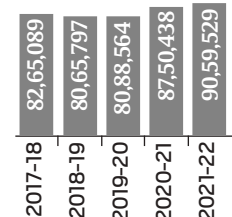
In 2019-20 across 65,000-odd government schools in Rajasthan, 80,88,564 students were enrolled. This jumped to 87,50,438 in 2020-21, and to 90,59,529 in 2021-22. In the two years previous to 2019-20, the numbers had remained almost static or fallen.

Udaipur reported the highest increase, at 24,754 students, followed by Alwar's 26,702 and Bhilwara's 20,993. Of the 33 districts, only Jhunjhunu has seen its government enrolment come down – by 11 students.

After keeping them shut for almost a year in compliance with Covid protocols, government re-opened Classes 9 to 12 this month.

Apart from financial constraints faced by parents on account of Covid, experts and officials attributed the increase to government programmes.

GOVT SCHOOL ENROLMENT NUMBERS



Till Sept 14

Secondary Education Director Saurabh Swami said, "First, SMILE and 'Aao Ghar Se Sikhien (let's learn from home)' schemes had a huge impact. Through these programmes, we have ensured that education was not disrupted. We had online content created by our teachers. Second, we have been promoted to Grade 1+ category in a recent nationwide survey (Performance Grading Index). Third, our model schools and premier Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools have received great response from parents."

The SMILE programme, launched after the first wave of Covid last year, comprises a mix of online and offline education. For children without Internet connectivity and digital devices, teachers are directed to give worksheets twice a week.

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ICMR DG: Booster dose not central in talks... full vaccination still major priority

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

WITH SEVERAL high-income countries deciding to start administering Covid-19 vaccine boosters, the Union Health Ministry Thursday underlined that India's priority will continue to be full vaccination of two doses and that booster dose is not a central theme at the moment in the scientific discussions.

On Thursday, DG ICMR Dr Balram Bhargava said that while there have been scientific studies showing a decrease in antibody levels after a certain period of administration of two doses, there are other forms of immunity against the infection that could persist. He said increasing the two-dose vaccination coverage in the country will remain the top public health priority.

Bhargava's statement comes at a time when the country's first dose vaccination coverage has touched 62 per cent and 20 per cent of the eligible adult population is fully vaccinated.

"We have to remember one thing very clearly, that booster dose is not a central theme at the moment in the scientific discussion. Getting a full vaccination of two doses remains a major priority. Several agencies have recommended that antibody levels should not be measured because you can have cellular immunity, antibody immunity, or mucosal immunity that persists...full vaccination of both doses are absolutely essential, and there should be no breakage in that

thinking," Bhargava said.

The Health Ministry also highlighted that 1,595 PSA plants, that generate medical oxygen, have been commissioned; and that these plants are currently providing 2,088 MT of medical oxygen at hospitals across the country.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that out of the 1,595 PSA plants that have been commissioned in the country, 731 have been set up from central government resources and are providing 1,024 MT of medical oxygen in hospitals. The remaining 864 PSA plants that have been commissioned using state government and other resources are providing 1,065 MT of medical oxygen, Bhushan said.

On Thursday, Dr V K Paul, the head of India's Covid-19 task force, reiterated that the next two or three months will be crucial due to the upcoming festive season that could trigger a surge in cases.

"In the next 2-3 months we have to be cautious and ensure that there is no upsurge; and if we see an early rise in cases, it should be brought under control," he said.

"There have been estimations that in the next three months, the country will become more vulnerable; the estimations are that it could be in the month of October or November. That should worry us. It is also the month of festivities. It is also the period when cases of flu increase. We have to be extra careful in the next quarter, in the context of festivities. We have to push our vaccination programme. That is our shield," Dr Paul said.

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

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ACTIVE CASES: 339,759

TOTAL VACCINATION: 765,717,137

DAILY DEATHS
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TOTAL DEATHS
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WEEKLY CFR
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OVERALL CFR
1.35%



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WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.91%% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.08%%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	22,182	186,675	16.71%	32,364,603
■ Maharashtra	3,595	49,342	2.43%	69,979,524
■ Tamil Nadu	1,693	16,756	1.05%	40,592,697
■ Mizoram	1,402	13,047	13.34%	1,017,393
■ Andhra Pradesh	1,367	14,708	2.33%	35,494,438

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	178	23,244	0.50%	0.56%
■ Maharashtra	47	141,873	1.01%	2.19%
■ Tamil Nadu	25	35,271	1.65%	1.35%
■ Karnataka	18	37,555	1.11%	1.27%
■ Andhra Pradesh	14	14,044	0.89%	0.70%

Note: Data as on Sept 16; vaccination numbers as of Sept 15. Deaths include those from previous days.

'Work done by govt not reaching masses'

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 16

DAYS AFTER taking over as Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee president, Rajesh Thakur has laid out a plan to revamp the rift-riddled state unit and take stock of the work being done by Congress ministers.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Thakur has said his priority will be to promote the work done by the state government – Congress is part of the ruling alliance with the JMM.

"Somewhere, the government has not been able to percolate its work to the masses. Some of the key portfolios, like Rural



New Jharkhand Congress chief Rajesh Thakur

Development, Food, Finance and Health are with Congress and in the days to come, we will do an analysis of their work and tell ground level workers to propagate it to the masses... More importantly, is there work being

done as promised in the manifesto or not? The leadership in Delhi too will know the work done in the state," said Thakur.

Thakur, 48, does not have a political lineage and has not contested an election so far. "Despite this, the leadership experimented with me and I will work hard to make Congress a force to reckon with in the state," he said.

However, the biggest challenge facing Thakur is party infighting. JPCC was hit by internal bickering after the 2019 Lok Sabha debacle with many leaders openly criticising former JPCC chief Ajay Kumar.

In February a confrontation erupted in the Congress Office in Ranchi between two factions

sparkling a fresh debate on unity among workers.

Speaking on these challenges, Thakur said: "There is a vision that is in sync with the party and when the members will see that I have kept myself away from favoritism, they will be glued towards the party, and not personalities. I just need to set a trend and execute it well."

He hopes to give direction to the party workers and boost coordination with JMM through a 20-point programme that the government is expected to launch shortly. "Through this, we will give the workers some sort of purpose. This will also help us maintain some coordination with the JMM government as well," he said.



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It has been more than seven years since the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) came to power at the Centre with Modi as its supreme leader. Yet his popularity rating continues to be on the higher side despite the nation facing unprecedented crises. Nobody can overlook his solidity as he led his coalition to a landslide victory in the 2019 General Elections. This happened due to his Government's sheer commitment to transform India from the grassroots level and prioritise rural development as part of mainstream economic policy. During the first term, Modi government had some solid achievements to its credit, pushing through major policy changes, which saw his party garner solid support in Uttar Pradesh, other North Indian States and even in eastern India. The Government's initiatives and schemes are geared towards making India self-sufficient, self-reliant and placing it in a negotiating position of strength at the global high table.

As the nation celebrates the 71st birthday of Modi today, it is worth noting that our Prime Minister has completed 20 years in public service with utmost dedication to the nation.

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Currently, the Central Government's initiatives and schemes are geared towards making India a self-sufficient and self-reliant nation.

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- About 42 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been created to provide banking services to people.
- The digitisation of Government departments and banks has helped in checking grassroots corruption as money for more than 300 schemes is transferred directly to the accounts of beneficiaries. This model has made India the largest digital payments ecosystem in the world with the UPI recording 25 billion real-time transactions in 2020.
- Eradication of open defecation by sanctioning toilets as part of the Swachh Bharat Scheme.
- The Ujjwala Scheme, under which eight crore households were provided free gas connections from 2016 to 2019, has won the hearts of rural women.
- The Ayushman Bharat scheme covers 50 crore people under one of the largest Government-sponsored health programmes in the world. The Government has sanctioned 15 more AIIMS across the country and opened 157 Medical Colleges, increasing medical seats by 35,000. The Government also started the National Digital Health Mission for telemedicine.
- The Government had promised housing to two crore slum dwellers and so far 48 lakh houses have been constructed and over a crore are under construction.
- It launched the Mudra scheme to promote young entrepreneurs and help them start their own ventures. As of May 31, it has sanctioned loans worth Rs 29 crore and disbursed Rs 15 lakh under the Mudra Yojana, thus seeding an entrepreneurial revolution in the country.
- The GST is the biggest tax reform since independence and is now paying dividends.
- Yet another epoch-making reform has

- been declaring triple talaq illegal.
- The One Rank, One Pension in 2015 and the Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019 are two more benchmark schemes.
 - The Government is providing free COVID-19 vaccines to people at government healthcare facilities.
 - Infrastructure creation has gathered pace under the Modi Government, with several highways, expressways, high-speed freight corridors, bridges over the sea, coastal free-ways, metro lines, airports, reimagined railway stations and new deep-sea ports. These have all been built to empower the nation through connectivity.
 - The Government initiated the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016,

which came into effect on May 1, 2016. This has codified operational rules and put in place an institutional infrastructure to protect consumer interests and promote the growth of the realty sector in India. Since its institution, RERA has not only created a positive sentiment in the market but has also restored home buyers' confidence.

- To restructure the education sector, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) introduced the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 last year. With an aim to promote entrepreneurship over jobs, the prime focus of NEP is on providing skill education right from pre-school to class 12 so that each student acquires at least one vocational skill. The NEP also

aims to internationalise higher education in India by making the country a knowledge hub to attract foreign students, promote research collaboration and increase student exchange programmes. Overall, NEP 2020 is a promising step towards the future of education in the country.

Moreover, the Modi government's initiatives like Skill India Mission, Start-up India, Make in India, Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives are aimed at empowering the country's youth, giving the much-needed boost to indigenous industries and making India self-reliant. The Government is currently working on the roadmap for making India a five-trillion-dollar economy by 2024-25. And with the people's trust and Modi's determination to push through policy changes, that goal doesn't seem unattainable.

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Man held for ‘transporting cow meat’ dies in Godhra lock-up, police say suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, SEPTEMBER 16

A 32-YEAR-OLD man, who was arrested by the Godhra B Division police station on Wednesday for allegedly transporting cow meat died by suicide inside the lock-up early on Thursday, as captured in the CCTV footage, Panchmahals district police said.

The deceased, Qasim Abdullah Hayat, was arrested on Wednesday while he was on way to deliver meat to his local customers, and died by suicide before he could be produced before a magistrate, police said.

Panchmahal district Superintendent of Police, Leena Patil told *The Indian Express*, “The FIR was filed on Wednesday at 7.45 pm and the accused died inside the lock-up at around 3.20 am this morning. We have the CCTV footage of the incident and we are following the procedures.”

ing up the bedsheet and hanging himself by the gate of the lock-up. It was a partial hanging. We have initiated the medical procedures, accordingly to prepare a report.”

A relative of the deceased said, “I met Qasim on September 14 at the police station. He told me that the police beat him up and were forcing him to confess that he was carrying beef. He told me to tell his brother to seek help for him. When I came with his tiffin and tea this morning around 7.30am, police did not let me in... They did not tell me he had died. Someone from the police station told us that he was tortured the previous night.”

Denying the family’s allegations, SP Leena Patil said, “The Executive Magistrate and Judicial Magistrate First Class conducted inquest and the body was sent for a panel post mortem at SSG Hospital in Vadodara... we have CCTV footage of the incident and we are following the procedures.”

UTTARAKHAND HC LIFTS STAY ORDER

Char Dham Yatra to begin tomorrow

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 16

UTTARAKHAND HIGH Court on Thursday vacated its stay order on the state Cabinet’s decision to allow Char Dham Yatra but directed the state government to ensure adequate availability of Covid testing and medical facilities during the yatra.

Hours later, the state government announced that the yatra will begin on September 18. “Uttarakhand government welcomes the devotees and pilgrims in Char Dham and Hemkund

Sahib ji yatra starting in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand from September 18,” tweeted Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

The stay order was vacated by a bench of Chief Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan and Justice Alok Kumar Verma while hearing an application moved by the state government.

The government had earlier filed a special leave petition (SLP) in Supreme Court challenging the High Court’s June 28 stay order on the decision to allow the yatra for local population of the three districts concerned from July 1. Earlier this month, the govern-



800 pilgrims will be allowed daily to Kedarnath temple

ment withdrew the SLP and filed an interim application in the High Court for recalling the stay order. Vacating its stay order on

Teen attempts suicide over NEET in TN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 16

A 17-YEAR-OLD National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) aspirant allegedly attempted to immolate herself on Thursday in connection with the test, said police.

She sustained burns in the process and is undergoing treatment at the government hospital at Chengalpattu near here.

“The girl apparently wrote the test on September 12 and appeared apprehensive of the outcome of results. She immolated herself when she was alone at home in Urapakkam,” a senior police officer said. He however declined to reveal further details but said the student had sustained 60 per cent burn injuries.

The Guduvanchery police who received information from the Chengalpattu GH over the girl’s attempt on her life rushed to the hospital and held an inquiry.

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 16

KANNUR UNIVERSITY has decided not to teach the works of V D Savarkar and M S Golwalkar, which were included in the syllabus of the post-graduate course in Governance and Politics.

The decision followed the recommendation of a two-member committee appointed by the university to review the syllabus.

The inclusion of extracts from Savarkar’s “Hindutva: who is a Hindu”, and from Golwalkar’s “Bunch of Thoughts” and “We or Our Nationhood Defined”, Deendayal Upadhyaya’s “Integral Humanism” and Balraj Madhok’s “Indianisation: What, Why and How” had led to a controversy with opposition parties and Left academicians alleging that the ruling CPI(M) was facilitating saffronisation of education in the state. Although Vice-Chancellor Prof

Gopinath Ravindran defended the inclusion of the extracts, the government took exception to this with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan speaking against the decision.

On Thursday, Ravindran said the paper “Debate on modern Indian political thoughts”, in which the extracts were included, would be dropped from the third semester of the course. The paper would be included in the fourth semester after necessary changes. A final decision would be taken after the academic council meeting on September 29, he said.

The BJP criticised the university’s decision to freeze the syllabus, alleging that this proved the nexus between the CPI(M) and Congress in Kerala. “It is surprising that the CPI(M) decides to withdraw the portions about national leaders from the syllabus when Congress demands so. The pressure from jihadis would have also prompted Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to withdraw the text,” said Kerala BJP president K Surendran.

Thursday, the High Court cautioned about the rate of vaccination among the local population in the three districts concerned. Badrinath shrine is in Chamoli district, Kedarnath in Rudraprayag while Gangotri and Yamunotri are in Uttarkashi.

“It is, indeed, disconcerting that the people in the age group of 18-44 years, the majority of them have yet to be inoculated with the second dose. For, according to the data available, in district Chamoli the percentage of population [those with both doses] is as low as 16.9%, in district Rudraprayag it is 22.6%, and in district Uttarkashi

it is 19.3%,” the court said in its order. “Therefore, the second doses have to be increased in these three districts in order to ensure that the local population is completely fortified against the Coronavirus.”

In its SOP, the government had proposed to permit 1,200 pilgrims to visit the Badrinath temple, 800 pilgrims to Kedarnath temple, 600 pilgrims to Gangotri, and 400 pilgrims to Yamunotri on a daily basis. The court in its Thursday order said it was “essential to reduce the number of pilgrims visiting Badrinath temple from 1,200 to 1,000 per day” while the rest can remain the same.

Will take strict action against those behind ‘toxic campaign’: Pinarayi

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 16

KERALA CHIEF Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday warned of strict action against anyone trying to create unrest and hatred in society.

“Those who indulge in a toxic campaign would be dealt with ruthlessly,” the Chief Minister said after a high-level meeting convened in the wake of the controversy over bishop Joseph Kallarangatt’s claim that narcotic jihad in Kerala targets people from non-Muslim communities.

The statement had triggered protests and has led to polarisation of opinion in Kerala.

At the meeting, Vijayan directed police to take action against forces trying to create fissure in the society. He said Kerala has a strong secular tradition and a history of religious bonhomie. “Certain quarters are making deliberate at-

tempts to shatter that tradition and the nature of the state. Strong action would be taken against such attempts,” he said. Vijayan said there are forces engaged in toxic campaigns on social media, aimed at communal division in society. He said the government will take steps to curb such campaigns.

Meanwhile, Opposition Congress leaders on Thursday started visiting Muslim and Christian religious leaders to ease tension between the communities. The move of state Congress president K Sudhakaran and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly VD Satheesan came after the state government did not respond to the party’s demand to convene a meeting of religious leaders. The Congress leaders visited bishops, including Kallarangatt, and Kottayam imam Shamsudeen Mannani Illavupalam. Earlier, CSI bishop Malayil Sabu Koshi Cheriyan and the imam had addressed a joint press meet to defuse tension.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person 1. **Ramesh Garg, S/o Late Sh. Shiv Dhan Mal Garg, R/o: D-11/63, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 & 2. Savita Garg W/o Sh. Ramesh Garg R/o D-11/63, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085** has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 432/19 date 31.12.19 u/s 406 IPC has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ramesh Garg & Savita Garg** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ramesh Garg & Savita Garg** has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant),

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ramesh Garg & Savita Garg** accused of **FIR No. 432/19 date 31.12.19 u/s 406 IPC has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.11.2021**.

By Order
Sh. Babru Bhan

Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)

DP/1063/RD/2021 Room No. 101, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

**FORM NO. 15
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

Wing A, B & F (2nd Floor), Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parishar (GPOA), Near Rajiv Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna. 800 025.
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1. M/s Maa Durga Enterprises, at Flat No.102, Ram Prem Enclave, West Anandpuri, Near Jal Parisad, Rajapur Pul, Dist. Patna, Unit at Khapuri, P.O Shadav, Dulhin Bazar, Dist. Patna 801102.

2. Raushan Kr. S/o Arun Kumar C/o Suresh Sharma, Krishna Nagar, Raza Bazar, Jahanabad, Dist. Jahanabad.

3. Archana Kumari, D/o Awadhesh Poddar, W/o Srikant Sharan, R/o Flat No.302, Hope Royal Residency, Vijay Nagar, Rukanpura, Dist. Patna.

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Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy, 1993 against the Defendants for the Recovery of a Sum of **Rs.2,37,24,604.00** (Rupees Two crore thirty seven lacs twenty four thousand six hundred four only).

The above mentioned Defendants are, therefore, hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in Person or through an Advocate or duly authorised Agent in support of their defence to show Cause within 30 days from the date of Publication or on **23/09/2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (Forenoon) as to why Reliefs prayed for by the Applicant should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the Proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS 12th DAY OF August, 2021.

Registrar
DEBTSRECOVERYTRIBUNAL,PATNA

**Government of Jharkhand
Directorate of Industries**

Tender Reference No. 1823, Ranchi, dated 14.06.2021
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Corrigendum

Advertisement PR No: 253346 Dated: 15/09/2021

The Short Term Tender Notice for selection of consulting firms or expert institutions having adequate experience of assisting in government plan /schemes/ policies in the food, agriculture or allied fields agency for State Project Management Unit (SPMU) towards Implementation of scheme for PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) in Jharkhand has been published vide Tender Reference No. 1823, Ranchi, dated 14.06.202, PR No: 253346 Dated: 15/09/2021 on dated 16.09.2021.

The critical date has been amended as below:

S.No.	Event	Date
1	Date of Uploading RFP on www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in	27.09.2021
2	Date of receiving pre-bid queries through email at: jhr-doi@nic.in	04.10.2021
3	Pre-bid Meeting	08.10.2021
4	Response to queries	18.10.2021
5	Last date of the submission of the bid (Technical & Financial)	26.10.2021
6	Opening of Technical Bid	28.10.2021
7	Presentation by Shortlisted bidders	To be communicated later
8	Opening of Financial Bid	To be communicated later
9	Letter of award of contract	Bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from due date of bid
10	Proposal Validity	
11	Project start	Within one from the issue of LoA
12	Contact person	Manoj Kumar Bhagat
T13	Address	Directorate of Industries 3 rd Floor, Nepal House Doranda, Ranchi – 834002
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NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/RA/JMDP/WB/402 Date: 16/09/2021
Tender ID.: 2021_UDD_51273_1
PR No.: 251901

Corrigendum- 1

All bidders are hereby announced that Corrigendum- 1 is released for tender having **NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/RA/JMDP/WB/402** and **Tender ID.: 2021_UDD_51273_1** for "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consultant for Revenue Augmentation Across Various ULB's In Jharkhand". The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids against the tender.

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2nd Extension Notice

Sl. No.	Tender Notice No. and Description of Item	Extended online bid uploading / submission end date	Last Date of Physical submission of tender fee and EMD	Technical bid opening date and time
1	90/PR/JBVNL2021-22 Appointment of Software Service Agency for Design, Development, Implementation & maintenance Support for Web & Android Based Mobile Application. Software for Photo Spot Billing & Collection System Metering, Billing, Collection (MBC), Customer Information System (CIS) and Meter Data Management System (MDMS) of JBVNL on OPEX Model for 2 years date	27.09.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.	28.09.2021 upto 13:00 Hrs.	28.09.2021 upto 17:30 Hrs.

i. Submission of tender fee / EMD will not be accepted by courier / Regd. Post.
ii. Further details can be seen on website <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and may be contacted on Mobile No. 9431709163 / 7739147383. NIC Helpline No. 0651 – 2400178.

Sd/-
General Manager (IT)

PR No. 250693 PR 253440 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd (21-22)_D

Govt. of Jharkhand

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
e-mail--- eercdapfsdran-jhr@nic.in

e-Procurement very Short Notice

e-Tender Reference No .-RCD/FSD /AP/ RAN/27/21-22 Dated 15.09.2021

1-	Name of Work	Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Construction of three (03) number of H.L. bridges in different roads at Giridih District in the state of Jharkhand from Consulta nts empanelled in Category- II with t he Road Construction Department , Government of Jharkhand vide letter no -686 dated 29-01-2019
2-	Tentative Length of Work	66m,24m, and 20m
3	Work completion time	45 Days
4	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	20.09.2021, 05.00 PM
5-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	27.09.2021, 12.30 PM
6-	Date and Timing of Bid opening	28.09.2021, 12.30 PM
7-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhawan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi -834002, Mobile No - 9431591027
8-	Bid Submission Address	Chief Engineer (Communication), Road Construction Department, 1 st Floor, Engineer Hostel No -2, Dhurwa,Ranchi-834004
9-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

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Executive Engineer
Field Survey Division,A.P
Road Construction Department,Ranchi

PR 253369 Road(21-22)D

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

e-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC 081 TO 085 OF 2021-22

Sealed Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (W A/C.) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the following works.

