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Steadfastness is a virtue, but only if it doesn't come at a personal cost. Letting go is the new script PAGES 14, 15, 16

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Bhupendra Patel's dizzying rise — from a young man who sold firecrackers, to owner of a construction firm, to 17th CM of Gujarat

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Kabul bomber was deported by India 5 yrs ago: Magazine with IS links

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

A MAGAZINE known to be associated with the Islamic State has claimed that the suicide bomber who targeted the Kabul airport as it thronged with people seeking to leave last month, killing over 200 people, had been arrested in India five years ago and then deported to Afghanistan.

Identifying the bomber as 'Abdur Rahman al-logri", the pro-IS magazine Sawt-al-Hind (Voice of India) said, "The brother was arrested 5 years ago in India, when he had traveled to Delhi to carry out an Istishadhi (martyrdom) operation on the ciw(cow) worshipping Hindus in revenge

The magazine said it was he who was behind the Kabul airport bombing, adding that it had killed 250 people, including 13 Americans and a dozen "apostate" Taliban.

Sources in the Indian security establishment did not confirm or deny the claims made by the magazine. In 2017, the Indian intelligence agencies had deported an Afghan national staying in Lajpat Nagar, Delhi, on suspicions of working for the Islamic State, and the US forces had taken him into custody in Afghanistan

Hailing the attacker, Sawt-al-Hind said, "... the brother was tested with imprisonment and was deported to Afghanistan... Staying true to his promise to Allah, the brother didn't go home, rather he carried out his operation, his heart filled with **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

KEY PUNJAB CLP MEET TODAY; DRAMA JUST MONTHS BEFORE POLLS

Forced to quit, Capt hits out: Sidhu is anti-national... my options open

Sunil Jakhar may be new CM; 78 of 80 Cong MLAs attend CLP meet

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KANCHAN VASDEV

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 18

AFTER A months-long drama that played out from Chandigarh to Delhi. Congress veteran Amarinder Singh Saturday resigned as Chief Minister of Punjab, stating he was feeling "humiliated" by the party leadership and suggesting that all courses of action were open to him. He also made it clear that he would oppose any attempt by the Congress to name Navjot Singh Sidhu as his replacement, calling him an "anti-national" and "dangerous" for the country.

Consensus seemed to be emerging on Saturday night around Sunil Jakhar as the new CM, though the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) failed to reach a decision.

Amarinder's resignation came minutes before the MLAs were to meet at the Punjab party headquarters. The emergency CLP meeting, ostensibly to remove him, was announced by Congress Punjab in-charge Harish Rawat on Friday night, Amarinder claimed he had not been informed despite being the CLP leader, and hinted that it was the last straw.

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Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh after submitting his resignation, in Chandigarh on Saturday. Kamleshwar Singh

CM misread early signs, leadership kicked the can until it was too late

MANRAJGREWAL SHARMA

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 18

THE FIRST warning sign had come very early, on August 8, 2017, barely five months after Captain Amarinder Singh took charge as Chief Minister of Punjab. As many as 33 newly elected MLAs wrote him a letter seeking a probe into the

alleged role of former Akali minister Bikram Singh Majithia in a drugs case citing statements to

the Enforcement Directorate. That letter gathered dust. Saturday, months before the Assembly elections are notified, comes the CM's resignation in a burst of anger.

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Between these two points is the journey of a powerful Chief

Minister who, critics say, failed to sense resentment on the ground; who saw in dissenting voices merely ambitious rivals and a high command that kept kicking the political can down the road —

until it was too late. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Ajay Maken, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Harish Rawat and Harish Chaudhary in Chandigarh on Saturday. Kamleshwar Singh

The construction of over 40 integrated border outposts was announced by the government in 2015

All-weather border outposts: Ministries in blame game as Ladakh project fails

ITBP, MHA officials say BOP insulation, construction poor; NPCC rejects charge

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

ATA time when Indian troops are still in a faceoff with the Chinese along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, an infrastructure project for troops guarding the region has turned out to be a nonstarter after five years of work and investment of crores of rupees.

And the failure of the project has also pitted two key ministries of the government – Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Jal Shakti – against

The project involved construction of over 40 integrated Border Outposts (BOPs) an-

nounced by the government in 2015. These BOPs were supposed to be the first of their kind in the region with freeze-proof toilets, running water and temperature maintained above 22 degree Celsius at all times.

The project was seen as a significant step in improving border infrastructure for troops on the frontline at a time when infrastructure on the Chinese side was seen to be years ahead of India.

The first BOP, as a pilot for the project, was sanctioned to be built for the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in Lukung, on the western bank of Pangong Tso. The lake area saw serious confrontation between Indian and

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On road, Capt looks down from posters but his is an absence amid talk of crises

VANDITA MISHRA AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 18

ACROSS AMRITSAR, especially along the wider avenues outside the walled city, Captain Amarinder Singh looks down from tall billboards, wearing a slight, close-mouthed smile. As in the Modi poster — which is conspicuously absent in this city - Singh is framed alone, against a stark single-colour backdrop, and next to his photo, is a government achievement or claim.

"Sarkari schoolan 'ch muft sikhia (free education in government schools)". Or "Sarkari schoolan 'ch pre primary classan shuru (pre-primary classes started in government schools)", among others.

But talk to students and the young, and their parents, across sections and classes in the city. and it is clear that a much more compelling message is to be found in the ubiquitous advertisements of coaching centres that promise to prepare students

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THE REBEL MAJHA **BRIGADE, LED BY MINISTERS WHO WERE HANDPICKED** BY AMARINDER

ADMISSION OF FAILURE, DESPERATE BID TO SALVAGE SITUATION: OPP PAGE 6

Rahul, Priyanka move sparks debate, turns lens on Jaipur, Raipur

Journalist held for error in

report gets bail, court says

'nothing to create enmity'

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE CONGRESS central leadership's decision to replace Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh Saturday signalled that the "weak" high command, often faulted for its indecisiveness, is beginning to assert itself with Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra playing key roles.

The decision has triggered a debate within the party and leaders are sharply divided on its

merit. Many of the leaders of the G-23 grouping, for instance, are unhappy with his ouster. Some of them have already reached out to him. The big question now is: Will there be leadership change in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh too where factions

have been at loggerheads? In Puniab's case, the party leadership, sources said, proceeded with so much care and caution that all legal pros and cons of replacing Singh were weighed even late Friday night.

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Babul Supriyo with TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee in Kolkata on Saturday. ANI

2 months after he was dropped at Centre, BJP MP Supriyo joins TMC

ATRI MITRA & LIZ MATHEW

KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

TWO MONTHS after he was removed as Union Minister of State, sitting BJP MP Babul Supriyo Saturday joined the Trinamool Congress, admitting he was disappointed at what had happened despite his "hard work and good work".

Supriyo, who was removed as part of a major rejig in the Narendra Modi Council of Ministers in July, said he would

resign as MP. "I will do whatever is right politically and ethically. I will work as per the leadership's instructions

Speaking to The Sunday Express, Supriyo said he had been unhappy that, "after my hard work and good work, it (the removal) happened to me". "I, like many others, feel I did some good work as MoS.'

He said TMC MP Derek O' Brien, who was "a good friend", had asked him if he wanted to join the TMC. "It was unexpected... I can just say that I responded to a good opportunity.

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Need Indianisation of legal system, our systems and rules colonial: CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 18

CALLING FOR "Indianisation" of the country's legal system, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said Saturday that the colonial rules currently being followed "may not be best suited to the needs of the Indian population".

Addressing an event organ-



CJI N V Ramana in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

ised in Bengaluru by the Karnataka State Bar Council to pay tribute to late Supreme Court judge Justice Mohan M Shantanagoudar, CJI Ramana said: "Very often our justice delivery poses multiple barriers for the common people. The working and style of courts do not sit well with the complexities of India. Our systems, practice, rules being colonial in origin, it CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 18 A DAY after the Ambala Police ar-

rested a journalist over an error in a report about the arrest of a terror suspect, a court granted him bail, saying "there was nothing... which can create enmity between classes", as claimed in the FIR.

Police had arrested reporter Sunil Brar and booked News Editor Sandeep Sharma of Dainik Bhaskar newspaper, on the complaint of a sub-inspector, under Sections 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 177 (furnishing false information), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of

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UP village empties out as 12 die after fever; officials test for dengue, malaria

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ASAD REHMAN KANPUR, SEPTEMBER 18

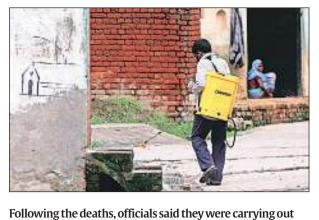
SILENCE ENVELOPS Kursauli village under Kalyanpur Block of Kanpur Nagar district on Saturday afternoon, with many houses locked. With panic spreading due to the death of at least 12 people in the last one month here due to a "mysterious fever", many have left. On Saturday, another death was reported, of village head Amit Singh's aunt Geeta, 40.

Anil Kumar (40), who works at a private company in Kanpur city, says his children and wife are at his in-laws' house, while he stayed behind to look after their buffalo. "If people did not have cattle and farms, the village would have been empty. There is not a single house which does not have cases of fever, and many have gone to houses of relatives. Some have even rented houses in nearby areas," says Kumar.

A list prepared by health officials shows the first death due to the "mysterious fever" to be of 14-year-old Tannu Prajapati, on August 20. Nine of the other 11

dead were young girls or women – Parwati (62), Julie (23), Sonali (19), Laxmi Prajapati (40), Laxmi Devi (45), Chama Tiwari (28), Urmila (35), Nirmala Tewari (65), Vaishnavi (11). The two men who died were Shiv Ram Prajapati (56) and Maan Singh (55). Geeta Singh's death is still to be recorded.

Additional Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Kanpur Nagar district Dr Subodh Prakash admitted they were yet to figure out the exact cause of the deaths. "Most of the people who died were not tested for dengue or malaria, while all those who tested positive for dengue have



fogging in Kursauli village, Kanpur. Vishal Srivastav

recovered. Zero malaria cases have been found in the tests done." Prakash said, adding that a three-member committee has been set up under the District Public Health Expert to do a

"The neighbouring villages don't have this problem," he pointed out.

Tannu's father is a daily wager, like most earning members in this village of around 1,200 people. Says her sister Arti, "At least four people in the family had fever. Tannu fell ill on August 18, and died while we were taking her to Hallett (Lala Lajpat Rai Hospital). Our brother who is five Pradeep Tewari, 48, a farmer,

says that at least 50 of the 180odd houses in the village are locked. Tewari's aunt Nirmala Tiwari (65) and sister-in-law Chama Tewari (28) died following fever, within days of each

He drops his voice saying he doesn't want to alarm family members still battling the fever, including Chandrashekhar (70), who is on oxygen support at home.

Sarpanch Amit Singh says they are in shock about his aunt's death. "She was healthy. When she caught a fever three days ago,

New Delhi

Her situation worsened and she was referred to another hospital. where she passed away," he says. Mohini Gupta's daughter

we took her to a private hospital.

Vaishnavi has been the youngest casualty. The 11-year-old died within three days of getting the fever. "She had a stomach ache. was vomiting and had a high fever. My younger son also fell ill but recovered. We spent more than Rs 1 lakh on the treatment, borrowing from locals and monevlenders." savs Gupta.

Her husband sells *chaat* from a cart, she adds. "How will we repay that money?'

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Forced to quit, Capt hits out at Sidhu



WHY PANJSHIR VALLEY STOOD STRONG FOR DECADES AND HOW IT HAS FALLEN NOW

Panishir Valley has historically been a stronghold of the resistance against the Soviets and the Taliban. It's fall is a significant blow, both strategically and symbolically

ENTERTAINMENT



SHABANA AZMI The most versatile actor in Hindi film industry who should be celebrated even more

SCIENCE



HAVE YOU SEEN TARDIGRADES WALK? Scientists decode

why they trot like insects

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All you need to know about the iPhone 13 **Apple event**

In the latest episode of Our Own Devices, host Nandagopal Rajan is joined by Nimish Dubey to discuss the latest range of Apple products. They share notes on features and talk about the Apple ecosystem

FROM PAGE ONE

Early signs

That first warning shot came because in the run-up to the 2017 polls, Singh had taken oath on a gutka(holy book) to wipe out the 'drug menace" within a month. The MLAs hoped "big fish" would be ensnared but nothing happened.

The cases of sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib dating back to October 2015, leading to outrage and death of two protesters in police firing, continued to languish in court. Even though the Justice Raniit Singh Commission, set up by Amarinder Singh in 2017, categorically indicted the Badals for shielding Dera Sacha Sauda, the Special Investigation Teams could not make much headway.

There was growing anger on the ground but it did not reach the ears of the Chief Minister who seldom visited the Civil Secretariat, Many MLAs claimed his office was effectively run by Suresh Kumar, his Chief Principal

Although that appointment was subsequently quashed by the High Court and Kumar resigned, the government continued to appeal the HC verdict. A senior Congress leader recounts how, at a function in Jalandhar, the compere introduced Kumar as the "de-facto CM". Kumar, finally, put in his papers Saturday.

The CM later shifted to his farmhouse, making access even more difficult. The pandemic lockdown only deepened the sense of him being cut off.

As the clamour grew, the CM appointed six MLAs critical of him as his advisers in late 2019. But their appointment could not get the governor's sanction and

Meanwhile, Navjot Singh Sidhu, who left BJP to join Congress, much against the

CORRECTION

ON 18.09.21, PAGE 7

A DELHI Confidential item published on September 18 wrongly mentioned Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar, instead of Union minister Rao Inderiit Singh, as the subject of a remark made by Union minister Nitin Gadkari at a function

The error is regretted.

wishes of Amarinder, began to sulk after he was divested of his local bodies portfolio in July 2019. Sidhu quit the Cabinet in a huff only to re-emerge this April after the Punjab and Haryana High Court quashed the investigation into the Kotkapura firing.

Disaffected legislators, led by three ministers from the Majha region of Punjab, Tript Rajinder Bajwa, Sukhbinder Sarkaria and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, found a rallying point in Sidhu. The CM's camp dismissed these voices as disgruntled "non-performing" legislators.

As Sidhu launched a tirade against the government, the Congress high command watched quietly. There was no attempt to call the warring camps to Delhi, lay down the line or broker peace. It was only in May that the Congress set up a threemember panel. There were also reports of the party commissioning surveys to gauge the popularity of the CM, who was given an 18-point agenda to fulfil after the panel submitted its report early

Rather than quelling Sidhu's outbursts, this hardened the rift. But the high command continued to dither, taking over a month to appoint him as PPCC chief. Sources said the surveys favoured Sidhu and found the CM's popularity was dipping.

Meanwhile, Amarinder got to work, making public appearances, offering friendship to Sidhu, and addressing some manifesto promises: the old age and widow pension was doubled; loan waiver was sanctioned for landless labourers.

But it was too little, too late. The final straw was a letter signed by over 40 legislators and four ministers to Sonia Gandhi Wednesday, seeking a CLP meet-

Captain posters

for "IELTS" with the golden words: "Visa", "Immigration".

The IELTS or the International English Language Testing System (for ease of pronunciation, everyone here calls it "evelets"), is necessary for students who want to go abroad. By all accounts, the IELTS industry is burgeoning

For the Amarinder Singh government, on government schools, it may have been a matter of too little too late. But in Amritsar, his is a wan and be-

Amarinder later skipped the CLP meeting, which was attended by 78 of the 80 MLAs of the Congress. It passed two resolutions -- one commending Amarinder and the other authorising Sonia Gandhi to name the next CM. The CLP will now meet at 11 am on Sunday.

On who could replace him, Amarinder said, "Apparently they (the Congress high command) do not have confidence in me... Let them appoint whom they trust." However, he added he would never accept state Congress chief Sidhu, the face of the revolt against him.

Speaking to reporters while the CLP meeting was on, Amarinder said: "Navjot Sidhu is an anti-national... He is a total disaster.... As Local Government minister, he failed to clear files for months... How will he run the whole state?"

He said Sidhu was mixed up with Pakistan and a danger for Punjab and the country. "We have all seen Sidhu hugging Imran Khan and (Pakistan Army chief) General Bajwa, and singing praises for the Pakistan Prime Minister at the opening of the Kartarpur Corridor while our soldiers were being killed," he said, adding that the excricketer had attended Khan's swearing-in even after he had categorically told him not to.

"The government of Puniab means the security of India, and if Sidhu is made the face of the chief ministership, I will fight him at every step," Amarinder said.

sieged presence in other conver-

sations about other crises, too. Here, most conversation is about crisis.

About the farmers' *aandolan* that goes on. There seems to be a palpable agreement, straddling the onus is on the Central govern-

About joblessness and the decline of industry — as Punjab became inhospitable for business. because of deepening corruption, rising electricity costs, and the "gangster culture" built on drugs

About the overweening power given to favoured bureaucrats in Chandigarh in the Congress regime; about the continuation of the system of patronage in districts - entrenched dur-

Amarinder became identified with the corruptions and collusions of a discredited political class – the farmers' movement's pointed refusal to allow any party banner has only brought the cynicism to the fore. Nothing he did was enough to help Amarinder climb out of a very deep, dark

One of the most persistent charges levelled against him is that he has a secret pact with the BJP, and more damagingly, the Badals. In the last Assembly election in 2017, the Congress fielded him from the Badal bastion of Lambi(apart from his traditional Patiala), ostensibly to counter this perception, but even that could

In a state so on edge, something had to give. The exit of Amarinder may or may not help the Congress's prospects in the polls due early next year, but for now it does break the freefall, opens up a space.

Much of the appeal of the MPfrom Amritsar East, Navjot Singh Sidhu, who has emerged as the Captain's main challenger, rests on his positioning as a relative

outsider – honest, outspoken. Sidhu is seen to talk back to the Badals in a way that Captain

While refusing to clarify his stand on Jakhar as CM, Amarinder said he had been 'my PPCC president". "I do not know why they removed him."

Jakhar had been replaced with

Sidhu, in a bid to keep the

peace in the Punjab Congress. However, the high command may run into some hurdles naming Jakhar, who is considered close to Delhi Punjab has never had a non-Sikh CM and minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa is learnt to have said at the CLP meeting that if the party wanted a Hindu leader, it

The Congress though is hoping that the strategy of having a Hindu CM and a Sikh state chief might pay off. While Jakhar is not an MLA, that will not be an issue as the elections are less than six months away. Also, Jakhar enjoys a clean image.

should choose Ambika Soni.

Sources said Charanjeet Singh Channi demanded that a Dalit be named Deputy CM. A few at the CLP reportedly also favoured appointing Sidhu.

Amarinder claimed he had asked the MLAs supporting him to attend the CLP meeting, and the presence of almost the entire legislative wing didn't mean they supported Sidhu (the only other absentee besides Amarinder was Speaker Rana Kanwarpal Singh; rules do not allow a Speaker to attend a legislative party meeting).

Rejecting the claim that he had lost the confidence of the MLAs, Amarinder said, "Just a week ago, I sent to Sonia Gandhi a list of 63 MLAs supporting me." He also said the MLAs usually respond to what they think Delhi wants.

Pointing to the wins by the Congress under him, Amarinder said he failed to understand the decision to replace him. "The people of Punjab were clearly happy with my government," he said, adding that till three-four months ago, the tide was in favour of the Congress in Punjab. "They have cut off their nose to spite their face, and ended up from a winning to a losing position."

After submitting his oneline resignation and that of his Council of Ministers, Amarinder told reporters, "I decided to quit in the morning, and spoke to the Congress pres ident (Sonia Gandhi) at 10." It was the third time a

meeting of the MLAs was being held in two months. Amarinder said. "I am feeling humiliated... They called MLAs twice to Delhi, and now this third meeting. I feel they have no confidence in my working."

Amarinder said he would decide his future course in consultation with his supporters. 'There is always an option, and I will use that option when the time comes... At the moment, I am still in the Congress.'

Amarinder, who had called a meeting of his supporters at 2 pm, is learnt to have told them that he would accept the decision of the high command.

ing included Cabinet ministers Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, OP Soni, Balbir Sidhu, Brahm Mohindra, Vijay Inder Singla and Rana Gurmit Sodhi; apart from MLAs Ajaib Singh Bhatti, Rakesh Pandey, Ramanjit Sikki, Raj Kumar Chabbewal, Navtej Cheema, Tarsem DC, Rajinder Beri, Harpartap Ajnala, Fateh Jung Singh Baiwa and others. The MPs who were present

Those who came for the meet-

included his wife Preneet Kaur, Ravneet Bittu, Gurjit Singh Aujla, and Mohammad Sadiq. Asked if the BJP was an op-

tion for him, Singh said, "Do not ask me these questions. I am going to be 80, I am fitter, I am a fauji (soldier), I have completed my task. If one task is over, I can take the other task.' Saying "people come and

go in politics", Singh added, "I have been in politics for 52 years and I will be in politics. In politics options are never closed." He said he would not take his call immediately. "I have done so much for farmers," he said, as well as on the drug problem in the state.

On accusations that he had a quid pro quo with the Akalis, Singh said, "For 13 years, the Akalis booked me in various cases. I was sacked from the Assembly. I went to court." If he would speak to the

high command, he said, "I have known Soniaji for 50 years, Rahul and Priyanka are like my own children." He said this is why he did not expect to be "humiliated in this manner".

Chhattisgarh

Minister Ashok Gehlot and his

Bhupesh Baghel command the

Singh also has a message for the

G-23 grouping of the party, a sen-

ior leader said. "That the high

command can act decisively

however, has not gone down well

with some G-23 leaders. "It will

have a fallout. Five months before

elections... And the fact that the

high command is an active party

to remove him... does not augur

Border outposts

Chinese troops for nine months

before disengagement was

National Projects Construction

Corporation (NPCC), a PSU under

the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Five

years and about Rs 20 crore later,

the project has, for all practical

purposes, been declared a failure

MHA said the BOP is unable to

maintain temperatures of over

10-11 degree Celsius and the

quality of construction is so poor

that the 40-odd jawans staying in

the BOP have begun to miss the

insulated pre-fabricated huts

unhappy that it has not only

stopped part payment to the

NPCC, but is also thinking of

dumping the project altogether.

has blamed the ITBP and the

MHA, claiming that withholding

the payment has resulted in the

sub-contractor concerned not

maintaining the heating system.

withheld payment to the tune of

Rs 4 crore to NPCC. "The contract

between us and the NPCC was to

construct a BOP where tempera-

ture would remain above 22 de-

gree Celsius all year, even if it was

Sources said the ITBP has

The NPCC, on the other hand,

The MHA, sources said, is so

where they lived earlier.

Sources in the ITBP and the

by the ITBP.

The project was awarded to

achieved in February this year.

well," a G-23 leader said.

The decision to replace Singh,

should be in the mind of all."

The removal of Amarinder

support of most of the MLAs.

counterpart

the quality of construction is poor. "NPCC was supposed to provide Rajdhani train-like insulated windows in the BOP with double-sheets of glass, but they have used poor quality glass and fixed the same in aluminium frames, letting in icy draughts," an official of the MHA said.

Sources in the MHA said even

The BOP was inspected last year by the Secretary (Border Management) in the MHA along with ITBP officers. Ever since there have been multiple meetings and communications between the two ministries, sources

Singh, Head of D P Department (Projects), NPCC, said the work was completed as per the scope of the project in October 2019, but the 40-odd ITBP personnel moved in only in October 2020. "Temperature of the ground floor was observed to be between 19.5 and 22 Deg Cel and at the first floor 17 to 19.5 Deg Cel in the months of October 2020 to January 2021," Singh said, providing screenshots of the temperature reading.

ITBP officials, however, said they too have taken readings and the temperature is hardly above 10-11 degrees. The NPCC claimed it had gone

beyond the scope of the work to accommodate demands of the ITBP and Secretary (BM), agreeing to additional construction and one-year maintenance. According to Singh, ITBP is yet

to clear bills of Rs 4 crore and GST of over Rs 1 crore. "Due to this, neither maintenance is taking place nor technology partners are willing to help out," he said.

According to NPCC, to increase the efficiency of green features, it had submitted an enhancement proposal to the ITBP in August 2020. "But no decision has been communicated."

An official of MHA, however, said this was only a way of hiding its inability to deliver the project. "They are now asking us to build a wall between the BOP and the Pangong lake to break the wind," the official said.

A questionnaire sent by The Sunday Express to the ITBP and MHA did not elicit any response. The NPCC, meanwhile, has sent ITBP an extra bill of Rs 1.35 crore.

Babul Supriyo Supriyo said he was surprised

that both TMC chief Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee wanted him in the party. "To other people it might look like opportunism, but to me it's a great opportunity... I want to be in a team to play... I don't waste time sitting on the bench."