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Name of Work	Approximate Cost of work (in ₹)	Earnest Money to be deposited (in ₹)
01	DRM BRC 081 of 2021-22. Outsourcing of Track Maintenance activities on BG section under jurisdiction of SSE (P.Way)-ALIRAJPUR for Two year.	1,13,98,114.21	2,07,000.00
02	DRM BRC 082 of 2021-22. Outsourcing of Track Maintenance activities on BG section including companion to patrolmen under jurisdiction of SSE (P.Way) - Vadodara yard (BRCV) for two years.	1,90,16,872.62	2,45,100.00
03	DRM BRC 083 of 2021-22. Outsourcing of Track Maintenance activities on BG section including companion to patrolmen under jurisdiction of SSE (P.Way) - Godhra (GDA) for Two years.	1,90,80,503.52	2,45,400.00
04	DRM BRC 084 of 2021-22. Vadodara Yard :- Disinfection of drinking water supply by chlorination system under the jurisdiction of Sr. Section Engineer (Works) Vadodara Yard (For 24 months).	8,47,712.63	As per bid Security declaration
05	DRM BRC 085 of 2021-22. Vadodara Yard :- Annual Maintenance Contract system under ground drainage line in Railway colony and others under the jurisdiction of Sr. Section Engineer (Works) Vadodara Yard (For 24 months).	14,75,628.76	As per bid Security declaration

Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Tender is to be submitted on 11-10-2021 before 15:30 Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at 15:30 Hrs. Web site particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased: Web site @ www.reps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (W/A/C.), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-4.

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BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi

TENDER NOTICE **Date: 16.09.2021**

Sealed tenders are invited for Bankingof power by BRPL from all bidders

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Period	EMD Cost (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
Head (PMG)/BRPL/Tender/2021 20/1050 Date: 16.09.2021	BANKING OF POWER	1st Nov.21 to 30th Sept. 22	Five Lakh	30.09.2021 at 15:00 HRS	30.09.2021 at 15:15 HRS

For further details please log on to <http://www.bsesdelhi.com>

Head
(Power Management Group)

Regd. Off. : BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 | Corporate Identification No.: U40109DL2001PLC115327
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PRESS NIT NO-36 (2021-22)

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through E-Procurement solution
1	Replacement of old rusted & damaged 300 mm dia water line from GT Road Shahdara Road to Ahinsha Vatika Marg in AC-64 under EE (NE)-I	39,23,024.00	14.09.2021 2021_DJB_208300_3	28-09-2021 2:10 PM

Further details in this regards can be seen at <https://delhi.govtprocurement.com>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (Water) Sd/-
Advt No. J.S.V 394(2021-22) **Ex. ENGINEER (NORTH EAST)-I**

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)

3rd floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.
Ph No.: +91-651-2225878; e-mail Id:- pdt.juidco@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

Corrigendum- 2

NIT No JUIDCO.:/NIT/TA/PPP/398 Date:16/09/2021
Tender ID.: 2021_UDD_51063_1
PR No.: 250980

All bidders are hereby announced that Corrigendum- 2 is released for tender having **NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/TA/PPP/Tender ID and 398.: 2021_UDD_51063_1** for "Request for Proposal for Appointment of Transaction Advisor for selection of Concessionaire for Managing, Operating and Maintaining the facilities developed at Birsa Munda Smriti Park & Museum and Rabindra Bhawan on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode". The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids against the tender.

Note: Corrigendum- 02 (including date extension) and all other information can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e., (<http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>)

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

PR 253424 (Urban Development and Housing)21-22*D

JHARKHAND ‘Mental poverty’ when only development work carried out in forest: HC

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 16

IT SHOWS “mental poverty” when only development work is carried out around forests without thinking of “connecting those forests” for easy movement of animals, Jharkhand High Court observed on Thursday.

The court made the observation when the issue of steps taken to reclaim fauna in Jharkhand’s forests came up while it was hearing a suo motu case on the death of two elephant calves in forests of Latehar district.

The bench of Chief Justice of HC Ravi Ranjan and Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad emphasised that there must be a serious effort to “bring back” the fauna, which the CJ said was in abundance earlier.

The court was informed that Jharkhand has 29 per cent forest cover, translating into 23,615 sq km.

PK Verma, principal chief conservator of forest and head of forest forces, told the court that all forest areas, barring one each in Palamu and Saranda, are not continuous and are only in patches. At this, the court responded: “Doesn’t this show our mental poverty? When we talk about development we should also talk about development of connecting two jungles... We should have made elevated roads, so that animals have a connection to the jungle. We did not think about that, but now we need to act...”

NITI Aayog ties up with BYJU’S to provide study material to schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE NITI Aayog on Thursday launched an initiative in partnership with edutech giant BYJU’S, under which students of Classes 6-12 in government schools across 112 ‘Aspirational Districts’ will get free access to the company’s “premium learning resources”.

Under the initiative, BYJU’S will also provide “free” coaching classes to over 3,000 “meritorious” students of Classes 11 and 12, offered by Akash Institute, for engineering and medical entrance examinations.

The initiative was launched by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant through a video conference. In a letter to the Chief Secretaries of states, he said, “NITI Aayog is partnering with BYJU’S to make these supplemental learning resources available to children in the government schools in the Aspirational Districts on a pro-bono basis.”

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Government of Assam

"In the last one-and-a-half years, the country has fought such a massive pandemic only with mutual cooperation and united efforts. From frontline warriors to millions of countrymen have displayed great grit, patience and sense of service and continue to add strength to the Government's steadfast efforts against the pandemic."



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Furthering Prime Minister's vision of care and compassion during COVID times

Initiatives by the Government of Assam

The pandemic has been hard on everyone. COVID-19 has rendered people jobless, children have become orphans and families have been left without any financial support. The Government of Assam promises to support each such citizen of Assam who has suffered during the pandemic.



Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Chief Minister, Assam

Chief Minister's Sishu Seva Scheme

- Under this scheme, children who have lost both parents to COVID-19 are provided Rs. 7.81 lakh fixed deposit with commensurate monthly income scheme of Rs. 3500/- per month. They have also been provided with a laptop each.
- Orphan girls of marriageable age will be given the benefit of 'Arundhati Gold Scheme' at the time of marriage.
- Skill based education is to be provided to the children under this scheme.

Chief Minister's COVID Widow Support Scheme

A one time financial support of Rs. 2.50 lakhs to women who have lost their husbands due to COVID-19 pandemic. So far, 1478 beneficiaries have received financial assistance under this scheme.

Prarthana Scheme

The Government of Assam is providing a one time financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh to the next of kin of all deceased COVID positive patients under this scheme.



TAKING THE CALL

New course on telecom, aviation, auto suggests government’s intent to provide policy clarity, push investment

THE SERIES OF policy announcements over the past few weeks seems to suggest a concerted effort by the government to usher in a more investment-friendly policy environment in the country. Beginning with the move to bury the much reviled retrospective tax once and for all, to now announcing measures aimed at alleviating the distress in the telecom sector, the policies signal an attempt by the government to rectify administrative and judicial decisions that were seen as obstacles by the corporate sector. Equally significant, when seen through this lens, was the tweaking of the Air India bid conditions to signal the government’s firm commitment to privatisation. As is Thursday’s announcement of a government guarantee for the bad bank, and the recent announcements of sector-wise production-linked incentive schemes (PLIs) meant to encourage fresh investments in the country as the economy recovers from the fallout of the Covid pandemic.

With retrospective taxation now a closed chapter, Cairn Energy expects a resolution in the “near term”. The Union cabinet, on Wednesday, approved a slew of measures aimed to provide relief to the beleaguered telecom sector, to prevent it from sliding into a duopoly. Foremost among them were measures to address the financial stress stemming from the contentious AGR (adjusted gross revenue) issue. The measures announced follow a two-pronged approach. First, the government has changed its stance on what constitutes AGR. It has taken out non-telecom revenues from its ambit, thus accepting that the expanded interpretation was indeed tricky. Second, as this does not in any way alter the liability of the telcos arising out of the Supreme Court ruling, the government has provided a four-year moratorium on payment of existing AGR dues. To the extent that deferment of payment will provide a breather to cash strapped telcos in the short-term, this is a welcome move. Other notable measures, which include raising the tenure for which the spectrum can be held to 30 years, doing away with the spectrum usage charge for future auctions, and outlining the spectrum auction schedule to allow telcos to plan their auction strategies accordingly, are steps in the right direction for the long-term health of the sector. Alongside, the cabinet has also announced a PLI scheme for automobiles, auto-component and drone manufacturers with a budgetary outlay of Rs 26,058 crore — in line with the broader push of the government to boost domestic manufacturing, and encourage exports.

The intent behind each of these policy measures is straightforward — clear the hurdles/obstacles for the corporate sector, and provide greater policy clarity and certainty. When seen together, these seemingly disparate policy measures, also indicate a more determined push by the government to facilitate private sector investments in the country. With the pace of vaccination gathering steam, and as large parts of the economy open up, moves such as these could help lift corporate sentiments.

THE WRONG ANSWER

Tamil Nadu must support its students in NEET transition, rather than let subnationalism dictate its choices

THE TAMIL NADU government’s efforts to exit the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) system for admission to undergraduate medical colleges make for unsound policy. The state assembly this week passed a bill restoring the system of admission on the basis of Class XII marks — an electoral promise of the DMK government — which now awaits the President’s approval. The state has pointed to the data gathered by a nine-member government committee as the rationale for such a legislation. Indeed, the panel has highlighted a worrying trend: The proportion of students from rural areas, economically weaker backgrounds, Tamil-medium schools, and state board schools has decreased significantly in Tamil Nadu’s medical colleges since the state moved to NEET in 2017-18. Switching back to the older system, which the state claims has served its robust public health system well, will correct the skew in favour of the privileged, the government reasons. A spate of suicides by students appearing for the entrance test also makes for an emotive issue, especially in a state with an enviably high percentage of students enrolled in higher education. However, it appears that a politics of Tamil subnationalism is also stopping the DMK government from acknowledging gaps in the state curriculum and forcing it into unnecessary hard positions.

NEET came up as a solution to the problem of a profusion of entrance examinations to medical colleges across states, the lack of standardised assessments and allegations of corruption in admissions. The Supreme Court has upheld its validity. Instead of breaking away from a national test and trying to cushion its students, the Tamil Nadu government must support them in the transition to a new system. This can be done by upgrading its curriculum and training medical college aspirants in problem-solving for competitive examinations, which were not held in the state for a decade between 2006, when the state scrapped a common entrance examination to medical colleges, and 2017.

For NEET, too, the findings of the TN panel must be a prod to acknowledge and spot its gaps. The exclusions of class, caste and gender privilege built into the entrance test must be found and addressed. But one blind spot remains. The irrationally high social value placed on medical and engineering college education across India and the mismatch between available seats fuel the hyper-competitiveness around admissions, resulting in high-stakes elimination tests such as NEET. A conversation that looks at education outside those two options must also be broached to take the pressure off students and colleges.

BRING ON THE CACAO

Chocolate has ruled global taste buds for centuries, but attributing subversive powers to it is a step too far

OVER FIVE HUNDRED years ago, Mesoamericans considered chocolate valuable enough to use it as currency. Goods were exchanged for a hot chocolate drink and dried cacao beans could be used to pay tributes (taxes). In 21st century Hong Kong’s prisons, though, chocolate is seen as being able to purchase something far more potent — support for pro-democracy activists. According to security officials, dissenters who were arrested after a controversial security law was imposed in 2020 by Beijing won’t be allowed chocolates, for fear that they could be used to “solicit followers” and undermine the government of the special administrative zone. Does chocolate really have such power over people? In the 16th century, Spanish explorer Hernando Cortes described it as “a bitter drink for pigs”, but once sweetened, chocolate quickly conquered European taste buds. With the creation of solid bars in the 19th century, it became the world’s favourite indulgence. There have been critics, of course, including nutritionists and parents worried about childhood obesity and poor dental health, but those concerns have more to do with the sugar content in modern chocolate products. Recent studies have in fact indicated that dark chocolate, especially when unsweetened, may have great physical and mental health benefits.

While chocolate does have its dark side — notably the use of child labour and slavery in the industry — influencing the minds of people is not among its qualities. Because if it were that easy to exercise mind control, governments around the world wouldn’t scramble about pinning the blame for discontent on the oddest of things, from skinny jeans (North Korea) to critical race theory (certain US states) and depiction of time travel in films (China). Hong Kong’s attempt to scapegoat chocolate only highlights the absurdity of its own action.



JAVED ANAND

RESPECTED SHRI MOHAN Bhagwatji, *Namaste!*

I am encouraged to address this missive to you because, taken at face value, some of your recent statements on the Hindu-Muslim paradigm sound like soothing music to some Muslim ears. Among other things, you have proclaimed that the DNA of all Indians is the same; that Hindutva is inconceivable without Muslims; that if any Hindu says Muslims should not remain in India, he is not a Hindu; and that those who do lynching are going against Hindutva. You even say that India is a democracy where there can be no question of Hindu supremacy.

Perhaps, such sweet sentiments coming from none less than you, the current high priest of Hindutva, did bring tears to some Muslim eyes. But with due respect, bitter past experience reveals the yawning gulf between the utterances and promises of the RSS and its affiliates on the one hand, and their performances on the other.

In January 1993, BJP stalwart L K Advani promised Muslims that his party “will protect their lives and they will enjoy equal justice.” In March 1995, the then chief minister of Gujarat, Keshubhai Patel, stated that “Muslims have nothing to fear under BJP rule... You will see how well we treat Muslims and other minorities under our rule.” On the eve of the 1996 general elections, BJP president Advani extended a “guarantee” to every Muslim, “security, justice, equality and full freedom of faith and worship... no BJP government will tolerate any dilution of this guarantee.” And, in June 1997, Advani promised “a riot-free, violence-free, discrimination-free India” once the BJP comes to power at the Centre.

“Muslims are flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood,” the then BJP president, Bangaru Laxman, had declared in 2001. A year later, gruesome violence was inflicted on Muslims in Gujarat under the watch of the then chief minister, Narendra Modi, and Union home minister, L K Advani. Modi was hailed by the Sangh Parivar for having established the “first successful laboratory of Hindutva”.



ASHOK K MEHTA

ON JULY 30, during a webinar on the perilous future of Afghanistan, Fahim Dashty, one of the two Afghans on the show, insisted that Kabul will never fall. When asked why districts were falling to the Taliban like ninepins, he blamed mismanagement by NSA Hamdullah Mohib. According to him, the Herat strongman Ismail Khan had called the collapse of districts “a conspiracy”. Dashty was precise and concise. He was smoking and smiling, which provoked someone from the audience to object. I did not have the heart to stop him. Dashty was fearless, frank and frills-free, wearing his Tajik headgear at a rakish angle with the Kabuli scarf flung around his neck. I got to know him on the Track II circuit covering Afghanistan, for nearly 20 years.

Dashty was killed either on September 5 or 6 in Panjshir. It is believed he was taken out by a Pakistani drone that picked up his coordinates from his satellite phone through which, as a spokesperson for the National Resistance Forces (NRF), he was triumphantly announcing the pushback of the Taliban who had surrounded Panjshir Valley. The Valley had never before capitulated to either the Russians or Taliban. The Tajiks then had control not only over Panjshir but also Badakhshan province, which shares borders with China and Tajikistan. This land corridor ensured the Tajiks were connected with their kin in Tajikistan. But this time, the Taliban’s first conquest was the area surrounding Panjshir. The isolated valley could not hold on indefinitely.

Former vice-president Amrullah Saleh and Ahmad Massoud, the two Tajik leaders,

Bitter past experiences reveal yawning gap between promises and practices of RSS

And what should one say about more recent times? The Prime Minister of India, a proud former *pracharak* of the Sangh Parivar, promises “*sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas*”. However, in the last seven years, Muslims have been repeatedly taunted, humiliated, hurt, incarcerated on bogus charges and lynched under the watch of the RSS-blessed, BJP-led governments at the Centre and in several states. You say that Muslims have nothing to fear in India. The reality is that very many Muslims (and Christians) today feel increasingly alienated, insecure and afraid.

In the decades prior to BJP rule, commission after judicial commission of inquiry appointed by governments to probe into riots in their states indicted the RSS and its affiliate bodies for stoking communal conflict and violence. To cite just one example, the report of the Justice Venugopal Commission on the 1982 Kanyakumari riots involving Hindus and Christians observed: “The RSS adopts a militant and aggressive attitude and sets itself up as the champion of what it considers to be the rights of Hindus against minorities. It has taken upon itself to teach the minorities their place and if they are not willing to learn their place, to teach them a lesson”.

You say that your recent remarks are nothing new, that this is what the RSS has stood for in over 90 years of its existence. Is that so? The RSS and its affiliates proclaim Hindutva as their ideological bedrock, a term coined by V D Savarkar in 1923. According to Savarkar, India rightfully belongs only to Hindus whose fatherland (*pitrbhoomi*) and holy land (*punyabhoomi*) are located within its geographical boundary. Simply stated, like Jinnah, Savarkar subscribed to the “two-nation” theory and so did the RSS. According to “Guru” Golwalkar, the second and till date the most revered *sarsangchalak* of the RSS, India’s freedom from colonial rule in 1947 was not real freedom because it was founded on a “perverted concept of (territorial) nationalism” where citizenship was not religion- or culture-based.

On the face of it, your recent statements

sound like good news, Bhagwatji. But when you claim that this is exactly what the RSS has stood for since its birth, the claim defies both reason and lived experience. You maintain that the solution to the problem of Hindu-Muslim conflict lies in dialogue, not discord. Agreed. You also rightly maintain that polite conversation will not do, what is needed is honest talk. Well said, Bhagwatji. Allow me then the right to some *khari khari baat*.

The claim that what you say now is what the RSS has always stood for is no honest talk. Would you not sound a bit more credible, perhaps, were you to claim that the RSS of 2021 is not the same as the RSS of Hedgewar and Golwalkar? Next, please drop the pretence that the RSS is not interested in politics, that the continuing targeting of Muslims with hate speech and violence by sections of the BJP, VHP and Bajrang Dal have nothing to do with the RSS. Anyone can see this charade of the Sangh Parivar for what it is — a convenient, opportunistic, cynical division of labour.

Forget all else, here’s an idea that I guarantee will win you Muslim hearts and minds. Deeds, you will agree, speak louder than words. The RSS, with its vast network, rightly claims to have its *swayamsevak*s in every nook and corner of the country. The RSS maintains that its workers never indulge in violence. In which case here is the simple idea: Direct your *swayamsevak*s, Bhagwatji, that the next time there is any violence against any Muslim anywhere because of his/her religion, your footsoldiers should be the first to stand by the victim, ensure that he gets justice and the culprits get booked. Do this honestly and consistently for a year or two Bhagwatji and I am sure you will no longer need to pow-wow with select “Muslim intelligentsia” in five-star hotels. The grateful Muslim masses will come running to you of their own accord.

Yours hopefully

The writer is convener, Indian Muslims for Secular Democracy and co-editor, SabrangIndia online

VOICE OF PANJSHIR

Fahim Dashty represented the Afghan national resistance that fought Taliban

live to fight another day, probably in Tajikistan. Massoud Jr is the son of the legendary “lion of Panjshir”, Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was the leader of the Northern Alliance. He was assassinated on September 7, two days before 9/11, in his hideout by a Taliban/Al Qaeda human bomb. Dashty, a cousin of the Massouds, described how the assassin came disguised as a journalist to interview Massoud. A hidden explosive device in the camera took his life. Dashty was badly wounded. Last month, in a symbolic gesture, the President of Tajikistan awarded his country’s highest award to Massoud Sr.

It was not easy taking Panjshir and required intervention by Pakistan’s Special Forces and Air Force at a time when it became imperative to show that the Taliban had full territorial control and that there was no leadership divide. Dashty was confident the NRF would hold and had hoped help would come from Iran and India. Iran condemned Pakistan for its intervention, but could do nothing more. The embryo of the resistance is alive in the vicinity and has the potential to revive as a full-blown armed opposition. Dashty was not a trained fighter and he used to ask me about India’s wars of 1965 and 1971 in which I had fought, and wondered why India never managed to cross the Indus or Durand Line to join hands with Afghan friends squeezing Pakistan. While he blamed Pakistan for its political and military meddling in Afghanistan, he was equally critical of India using Afghanistan soil for anti-Pakistan activities.

It was delightfully refreshing to listen to Dashty. Despite his plain speaking, he was

much sought out by the media. The journalist in Dashty (he was the president of Afghanistan Journalists Association, Kabul) stood out. On one rare occasion, he got embroiled in an argument with a Pakistani general not known for sobriety and prone to using Punjabi invective. Although the German convenor could not comprehend the root cause of conflict or the general’s ire, he decided to declare a break to restore order. Dashty rushed out of the room to have a cigarette. In the evening, I asked him what happened. He said: “General, I wanted to smoke!” The Tajik, Uzbek and Kazakh members of the regional group simply loved Dashty. After six years of work in several countries and a visit to NSC in the White House, two of the group’s recommendations were: One, making Afghanistan a neutral country, and; two, strict non-interference by neighbours to be monitored by the UN/SCO/SAARC. A grand bargain between Afghanistan and Pakistan was also considered. Unfettered access to Karachi for Kabul, in return for its recognition of the Durand Line.

Dashty’s legacy will live on due to his proximity to the Massoud clan. Before Dashty departed, he told the BBC: “If we die in resistance, it is a win for us. History will write about us as people who stood for their country till the end of time.” As a friend and admirer, I hope the resistance lives and thrives to break the shackles of Taliban tyranny. Afghans yearn for peace, but, as Dashty might have said, never under Taliban rule.

The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army



SEPTEMBER 17, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

CONFIDENCE MOTION

MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES in the Lok Sabha have decided to bring a no-confidence motion against the Indira Gandhi government. Opposition members gave notice for a one-line motion. It is expected to be taken up on September 17. Through the censure motion, the Opposition members hope to achieve what has eluded them so far — a discussion on the Antulay affair. An Opposition member said that they were driven to this course following the Speaker’s firm refusal to allow Opposition members to make their submissions on the privilege issue relating to the Antulay affair before

rejecting the notice. Under rules of business, a no-confidence motion gets top priority after question hour. If 50 Opposition members rise in support of it, the motion is admitted for discussion.

BANI-SADR’S APPEAL

ABOLHASSAN BANI-SADR, THE former Iranian president, has appealed to all democratic countries in the world to apply pressure on Ayatollah Khomeini to stop the indiscriminate killings of those who are even slightly suspected to be opposed to his regime. There is a danger of an entire country being Balkanised. He also made a special

appeal to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Indian people to inject some sense into the Ayatollah.

RAJYA SABHA CONFLICT

THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN some Opposition leaders and the Rajya Sabha chairman, M Hidayatullah, snowballed on September 16 when the former boycotted a meeting called by the latter. The differences have their origin in Hidayatullah’s rulings on some privilege notices on September 14. There was a verbal clash between Pilo Mody (Janata) and the Rajya Sabha chairman on September 15.

15 THE IDEAS PAGE

Back to school

Strategies to cope with learning loss need to be devised as children return to classrooms. They must be given time to settle back into routines, reconnect with the process of schooling



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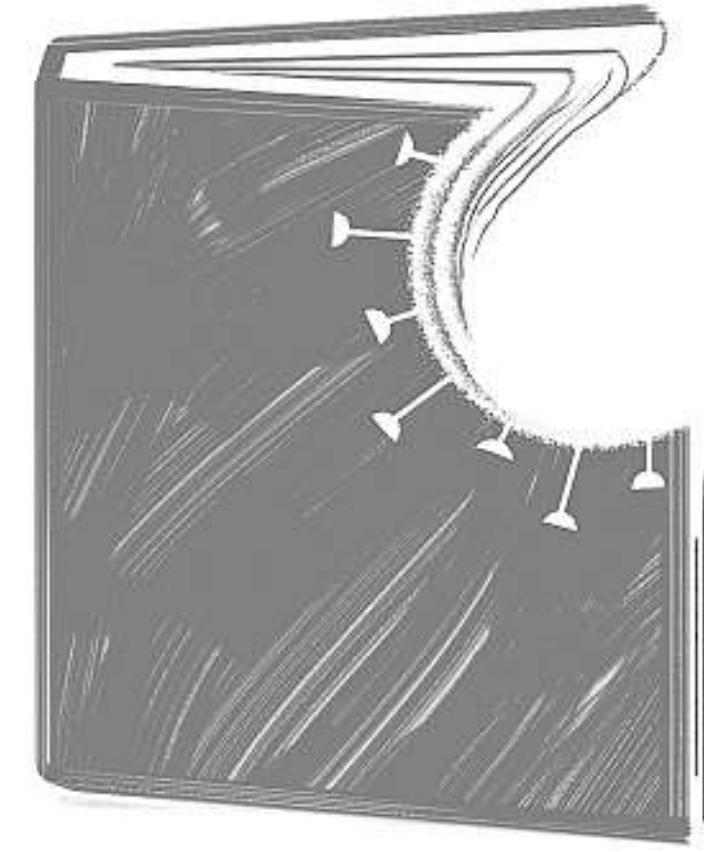
WHILE THE PANDEMIC and associated school closure has affected us in many ways, loss of learning among children is emerging among the most explicit and worrying aspects. This learning loss comprises two dimensions — one is the learning that has not happened due to school closures. To this loss of curricular learning is added the “forgetting” of what they already knew. This forgetting is not unusual — it is clearly seen after long holidays, and is generally made up during the first few weeks of schooling. However, when this loss is of foundational abilities like reading, writing and basic arithmetic, it deeply hinders further learning.

Loss of learning due to school closure during the pandemic has been seen the world over. Quantified in terms of months that children are “behind” their class, it varies from less than a month after 11 weeks of school closure to four years after 57 weeks of school closure. According to the report, “What’s next? Lessons on Education Recovery” by UNICEF, UNESCO, World Bank and OECD, among measures taken to alleviate this loss, 41 per cent of countries reported extending the academic year while 42 per cent reported prioritising certain curriculum areas or skills. Over two-thirds of countries reported implementing remedial measures to address learning gaps for primary and secondary school students when schools reopened.

Our primary schools have been closed for about 500 days, which translates to over 70 weeks of schooling. Given the amount of time schools have been closed, as we reopen now, we cannot start with the regular curriculum as if it is the beginning of a regular academic year. We need to think deeply about what should be done. This question is particularly moot for primary schools, where the foundations of later learning are established. To answer this question, it is necessary to examine how children learn in primary schools. Children learn not only through interaction in the classroom but also through observation, dialogue and exploration through unstructured experiences. Thus, given that we have to make up for over 70 weeks of school closure, we must not hurry children into the learning process. Not only the learning associated with the current class but relearning from the previous classes must be in focus.

The next question is — what is important to learn? The learning outcomes for each class have been clearly indicated by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which is the nodal academic institution for school education at the national level. These learning outcomes focus on the abilities children have to acquire as opposed to the content of textbooks. Thus, reading a poem is important, memorising the content of the poem is not important. Being able to add is important, not adding all the problems at the end of the chapter in the textbook. And language and mathematics are most important, since they enable the learning of other subjects. Thus, learning outcomes of specific subjects must be prioritised, and the curriculum reset for at least a couple of years.

When schools reopen, differences in the learning levels of children will be starker than



before. A solution that is deceptively simple is that of placing children in groups according to their current learning levels. Termed ability grouping, it seems like the perfect solution, with children starting with similar sets of abilities and proceeding thereon. However, the approach of grouping students based on their abilities often results in “labelling”, adversely impacting their self-esteem and worth; research studies have found students in “low” ability groups have significantly lower self-esteem than low achievers in mixed ability classes, and are also likely to have behavioural problems. This approach also neglects to take into account the fact that children learn from each other. It is not unusual to have children at different levels in the same classroom. Some schools use this difference as a resource, using sets of teaching-learning materials that children use in groups under the guidance of teachers. As children attain pre-set learning milestones, they move onto the next level. This approach using peer learning benefits all.

When we examine the available data from various studies on the learning levels that our children are at, it is clear that at the primary level, the focus ought to be on foundational abilities. For instance, Azim Premji Foundation’s field study in January 2021 across 44 districts covering five states indicated that nearly three-fourths of the children in Class II have lost the ability to identify a word in print; in Class IV, for instance, a majority of them have lost the ability to express the gist of a poem while in Class VI more than half the children lost the ability to write their views on various events happening around them. The recently released SCHOOL survey carried out across 15 states shows that over-all 42 per cent of children in urban areas and 48 per cent in rural areas are unable to read more than a few words. These studies indicate that most children across the primary grades have lost the basic abilities required to continue their learning journeys.

The curricular priorities will have to be set specific to the stages of schooling. If the priority at primary level is on recovery of foundational abilities in language and mathematics,

Children have experienced loss; some have entered the workforce while others have been given responsibilities within the household. The most important thing that must be done when schools reopen is to welcome them back — to listen to their stories, to give them time to settle back into routines, to involve them in activities that allow them to express themselves. Time and patience may help us find ways to compensate not only the learning loss but also to change our schools for the better.



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the focus in middle school should be an integrated approach to achieving learning outcomes across subjects, while at the secondary and senior secondary level, core learning outcomes must be identified and mapped to textbooks; and for this level additional material could be developed, given that students at this stage are capable of some independent study.

As persons closest to learners, teachers must be given the autonomy and support to determine what children learn and when, within the broad contours of the curriculum. Changes in curriculum and the approach to teaching-learning would require orientation of teachers, and materials to support their work with children. This material must be attractive and meaningful, related to children’s context, while encouraging them to speak about visuals, read small pieces of text, respond to interesting questions, and perform simple exercises. This material must cover a range of abilities so the teacher can use similar resources for the entire class.

To track recovery from learning loss, periodic assessment would be necessary — this must be done in a non-threatening way, by the teacher through observation and interaction with her students. The stress of regular testing must not demotivate children from learning.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge that school closure has resulted in more than learning loss. It has led to a disconnect from the processes of schooling. Children have experienced loss; some have entered the workforce while others have been given responsibilities within the household. The most important thing that must be done when schools reopen is to welcome them back — to listen to their stories, to give them time to settle back into routines, to involve them in activities that allow them to express themselves. Time and patience may help us find ways to compensate not only the learning loss but also to change our schools for the better.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Afghanistan is poised on a knife edge, and the international community will need to exercise patience and prioritise correctly if it does not want the war-torn country to descend into chaos.”

— DAWN

How not to deal with a downturn

Cutting funds to states, monetising assets will not help Centre tide over economic depression. It could aggravate the crisis



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UNION FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman, while announcing the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP), said that asset monetisation is based on the philosophy of creation through monetisation and is aimed at “tapping private sector investment for new infrastructure creation”. If one looks at the two volumes of details provided by the NITI Aayog — and the economic policy of this government — it will be clear that NMP has nothing to do with infrastructure development. It is, instead, a cover-up of the massive resource crunch the country is staring at.

The Centre is facing a serious financial crisis because of the exigencies created by the pandemic and its own policies that are tuned to help big corporations. The lakhs of crores of cess and surcharges it has collected haven’t helped the government tide over the crisis. NMP will aggravate this crisis. Disinvestment of profitable Navratna companies will result in a loss of dividend, a major source of income for the Centre. Tax exemptions to the so-called investors will take away another major share of income. Central funds will be squeezed and this, in turn, will have a bearing on state finances.

The Centre is now advising panchayats to find ways to monetise their properties. Panchayats are being asked to sell their capital assets and use the money for revenue expenditure.

NMP will seriously hurt the interests of the country. The government must rethink this policy in the interest of the people, the country’s political and economic sovereignty and the federal character of the polity. These policies reflect poorly on the government’s economic management and speak of the lack of planning at a time when the economy is undergoing a depression.

In Kerala’s case, the Centre’s policies will lead to a sharp fall in revenues. From next July, the compensation grant for the deficit in GST from the stipulated 14 per cent will be stopped. This year, Kerala got around Rs 13,000 crore as GST compensation.

Kerala has also suffered a huge fall in the revenue it was getting from the divisible pool. The state was getting about 3.92 per cent from the divisible pool in the 1970s and 1980s. It came down to 2.66 per cent and 2.34 per cent in the awards of the 12th and 13th Finance Commissions. The 14th Finance Commission award increased it to 2.45 (2.50) per cent. Now, the 15th Finance Commission has reduced it to 1.92 per cent. This arbitrary cut is a result of the adoption of certain new yardsticks by the commission without considering the state government’s views.

In 2019-20, the state got around Rs 17,000 crore from the divisible pool as per the 14th Finance Commission’s recommendation. We lost about Rs 6,400 crore in 2020-

21 after the new yardsticks given by the 15th Finance Commission were put in place. The 15th Finance Commission’s special grant (RD grant) of Rs 19,800 crore for this year will no longer be available in the coming years. Karnataka and many other states have also suffered because of the policy to reduce the divisible pool share.

Kerala’s annual expenses are about Rs 1,10,000 crore. The state will face a shortfall of Rs 32,000 crore in its revenues. This decrease is a result of reducing the state’s share in the divisible pool by Rs 7,000 crore, stopping the GST compensation of Rs 13,000 crore due to the state and the discontinuation of grants amounting to Rs 12,000 crore. Many other states are facing a similar resource crunch due to the Centre’s policies.

The huge tax exemptions to big corporate houses has aggravated the situation. Exemptions amounting to Rs 99,842.06 crore were extended to corporate houses in 2019-20. Many taxes on goods were reduced because of electoral compulsions. This reduced central revenues. Along with such tax exemptions, the increased use of cesses and surcharges is responsible for the shrinking of the shareable pool. The shareable resources with the Centre was around Rs 6.8 lakh crore in 2019-20 which has come down to Rs 5.5 lakh crore in 2020-21.

During the discussion on the GST Bill at the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha, of which I was a member, the Left parties had given a dissent note which pointed out that such a tax will put an end to fiscal federalism. In fact, B R Ambedkar, while justifying the Constituent Assembly’s decision to leave the Sales Tax with the states, had said that this tax would be the only source of revenue for the states. Now, that has been taken away.

States begging for resources does not augur well for cooperative federalism. Instead of helping states to face this economic depression, the Centre is busy cutting its resources. All the cesses and surcharges that are not shared with states come to about 20 per cent of the total revenues of the Centre. States have been demanding that this money should be shared with them, particularly while fighting a pandemic. Kerala, for example, is spending a huge amount to help people face this crisis.

Developing basic infrastructure and the production sector is the only way to face an economic crisis. The Centre has the responsibility to help states in this respect. That should not be done by selling or handing over public assets to private individuals and corporations.

This is not the way the world faced the past two depressions. We need massive public investment that will help people to form cooperatives and collectives in agriculture and industrial production. Parliament, the National Development Council and the GST Council should discuss this unprecedented situation. We need to find a way out collectively. Handing over the rights on public properties to private individuals will take the country back to the colonial era. This must not be allowed.

The writer is minister for finance, Government of Kerala



PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17, is Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 71st birthday. In a few days from today, he will be creating a record. On October 6, he will complete 20 years of continuous captainship of an elected government. He was chief minister of Gujarat for 13 years and has been the PM of the world’s largest democracy, India, for seven years. This feat of being the head of a government, as chief minister and prime minister, for 20 uninterrupted years has not happened by a stroke of luck but is a reflection of the public’s faith in a visionary leader who thinks differently and acts differently.

People repose this kind of power in the hands of a leader who they think can solve the problems of the country. Indians have seen governments run by “family parties”. Here is a PM who considers the whole country his family and works tirelessly to take it forward. People have experienced how self-interest prevailed in earlier regimes. For Modi, it is always nation first. His honesty and integrity is full and final. He led a corruption-free government and brought transparency through technology. Indian citizens have preferred him over others because of this quality.

Public perception is what matters the most to any democratic leader. All the popularity polls and surveys of world leaders have always placed him in the highest rankings. I have first-

The mandate and the mission

Narendra Modi’s 20 uninterrupted years in office are a reflection of public faith

hand experience in different states of how people perceive Modi. One youth in Barmer district of Rajasthan told me, “We have seen the dead bodies of our soldiers sent by Pakistan. For the first time, we are seeing a PM who ensured the safe return of a captured pilot within 48 hours.” A women farm labourer told me that people like her prefer Modi as he has come from a humble background and understands poverty. Manipur voters were happy because he expanded the food security programme and provided rice at Rs 3 per kg.

His vision is to empower the poor, the farmers and the middle class and ensure speedy progress of the country. More than 2 crore PM Awas houses, 12 crore toilets, 4 crore power connections, 4 crore water tap connections, the implementation of the unique health scheme Ayushman Bharat which gives free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh to 50 crore people, 24 crore Mudra loans, and other job-oriented schemes have changed the fate and face of the poor sections of society.

The middle class always wants peace and prosperity. During the UPA regime, there used to be bomb blasts by terrorists in various cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, etc. In the last seven years, there has been a sea change on the security front. Tough action against terrorism and Naxalism has brought peace. His decision to allow a surgical strike

after the Uri attack and the airstrike at the Balakot terrorist camp after the Pulwama attack changed the perception of India. He showed the world that he can take tough decisions in the interest of the country. He took the historical decision to abrogate Article 370 and 35A in Jammu and Kashmir, and he also ensured a peaceful solution to the Ram Mandir issue. Muslim women welcomed his decision to do away with triple talaq.

The middle class wants infrastructure development and growing business opportunities. National highways, railways, inland waterways, rural roads, schemes like UDAN, mobile penetration, cheaper data, immediate IT refunds, GST, IBC and many other business reforms have brought ease of doing business as well as ease of living.

His vision is that of nation-building. Swachh Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Digital India, National Irrigation Policy, Skill India, Smart India Hackathon, Atal Innovation Mission and Toyathon are a few examples. His vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Startup India, Stand-up India and Make in India is very ambitious and forward-looking. His efforts to build attractive and good memorials of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, B R Ambedkar, Subhas Chandra Bose and all the former prime ministers reflect his efforts to inspire the nation.

His persona can be understood from how

he bowed before the Constitution and declared it to be the supreme guide for governing the country. Many times he has expressed his gratitude for the good work done by earlier governments and prime ministers. Two of his small decisions show the way that he thinks. In one, he decided to do away with VIP culture and the red beacon. In another initiative, he granted permission for self-attestation of documents. This practice of “believing in the people” was neither followed by the British nor after independence.

We have been lucky to see him in action. In every cabinet meeting, he would ask the opinion of the ministers and if there was a genuine point which made a rethink necessary, he would defer the subject and after the necessary amendments would bring it before the cabinet.

He is very active on world forums, too. In Paris, I have seen the leadership role he played to bring out a solution and successfully insisted on including the concepts of “climate justice” and “lifestyle” in the Paris Agreement.

A recent tweet on Paryushan Parv — “Forgiveness signifies large-heartedness. It is a part of our culture not to keep ill feelings towards each other” — signifies the persona of our prime minister, Narendra Modi.

The writer is member, Rajya Sabha

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NEW CLASSROOM

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Children locked out’ (IE, September 16). The writer rightly points out that children have been locked out of classrooms for a year and a half year due to the pandemic. The reach of online education is limited in India. The country’s educators will have to find alternative ways such as radio, television and weekly of-line classes to guarantee the right of education, a fundamental right under Article 21A of the Constitution. There is a need to reform the syllabi and teaching methods to ease the burden on both the students and the teachers in the post-pandemic era.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

ONUS ON SOCIETY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Hathras, a year on’ (IE, September 16). Laws and punitive measures can only do so much in ending crime against women. Society needs to ask itself questions on matters that should be very basic to modern times.

Rajwant Kaur, Chandigarh

BASICS FIRST

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Ease of democracy’ (IE, September 15). There is no pointing in being called the largest democracy if the country ranks low in the basic yardsticks of democracy. Efforts to dismiss the global democratic

index should be criticised. It would be better if such efforts are directed towards improving the country’s score on such indices.

Melvin Thomas, Bhopal

LOOK WITHIN

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘History lessons for Taliban’ (IE, September 16). The writer, a senior BJP functionary, is right in stating that with the country’s pluralistic past and the new realities arising from its brief brush with democracy, Afghanistan’s government should be more accommodating towards freedom of choice and religion. The irony, however, is that in India, where his party rules, we seem to be slipping badly on these counts. One must remember that the lessons of history apply to everyone.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

REJECT BIGOTS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘JAM & Abba Jaan’ (IE, September 15). The responsibility of any democratically elected government is to do good to all the people, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. Perhaps, it would be to the benefit of all if we were to, as an electorate, elect representatives who are in favour of issue-based politics rather than continuously trying to apply a communal tinge.

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

NCPCR seeks removal of Zubair tweet, approaches Delhi HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

FOLLOWING TWITTER'S refusal to take down a post by AltNews co-founder Mohammed Zubair, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has approached the Delhi High Court, alleging that the tweet was in violation of various laws and seeking its removal.

Delhi Police had registered a case against Zubair in August 2020 on a complaint made by NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo. The complaint had referred to a tweet by Zubair on August 6, 2020, which had the photo of a minor girl, with her face blurred out, during an online spat he was having with her father, the Twitter user in question.

The HC had last year restrained police from taking any coercive action against Zubair.

NCPCR has filed an affidavit in the case, stating that the commission had written to Twitter and Delhi Police in July this year re-

garding Zubair's tweet and asked them about follow-up action. Delhi Police, the NCPCR said, told the commission that it filed a Kalandra under IPC Section 175 before the Patiala House Court on February 17 against Twitter for not providing the sought information despite repeated reminders.

Police had particularly sought action against Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and its then managing director (India operation) Manish Maheshwari.

The affidavit also states that Twitter in August this year informed the commission that the image of the child in the post is pixelated or blurred. The micro-blogging site has declined to take down the post after the review, as per the affidavit.

"Twitter is not cooperating with the law enforcement agencies and is not following the law of the land by not taking action against the said impugned post," NCPCR said, while seeking Twitter's impleadment in the case and a direction to remove the post in question.



TELANGANA LAUNCHES NEW ICT POLICY: Telangana IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao inaugurates the state's second Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Policy, in Hyderabad on Thursday. The policy aims to double the IT and IT-enabled services annual exports to Rs 3 lakh crore and increase the direct employment base to 10 lakh by 2026 from the existing 6.25 lakh. Senior government officials were present on the occasion, besides NASSCOM Chairperson Rekha M Menon, IT department Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan and US Consul General in Hyderabad, Joel Reifman. *Express*

ASSAM TO DESTROY RHINO HORNS KEPT IN STATE TREASURIES

Guwahati: The Assam council of ministers on Thursday decided to destroy 2,479 rhino horns, stockpiled in the treasuries of different districts of the state, by burning them in public to bust myths associated with it and prevent poaching of the animal.

The meeting of the ministers, which was chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, also gave its nod for a nat-

ural history museum at Kaziranga National Park where 94 rhino horns, extracted from animals that had died due to natural reasons, will be kept and preserved as heritage pieces for academic purposes and public viewing.

Assam ministers also decided to waive the licence fee for rickshaws, handcarts and others in the capital city.

UP Assembly polls: AAP promises free, 24-hour electricity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 16

THE AAM Aadmi Party (AAP), which rode to power in Delhi promising free electricity and water, has made a similar promise in Uttar Pradesh where Assembly elections are due early next year.

In a series of announcements made in Lucknow on Thursday, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said that if voted to power, the AAP will provide 300 units of free electricity to domestic consumers, waive pending "inflated" bills and ensure a 24-hour power supply in Uttar Pradesh.

The AAP has made similar promises in Punjab, Uttarakhand and Goa where Assembly polls are due early next year.

"Vote AAP to power and within 24 hours, all residential consumers will get free electricity up to 300 units. All farmers... will get free electricity," Sisodia said.

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The bids/tenders are invited from the eligible bidders through online bids in the website: https://tenders.hry.nic.in For the work detailed in the table.							
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1.	Special repair/renovation of Fletcher Bhawan of CCSHAU, Hisar i.e. (Providing false ceiling & granite flooring in circulation area of all floors internal & external electrical work, public health work, HVAC, Transforme, DG set, UPS system etc.)	350.00 lakh	7.80 lakh contract or 3.90 lakh Society	Five months	15000/- (Rs. 1000 + 18% GST)	16.09.2021 at 09:00 hrs To 29.09.2021 at 17:00 hrs	01.10.2021 at 10:00 hrs to 01.10.2021 at 15:00 hrs
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Tender No. GIDC/21-22/01
**E-Tender cum E-Auction of Prime Industrial Plots
(on Leasehold Basis) at Verna, Goa**

Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GOA IDC) has so far successfully developed over 23 Industrial Estates across the State of Goa. The Verna Industrial Estate is the most centrally located industrial estate in Goa that enjoys well developed infrastructure and excellent connectivity to the National Highways. The Mormugao Port (a major port) and the Dabolim Airport are situated at a distance of 18.8 Kms and 14 Kms, respectively, from Verna along the NH366. Verna also enjoys excellent rail connectivity.