In the Assembly elections in the state earlier this year, Supriyo had been among the parliamentarians fielded by the BJP. However, he had lost from Tollyganj. After he was dropped from the Union ministry, he had announced he was quitting politics, while staying on as MP. On Saturday, he said he would

not like to comment on the BJP, and was thankful for whatever opportunity the party gave him. Incidentally, coinciding with Supriyo joining the TMC, the

Centre reduced his security category from 'Z' to 'Y'.

Scribe gets bail

peace) and 505 (2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, or ill-will between classes).

Brar was produced in the court of Judicial Magistrate I Class (Ambala) Mukesh Kumar. Police said he had committed "a serious offence... against public tranquillity", and the report "has created false alarm... thereby promoted enmity between classes".

Arguing against bail, the prosecution said Brar might tamper with evidence, and that "the machines from where the newspaper was printed are in the custody of the accused and his associates" and "the co-accused (Sandeep Sharma) was yet to be

arrested".

The prosecution also sought Brar's custodial interrogation, but the court refused it, saying there was no need.

Brar's counsel said police acted under political pressure and falsely implicated him. On the error in the report, which said the terror suspect was held from Ambala Cantt, instead of from a village in Ambala, his counsel said: "Some terrorist was arrested in the territory of Ambala district and, on the basis of his information, he published the news in Dainik Bhaskar.'

The newspaper had put out a correction the next day.

In its order, the court noted that the prosecution had not denied that an arrest had been made from Ambala district by the Punjab Police. "... Admittedly except Section 505 (2) of IPC, all other offences levelled against the accused are bailable in nature... It is the allegation of prosecution that by publishing such false news, the accused created alarm in the mind of the general public and also tried to create enmity between classes. However. after perusal of the remand paper and the copy of the newspaper produced by the Investigating Officer, this court is of the view that there was nothing (of the sort) which can create enmity between classes," the judge said.

may not be best suited to the needs of the Indian population. The need of the hour is Indianisation of our legal system.

"When I say Indianisation, I mean the need to adapt to the practical realities of our society and localise our justice delivery systems. For example, parties from a rural place, fighting a family dispute, are usually made to feel out of place in the court. They do not understand the arguments or pleadings which are mostly in English... These days, judgments have become lengthy, which further complicates the position of litigants," he said.

UP village Lashing out at officials, she

says they came and threatened them with a case if they did not build a pucca toilet. The family uses a hole dug outside the house as a toilet. "You tell me how we are supposed to build a toilet when most people in the family are ill and we are facing a huge debt?" Gupta says.

An official at the Kalyanpur Community Health Centre (CHC) admitted urging the villagers to build toilets, saying they believe choked drains could be one reason for the fever outbreak, "The village does not have a sewage system... We have served notices to 30 families to build proper toilets soon," says the official.

Villagers in Kursauli are worried they might face a boycott next. "People in neighbouring villages have started avoiding us. We might find it difficult to find work in nearby villages soon," says Dasarth (38), who works as a farm labourer.

Kabul bomber tranquillity and pleasure... Allah

is his judge.'

Sources said the interrogation of the Afghan national who had been deported by India in 2017 had led to several anti-IS operations by the US forces in Afghanistan.

The Indian Express had reported on the youth, who was in his mid-20s, in July 2018, saying he was part of a group of 12 IS operatives sent out after training in Pakistan to carry out attacks in the region. An 18-month-long surveillance operation in Afghanistan, Dubai and New Delhi had yielded intelligence on the 12, with the Afghan national, the "son of a wealthy businessman", being given New Delhi as his target. FULL REPORTS ON

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hasn't been seen to do. But appointment of Navjot Singh sources said. Rajasthan Chief Sidhu's challenge now will be to prove he can lead a team.

The AAP, which like Sidhu. also rides, somewhat uneasily, the appeal of the Outsider, must also navigate a difficult road. In the last Assembly election, its surge bumped up against hurdles in its path borne of a seeming contradiction in terms. Even though Punjabis are cynical about politics as usual, the search for something new must contend with their keen consciousness of their older identity and excep-

Rahul, Priyanka

Sources said AICC general secretary Ajay Maken, who was in Chandigarh as the party central observer, met Rahul Gandhi Friday evening and then sat with Rajya Sabha MP and lawyer Abhishek Singhvi to discuss the possibility of Singh recommending dissolution of the House or not accepting the direction to step down.

By then, the party had a letter with the signatures of over 60 MLAs, above the halfway mark in the 117-member House.

It is learnt that the party had readied options of legal remedies if Singh refused to resign. Even the draft resolution, passed at the CLP meeting Saturday, was finalised at the Maken-Singhvi meeting, sources said

Sources said former PPCC president Sunil Jakhar, Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa and state minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa are in the race for new CM. Sources said many of the MLAs at the CLP meeting favoured a Sikh face.

Senior leaders of the party said it is simplistic to say that the Congress leadership has borrowed a leaf from the BJP playbook. But Singh's removal, sources said, showed that the central leadership decided to bite the bullet after prevaricating for months. Internal surveys of the party, sources claimed, had shown that Singh was deeply unpopular and that the party would struggle to retain power under his leadership. More so, after the Sidhu as the PPCC president as the two were pulling in different directions.

The party leadership, sources said, mulled over Singh's removal and decided against it when they appointed Sidhu as PPCC president. Most MLAs had then too complained against Singh's style

of functioning. But the leadership, thinking in a conventional way, decided to back him, hoping that he and Sidhu would patch up. But some of the leaders pointed out that the party high command did little to make that happen.

A section of the party believes that the fresh letter by a section of the MLAs seeking a CLP meeting was done at the instance of the party high command. The Chief Minister, the leaders said, had shown no sign of changing his style of functioning despite repeated reminders from the high command.

Some leaders said the Gandhi family was not on the same page and this delayed the decision. "Mrs (Sonia) Gandhi was initially not in favour of replacing Singh. He is a veteran and they share warm relations," a leader claimed. But Rahul and Priyanka, the leader claimed, differed.

Speaking at the Express Adda on March 22, Singh had praised Sonia highly and said he would support "hundred and one per cent" the leadership of the Gandhis in the Congress.

A senior leader said Sidhu, despite his acrimonious relationship with Singh, was also not enthusiastic about replacing him with another leader as it would create another power centre to deal with. Sources said Singh asked

Sonia Gandhi to postpone the CLP meeting by a day or two when they spoke Saturday morning. Sources close to him did not

rule out him leaving the Congress and floating a regional outfit. But what made the task easier for the party high command was the negligible support that Singh commanded among the MLAs.

That, however, is not the case in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, minus 44 degrees outside... For us, the BOP is still incomplete. So. why should we release the payment?" a senior ITBP officer said.

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Another arrest in 'terror plot', police say accused was working with Chhota Shakeel

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MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

DAYS AFTER six men, including two allegedly trained by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) were arrested in connection with a terror plot, the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad, Delhi Police and intelligence officials conducted a joint operation to arrest an alleged associate of Chhota Shakeel, Dawood Ibrahim's right-

The accused, Zakir Hussain Shaikh, was arrested by the ATS from Jogeshwari in Mumbai, with officials claiming that he was coordinating with Chhota Shakeel and he was in touch with one of the six arrested accused, Dharavi resident Jaan Mohammed alias Sameer Kaliya (47).

Officials also said Shaikh's younger brother, who is currently in Pakistan and closely working with Chhota Shakeel, had in 2001 planned to target senior BJP leader LK Advani but fled to the neighbouring country when the plan was foiled.

Police allege that Shaikh,

formed by his younger brother that the ISI was working with D-Company to execute attacks in India. "He was also told by his brother that the ISI would provide them arms and ammunition through their contacts," claimed a senior officer.

Shaikh was produced before a Mumbai Sessions court on Saturday and remanded in ATS custody for two days. He is also suspected to have been in touch with a Pakistani national who used a fictitious name. Anthony. while communicating with him, officials claimed. For the past few

days, the ATS had been keeping a watch on Shaikh's activities, after his name cropped up in Jaan's interrogation by the Special Cell, officials said. This information was shared with a Maharashtra ATS team by the Special Cell and days

The ATS officials claim Jaan gave Shaikh Rs 20,000. Officials claim Shaikh was going to receive explosives from another person, though it is not clear exactly where or when the attacks were planned. Shaikh has been booked under UAPA Section 18 (punishment for conspiracy), with police sources saying he was also ar-

later Shaikh was picked up.

rested a decade ago in a criminal case by the Crime Branch.

Earlier this week, the Special Cell had arrested Jaan Mohammed (47); Osama alias Sami (22), a resident of Jamia Nagar; Moolchand alias Saaju (47), a resident of Rae Bareli; Zeeshan Qamar (28), a resident of Allahabad; Mohd Abu Bakar (23), a resident of Bahraich; and Mohd Amir Javed (31), a resident of Lucknow.

Two of the accused, Osama and Zeeshan, allegedly got training this year in Pakistan and were getting instructions from the ISI, the Special Cell has said. They were asked to conduct recce of

suitable locations in Delhi and UP for planning attacks, it is alleged.

Meanwhile, Humaidur-Ur-Rehman, the uncle of Osama, surrendered Friday evening and the Special Cell's New Delhi Range team took him to Delhi from Allahabad on transit remand.

"During questioning, Osama had claimed he had gone to Muscat from Lucknow, and that his uncle was in touch with the ISI and coordinating with them," said a senior officer, adding that the claims are being looked into.

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AS PART of the Delhi government's '10 Hafte, 10 Baje, 10 Minute' dengue prevention campaign, Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal called on children in the city to take the lead on this week's action on Sunday.

"Dear kids, get ready to fight Dengue. Let's do a 10-minute homework every Sunday to protect Delhi from Dengue. For this, we need to check our homes and surrounding areas for any signs of stagnant water. If we do find water, let's drain it, replace it reg-

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friends and ask them to take part in this campaign," said Kejriwal in an address. Delhi has seen an uptick in the number of dengue cases this year, and the period from

layer of oil. Let's also call up our

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September to mid-November is when the city sees its highest number of cases. In Gurgaon, which has reported 18 cases of dengue and two cases of malaria so far this

year, the district health department officials on Saturday said a 20-bed ward at the civil hospital had been set up to deal with a contingency or an outbreak.

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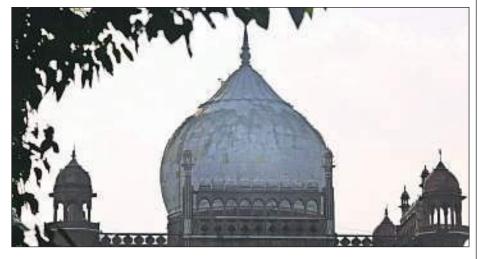
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Dome of Safdarjung Tomb damaged, ASI to start repairs



The 18th Century monument is located in the heart of Delhi. Praveen Khanna

DIVYA A NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE DOME of the 18th Century Safdarjung Tomb on Aurobindo Marg has suffered damages owing to the recent rains. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has taken cognizance of

the matter and will embark on a repair exercise soon. On Saturday morning, Delhibased historian S Irfan Habib tweeted: "This is Safdar Jung Tomb, an 18th century monu-Needs urgent attention of #ASI, the dome has developed cracks, with weed growing all over it.

We just saw part of Begumpur

mosque collapse...' On being asked about the extent of damages, an ASI spokesperson said, "We are aware of the damages and are preparing a detailed plan for repairs as per our team's assessment. It will start within a week." The marble structure, Empire style for Nawab Safdarjung, is one of the 174 protected monuments of ASI in

In fact, the ASI added that the repair and conservation work at the monument was already on in 2019-20 but they had to stop when the Covid lockdowns came into place. During the lockdown, the conservation and maintenance work at several ASI monuments suffered owing to "restrictions and labour crunch". The recent rains have added to the agency's woes and they plan to restart their conser vation schedule at various monuments across the capital, said

In 2019, Safdarjung Tomb became the third ASI-protected monument in Delhi to be illuminated, after Red Fort and Purana Qila. The ASI had embarked on a project to restore and highlight the architectural beauty of important Mughal-era monuments, including Qutab Minar and Tughlaqabad Fort. To highlight the architecture of the

Violent crimes down, many

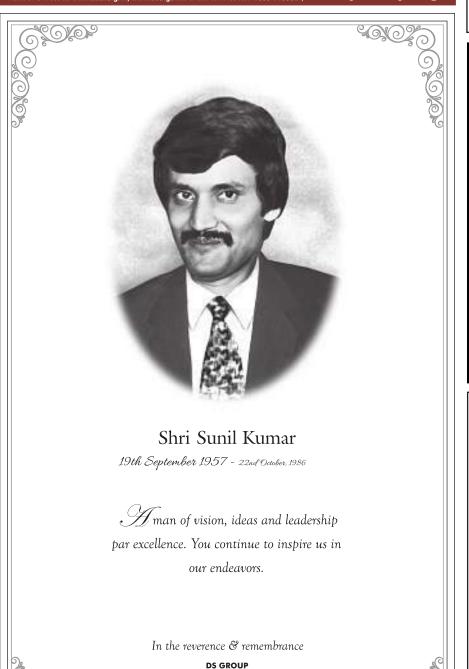
monument, including arches and minarets, 213 technologically advanced LED lights were installed.

On the damage at Begumpur Mosque in Malviya Nagar, that Habib's tweet has raised, the ASI categorically denied any recent damage, and said historian William Dalrymple's earlier tweets and pictures on the issue were fake.

Earlier this week, Dalrymple had claimed on Twitter that portions of the roof of the 14th Century Begumpur Masjid have But the ASI shared visual evidence from the 1980s to show that the roof was damaged even

"No recent collapses have taken place in Begumpur Mosque. ASI categorically denies it," said the ASI official. In fact, the agency rejected the charge that it has neglected the monument and said it has been carrying out conservation and repair work at the mosque for

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New Delhi

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

WHILE VIOLENT crimes saw a dip during the pandemic in the national capital owing to last year's lockdown, the Delhi Police claim they have made "significant" arrests and seizures and stopped activities of several interstate gangs. In comparison to 2019, there has been a 15% drop in violent crimes in Delhi, police said.

Police on Saturday said they had arrested many "hardened" criminals and caught members of interstate gangs who supply arms and ammo to criminals and even juveniles.

According to data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), more than 3,736 arms and 4,726 ammunition were seized by the Delhi Police

A senior police officer said, "We can't estimate the worth of these weapons properly since many are illegal and bought from different states such as Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. It is suspected that the arms are worth more

are under 25, say police

peddling arms and ammo

Under the Arms Act, 1959, police arrested over 5,000 persons last year — most of the accused are men under the age of 25 with "no criminal record", data shows.

"Many of these gangs operate from inside prison or from foreign locations. These gangsters approach juveniles and young men and ask them to either supply arms or help in other operations of the gang. We have been trying to zero in on these gangs and have arrested significant members. Most of them target juveniles through social media and lure them with pistols and money," said the of-

Police claim many of the interstate gangs were involved in murder and extortion.

In March, gangster Kuldeep Fajja was killed in a police encounter after he allegedly fled from GTB hospital with his associates. He was involved in the Chhatarsal Stadium brawl and murder in which two-time Olympian wrestler Sushil Kumar was arrested. In July, Special Cell arrested gangster Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi and

Chaudhari. Jathedi is involved in over 40 cases of murder, extortion and kidnapping.

On the rise

According to police, cases of cvber fraud, cheating and forgery increased by 55% during the pandemic as compared to previous years. Police said that many "small groups" and individuals were trading in fake Indian currency notes (FICN) from factories in Delhi-NCR.

Data shows that fake notes with a face value of Rs 1.8 crore has been seized and gangs have been busted for trading and using the notes to cheat innocent businessmen and customers. These notes were heavily pumped into markets during the pandemic, police said.

A Delhi Police spokesperson said, "We have had instances where district police teams, Special Cell and Crime Branch had to register suo motu cases as the victims didn't lodge an FIR." This was because of the lockdown and also because the gangs operate in different states and police run into jurisdictional

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KEJRIWAL, PURI INAUGURATE STRETCH

New corridor on Metro's grey line to bridge gap between rural, urban Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE DHANSA bus stand to Najafgarh corridor of Delhi Metro's Grey line was inaugurated by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri via video conference on Saturday. Passenger service on this corridor started at 5 pm.

The grey line, now 6.1-km long, comprises four stations — Dwarka, Nangli, Najafgarh and Dhansa, of which Dwarka and Nangli are elevated and the others are underground.

The CM said, "It is a moment of great delight for all the people of Outer Delhi, especially residents of Najafgarh. Till now, the route of the Delhi Metro ended at the Delhi Gate region at Najafgarh. There are about 50 such villages in the area from where a huge number of people come to inner Delhi to work. All these people had to cross the Phirni Road Chowk to get to the Metro, resulting in a huge traffic jam. Now that metro services have been extended to the Dhansa bus stand, people won't need to cross the Chowk and be stuck in traffic. The route may be just 1.5-km long but it is a very significant stretch for residents. A

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- Dwarka, Nangli are elevated; Najafgarh, Dhansa Bus Stand are underground
- Dhansa station has 4 levels, first to have entire underground floor for parking

large number of people come from Jhajjar, Haryana to work in Delhi. They will also get a lot of help from this service.

He added that residents had asked for an extra station on the Metro during his campaign.

Puri said that as cities gradually recover from the pandemic, enhanced mobility requirements of the masses will play an important role in taking the economy forward. He said the gap between rural and urban Delhi is

being bridged with such connections that go deep into the interior areas of the national capital.

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Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, and Lok Sabha MP from West Delhi Parvesh Sahib Singh were also present at the event

Officials of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation said, "The Dhansa station has been designed as a four-level underground structure



Passenger service on the Dhansa bus stand to Najafgarh corridor started at 5 pm on Saturday. Photo tweeted by DMRC

where the platform will be at the bottom(at an approximate depth of 18 metres) followed by the concourse and then an entire floor for parking above it with the roof level at the top (ground level)."

It is the first station to have an entire underground floor for parking. The parking is integrated with the main station area and is equipped with entry and exit ramps, lifts, staircases, escalators, etc. It has space for 110 cars and 185 two-wheelers.

Photographs on 'migratory birds' are showcased on glass panels at the Dhansa station, owing to the 'iheel' between Dhansa

and Najafgarh that has a marshy ecosystem and is home to local wildlife and migratory birds.

Officials added that the villages around are known for their ancient folklore and fairs are held to celebrate their historical significance. This inspired the hand-painted artwork at the station. A few depict scenes from fairs while others feature local designs and motifs.

Provisions for energy-efficient lights and rainwater harvesting have also been made. Entry 2 and 3 are connected through the subway hence, pedestrian road crossing at the surface can be avoided.

Covid norms: Bangla Sahib Gurdwara shut for visitors

ARANYA SHANKAR

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE SUB-DIVISIONAL magistrate of Chanakyapuri has ordered the closure of Gurdwara Bangla Sahib for visitors with immediate effect, citing violation of Covid-19 protocol. The order drew a sharp response from Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee president Manjinder Singh Sirsa, who demanded action from Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal against the district officials.

In an order dated September 16, the SDM Chanakyapuri said the DDMA's orders, which state that "religious places shall be permitted to open but no visitors will be allowed", had been violated. Apart from being sent to the gurdwara management, the order has also been marked to the SHO at Parliament Street police station.

"The executive magistrate, subdivision Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, has submitted a report that the management of Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, BKS Marg, New Delhi, has allowed visitors/prayers inside the Gurdwara which is a violation of... the order dated September 15, 2021, of the DDMA Delhi," the SDM said in the order.

She added, "Now, therefore, I, Geeta Grover, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi district, in exercise of the power conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, read with the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and regulations made thereunder, hereby direct the management of Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, BKS Marg, New



The SDM order said the DDMA's order on not letting in visitors was violated. Amit Mehra

Delhi to close it for visitors with immediate effect.'

Grover told The Indian Express that her team had visited the gurdwara on September 16 and found visitors, resulting in the issuance of the order: "We have not closed down the gurdwara; we have only closed it for visitors. Until the DDMA order allows visitors, they will have to keep it closed for them."

In her order, she added, "Failing to comply with the above order would attract strict penal action under relevant sections of the law. Matter to be treated as urgent in light of Covid-19. Issued with prior approval of the District Magistrate,

Sirsa, in a tweet, wrote: "We request CM @ArvindKejriwal ji to revoke the order passed by SDM Chanakyapuri about closing Gurdwara Sri Bangla Sahib for Covid violations. This action of Delhi government officials hurt Sikh sentiments... Sikhs

would protest against such dictatorial mindset if the order is not revoked."

At a rally by the Shiromani Akali Dal against the farm laws in the capital Friday, its president Sukhbir Singh Badal had said: "I have come to know that the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government released a notification restricting us from entering Delhi's gurdwara sahib. They are scared... You know what's happening to the BJP — 'their shop is closed'. As the leader of the SAD, I can say whether it is farmers, poor people, or traders... Punjab's prosperity depends on brotherhood and peace. Punjab needs a CM who takes the state forward... SAD has a vision for the betterment of people in the state. I request you (protesters) to maintain peace. They (government) have spread propaganda that those from Punjab create ruckus and use violence. Let's show them that we can

fight against the system without

being violent."

BRIEFLY —

Sisodia flags off mobile 'music bus

New Delhi: Deputy CM Manish Sisodia Saturday launched a mobile music classroom and recording studio to help children of Delhi government schools pursue their passion in music. "The 'Music Bus' would reach children at large, identify their artistic passion and lay a foundation which the School of Specialised Excellence would build upon and assist these children in pursuing their passion and achieve heights of success in that field," the state-

No action by neighbouring states to help farmers: CM

New Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal Saturday charged neighbouring states of not taking any action to support farmers on the issue of stubble burning, saying the air quality in the capital will start deteriorating from mid-October. PTI

Jantar Mantar case: No bail for accused

New Delhi: A Delhi court has denied bail to national president of Hindu Outfit Sudarshan Vahini, Vinod Sharma, accused in the anti-Muslim sloganeering at Jantar Mantar. ENS

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A view of Raisina Hill on Saturday evening. Amit Mehra

Thermal plant closure on the cards when air quality worsens: Panel

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE COMMISSION for Air Quality Management (CAQM) is deliberating partial or complete shutdown of thermal power plants in Delhi-NCR, as part of its emergency measures when air pollution hits its peak in winter, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) is learnt to have held discussions with power distributors in this regard. "Even if power production is cut by thermal power plants, the gap could be filled by renewable energy sources," said a CAQM member.

The emergency measure will be taken depending on pollution source data fed by a modelling portal called Decision Support System, said the member. This is likely to be operational by October. The incremental step was part

ACTION PLAN

- Partial or complete shutdown of thermal power plants in NCR as emergency measure in
- Asking states to speed up EV policy
- Directing coal-based
- industries to switch to PNG
- In-situ management of crop residue until

of the now dissolved Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority's Graded Action Plan until 2020. The member said some other measures of GRAP could be retained in the coming post-harvest season.

The reconstituted 18-member CAQM was set up by the Centre in April and can issue directions "for the purpose of protecting and improving the qual-

- collection point infrastructure is ready
- Self-reporting by construction agencies to cut dust pollution
- Decision Support System, a real-time forecasting model, on
- pollution sources ■ Ban on vehicles entering Delhi without RFID tags

ity of air in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas".

Another regional action plan suggested by the statutory body is asking coal-based industries to switch to cleaner PNG. "Delhi and UP have achieved their target. However, there are supply hurdles in Rajasthan and Haryana. We are in touch with them to re-

solve it," said the member. According to a CAQM direction in August, 408 of the 1,469 identified industrial units in Haryana and 124 of the 436 units in Rajasthan had switched to gas.

CAQM has asked state governments to expedite incentivebased e-vehicle policy. "The share of two-wheelers in Delhi's air pollution is substantial. With EV policies in place, incremental gains could be achieved in the next four-five years. We expect these states to soon announce their policy," said the member.

Last year, Delhi had launched incentives for electric vehicles. As per a 2015 IIT-Kanpur study, road dust accounts for 38% of Delhi's PM 2.5 load, followed by vehicles (20%), domestic (12%) and industrial point sources (11%).

On stubble burning, share of which in Delhi's PM2.5 pollution rose to 40% last year, the member said the commission is focusing on in-situ management measures through farm machinery or the recently introduced bio-decomposer.

Soon, govt schools to identify kids in distress — by tracking attendance

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 18

A PRE-EMPTIVE system to try and

identify children in distress by tracking their school attendance is in the process of being rolled Since September 1, students

of classes IX to XII in Delhi have been permitted to attend school physically on a voluntary basis and at 50% classroom capacity. With this limited re-opening, the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights is working to implement an 'Early Warning System' in government schools a technology-based system which aims to track student attendance to identify children at risk and in distress.

The commission has identified that there are a few reasons which are largely responsible for sustained absence from school child labour, begging, substance abuse, parental incarceration, parental death, disability, medical issues, and getting involved in crime.