Goa IDC now invites Bids through the e-tender cum e-auction of following **31 (thirty one)** select prime "Industrial Undertaking" Use plots situated at Verna, Goa on long term lease basis:

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I-3	2000	I-9	2000	I-15	37500	I-21	25175	I-27	1800
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THE BASE RATE FOR BIDDING FOR PLOTS IS Rs. 5000 PER Sq. Mt.

Bidding Process: Goa IDC invites digitally signed and encrypted Bids on a "single stage two-part" on e-tender cum e-auction basis for each of the 31 Plots at Verna, Goa, through the Government of Goa eProcurement System (<https://eprocure.goa.gov.in/nicgep/app>).

GUIDELINES for E-tender cum E-Auction:

- ➔ Detailed Request for Bid (RFB) document, including details of Plots, and draft Lease Deed can be downloaded from <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in/nicgep/app>
- ➔ Bidders / Applicants are required to enroll on <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in/nicgep/app> and obtain a valid digital signature as required for submission of Bid and participation in the E-auction.
- ➔ Response to Pre-bid queries and any Corrigendum / Addendum or any intimation regarding extension, etc. shall be announced only on <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in/nicgep/app>
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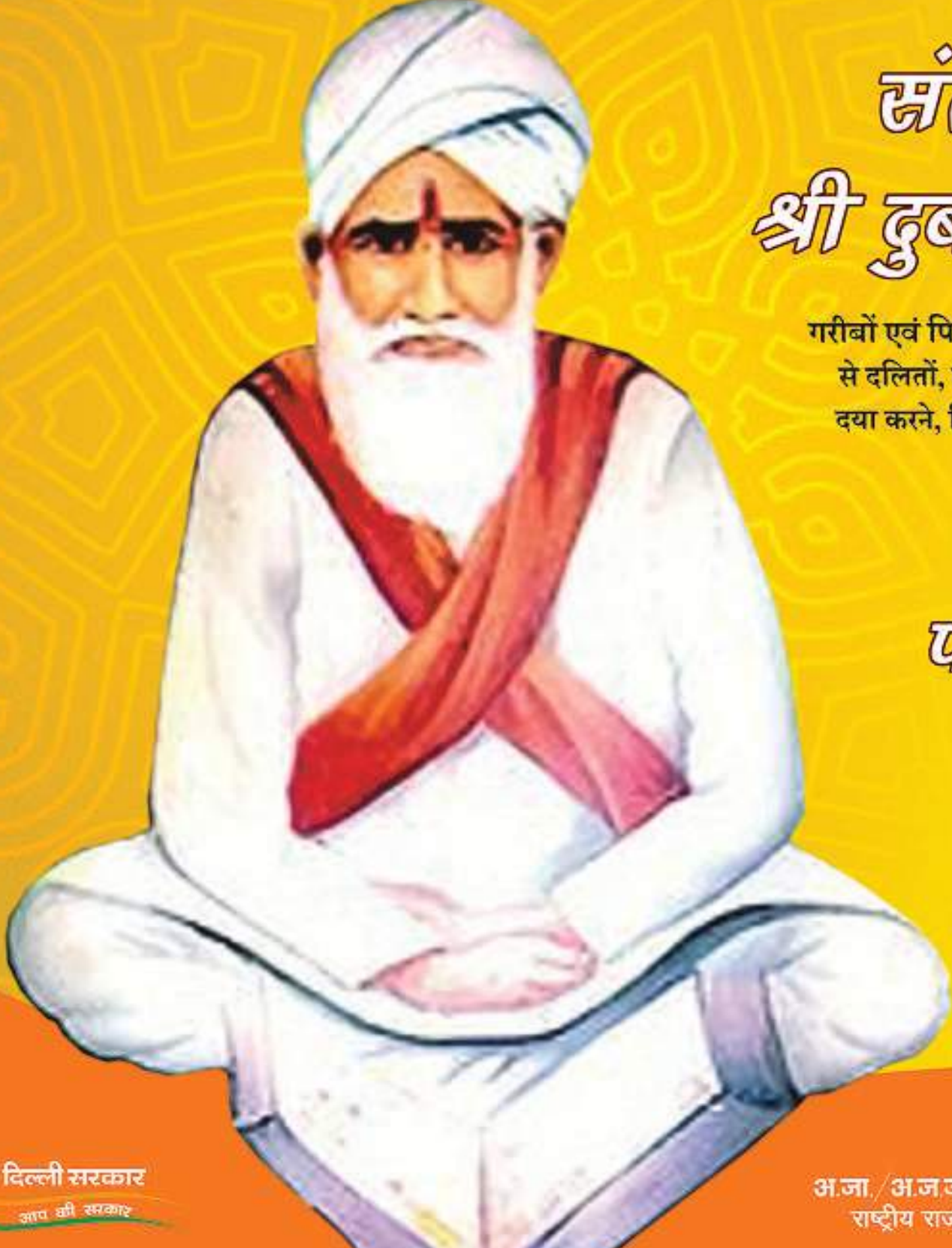
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- ➔ The RFB shall be available for download from **16th September, 2021**
- ➔ A Pre-bid meeting will be held at GOA IDC on **29th September, 2021**
- ➔ Last date & time for submission of online Bids in the format prescribed in the RFP Document is **21st October, 2021, 1500 Hrs IST.**

GOA IDC reserves its right to reject any or all the Bids received, or annul the process at any stage in the paramount interest of GOA IDC / Government of Goa and without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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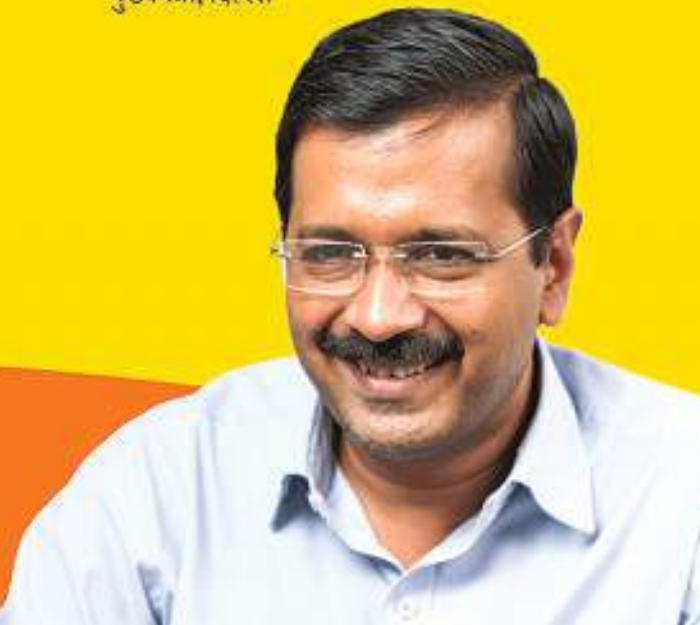
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SALUTE THE SOLDIER


Martyr of CISF on 17th September, 2018

Head Constable(GD) Sikander Yadav

Sashastra Seema Bal fondly remembers and cherishes the valiant act of brave heart Head Constable/GD Sikander Yadav who made supreme sacrifice of his life in the line of duty for the Nation. Head Constable/GD Sikander Yadav of 48th Bn SSB, Jaynagar attained martyrdom on this day in the year 2018 when he was abducted from his hometown, village- Padhethik, Distt-Jamui (Bihar) and killed by Naxals while he was on leave. HC (GD) Sikander Yadav was killed in a retaliatory action by Naxals, in response to operations conducted by SSB against Naxals.

We salute the supreme sacrifice of our brave soldier.

SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL

**Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education**
Nampally, Hyderabad

Notification

Tender No.:225/D2/TS/2021, Dated:15-09-2021

Secretary, TSBIde desires to select an agency for Disposal of Old Answer Books & Office Sweep for the year 2020-21. Bidders willing to participate in this e-tender may visit e-procurement portal. <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

Date of commencement of bid submission - 17-09-2021, 10.00 AM

Last date for submit the bids through e-portal- 01-10-2021, 3.00 PM

Sri Syed Omer Jaleel, I.A.S., Secretary

R.O.No.2149-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/11/2021-22

कार्यालय उप वन संरक्षक, करनाल, वन परिसर, करनाल।

अल्प अवधि निविदा सूचना


क्षेत्रीय मंडल करनाल में विंतीय वर्ष 2021-22 में वन विभाग हरियाणा द्वारा करनाल में OXY-VAN बनाया जाना है। OXY-VAN में चालिकी का कार्य करने से संबंधित निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिन स्थान पर कार्य करवाया जाना है उनकी सूची, सविदा प्रपत्र, भागी व अन्य जानकारी वन मंडल अधिकारी, करनाल के कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। इसके अतिरिक्त वन विभाग की वेब साईट पर भी उपलब्ध होगी। हरियाणा वन विभाग से पंजीकृत खंविदाकार आवेदन कर सकते हैं एवं एक खंविदाकार साथ लगते दो ब्लॉक के लिए भी आवेदन कर सकते हैं। इच्छुक खंविदाकार संबंधित निविदा दिनांक 22.09.2021 तक [website: http://etenders.hry.nic.in](http://etenders.hry.nic.in) की साईट पर अपलोड सुबह 09.00 बजे तक कर सकते हैं। टेंडनकल निविदा दिनांक 22.09.2021 की सुबह 11.30 बजे खोली जाएगी।

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करनाल।

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पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना विद्युत सुरक्षा निदेशालय से 'क' प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त, अनुभवी एवं प्रतिष्ठित फर्मो/एजेन्सीयों से www.etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा दिनांक 01.10.2021 समय 11.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है जिसका प्रथम भाग उसी दिन समय 14.00 बजे खोला जायेगा। 1. ई.-निविदा सं.- 29/2021-22 धरोहर राशि-110000.00, निविदा राशि-5900 (जीएसटी सहित) विद्युत नगरीय वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय, नोएडा के अन्तर्गत मैसर्स डी.एम.आर.सी. स्टॉफ क्वार्टर को मल्टीपॉइंट सयोजन निर्गत करने हेतु भूमिगत लाईन निर्माण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण तथा संशोधन/निविदा विस्तार की जानकारी वेबसाइट www.pvnl.org तथा www.etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत नगरीय वितरण मण्डल-द्वितीय, नोएडा। पत्रांक सं. 1671/दिनांक 16/09/21

**पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.**
विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना निम्न निविदायें ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से दिनांक 7-10-2021 को अपराह्न 14:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है, निम्नके निविदा भाग-प्रथम, उसी दिन संधि 4:30 बजे खोले जायेंगे:- अ.का.ईनि.सं.-58/वि.कार्यशाला सं./मेरठ/2021-22 { नि.मु. रू. 3540.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित) धरो.रा. रू. 23000.00 Supply of 3 Phase Automatic Transformer Turns Ratio Meter as per specifications. अ.का.ईनि.सं.-59/वि.कार्यशाला सं./मेरठ/2021-22 { नि.मु. रू. 3540.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित) धरो.रा. रू. 13000.00 (i) Supply of L.T Coil winding Machine suitable for 10 KVA to 100 KVA TF and as per specifications (ii) Supply of L.T Coil winding Machine suitable for 160 KVA to 1000 KVA TF and as per specifications. अ.का.ईनि.सं.-60/वि.कार्यशाला सं./मेरठ/2021-22 { नि.मु. रू. 3540.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित) धरो.रा. रू. 12000.00 (i) Supply of H.T Coil winding Machine suitable for 10 KVA to 100 KVA TF and as per specifications (ii) Supply of H.T Coil winding Machine suitable for 160 KVA to 1000 KVA TF and as per specifications. अ.का.ईनि.सं.-61/वि.कार्यशाला सं./मेरठ/2021-22 { नि.मु. रू. 1180.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित) धरो.रा. रू. 7500.00 Supply of Adhesive Gum of Standard quality suitable for use in Transformers repairing work as per relevant ISS. अ.का.ईनि.सं.-62/वि.कार्यशाला सं./मेरठ/2021-22 { नि.मु. रू. 3540.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित) धरो.रा. रू. 12000.00 Supply of Neoprene Oil Seals of different sizes made of best quality Industrial Rubber and as per specifications. निविदा हेतु चालित धरोहर राशि व निविदा शुल्क (अप्रतिदेय) को विभागीय खाते में जमा कराने वाले एवं निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य समस्त विस्तृत विवरण /जानकारी/संशोधन/तिथि विस्तार इत्यादि हेतु वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> लॉग इन करें। विद्युत सम्बन्धी शिकायतों की सूचना "1912" पर दें। राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएं हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत कार्यशाला मण्डल, मेरठ पत्रांक: 2231/ वि.कार्यशाला सं./मेरठ दिनांक: 15/09/2021

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Place: Mumbai sd/-
Date: 17.09.2021 Chief General Manager (HRM)

**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**

NOTICE

PENSION ADALAT PENSION ADALAT PENSION ADALAT

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan will hold its 36th Pension Adalat on 15.12.2021 (Wednesday) in the Vivekananda Auditorium/ English Medium School, Chittaranjan from 10.00 hrs. In the Pension Adalat the grievances of pensioners/family pensioners of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works in regard to non-receipt of Pension/Family Pension/Provident Fund/DCRG/Commuted value of pension/Encashment of Leave Salary/Railway or Group Insurance will be settled on the spot. Cases involving purely legal points e.g. succession etc. are not within jurisdiction of Pension Adalat, hence shall not be entertained.

Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works with any grievance as mentioned above may submit their representation in duplicate along with complete particulars such as Name, Details of last post held, Date of retirement/Death, Type of grievance, P.P.O No., Full present address and Mobile Number in a closed envelope address super scribing on the top "FOR PENSION ADALAT-2021" by 08.11.2021 addressed to:- The Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, P.O.: Chittranganj, District : Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN Code-713331.

PR5-221 Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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No. 680 Date : 15.09.2021

Short term "E" Procurement Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G) Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan-Haridwar invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Mohammadpur Power House-

Tender No. 10&11/EE(M&G)/MPH/2021-22

1- Name of work -1. Supply of safety items and materials for sanitization purpose and protective gear against Covid-19.

2-Annual Maintenance of Machine no 1,2 & 3.

3- Date of availability of Tender document on website- 16.09.2021 (11:00 Hrs)

4- Last date of submission of tender on website - 29.09.2021 upto (17:00 Hrs)

For all details, bidders are advised to see "E" Procurement Portal uktenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer (M&G), Mohammadpur Power House

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

FORM NO. 15
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
Wing A, B & F (2nd Floor), Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchhari Parishar (GPOA), Near Rajiv Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna. 800 025.

O.A No.- 401/2020

Indian Bank, SAMB Branch, PatnaApplicant

Vrs.

M/S INDIAN SEEDS & OTHERS.Defendants

SUMMONS

ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

To,

1. M/s Indian Seeds through its proprietor Sri Bharat Bhushan R/o Chunauti Kuan, Kurkuri, Phulwarisharif, Dist. Patna.

2. Mr. Bharat Bhushan S/o Late Rameshwar Pd. Singh At Nagina Colony, Chunauti Kuan, Kurkuri Phulwarisharif, Dist. Patna.

3. Md. Danish Ahmad S/o Md. Mozaffar R/o Isopur, Federal Colony, Phulwarisharif, Dist. Patna.

4. Md. Riyaz Alam S/o Md. Gyasuddin R/o Nayatola, Naharpur, Phulwarisharif, Dist. Patna.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy, 1993 against the Defendants for the Recovery of a Sum of **Rs.21,81,821.00** (Rupees Twenty one lac eighty one thousand eight hundred twenty one only).

The above mentioned Defendants are, therefore, hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in Person or through an Advocate or duly authorised Agent in support of their defence to show Cause within 30 days from the date of Publication or on **23/09/2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (Forenoon) as to why Reliefs prayed for by the Applicant should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the Proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS 12th DAY OF August, 2021.

Registrar
DEBTSRECOVERYTRIBUNAL,PATNA

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE - Commercial Department

The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara invites tenders from Registered Lease Holders of Vadodara Division, for the contract of leasing out space in the following train detailed below. The tenure of contract will be for 5 years.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Train No	From-To	Comp. of 3.9 tonne SLR available for leasing	Reserve Price per 4 tonne Comp of SLR per day
1	C78-FSLR-09103-3	09103	Kevadiya-Varanasi	Front SLR	₹ 23,915/-
2	C78-RSLR-09103-3	09103	Kevadiya-Varanasi	Rear SLR	₹ 23,915/-
3	C78-FSLR-09120-3	09120	Kevadiya-Madras	Front SLR	₹ 16,583/-
4	C78-RSLR-09120-3	09120	Kevadiya-Madras	Rear SLR	₹ 16,583/-
5	C78-FSLR-09145-3	09145	Kevadiya-Nizamudin	Front SLR	₹ 11,335/-
6	C78-RSLR-09145-3	09145	Kevadiya-Nizamudin	Rear SLR	₹ 11,335/-
7	C78-FSLR-09105-3	09105	Kevadiya-Reva	Front SLR	₹ 13,887/-
8	C78-RSLR-09105-3	09105	Kevadiya-Reva	Rear SLR	₹ 13,887/-
9	C78-RSLR-02928-3	02928	Kevadiya-Dadar	Rear SLR	₹ 5,645/-
10	C78-1 st FSLR-05831-3	05831	Vadodara-Kota	1 st Compartment Front SLR	₹ 9,458/-
11	C78-2 nd FSLR-05831-3	05831	Vadodara-Kota	2 nd Compartment Front SLR	₹ 9,458/-
12	C78-1 st RSLR-05831-3	05831	Vadodara-Kota	1 st Compartment Rear SLR	₹ 9,458/-

For All Tenders; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,00,000/- NOTE :- 1. Reserve price mentioned above is excluding of 02% Development charge and applicable GST. 2. Offer received below reserve price will not be accepted. 3. The contract will be awarded for the period of 05 (five) years. There will be no escalation during the first three years in lumpsum leased freight. An annual escalation of lumpsum leased freight at the rate of 10% per annum on the lumpsum leased freight of the immediate preceding year shall be applicable from the fourth year onwards. 4. Leaseholder should note that as per HQ letter No. C 78/11/17/Parcel Policy Vol.XVI dttd. 07-08-2020, successful bidder has to accommodate Railway booked luggage of reserved passengers only upto 10% of Carrying capacity of parcel space. (1) **Closing date & time of tender: 14-10-2021 at 15:00 hrs.** (2) **Opening date & time of tender: 14-10-2021 at 15:30 hrs.** (3) **Website particulars:** Through online website www.irps.gov.in only. BRC-127


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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER

On Line (E-Tendering) Danapur Division (Engineering Deptt.) The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway, Danapur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractors with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following works:- **Tender Notice No. W-7/E-Tender/10/Open/DNR/2021-22 Sl. No. 1. Name of the Work with its location:** Replacement of 2.44m wide FOB by 6.10 m wide FOB at Bihta Station. **Sl.No. 2. Approx Cost of work:** 3,45,94,332.21 **Sl. No. 3. Name of the Work with its location:** Rehabilitation of Major and Minor bridge having ORN-3 and below by Cement/Epoxy grouting on Main Line under SSEW/DNR in Danapur Division. **Sl. No. 4. Approx. Cost of work:** 2,25,71,281.03 **Sl. No. 5. Name of the Work with its location:** Improvement of road surface of level crossing gate falling in the section of ADEN/LPNBE. **Sl. No. 6. Approx. Cost of work:** 39,24,026.27 **Sl. No. 7. Name of the Work with its location:** Interlocking of Level crossing No.64 (TWG-DURE), 90 (ZNA-DHA) & 92 (ZNA-DHA) under Sr.DEN/3/DNR Section. **Sl. No. 8. Approx. Cost of work:** 24,68,799.72 **Sl. No. 9. Name of the Work with its location:** Interlocking of Level crossing No.65 (TWG-DURE) having more than 20,000 TUV under ADEN/BXR. **Sl. No. 10. Approx. Cost of work:** 17,99,864.30 **Sl. No. 11. Name of the Work with its location:** Interlocking of Level crossing Gate No. 18 (KSC-WRS section) under Sr.DEN/1/DNR. **Sl. No. 12. Approx. Cost of work:** 17,99,905.35 **Sl. No. 13. Name of the Work with its location:** Interlocking of level crossing gate No. 11 (SHK-KSC section), 14,15 & 16 (ORO-TIA Section), 26 (WES-NWD section), 30 (WENA-BEHS section), 38 (MDE-BLE section), 43(NWD-TIA section) & 55 (TIA-WZJ section) Total =09 nos. under Sr.DEN/1/DNR. **Sl. No. 14. Approx Cost of work:** 74,06,421.89 **Sl. No. 15. Name of the Work with its location:** TBR at km.17,650-29,800-12,150 (UP Line) in P.G. section, Km.0.0 to 45,048-45,048Km. in RGD-TIA, Km. 29.0 to 36.0=7Km. in BKP-RGD, Km. 74 to 81.5 & 88.0 to 89.0=8.5km. in K.G. section, TBR of Turnouts 34 nos. in BKP-RGD & KEU-GYA section & TFR 20.0-26.0=6 Km.(UP), 30.7-35.0=4.30km. UP & 26.2-28.8=2.6Km. DN Total=12.90 Km. in Patna-Gaya section, Km.0.0 to 45,048=45,048 km. in RGD-TIA, 83.0 to 87.0=4.00 km., 119.0 to 124.0=5.00 Total 9.0km. in K.G section & TRR in KEU-GYA: 1.8Km. & Casual Rail Renewal (RGD-TIA & TIA-MPO) 1.77 Kms. and other allied work under Sr.DEN(1)/Danapur. **Sl. No. 16. Approx. Cost of work:** 3,13,95,178.81 **Sl. No. 17. Name of the Work with its location:** JAJ – Provision of 02 nos. Transit accommodation and temporary accommodation for supervisors at Jhajha. **Sl. No. 18. Approx. Cost of work:** 35,09,238.61 **Sl. No. 19. Name of the Work with its location:** Reconditioning/Resurfacing of 52/60K. Points & crossing by using H3C class electrodes as approved by RDSO/LKO at various locations under section of Sr.DEN/2/Danapur. **Sl. No. 20. Approx. Cost of work:** 95,75,257/- **Sl. No. 21. Name of the Work with its location:** Interlocking of Level crossing Gate No.39(JAJ-DPX), 41(DPX-GHR), 44(GHR-CUX), 47 (JMU-BFM), 48 (JMU-BFM) & 53 (MNP-BSQ) Total 06 nos. under ADEN/KEU. **Sl. No. 22. Approx. Cost of work:** 1,07,99,464.29 **Sl. No. 23. Name of the Work with its location:** Interlocking of Level crossing Gate No.38(UAJ-DPX), 43(GHR-CUX), 57(RH-ATL), 64(BKP-KWO) & 66 (BKP-KWO) total 05 nos. under Sr.DEN/2/DNR. **Sl. No. 24. Approx. Cost of work:** 41,14,650.30 **Sl. No. 25. Name of the Work with its location:** Repairs of Jehanabad Goods Yard and colony drain at JHD under ADEN/L Patna. **Sl. No. 26. Approx. Cost of work:** 1,35,12,341.94 • **Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender:** The tender have to be submitted online on www.irps.gov.in. Upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 06.10.2021 and will be opened on the same day after 12.00 hrs. • **Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc:** Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: <http://www.irps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board. Amendments / modifications, if any shall not be published in news papers, but the same shall be uploaded in the web-site.