"There are circumstances because of which a parent may not be able to send their child to school but no parent deliberately wants to deprive their child of education... For instance, there might be a child who is absent for 4 days, then 7 days, then 18 days, and then goes on to become a drop-out, and it turns out that the

child had lost their father. The child and the family needed help in those days, but we didn't act on the earliest warning and failed to support the child. The earliest warnings have to be identified to help children effectively and attendance is the best indicator of man Anurag Kundu.

The 'Early Warning System', designed by the DoE's IT department and the child commission, is linked to school attendance records If a child is absent for more

than seven days in a row or has less than 33% attendance overall, an automated SMS will be sent to the child's guardian. If there is no response to this after a few days, an IVRS message will be sent. After a few days, the teacher is to call and try to identify the problem and log in the issue into the system if identified. The last step is a home visit by the school management committee, and if the child cannot be found, they are identified as high-risk and the mechanism of the DCPCR and the District Child Protection Unit will be activated.

Given that attendance is voluntary now, if a teacher finds that absence is because of Covidsafety concerns, no alarm will be raised. Currently, heads of schools are being oriented about the system and implementation is expected next month.

East civic body nod to restaurants to serve food on terraces

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ON THE heels of South MCD's policy, the East civic body has allowed open spaces or terraces abutting licensed eateries to be

used as service areas. serve food in open-air terraces on submission of a building structural safety certificate. The terrace is also not to be covered with any temporary or perma-

nent structures, the policy states. No objection certificates from the Fire department will be mandatory for using the terrace as a dining area. This will be permissible in restaurants, metropolitan city centres, community centres, local shopping centres, and

convenience shopping centres. Cooking will not be permitted within the open-air space. the policy said. Live perform-

ances will also not be allowed. A fee will be charged for the open-air service area at the rate of Rs 200 per square foot. For restaurants at star hotels, the fee will be Rs 400 per square foot, the policy states.

The East MCD can also revoke the permission granted without prior notice if the conditions stated in the policy are breached.

The policy was approved by the Mayor by an order dated September 17, with anticipatory approval of the corporation.

with very little sales last year, it

has become difficult," said Rema

Pawan Kumar, Kashyap's sister.

gies as well and has no other

source of income, she said. Last

year, they only sold five effigies.

decorative material are used to

make the Ravana from the bam-

boo frames. At Titarpur, children

pick up the skill from older mak-

Rema's husband makes effi-

Arrowroot, paper, paint and

AT WEST DELHI'S TITARPUR

Covid shadow on Ramlila, city's Ravana effigy makers fear another lost yr

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

STRIPS OF bamboo are being measured, twisted and bent to make Ravana effigies ahead of Dussehra in corners of West Delhi's Titarpur, but the makers, harried by Covid-related restrictions on celebrations and gatherings, are anticipating another year of poor sales.

At Micheal Ekka's roadside stall near the Tagore Garden Metro station, two workers were handcrafting the bamboo frames that make the basic structure of

'We used to get orders for large effigies that are 40-ft high when assembled. Since Ramlila events are unlikely to happen this year also, we have scaled down the size of the effigies to between 5 ft and 15 ft. There were barely any sales last year and the fear of another lockdown has prevented some of us from hiring more workers," he said. The painstaking work of mak-

the effigies on Friday afternoon.

ing the bamboo frames — one frame for each part of the body followed by painting and decoration usually begins at Titarpur about a month before Dussehra but Micheal's stall is the only one on the pavement for now.

Requests for customised Ravanas that have specific features — particularly angry eyes or massive moustaches - used to be placed regularly, some even from malls in Bengaluru, Micheal said. This year, just like last year, he is yet to get any such

Others like Bobby Mehra, who runs Shankar Ravanwale, said they have been making effigies at home. They have received orders online this year from outside Delhi, though demand within the national capi-



tal was low last year and is unlikely to pick up this year, Mehra said. The income from the effigy sale at this time of the year needs to be supplemented by other work. Mehra, who has been making effigies for about 30 years now, takes up work as a driver for the rest of the year.

In another corner of Titarpur, nside an MCD park, Poonam Kashyap is tying strips of bamboo together to make large faces

Poonam Kashyap ties bamboo together to make an effigy. Abhinaya Harigovind

for the Ravanas. As she effortlessly splits larger strips into thinner ones with a sharp knife, she pointed out that the work isn't easy. "It comes with years of watching and learning from others who make it," said Kashyap, who has been at it for the past 20 years. The park is usually filled with people who make the effigies, she said, but on Friday, her amily was the only one there.

Kashvap has help from three siblings and has always enjoyed artistic work.

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"Since we have no other employment, the orders at this time

of the year used to sustain us. But

ers, Micheal said. Kashyap's daughter, still a toddler, tries to slit a piece of bamboo beside her. Micheal himself has been

making effigies for as long as he can remember.

GOVT & POLITICS

'Want to be in a team to play, not to waste time sitting on bench'

SOON AFTER he was dropped from the Union Council of Ministers during the Cabinet expansion on July 7, BABUL **SUPRIYO** had announced that he was quitting politics. On Saturday, he joined the Trinamool Congress. He tells **LIZ MATHEW** over telephone from Kolkata that it was a quick decision, but not something he would regret. Excerpts:

Now you are in TMC after criticising it vehemently for so long. How did it happen?

I have been unhappy and feeling sad that after my hard work and good work, it happened to me (being dropped as a Union MoS). Like many others, I feel I did some good work as MoS. Yes, it (joining TMC) was an unexpected move. I was surprised when my good friend Derek O'Brien (Trinamool Rajya Sabha leader) asked me whether I will join TMC.

It (offer to join TMC) was an absolute bolt from the blue. Through Derek — it was a small conversation — I was taken aback to know that both Mamata-didi and Abhishek (Banerjee) had a great opportunity for me to work for my state. I spoke with Abishek and Didi. It may look like opportunism to others but to me it's a great opportunity, and I responded to it. I want to be in a team to play, I don't waste time sitting on the bench.

It's true I left politics, but sometimes poetic justice happens. Thanks to both Didi and Abhishek that they felt I could do something for Bengal. I seriously fought with them politically. But there's a lot of love and warmth I felt in Trinamool when they welcomed me. I am very happy about it. I know BJP and other parties will throw brickbats, but let them do their political job...

What role will you play?

I cannot say that; that's for the party (TMC) to announce.... It will be clear in a few days.

Do you think you have taken the decision impulsively?

No.... Yes, it's emotional sometimes, but there are decisions (that must) taken in an instant...

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BABUL SUPRIYO FORMER UNION MINISTER. TMCLEADER

whatever decision I took, whatever I have said and written about in the last two or three months, it has all came from my heart.

Do you feel let down by the party you made your political debut with?

I will not comment on BJP. Whatever happened to me was for everyone to see. I am thankful to BIP for the opportunity it gave me, and I am very proud of the work I have done with BJP. But I felt there was a bottleneck somewhere, so I jumped when I got an opportunity.

Do you hold someone responsible for that bottleneck?

In life, it's not about what has happened to you; it's more about how you respond to it. My decision to quit politics was out of utter disillusion. I am not backing out of anything.

Several leaders are leaving BJP in West Bengal. What do vou see as its future in the state? Is there something wrong with the state unit?

I am no one to comment. It's a huge party. They have their own agenda and leaders. It's for the party high command to see. I have my reservation on certain things, but those are things of the past.

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Gave vaccine priority to tourist states, didn't reveal as it would cause row: PM

MAYURAJANWALKAR PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE UNION government prioritised states known for tourism while rolling out its Covid-19 vaccination programme but chose not to make the decision public as it would have been seen as "political", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday as he remembered his "emotional" birthday a day before, when India set a vaccination record.

The Prime Minister, who was virtually addressing healthcare workers, doctors, citizens and government functionaries of Goa, said: "This was not discussed much but in its vaccination programme, India has given precedence to states related to the tourism sector. Bharat mein, hum ne yeh kaha nahi kyunki is pe bhi raajneeti hone lagjaati hai, lekin yeh bahunt zaroori tha ke hamari tourism destination jald se jald

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, SEPTEMBER 18

AFTER A brief family reunion to

mark the death anniversary of

Ram Vilas Paswan, the two fac-

tions of the Lok Janshakti Party

(LJP) are again battling over

who maintains he is the party's

national president, has decided

to field candidates in two Bihar

Assembly seats where bypolls

will be held. The Chirag faction

said the coming elections would

settle its claim of being the "real

LJP". Chirag told reporters on

Friday: "We are considering con-

testing both seats (Tarapur in

Munger district and Kusheshwar

Sthan of Darbhanga). The party

will sit together and decide on it

tary Abdul Khaliq, who belongs

to the Chirag camp, said they had

written to the EC last month af-

ter Hajipur MP Pashupati Kumar

Paras declared himself the new president of LJP. "We have told

LJP principal general secre-

at the right time."

Jamui MP Chirag Paswan,

which group is the "real LJP".

Row over 'real LJP':

Chirag faction says will

contest Bihar bypolls



PM Narendra Modi during the interaction with Goa health workers.

khule (We did not say it because this too would have become political. But it was very important that our tourism destinations

open at the earliest). The Prime Minister said that on Friday, more than 425 vaccines were administered every second, over 26,000 vaccines every minute, and over 15 lakh every hour, as a result of which India vaccinated over 2.5 crore people in a day.

"Many birthdays will come.

Chirag Paswan (left);

tion," he said.

The

Pashupati Kumar Paras

the EC that the LJP constitution

says the party president can be

changed midway only in the

event of his death or resigna-

Paras

spokesperson, Shravan Agrawal, said: "At present, Pashupati

Kumar Paras is the national chief

and has the right to distribute

the symbol. Let them come to EC, we will contest its claims."

not contest the Kusheshwar

Sthan and Tarapur seats as they

were won by the NDA in the

sitated by the death by JD(U)

MLA Mewalal Choudhary and

BIP MLA Shashibhushan Hazari.

The bypolls have been neces-

2020 Assembly elections.

Agrawal said the LJP would

faction's

Many have gone past. But I have always been distanced from these things...But in my life, yesterday was a very emotional day. Because of your efforts, yesterday was very special," he said.

Prime Minister Modi congratulated Goa for vaccinating 100 per cent of its eligible population with the first dose. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had said earlier this week that the state had vaccinated 102 percent of its eligible population with the first dose. He said that in addition to its population, the state had vaccinated tourists and foreign nationals.

"Goa will play a vital role in reviving the tourism sector. Think about it - hotel industry, taxi drivers, hawkers, shopkeepers when they are all vaccinated, even tourists will come with a feeling of safety. Now Goa is among the few international tourist destinations where people have received the vaccine. The infections have

WISH EVERY DAY WAS PM BIRTHDAY: CONG

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi should celebrate his birthday every day as some BJP-ruled states "performed" on the day and vaccinated many times the daily average, the Congress said Saturday. The dig came a day after India achieved a vaccination record on the PM's birthday. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said this is the pace of vaccination needed. "I wish the PM celebrated his birthday every day," leader P Chidambaram said.

reduced but even now, we cannot take this virus lightly. The more focus there is on safety and hygiene, more tourists will arrive here,' Modi said in the virtual interaction attended by Chief Minister Sawant, union ministers of state Shripad Naik and Bharati Pawar, ministers of Sawant's cabinet, senior bureaucrats, and senior BJP leaders, among others.

Modi said that the Char Dham yatra in Uttarakhand will also now

In his interaction with Dr Nitin Dhupdale, a doctor from the Goa Medical College and Hospital, Modi asked him possible side-effects of vaccination. The PM then said, "Over 2.5 crore people received the vaccine yesterday and after 12 am at night, a political party had reactions, their fever was rising. Iska koi logic ho sakta hai kya?" Dhupdale laughed at the remark and went on to list postvaccination reactions including fever, body ache, headache or

> COVID UNDER CONTROL, **GOA CASINOS RESTART** FROM MONDAY, PAGE 8

Sonowal and Murugan are **BJP** candidates for Rajya Sabha bypolls



Sonowal (left); Murugan

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE BIP Saturday nominated Union Ministers Sarbananda Sonowal and L Murugan for the Rajya Sabha by-elections, from Assam and Madhya Pradesh, respectively.

Both the ministers were inducted into the Union Council of Ministers by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his July 7 Cabinet expansion. The Election Commission announced bypolls on October 4 for one seat each in Bengal, Assam, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, and two in Tamil Nadu.

The seats are vacant after the

resignation of Manas Ranjan Bhunia (West Bengal), Biswajit Daimary (Assam), K P Munusamy and R Vaithilingam (Tamil Nadu) and Thaawarchand Gehlot (Madhya Pradesh). In Maharashtra, the seat fell

vacant following the death of Rajeev Satav on May 16 due to post-Covid complications. Their election to the Rajya

Sabha is all but certain as the BJP has a majority in the both state assemblies. Sonowal, the former Assam

Chief Minister, is the Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Murugan is Minister of State in the I&B Ministry and in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.



President In Shimla

President Ram Nath Kovind strolls along the Ridge with his family members during his visit to Shimla on Saturday. Pradeep Kumar

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Heart Disease, It's prevalences, diagnosis & latest treatment modalities

What is Myocardial Infarction?

Myocardial infarction (MI) commonly known as a heart attack occurs when the blood flow to the arteries is decreased or stopped.

How MI occurs?

MI is caused by development of plaque inside the arteries. Plaque is made up of fat, cholesterol, calcium, and other substances found in the blood. Over time, plaque hardens and narrows your arteries.

Symptoms of CAD

Pain or discomfort in arms, left shoulder, back, neck, or jaw

Difficulty in breathing at rest or increased difficulty on exertion

Sweating or cold sweats Indigestion or chocking feeling or heart

Giddiness or light headedness

Rapid or irregular heartbeat Risk factors of CAD

High BP/Cholesterol

Smoking

Diabetes

Obesity Family history

How to diagnose CAD? ECG Abnormality

Abnormal Echocardiogram Positive Treadmill Test Elevated cardiac enzymes

How to treat CAD?

Percutaneous Coronary Angio**plasty** where the stent is placed in the blocked areas so that the stent removes the plaque and adheres to the wall of the

Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG) where the chest is opened, and new pathway is created by vein and artery grafts to the damaged vessels so that blood is supplied by this new pathway.

Recent advances to treat CAD Drug Eluting Stents (DES) - These

are highly effective stents coated with medication which is deployed at the blocked site and also helps to prevent plaque formation.

Optical Coherent Tomography (OCT) This test is used to study the physiology and characteristic of the lesion type and to treat accordingly.

Intra Vascular Ultrasound (IVUS)-



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This test help to study the plaque characteristic with the help of ultrasound waves. **ROTABLATION** - This technique helps to break the heavily calcified blocked vessel with the help of rotablator where the device is penetrated into the vessel and drill the calcium.

OPN NC BALLOON - This is a high-pressure plaque modification device which is Dual layer/RBP 35 bars/ABP 45 bars/ strictly non-compliant (only 10% growth)/ and For super high pressure PTCA, a Manometer of 55 atm.

Intravascular Lithotripsy (IVL)

This is the recently advanced and excellent technology where the calcified lesion is cracked using shock waves. Lithotripsy is a technique used to remove renal stones where a shock wave is passed to break the calcium stone. In the same process, a shockwave is passed to the blocked coronary artery where the heavy calcium is cracked out of the vessel.

What is TAVR?

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) is a minimally invasive procedure where the degenerative damaged valve is replaced with a new valve without open

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How is the procedure done? TAVR procedure is purely percutaneous

where the incision is through trans femoral approach. A sheath is placed in the femoral artery, the compressed tissue valve is placed on the catheter and guided through the sheath until it is positioned directly inside the diseased aortic valve. Once it is positioned, the new valve is expanded with balloon to secure it into place. Once the valve is in place, all of the catheters are removed. The new valve then takes over the function.

What are the benefits of doing **TAVR?**

Less invasive procedure Quick recovery

Reduced hospital stay compared to conventional open-heart surgery Better quality of life Extended life expectancy Observed durability

Cardiac Arrhythmia Cardiac Arrhythmia or an abnormal heart-

beat is a serious but treatable condition that affects roughly 12 million Indians. Arrhythmia occur when the electrical impulses in the heart which coordinate the heartbeats don't function properly causing the heart to beat too fast, too slow or irregularity. (Cardiac Electrophysiologist is a heart rhythm specialist, who evaluates and treats cardiac rhythm abnormalities by either medical or interventional proce-

Which is the most common Cardiac Rhythm disorder and why?

Atrial fibrillation is the most common arrhythmia which occurs in one of four people above the age of 50 years causes irregular and high pulse rate. Some of the risk factors include aging, hypertension, old heart attacks, obesity and heart failure etc. Atrial fibrillation also becomes the most common rhythm disorder in Covid 19. Early recognition and treatment is important to reduce the risk of developing lifelong disability due to stroke and also prevent repeated hospitalization due to heart failure.

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6 EXIT CAPTAIN CM

Cong rebellion anchored by Sidhu, led by four ministers handpicked by Amarinder

NAVJEEVANGOPAL

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 18

THE MAJHA brigade of the Punjab Congress, which includes the trio of ministers Tript Rajinder Singh Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria, apart from Charanjit Singh Channi — all handpicked by Captain Amarinder Singh for his Cabinet — led the open revolt that ended in his resignation on

The rebellion was anchored by state Congress president and Amritsar East MLA Navjot Singh

The four rebel ministers on August 25 had met party affairs incharge Harish Rawat in Dehradun where they accused Amarinder of being in a clandestine truck with the opposition SAD. They alleged that Amarinder had failed to bring perpetrators of the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib and those behind the death of two anti-sacrilege protestors to book, and blamed him for not honouring the pre-2017 poll promise of ending the drug menace in the state. The

VOICES FROM GROUND





Fatehgarh Churian constituency of Gurdaspur district, Bajwa was

Outside the Punjab Congress office in Chandigarh. PTI

was given charge of rural development and panchavats, animal husbandry and fisheries, dairy development, and higher education. A four-time MLA, Bajwa with PPCC general secretary Pargat Singh was learnt to have led the signature campaign demanding from the party high command a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP). More than 40 MLAs had put their initials after which the party High Command called the CLP meeting on Saturday, ahead of which

RANDHAWA: A three-time MLA and son of for-

state Congress chief Santokh Singh Randhawa, he represents Dera Baba Nanak

constituency Gurdaspur district, and was inducted into the Cabinet as Jails and Co-operatives minister in 2018. around a year after the formation of party government. Randhawa, in the recent past, remained very vocal against Amarinder saying that it would be difficult to contest the 2022 polls in light of pre-poll promises remaining unfulfilled. He had also said that Congress government itself was responsible for delay in justice in sacrilege

SUKHBINDER SARKARIA: Having secured his

third consecutive win in Assembly polls, Sarkaria was inducted 2018 and was named minister for Water Resources, Mines and Geology, Housing and Urban Development. Sarkaria was among Congress leaders who went to meet Rawat last month to express anguish over Amarinder's work as chief minister. He represents the Raja Sansi constituency of Amritsar

CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI: Also a third time legislator, Channi was the Leader



BIP regime. The Chamkaur Sahib MLA was inducted as the minister in in the first Cabinet and was allotted the

Vidhan

portfolios of Technical Education and Industrial Training, **Employment Generation and** Training, and Tourism and Culture Affairs. He has been vocal against Amarinder for not paying attention to issues raised by party leaders and was among those who went to meet Rawat in Dehradun

No bearing on agitation, say farm leaders

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 18

AT A time when protests against the farm laws are in full swing and Punjab is on the brink of elections, the political upheaval caused by Capt Amarinder Singh's sudden resignation as chief minister has taken the farmers and their leadership by surprise. However, several farmer leaders of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) said this may have no effect on the agitation.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan general secretary, BKU (Ugrahan), the largest farm union of the state, said, "All political parties are their enemies, though main enemy is BJP. And when enemies are fighting among themselves, the morale of farmers is getting a boost. If at all President's rule is enforced and Centre interferes in the state, farmers' confidence will remain as upbeat as ever before."

Bharti Kisan Union (Rajewal) president Balbir Singh Rajewal, said. "The inter and inter-party tussle has no bearing on the farmers' agitation. The Punjab government too has only amended laws over the three central laws which was a kind of acceptance of the Government of India's interference in state subjects.

Bharti Kisan Union (BKU) Dakaunda, general secretary Jagmohan Singh said: "The ruling Congress has been creating destabilisation in the state which is uncalled for when just 4-5 months are left for the 2022 Vidhan Sabha elections...this upheaval may lead to President's rule in the state which is not good for our agitation because it will increase the central govern-

"It would have been better to dissolve the Vidhan Sabha," said Satnam Singh Sahni, general sec-

THE CONGRESS Legislative Party (CLP) in Punjab has left the decision to choose the new chief minister to Congress president Sonia Gandhi. However, the names of

Randhawa

MANAMAN SINGH CHHINA

CHANDIGARH. SEPTEMBER 18

four senior leaders - Sunil Jakhar,

Navjot Singh Sidhu, Sukhjinder

Singh Randhawa and Partap Singh

Bajwa — have been doing the

CM will, however, be brief given

that the Assembly elections in the

state are likely to be held in

February 2022. Also, the model

code of conduct will be imposed

by the Election Commission well

in advance. Going by the precedent

of 2017 polls, the code of conduct

should kick in by the first week of

January, leaving the new CM a little

over 12 weeks to make an impact. One of the names that has

raised interest in political quarters

in Punjab as CM probable is that

of Jakhar, who made way for

Navjot Singh Sidhu as state

Congress chief in July. If named as

CM by Congress, it would be the

first time after the reorganisation

of Punjab in 1966 that there

would be a Hindu leader at the

helm. What also works in favour

of Jakhar, the son of former Lok

Sabha Speaker Balram Jakhar, is

antecedents as a farmer. He was

the Leader of Opposition in

Punjab Assembly during the pre-

vious SAD-BJP government and

was perceived to have performed

that task ably. Largely seen as a

loyalist to former Chief Minister

Capt Amarinder Singh, Jakhar, in

the past, crossed swords with him

several times and did not hesitate

old Randhawa, is the Jails and

Cooperation minister in the outgo-

ing Punjab Cabinet. Hailing from

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA

OPPOSITION PARTIES called

Punjab Chief Minister Capt

Amarinder Singh's resignation

and related political develop-

ments on Saturday as "desperate

attempts to revive the fortunes of

(SAD), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

have hit out at Congress leaders

for fighting among themselves for

the "spoils of power" while devel-

opment activities in the state have

While the BJP said Congress

The Shiromani Akali Dal

a sinking Congress"

"ground to a halt".

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 18

Admission of failure,

desperate bid: Opp

Theother CM probable, 62-year-

to speak his mind.

The effective tenure of the next

rounds as probable candidates.



In race for CM post: Hindu

face, Capt's former foe,

rebel minister, PCC chief

Jakhar, Randhawa, Bajwa 3-term MLAs, Sidhu a first-timer



Jakhar, Bajwa, Sidhu,

Gurdaspur in the Majha region – considered to be the wild west of Punjab — Randhawa too is a threetime MLA. He remained the vicepresident of the state party unit and a general secretary and comes from a Congress family. His father, Santokh Singh, remained Punjab Congress president for two terms. He joined hands with Sidhu and led the revolt against Captain Amarinder for the

failure to fulfil the promises made in the run up to the 2017 polls. Also from Gurdaspur district is 64-year-old Bajwa, a Rajya Sabha member who is also among the senior most leaders from Punjab. For almost the entire tenure of Amarinder as CM, Bajwa took pot shots at him over the ills plaguing the state. However, when Sidhu raised the banner of revolt, aided by four ministers, Bajwa was quick to appear at the side of Amarinder while maintaining a distance from the rebels.

The last name in the list that of PCC president Sidhu, who amidst stiff opposition from Amarinder, managed to wrest away the post of state Congress chief and has now dislodged him from the post of CM — all within a span of five **FULL REPORT ON**

Former BJP Minister Mohan

Capt Amarinder Singh to join BIP.

He said the "writing was on the

wall for him the moment Navjot

Singh Sidhu was made state

Tarun Chugh said that "after fail-

ing to perform and deliver in the

last four and a half years, the

Congress in Punjab is licking the

dust to revive itself'. He added that

the manner in which a panic

meeting of the CLP was sum-

moned reflected the "panic and

SAD president Sukhbir Singh

Badal said the resignation was an

"admission" on the part of

Congress as well as its high com-

mand that the party had failed to

Raghav Chadha said Punjab's

people have been the biggest

losers in this infighting between

AAP state co-incharge

confusion" in the party.

perform in the state.

Congress leaders

BJP national general secretary

Congress president".

In Punjab, 3 Hindu CMs since 1947

IF CONGRESS picks Sunil Jakhar as the next chief minister of Punjab, he will only be the fourth Hindu face to head the state since 1947 and the first after 1966 when the Patiala and East Punjab States Union (PEPSU) was reorganised and Haryana carved out, creating Punjab as a Sikh-majority state. All three previous Hindu CMs - Gopi Chand Bhargava, Bhim Sen Sachar and Ram Kishan – were from the Congress and had played a vital role in the Indian freedom struggle

GOPI CHAND BHARGAVA: He was the first CM of undivided



and then for a brief period in June-July 1964. Hailing from Sirsa district (now in Haryana), he was an MBBS graduate from Lahore. He, along with his brother Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava, had started 'Vidya Pracharini Sabha' and participated in India's freedom

BHIM SEN SACHAR:

struggle.

He was the Punjab CM from April



January 1956. He was the first elected CM of Punjab (in 1952), winning from Ludhiana city south. Amid allegations of corruption and conflict with his Cabinet colleagues, he had to resign once in July 1953 but was soon re-sworn as CM. Born in Peshawar (now in Pakistan), he had joined the Indian National Congress during the freedom struggle. He also spent some

time in Pakistan after Partition

but later shifted to India.

RAM KISHAN:



Born in Jhang, now Pakistan, he later shifted to Jalandhar, and was Punjab CM from July 1964 to July

1966, when he had to resign as Punjab Assembly was dissolved for reorganisation of the state and creation of Haryana. He was the last Hindu face as Punjab CM. He was given the honorific title of 'Comrade' due to his contribution in the freedom struggle. Veteran Congress leaders in Jalandhar remember him as a grassroots leader who used to commute on bicvcle.

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL

'He failed to deliver on promises, should have resigned a year ago'

RAAKHIJAGGA

LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 18

THE RESIGNATION of Capt Amarinder Singh from the post of the chief minister of Punjab was long overdue and should have come much earlier as he had lost connect with the masses, said many who spoke to The Sunday Express after the big development in Punjab politics on Saturday.

They said the Congress is likely to feel the pinch in the upcoming pollsasitdoesnothaveamassleader of Amarinder's stature in Puniab.

Balbir Singh, who retired from the state transport department and now lives in Bathinda, said, "This (resignation) should have come about a year ago. Captain did good work in his previous term (2002-07), but he failed to deliver this time. He couldn't fulfil the tall promises he made, making it difficult even for local Congress leaders to go out in public. Moreover, he remained inaccessible to his own ministers, let alone meeting the public"

Apart from anti-incumbency against the SAD, it were some of the key promises made by



senior vice president of Punjab Kisan Union, said, "They (Congress) made so many promises and couldn't fulfil them. People had started questioning them. The party took this step to slow down and halt the anti incumbency wave. It seems they took lessons from the BIP, which twice changed its chief minister in Uttarakhand and recently in Gujarat. Now, a new face will not be questioned as much by the public when Congress goes back to the masses with the excuse that they removed the CM."

Sarwan Singh Pandh Gurdaspur-based farmer and general secretary of Kisan Mazdoor Sangrash Committee, said that Amarinder's resignation has come as the Congress failed to deliver on its promises and was staring at antiincumbency. FULL REPORTON

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All eyes on TV updates, at an office in Ludhiana. Gurmeet Singh

Close aides put in papers

resignation to Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Saturday. PTI

Puniab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh submits his

MINISTER Capt Amarinder Singh's resignation prompted a number of his close aides to put in their papers. The Sunday Express takes a look:

CHIEF PRINCIPAL SECY **SURESH KUMAR:** While his appointment was quashed by the high court in 2017, the state government continued to appeal

MEDIA ADVISER RAVEEN THUKRAL: A former journalist. Thukral handled the media for

the CM, and was known to personally write all the media handouts.

CAPT SANDEEP SANDHU: A former merchant navy officer, Sandhu was Amarinder's political adviser. He handled Amarinder's war room during the Lok Sabha elections in 2014. ADVOCATE GENERAL ATUL **NANDA:** A lawyer with roots in Jalandhar, he was a close confidant of Amarinder along with his wife Ramila Hakim, also a part of his legal team. She had quit in June.

ment's interference in the state." retary, BKU Doaba.

was in panic mode after having "failed to deliver" in the past four and a half years in government, SAD said the people of the state "will not be fooled" by the change of CM. AAP called Congress a "sinking Titanic" and blamed it for having fooled the people.

counts how he was playing golf at Naldhera in Himachal when he heard the news on radio. In an Idea Exchange with The Indian Express, he had said he would be writing a book on the events that unfolded in Punjab during the

It was during his stint in the Akali Dal that he was first elected to the state legislature from Talwandi Sabo, home to one of the five holy seats (takhts) of the Sikhs, and became a minister for Agriculture, Forest, Development and Panchayats in the state government. But temperamentally, he was ill-suited to the party, and quit it to form Shiromani Akali Dal (Panthic) in 1992. Six years on, he merged with the Congress after his party was wiped out in the 1998 Assembly election in which he polled a mere 856 votes.

dark decade of militancy.

An alumnus of National Defence Academy and Indian for only three years, a notable part of it as an ADC to Lt Gen Harbaksh Singh during the 1965 Indo-Pak war, the Army service defined his life in politics as well. In his first stint, he was known for taking important decisions in minutes. A senior bureaucrat, comparing him to his predecessor Parkash Singh Badal, recalled how Amarinder would take important decisions in minutes while Badal would take months.

Though a big proponent of ties between East and West Punjab during his first stint as the CM -when he hosted the chief minister of Pakistan Punjab and said, "I want to have breakfast in Amritsai and lunch in Lahore" -- he drew a line when it came to India's in-

Despite their ideological differences, BJP acknowledges him as a nationalist. Amarinder was al fire and fury after the Pulwama terror attack. Addressing the Punjab Assembly, he thundered,

(Pakistan Army chief) that if you are a Punjabi, we too are Punjabis and you dare try to enter our territory, we will set you right."

In a state that has always seen a mix of religion and politics, Amarinder remained steadfastly secular. Many attribute Congress's landslide victory in 2017 to the shift of Hindu votes to the party after the Maur blast in the run-up to the Assembly polls in 2017.

The Aam Aadmi Party, which was drawing large crowds during the campaign failed to convert these into votes due to the party leaders' alleged hobnobbing with radical elements.

It was Amarinder who first floated the possibility of a Hindu chief minister in the state in 2019 when, while campaigning for former PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar in Gurdaspur, he said Jakhar could also be the next chief minister.

But in the end. 'The People's Maharaja', as his biography is titled, lost the support of people, his

Ground reality: people's maharaja who lost the common touch

MANRAJGREWAL SHARMA

CHANDIGARH. SEPTEMBER 18

A SOLDIER, military historian, chef, an avid gardener, and a politician. Former Puniab chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh is one of those rare political leaders who can traverse different fields with elan. But clearly, he failed to negotiate the political landmine, partly of his own making, in Punjab. Everything seemed to be going his way in March 2017, when the Congress swept to power in the state with over twothird majority, relegating to the third place its arch rival, the Shiromani Akali Dal, in the maiden three-cornered contest in

Wracked by incidents of sacrilege, rampant drug abuse, and growing unemployment, the state saw a saviour in Amarinder. But the government ran into a sandstorm in its very first year when a

minister close to the CM was caught in a sand mining scam. The glass, however, was still half-full for Amarinder as he managed to cleanse the state of gangsters. And the slow pace of development was blamed on "tall promises" made by poll strategist Prashant Kishor.

The CM's political problems began much before the Congress victory when the high command inducted cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu into the party from BJP. Amarinder was said to be against his inclusion but Sidhu was supported strongly by Rahul Gandhi. The buzz was that Sidhu would be made the deputy chief minister. But that did not happen. Amarinder, who had scripted the Congress victory in the state, was in no mood to kowtow.

Unlike other Congress chief ministers, Amarinder has seldom been deferential to the high command and its various functionaries, a fact that led many in the party to call Punjab the independent republic of Amarinder. In 2015 too, he had succeeded in replacing Rahul Gandhi's man Partap Singh Bajwa as the PPCC chief due to his strong hold.

Earlier, during his first stint as the chief minister, Amarinder had upset the party chief Sonia Gandhi when he legislated the state out of the SYL agreement without giving her a heads-up. A furious Sonia had reportedly refused to give him audience for months. It's this autonomy of spirit and

connect with the masses that made Amarinder a winner in Punjab. But in his present stint as the CM, he failed to read the mood on the ground. His legislators began to write letters to him in 2017 itself but he failed to act. And the perception that he was soft on the Badals, which stemmed from inaction on the issues of sacrilege and drugs, cost him the popular support. Finally, it was a group of ministers once considered close to him that turned on him.

Scion of the erstwhile princely state of Patiala, Amarinder's intro-



Outside Amarinder Singh's residence in Chandigarh. PTI

duction to politics took place while he was studying with Rajiv Gandhi in Doon school, and would often be invited to holiday with him at the residence of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in Delhi. It came as no surprise when Rajiv Gandhi persuaded him to join Congress and contest the Lok Sabha polls from Patiala. In 1977, immediately after Emergency, he lost his maiden polls to Akali stalwart Gurcharan Singh Tohra from Patiala. Three years on, he entered the Lok Sabha from the same seat.

Though close to Rajiv, Amarinder quit Congress to join Akali Dal in 1984, soon after Operation Bluestar. He often re-

Military Academy, Amarinder was commissioned into the Sikh regiment in 1963. Though he served

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The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) fills this need and proposes a holistic model of education so that the focus is just not on the degree but life skills and vocational courses. Where the focus is not just on learning but outcomes and the approach is student-centric, where education is both accessible and affordable. As the policy gets implemented, the equity and inclusion through open schooling, online education and Open Distance Learning will ensure a complete revamp of the education sector by 2040. There NEP 2020 proposes a lot of reforms in the higher education sector and globalises our universities. Students can now have a flexible format of skilling themselves to the best of their ability and time as a Credit Bank of Academic Progress allows them to build scores during their entire educational journey. The credits obtained in a year will be transferred to the next level after completion of successive academic years.

The Government is also taking steps towards establishment of Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs) with global education standards just like Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT). A National Research Foundation will prioritise research and development activities,

something which should stop our brain drain and help our young talent to innovate and develop solutions here. The new model allows a level-playing field for global discourse and co-creating a shared future by letting the world's top 100 universities to operate in India. According to the HRD ministry document, "Such foreign universities will be given special dispensation regarding regulatory, governance and content norms as par with other autonomous institutions in India." The idea of internationalisation of higher education is based on the mobility of students, faculty members, programmes and institutions across countries.

The core structure of universities will be revamped. As per the vision and mission of NEP, educational institutions will be categorised with teaching-intensive or research-intensive universities and autonomous degree-granting colleges coming into existence. The college affiliation procedure will be phased out in 15 years as institutions become autonomous. Independent technical, agricultural, health, science and legal universities will head towards becoming $multi-disciplinary\ in stitutions\ for\ a\ rounded\ approach.\ The\ multi-disciplinary\ focus\ is\ necessary\ for\ practical\ wisdom$ such as making a discipline like engineering sensitive to societal needs, develop a science that is ethical, sustainable and eco-compliant. Agreed that students get a bit of the multi-disciplinary education through elective subjects. Currently, there is less or no opportunity at all for cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary thinking in higher education institutions. The idea is to align major and minor streams for developing allied expertise. Traditional classrooms have already given way to a digital mode of instruction. The NEP provides for a dedicated team to develop a digital infrastructure, including E-content and digital libraries, to help students maximise their learning outcomes. All content will be available in regional languages, starting with the eight major ones, besides Hindi and English. Technology is expected to play a great role in planning courses, teaching methodologies, maximising the scope of learning, facilitating assessment as well as in training teachers and students. The NEP 2020 paves the way for a deregulated, freer and autonomous environment for our centres of excellence. The focus is clearly on high-quality teaching, research and community engagement. This will benefit students with increased flexibility and choice of subjects across various streams of arts, humanities, sciences, sports, and other vocational subjects. Some changes in the instructional system are already taking place. For example, our examination system, for long based on rote learning, killed all creativity and innovation. Now, there is talk of testing knowledge application, a precursor to the many start-ups that are witnessing a rapid growth. Empathy, industry-based courses, customised learning plans, integrated techniques, entrepreneurial empowerment and life skill development are some of the evolving trends. Degrees aren't simply meant for study but to give students goals and skills that will help them find jobs and start their own businesses once they enter the workforce. Quality education to everyone should be the core focus and meaningful pursuit and not racing to the top. It should be about cognitive skills, learning outcomes and quality research.

The foremost challenge to effect a transformation is undoubtedly funds. Education being a concurrent subject, both the Centre and the States need to share the responsibility for implementing changes as well as finances. The allocation for education is still hovering around four per cent of the GDP and needs to be at least six per cent. Perhaps a public-private partnership (PPP) model could be looked into the sector to harness equitable resources. Well-designed PPPs can create models of innovation for the school system in India.



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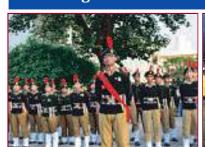
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Modi, it is learnt, asked the

"One of the secretaries sug-

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regulations so that the ecosystem

can be developed," a source said.

Modi is learnt to have asked the

officers to think about demands

of other departments and try to

"align" functioning of their de-

partments, the officer said. For in-

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is learnt to have given space to the top bureaucrats to speak their mind and ideate on good governance during a marathon two-and-a-half-hourlong meeting on Saturday.

More than 20 Union secretaries shared their ideas in the meeting, and Modi was the last to speak, The Sunday Express

All ministries working in sync with each other, and the government leveraging big data to deliver governance solutions featured as a major theme in the meeting, it is learnt.

"The Prime Minister was very receptive to these suggestions," a secretary who took part in the

One of the topics raised by several officers at the meeting was the use of data as a "major national resource". The secretary quoted above said, "A number of people suggested this. All government departments generate a lot of data – how do you use this and technology to improve governance and make it more efficient? It was discussed that a

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E-Tender Notice No. Com-Enquiry The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender on Two packet system for award of contract for manning of enquiry through video conferencing, face to face enquiry (manual), announcing, feeding of data of TIB & CIB. Twitter Cell Helpline 138, Central Enquiry, lobbies etc. located at different stations over Danapur Division for three years (1096 days). **Sl. No. 1., Name of the** work with its location: Award of contract for manning of enquiry through video conferencing, face to face enquiry (manual), announcing, feeding of data of TIB & CIB, Twitter Cell, Helpline 138, Central Enquiry, TTE lobbies etc. located at different stations over Danapur Division for three years (1096 days)., **SI. No. 2., Approx. cost** of the work: Rs.18,04,89,915.68, **SI.** No. 3., Earnest Money: NIL, SI. No. 4. Date & Time fixed for bidding of etender and opening of e-tender: Date and time of bidding of e-tender - Upto 12:00 hrs. on 11.10.2021., Date and time for opening of e-tender- After 12:00 hrs. on 11.10.2021., Sl. No. 5. Website particulars & Notice Board Location where complete details (Notice and tender documents) of ender can be seen: Website particulars- www.ireps.gov.in. Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Comml.) PR/0820/DNR/COML/T/21-22/48

Railway, Danapur.

PM holds meet with Covid under control, Goa casinos restart Monday

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 18

CASINOS IN Goa are set to open to tourists again from Monday. People who are "either fully vaccinated or those with a RTPCR report should be allowed" into these casinos, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on Saturday.

He said the state government's expert committee has opined that casinos, spas, massage parlours can reopen but major events such as the Sunburn music festival have not yet been permitted.

"The (state government's) expert committee compared the (Covid-19) positivity rate over the last two-three weeks and it has been under 2 percent. In order to revive economic activity and tourism activity, casinos have been allowed to reopen on Monday with strict SOPs (stan-



Casinos at Panaji in Goa: The government is expected to issue SOPs for the reopening of casinos, river cruises, massage parlours and spas on Sunday. Pradip Das/File

dard operating procedures)," Sawant said.

Dr Shekhar Salkar, a member of the expert committee, said reopening of casinos, river cruises, massage parlours and spas was recommended in compliance of all Covid-19 safety protocols, and that the government is expected to issue the SOPs for reopening on Sunday.

Goa has six offshore casinos on Mandovi river, off state capital Panaji, and about a dozen others run inside leading hotels. Casinos, which employ thou-

able revenue for the state government, are expected to breathe life into the state's tourism industry, which has seen only a slight uptick since

With the reopening of casinos, allied tourist activities such as hotels, restaurants, taxi services may all see their businesses picking up as peak tourist season sets in next month, industry stakeholders said. According to sources, the

state government's average annual earning in licence fees from casinos is more than Rs 320 crore - including this, the government earns approximately Rs 1.000 crore in taxes for allied activities such as restaurants, hotels, tourist vehicles, etc.

The offshore casinos on the Mandovi also pay entry fees and local taxes to the Corporation of the City of Panaji and about Rs 25 lakh for licenses to the Excise

Department also earns a consumption duty on every bottle of alcohol consumed in the casinos, sources said.

The casinos that have become an integral part of tourism in Goa, drawing both domestic and international tourists.

Shrinivas Navak, director, Majestic Pride Group, which operates the Majestic Pride Casino on the Mandovi, said: "It has been a very hard time. In the first lockdown, we were shut for about seven months. This time. it was for about four months and 20 days. We (Majestic Pride Casino) have nearly 2,500 employees and we could not have laid them off. That is not human. We had no revenue but we still had to bear 70-80 percent of our expenses. The lockdown was uncertain and it kept extending

He said, "The government was losing revenue in terms of

Cong used tribal people as vote

week by week."

percentage of revenue for a small state. On average, casinos provide Rs 50 crore to Rs 80 crore per month revenue to the state government in direct revenue, the Centre gets the same revenue, and there is also indirect revenue that comes from hotel occupancy, which will increase their GST.

Stating that things have started to move in the right direction, Travel and Tourism Association of Goa president Nilesh Shah said. "With casinos reopening, almost 14,000 people working in the industry will get a boost. In addition, the hotel industry in Panaji and in North Goa will also get a boost. Right now their occupancy is about 20-30 percent."

On Saturday, there were 771 active Covid-19 cases in Goa and two deaths were reported. The test positivity rate in the state on Saturday was 2.18 percent.

Raja Shankar Shah and

Raghunath, successors of Rani

Durgavati, the queen of Gond

empire that spread across

Central India in the 16th and

17th centuries, were tried for

treason by the British and killed

after being tied to a cannon once

their plot to attack Chhavani and

their attempts to fuel a revolt

against the British empire was

found out. Their death is said to

Pointing out that these tribal

warriors fought against the

Mughals, and then the British,

Shah said the Centre has decided

to set up nine museums in their

honour in Gujarat, Andhra

Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,

Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Kerala,

Manipur and Mizoram at a cost

have fuelled the Revolt of 1857

in Central India.

Kerala govt to open schools in

phases from Nov

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 18

THE KERALA government on Saturday decided to reopen schools from November 1 in a phased manner as it claimed that Covid-19 cases were slowly stabilising in the state. Primary classes up to 7th standard and higher secondary classes would commence initially.

Chief Minister Pinaravi Vijayan said experts have recommended primary schools open first. "All classes would commence from November 15. The education and health departments should jointly make arrangements to reopen schools. Steps should be taken to reinstate health programme in schools. Special masks for children should be made ready in schools and steps should be taken to prevent spread of

The decision to reopen schools, which have been closed since March, 2020, was taken after the Supreme Court allowed the state government to conduct offline examinations for Class 11.

Covid-19," he said.

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

NEW CASES: 30.506 ACTIVE CASES: 3,32,775

TOTAL VACCINATION: **79,42,87,699**

DAILY DEATHS TOTAL DEATHS WEEKLY CFR 4,44,758 0.72%



TESTS TODAY: 14.42.219 | TOTAL TESTS: 55.22.22.492 WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 2.03% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.06%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

| STATE | NEW Cases | ACTIVE CASES | WEEKLY POSITIVITY | TOTAL VACCINATION |
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| ■ Kerala | 19,325 | 1,81,411 | 20.25% | 3,32,93,852 |
| ■Maharashtra | 3,391 | 47,919 | 2.34% | 7,19,07,937 |
| ■ Tamil Nadu | 1,653 | 16,893 | 1.06% | 4,12,18,474 |
| ■Mizoram | 1,476 | 13,364 | 14.88% | 10,42,496 |
| ■ Andhra Pradesh | ı 1,174 | 14,653 | 2.29% | 3,68,09,784 |
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STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

| TODAY'S Deaths | TOTAL Deaths | WEEKLY CFR | OVERALL CFR |
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| 82 | 1,42,022 | 1.27% | 2.19% |
| 64 | 23,439 | 0.43% | 0.56% |
| 22 | 35,310 | 1.52% | 1.35% |
| 14 | 37,587 | 1.24% | 1.27% |
| 12 | 18,641 | 1.66% | 1.20% |
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bank, did nothing for them: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL SEPTEMBER 18 **UNION HOME Minister Amit**

Shah on Saturday accused opposition Congress of using people from tribal communities only as a vote bank without doing anything for their well-being.

Their (Congress's) intention was to divide tribal votes by fielding different parties and candidates, but the BIP is committed to their development whenever it gets the mandate,' Shah said.

Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur for a day to take part in the 'Amrut Mahotsav' to honour tribal leaders who had participated in the freedom struggle, Shah pointed out that before the Narendra Modi government came in in 2014. Rs 4,200 was allocated for tribals in the Union Budget of 2013. This amount, he said, has been doubled to 7,900 crore in 2021-22 Budget. The budget component for

tribal development under various ministries, he said, is Rs 71,900 crore in 2021-22 — up from Rs 21,500 crore in 2013-14. Recalling Gondwana rulers

Shankar Shah and his son Raghunath Shah, who were



Home Minister Amit Shah in Jabalpur on Saturday. PTI

killed by the British during the Revolt of 1857, Shah said freedom fighters who were forgotten by historians will be the highlight of the 'Azadi kaa Amrut Mahostav' event, on the occasion of 75 years of Independence. "We will always be inspired by the sacrifice of (the likes of) Raja Shankar Shah and Raghunath Shah. Many tribal leaders sacrificed (their lives) from 1857 until India attained freedom in 1947. Their sacrifices will be remembered by future generations," he said

of Rs 200 crore. Of this, Rs 110 crore has been spent so far, he added. Speaking at the event, Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj

Singh Chouhan announced home delivery of PDS ration in all 89 tribal blocks of the state and implementation of Panchayat Extension to Schedule Areas Act, 1996, which empowers panchayats to formulate and implement development schemes for their respective regions.

Taliban should respect human rights, says Jamiat faction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind's Maulana Mahmood Madani faction Saturday said it hopes the Taliban will respect the human rights of Afghans and ensure Afghanistan is not used by any nation to target another country.

Issuing a statement, it also threw its weight behind the ongoing farmers' agitation. "The current government, instead of addressing their demands, is trying to crush the movement."

"The working committee expresses hope that the new masters of the country 'Taliban', who freed the country from foreign intervention and presence of foreign powers after decades of struggle and huge sacrifices. would respect human rights of people in the light of Islamic values and the Prophet's traditions...It also hopes that the new rulers would establish good relations with all countries...especially with India...and they would not allow using their soil against any country," said the statement, adding, that India had played "a very important role in making

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

IC/(TRD), East Central Railway, Samastipur for and on behalf of the technical expertise, financial solvency through E-Tendering Tender No.& Date : EL-TRD-07-

ET-21-22 (Open), SI.No. 1. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Manning of Railway owned traction sub stations at MHL & MJL of SPJ Division for further two years through outsourcing, SI.No. 2. Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 83,10,716.40/-SI.No. 3. Earnest money: NIL SI.No. 4. Date & Time for closing and opening of tender: Date of Closing of e-tender at 12.00 hours on 08.10.2021, Date of opening of e-tender from 12.30 hours on 08.10.2021, **SI.No. 5.** Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen: http://www.ireps.gov.in DRM (Elect.)Office/SPJ. Divisional Electrical Engineer/IC/(TRD), E.C. Rly/Samastipur

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Board Locations - Office of the Sr Divnl. Comml. Manager, East Centra

East Central Railway, Danapur

FORM NO.14

Government of India **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BIHAR: PATNA** Office of the Recovery Officer

2nd Floor, A, B & F Wing, Karpuri Thakur Sadan Ashiana Digha Road, Patna- 800025 NOTICE UNDER RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE OF INCOME

TAX ATC, 1961 READ WITH SECTION 29 OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT. 1993 R.P. No. 584/2017 Date: 08.09.2021

Bank of India, Sone Bhawan, B.C.P. Marg, Patna..Certificate Holder M/s Frostber Agritech Pvt. Ltd. & OthersCertificate Debto **DEMAND NOTICE**

 M/s Frostberg Agritech Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.393, Village-Begha Cole Post Office-Patoot & Police Station- Bikram, District-Patna. 2. Samir Albert, S/o Prem Prakash, C/o St. Xavier's School, Clara Villa slamia Chowk, Gangjala, Saharsa-852201.