Divinl. Railway Manager (Engg.)
E.C. Rly., Danapur.

**MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MBMA)**
Expression of Interest (EOI)

Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) invites Expression of Interest from eligible companies ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services, etc. for the following assignment:

Selection of Technical Support Agency for Strengthening of Cooperatives under Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP) in Meghalaya.

Last date for Submission of the EOI: **on or before 8th October 2021 by 5:00 PM.**

Details are available at www.mbda.gov.in

The Chief Executive Officer, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, C/o Meghalaya State Housing Financing & Cooperative Society Ltd., Upper Nongrim Hills, Shillong- 793003. **Phone: 0364-2522921/ 2522992.**

MIPR No. 1033 Dt. 16/9/2021

SPECIAL BRANCH
POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. SB/Store/2021-25 (338), Bhopal, Dated 14-09-2021

ONLINE E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police, Special Branch (G) M.P. Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following item on website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>:-

S.No.	Name of Item (s)	Qty.	Tender Fees (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Tender No.
				Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	
1	LIDAR Based 3D Scanner	01	12,500/-	3,50,000/-	1 st Tender

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & must submit online through website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>.

2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)

3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>

4. Tender Schedule:

No.	Tender Activity	Tentative Date & Time
i	Submission of written queries-through e-mail: sec24-sb@mpolice.gov.in	21/09/2021 up to 1700 hrs.
ii	Pre Bid Meeting along with written queries	22/09/2021 at 1200 hrs.
iii	Bid Submission Start Date	07/10/2021 at 1000 hrs.
iv	Last date of online e-Tender submission	21/10/2021 up to 1500 hrs.
v	Bid will be opened on	22/10/2021 up to 1500 hrs.
vi	Demonstration from	27/10/2021 at 1200 hrs.

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The Chief Executive Officer, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, C/o Meghalaya State Housing Financing & Cooperative Society Ltd., Upper Nongrim Hills, Shillong- 793003. **Phone: 0364-2522921/ 2522992.**

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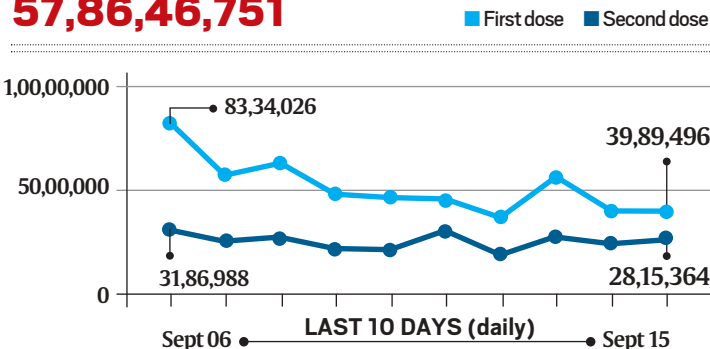
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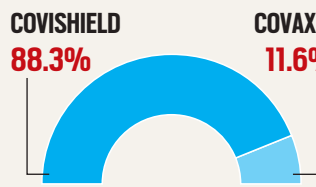
CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)
57,86,46,751



TOTAL DOSES
76,57,17,137

(Sputnik V's 8,62,111 doses not represented in pie)

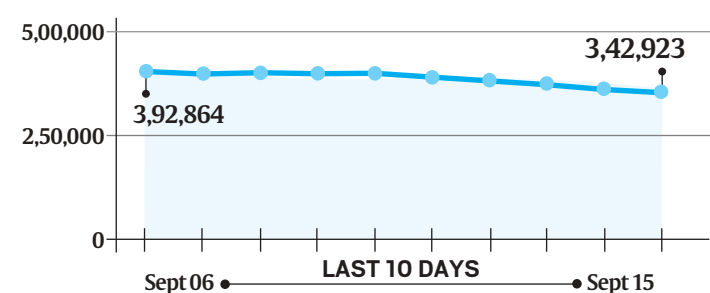


DOSES ON SEPT 14 68,04,860

SEPT 13: 66,73,953 (41,46,014 1st doses; 28,15,364 2nd)

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

3,42,923



Note: The Sept 15 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 16

INDIA TOTAL CASES 3,33,47,325

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Sept 16

Scientists attempt to turn edible plants into vaccines

UNIVERSITY OF California, Riverside scientists are studying whether they can turn edible plants like lettuce into mRNA vaccine factories.

Messenger RNA or mRNA technology, used in Covid-19 vaccines, works by teaching our cells to recognize and protect us against infectious diseases. One of the challenges with this new technology is that it must be kept cold to maintain stability during transport and storage.

If this new project is successful, plant-based mRNA vaccines — which can be eaten — could overcome this challenge with the ability to be stored at room temperature, the University said in a press release.

The project, backed by a US \$500,000 grant from the US National Science Foundation, has three goals: showing that DNA containing the mRNA vaccines can be successfully delivered into the part of plant cells where it will replicate, demonstrating the plants can produce enough mRNA to rival a traditional shot, and finally,

determining the right dosage.

"Ideally, a single plant would produce enough mRNA to vaccinate a single person," a release from the university quoted lead Juan Pablo Giraldo as saying. "We are testing this approach with spinach and lettuce and have long-term goals of people growing it in their own gardens. Farmers could also eventually grow entire fields of it."

Key to making this work are chloroplasts — small organs in plant cells that convert sunlight into energy the plant can use. "They're tiny, solar-powered factories that produce sugar and other molecules which allow the plant to grow. They're also an untapped source for making desirable molecules," Giraldo was quoted as saying.

Giraldo teamed up with Nicole Steinmetz, a UC San Diego professor of nanoengineering, to utilise nanotechnologies engineered by her team that will deliver genetic material to the chloroplasts, the release said.

Source: UC, Riverside

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

FOLLOWING THROUGH with one of her key announcements in the Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the formation of India's first-ever "Bad Bank". She said the "National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited" (NARCL) has already been incorporated under the Companies Act. It will acquire stressed assets worth about Rs 2 lakh crore from various commercial banks in different phases. Another entity — India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL), which has also been set up — will then try to sell the stressed assets in the market. The NARCL-IDRCL structure is the new bad bank. To make it work, the government has okayed the use of Rs 30,600 crore to be used as a guarantee.

What is a bad bank? Why was it needed?

In every country, commercial banks accept deposits and extend loans. The deposits are a bank's "liability" because that is the money it has taken from a common man, and it will have to return that money when the depositor asks for it. Moreover, in the interim, it has to pay the depositor an interest rate on those deposits.

In contrast, the loans that banks give out are their "assets" because this is where the banks earn interest and this is money that the borrower has to return to the bank.

The whole business model is premised on the idea that a bank will earn more money from extending loans to borrowers than what it would have to pay back to the depositors.

Imagine, then, a scenario where a bank finds a huge loan not being repaid because, say, the firm that took the loan has failed in its business and is not a position to pay back either the interest or the principal amount.

Every bank can take a few such knocks. But what if such "bad loans" (or the loans that will not be paid back) rise alarmingly? In such a case, the bank could sink.

Now imagine a scenario where several banks in an economy face high levels of bad loans and all at the same time. That will threaten the stability of the whole economy.

In normal functioning, as the proportion of bad loans — they are typically calculated as a percentage of the total advances (loans) — rise, two things happen. One, the concerned bank becomes less profitable because it has to use some of its profits from other loans to make up for the loss on the bad loans. Two, it becomes

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

What's good about a 'bad bank'

The government has set up two new entities to acquire stressed assets from banks and then sell them in the market. Why was the need felt, how will the two entities work, and to what extent does it help?

CHART 1

SLIPPAGE RATIO, MARCH FISCAL YEAR-ENDS (%)

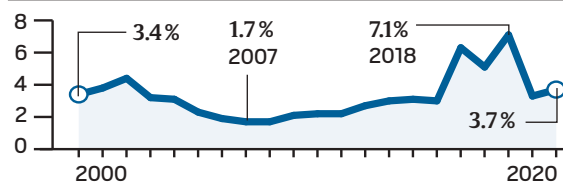


CHART 2

GROSS NPL RATIO, MARCH FISCAL YEAR-ENDS (%)

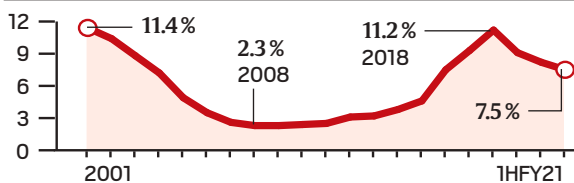


TABLE 1

ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANIES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

AMC	RTC	Danaharta	NAMA	AMCON
Country	US	Malaysia	Ireland	Nigeria
Date established	1989	1998	2009	2010
Ownership	State	State	51% private, 49% state	State
Official mandate	Resolve thrifts	Purchase, manage, and dispose of NPLs; receiver of two failed banks	Purchase, manage and dispose of NPLs	Purchase, manage and dispose of NPLs, recapitalise failed banks, and invest in equities
Life span	7 years	7 years	Anticipated to be 15 years	None specified
Recovery rate (face value)	87% (on assets only)	58%	~33% (end 2014)	N/A

Source: Kotak Institutional Equities Research

more risk-averse. In other words, its officials hesitate from extending loans to business ventures that may remotely appear risky for the fear of aggravating an already high level of non-performing assets (or NPAs).

In India, as can be seen from *Charts 1 and 2*, the level of NPAs rose alarmingly since 2016. In a big way, this was a result of the RBI requiring banks to clearly recognise the bad loans on their books. The fact is several banks had witnessed progressive souring of their loans portfolio since the global financial crisis of 2008-09.

From the taxpayer's perspective, the most worrisome fact was that an overwhelming proportion of NPAs was with the public sector banks, which were owned by the government and hence by the Indian public. To keep such PSBs in business, the government was forced to recapitalise them — that is, use taxpayers' money to improve the financial health of PSBs so that they could carry on with the business of lending and funding economic activity.

But with each passing year, NPAs continued to mount — not helped by the fact that the economy itself started to lose its growth mo-

mentum since the start of 2017.

It was argued by many that the government needs to create a bad bank — that is, an entity where all the bad loans from all the banks can be parked — thus, relieving the commercial banks of their "stressed assets" and allowing them to focus on resuming normal banking operations, especially lending.

While commercial banks resume lending, the so-called bad bank, or a bank of bad loans, would try to sell these "assets" in the market.

How will the NARCL-IDRCL work?

The NARCL will first purchase bad loans from banks. It will pay 15% of the agreed price in cash and the remaining 85% will be in the form of "Security Receipts". When the assets are sold, with the help of IDRCL, the commercial banks will be paid back the rest.

If the bad bank is unable to sell the bad loan, or has to sell it at a loss, then the government guarantee will be invoked and the difference between what the commercial bank was supposed to get and what the bad bank was able to raise will be paid from the Rs 30,600 crore

that has been provided by the government.

Will a bad bank resolve matters?

From the perspective of a commercial bank saddled with high NPA levels, it will help. That's because such a bank will get rid of all its toxic assets, which were eating up its profits, in one quick move. When the recovery money is paid back, it will further improve the bank's position. Meanwhile, it can start lending again.

From the perspective of the government and the taxpayer, the situation is a little more muddled. After all, whether it is recapitalising PSBs laden with bad loans or giving guarantees for security receipts, the money is coming from the taxpayers' pocket. While recapitalisation and such guarantees are often designated as "reforms", they are band aids at best. The only sustainable solution is to improve the lending operation in PSBs.

Lastly, the plan of bailing out commercial banks will collapse if the bad bank is unable to sell such impaired assets in the market. If that happens, guess who will have to bail out the bad bank itself? Indeed, the taxpayer.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

In equity wave, don't forget the basics



SANDEEP SINGH

ON A day when the benchmark Sensex and Nifty closed at fresh highs (above 59,000 and above 17,600 respectively), Ajay Tyagi, chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) cautioned investors against market risks and called for due diligence before investing.

"It is extremely important for the investors in securities market to be consciously aware of the fact that such investments are subject to market risks. Before making any investment decision, they need to do their due diligence and not be carried away by unsolicited advice which may not be reliable," Tyagi said at the Financial Markets Summit of CIL.

The rise has seen a big surge in retail participation in equity markets. In 2019-20, on an av-

erage, 4 lakh new demat accounts were opened every month, which has risen to an average 26 lakh per month in the current financial year. Even individuals' average share in the daily cash market turnover has jumped from 39% in 2019-20 to around 45% in 2020-21 and 2021-22. Holdings of individuals in listed companies have increased from 8.3% at the end of Q1 2019-20 to 9.3% at the end of Q1 2021-22.

While investors have been benefiting, the high levels of the market and the expensive valuations definitely call for a cautious approach. Investors should not only go for fundamentally strong and better run companies, but should also follow the basics of investment at all times, which include: asset allocation (mix of debt, equity, gold and other assets), due diligence before investing in the primary and secondary markets, avoiding leveraged investment and going for professional advice. Most importantly, as the SEBI chairman said, investors should not be carried away by unsolicited advice which may not be reliable.

Maintain asset allocation

At such a time, it is possible that investors may get tempted to divert funds from other as-

sets (fixed deposits, debt MFs, provident fund, gold etc) into equities. It is important to keep in mind that different asset classes perform at different times and a mix provides a balance to the portfolio and helps the investors absorb the shock of an adverse equity market movement. Even within equities, investors must not pull out money from mutual funds to invest in direct equities for higher return. It is better to let a professional fund manager take the call on investments in the stock market. Experts say it is also important to have a sizeable amount of cash flow in an asset class that preserves the capital.

Surya Bhatia, founder, Asset Managers, said, "Considering that the pandemic is not over, individuals must keep at least three years of cash flow in safe asset class. Also, given the market rally, it is important to move the funds from mid- and small-caps to large-caps."

Due diligence

Whether it is investing in IPOs or listed stocks, investors must do a basic check on the company, besides ignoring unsolicited investment tips through messages on the phone. A basic check will show if the company is funda-

mentally sound and has a stable business. Some basic details include: business of the company, revenue and profit of the last three years and growth of these; debt in the books of the company; and investment by FPI or domestic institutions in the company.

Avoid leveraged investment

In times of low interest rates and a bullish stock market, it is very natural for investors to think about borrowing at low rates and investing in the equity market for high returns. Retail investors should never fall for such an idea. There are enough risks in the market and if it were to fall after the borrowed investment, it could be a messy situation. While the pandemic risk is not over yet, there could be volatility in the market once central banks announce the withdrawal of liquidity infusion and decide to increase interest rates. Besides, valuations are in the expensive zone.

"The related issue is as to how excess liquidity in the system would be managed by the central banks including the timing and pace of unwinding. The level of inflation is another factor to watch. Given the uncertainty, it is difficult to predict the inflection point," said Tyagi.

Politics, khaps, social media: how Haryana became farmer protest epicentre

MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 16

OVER THE last few months, Haryana has become the epicentre of the farmers' agitation against three agriculture laws, originally spearheaded by farmers from Punjabi. The Haryana police have cracked down on farmers, who have announced a blanket boycott of leaders of the BJP-JJP coalition.

Chief Minister M L Khattar and Home Minister Anil Vij claim the protests are the handiwork of leaders in Congress-ruled Punjab. A range of factors have contributed to Haryana becoming the epicentre?

The politics

With panchayat polls in Haryana round the corner, it's a pressure tactic by the farmers to break the government's indifference.

The state government has been proac-

tively confronting the protesting farmers, and booking them on charges as grave as attempt to murder, and even sedition. So far, the police have lodged over 150 FIRs against thousands of farmers in 18 of the 22 districts.

"This confrontation suits the Khattar government, which came to power riding on non-Jat votes. The government may have perhaps calculated that this standoff would lead to a further polarisation of Jats and non-Jat voters," political observer Dr Pramod Kumar said.

As for the farmers, the police action is only galvanising them. The massive turnout at the mahapanchayat a day after the lathicharge in Kamal is a case in point.

Also, the farmer leaders helming the Samyukt Kisan Morcha understand that the Centre and BJP cannot communalise the agitation in Haryana. As Dr Ashutosh Kumar of the Department of Political Science at Panjab University said, "How can you paint

people who greet each other with 'Ram, Ram' as Khalistanis?"

Power of khaps

The agitation is backed by the powerful khaps that encapsulate the caste identity in Haryana.

"It was the khap leaders who first said that the farmer is in danger. They pressed the trigger points when they said this government will give your land to corporates, and no one will marry your children," Dr Kumar said.

This message found resonance in the state, which has already seen the rapid takeover of agricultural land around the National Capital Region.

Proximity to Punjab

In the beginning, the agitation in Haryana was limited to Kurukshetra and a few other areas. This changed when the Punjab union leaders shifted their movement to Delhi in

November 2020. When Punjab farmers braved water cannons and navigated road-blocks erected by the police, villagers in Haryana rose in their support.

Many in Haryana played host to complete strangers who took shelter in their villages while trying to escape the police crackdown. As the Punjab farmers dug in at Delhi's borders, neighbouring villages in Haryana began to provide them with logistic support.

Social media

The message of unity of farmers from the two states, historically divided by a water-sharing dispute over the sharing of river waters through the SYL canal, was amplified on social media.

"At present, every village is organised into committees, and a single message in one of the WhatsApp groups can mobilise people and resources," said Prof Vinod K Choudhary of the Department of Sociology at Panjab

University. "Every rally, every move is reported on social media. The plight of a farmer in distress is presented so vividly with such evocative jingles that it is difficult to remain unmoved," said Choudhary, who hails from a village near Hisar.

Schemes such as online registration for procurement and crop insurance, although progressive in spirit, are also adding to the collective angst, as most farmers are unable to process them.

Giving vent to grievances

Historian Prof Raghuvendra Tanwar of Kurukshetra University said the agitation has become a rallying point for farmers in distress due to wider issues of fragmentation of landholdings, diminishing returns from agriculture, rising debt, and the culture of rampant consumerism.

"I fully support the three farm laws, but 90% of the protesters don't understand their

merits. There is a lot of pent-up anger and frustration which is finding a vent in this agitation," said Prof Tanwar, who is himself a prosperous farmer with a large landholding.

Leadership at grassroots

Unlike in the past when farmer leaders such as Sir Chhotu Ram and Chaudhary Devi Lal were from wealthy families, the present farmer leadership in the state is from the grassroots.

They visit the villages regularly, and give direction to the movement. The boycott of the BJP-JJP leaders is a case in point.

Besides Gurnam Singh Chaduni, the most prominent Bharatiya Kisan Union leader who has been working for farmers since 1992, there are many local leaders such as Subhash Gurjar from Yamunanagar, Rakesh Bains from Kurukshetra, and young women such as Reeman Nain, 25, who is mobilising women from 58 villages of Hisar.

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Rodrigo Duterte

PHILIPPINES

Govt refuses to work with ICC 'war on drugs' investigation

THE GOVERNMENT of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Thursday said it will not cooperate with an International Criminal Court (ICC) probe into his notorious war on drugs, or allow any investigators into the country. Judges at the ICC on Wednesday approved a formal probe into Duterte's bloody campaign, in which thousands of suspected drug peddlers have died, many executed by police, according to activists, who say law enforcement agencies have killed with tacit backing of the president. Duterte and his police chiefs say killings were in self-defence, while his government insists the ICC has no right to meddle in the country's affairs. **REUTERS**

RUSSIA

Putin: Dozens in staff infected with coronavirus

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin said dozens of his staff have been infected with the coronavirus and that he will continue his self-isolation because of the outbreak. The Kremlin announced earlier this week that he would self-isolate after someone in his inner circle was infected although Putin had tested negative for the virus and he's fully vaccinated. But Putin said Thursday the infections were extensive. "This is not one, not two, but several tens of people. Now we have to observe the self-isolation regime for several days," he said. **AP**

BRITAIN

UK woman files appeal against Cyprus 'fake rape' conviction

A BRITISH woman convicted for falsely claiming gang rape in Cyprus has filed an appeal to the island's Supreme Court, seeking to clear her name. The woman received a suspended four-month prison sentence in January 2020 in a case which sparked concern from Britain and activists about her treatment by Cyprian authorities. Lawyers for the defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and prosecutors presented their arguments before the Supreme Court in the capital Nicosia on Thursday. **REUTERS**

US, UK, Australia agree on new Indo-Pacific pact; China fumes

Australia to build eight nuclear-powered submarines; France slams move

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, CANBERRA, SEPTEMBER 16

AUSTRALIA WILL build eight nuclear-powered submarines under an Indo-Pacific security partnership with the United States and Britain, a move denounced by China, who said such partnerships should not target third countries and warned of an intensified arms race in the region.

Under the arrangement, dubbed AUKUS, the United States and Britain will provide Australia with the technology and capability to deploy nuclear-powered submarines.

France, which loses its own submarine deal with Australia, called the plans brutal and unpredictable.

The US and its allies are looking for ways to push back against China's growing power and influence, particularly its military buildup, pressure on Taiwan and deployments in the contested South China Sea.

US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison did not mention China by name in the joint announcement and senior Biden administration officials, who briefed reporters ahead of time, said the partnership was not aimed at countering Beijing.

But Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said the three countries were "severely damaging regional peace and stability, intensifying an arms race, and damaging international nuclear non-proliferation efforts".