3. Ruby Christian, W/o Prem Prakash, C/o St. Xavier's School, Clara Villa, Islamia Chowk, Gangjala, Saharsa-852201. In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in O.A. Case No.181

of 2017 dated 21.08.2017 passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Patna, an amount of Rs. 62,47,003/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lacs Forty Seven Thousand and Three Only) along with cost expenses and pendentalite and future interest @ 10% p.a. simple from 01.03.2017 till the realization of the entire sum due and recoverable in due against you.

2. You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: (a) Such interest is as payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are, hereby, ordered to appear before the undersigned or 21.10.2021 at 12 noon.

(KUMAR RAJIV RANJAN) RECOVERY OFFICER **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, PATNA**

e-Tender Notice

SOLAPUR CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

e-Tender Notice No. 17

Ersan City

सितम्बर,2021

Date 18/09/2021 Solapur City Development Corporation Limited (SCDCL) invites e-Tender from eligible bidders through e-Tendering portal for Appointment of Project Management Consultants for 'Implementation of e-Bus procurement, Installations of Charging Stations and Bus Que Shelters project' under Smart City Mission in Solapur.

Tender release date is 10.00 a.m. on 18/09/2021 Online Pre-Bid Meeting is at 16.00 PM of 23/09/2021 thorough Google Meet/ Zoom App at Solapur City Development Corporation Limited, Saat Rasta, Solapur.

Bid Submission date upto 03.00 PM of 04/10/2021. The Technical Bid Opening date is 04.00 PM of 05/10/2021 The tender can be downloaded from www.mahatenders.gov.in

The bidders should quote exclusive of GST. All rights of acceptance and rejection of tender is reserved by SCDCL. Tender ID: 2021_SMC_715111_1

- Chief Executive Officer, Solapur City Development Corporation Limited

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2 BJP women councillors in Kerala write to PM, Shah over 'threats', 'insult' by party man

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 18

TWO BIP women councillors meeting.

The complaint was dent.

The complainants stated they were writing after the state leadership failed to take action on their complaint. According to them, the alleged incident took place at a party parliamentary committee meeting on August 26.

Denying the allegation,

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Mr. Rahul Patil on rahul@tatapower.com or alternatively reach across on 9029005681

Smithesh said he was not

SHAJU PHILIP

of the party-controlled Palakkad municipality in Kerala have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah and sought action against a BIP councillor for allegedly humiliating them and issuing threats at a recent party

moved by Prameela Sasidharan, a BJP councillor for 20 years, and Mini Krishna Kumar, who is wife of BJP's state general secretary C Krishna Kumar, against P Smithesh, who is also BIP's Palakkad mandalam presi-

aware of any such incident. "There had been only very usual discussions in the

party's parliamentary committee, held before the council," he said. In their letter, dated September 1, the councillors wrote: "Two of us were hu-

BJP Mandalam president and municipality standing committee chairman for health, P Smithesh. Even though we wrote to the party state organising secretary (M Ganesan) and the party state president (K Surendran) regarding the issue, no action has been taken. Considering the gravity of the situation and understanding that party leaders in Kerala have not taken appropriate measures to correct such misbehaviour, we are compelled to appeal to your good self and your office to kindly intervene."

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sued death threats by the

"This episode also reflects the non-conducive environment for diligent women BIP workers to freely express their thoughts and progressive ideas..." they wrote. Sources in BJP said its state leaders had intervened in the

issue and at their behest, Smithesh expressed regret over the incident after Prameela and Mini Krishna approached the central leadership. The complainants were not present at the meeting at the time, they said.

But Prameela, a former chairperson of the municipality, said a regret from the councillor is not enough. "We have asked the party to take action against him," she said. "The councillor, who has insulted and issued us death threats, should be sacked from the party, or removed as mandalam president." She said, "We are await-

ing a favourable decision from the party. Otherwise we will complain to the police as well as the state women's commission." Mini said: "The councillor

threatened to assault me and my husband, C Krishna Kumar. We are awaiting the party (leadership's) deci-

the new Afghanistan".

7-year jail term for adulteration of food, drugs: Rajasthan Assembly passes Bill

HAMZAKHAN

JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 18

THE RAIASTHAN Assembly on Saturday passed four bills including the Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill-2021 by voice vote.

Criminal The Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill has provisions for imprisonment up to seven years for adulteration of food, or drugs and medicines, making their sale a cognisable and non-bailable offence.

The Bill mainly seeks to em-

New Delhi

Drug Inspectors, as well as address the differences in punishment for food adulteration under various laws. Justifying the Bill, the govern-

power Food Safety Officers and

ment said, "On many instances during the raids by police, the offences of adulterated or unsafe food as well as adulterated or spurious drugs are detected in respect of which First Information Report is registered under said sections 272 to 276 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). In such cases, arrest or detention of the accused is necessary for the

tive investigation and collection of evidence in time." "Since the said offences un-

purposes of adequate and effec-

der said sections of the IPC are non-cognisable and bailable, the police as well as Food Safety Officers and Drug Inspectors are facing difficulties in investigation of the crime which are affecting health of the public at large. Therefore, there is an urgent need for stringent punishments even for the said offences under the IPC that can equally act as a deterrent," the government said.

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Manorama Mohapatra

ODISHA Samaja editor, litterateur dies at 87

Cuttack: Eminent Odia litterateur and journalist Manorama Mohapatra died here on Saturday. She was 87. The former editor of the largest Odia daily 'Samaja' was rushed to the SCB Medical College and Hospital after she complained of chest pain. She died while undergoing treatment, sources at the medical establishment said. The daughter of Padma Bhushan awardee Radhanath Rath, Mohapatra was the face of women empowerment in Odisha. CM Naveen Patnaik and Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan condoled her death. PTI

KARNATAKA 5 found dead in 'suicide pact', girl rescued

Bengaluru: Five members of a family, including a nine-month-old male infant, were found dead at their home here, while a two-and-a-half-year-old girl child has barely survived the trauma and is undergoing treatment, police said. The bodies were discovered from their residence in the city's Thigalarapalya on Friday night. The incident came to light when the head of the family, Hallegere Shankar, who was away, came home after four days, as his repeated calls to family members had gone unanswered. Police suspect that the deaths might have occurred four days ago, allegedly as part of a suicide pact.

L-G announces transit camps for tribals

Jammu: J&K Lt Governor Manoi Sinha on Saturdav said that construction of transit accommodation for tribals will soon start along traditional routes taken by them on the way to highland pastures. These include Kandi and Thanamandi in Rajouri, Behram Gala in Poonch, Udhampur and Ramban along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, Dubjan and Lal Ghulam in Shopian and along the national highway in Pulwama, Sinha said. He handed over forest rights certificates to tribals in Jammu, "We have formulated a robust mechanism to ensure these rights (under Forest Rights Act) are decided at the grassroots level in consultation with PRIs and forest department," he said.

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TRIPURA BDO assaulted, IAS officers seek security

Agartala: Three days after

a Block Development Officer (BDO) was allegedly assaulted on duty, Sepahijala and Unakoti district magistrates have requested SPs to ensure security to BDOs, Deputy Collector and Magistrates while they are on duty. The move comes three days after the Poang Bari BDO, Vaijayanta Sarkar, was allegedly assaulted by miscreants when he went to an area to check the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Police said that they arrested five persons involved in the incident. "They are in judicial custody till September 27," Manubazar officer incharge Shibu Chandra Dey

Without naming Sood, I-T dept says he evaded over Rs 20 cr tax

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICEMUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE INCOME tax department, without naming Bollywood actor Sonu Sood, said on Saturday that he has evaded over Rs 20 crore in taxes. The department in a statement said Sood has routed "unaccounted income in the form of bogus unsecured loans" through fake entities.

The I-T department on Sept 15 had searched 28 premises in Mumbai, Lucknow, Kanpur, Jaipur, Delhi and Gurgaon in connection with its case against Sood and a Lucknow-based real estate firm.

The department said it has found that Sood camouflaged professional receipts as loans in the books of accounts to allegedly evade taxes. It also alleged that the 48-year-old actor has used the loans to acquire properties.

According to the tax authority, Sood's charity foundation – founded last July – raised Rs 18.94 crore in donations from April 2021 till date and spent only Rs 1.7 crore in relief work. The remaining Rs 17 crore is lying with the foundation untilised, it alleged.

The department also alleged that Sood's charity foundation has raised Rs 2.1 crore from outside India in violation



Actor Sonu Sood

of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act norms.

"The simultaneous search operations carried out at various premises of an infrastructure group in Lucknow in which the said actor has entered into a joint venture real estate project and invested substantial funds, have resulted in unearthing of incriminating evidences pertaining to tax evasion and irregularities in the books of account," said the statement.

The department has allegedly found instances of circular trades by the infrastructure group to the tune of Rs 175 crore.

Following the searches, the department has seized cash worth Rs 1.8 crore and placed nine lockers under prohibitory order.

Queries sent by *The Indian Express* to the Sood Charity Foundation did not elicit any response.

SC quashes case against man accused of forced conversion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 18

THE SUPREME Court has quashed criminal proceedings against a man accused of forcible conversion, noting that the person who was stated to have been forced to convert to Christianity has denied the allegation.

A Bench comprising justices UULalit, S Ravindra Bhat and CT Ravikumar set aside the order passed by the Madhya Pradesh High Court, which refused to grant any relief to the accused, George Mangalapilly.

Apart from the testimony of the witness, there is nothing else on record which could potentially be relied upon against the

accused, the apex court noted.
"In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case and especially when the entire fulcrum of the prosecution rests upon the version of the man who was stated to be forcibly converted, in our view, the testimony of said person assumes great significance," the Bench said. According to his own version neither was he forcibly converted nor had the appellant contacted him at any juncture, it observed.

"In view of these peculiar circumstances, in our view, the appellant is entitled to the relief prayed for. We, therefore, allow this appeal, set aside the order passed by the High Court and quash the proceedings against the appellant in respect of offence punishable under Section 3 and 4 of the MP Freedom of Religion Act, 1968 Act," the Bench said.

GI tag for Hathei chilli, Tamenglong mandarin orange

JIMMY LEIVON

IMPHAL SEPTEMBER 18

HATHEI CHILLI, which is found in Manipur's Ukrul district and is known for its unique flavour, and Tamenglong mandarin orange have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Confirming the news in a

Confirming the news in a Facebook post, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh wrote, "What a great start to the day for Manipur! I'm really happy to share that 2 (two) products of Manipur

viz Hathei Chilly & Tamenglong orange have been granted GI tag by Government of India. This is a historic milestone in the history of Manipur & it will increase income of farmers in Manipur. We will be receiving the certificates in the next few days."

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Public Auction Notice

Debts Recovery Tribunal
A, B & F Wings, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna – 800 025
Central Bank of India, Basatpur Branch, Motihari, District – East Champaran

M/s Champaran Vermi Compost Udyog & Others
(In R.P. Case No. 150/2018 arising out of Certificate No. O.A. Case No. 598/2017)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

As per order dated 10/08/2021, under mentioned property will be sold by *public online e-Auction* on the date and time mentioned herein for recovery of Rs.43,61,260/- + Interest/cost and other expenses from M/s Champaran Vermi Compost Udyog & Others, the sum is recoverable together with interest, cost, charges, as per the certificate. The auction sale will be by way of *online e-Auction*.

Description of Property:

| Description of Property: | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Description of Property | Reserve Price | EMD | Date and time of Auction |
| Mauza-Khoda Nagar, Thana-Motihari, | Rs. 75,00,000/- | Rs. 7,50,000/- | 29/09/2021 between 12:30 |
| Ward No.14, Khesra No.262, PS- Chattauni | (Rupees | (Rupees Seven | P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto |
| Anchal-Motihari, East Champaran, Hold | Seventy Five | Lacs and Fifty | extension clause in case |
| No.271(A), Thana No.165, Tauzi No.644, | Lacs Only) | Thousand Only) | of bid in last 5 minutes |
| Area- 01 Katha. Sale Deed No.6815 | | on or before | before closing, if required. |
| dated 04.05.2007. Bounded and butted | | 27/09/2021 upto | The amount by which the |
| as follows- North: Mastan, South: Road, | | 4.00 P.M. | biddings are to be increased |
| East: Rasta, and West: Binay Kr. Sharma & | | | shall be Rs. 20,000/- |
| Binod Kumar Sharma. | | | |

Name and address of e-auction agency:-

M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited – Auction Tiger, Address: B–704, Wall Street-II, Opp.-Orient Club Near Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad - 380 006, Gujarat, (India) Website: https://drt.auctiontiger.ne Bidder Support:

Helpdesk No. of service provider - 079-68136880/68136837, E mail Address - support@auctiontiger.nechintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net and Mobile No.-+91 9265562821/18 & 9374519754

silitating Agency: Name of contact person of Basatpur Branch: Mr. Vikash Kumar, Senior Manager, Basatpur Branch (Mob

No.8298197070).

Name of the contact person of the facilitation centre: Chintan Bhatt (M), 9978591888 (O) 079-68136878

ACCOUNT DETAIL FOR ONLINE MONEY TRANSFER

ACCOUNT NO. & NAME NAME IFSC CODE

3352050721 Central Bank of India, Motihari Regional Office, Motihari CBIN0280030

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:

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2. The intending bidders should register the participation with the service provider well in advance and ge user ID and password for participating in E-auction. It can be procured only when the requisite Earnest Money Deposit be paid by prescribed mode.

3. To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10% of the Reserve Price which shall be paid by electronic transfer to the concerned Bank's EMD Account or through DD/pay order drawn in favour of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna alongwith copy of PAN card, Address proof and Identity proof with E-mail ID, Mobile No. of bidder. The Envelop containing EMD along with details of documents should be superscribed R.P. No.150/2018 and in case of the company copy of resolution by the Board members of the company or any other decument confirming representation/attorney of the company should reach on or before 4.00 P.M. of 27/09/2021 in the office of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna or should credit the amount in respective Bank's/Financial Instution's account. EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.

4. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds (including EMD) on the next working day of sale through the mode as stated above.

of sale through the mode as stated above.

5. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the undersinged on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the Property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000/- and @ 1% or the excess of such gross amount over Rs.1,000/- by prescribed mode as stated above.

fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

7. The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the

6. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be resold, after the issue of

e-auction without assigning any reasons.

8. EMD of unsuccessful bidder shall be returned the same day of auction by DRT/Bank by credit to the

account of bidder mention in bid form.

Dated: 31/08/2021

Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider.
 Prospective bidders are advised to go through the website for details terms & conditions of sale before

submitting their bids or contact Branch Manager of the concerned Branch.

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(Kumar Rajiv Ranjan) Recovery Officer

9 drown in Jharkhand during Karma Puja immersion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 18

NINE PEOPLE, including seven girls between the ages of 12 and 20, drowned at three different places in Jharkhand's Latehar dis-

on Saturday, authorities said. The seven girls, from five different families, drowned in

trict during Karam Puja festivities

Bukru village of Balumath area in Latehar.

Deputy Commissioner Abu Imran said, "As per information from villagers, initially two girls were struggling to get out from a pond, after which five other girls attempted to save them. All seven drowned, which appeared to be during the immersion. They were brought to the Sadar hospital and

were declared dead. A medical

board has been constituted."

Two more deaths were re-

ported from different areas of Latehar during the festivities, Imran said.

Karma Puja is a major festival in Jharkhand.

The deputy commissioner said that the deputy development commissioner had been asked to hold an inquiry into the drowning of the seven girls.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren expressed shock over the incident. "Shocked to hear about the death of seven girls due to drowning during 'Karam Dali' (branch of Karam tree) immersion at Sheregada of Latehar district. May God grant peace to the departed souls and give strength to the bereaved families to bear the loss," Soren said in a tweet.

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Recommendations of the Committee of Independent Directors ("IDC") of Just Dial Limited ("Target Company" or "TC") under Regulation 26(7) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers)

under Regulation 26(7) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers)
Regulations, 2011 as amended ("SEBI (SAST) Regulations") in relation to the open offer to the public shareholders of the
Target Company made by Reliance Retail Ventures Limited ("Acquirer" and such open offer defined as "Open Offer").

1. Date September 17, 2021

| 1. | Date | September 17, 2021 |
|-----|--|---|
| 2. | Name of the Target Company (TC) | Just Dial Limited |
| 3. | Details of the Offer pertaining to TC | Open Offer is being made by the Acquirer for the acquisition of up to 2,17,36,894 Equity Shares of the TC representing 26.00% of the Emerging Voting Capital (as defined in the letter of offer dated September 14, 2021) of the TC from the public shareholders of the TC at an Offer Price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share. |
| 4. | Name(s) of the acquirer and PAC with the acquirer | Acquirer: Reliance Retail Ventures Limited There are no persons acting in concert with the Acquirer for the purposes of this Open Offer. |
| 5. | Name of the Manager to the offer | JM Financial Limited 7th Floor, Cnergy, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 025, Maharashtra, India Tel. No.: +91 22 6630 3030; +91 22 6630 3262 Fax No.: +91 22 6630 3330 E-mail: justdial.openoffer@jmfl.com Contact Person: Prachee Dhuri SEBI Registration No.: INM000010361 |
| 6. | Members of the Committee of Independent Directors (Please indicate the chairperson of the Committee separately) | Mr. B. Anand (Chairman of the IDC), Mr. Malcolm Monteiro, Mr. Sanjay Bahadur and Ms. Bhavna Thakur. |
| 7. | IDC Member's relationship with the TC (Director, Equity shares owned, any other contract/relationship), if any | All IDC members are Independent and Non-Executive Directors of the TC. Except for Mr. Sanjay Bahadur, none of the members of the IDC hold any equity shares in the TC. Mr. Sanjay Bahadur holds 6,209 equity shares in the TC. None of the members of the IDC have any contracts or any relationship with the TC. |
| 8. | Trading in the Equity shares/other securities of the TC by IDC Members | relationship with the TC. During the period of 12 months preceding the date of the Public Announcement dated July 16, 2021 ("PA"), Mr. Sanjay Bahadur had tendered 291 equity shares under the buy-back offer of the TC. The date of closing of buy-back Offer was August 17, 2020. |
| | | No other member of the IDC has traded in any of the Equity Shares / other securities of the TC during the period of 12 months preceding the date of the PA. |
| | | None of the members of the IDC have traded in any of the Equity Shares / other securities of the TC during the period from the date of the PA and till the date of recommendation. |
| 9. | IDC Member's relationship with the acquirer (Director, Equity shares owned, any other contract / relationship), if any | None of the members of the IDC is a Director of the Acquirer. The members of the IDC neither have any contracts or relationship with the Acquirer nor hold any equity shares or other securities of the Acquirer. |
| 10. | Trading in the Equity shares/other securities of the Acquirer by IDC Members | None of the IDC Members have traded in equity shares / other securities of the Acquirer during the period of 12 months preceding the PA or from the period of the PA till the date of this recommendation. |
| 11. | Recommendation on the Open offer, as to whether the offer is fair and reasonable | The IDC is of the opinion that the Offer Price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share offered by the Acquirer <i>vide</i> LOF dated September 14, 2021 is in accordance with SEBI (SAST) Regulations and is fair and reasonable. However, the shareholders should independently evaluate the offer, market performance of the Equity Shares of the TC and take informed decision. |
| 12. | Summary of reasons for recommendation | IDC has perused the Letter of Offer dated September 14, 2021, the Detailed Public Statement published on July 26, 2021 and the PA issued by JM Financial Limited (as the Manager to the open offer) on behalf of the Acquirer. IDC has also noted: 1. On July 20, 2021, the Acquirer has acquired 1,30,61,163 Equity Shares of the TC, representing 15.62% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the TC at a price of Rs. 1,020.00/per Equity Share pursuant to the share purchase agreement dated July 16, 2021 executed between the Acquirer and Mr. Venkatachalam Sthanu Subramani ("Seller") and Mrs. Anita Mani (as confirming party). 2. On September 1, 2021, the Acquirer has subscribed to 2,11,77,636 Equity Shares of the TC, representing 25.33% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the TC at the price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share pursuant to the share subscription agreement entered into on July 16, 2021 between the Acquirer, TC, the Seller and Mrs. Anita Mani. 3. BDO India LLP has been engaged by IDC to independently evaluate if the Offer Price is in accordance with SEBI (SAST) Regulations. BDO India LLP have submitted their report dated September 16, 2021 and have also presented their findings to the IDC, in its meeting held on September 17, 2021. Under their report, they have commented that the open offer price is in compliance with Regulation 8 (1) and Regulation 8 (2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. 4. Based on the above, the IDC is of the opinion that the offer price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share is in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by SEBI (SAST) Regulations and is foil and researched. |
| 13. | Disclosure of the voting pattern | and is fair and reasonable. The recommendations were unanimously approved by the IDC members. |
| 14. | Details of Independent Advisors, if any | BDO India LLP The Ruby, Level 9, North West Wing, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W), Mumbai - 400 028, Maharashtra, India. |

"To the best of our knowledge and belief, after making proper enquiry, the information contained in or accompanying this statement is, in all material respect, true and correct and not misleading, whether by omission of any information or otherwise and includes all the information required to be disclosed by the TC under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations."

New Delhi

For and on behalf of the Committee of Independent Directors of Just Dial Limited

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Date: September 17, 2021

Authorized Signatory Chairman - IDC

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MEANWHILE

Notre-Dame Restoration Ready To Start

Work to shore up the Notre-Dame de Paris has been finished, allowing restoration to start at the cathedral two years after a fire destroyed the attic and sent its spire crashing through the vaults below, officials said on Saturday. The final phase of efforts to secure its structure included reinforcing the fire-damaged vaults with giant wooden arch-shaped frames, authorities said.



launched from a train in North Korea. Al

NORTH KOREA

Photos show N Korea expanding uranium enrichment plant

RECENT SATELLITE images show North Korea is expanding a uranium enrichment plant at its main Yongbyon nuclear complex, a sign that it's intent on boosting the production of bomb materials, experts say. The assessment comes after North Korea recently raised tensions with its first missile tests in six months amid long-dormant nuclear disarmament negotiations with the US. "The expansion of the enrichment plant probably indicates that North Korea plans to increase production of weapons-grade uranium at the Yongbyon site by as much as 25%," Jeffrey Lewis and two other experts at Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey said in a report. AP

AUSTRALIA Police clash with lockdown protesters, 267 arrested

AUSTRALIA'S POLICE arrested 235 people in Melbourne and 32 in Sydney on Saturday at unsanctioned anti-lockdown rallies and several police officers were injured in clashes with protesters. Victoria police said six officers required hospitalisation. Several officers were knocked to the ground and trampled, the police said and television footage showed. About 700 people managed to gather in parts of Melbourne, as 2,000 officers made the city centre virtually a no-go zone, setting up checkpoints and barricades. REUTERS

YEMEN

Houthis execute 9 for involvement in Samad death

YEMEN'S IRAN-ALIGNED Houthi movement said on Saturday that authorities had executed nine men who were convicted of involvement in the 2018 killing of Saleh al-Samad, then the armed group's top civilian leader, Samad, who held the post of president in the Houthi-controlled administration which runs most of northern Yemen, was killed in April 2018 by a Saudi-led coalition air strike in the port city of Hodeidah on Yemen's west coast.

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sation in the US after damaging

admissions were aired in a 2015

documentary on HBO, was con-

victed Friday in the execution-

style murder of a close confidant

ter over seven hours of delibera-

The verdict, which came af-

more than 20 years ago.



US TO EXPEL HAITIANS FROM BORDER

Migrants walk in the Rio Grande river near the International Bridge between Mexico and the US on Friday. The Biden administration plans the widescale expulsion of Haitian migrants from a small Texas border city by putting them on flights to Haiti starting Sunday, an official said, representing a swift and dramatic response to thousands who suddenly crossed the border from Mexico and gathered under and around a bridge. US authorities closed traffic to vehicles and pedestrians in both directions at the only border crossing in Del Rio. Texas, after chaos unfolded Friday and presented the administration with a new and immediate challenge as it tries to manage large numbers of asylum-seekers who have been reaching US soil. AP

Proposed Trump-era rule on H-1B selection struck down

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 18

A US federal judge has struck down a proposed Trump-era rule that aimed to replace the current H-1B cap lottery system with a wage-level-based selection process.

Judge Jeffrey SWhite of the US District Court for the Northern District of California vacated a Trump-era H-1B cap selection regulation on the grounds that then-Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf was not lawfully serving in his role at the time the regulation was promulgated.

The judge on Wednesday granted the US Chamber of Commerce's motion for summary judgment in its lawsuit challenging the regulation, according to the court order uploaded by the Chamber's litigation centre.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.

The number of H-1B visas issued each year is capped at 65,000, plus an additional 20,000 reserved for individuals with advanced degrees. The current system for selecting applications for consideration is a hybrid of firstcome, first-served and a lottery.

During former president Donald Trump's final days in office, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (ÚSCIS) announced to do away with the traditional lottery system in deciding the successful applicants for the H-1B visas.

The USCIS had said it would

prioritise wages to protect the economic interests of American workers, and better ensure that the most highly skilled foreign workers benefit from the temporary employment programme.

The H-1B cap allocation regulation was originally set to take effect on March 9, 2021. The Department of Homeland Security delayed the effective date of the regulation to December 31, 2021, in response to a Biden administration regulatory freeze.

"Because Mr Wolf was not lawfully appointed as Acting Secretary at the time the Final Rule was approved, the Court concludes the rule must be set aside. In light of this ruling, the Court does not reach Plaintiffs' alternative arguments. Accordingly, the Court vacates the Final Rule and remands this matter to DHS," the judge said in

Organisers of the "Justice for J6"

rally said they expected a peaceful

event, but US Capitol Police Chief

J. Thomas Manger told reporters

on Friday "there have been some

threats of violence" linked to the

event, where police would work

to avoid clashes between Trump

been charged with taking part in

the Ian 6 violence, which followed

a speech by Trump reiterating his

false claims that his election loss

to Democratic President Joe Biden

was the result of widespread

fraud. Those claims have been re-

More than 600 people have

supporters and opponents.

US FDA panel recommends Pfizer boosters for older, high risk people

SHARON LAFRANIERE & NOAH WEILAND

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 18

A KEY advisory panel to the US Food and Drug Administration overwhelmingly rejected recommending Pfizer booster shots for most recipients of the company's coronavirus vaccine, instead endorsing them only for people who are 65 or older or at high risk of severe Covid-19, and received their second dose at least six months ago.

The vote — the first on boosters in the US — was a blow to the Biden administration's strategy to make extra shots available to most fully vaccinated adults in the US eight months after they received a second dose. The broader rollout was to start next week.

Committee members appeared dismissive of the argument that the general population needed booster shots, saying the data from Pfizer and elsewhere still seemed to show two shots protected against severe disease or hospitalisation and did not prove a third shot would stem the spread of infection. Some also criticised a lack of data that an additional injection would be safe for younger people. "It's unclear that everyone needs to be boosted, other than a subset of the population that clearly would be at high risk for serious disease," said Dr. Michael G. Kurilla, a committee member and official at the National Institutes of Health.

But the panel's final recommendation left some room for the White House to argue that the core of its booster strategy remained intact. Depending on how "at high risk" is defined, tens of millions of Americans could conceivably wind up eligible for additional shots of the Pfizer vaccine.

The committee of experts voted 16 to 2 against a Pfizer booster for people 16 and older after a tense daylong public discussion that put divisions in the agency and the administration on

jected by multiple courts, state

election officials and members of

lice, beating them with sticks

and metal barricades, smashed

their way through windows into

the Capitol building and ran

through the halls, sending law-

makers and then-Vice President

Mike Pence running for safety.

police officer who was attacked by

protesters died the day after and

four police officers who took part

in the defence of the Capitol later

REUTERS

died by suicide.

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Trump's own administration.

'Big mistake': France recalls envoys from US, Australia over sub deal

ROD MCGUIRK

CANBERRA, SEPTEMBER 18

FRANCE'S AMBASSADOR to Australia has described as a "huge mistake" Australia's surprise cancellation of a major submarine contract in favour of a US deal, as the diplomat prepared to leave the country in an unprecedented show of anger among the allies.

French envoy Jean-Pierre Thebault delivered his comments Saturday as he left his residence in the capital of Canberra.

"This has been a huge mistake, a very, very bad handling of the partnership," Thebault said, explaining that the arms agreement between Paris and Canberra was supposed to be based "on trust, mutual understanding and sincerity."

Paris recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the United States on Friday to protest a deal among the United States, Australia and Britain to supply Australia with a fleet of at least eight nuclearpower submarines.

The deal scraps a 90 billion Australian dollar (\$66 billion) contract with French majority state-owned Naval Group, signed in 2016, to build 12 conventional diesel-electric submarines. "I would like to be able to run

such an incredible, clumsy, inadequate, un-Australian situation," the French ambassador added. Australian Foreign Minister

Marise Payne's office earlier had

issued a statement responding to

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uation where we don't end up in

French Ambassador to Australia, Jean-Pierre Thebault, in Canberra on Saturday. AP

I would like to be able to run into a time machine and be in a situation where we don't end up in such an incredible, clumsy, inadequate, un-Australian situation."

JEAN-PIERRE THEBAULT FRENCH AMBASSADOR

TO AUSTRALIA

the diplomat's recall and noting Canberra's "regret" over its ally's withdrawal of its representative.

"Australia understands France's deep disappointment with our decision, which was taken in accordance with our clear and communicated national security interests," the statement said. It added that Australia values its relationship with France and looked forward to future engagements together.

Payne and Defence Minister Peter Dutton are currently in the United States for annual talks with their US counterparts and their first with President Joe Biden's administration.

Before he was recalled, French envoy Thebault said on Friday he found out about the US submarine deal: "Like everybody, thanks to the Australian press. "We never were informed

about any substantial changes," Thebault said. "There were many opportunities and many channels. Never was such a change mentioned." After the US deal was made

oublic this week, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he told French President Emanuel Macron in June that there were very real issues about whether a conventional submarine capability" would address Australia's strategic security needs in the Indo-Pacific.

Initiated dialogue with Taliban for inclusive Afghan govt: Imran

Biden faces unfair criticism, says Pak PM

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 18

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Imran tiated a dialogue" with the Taliban for an inclusive Afghan government, a day after SCO members sought representation for all ethnic, religious and political groups

in the new dispensation. The Taliban, which seized control of Afghanistan in mid-August, had promised an "inclusive" government that represents Afghanistan's complex ethnic makeup, but there is no Hazara member and no woman in the interim 33-member Cabinet.

Taking to Twitter, Khan said: "After mtgs (meetings) in Dushanbe with leaders of Afghanistan's neighbours & especially a lengthy discussion with Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon, I have initiated a dialogue with the Taliban for an in-



clusive Afghan govt to include Tajiks, Hazaras & Uzbeks.'

After 40 years of conflict, this inclusivity will ensure peace and a stable Afghanistan, which is in the interest not only of Afghanistan but the region as well, Khan said in another tweet.

In an interview to Russian broadcaster RT, Khan praised US President Ioe Biden for withdrawing American troops from Afghanistan. "There was so much unfair criticism of President Biden, and what he did was the most sensible thing to do," he said.

An Iranian scientist and an AI-assisted,

REUTERS SEPTEMBER 18 AT LEAST three people were killed

Three killed in

blasts in Afghan

city of Jalalabad

and about 20 wounded in a series of blasts in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad on Saturday, two sources in the city said. The fatalities occurred during

es of five blasts th who said they had received information from hospitals and eyewitnesses, told Reuters. One source said members of

the Taliban were among the casualties. The second said the bombs targeted Taliban vehicles. Taliban spokesmen were not reachable for comment.

There was no initial claim for the blasts. Ialalabad is the capital of Nangarhar province, which is a stronghold for the Islamic State group, which has been active since

the fall of Kabul to the Taliban. A series of bombings at Kabul airport on August 26 that were claimed by IS killed more than 180 people. Those attacks were among deadliest during the country's two decades under US occupation.

UK to roll out Covid-19 treatment that was given to Trump dent Donald Trump. he contracted Covid last year.

US Capitol on high alert as pro-Trump

demonstrators converge for rally

ADITI KHANNA

JAN WOLFE &

DAVID MORGAN

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 18

HUNDREDS OF police officers

were on duty around the US

Capitol on Saturday as they braced

for a rally by supporters of the hun-

dreds of people who breached the

building on January 6 trying to

overturn former President Donald

A black eight-foot-high fence

which surrounded the building for

about six months after the attack is

back, 100 National Guard troops

Trump's election defeat.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 18

THOUSANDS OF vulnerable patients with Covid-19 in UK hospitals are set to benefit from a life-saving new antibody treatment called Ronapreve, which was given to former US presi-

REAL ESTATE SCION WAS CONVICTED OF KILLING CLOSE CONFIDANTE

A combination of two monoclonal antibodies, Ronapreve, will be targeted initially at those in hospital who have not mounted an antibody response against the coronavirus.

Police patrol an area near

the Capitol on Friday. Reuters

are on standby and security offi-

cials are performing additional

checks on travellers arriving at

Washington's nearest airport in an

effort to prevent violence.

The treatment was used as

part of the suite of experimental

medicines given to Trump when

NY millionaire Robert Durst found guilty of murder

Robert Durst evaded

half his life only to

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"We have secured a brand new treatment for our most vulnerable patients in hospitals across the UK and I am thrilled it will be saving lives from as early as next week," said UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid.

The drug will be targeted at people who are immunocom-

promised and therefore have difficulty building up an antibody response to the virus, either through being exposed to Covid-19 or from vaccination.

The NHS said that a guidance will shortly be going out to clinicians so they can begin prescribing the treatment as soon

many iconic buildings in

Manhattan, has lived a life with

enough titillating elements that

they could fill a dozen true-crime

shows, including a Mafia princess,

a missing young wife, the death

and dismemberment of a drifter,

celebrities such as Laraine

Newman and Steve Rubell, and

remote-controlled killing machine **RONEN BERGMAN**

& FARNAZ FASSIHI SEPTEMBER 18

woke up an hour before dawn, as he did most days, to study Islamic philosophy before his day began. That afternoon, he and his

IRAN'S TOP nuclear scientist

wife would leave their vacation home on the Caspian Sea and drive to their country house in Absard, a bucolic town east of Tehran, where they planned to spend the weekend.

Iran's intelligence service had warned him of a possible assassination plot, but the scientist, Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, had brushed it off.

Convinced that Fakhrizadeh was leading Iran's efforts to build a nuclear bomb, Israel had wanted to kill him for at least 14 years.

Despite his prominent position in Iran's military establishment, Fakhrizadeh wanted to live a normal life.

And, disregarding the advice of his security team, he often drove his own car to Absard in-



Iranians mourn the death of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. NYT

stead of having bodyguards drive him in an armored vehicle.

So shortly after noon on Friday, Nov. 27, he slipped behind the wheel of his black Nissan Teana sedan, his wife in the passenger seat beside him, and hit the road.

Iranian agents working for the Mossad had parked a blue Nissan Zamyad pickup truck on the side of the road connecting Absard to the main highway. Hidden beneath tarpaulins and construction material in the truck bed was a 7.62 mm sniper machine gun.

The news reports from Iran that afternoon were confusing, contradictory and mostly wrong. A team of assassins had waited alongside the road for

Fakhrizadeh to drive by, one report said. Residents heard a big explosion followed by intense machine gunfire, said another.

One of the most far-fetched accounts emerged a few days later. Several news organisations reported the assassin was a killer ro-

bot and that the entire operation was conducted by remote control. After several unsuccessful attempts on his life in the past,

Mossad had decided to try something new. Aremote-controlled machine gun mounted on a truck had its drawbacks. It had its own cameras. allowing those in a control room to aim and pull the trigger. But the

recoil after each shot, and the small ag in the transmission of signals were going to be a problem. But the machine gun was fitted with artificial intelligence that was programmed to compensate for the delay, the recoil

and the speed of the target's car. It was also rigged with explosives, and it blew itself up after completing the kill, leaving many baffled for days regarding how

Fakhrizadeh was killed.

tions, was the latest act in a case that spanned almost four wife's disappearance and death. decades. It began in the wealthy precincts of New York with the Durst, a frail 78-year-old mil-

CHARLES V BAGLI LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 18 ROBERT DURST, the enigmatic real estate scion who evaded criminal suspicion for half his life

mysterious disappearance of Durst's first wife, Kathie, in 1982 and concluded with his conviction for the 2000 killing of Susan Berman, a friend who prosecutors said helped him cover up his

lionaire who sat through the trial in a wheelchair, was convicted of first-degree murder and faces the possibility of a life sentence.

The trial was remarkable on many levels. It began in March 2020 but adjourned days later for 14 months because of the

duced nearly 300 exhibits. But

Ultimately, the prosecution

called 80 witnesses and intro-

coronavirus pandemic.

the most damaging evidence came, as a deputy Los Angeles County district attorney, John Lewin, said in his opening statements, right out of Durst's own mouth. The jury heard Durst make a series of acknowledgments in a nearly three-hour interview with Lewin right after his arrest in 2015, in hundreds of iailhouse phone calls and in more than 20 hours of interviews with the producers of the documentary The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst. Durst, whose family owns

Although Durst was charged only with killing Berman, the prosecution contended that her death was connected to the mysterious disappearance of Durst's first wife and the killing of the drifter. Durst was acquitted in 2003 of killing the drifter, Morris Black. Durst was never charged in connection with

his wife's disappearance. NYT

decades of family betrayal.

II SUNDAY STORY

IT WAS a turbulent start in office for Bhupendra Patel. Parts of the state were reeling under floods, and after an aerial survey of Jamnagar, the new Gujarat Chief Minister was to head to Rajkot. But the aircraft was grounded due to bad weather and Patel had to travel the nearly 100-km distance by road - a rough start that would have thrown the most seasoned of administrators off-kilter.

Worse, the swearing-in ceremony of his new team that was to be held the following day was postponed, reportedly because of protests from ministers set to be dropped.

An IAS officer, who was with the CM as he met the flood-affected, told The Sunday Express that the hours-old CM was "firm". "composed", "not overwhelmed". "He told the administration to prioritise rescue operations, asking officials to forcefully evacuate those who resisted as the priority was to save lives," said the officer.

With the Central BJP plucking the firsttime MLA from near anonymity and placing him in the hot seat, Patel's every move, every order, every nod of the head, will be watched and scrutinised – in Delhi and Gandhinagar.

According to his affidavit in his debut Assembly election in 2017, Patel holds a diploma in civil engineering from Government Polytechnic College in Ahmedabad, where his father Rajnikant was principal, and runs Vihan Associates, a construction company managed by his son and son-in-law.

According to son Anuj, their firm, now renamed 'Ansh Construction' after Patel's grandson, handles commercial and residential projects and is currently building an affordable housing project in the posh Ahmedabad neighbourhood of South Bopal.

Apart from being the first Kadva Patidar CM, the 59-year-old Patel is also the first from Ahmedabad city to get selected for the top job — the 16 chief ministers before him have all been from other parts of the state.

Engineer, businessman

As a young man, Patel would set up a temporary firecracker shop during the festive season in Dariapur, in Ahmedabad's Walled City area, while the family lived nearby in Dhantura Pol, a close-knit neighbourhood — it celebrated his anointment with bursting of crackers.

After college, Patel worked at a private construction company for around three years. He later launched Vardan Tower, a residential project in Naranpura, with eight of his college friends.

Like several other Hindu families, the Patels moved out of the Old City neighbourhood in the 1990s, to get away from the communal riots that frequently broke out in the area. The family, says Anuj, first moved to Naranpura and later to Memnagar, on the outskirts of Ahmedabad. It was from here that Patel launched his political career, becoming a member of the Memnagar municipality in 1995-96.

These were the years that the BJP, riding the Ram Janmabhoomi wave, was on a steady ascendancy – in 1995, the party won all the major municipal corporation elections in the state. Patel rose to become president of the Memnagar municipality, holding office for two terms, 1999-2000 and 2004-06.

He fought his first Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation election from Thaltej ward in 2010 and went on to become the standing Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority that makes townplanning schemes for the city's periphery.

In the 2012 Assembly election, Patel managed the campaign of Anandiben Patel from THE SUNDAY PROFILE

The new chief

In a dramatic turn of events, BJP replaced its Gujarat CM with a first-time MLA last week. RITU SHARMA & PARIMAL DABHI on Bhupendra Patel's dizzving rise — from a young man who sold firecrackers, to the owner of a construction firm and corporator, to the 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat



Ghatlodia, a role that established his people management skills and endeared him to the former chief minister. After Anandiben moved on as Governor, having been deposed as chief minister, Patel contested the 2017 record 1.17 lakh votes.

BJP MLA from Naroda constituency of Ahmedabad Balram Thavani, who often sat next to Patel in the Assembly, said being from the city, Patel would understand its problems

"The first few months will be very important. Patel and his Cabinet will have to prove that they can administer the state effectively and efficiently. The second challenge is to ensure that the dropped ministers do not sabotage governance"

better. "As soon as Patel's name was announced as Chief Minister, I went and hugged him," Thavani added.

Anuj says nobody in the family expected it. "My mother and I were having an afterbecoming CM. The phone has not stopped

What no one doubts, as a senior leader puts it, is that Patel's elevation "bears the clear stamp of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi". On the reason why, a BJP leader said one important factor was that Patel was clean and non-controversial apart from being "acceptable to both Anandiben and Amit Shah". "But more than that," the leader added, "the reason seems to be his inexperience — thus ensuring a person who will toe the line of the high command without questioning it."

Another BJP leader said that while any successful government should have a mix of experience and youth, having an allnew ministry had its risks. "The leaders might be successful in running their enterprises or ventures, but how good they will be in running the government is anybody's guess.'

Those who have worked with Patel attest to him being "hardworking" and "calm" under stress. Anil Jodhani, who served as Patel's personal secretary when he was the AMC Standing Committee chairman, recalls how during Patel's term in 2010-14, a delegation of Congress corporators had confronted him over drinking water issues. "One of the corporators picked up a glass of water and threw it on Patel's face. But he was unfazed. He didn't call the security... instead, the next day, he invited them all for a discussion over tea," says Jodhani.

Former Ahmedabad Mayor Meenaxiben Patel, 63, who worked with Patel in the 1990s, says, "His working style has not changed since his days in the municipality. He would always visit the local party office and address people's issues. This made him very popular."

Describing him as "sensitive", a party worker says that at the peak of the Covid pandemic, Patel ran a tiffin service for nearly 1,000 Covid patients at the Ahmedabad Civil hospital. His office also ran a 24X7 helpdesk for people seeking treatment, food and other services. The BJP leader says they fondly call Patel "Dada" for his faith in the late spiritual guru Dada Bhagwan.

The CM is also a follower of Simandhar Swami, a living tirthankara, whose idol adorns his new office.

Jatin Patel, a corporator from Ghatlodia and a close Patel associate, says the new CM also took up the responsibility for five children who lost parents to Covid-19.

A former AMC official said that as standing committee chairman, one of Patel's initiatives — to form a "review committee that would meet every month for major projects" – resulted in "99 per cent of these projects being completed".

His association with the AMC finds a reflection in the new CMO, with Patel bringing in two former deputy municipal commissioners as Officers on Special Duty.

What lies ahead

With just over a year to go for the Gujarat elections, Patel has to hit the ground running.

BJP Gujarat chief CR Paatil has set a target of winning all the 182 Assembly seats in the upcoming 2022 elections. With the Opposition Congress "fragmented and directionless", says a BJP leader, the party does not expect any obstacles in its bid to return to power

Patel's challenges are, however, more

"The first few months will be very improve that they can administer the state independently, effectively and efficiently. The second major challenge is to ensure that the dropped ministers do not sabotage governance," said a political observer.

=TAKE5= **DINING TABLES IN GOVT SCHOOLS**

NILESH PARIKH, CEO, GUNA ZILLA PANCHAYAT



Tables are made from local stones. Students will also be taught use of cutlery, napkins

'Wanted to serve meals in dignified manner, on table instead of floor'

Madhya Pradesh has launched a scheme to set up dining tables in schools for mid-day meals, starting from Guna district. So far, students in government schools sat on mats on the floor to have their meals

IRAM SIDDIQUE

What proinitiative? What prompted the

Students stand in long queues and sit on the floor for mid-day meals. Last year, Rural Development Minister Mahendra Singh Sisodia floated the idea of setting up benches for meals. These benches, he suggested, could also be used for classes. His vision was to serve meals in a dignified manner on a table and not have students sit on tarpaulin sheets for meals.

Are you also teaching table manners to students?

We are using available resources to teach children the use of basic cutlery, napkin etc. Students are only given a brief set of instructions when the meals are served. The idea is to raise standards of government schools, whether it is about serving meal or showing students how to eat it. We want students to have wellgroomed personalities.

3 Is there a specific design for the tables?

These are basic benches made of cement and concrete. The surface is made of locally available stone

What is the budget for the project?

The cost comes to about Rs 50,000 per school. The construction work is being done through the MGNREGA. We aim to cover 100 schools under 80 gram panchayats in Bamori. We have completed 20 so far. Later, the project will be taken up across Madhya Pradesh.

The schools have not opened so I'm sure they will be delighted.

=india75= **NUMBER PLATE** 34.1 lakh tonnes

The gap between the amount of food grain required to feed the country and the food production, according to the 1951 Census. Since then, India has tackled its food insecurity, going from a foodsecure to a food-surplus country, thanks to government intervention in the field of agriculture. In May this year, the country produced 304 lakh tonnes of food grains.

A LETTER FROM

BHABANIPUR,

KOLKATA

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Food per capita up 32%

The net availability of food grains per capita grew by a third in the period between 1951 and 2019.

In 1951, the food available per capita was 144 kg per year. The number increased to 191 kg in 2019.

Fewer famines

In the first half of the 20th century, India recorded 24 famines. Over three million people were killed in Bengal in the 1943 famine. Independent India witnessed just one famine — in Bihar in 1966 – which killed 2,000.

Hunger continues

As per a 2015 Food and Agricultural Organisation report, India had 190 mn undernourished people. At present, India is ranked 94th among 107 countries on Global Hunger Index, behind Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

NUSHAIBAIQBAL

How has the response from students been?

far because of Covid-19 guidelines.

Everything but politics

SANTANU CHOWDHURY

SITTING ON a bench outside Habu Da's tea stall, opposite the heritage 'Mitra Institution' in Bhabanipur, Babla Ghosh, 36, speaks dismissively, "What election? People already know the outcome.'

Bhabanipur — the constituency in south Kolkata thrust into the limelight as the seat from where Mamata Banerjee will seek to enter the Assembly through a by-election on September 30, after her loss from Nandigram in the state elections earlier this year — has had an extended electoral season, and the fatigue is showing.

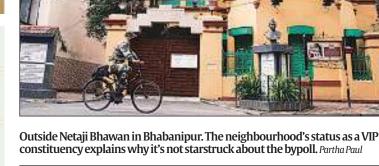
The conversation in the town's popular addas, from Habu Da's tea stall to the famous Balwant Singh's Eating House, mostly focuses on the mundane - price rise, the unusually heavy rainfall this year, and Mamata Banerjee's intervention to find a sponsor for the East Bengal football club.

Sitting around a table outside Shyam Da's tea stall, a group of men are having an animated conversation on MS Dhoni's selection as team mentor for the T20 World Cup. When asked about the bypoll, one of them says, "Everyone knows who will get 98 votes out of 100. What's the point asking? Forget Didi, Dada (Sourav Ganguly) has done a superb job by bringing in MS Dhoni. Now India has a solid chance of winning the T20 World Cup.' Located in south Kolkata, Bhabanipur is arguably the most cosmopolitan part of the city. About 40 per cent of its voters are non-Bengalis — mostly migrants from Punjab, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh. The place has the quintessential old

Kolkata

Kolkata charm — with dilapidated centuriesold bungalows, narrow bylanes, hand-pulled rickshaws and a potua para (potter's quarters).

Idol-maker Bapi Pal, 52, has no time to discuss the bypoll. He has more pressing



things on his mind, with Durga Puja starting on October 11. "Bengal's biggest festival

is just a month away. We were anyway running into losses for two consecutive years due to Covid. Now we have got some orders for idols. We are working round the clock to finish them on time," says Pal, who lives within 200 metres of Mamata Banerjee's Kalighat residence.

Despite the ennui surrounding the election, Bhabanipur has issues that its residents want fixed — the poor drainage system, the desilting of the Tolly Nullah, and the uneven roads that need to be fixed. "The next MLA should ensure the Tolly Nullah is cleaned up. Every time there is high

get flooded," says Pal. The highly polluted *nullah*, also known as Adi Ganga, runs by Banerjee's home. The canal continues to receive untreated sewage and waste from homes in the neighbour-

tide, the water overflows and all our homes

hood, despite the National Green Tribunal's intervention over the years.

Mamata Banerjee fights a bypoll from Bhabanipur on Sept 30. But in this seat of yellow cabs, heritage

buildings, there's a different buzz — price rise, 'Dada' Ganguly getting in Dhoni as Team India mentor

The constituency is also the hub of Kolkata's famous yellow taxis as most of them have garages here.