"China always believes that any regional mechanism should



US President Joe Biden listens as he is joined virtually by Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, on Wednesday. **AP**

Sharing n-sub tech a big call from Biden

THE US last shared the technology to build nuclear submarines with an ally in 1958, when Britain was the recipient. Nuclear-powered submarines use highly enriched uranium as fuel, which has made the US very reluctant to share the technology. In the two decades after the Sept 11, 2001 attacks, the US has been actively trying to pressure

E countries to get rid of nuclear reactors that use highly enriched uranium amid fear that the fuel might fall into the wrong hands. Under these circumstances, sharing the technology with Australia was a major move by Biden which is sure to spark not just protests from China, but also questions from other US allies as well as non-proliferation experts.

conform to the trend of peace and development of the times and help enhance mutual trust and cooperation... It should not target any third party or undermine its interests," he said.

Johnson said the pact was not

meant to be adversarial and said it would reduce the costs of Britain's next generation of nuclear submarines.

The partnership ends Australia's 2016 deal with French shipbuilder Naval Group to build

it a new submarine fleet worth \$40 billion to replace its more than two-decades-old Collins submarines, a spokesperson for Morrison told Reuters.

France: Biden acting like Trump

France accused Biden of stabbing it in the back and acting like his predecessor Donald Trump.

"This brutal, unilateral and unpredictable decision reminds me a lot of what Mr Trump used to do," Le Drian told Franceinfo radio. "I am angry and bitter. This isn't done between allies."

The three leaders stressed Australia would not be fielding nuclear weapons but using nuclear propulsion systems for the vessels to guard against threats.

"We all recognise the imperative of ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific over the long term," Biden said.

NYC requires all persons entering UNGA hall to show proof of Covid-19 shots

YOSHITA SINGH
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 16

AS WORLD leaders begin to arrive here next week for the high-level UN General Assembly session, New York City said "all persons" entering the UNGA hall in the world body's headquarters will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

The condition was also supported by Assembly President Abdulla Shahid. More than 100 heads of state and government, as well as Foreign Ministers and diplomats, will participate in-person in the annual General Debate, starting Sept 21 through Sept 27.

As the high-level UNGA week returns to a hybrid format after going virtual last year due to the raging Covid-19 pandemic, New York, the host city of the UN Headquarters, said proof of vaccination against the coronavirus will be required for "all persons" to gain entry into the 193-member General Assembly Hall.

During the General Debate, only four delegates from a nation, including the head of government, will be present in the General Assembly, potentially bringing them under the city's requirement to show vaccination proof. **PTI**



Medical workers inoculate students at a university in Qingdao, Shandong province, China. **Reuters**

China says it fully vaccinated 1 billion

SUI-LEE WEE & ELSIE CHEN
SEPTEMBER 16

CHINA SAID on Thursday that it had fully inoculated 1 billion people, a milestone for the world's most populous country that brings it closer to its goal of vaccinating 80 per cent of its population by the end of the year.

It was a significant accomplishment, representing 71 per cent of China's population of 1.4 billion. China has administered 2.16 billion doses, nearly triple that of India, which is ranked second for shots given and has doled out 752.7 million doses, according to Our World in Data, which tracks vaccination figures.

More than 200 million people ages 60 and older have been inoculated, while about 95 million children ages 12 to 17 have received

shots, according to Lei Zhenglong, a senior official with China's National Health Commission. "The total number of doses and the number of people covered by vaccination in our country rank first in the world," Lei said at a news briefing on Thursday. Spooked by multiple Delta outbreaks, China expanded access to vaccines. Officials sent health care workers door to door to administer doses and dispatched "vaccination buses" to public spaces. In the countryside, nurses could be seen injecting farmers as they worked in the fields. The Chinese government has no qualms about pushing a more forceful stance on vaccines. It changed its messaging in July, telling officials to shift their approach to targeting all those who "should be vaccinated" from those "willing to be vaccinated." **NYT**



Christopher Sembroski, left, and Sian Proctor fist bump aboard the Inspiration4 mission after launching from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. **NYT**

engines of the Falcon 9 rocket ignited, lifting the rocket and its passengers to space.

Jared Isaacman, a 38-year-old billionaire and founder of Shift4, a payments-processing service, financed the trip. Isaacman's public profile is far less prominent than that of Richard Branson or Jeff

Bezos, two billionaires who flew to the edge of space in July in vehicles operated by companies they own. Those trips lasted just minutes before returning to the ground.

Isaacman's three-day adventure is perhaps more noteworthy, a step toward a future where

space travel might be like airline travel today — accessible by almost everyone. That is because Isaacman decided not to just bring along his friends. Instead, he opened opportunities to three people he did not know.

The result is a mission that carries a crew that is more representative of wider society — Hayley Arceneaux, a 29-year-old physician assistant at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee; Sian Proctor, a 51-year-old community college professor who would be the first Black woman to pilot a spacecraft; and Christopher Sembroski, a 42-year-old data engineer.

Isaacman has declined to say

how much he is paying for this orbital trip, only that it was less than the \$200 million that he hopes to raise for St. Jude with an accompanying fundraising drive.

The capsule is headed to an orbit some 360 miles up, higher than the International Space Station.

The crew members will spend a fair amount of time helping to advance medical research on how the human body reacts to being in space.

After they get to orbit, they will make 15 trips around the planet each day, until Saturday, when they are scheduled to splash down off the Florida coast. **NYT**

FRANCE

ARC DE TRIOMPHE BEING WRAPPED IN FABRIC

The city of Paris is unveiling a monumental artwork built around an actual monument: the Arc de Triomphe completely wrapped in silver and blue fabric. The installation by late artist couple Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who conceived of the project in 1961, will open on Saturday. Visits will take place for nearly almost three weeks.

Friction among Taliban pragmatists, hard-liners intensifies

Baradar appears on Afghan national TV to deny rumours that he was killed

KATHY GANNON

KABUL, SEPTEMBER 16

FRICITION BETWEEN pragmatists and ideologues in the Taliban leadership has intensified since the group formed a hard-line Cabinet last week that is more in line with their harsh rule in the 1990s than their recent promises of inclusiveness, said two Afghans familiar with the power struggle.

The wrangling has taken place behind the scenes, but rumours began circulating about a recent violent confrontation between the two camps at the presidential palace, including claims the leader of the pragmatic faction, Abdul Ghani Baradar, was killed.

The rumours reached such intensity that an audio recording and handwritten statement, both purportedly by Baradar himself, denied that he had been killed. Then on Wednesday, Baradar appeared in an interview with the country's national TV.

"I was travelling from Kabul so had no access to media in order to reject this news" Baradar said of the rumour.

Baradar served as the chief negotiator during talks between the Taliban and the US that paved the way for the troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, which was completed in late August, two weeks after the Taliban overran the capital of Kabul.

Shortly after the Kabul takeover, Baradar had been the first senior Taliban official to hold out the possibility of an inclusive government, but such hopes were disappointed with the formation of an all-male, all-Taliban



The wrangling intensified since the group formed a hard-line Cabinet last week. **AP**

lineup last week.

In a further sign that the hard-liners had prevailed, the white Taliban flag was raised over the presidential palace, replacing the Afghan national flag.

A Taliban official said the leadership still hasn't made a final decision on the flag, with many leaning toward eventually flying both banners side by side.

The two Afghans familiar with the power struggle said one Cabinet minister toyed with refusing his post, angered by the all-Taliban government that shunned the country's ethnic and religious minorities.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid has denied rifts in the leadership. On Tuesday, the Taliban foreign minister, Amir Khan Mutaqi, dismissed such reports as "propaganda".

Analysts say the friction may not amount to a serious threat to the Taliban — for now.

"We've seen over the years that despite disputes, the Taliban largely remains a cohesive institution and that major decisions don't get serious pushback after the fact," said Michael Kugelman, Asia program deputy director at the Washington-based Wilson Center. **AP**

UN: World likely to miss climate targets despite pause in emissions

REUTERS
ZURICH, SEPTEMBER 16

THE PACE of climate change has not been slowed by the global Covid-19 pandemic and the world remains behind in its battle to cut carbon emissions, the United Nations said on Thursday.

The virus-related economic downturn caused only a temporary downturn in CO2 emissions last year and it was not enough to reverse rising levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said.

"There was some thinking that the Covid lockdowns would have had a positive impact on the... atmosphere, which is not the case," WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said at a news briefing.

The world in 2021 was missing the mark of building back sustainably from the Covid-19 crisis, Taalas said. Reduction targets for emissions are not being met and there is a rising likelihood the world will miss its Paris Agreement aim of reducing global warming to 1.5°Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the WMO said in its United in Science 2021 Report.

"This is a critical year for climate action," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, and the results were an "alarming appraisal of just how far off course we are".



Smoke and steam rise from towers at the coal-fired Urumqi Thermal Power Plant in western China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. **AP**

Court finds Indonesian leader negligent in pollution lawsuit

REUTERS
JAKARTA, SEPTEMBER 16

AN INDONESIAN court on Thursday ordered President Joko Widodo and other government officials to improve the hazardous air quality of Jakarta after finding the guilt of environmental negligence in a civil lawsuit.

The citizen lawsuit was filed in 2019 against the president, the ministers of health, environment and home affairs, as well as other prominent local leaders.

The 32 plaintiffs said the law-

suit was a last-ditch attempt to compel authorities to take action against severe air pollution in the bustling metropolis of Jakarta and its surrounds, an area home to more than 30 million people.

In its verdict, judges at the Central Jakarta District Court said the actions of the defendants had contravened the law.

The ruling obliges the president to establish national air quality standards to protect human health, and the health minister and Jakarta governor to devise strategies to control air pollution.

'He is a busy man': Imran on not getting a call from Biden

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 16

"HE IS a busy man," Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said Thursday about Joe Biden, expressing his disappointment over the US President's reluctance to contact him since coming into office in January this year.

During an interview to CNN on Wednesday from his private Bani Gala residence in Islamabad, Khan said he had not spoken to Biden since the collapse of the Afghan government.

When asked why Biden hadn't called him since coming into office, the premier said, "He is a busy man", and later said Biden should be asked "why he is too busy to call".

Khan's remarks came days after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, during a Congressional hearing, indicated that Pakistan was involved in harbouring members of the Taliban, including the militants of the Haqqani Network.

During his interview with CNN, Khan said Pakistan's relationship with the US is not just dependent on a phone call, and that it needed to be a multidimensional one.

"We (Pakistan) were like a hired gun," Khan said. "We were supposed to make them (the US) win the war in Afghanistan, which we never could."



Pak PM Imran Khan

Nepal govt unable to spend from treasury after Budget ordinance lapses

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, SEPTEMBER 16

THE NEPAL government was plunged into crisis after it failed to secure Parliamentary authorisation to spend from the national treasury.

The two-month-old government led by Sher Bahadur Deuba suffered the setback after the Budget ordinance brought by the previous government three months ago lapsed on Wednesday without a Bill to replace it being adopted by the House. The absence of such authorisation deprives the government of its right to use state funds.

Although Deuba said the situation would not affect the regular function of the government and its right over government expenses in any way, officials said it would be make government functioning difficult for some time.

The Bill to replace the Budget ordinance could not be passed after the main opposition, Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist, obstructed the functioning House, demanding that Speaker Agni Sapkota disqualify 14 parliamentarians from the party's break-away group.

Inspiration4: SpaceX launches astronaut crew like no other on orbital adventure

KENNETH CHANG
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, SEPTEMBER 16

A SPACEX rocket lifted off Wednesday night from a launchpad here, carrying four Americans on an adventure to orbit the Earth for three days that will be like no other.

None of the crew works for NASA. The mission, known as Inspiration4, is the first orbital trip where not one of the people aboard is a professional astronaut and where government is, by and large, a bystander and observer.

The evening sky was nearly devoid of clouds when the nine



Dead white-sided dolphins lay on a beach on the island of Eysturoy. **AP**

porters of the hunts were upset.

Now the scale of the slaughter, which took place Sunday near Sklabotnur, the islands' longest fjord, has prompted outrage from animal rights campaigners and caused divisions among those who believe dolphins should not be hunted and those who say they are still acting sustainably.

"Considering the times we are in, with a global pandemic and the world coming to a halt, it's absolutely appalling to see an attack on nature of this scale in the Faeroe Islands," Alex Cornelissen, CEO of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, an organisation that works to stop whale hunting, said in a statement.

The hunters Sunday had been searching for whales, said Jens Jensen, a sheriff for the region. When they spotted the pod, they initially thought it was 200 to 300 animals. They decided to drive them to a bay at Sklabotnur, he said. "When they considered it to be over 1,000, they stopped killing the dolphins," he said.

But critics said that while local hunting for meat remains up for debate, Sunday's killing was an outrage. **NYT**



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International market data till 1900 IST

GOVT MAY THEORETICALLY END UP WITH CHUNK OF SHARE IN A COMPANY: ANALYSTS

Dues via equity, defining non-telecom revenues: Guidelines likely in 2 weeks

AASHISHARYAN & PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) is expected to come out with guidelines over the next 2 weeks for payment of statutory dues by telecom companies using equity, for which the department is expected to have discussions with the Finance Ministry soon, government officials said. On Wednesday, the Union Cabinet approved a series of measures for the telecom sector, including an option for companies to pay their statutory dues such as licence fee, spectrum usage charge and the interest and penalties accrued on those with equity of their firms. This will be applicable after the four-year moratorium period given by the government to repay their dues concludes.

This was one of the measures unveiled on Wednesday where the industry is waiting for the fine print. These guidelines will include the modalities and finer details of how the government plans to convert the due amount of operators,

arising due to the four-year moratorium, to equity. "The DoT will issue guidelines. In any case, these measures are applicable from October 1. Even if guidelines come later, it will not matter, since the applicability will be from October 1," an official said.

According to analyst estimates, the government could theoretically end up with a major chunk of share in a company like Vodafone Idea should it choose to avail the moratorium and is unable to repay its dues in the four-year period.

"While four-year moratorium would ease immediate cash flow constraints for Vodafone Idea (VIL), it will need to also raise around \$1 bn over next 6-9 months ... Further, if VIL were to opt to convert Rs 67,000 crore of interest accrued during the moratorium period, it would entail a dilution of approximately 70 per cent for existing VIL shareholders with government owning around 70 per cent of VIL (on proforma basis assuming conversion at current market price of Rs 9 per share)," Credit Suisse noted in a research report.

The DoT is also learnt to be working on tweaking the defini-

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■ Theoretically, with future auctioned spectrum having 0 per cent rate of SUC, the overall rate for each company should come down, resulting in benefit accretion for mobile companies.

tion of non-telecom revenue for its exclusion from adjusted gross revenue (AGR). "Non-telecom revenue is defined in TRAI recommendations of January 2015. That will be our reference point. We will add more details later if required. But it will all be as simple as possible, so that there is no litigation in future," a top DoT official told *The Indian Express*. According to the official, this would primarily pertain to aspects such as interest earned by companies on their telecom revenues. The inclusion of non-telecom revenue for the purpose of calculating AGR was a main point of

contention between the industry and the government for the last 20 years and the Supreme Court last year ruled in favour of the Centre. The AGR is used to calculate levies such as spectrum usage charge (SUC) and licence fee, which are paid annually by telecom operators to the government. The Centre has announced it will exclude non-telecom revenue from AGR but it is still working on the exact modalities of the new definition.

The third major aspect of Wednesday's announcements that has been flagged by companies is the removal of SUC for spectrum auctioned hereon. Currently, SUC is calculated on the basis of a weighted average method. Ahead of every spectrum auction that has happened, the government has notified a rate of SUC applicable on airwaves picked by companies during that auction. The quantum of the spectrum won by a company decides the weight of the SUC rate from that year. It is then calculated as the sum of products of the spectrum holding and their respective SUC rates divided by the total spectrum held by each company. Theoretically, with future auc-

tioned spectrum having 0 per cent rate of SUC, the overall rate for each company should come down, resulting in benefit accretion for mobile companies.

However, a senior telecom industry executive explained that for this measure to be effective, companies will have to purchase higher quantum of spectrum in the upcoming auctions. "Currently, operators are charged SUC at a rate between 3-5 per cent. It is between 4-5 per cent for Airtel in most circles, 3-4 per cent Jio and just above 5 per cent in most circles for Vi. For their SUC rates to come down, they will need to purchase a lot of spectrum," the executive said. Further, as per existing policy on SUC rate calculation, there is a floor price of 3 per cent because of which benefits on reduced SUC for telecom firms will not go below 3 per cent.

"If the government decides to keep the 3 per cent floor, then the impact will be marginal. If it does away with the floor, then SUC for companies like Airtel and Jio will fall to 2-2.5 per cent and this could result in significant revenue loss for the government," they added.

'Telcos opting for moratorium to see bank guarantee fall to 20%'

AASHISHARYAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

TELECOM SERVICE providers which opt for the moratorium being offered by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will see their bank guarantee requirements come down to only 20 per cent of what they are required to pay currently, thereby freeing them of non-funded debt, sources in the know of the development said.

"So, say Vodafone Idea (Vi) opts for the moratorium. For spectrum they will have to furnish no bank guarantees for the next 2 years and eleven months. So that means, out of Rs 23,000 crore, their bank guarantees are worth Rs 15,000 crore for spectrum. This means it will come down to roughly Rs 200-300 crore, which is for the 2021 spectrum auctions," a senior government official said.

Bharti Airtel, which has already



The DoT had announced rationalisation of bank guarantee requirements. File

said that it would take up the DoT's offer of four year moratorium on adjusted gross revenue (AGR) and deferred spectrum payments, will also see a similar reduction in their bank guarantee requirements, the official said. As part of the reforms, the DoT had announced rationalisation of bank guarantee requirements against License fee and

other similar levies. The DoT had also said telecom service providers would not be required to submit a separate bank guarantee for each licenced service area, and instead only one guarantee would be required of them in future.

Further, no bank guarantees will be required to secure payments of instalment of dues for auctions held in the future.

Currently, telecom service providers are, as per the Unified Access Services License agreement, required to submit financial bank guarantees to the DoT for various purposes, such as payment of licence fee, spectrum usage charges, deferment of these charges, and for adjusted gross revenue payments.

With the new changes, these requirements will be a thing of the past, the official said, thereby also cutting down on the future exposure of banks and financial institutions to the telecom companies.

Tyagi: IPO price discovery not as 'transparent' as stock markets

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

SECURITIES AND Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairman Ajay Tyagi on Thursday said the initial public offering (IPO) market price discovery is not as "transparent and efficient" as secondary market price discovery and urged retail investors to "focus" more on secondary market since there is greater disclosure for listed companies.

In 2021 so far, 41 companies have floated IPOs and raised about Rs 64,244 crore from the market. In 2020, at least 16 companies raised Rs 37,350 crore through IPOs. Majority funds raised by these IPOs in the last 2 years were in the offer for sale segment, which



Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi. File

provided venture capitalists and early investors a partial or full exit.

Tyagi, who spoke to media at the Financial Markets Summit organised by CII, said the regulator is moving towards a shorter settlement cycle in a phased manner due to representations made by the foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). Sebi has introduced an optional T+1 trade settlement cycle for domestic investors from

January 1. This, as per Tyagi, was done in the interest of investors.

"The transition from T+3 to T+2 took place in 2003. There is a need to reduce it further now as there has been significant reforms in the payments and banking system. Investors have the right to receive what they purchase as quickly as possible. T+1 settlement cycle is in the interest of all market participants," he said. Tyagi also said the new peak margin norms imposed by Sebi are in everyone's interest.

Starting this month, Sebi has barred brokerages from allowing any additional intraday leverages for equity and derivatives trading. On the issue of shareholder activism, he said it "is good for everyone, especially minority shareholders."

Growth likely to be 7.2% in 2021, may decelerate next year: UNCTAD

India is expected to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2021 but growth could decelerate next year, according to a United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

THE UNCTAD Trade and Development Report 2021 sounded a cautiously optimistic note to say that the

global economy is set for a strong recovery in 2021, albeit with a good deal of uncertainty clouding the details



6.7% growth in 2022, slower than the likely 2021 growth rate
Source: UNCTAD/PTI

Consumer inflation: The Covid shock caused a temporary dip in prices, but as the economy recovered and food prices accelerated, the country returned to a 6 per cent inflation rate in mid-2021

Small-town India makes most of equity rally, invests big in MF

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

TOGETHER WITH investors in big cities, those in smaller towns seem to be making the best of the equity market rally in the last 12 months.

City-wise assets under management (AUM) data of mutual funds show a sharp jump in MF investment from smaller towns.

The latest Association of Mutual Funds in India data shows that over the last one year, towns outside the country's top 110 cities saw their share in industry AUM jump from 10.21 per cent in June 2020 to 15.44 per cent in June 2021 — a 50 per cent surge. In June 2018, the share of these locations — bracketed as 'other cities' in Amfi data that cumulatively account for towns and hamlets outside its list of 110 top cities — in industry AUM stood at just 8.7 per cent.

This indicates that the fresh net inflow of funds from small cities is growing at a much faster pace in comparison to the large cities. While the industry AUM rose 32 per cent from 25.48 lakh crore in June 2020 to Rs 33.66 lakh crore in

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And this is why

EXPERTS ARE pointing to falling interest rates on fixed deposits, rising equity markets and ease of investment as likely reasons for people from small towns investing heavily in mutual funds.

June 2021, the aggregate AUM of 'other cities' doubled from Rs 2,60,237 crore to Rs 5,19,845 crore in the same period. Industry insiders say there has been growing investment participation from places such as Jhumi Telaiya, Tezpur, Gangtok, Vellore, Srinagar and more investments are coming in from semi-urban and rural areas.

Experts say falling interest rates on fixed deposits, rising equity markets and ease of investment are playing a big role in pulling investors from smaller towns towards mutual fund investment. Also, the hinterland was largely unaffected in the aftermath

of the first Covid-19 wave and agri output had remained buoyant to a large extent when urban centres were being impacted by the lockdown. In the list of the top 110 districts, while the share of Mumbai (the single biggest AUM contributor) has declined from 36.5 per cent in June 2020 to 31.16 per cent in June 2021, that of New Delhi has dropped from 13.69 per cent to 12.55 per cent.

Nagpur is on top in terms of maximum gain in AUM share — from 0.46 per cent in June 2020 to 1.02 per cent in June 2021. Patna, Jamshedpur, Asansol, Aurangabad and many more have seen a jump in their share of industry AUM.

"The equity story has caught up. The availability of number of online investment platforms, rise in equity markets and lack of other attractive investment avenues are leading to this kind of participation even from semi-urban areas," CJ George, MD, Geojit Financial Services, said.