Shankar Verma, 47, who hails from Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh and has been a taxi driver in Bhabanipur for 30 years, says the condition of roads needs to improve. "Every monsoon, the roads get affected due to heavy rains. It gets difficult to drive on potholed roads," he says

Balwant Singh's 'Eating House' on Harish Mukherjee Road is known for its famous 'chai'. The eatery is adjacent to Gurdwara Shant Kutiya, where CM Banerjee paid a visit last week seeking the support of the Punjabi community. On a Thursday morning, the eatery is all abuzz but there is hardly any talk of the upcoming bypoll.

"People here have no interest. We are busy running our business," says Saminder Pal Singh, whose family owns the eatery.

Sipping tea from a kulhad, businessman Manbir Singh says, "The TMC is already in power. There is no point supporting the Opposition.'

Banerjee's opponent is the BJP's Priyanka Tibrewal, a young lawyer who was instrumental in ensuring a CBI probe into incidents of post-poll violence in West Bengal.

Banerjee has won twice from Bhabanipur since 2011. In the Assembly elections earlier this year, she had moved out of Bhabanipur to contest from Nandigram in East Midnapore district, but lost to her former confidant-turned-BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari by a margin of 1,956 votes. The TMC's Sovandeb Chattopadhyay won

from Bhabanipur, securing 57.71 per cent of the votes, but vacated the seat to allow Banerjee to get elected to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Bhabanipur's status as a VIP constituency

- besides Banerjee, former West Bengal Chief Minister Siddhartha Shankar Ray was twice elected from here — and the fact that it is part of Kolkata city, probably explains why it's not starstruck about the highly anticipated bypoll.

Standing outside Gupta Brothers, a sweet shop across the road from 'Eating House', businessman Akash Mehta, 42, admits that there is no excitement over the bypoll. "It's a non-contest. In the Assembly polls, all eyes were on Nandigram because Mamata Banerjee was up against Suvendu Adhikari. This time, the BJP has not fielded any heavyweight against the Chief Minister. This has made the contest easier for Banerjee," he says, unwilling to be drawn into any more talk on politics.

But there is somebody who is willing to hazard a guess. Umesh Kamath, 55, whose family hails from Madhubani district in Bihar, has a clear winner in mind. "Didi will win. Her government has provided a lot of social welfare schemes which have helped people like us," says Kamath.



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State government medical colleges are established using the money of the people of the state. They are intended, by and large, to admit the children of the state and teach them medicine in English and, in course of time, in the state's official language. The graduating doctors are expected, by and large, to serve the people of that state, especially in the rural areas where healthcare was/is woefully inadequate

Inequity and injustice writ large

THE CONSTITUTION of India was a compact between the states. The central pillar of the Constitution consists of the Three Lists - Union List, State List and Concurrent List.

List II (State List), Entry 11, as originally enacted, read: Education, including universities, subject to the provisions of entries 63, 64, 65 and 66 of List I and entry 25 of List III.

List III (Concurrent List), Entry 25, as originally enacted, read: Vocational and technical training of labour.

A SLEDGEHAMMER BLOW

Entries 63 to 66 posed no problem at all because they dealt with some named institutions, institutions of scientific and technical education funded by the Central government, training institutions and laying down of standards. Creative interpretation reconciled the entries and the principle that 'Education' was a State List subject was upheld.

In the Emergency-induced hubris. Parliament took a sledgehammer to Entry 11 of the State List. The entry was deleted in its entirety; and Entry 25 of the Concurrent List was re-written as: Education, including technical education, medical education and universities, subject to the provisions of entries 63, 64, 65 and 66 of List I; vocational and technical training of labour.

The sledgehammer dealt a blow to the ideas of federalism, states' rights and social justice. The anti-Emergency warriors who passed the 44th Constitution

Amendment (to undo the perceived ills of the 42nd Amendment) did not think it was necessary to restore the original entries concerning 'education'.

Historically, states had established medical colleges and allowed private persons to establish medical colleges. States regulated the admission of students to these colleges. Standards and quality of education improved over time. Venerated doctors came out of these state-regulated medical colleges. In Tamil Nadu, names that spring to mind immediately are Dr Rangachari and Dr Guruswamy Mudaliar, whose statues stand as guardian angels at the entrance to Madras Medical College. It is acknowledged that Tamil Nadu is among the states that were/are in the forefront of medical education and healthcare. The point is, these eminent doctors (and there are thousands all over the country) were not admitted based on an All-India examination.

RECOGNISING STATES' RIGHTS

The case for asserting states' rights is this: state government medical colleges are established using the money of the people of the state. They are intended, by and large, to admit the children of the people of that state and teach them medicine in English and, in course of time, in the state's official language, which is the language of the vast majority of the people of the state. The graduating doctors are expected, by and large, to serve the people of that state,

especially in the rural areas where healthcare was/is woefully inadequate. They are expected, by and large, to speak and prescribe and counsel the patients in their language.

State government regulations also addressed issues of social justice. They encouraged admission of rural students, students who studied in government schools, children from poor families, children belonging to <u>disadvantaged</u> sections and <u>first</u> <u>generation</u> learners.

No one in the states complained about the system that prevailed, at least not in Tamil Nadu or Maharashtra and, to the best of my knowledge, in the southern states. Of course, there were grave issues that needed to be addressed such as capitation fees, excessive fees, poor quality of equipment, inadequate attached hospitals, inadequate laboratory, library, hostel and playground facilities and so on. These problems are continuing problems irrespective of whether the state regulates admission of students or some Central authority

THE DISTRESSING FACTS

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) stands on the premise that "When it comes to higher education, that too in professional institutions, merit has to be the sole criteria" (Supreme Court in Modern Dental College vs State of MP) and that only a common entrance test will ensure merit-based admissions, fairness, transparency and non-exploitation. NEET made a stealthy entry through a regulation framed by the Medical Council of India (a body that has been discredited since) and is now incorporated in Section 10D of the Indian Medical Council Act, by an amendment

made in 2016. I shall reserve the highly debatable issue of "merit" to another day. Today, I wish to focus on the **facts** reported by the Justice A K Rajan Committee on the impact of NEET on the admission process in medical colleges in Tamil

| | Pre-NEET (2016-17) | Post-NEET (2020-21) |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Number of State Board students admitted | 98.23 | 59.41 |
| CBSE students | 0.97 | 38.84 |
| Rural students in Govt Medical colleges | 65.17 | 49.91 |
| in Pvt Medical colleges | 68.49 | 47.14 |
| Students of Tamil medium | 14.88 | 1.99 |

in percentage (Source: The Indian Express)

Please ask yourselves the questions: Why should state governments spend the state's tax-payers' money and set up government medical colleges? Why should students study in school in the mother tongue (Tamil)? Why should students study in state board schools and take the state board exam? Why should there be a state board at all? Will urban students serve in the PHCs and taluklevel hospitals?

The numbers in the table speak for themselves. On the dubious theory of "merit", NEET is heralding an era of great inequity and injustice.

Across groups, the case for a caste census



THE ISSUE of caste census has received the anticipated stormy response from various quarters of India, especially the ruling elite the 'rationalised' idea of 'granting support to the weaker population' continues to be the tune of Hindustan's radio.

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of India have been historically oppressed and it is upon us to "uplift" them, is the refrain among liberal emancipators.

In the oppression of Dalits, no one is the lesser sinner. The ones who would like to work within the conundrums of Hindu liberalism find reasons to hate a Dalit, who can be anyone: their servant, colleague, or bosses. Even the one who is writing this column. Then, to advocate "redistribution" and "representation" is an act of refined courage.

Many Brahmin commentators have unilaterally reasoned the difficulty in gathering a caste census. One of the pushbacks comes from the idea that doing a census for groups who are actually marginalised would not be easy, and that instead, it would strengthen the caste system. How could one differ between castes and the caste system? Through the standards of representation, the entire gamut of castes would realise their importance in the playbook of dignity. Many backward castes, formerly Shudras, find refuge in the Hindu order which somehow puts them above Dalit, Adivasis, and lower-caste Muslims. Apart from this deigned dignity, no Hindu materialism comes to their rescue.

That is reserved for the lords of the Shudras — the Brahmin and allied castes. It is here where spiritual Shudras are increasingly realising their true place, which is nonexistent. The process of identifying castes and subcastes in the New India model would reconfigure the original purpose of the nation-state — to serve the citizens as communities, and not as individuals.

One can keep arguing for Shudra consensus, which goes beyond religious identity that the Hindu liberals would like to retain. However, counting people for a perfect policy is the kernel of any successful State.

We should be cautious that the focus of the census is not limited to redistribution. It also needs to take into account over-representation. Thus, by universalising the counting process, we could cover India by accounting for various castes and their rep-

For too long, Brahmins have protected their narrative – creating ideologies of Left, Right, Centre, to initiate shallow fights. A caste census would be an opportunity to find out where we have gone wrong as a nation, what needs to be fixed, and where should the New India project begin.

resentation in nation-building.

Without having an econometric understanding, we cannot initiate policies or even parliamentary dialogues. The Department of Personnel and Training has no data of Brahmin, Baniya, Kshatriya in their hiring, and promotions. The 1931 Census under the British administration is the closest we have.

We need to know the numbers of the beneficiaries of the caste system as well. Without this, the SC, ST census is akin to counting the protected species in a jungle.

The claimants of reservation or quota policy cannot remain mute on the question of redistribution to other groups — the backward classes whose constitutional validity was birthed during the formation of the Republic in 1950 constitute half the population. But this was ignored by the 'Pandit' of Hindustan, Jawaharlal Nehru. From the Kaka Kalelkar Commission recommendation that advised incorporation of castes lower in the Brahminical hierarchy, to the B PMandal report granting reservation to the marginalised, savarna fiefdom has not recognised potential of backward classes.

Drawing on the British-era Census, Dr Ambedkar had listed over 1,550 sub-castes among Brahmins. The poor among them also need to be the focus. We cannot allow them to be exploited and manipulated by the upper, ruling caste.

The EWS policy and its applicability needs to be assessed. Until we focus on status of the EWS policy, the Shudra/middlecaste chief ministers who flaunt policies for Brahmin upliftment may well get a ticket to swarga. Perhaps with this there can be a common consensus amongst the country's paupers, who could join forces and advocate for social justice; and, one would hope, for annihilation of castes as well.

> Suraj Yengde, the author of Caste Matters, curates the fortnightly 'Dalitality' column



of Mursan, Hathras



In recent times, there has been renewed

interest in the Raja. Last week, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi laid the founda-

tion stone for a state university named after

him. The interest is least because of what

Mahendra Pratap stood for, and more, it

seems, for political gains! For, the Raja was

was adopted by the Raja of Hathras, and

married to the Princess of Iind, while study-

ing at MAO College, Aligarh. The founder of

MAO College, Sir Sved, and Mahendra

Pratap's father Raja Ghanshyam were close.

In 1920, MAO College (Mohammedan

Anglo-Oriental College) was upgraded to

Aligarh Muslim University. One of the BJP's

demands ironically has been that AMU be

College, in the first decade of the 20th cen-

tury, that the campus saw growing restive-

ness against the British. It started when

Justice Syed Mahmood, son of Sir Syed, was

removed as secretary of the college in 1899,

apparently at the behest of British loyalists.

had launched the fiercely anti-colonial pe-

riodical Urdu-e-Mualla, was imprisoned. In

1905, students from the college attended

the Congress's Benaras session, presided

over by Gopal Krishna Gokhale. A year later,

the Aligarh Student Union passed a resolu-

tion advocating Hindu-Muslim political co-

operation to expel the British. In 1907, there

was a massive student strike led by, among

others, Syed Mahmud (who later served in

Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet). As the students

started putting up portraits of Gokhale,

German Emperor Wilhelm II and leaders of

the Ottoman Empire in their hostel rooms,

dents who wanted to change the system,

but he differed from others in taking India's

Mahendra Pratap was among the stu-

the British kept an anxious watch.

In 1903, Hasrat Mohani, a student who

It was during the time he was at MAO

named after Mahendra Pratap.

The third son of the Raja of Mursan, he

a very unusual freedom fighter.

A Raja that time forgot, but politics will not



Raja Mahendra Pratap's bust at Prem Mahavidyalaya (one of India's first polytechnics) that he founded. Avishek G Dastidar

freedom struggle global during 1915-1945 - travelling the world, delivering talks, writing columns and mobilising funds.

He also wrote to Gokhale seeking to go to South Africa to join Mahatma Gandhi, who had launched a Satyagraha there, but was dissuaded by the Congress leader. The Raja then offered Rs 1,000 (then a royal sum) for the cause. In 1906, he attended the Congress session at Calcutta, against the wishes of his father-in-law, the ruler of Jind, who apprehended British wrath. In 1910, Mahendra Pratap was part of the reception committee of the Allahabad session of the Congress. In his memoir, he talks about proposing a "religion of love", and accordingly founded Prem Mahavidyalaya or Free Industrial & Arts National College (one of

India's first polytechnics), at Mathura. In personal life too, the Raja broke barriers by eating with a sweeper at Agra. He launched periodicals such as Prem and Nirbal Sewak. He also joined hands with the Ghadar revolutionaries, based abroad, who supported a mutiny in the British

As a need was felt to raise the Indian demand on a global scale, on December 1, 1915, his birthday, the Raja announced a provisional Indian government-in-exile in Kabul. He was the President and fellow revolutionary Maulana Barkatullah the Prime Minister. This came to be known as the 'Silk Letter Conspiracy'.

His plan was to form "an international socialist army for India's freedom". He set up offices in Germany, and in Japan, met Rash Behari Bose and raised funds for him, particularly from Afghanistan and Turkey.

The Raja also became friends with rulers such as the Afghan king Amanullah, whom he admired for modernising his country. He notes that he observed Buddha Javanti there, and that despite Ramzan fasting, many Afghan Muslims turned up (a past that the Bamiyan vandals chose to forget).

After the Bolshevik Revolution, he writes about having met Lenin, as part of "a plan to surround India with anti-British empire and pro-India states". He said Germany in the West and Japan in the East were destroying the British, and hence the only challenge before the Indians was to minimise the gap between the rich and poor and Hindus and Muslims, to gain freedom.

He also advocated an 'Aryan Federation' within the Congress - proposing an all-India language with Roman characters, borrowing simple words from the various dialects, for linguistic uniformity. Aryans, he said, shared cultures from Iran to Assam. and this was a step towards world unity.

"I want to free England, India Germany, Japan from their war-lords," he said, saying Hitler, Mussolini, militarist Japan were all welcome. "Why should I condemn those whose mutual conflicts are basically hitting at empires."

Impressed, the Mathura district unit of the Congress proposed to name the township of the provincial Congress session in his name, and to erect a life-size statue of the Raja.

The Raja is said to have been glad, but disapproved of a statue.

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 $TWENTY-FIVE\ years\ ago, when\ I\ would\ tell$ people I was studying History at University, I was met with, if not exactly a sneer, a scoff, and a shrug of the shoulders. Then, you could still make a decent living in careers like PR and advertising, or aspire for the civil services, post a liberal arts degree. Maybe I'm viewing the past with rose-tinted nostalgia, but learning for the sake of learning was still considered a beautiful thing. Unlike youth now, we weren't conditioned to plan life moves Class 9 onwards; nor did our family members expect we choose degrees that would catapult us into corporate positions the second we graduated. Return on Investment (ROI) was an alien concept

The worth of interpreting Plato

and ambling along without a plan was perfectly acceptable.

Needless to say, those days are long gone. I was reminded of that magical time, languid hours immersed in reading and thought, when I watched a campus drama, The Chair, on Netflix recently. A professor finds herself heading a floundering English department of an Ivy League university where enrolments have dipped because of their perceived (low) market value. World over, there is dwindling interest in 'soft' subjects and a thrust on STEM, where it is assumed (correctly) that future earnings are. (A depressing aside, is the near complete absence of TV shows on academia, the shabby-genteel life of the mind doesn't appeal to youthful imaginations. Aspirational millennials far prefer backstories of bankers and drug dealers, or other more lucrative professions—the literary classroom, alas, is not ambitious enough.)

No doubt, in a world beset by climate change, food shortages and inequality, it sounds embarrassingly self-indulgent to be focusing on, say, analysing the 14th century poet Chaucer, a big part of the coursework of an English Major. Certainly, it could be considered an elitist choice, if it wasn't also true that many of the people choosing computer science and data analytics would probably opt for something else - if they had the financial freedom to broaden their interests instead of narrowing them. One must salute this generation's hard-nosed practicality: bills need to be paid, first and foremost. More and more, there is a detached sort of acceptance when it comes to choosing careers: what doesn't make money, isn't worth pursuing.

The problem is that in the chase for security, people are embarking on paths that set them up for less fulfilling lives. This trend of relentless self-optimisation disregards our fundamental need (to paraphrase Marie Kondo) to feel occasional bursts of joy. What you enjoy doing now is far more important than betting on some distant payoff, which in all likelihood will turn out to be a miscalculation because most people have absolutely no idea what makes them happy. I see this pressure to be productive everywhere, even at my book club, which is largely a group of devoted fiction readers. Every couple of months someone will sanctimoniously suggest a book on cryptocurrencies, the aim, of course, being to improve our minds (and our options). But people are not machines. We are nour-

ished by music and beauty, and silent contemplation, as much as we are by good food and drink.

The humanities primarily seek to broaden our understanding of the world. Philosophy begins in wonder, noted Aristotle centuries ago in The Metaphysics, when insights into human nature were gleaned from myths and poetic fables. Does inquiry ever end? Life's bigger questions transcend time, nor do they ever lose relevance. The worth of interpreting Plato or Kant can never be measured in monetary terms — the benefit of clarity reveals itself slowly, and much later. We will always need the scholars who put the human experience in context, and continue asking questions of the world around us.

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Sycophancy causes harm

ON THE Prime Minister's birthday last week, every major newspaper in the country carried full-page advertisements in his praise. The Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Uttar Pradesh led the charge and were lavish in their praise of his 'vision' and his achievements. The wife of an ex-chief minister of the BJP in Maharashtra made her personal contribution by posting a song in Modi's praise on Instagram that she sang with the uninhibited devotion usually reserved for gods. What surprised (and worried) me was that major private news channels sounded like Doordarshan of yore in their own obeisance to Narendra Modi on his 71st birthday. The Prime Minister approves of genuflection and sycophancy, or it would not happen. Especially not from the media, whose basic reason for being is to play watchdog and not poodle.

The problem with sycophancy is that it does more harm than good to leaders who encourage it. Next week the Prime Minister travels to the United States on his first visit there since that 'Howdy, Modi!' event in Houston, when he had just won his second term and there was euphoria in the air. Not just among overseas Indians, who planned this assembly, but in the world in general. There was consensus then that India would get its economic act together and become a major player globally. If not equal to China, at least well on its way to getting there. Much has changed since, and Modi could find that, this time around, India is not seen as that beacon of democracy and hope that it was then.

Modi's devotees like to blame Covid's calamitous second wave for all that has gone wrong, but the decline in India's image began well before then. If anything, Covid brought a halt to protests that were sweeping across the country because of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) that was seen by millions of Muslims as deliberately discriminatory. When the Home Minister repeated, ad nauseam, that it was the first step towards setting up a National Register of Citizens (NRC) that would derecognise those who could not prove that they were Indians, it set alarm bells ringing. Millions of Muslims, like millions of other Indians, do not have documents to prove their citizenship.

If there was any doubt that the agenda of Modi's second term was going to make life difficult for Muslims, it came when Covid was at first blamed on that congregation of Tablighi maulanas who gathered in Delhi for an event that had the written permission of the Home Ministry. Many foreign Muslims who came to attend this Islamic congregation spent months in jail on grounds so flimsy that Indian courts passed severe strictures against the officials who arrested them. When a government is seen to discriminate openly against a minority, its image suffers serious damage.

After the CAA has come the hounding of dissident journalists and activists, and this continues to this day. So, it is no surprise that international watchdogs of democracy have started to speak of India as only partly free and as an illiberal democracy. Personally, I failed to understand why the Prime Minister has not spoken out against those who have been responsible for India's democratic credentials being downgraded. But last week when Modi's favourite chief minister made that 'abba jaan' comment, I began to see a sinister method in the plot.

It is no secret that senior BIP leaders believe that the only way to win elections is through consolidating the Hindu vote by targeting Muslims. And now that most important of all state elections draws nearer and nearer. It comes after a summer when the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh showed serious incompetence at the height of Covid's second wave. Yogi Adityanath has continued to deny that desperate people were forced to deposit their dead in the Ganga or bury them in shallow graves on her banks, but these are images that have been etched deep in the public mind. If this were not bad enough for Yogi, there has come this outbreak of dengue fever in which nearly a hundred people, many of them children, have died. It has exposed once more the fragility of health services in a state that Yogi claims, with the backing of the Prime Minister, has been transformed under his rule.

When it comes to propaganda, Yogi Adityanath is ahead of Modi. It is hard to turn on the TV or open a newspaper or magazine without being bombarded by advertisements that boast of the 'great strides' that Uttar Pradesh has made since Yogi became Chief Minister. Personally, I cannot remember a state election in which so much money has been spent on propaganda and publicity. We will know in a few months if this colossal, expensive exercise in trying to hide the truth beneath a thick blanket of lies has worked.

For the moment, what is important is for the Prime Minister to convince the leaders he will meet on his first major foreign visit in two years that Indian democracy is as vibrant and robust as always. He would have an easier task if the investigative agencies that work directly under him spent less time going after dissidents like Harsh Mander and disobedient digital media platforms which are only trying to do their job. Servile sycophancy and enforced obeisance rarely help political leaders enhance their stature.

New York: Oil prices fell on Friday as energy firms in the US Gulf of Mexico restarted production after hurricanes in the region shut output. Brent crude futures fell 33 cents to settle at \$75.34 a barrel. For the week, Brent was up 3.3% and US crude was up 3.2%. REUTERS

BEYOND JUNE 2022

GST compensation regime: Several heats up as banks go on Oppn-ruled states seek extension

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 18

WITH THE Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council discussing not to extend the compensation mechanism for states beyond the legally mandated five-year period ending in June 2022, several state Finance Ministers have raised concerns and demanded an extension of it.

States such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are learnt to have demanded an extension of the compensation mechanism in the 45th Council meeting, which was held in Lucknow on Friday.

Finance Minister KN Balagopal on Saturday said he has asked for extension of the GST compensation regime, stating that the state is

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

FROM JANUARY 1, food deliv-

ery apps will have to collect and

deposit5percentGSTwiththe

government, in place of restau-

rants, for deliveries made by the

platforms. This transfer of re-

sponsibility, which was ap-

proved by the GST Council

Friday, was proposed by the

government with the aim of

bringing several restaurants

that had not been paying taxes

What changes once this

Currently, if a customer orders food, for

Restaurant A using

food delivery platform

collects the 5 per cent tax on

food from the customer and

passes it on to the restaurant.

However, the government be-

lieves that several restaurants

have not deposited their tax

despite them recording high

turnover. So effective January

1, the food-delivery apps will

collect the tax on behalf of the

restaurant and will also deposit

it on their behalf. As a result of

this, the restaurants will also

have to mandatorily register

themselves as is done by e-

Does anything change for

No, since there is no new

tax that has been introduced.

the consumer will continue to

pay the 5 per cent rate on the

food they order online. The

proposal of the GST Council,

which got approved Friday,

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TAXATION WATCH

GOODS & SERVICES TAX

Delivery apps to

GST: Impact on

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executive, nor do they have the choice of which delivery exec-

utive services them, the responsibility for paying the tax on delivery services will lie

with the food-delivery apps.

What changes

with restaurants

and delivery apps?

cant revenue shortfall. In case the GST compensation regime ends next year, the state will face further revenue shortfall, Balagopal said.

In his speech at the meeting, Tamil Nadu Finance Minister PThiaga Rajan demanded continuation of the compensation mechanism, and deferment of a decision on this issue. "While we are broadly, and firmly in favour of the continuation of the compensation mechanism, we are concerned by many of the details," he said. Thiaga Rajan said all the Council Members will require some time to analyse and assess the features and consequences of the options presented during the 45th meeting, and hence, expect that any decision on the way forward will be deferred Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are learnt to have asked for extension

to the 46th meeting at least, "To be doubly sure, we formally place a request that no final decision be made on this most important issue without the benefit of the time needed to fully assess the options," Thiaga Raian had said.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday had said that the regime of paying compensation to states for revenue shortfall resulting from GST implementation will end in June next year and that the compensation cess, levied on luxury and demerit goods, will continue to be repay the borrowings made in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to compensate states for GST revenue loss. "On the issue of compensation

scenario, a presentation was made to the Council wherein it was brought out that the revenue collections from Compensation Cess in the period beyond June 2022 till April 2026 would be exhausted in repayment of borrowings and debt servicing made to bridge the gap in 2020-21 and 2021-22. In this context various options, as have been recommended by various committees/forums were presented," an official statement after the meeting said. Minister of State for Development and Municipal Affairs Chandrima Bhattacharya on Friday had said

tension of the compensation mechanism by five years. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had said the matter of compensation cess would be referred to a Group of Ministers (GoM).