Industry leaders give credit to regulators for regulation, industry association for creating awareness, distributors for explaining it to the investors, and digitisation for ease

of transaction. "While 'Mutual Fund Sahi Hai' campaign has worked well for the industry, the positive experience sharing through word of mouth has done a lot of good," said Nilesh Shah, MD, Kotak Mahindra AMC. He said if the bad experience with Ponzi schemes dissuaded people from such investment options, the distributor's effort to reach out to investors has worked well.

While it is tough to explain equity investment to many investors in semi-urban areas, Shah said, "Many distributors carry their MF statement to show how SIP investment has grown and in several cases they also started SIPs of their drivers and maids. And when they share their investment return experience, it creates a lot of impact."

Aniruddha Chaudhuri, head, retail sales, ICICI Prudential AMC, said that along with regulation, awareness campaign and investor experience, digitisation has also played a big role. "There is a lot of money in Bharat. Earlier, people were not aware that it is so easy to invest. Over the years, trust has been built and convenience to invest has played a big role," he said.

POLICY WATCH GOODS & SERVICES TAX

Lined up for GST Council meet: Rate review of 50 items

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A REVIEW of over 50 items in the form of rate changes and clarifications along with discussions to extend the compensation mechanism for states beyond the existing legal mandate till June 2022 are some of the key issues on the agenda of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council in its 45th meeting to be held in Lucknow on Friday.

States are guaranteed compensation under GST for the revenue gap between actual collections and the protected amount based on 14 per cent compounded rate from base year 2015-16 for five years of GST rollout till June 2022. Last year, the government had decided to borrow to meet compensation cess deficit through back-to-back loans to states.

The first batch of Rs 75,000 crore to meet the compensation shortfall for states was released in July. To pay back these borrowed amounts through back-to-back loans and pending compensation payment through cess collections, the compensation arrangement is estimated to stretch for 2.5-3 years beyond June 2022.

The Council is also going to take up review of rates for 32 goods and 29 services. The fitment panel under the Council

'TTC issues'

New Delhi: PHD Chamber of Commerce has written to the Finance Ministry raising concerns about issues being faced by industry in availing input tax credit (ITC). "...even till date availing/utilising ITC is a mammoth task for industry," it said in its letter to the CBIC Chairman. The invoice matching and consequential ITC denial can be made applicable only for non-bona-fide transactions, it said. **ENS**

has recommended changes for items such as including solar PV projects, fresh fruits and nuts, coconut oil, carbonated beverages, fortified rice kernel, indoor amusement parks. The fitment panel has also recommended no rate changes for ceiling fan, air cooler, rubber, cotton, metal screw, lithium ion battery and no input tax credit for sanitary napkins.

The Council is expected to extend tax concessions to 11 drugs used in Covid treatment. Also, discussion to tax petrol and diesel under GST will be initiated along with a proposal to treat food delivery apps such as Zomato and Swiggy as restaurants would be taken up by the Council.

'Pressure from WB to boost China rankings'

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 16

AN INVESTIGATION by law firm Wilmerhale concluded that leaders of the World Bank applied "undue pressure" to secure changes aimed at improving China's ranking in the bank's "Doing Business 2018" and those of other countries in the

2020 report.

The report cited "direct and indirect pressure" from senior staff in the office of then-World Bank president Jim Yong Kim to change the report's methodology to boost China's score, and said it likely occurred at his direction. It said it found that then-CEO Kristalina Georgieva, now the managing director of the International Monetary Fund,

and a key adviser pressured staff to "make specific changes to China's data points" and boost its ranking. Georgieva, rejected the findings.

The US Treasury Department on Thursday said it was "analysing" the report.

The World Bank Group has said it is ending publication of its "Doing Business" report on country investment climates.

Standalone legislation needed: NFRA Chairperson

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

CHAIRPERSON OF the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) R Sridharan on Thursday called for a "standalone legislation" for the regulator in the interest of its functional, financial and administrative autonomy.

The NFRA currently operates under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs under Section 132 of Companies Act, 2013. Sridharan said, while speaking at a CII event discussing the role of regulators and the future of audit, that the government could consider exempting small companies from mandatory audits as those currently being conducted on these firms are of low quality.

NCLT orders attaching assets of Amtek Auto arm directors

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THE MUMBAI Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has ordered the attachment of all movable and immovable property of promoter Arvind Dham, other directors and key managerial personnel of Amtek

Auto subsidiary Metaltyst Forgings during the pendency of an appeal by the government to recover Rs 3,454 crore, which was allegedly transferred from the company through preferential transactions.

Metaltyst Forgings is currently undergoing insolvency process with admitted creditor claims of about Rs 3,907 crore.

BRIEFLY Poonawalla MD

Mumbai: Abhay Bhutada, MD at Poonawalla Fincorp, has resigned. **ENS**

IndianOil, GPay

New Delhi: Customers can earn up to Rs 500 as cashback for buying fuel via Google Pay at IndianOil pumps. **ENS**

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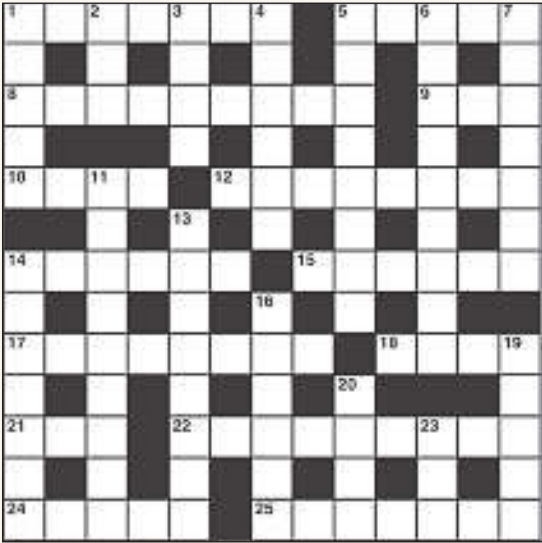
Offline Expression of Interest (EOI) in Single Part is invited from Indian Consultants for "Appointment of Consultant for End-to-End Implementation of ERP Solution in NPCIL." (Ref.: Tender No. CMM/ERP/EOI/001) (Tender ID - 60105).
For more details please visit **www.npcil.nic.in** and **https://npcil.etenders.in**.
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Date : 17.09.2021
Place : Mumbai
Executive Director (C&MM)

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064 Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in	
TENDER NOTICE NO. RWF/S/146/2021-22/08 Dated 15.09.2021	
E-TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager/RWF invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website http://www.iirps.gov.in from experienced/reputed contractors in the field.	
Tender No.	RWF_S_TPT_ERC_2500_21-22
Due Date & Time	08/10/2021 Tender closing at 14:15 Hrs.
Scope of Work	Collection, Loading and Transportation of Condemned Elastic Rail Clips from various Railway units to RWF/YNK, by road.
Distance slab / Quantity	Above 1000 Kms / 5000 MT
Estt. Tender Value	Rs. 2,91,25,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs.2,95,600/-
Contract Period	12 (Twelve) months from the date of commencement of Work
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CROSSWORD 4537



- ACROSS**

1 Fail to catch or accidentally disclose (3,4)

5 Risk involved in uncertain cures (5)

8 Joy ride? (9)

9 Bill and Ben's return (3)

10 Put four suits in a case (4)

12 Complete cancellation of a golf match? (5,3)

14 He is upset by denial (6)

15 Damsel distributes awards (6)

17 Missing physical exercise (8)

18 Turn heads in shock (4)

21 Suitable piece of claptap (3)

22 Robin's left-wing; Bert's a revolutionary (9)

24 In other words in the pink (5)

25 Hide away or gradually let out (7)
- DOWN**

1 Drunk started smoking (3,2)

2 One may strain to improve it (3)

3 An ill-considered breakout (4)

4 It's extremely small and in favour of putting on weight (6)

5 Fiance was set upon (8)

6 Harmonious character? (9)

7 Checks about polishes (7)

11 The sort of men that serve behind bars (9)

13 Lay assembly? (3,5)

14 A spider possibly saved Bruce from it (7)

16 A poem's positive points (6)

19 Though inert perhaps it is of growing importance (5)

20 Not an all-American name (4)

23 We are under a feeling of wonder (3)

Solutions Crossword 4536: Across: 1 Chow mein, 5 Isis, 9 Treat, 10 Spaniel, 11 Lose interest, 13 Lesson, 14 Scored, 17 Run-of-the-mill, 20 Slicer, 21 Appl, 22 Sash, 23 Needless. Down: 1 Cat, 2 Onerous, 3 Matter-of-fact, 4 Insane, 6 Suite, 7 Solitude, 8 Takes command, 12 Florists, 15 Relapse, 16 Charge, 18 Nudes, 19 Alias.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Impressionism; it is the _____ in painting. - Robert Delaunay (5,2,5)

CGIOR

TACIT

GIYHHL

ALUBFG

Answer: Impressionism; it is the birth of light in painting. - Robert Delaunay

SUDOKU 4597

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions

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

Difficulty Level

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4596

8	4		1		7			
	3				5	1		
1		8						
	1		3	8		9		2
9		8		7	2		4	
					8			4
	2	5					3	
6		2				8	9	

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India e-quotation for the following work:-

S. N.	Name of Work & Place	Area (in sq-meter)	Reserve Price for 90 Days (excluding GST)	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 90 Days)	Completion period	Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded	Last Date & time of submission
1.	Quotation for Cycle Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Najibabad Railway Station, (B' - Category)	465 Sq-m	Rs. 82,730.95/-	Rs. 1,700/- to be paid through online payment gateway	90 Days	www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode)	Up to 14.00 hrs. on 27.09.2021 and will be open on the same day
2.	Quotation for Cycle Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Jwalapur Railway Station, (D' - Category)	90 Sq-m	Rs. 63,015.78/-	Rs. 1,300/- to be paid through online payment gateway	90 Days		

Note: 1. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached. 2. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tender. No. 21-10/Quotation-Parking/MB/2021/C Dated: 16.09.2021

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GIST of e-Tender Notice No. 25 of 2021

Dated: 15.09.2021

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 Island Park Pahalgam 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)	Cost of Tender Document
1.	01 year from the date of award of contract	12,26,000.00	500/- 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.dflrforikmr.in & www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	15.09.2021 from 01.00 PM to 30.09.2021 upto 02.00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	15.09.2021 from 03.00 PM
3.	Bid submission End date	30.09.2021 upto 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-8754

PUNJAB ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Solar Passive Complex, Plot No. 1 & 2, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh

Notice Inviting E-Tender

E-tender notice no. PEDA/2021-22/61

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), invites e-tender for different capacity SPV Rooftop Power Plants on RESCO Model anywhere in Punjab:

Name of work	EMD (Rs.)	Date of start of downloading e-tender document	Last Date & time for submission of e-bids	Date & time of opening of Techno-commercial e-bids
Supply installation & Commissioning of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Power Plants with Net Metering Facility through RESCO Model of cumulative capacity 5MW	2,00,000/-	16.09.2021	13.10.2021 at 4:00 PM	14.10.2021 at 11:00 AM

Cost of Tender Document: Non-refundable Tender Document fee Rs. 5,000/- through online mode only

E-Processing Fee: Non-refundable e-processing fee as applicable through online mode only

Earnest Money Deposit: Earnest Money as mentioned above shall be deposited through online mode only

1. Eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions for the works are given in the Tender Document which can be downloaded from www.eproc.punjab.gov.in.

2. Bidders shall have to get themselves registered with eproc.punjab.gov.in and get user ID and Password. Class- 2/3 Digital Signature, mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification on the tender document clauses, please contact at 0172-2683328, 0172-2683382. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact at 0172-2791326, 2791226.

3. Corrigendum / Addendum / Corrections, if any will be published on the e-tender website and no separate notices shall be issued

4. PEDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

DIRECTOR

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DISCONTINUATION OF NOMINATED LINK TRAINS / SLIP COACHES

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that keeping in view the operational requirements and objectives of speeding up of these services Railways have decided to discontinue running of following Link Trains/Slip Coaches w.e.f. new Time-Table as per details given below:-

Train No. & Name	Trains/Slip Coaches to be Discontinued between		Remarks
	From	To	
14887/14888 Barmer - Kalka Chandigarh Exp.	Barmer	Kalka	Link train of 14887/14888 Barmer - Kalka Chandigarh Express (i.e. train no. 24887/24888 which is scheduled to run between Barmer - Rishikesh with attaching/detaching of coaches at Ambala Cant Jn.) (presently running as 04887/04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Special with total load of 17 Coaches) will run as independent train between Barmer - Rishikesh and renumbered as 14887/14888 Express. Thus there will be no shunting at Ambala Cant Jn. Consequently Sleeper slip coach running between Kalka - Sri Ganganagar scheduled to run by train no. 14887/13007-13008/14888 will also be cancelled.
12063/12064 Haridwar-Una Himachal-Haridwar Jan Shatabdi Exp.	Haridwar	Una Himachal	To eliminate the shunting at Ambala Cantt., 2 Chair Car Coaches running as train no. 12063/12064 Haridwar-Una Himachal Jan Shatabdi Express by train no. 12053/12057-12058/12054 with attaching/detaching of coaches at Ambala Cant Jn. will be discontinued. Thus there will be no shunting at Ambala Cant Jn.
14041/14042 Delhi - Dehradun Mussoorie Express	-	-	To eliminate the shunting at Haridwar Jn., 3 Sleeper coaches schedule to run between Delhi-Haridwar Jn. by train no. 14041/14042 Delhi-Dehradun Mussoorie Express will be extended to/from Dehradun will run with total load of 18 coaches same as 04041/04042 Delhi-Dehradun Special. Thus there will be no shunting at Haridwar Jn.
14265/14266 Varanasi Jn - Dehradun Express	-	-	To eliminate the shunting at Haridwar Jn., 3 Sleeper and 4 General coaches schedule to run between Varanasi-Haridwar Jn. by train no. 14265/14266 Varanasi-Dehradun Exp. will be extended to/from Dehradun will run with total load of 18 coaches same as 04265/04266 Varanasi-Dehradun Special. Thus there will be no shunting at Haridwar Jn.
22659/22660 Kochuveli - Dehradun Exp.	-	-	To eliminate the shunting at Haridwar Jn., 2 Sleeper and 5 General coaches schedule to run between Kochuveli-Haridwar Jn. by train no. 22659/22660 Kochuveli- Dehradun Express will be extended to/from Dehradun will run with total load of 18 coaches. Thus there will be no shunting at Haridwar Jn.
19565/19566 Okha - Dehradun Express	-	-	To eliminate the shunting at Haridwar Jn., 1 AC 2 Tier, 1 AC 3 Tier, 4 Sleeper and 1 General coaches schedule to run between OKHA- Haridwar Jn. by train no. 19565/19566 Okha-Dehradun Express will be extended to/from Dehradun will run with total load of 18 coaches same as 09565/09566 Okha-Dehradun Special. Thus there will be no shunting at Haridwar Jn.
12687/12688 Madurai Jn - Dehradun Express	Madurai Jn	Dehradun	Link train of 12687/12688 Madurai Jn-Dehradun Express (i.e. train no. 12687/12688 which is scheduled to run between Madurai Jn-Chandigarh) with attaching/detaching of coaches at Saharanpur will run as independent train between Madurai Jn-Chandigarh with same composition of 02687/02688 Madurai Jn-Chandigarh Special and renumbered as 12687/12688 Express. Thus there will be no shunting at Saharanpur.
13009/13010 Howrah Jn - Dehradun Express	-	-	To eliminate the shunting at Haridwar Jn., 6 Sleeper and 2 General coaches schedule to run between Howrah Jn - Haridwar Jn. by train no. 13009/13010 Howrah Jn - Dehradun Express (which is presently running between Howrah - Yog Nagari Rishikesh) will be extended to/from Yog Nagari Rishikesh will run with total load of 21 coaches same as 03009/03010 Howrah - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Special. Thus there will be no shunting at Haridwar Jn.

Note: Date of New Time-Table will be declared later.

For any other information passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Life begins to calm down, although it may be some time before you realise it. You must understand that this is not a day for rushing ahead with practical tasks, but for taking things very carefully indeed. Today's decisions may tie you up for a long time, so make sure they're the right ones.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You are completely undecided as to where you should concentrate your energies, and your public or professional ambitions seem to conflict with your desire for domestic contentment or happiness. The contradiction may be more imaginary than real. I know that might not make it any easier, though.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The time is not yet right for firm decisions. However, if a provisional commitment has been made you should stick to it, at least until you know whether other people are going to fulfil their promises. If you're worried that partners might prove unreliable, prepare your back-up plans.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is the right time to determine the best approach to be taken in relation to your long-term security, even on questions like who you want to live with and where. Other people need to be made well aware of their responsibilities to you, not to mention their duties to themselves.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

If you've been feeling emotionally wobbly lately, you may now begin to make a rapid recovery. However, it will be some time before you are free of the practical complications which have developed over recent weeks. At least there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Optimism returns and secret fears, worries and suspicions should begin to clear. They will be dispelled partly by the increased social confidence shortly to be conferred by Venus and Jupiter. All you have to do is believe in yourself. I know that's not easy, but you can do your best.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You may already have found that other people have moved further than they originally intended. If at all possible, you should give partners time to adjust to the new situation, and offer them a helping hand when necessary. You know very well that a favour will be repaid in time.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You have had your concerns about the future. Yet, given that professional affairs now seem certain to resolve themselves, domestic matters should follow. That's the least you can expect, given the circumstances. Plus, keep financial plans under tight control while you still can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

One good thing which will result from recent difficulties is a renewed determination to take up a fresh interest or learn a new skill. This is just what you need to keep young and alert, and to build up your self-confidence. If you're a little over-stressed at the moment, then it should pass soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

This has undoubtedly been a difficult week for many people, but you have found it easier than most to steer a course through rocky waters. You may be out of pocket, but in the greater scheme of things that's not too serious. Try to work out which of your worries are real and which are imaginary.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

The best, and worst, of the recent cosmic storms have now passed. If you wish to get on you should let bygones be bygones, and realise that while nothing can be done about the past, the future lies in your hands. If a friend has offended you then remember, it might not be their fault. Be forgiving.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You're gradually coming out of your shell, even though it will be another few months before you truly emerge from a solitary phase. You may accept any social invitations that are extended for next week, even if your first reaction is to say 'no'. You never know, you might enjoy yourself.

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TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

Online Open Tender in single bid system for the Contract for Operation and Management of Business Centre at ICD/Tughlakabad, New Delhi only through E-tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs.1000/- through online from the website (www.tenderwizard.com/CCL).

Tender No.	C&O/Area-1/TKD/C&O/Busi. Cen/2021
Tender Type	Indigenous
Name of Work	Operation and Management of Business Centre at ICD/Tughlakabad, New Delhi
Estimated Rent With GST	Rs. 41,79,529/- (for 3 years)
Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Security declaration as per Annexure-V to be submitted by bidders.
Contract Period	3 Years
Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable)	Rs.1000/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Tender Processing Fee (Non-Refundable)	Rs.2466/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Date of sale (Online)	From 17.09.2021 15:00hrs. to 08.10.2021 upto 16:00 hrs.
Last date & time of submission of tender	Upto 09.10.2021 15:00 hrs.
Date & time of opening of tender	11.10.2021 at 15:30 hrs.

*Exempted for MISES, CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. For complete details login to www.tenderwizard.com/CCL.
Senior General Manager/C&O/Area-1

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Notice Inviting E-tender

Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi invites e-tender on prescribed tender form in two bid format from reputed, experienced & financially sound companies/firms/authorized agencies for "Supply of Full Dome Active 3D 8k Digital Planetarium System, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance at Nehru Planetarium, New Delhi"

Date of sale of e-tender : 14/09/2021 to 19/10/2021 by 12 noon

Last date of submission of bid: 19/10/2021 by 12 noon

E-tender can be downloaded & submitted at: www.tenderwizard.com/NMML

Tender Cost & EMD is payable through e-payment gateway. All details are available in the Tender Document. E-tender & corrigendum, if any, can also be viewed on our website www.nehrumemorial.nic.in & www.eprocure.gov.in.

Director,
Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
davp 09142/11/0009/2122

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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION NOTICE

As per minutes of meeting by tender evaluation committee under the chairmanship of Worthy Chief Engineer, Kashmir PHE Department Srinagar circulated vide his Communication No. CE/JSD/PHE/DB/18501-08 dated 13.08.2021, the below mentioned works is hereby cancelled.

- "Design (Including Geo- Technical Analysis Soil Investigation) construction, successful testing and commissioning including trial run for 06 months Of 5.5MGD (25MLD) rapid sand W.T.P comprising of intake chamber, 02 no Clarifloculator with flash mixers, filter house, Raw water main, Delivery main, clear water sumps, backwash tank with all electro Mechanical, instruments installation as a composite unit to be constructed at Alusteng"
- "Providing, Laying, Jointing, Testing, Commissioning Including Operation and Maintenance for Two years of 800mm 700mm DIA. K9 D.I. Water Pipe Line from PHE Control Room at Awanta Bhawan to Saidapora washout point via Bohlochipora".

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Supply Master Plan Division
Srinagar

No: WSPM/CC/3962-68
Date:14/09/2021
DIPK-8704

India will not be touring New Zealand later in the year due to a packed calendar and COVID-19 related restrictions. India would have had to quarantine for 14 days to play three ODIs as part of the World Cup Super League. A New Zealand Cricket (NZC) spokesperson confirmed to Stuff that the India games will be played after the T20 World Cup in Australia next year. **PTI**

BRIEFLY

Boxing nat'l: Deepak into second round

Bellary: International-medallist Deepak Kumar (51kg) led the show as Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) boxers produced an impressive all-win performance on the second day of the men's National Championships at the Inspire Institute of Sports on Thursday. Deepak, who had upstaged the world and Olympic Games champion Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan during his silver medal show at the Strandja Memorial earlier this year, started the domination for SSCB with a 5-0 win against Bihar's Aman Kumar in the 51 kg opening round match. Barun Singh (48kg) and Akash (54kg) further extended SSCB's winning momentum as they managed unanimous victories against Telangana's Donald Janumala and Rocky of All India Police respectively. Dalveer Singh Tomar (64kg) and Naveen Boora (71) were the other two boxers to progress into the second round as all five SSCB boxers won on the second day of the event. **PTI**

Stricter rules for long toilet breaks: Report

London: Inordinately long toilets breaks or medical timeouts at critical moments could soon be a thing of the past in men's tennis with the ATP Tour planning to impose stricter rules, a source at the men's governing body told Reuters. The practice has long been a bugbear of players, most recently at the US Open where Stefanos Tsitsipas was accused of gamesmanship by Andy Murray for taking a lengthy trip to the bathroom at a critical point in their first-round match. The Greek world number three, who won the match, denied the charge and said he had broken no rules as there were no time limits on bathroom breaks. "There will be a change to the rules for bathroom breaks and on-court medical timeouts as well," an ATP source told Reuters. "I hope that before the next season begins in January, we will have a stricter rule when it comes to toilet breaks and medical timeouts." **REUTERS**

Fans back more frequent World Cups, shows Fifa's survey

Paris: FIFA says it has fan backing for the much-criticised plan to shift to a biennial World Cup after releasing a summary of the results of an opinion survey of supporters. The proposals, which have been outlined by FIFA's head of Global Football Development, former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, have been met with widespread opposition from within the game. FIFA's congress in May voted by a large majority to conduct a feasibility study into the potential of holding the World Cup every two years instead of every four years. FIFA said it used polling company YouGov and that the 15,000 respondents "were identified as expressing an interest in football and the FIFA World Cup, from a broader market research survey involving 23,000 people in 23 countries, across the organisation's six confederations." **REUTERS**

One and a half captain

Kohli to step down as T20I skipper after the T20 World Cup 'to be fully ready to lead in Tests, ODIs'

SRIRAM VEERA
SEPTEMBER 16

IT'S INTERESTING how Virat Kohli has blamed work-load management as the reason to step down from T20 captaincy. It's not surprising that he didn't make any harsh self-assessment on his captaincy but it has thrown up a few questions. Post-pandemic break since December 2020, India has played just 8 T20s. Besides, it is a no-brainer that the most intense T20 captaincy job isn't the international games but the IPL. So will Kohli step down as the RCB captain? By still playing all the three formats, and resigning from the least-played format, the work-load question is still not resolved.

More questions swirl. Is this decision sustainable? What if Rohit Sharma led India to consistently winning T20s, how easy it would be to resist the temptation to give him the white-ball role in ODIs as well. Especially, as the personnel in white-ball cricket is largely the same across the two formats for India.

The 2023 ODI World Cup at home might have been an understandably irresistible carrot to resist for Kohli. No one can blame him for ambition, it's what took him to these dizzying heights, but it's a job for the board and selectors to decide. In some ways, Kohli has thrown the gauntlet to the BCCI – if you want, remove me from ODIs; the ball is in your court. Which is perfectly understandable of course. As in case of retirement, the decision about the captaincy shouldn't be left to the players. It should be the call of the selectors. Perhaps, the board will take that call sometime next year after watching how Rohit Sharma leads.

The perception

Another interesting angle is how the recent times Kohli has moved in the perception scales as the man to lead in Tests. In it, Kohli is the Anti-Dhoni, of four times. With MS Dhoni, Test match captaincy seemed to stretch and test his instinctive capabilities. By the end, it appeared he was more at home landing up on the field and taking punts with the clock ticking down. A T20 and ODI allowed him to do that. Tests, with its open nature and which requires a lot of systematic pre-game preparation and extensive man-to-man work off the field, didn't quite sit well with him. He would often let things drift. The white-ball icy-coolness seemed like a shrug of resignation to an event unfolding across five days.

Somehow, Kohli has managed to find himself on the opposite spectrum. Nowhere close to Dhoni's tactical acumen, but seemingly more devoted to the Test format, and equipped with the free-flowing tactical help from the head and bowling coaches, he has flowered. His tactical nous was much better in the recent Test series in England.

Incredibly, counter-intuitively, he manages to sustain his intensity over sessions across five days. By remaining open to the tactical calls from the coaches Ravi Shastri and Bharat Arun, he continues to shine in the Tests. When he started his captaincy, it did seem that his fiery nature would suit the short formats where he can sustain and carry the team with his intensity levels but as IPL history has proved, in T20 it often comes to that instinctive tactical decision taken in the middle. Plus the choice of personnel and balance of the team – Kohli hasn't cracked that code yet.

The IPL chapter hasn't been the shining light on his CV but this year India, under Kohli, hasn't lost a T20 series. They have got the better of England (3-2), Australia (2-1), Sri Lanka (2-0), and New Zealand (4-0). As with his ODI role, the criticism isn't about lack of consistent wins but the empty cabinet. India has compet-

Under Virat Kohli, India have won T20I series in South Africa, Australia, England, New Zealand, West Indies and Sri Lanka. *Express file*

Understanding workload is a very important thing and considering my immense workload over the last 8-9 years playing all 3 formats and captaining regularly for last 5-6 years, I feel I need to give myself space to be fully ready to lead the Indian team in Test and ODI cricket. Of course, arriving at this decision took a lot of time."

VIRAT KOHLI, INDIA CAPTAIN ON HIS DECISION

itively advanced so much that the heat is on due to lack of big-ticket ICC trophies.

Judicious push

In that, Kohli can be satisfied that he isn't handing a leaky boat to Rohit Sharma but one needs a more judicious push near the finish line in big tournaments. Sharma doesn't have the turn around this team, he just needs to polish it as he has done for Mumbai Indians. The board played the Dhoni card rather smartly for this T20 World Cup. A triumph won't just be seen as Kohli's and there won't be any closure achieved on his captaincy.

In the long run, say in a year or so, India might find itself with a decision to make not just with ODI captaincy but also with Tests. A split captaincy of the type seen in England is easier to sustain. Eoin Morgan isn't in the Test team and Joe Root isn't in the T20s. The Indian experiment with stars of equal stature present in all formats would need maturity not just from the two but also from the rest of the team.

In that regard, the choice of the next coach of the Indian team after the T20 World Cup would be very crucial. In some sense, more than Kohli and Sharma, the man who would replace Shastri could find himself with the most difficult job of them all.

With 65-60 win-loss record in IPL, quitting RCB captaincy could have lightened burden

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THE FIRST sign of Virat Kohli feeling the age or a genuine reason for reviving his batting form in Tests? A case of captaincy burden creaking in his shoulders or the beginning of a gradual self-phasing out? He relinquished T20 captaincy with a lot of questions hanging in the air. The reason, he wrote on his *Instagram*-post, was the immense workload he had to bear since he became a cross-format captain. A reality check through numbers.

How has his workload been lately?

Starting from the T20 series against Sri Lanka at the beginning of 2020, he has featured in 12 Tests and ODIs each, 15 T20Is, and 22 IPL games. That means a game day in every six days. Since his international debut in 2010, as many as 1024 days, close to three-and-a-half years, were international or IPL match-days. Add travel and practice days, he hardly had a breather, even if you discount that he missed part of the Test series against Australia for the birth of his daughter. Not to discount the year before (2019), when India played Test series against Australia, South Africa, Bangladesh and West Indies, besides the 50-over World Cup and the IPL.

Before the series in New Zealand last year, he had admitted that the schedule was indeed knackered him. "It is around eight years now that I have been playing 300 days a year, which includes travelling and practice sessions. And intensity is right up there all the time. It does

take a toll on you." Hence, it was not surprising that he decided to unburden a bit. What was indeed surprising was that he quit only captaincy and not the format in itself, which, more so given the infrequency of T20Is games.

Was T20 captaincy taking a toll on him?

Only Kohli would know whether captaincy was affecting him or if it was impeding his batting. Numbers reveal that he was a happy T20I captain, having won series in South Africa, Australia, England, New Zealand, West Indies and Sri Lanka, a feat no captain has ever managed. Though he would stop short of recording most wins as skipper, a record that belongs to MS Dhoni, he could brag about a better win percentage (65.11 to 59.28). Among captains in the World Cup, only Babar Azam (a decimally better 65.22) and Afghanistan's Ashgar Afghan (81) have better win percentages. Besides, only Australia's Aaron Finch has scored more runs than Kohli while leading the team (1589 to 1502). Hence, in this format, his batting and captaincy had little correlation, apart from a marginal plunge of average from 52 to 48, if you could call that a plunge at all at this level. His last six T20I innings read: 85, 0, 73*, 77*, 1, and 80*. It could have been less bizarre if he had forsaken the captaincy of Royal Challengers Bangalore, for whom he had lost more than he had won (65-60), and for whom he averages under 40 (37.97).

Was the frequency of international T20 cricket affecting him?

Less likely, as T20 games come few and

far between, bursting into relevance only before the World Cups. For example, in the last couple of years, he has featured in just 15 T20Is, roughly the number of games he would play in two months in the IPL. Moreover, given the comparative insignificance of international T20 fixtures, there was hardly any pressure attached to a T20I series, barring the World Cup, or a series in the build-up to one.

It's difficult to correlate the relationship between T20I captaincy and his lack of runs in the longest format as well. It is not so much a case of him looking out of touch as he is out of runs. There have been times in the series against England that he had looked in divine form, but would suddenly get out. But only Kohli knows best the rhyme and reason behind the decision.

Will he do the same in ODIs?

Not in the near future, not until the next World Cup the year after at home, unless his batting form nosedives dramatically. An ambitious cricketer and captain that he is, it's unlikely that he would splurge a chance to win a World Cup at home, to banish all doubts about his leadership skills, the dearth of an ICC trophy in his CV, to be as legendary a captain as he is a batsman. His Sachin Tendulkar moment, so to speak. But keep an eye on his batting too. If he rekindles his bruising touch, there would be no reason he would harbour second thoughts of stepping down as captain from the 50-over cricket

TO BUSAN AND BEYOND

Harmilan bolts out of parents' shadow to better Sunita Rani's mark

NIHAL KOSHIE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

HARMILAN KAUR Bains felt like a weight had lifted off her shoulders when she broke the two-decade old national record in the 1,500 metres at the 60th National Open Athletics Championships in Warangal.

"I can run freely now," the 23-year-old said just after clocking 4:05.39 to erase Sunita Rani's Busan Asian Games mark from 2002.

Parental pressure has been a constant shadow for the daughter of two former athletes, one an Asian Games medal winner.

Father Amandeep Singh specialised in the 1,500 metres and mother Madhuri Singh is an Asian Games silver medalist in the 800 - incidentally from Busan. They would micro-manage her career. She ran both events and the constant advice and expectations had proven detrimental for the athlete earlier.

This time Harmilan travelled on her own to Warangal. Her father reached the city a couple of days later and watched the race from the stands like a spectator.

"They are very involved and put not just me but my coach also under pressure. They would want to know every little detail. They would give advice like 'If you train so much your time will be this' or ask questions to the coach like

'why is endurance not happening? How will you run with this workout? I needed to travel on my own,' Harmilan says.

Her coach Suresh Saini convinced her parents to stop the constant monitoring. "His theory was I needed a free mind," Harmilan says. On Thursday, after the race Amandeep clicked a selfie with his daughter who posed with the gold medal. But she didn't listen to any unsolicited advice. Running without expectations is only part of the reason why Harmilan could become a national champion. From a personal best of 4:14.68 at the start of last year, Harmilan has improved by nearly 10 seconds. Shedding weight, focusing on intense speed workouts and improving biomechanics has helped, coach Saini says.

Improving efficiency

"Last year her body fat percentage was 26. Now it is 15 per cent. She had disturbed running mechanics. We also worked on improving bio-mechanical movements which makes her a more efficient runner. Also because of lower muscle mass her speed was not the best. That is why I made her do a lot of uphill running like 60 metres, 80 metres in Dharamshala where we trained," Saini, a sprint coach who had been in charge of national relay teams, says. Even in training, the coach keeps Harmilan on her toes. She trains with boys who

Harmilan set a new 1,500m national record with a timing of 4:05.39 seconds. *AP*

clock four minutes in the metric mile.

The hard work paid off when she rewrote the national record which also helped her bounce back from the disappointment of not

qualifying for the Tokyo Games.

Dealing with periods

In June, at the Indian Grand Prix-4

Harmilan clocked 4:08.27 to raise hopes of a Tokyo berth but in her next competition, the national inter-state she struggled to 4:15.52. Her menstrual cycle upset her rhythm, she recalls. "Just before the race I got my periods. I ran to the washroom as I had back pain. I have run with periods earlier but this time it happened too close to the race. I had lots of cramps because of periods. Also it was very hot," she says.

In Warangal the conditions were near-perfect. "I think it was about 26 degrees. Weather was too good."

There was a minor hiccup before the Open nationals. She had participated in the 400 metres at a state meet and felt her hamstring tightening up. Her coach stopped track workouts.

"I didn't touch my spikes for a week. I was little worried about the Open national. My target was the national record. But the coach was confident that I would pull it off."

Harmilan is on an eight-race streak since the start of last year. She hopes to go from strength to strength to make up for the last years. In 2017, she injured her knee because of excessive workouts and it took her nearly a year to come back. She got the opinion of doctors in Delhi and Bengaluru but the diagnosis was not good. "They told me my career was over. I had to wear a knee cap which cost Rs 20,000."

A cook, a saviour

Help came from the most unlikely source, a cook at the training centre in Dharamshala. "He had helped hockey players recover from injuries by giving massage. He is a miracle worker. There is some sort of magic in his hands. I can say that cook uncle cured by knee injury."

The first setback was in 2013, when as a 13-year-old she failed a dope test. The local doctor in Mahilpur had prescribed her medicines for tonsillitis and then went AWOL when he was called to testify before a National Anti-Doping Agency panel. "I was participating in the Under-14 category. I was very sick back then. I had no coach. Can someone knowingly take steroids at that age? When the time came for the doctor to give his version, he panicked and left. He didn't even produce his degree. It came as a shock to me. I lost two years."

Having a national record in her name has now eased the pain of a difficult past. A burning ambition to be the best has been fulfilled. "My first-ever race was a zonal meet when I was in Class 3. I was a class topper in academics but finished second in the race. I wanted to quit sports because of the second-place finish. In the next race I won, my photo was published in the paper. From then onwards it has been only sport for me."

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

IF INDIA's upcoming Davis Cup tie against Finland is to be a tough task, the draw on Thursday came out in favour of the visitors. This is the first time India will play in the World Group 1, after the format was changed in 2020. In the previous structure, India would play in the Asia/Oceania Group, where they've bossed for the past seven years. But in their first ever tie against Finland, the Indians come up against a team that will field higher ranked players.

There is the 22-year-old Emil Ruusuvuori – who has beaten the likes of Dominic Thiem and Alexander Zverev – who is the highest-ranked singles player in the tie, 74. Their doubles team consists of World No 76 (in doubles) Harri Heliovaara and former No 1 Henri Kontinen (currently 46). Their weakest link on paper is 20-year-old Otto Virtanen, ranked 419.

Crucially for the Indians, the opening rubber will see its No 1 player Prajesh Gunneswaran (165) come up against Virtanen. "We are happy that (Prajesh) plays first. If he plays to potential and performs, then we should go up 1-0, and the pressure will be on (Ruusuvuori) to beat Ramkumar (Ramanathan)," says India team captain Rohit Rajpal.

Ramkumar, India's third highest ranked singles player at 187, will play the second rubber on Friday against the Finnish spearhead.

On Saturday, the tie will resume with the sole doubles rubber. India No 1 and 2 Rohan Bopanna (44) and Divij Sharan (86) respectively will play Kontinen and Heliovaara, followed by the reverse singles matches – Ruusuvoori-Prajnesh and Virtanen-Ramkumar as the final match.

Furthermore, should the tie be levelled at 2-2 and go into the deciding rubber, it'll be the unfancied Virtanen who will come up against the 26-year-old Ramkumar, who travelled to Espoo fresh after reaching the quarterfinals of a Challenger in France, beating former World No 10 Ernests Gulbis en route.



“If you allow a predator to harm children, the consequences will be swift and severe. Enough is enough.”
SIMONE BILES, 7-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALIST AND THE MOST DECORATED GYMNAST IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY

Four gymnasts, past and present, give testimony at US Congress on the crimes committed by Larry Nassar

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OLYMPIC GOLD medalist Simone Biles told Congress in forceful testimony Wednesday that federal law enforcement and gymnastics officials turned a "blind eye" to USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar's sexual abuse of her and hundreds of other women.

Biles told the Senate Judiciary Committee that “enough is enough” as she and three other U.S. gymnasts spoke in stark emotional terms about the lasting toll Nassar’s crimes have taken on their lives. In response, FBI Director Christopher Wray said he was “deeply and profoundly sorry” for delays in Nassar’s prosecution and the pain it caused.

The four-time Olympic gold medalist and five-time world champion — widely considered to be the greatest gymnast of all time — said she “can imagine no place that I would be less comfortable right now than sitting here in front of you.” She declared herself a survivor of sexual abuse.

"I blame Larry Nassar and I also blame an entire system that enabled and perpetrated his abuse," Biles said through tears. In addition to failures of the FBI, she said USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee "knew that I was abused by their official team doctor long before I was ever made aware of their knowledge."

Biles said a message needs to be sent: "If you allow a predator to harm children, the consequences will be swift and severe. Enough is enough."

The hearing is part of a congressional effort to hold the FBI accountable after multiple missteps in investigating the case, including the delays that allowed the now-imprisoned Nassar to abuse other young gymnasts. All four witnesses said they knew girls or women who were molested by Nassar after the FBI had been made aware of allegations against him in 2015.

An internal investigation by the Justice Department released in July said the FBI made fundamental errors in the probe and did not treat the case with the "utmost seriousness" after USA Gymnastics first reported the allegations to the FBI's field office in Indianapolis in 2015. The FBI has acknowledged its own conduct was inexcusable. Wray blasted his own agents who failed to appropriately respond to the complaints and made a promise to the victims that he was committed to "make damn sure everybody at the FBI remembers what happened here" and that it never happens again. A supervisory FBI agent who had



failed to properly investigate the Nassar case, and later lied about it, has been fired by the agency, Wray said.

McKayla Maroney, a member of the gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic gymnastics team in 2012, recounted to senators a night when, at age 15, she found the doctor on top of her while she was naked — one of many times she was abused. She said she thought she was going to die that evening. But she said that when she recalled those memories in a call with FBI agents, crying, there was “dead silence.”

Maroney said the FBI "minimized and disregarded" her and the other gymnasts as they delayed the probe.

"I think for so long all of us questioned, just because someone else wasn't fully validating us, that we doubted what happened to us," Maroney said. "And I think that makes the healing process take longer."

Looking for answers

Biles and Maroney were joined by Aly Raisman, who won gold medals alongside them on the 2012 and 2016 Olympic teams, and gymnast Maggie Nichols. Raisman told the senators that it "disgusts" her that they are still looking for answers six years after the original allegations against Nassar were reported.

Raisman noted the traumatic effect the abuse has had on all of them.

"Being here today is taking everything I have," she said. "My main concern is I hope I have the energy to just walk out of here. I don't think people realize how much it affects us."

Speaking alongside senators after the hear-

ing, Raisman called for more investigations of USA Gymnastics, Olympic officials and the FBI. The probes should be independent and go back decades, she said, because there might still be people in positions of power who should be held accountable.

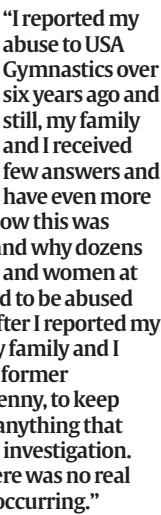
Biles acknowledged in January 2018 that she was among the hundreds of athletes who were abused by Nassar. She is the only one of the witnesses who competed in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics — held this year after a one-year delay due to the coronavirus pandemic — where she removed herself from the team finals to focus on her mental health.

She returned to earn a bronze medal on beam but told the committee the lingering trauma from her abuse at the hands of Nassar played a factor in her decision to opt out of several competitions. At the hearing, she said she had wanted her presence in Tokyo "to help maintain a connection" between the failures of officials and the Olympic competition, but that "has proven to be an exceptionally difficult burden for me to carry."

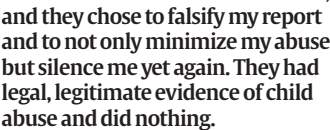
Democratic and Republican senators expressed disgust over the case and said they would continue to investigate. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said it was among the most compelling and heartbreaking testimony he had ever heard.

"We have a job to do and we know it," Durbin said. Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, called Nassar a "monster" and wondered how many other abusers have escaped justice, considering that even world-class athletes were ignored in this case.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS



MAGGIE NICHOLS, WAS THE FIRST TO REPORT NASSAR'S ABUSE IN 2015 AND WAS AT THAT TIME KNOWN ONLY AS 'ATHLETE A'. SHE WON GOLD AT THE 2015 WORLD ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS.



MCKAYLA MARONEY, 2012 OLYMPIC CHAMPION.

“Why did none of these organizations warn anyone? USAG and USOPC have a long history of enabling abuse by turning a blind eye. Both organizations knew of Nassar’s abuse, long before it became public.

ALY RAISMAN, FORMER CAPTAIN OF OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL-WINNING 2012 AND 2016 US TEAMS

PSG held by Brugge; City, Liverpool, Madrid win

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LIONEL MESSI, Kylian Mbappe and Neymar lined up together in the near-perfect attack for Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday and still could not score or deliver a win in the Champions League. Instead, it was low-key midfielder Ander Herrera who got PSG's goal in a 1-1 draw at underrated Belgian champion Club Brugge. Though Messi saw a first-half shot strike the crossbar, he was later shown a yellow card for a foul and Mbappe went off because of an injured left ankle.

Christopher Nkunku netted all of Leipzig's goals in a 6-3 loss to Manchester City.

The English clubs in action combined for two wins in matches involving 14 goals as Liverpool beat AC Milan 3-2 in the Italians' return to the competition after a seven-season gap. There was just one goal in the games involving the Madrid clubs, and Rodrygo's 89th-minute strike won it for Real Madrid at Inter Milan. Atletico Madrid was held 0-0 at home to Porto. Debutant Sheriff Tiraspol from the Moldovan league won 2-0 against Shakhtar Donetsk from neighboring Ukraine.

City leads Group A with six different scorers including record signing Jack Grealish. Leipzig defender Angelino was sent off on his return to his former club. PSG hosts City on Sept. 28 in a rematch of last season's semifinals. The English champion advanced after winning the first leg 2-1 in Paris.

Liverpool's early surge yielded only a Trent Alexander Arnold-inspired opening goal and a penalty for Mohamed Salah saved by Milan goalkeeper Mike Maignan. Milan stunned its hosts with two quick goals just before halftime, but the lead lasted just a few minutes into the second half before Salah leveled. Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson clinched a 3-2 win with a sharp half-volley shot in the 69th minute.

Madrid came away from San Siro with three points from Rodrygo's late goal superbly assisted by teenage substitute Eduardo Camavinga, for a 1-0 win.

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