States were 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 after the GST rollout, until June 2022. Last year, the government had decided to borrow to meet the compensation cess deficit through back-to-back loans to states. In FY 2020-21, an amount of Rs 1.10 lakh crore was released to states under the back-to-back loan

'Better collection efficiency: **Securitisation volumes** pick up post-Q1 FY22'

Securitisation volumes have picked up post the second wave lull in the Q1 FY22, helped by the improvement in collections, India Ratings and Research said



79% INJULY 2021

Recovery in average current collection efficiency from 67 per cent in May 2021 across 143 of its rated securitisation

- However, the recovery from the impact of the second wave is not yet complete, the agency
- Resumption of economic activities post the second Covid wave improved sentiments and supported the loan performance in June-July 2021
- Overdue loans in softer delinquency buckets started performing with the gradual lifting of pandemic-related restrictions and this trend was prominent in the secured asset

Source: India Ratings and

What is securitisation? Securitisation is the process of pooling and repackaging of

Home loan: Competition interest rate cutting spree

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 18

WITH THE economy on the comeback trail and home buying market expected to stage a growth in the forthcoming festival season, lenders are racing to woo home loan customers with interest rate cuts. Although the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has kept the policy rates unchanged at four per cent in the last seven review meetings, banks led by State Bank of India, Kotak Mahindra, PNB and others last week slashed the home loan rates, triggering a competition among banks to woo customers

SBI, which has a home loan portfolio of Rs 5.05 lakh crore, has now offered credit score linked home loans at 6.70 per cent, irrespective of the loan amount. The offer results in a saving of 45 bps which translates to a huge interest saving of more than Rs 8 lakh, for a Rs 75 lakh loan with a 30-year tenure, the bank says. The home loan outstanding of the banking sector has showed a growth rate of 8.9 per cent to Rs 14.66 lakh crore as of July 2021 as against Rs 13.46 lakh crore a year ago, indicating that banks disbursed around Rs 120,000 crore as home loans during the 12-month period despite the uncertainties created by the Covid pandemic. The home loan segment is considered as the safest area for bank lending with

minimal non-performing assets. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has slashed the repo-based lending rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 6.55 per cent. It revised the repolinked lending rate (RLLR) from 6.80 per cent to 6.55 per cent, with effect from September 17. The bank has also announced offering topup home loans at an attractive rate of interest to existing as well as balance transfer cases. PNB is already offering a full waiver of service charges/processing fees on home loans, vehicle loans, personal loans, pension Loans, myProperty loan

POLICY RATES UNCHANGED

■ Although the RBI has kept the policy rates unchanged at 4% in the last seven review meetings, banks led by SBI, Kotak Mahindra, PNB and others last week slashed home loan rates

and gold loans under its festival bonanza offer, it said.

Kotak Mahindra Bank kickstarted the festive season by announcing that it has reduced its home loan interest rates vet again by a further 15 basis points from 6.65 per cent to 6.50 per cent. Bank of Baroda is offering a waiver of 0.25 per cent in the existing applicable rates for home and car loans. In addition to that, the bank is also offering a waiver of processing fees in home loans. Home loan rates will now start at 6.75 per cent and car loan rates start at 7.00 per cent.

SBI has removed the distinction between a salaried and a nonsalaried borrower. Earlier, the rate applicable for a non-salaried borrower was 15 bps higher than the interest rate applicable to a salaried borrower. This would lead to a further interest saving of 15 bps to non-salaried borrowers.

CS Setty, managing director retail & digital banking), SBI, said, 'Generally, the concessional interest rates are applicable for a loan up to a certain limit and are also linked to the profession of the borrower. This time, we have made the offers more inclusive and the offers are available to all segments of borrowers irrespective of the loan amount and the profession of the borrower." SBI's 6.70 per cent home loan offer is also applicable to balance transfer cases. "We believe zero processing fees and concessional interest rates in the fesership more affordable," Setty said. On the interest rate cut, Ambuj

Chandna president-consumerassets, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "As the world has changed and we are spending more time at home, our lifestyles have also evolved. People are looking for comfortable residences where the entire family can work, entertain and spend quality time together." Mortgage major HDFC and Bajaj Finservare also active offering home loans at 6.75 per cent. Banks and the real estate segment are pinning their hopes on a faster growth in the segment as the economy is on the recovery mode and industry is almost back to the pre-pandemic levels. "The mood among home buyers is quite positive and this rate cut will act as a catalyst for quicker decisions. Given the upcoming festive season, which is considered auspicious by a large number of Indians to make big ticket purchases, the timing of reduction in interest rate couldn't have been better," said Amit Goyal, CEO, India Sotheby's International Realty.

Ananta Singh Raghuvanshi, senior executive director, Experion Developers, said, "Lower interest rate regime, competitive pricing and stable supply are key factors this festive season. We hope other banks would also follow suit. Besides the attractive lower interest rate regime, the fact that developers will offer festive schemes should help boost sales for real estate." For affordable and mid-range home buyers, home loan interest rates are almost as important as property rates. "Cost-sensitivity impacts all aspects of their home purchase journey and a reduction in interest rate can make the difference between purchase decisions and indecision. It is apt for lower interest rates to coincide with the festive season. This year there is a lot of pent-up demand waiting to hit the market." said Anuj Puri, chairman, ANAROCK Property Consultants

Airlines allowed to operate 85% DHFL case: Court denies bail to of pre-Covid domestic flights

homogenous illiquid financial assets into marketable securities that can be sold to investors.

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Zomato or Swiggy. For the aggregators, this will also increase the burden of compliance towards collecting and accounting for the taxes on behalf of the restaurants. The move may also create some confusion in terms of applicability of input tax credits, for which food aggregators are expected to seek clarifications from the government.

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Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi. File

duced it to 50 per cent and then relaxed it to 60 per cent, 72.5 per cent, and now 85 per cent.

Similar to the restriction on flight capacity, the government has also regulated the fare bands in which the airlines can sell flight tickets. These are regulated by imposition of a minimum and maximum fare on seven buckets of sectors classified on the basis of flight duration. The government has also from time to time raised the fare limitations to allow airlines to accommodate the increase in fuel prices. As per an order issued by the

civil aviation ministry, a copy of which was reviewed by The Indian

the date of booking. So, for example, an airline will have to offer a fare in said bucket only for 15 days ahead of the date of booking. Therefore, if someone is booking a flight on September 20, fare bands shall be applicable only on flights being offered for booking till October 5. Any booking done on September 20 for travel after October 5 will not be controlled by these fare limitations. Similarly, any booking done on September 21 for travel up to October 6 will be controlled by the fare bands, and so on.

"This is a welcome order as it will give us more flexibility to operate flights for the upcoming festivals season, when traffic rate is usually the highest during a year. We are hoping that as number of domestic air travellers increases, the government will allow airlines to operate with 100 per cent capacity. The fare band relaxation will allow people to plan travel within 15 days now. Earlier a 30day period was blocked with high fares as per the government-imposed buckets," an executive with a low-cost airline said.

Georgieva denies pro-China push on 'Ease of Doing Business' report

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 18

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY view of the matter.

scheduled meeting with the IMF's 2,700-strong staff to address findings contained in an independent report issued on Thursday on data irregularities in the World Bank's now-canceled "Doing Business" rankings of business climates.

TILL SEPTEMBER 23 EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

■The court sent them to

A SPECIAL court on Saturday rejected bail applications of Yes Bank founder Rana Kapoor's wife and two daughters in connection with the alleged fraud in the DHFL case. The court sent them to judicial custody till September 23.

Bindu Kapoor, Roshni Kapoor and Radha Kapoor were named as accused in the DHFL case but were not arrested during the probe.

After the CBI filed a supplementary chargesheet in the case, the three were summoned according to the procedure. They then filed bail applications.

The investigating agency sought time to file replies during which they were granted interim bail.

The CBI in its reply had opposed stating that if enlarged

New Delhi: Amid reports that a CCI

probe has found Google allegedly

abusing its dominant position

with respect to mobile operating

system Android, the internet ma-

jor on Saturday said that Android

has led to more competition and

innovation. The Competition

Commission of India's (CCI) inves-

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on bail, they may abscond from the country and influence witnesses. The central agency also said that they are 'influential persons' and probable witnesses are mostly employees of Yes Bank or companies linked to the accused or persons known to them. It had claimed that the three were directors of companies linked to the alleged fraud.

Lawyers Vijay Agarwal and Rahul Agarwal representing the three said that they have approached the Bombay High Court against the order.

Rana Kapoor was arrested last year on March 8 by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in another case related to alleged kickbacks received by him in lieu of loans given to infrastructure company, DHFL.

Centre to simplify Coffee Act to promote ease of doing biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

THE GOVERNMENT will relook at the coffee law to make it suitable as per the present needs of the sector and facilitate its growth, the commerce ministry said on Saturday.

The issue was discussed, among other things, in an interaction of Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with coffee growers, roasters, exporters and other stakeholders at Coffee Board Head Office, Bengaluru.

Coffee growers expressed concerns over losing their lands in view of the notices issued by banks Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act.

BRIEFLY —

Ethanol tender

New Delhi: State-owned fuel retailing firms have received an "overwhelming" response to the tender they floated for buying ethanol for mixing in petrol, a statement said. The oil firms floated the tender to buy ethanol for progressively raising the percentage of ethanol mixed in petrol to 20 per cent (80 per cent petrol, 20 per cent ethanol). **PTI**

NJ Mutual Fund

New Delhi: NJ Mutual Fund has launched NJ Balanced Advantage Fund, an open ended dynamic asset allocation fund. The NFO will open for subscription on October 8 and close on October 22. ENS

Next on Council table, rates under inverted duty structure of view of revenue augmentation. was decided to keep it out of its

Since the reopening of domes-

tic aviation in May 2020 after the

initial two-month lockdown, the

Centre has regulated the number

of flights airlines can operate on

domestic routes to prevent an

overburden on the local infrastruc-

ture involved with healthcare ac-

tivities. Initially, the cap on num-

ber of flights was 33 per cent of the

pre-Covid schedule, and this was

gradually increased to 80 per cent

till the second wave of Covid 19 hit.

After that the government had re-

MAULSHREE SETH **Going ahead**

NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW, SEPT 18

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RATE CUTS for a number of cancer and Covid-related medicines and a shift in tax payment liability to restaurant delivery aggregators such as Swiggy, Zomato instead of restaurants, were two of the kev decisions taken by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council in its 45th meeting in Lucknow on Friday. The Council, also decided to continue compensation cess levy only for repayment of borrowed amounts beyond June 2022. A proposal to bring petroleum products under the indirect tax regime was discussed, but it

Effective January 1 next year, the Council has decided to make e-commerce operators engaged in restaurant services liable for pay-

ment of tax.

The Council will also then look at rate rationalisation under the inverted duty structure, and compliance measures through e-way bill and composition schemes, for which two Groups of Ministers will be constituted. The Council has decided to set up a GoM to examine the issue of correction of inverted duty structure for major sectors; rationalise rates and review exemptions from the point

"It was also decided to set up a GoM to discuss ways and means of using technology to further improve compliance including monitoring through improved eway bill systems, e-invoices, FASTag data and strengthening the institutional mechanism for sharing of intelligence and coordinated enforcement actions by the Centre and the States," a statement said.

To correct the inverted duty structure, GST rate changes will be made for the footwear and textiles sector, but the decision has been deferred for implementation till January 1 next year

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Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva denied allegations that she pressured World Bank staff to alter data to favour China during her time as World Bank CEO, as the IMF's executive board launched a formal re-

Georgieva used a previously ssion of India to demonstrate how

practices in relation to Android, according to reports. After prima-facie finding alleged violation of competition norms, the watchdog, in early 2019, had ordered a detailed probe

against Google in this regard. Against the backdrop of reports that the regulator's probe has allegedly found Google abusing its dominant position, the company said. "We look forward to working with the Competition Commi-

Android has led to more competition and innovation, not less," a Google spokesperson said. According to sources close to the development, Google is yet to

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receive the report. There was no immediate com-

ment from CCI regarding the Google matter. As per procedure, the CCI will

closely analyse the probe report and seek the views and submissions of the parties concerned before passing an order. PTI



POINT OF VIEW The First Table

At the Rashtrapati Bhavan, what goes into the making of a feast to showcase India's culinary diversity to visiting dignitaries

Benita Fernando

WAS perhaps in kindergarten that we first heard the story of the relentless spider, the one that tried, tried, tried again until a novice Scottish king resolved to defeat the English army. Or, perhaps, it was in primary school when we were taught that Thomas Edison failed only a thousand times (or 5,000 or 10,000) before he invented the light bulb. Maybe it was none of these legends, but the time we won a silver medal and a coach told us, "Next time, gold." We were told that the world is our oyster, that the word "impossible" doesn't exist in our dictionaries, that we can achieve anything we want, if only we persevere and never lose sight of the prize.

Then came Naomi Osaka, throwing a hammer in the works. In May, the 23-year-old American tennis player — the world's highest-paid female athlete — withdrew from the French Open, citing mental-health concerns. The following month, she withdrew from Wimbledon as well. In a social-media post on May 31, Osaka wrote that she's been suffering from long bouts of depression since the US Open in 2018 (where she won against Venus Williams) and has had a hard time coping.

Similarly, in July, Simone Biles, 24, shocked the world when she announced that she was withdrawing from the individual all-round competition at the Tokyo Olympics. The 24year-old American athlete, the winner of most world championship medals and the greatest gymnast of our times, had said, "We also have to focus on ourselves, because at the end of the day, we're human, too." Biles would later go on to clarify that her decision was not so much about giving up as it was about rearranging the definition of success.

Osaka's and Biles' decisions to choose what they wanted to participate in gave permission to others to do so as well. "That someone could take such a step at such a level... especially for a woman of colour. Ten years ago, it wouldn't have been possible," says Shivangi Tiwary, 30, a Bengaluru resident, Biles' decision resonated with Tiwary, who finished her post-graduation studies in gender, society and representation in 2020, but the road to it had been littered with obstacles.

In 2015, Tiwary left her MBA programme at Alliance University, a course she had entered mainly because her family expected her to. In the days after she decided to quit, in her

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rented one-bedroom apartment, Tiwary tried to self-diagnose she did. She knew she was suffering; she

iust didn't know why. Eventually, when her parents learnt of the situation, they were supportive, but it didn't quite help. She says, "There is a lot of shame and guilt around quitting. You end up feeling you are disappointing someone but you don't know who that is. It could be your family, society or that aunt who comes home once a year and asks why you didn't finish your MBA." The stigma against quitting was so high that Tiwary eventually

completed her course in 2017. The pressure to perform consistently well, with the world watching, is a weight to bear. The stakes are high, making us want to quit precisely when we are at the top of our game.

"What Simon Biles and Naomi Osaka have done is nothing short of pathbreaking: they have normalised asking for help at the highest level of achievement, recognition and fame... to put yourself first, and to prioritise well-being over work," read a social media post by Mumbai-based entrepreneur and youth mental-health advocate, Nikhil Taneja in July.

In 2017, after a year in therapy, Taneja quit his job at Yash Raj Films. Taneja, then 30, describes that time as a high-point in his career – he was general manager at the production company and also a producer.

Following a diagnosis of clinical anxiety, Taneja had initially opted for a sabbatical. His therapist said that he was close to a nervous breakdown. "When you fulfil a middle-class goalpost that you'd set many years ago, you realise there is the next one and then another. How many goalposts are going to be there? Until therapy, I had never stopped to consider who I am or what I wanted. There had been no time to pause and reflect," says Taneja. Quitting should have been the clear decision, but he was doubtful. "Did I quit because I was weak? Did I quit because I was not mentally 'strong'?" he asks.

Our lives, and their reflections in art and cinema, are filled with cautionary tales that make quitting difficult, even when there is



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LET'S CALL IT QUITS

Steadfastness is a virtue, but only if it doesn't come at a personal cost. Letting go is the new script for mental and physical well-being

every reason to do so. And, when one does quit, it's rarely allowed to be the whole story. People are expected to come back "stronger", having rested and recharged. It's the narrative arc for dropouts-turned-billionaires. It lists on life-coaching websites of "inspiring people who quit jobs to travel". Quitting some soulcrushing(but well-paying) job in the city is acceptable only if you turn to a life that is radically different and fulfilling, like buying a vineyard in Italy or farming in the Nilgiris.

Shaheen Khan, a Delhi-based psychotherapist and psychologist working with Proactive for Her, a women's digital health clinic, says, "I have seen that even if people are extremely unhappy with their job or if it's a misfit, then too, they don't quit because they feel quitting will make them a failure. Capitalist society has ingrained in us that if we are not working for money or generating stuff, then we are not a

valuable member of society. This way, we function out of guilt," says Khan. As a society that emphasises on community, taking time out for oneself is seen as a selfish act, she adds. We don't hear enough people in our lives validating the decision to quit. "What we need to understand is that most people quit after months of pondering, quitting only when they can't take it anymore," she says.

It was in therapy that Taneja realised that if he had a weekend or a day off, he would fill it up with activities to make the best use of time. "I would have this anxiety about a free

day," he says. This intense regulation of time and the need to be eternally productive is possibly the most important reason why many of us hold

back from quitting. We are expected to mark the milestones in our lives at the appointed times, none of which is helped by ambitious lists of "30 under 30". The unhurried day feels like a wasted opportunity. Given how Asian countries have some of the longest working hours in the world, we grow up evaluating ourselves based on how productive we are. This makes quitting difficult, particularly if there is no job offer or a personal venture to back up the decision, or if the reasons are a toxic environment or a bully boss. The same can be said of those managing mental health, as though we let an illness win.

In a rather twisted way, the pandemic has greatly warped our sense of time and made a sudden shift in our lives, leading to a radical reassessment of these prescribed milestones. "During the second wave of the pandemic, people in Delhi were dying and we were still



ARTS etc From Clay We Rise

Anuradha Roy on being a writer of the changing world and her new novel that interrogates grief, friendship and creativity

working, there were still deadlines, meetings were still happening. That's a huge example of industrial time. We had to beat our bodies and minds into shape and do whatever was expected of us to churn out a deliverable and make money. We had to keep producing," says Delhi-based writer, Riddhi Dastidar.

During this time, Dastidar, 29, volunteered with medical resourcing and then founded Mutual Aid India, which gathers fundraisers from grassroots collectives for marginalised communities. Volunteering, however, brought on its own share of grief, anxiety and fear. Dastidar, who has been managing her Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder since college, was reporting from Jharkhand on a freelance assignment this year. She got wary of the sheer numbers of people moving about without masks due to a failure of public messaging. Dastidar used to report for Khabar Lahariya, a feminist grassroots news network, a job she quit in July this year. The flipside is that her lifestyle will have to be as frugal as possible. Quitting, she acknowledges, is a matter of privilege. "Clearly, I am an anxious person but all this made me realise that I badly wanted to finish writing my book, to focus on a project of my own at my own pace," she says.

For Pune-based Nasrin Anwar (name changed), 25, quitting not one but two jobs, since the pandemic began, was a decision that was hard to arrive at. With a double Masters' in economics and population studies, Anwar was faced with a job market that was waning. Her father was a lawyer and her mother gave tuitions, but, as senior citizens, neither of them could work. Anwar's job as a data analyst in the public-health sector became far more demanding in the pandemic and her employers were tight-lipped about raises.

"After I sent out the email that I was quitting, I never looked back. I wondered why I'd stuck around for so long," says Anwar. None of this meant that Anwar didn't have to deal with the emotional fallouts of quitting. Even though it was a decision that was backed by her parents, they had already started dipping into their savings and they were ready to mortgage their jewellery for any worst-case scenario. "When you are not productive, it can badly hamper your self-esteem. And therapy isn't affordable all the time either." she says.

Anwar eventually took another job but the second wave of the pandemic changed things drastically. She lost her father to the virus and her mother has been dealing with post-COVID-19 effects ever

since. "We were already in debt and I This intense position of being a 25-year-old who had regulation of to pay off the family time and the loans," says Anwar, who quit her new job need to be over religious discrimination at the eternally workplace. "The environment in the productive house is really tense and I can feel the is possibly weight of being a provider day in and the most day out," she says. important

reason why jobs or courses alone many of us for the sake of one's mental well-being hold back that can be financially draining. After being from quitting in a bad marriage for ••• more than a decade,

Varanasi-based Preeti Didwaniya, now 43, decided to separate from her husband in 2014. "But married daughters living with parents are not so acceptable in Varanasi," she says.

It's not leaving

With a son to look after and only receiving basic maintenance for his schooling, Didwaniya had to look for salaried work, though her parents were more than willing to support her. Among the reasons that she had decided to leave her marriage was physical and mental abuse, in addition to the fact that she was not allowed to have a salaried job. Now, Didwaniya took up a job as a teacher, but as the divorce proceedings stretched on for years together, she reached a point where taking care of a household, her young son and the demands of the workplace were too much to handle together. "You quit one thing but there is another crisis to face. I constantly felt as if I had to flee, that anything could happen to me," says Didwaniya, who left her teaching position. Her divorce came through last year in the pandemic, after six years. Didwaniya went on to open a daycare centre in Varanasi with the contacts she had built over the years since her separation.

Given these pressures, the art of quitting is tough to master and without many takers. Indeed, it takes a fair amount of unlearning to acknowledge that it might be a sign of agency to sometimes just give up. That quitting is not a desperate sign, but an investment in an act of hope, in believing that we deserve better.

DOWNIN JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and

Man vs Wild in the Lawn

Moments of war and peace in my garden, and why I had to take down the scarecrow

N THE last couple of months, there's been war and peace in the garden. Human-animal conflict, like a never-ending cold war, has, at times, culminated in brief skirmishes. To counter the infiltrations, measures had to be taken. An old kurta hung up on a frame, with a baseball cap for head, stuck at one end of the then bed of *palak* — the peacocks' favourite — and dangling discarded CDs strung on ropes.

Alas, a terrible, undignified fate befell the scarecrow. After a few days, the birds got the measure of it. Babblers began playing see-saw on the fellow's arms, stood on the head and played being judge. Then, flew up to the dining-room window hammering away on it.

Several thunderstorms couldn't save the poor scarecrow's dignity. The final humiliation was still to come. I soon noticed tiny holes all over the thin material. I spotted an orange wasp alight upon it, cut out a tiny hole and fly off — it was using (and chewing up) the cotton for home-construction. Soon, the poor scarecrow was pockmarked all over, as if peppered with buckshot. We saved it from further indignity and took it down.

Not that it had made any difference to the monkeys: One morning, I looked out into the garden to find a huge lout of a rhesus macaque coolly snacking on the shiny purple brinjal I had earmarked for lunch, wasting more than eating. A threatened lathi-charge and much shouting saw the intruder stalking off calmly, least bothered.

Now look, I have nothing against the birds and the beasts from sharing my greens — in fact, I have donated an entire guava tree to the parakeets (guavas are invariably full of worms and make me burp), and love it when the small cheeping bands of scaly-breasted munias descend to have breakfast with me. They pick up all the baira that the parakeets upstairs have bestowed upon them like manna from heaven. Just recently, I happily allowed a shiny little fellow clip the long leaves of a plant and fly off with strips to the garden next door, only to reappear and repeat - several times. He was ob-



A FEW GOOD THINGS Red Pierrot butterflies

viously setting up a cosy home with his wife. Alas, we had a very heavy downpour soon after and I haven't seen the fellow since.

They're said to make rather large ball-shaped nests with an entrance to one side. On the other side, every afternoon, families of White-eyes assiduously inspect the bougainvillea for spiders, and the tailorbird shouts exultantly in her usual megaphone manner. Late in the evenings, the magpie-robin will let loose a long very sweet whistle.

The tori (ridge gourd cousin of zucchini) and ghia (bottle gourd) are in a rapacious strangling battle (gourd vs gourd). The tori has so far claimed the high ground sneaking across the fence, swarming right to the top of the tall saptaparni trees in the common lawn, its crepelike yellow flowers, fluttering like flags. The ghia has mostly been smothered but has yielded several heavyweight ghias, which had to be given away, there's only so much ghia one can have! In spite of watching time-lapse coverage of creepers and lianas ruthlessly winding themselves around other plants, I never really thought that "domestic" plants were so nakedly aggressive. Between the two, the poor young mango tree, engulfed by both these ruthless creepers, has been struggling to escape.

Regrettably, I don't put out water for the birds anymore, because mosquito larvae make the container their private Jacuzzi.

But there have been good things, too. A gigantic, stunning owl moth visited one morning, its huge eye spots mesmerising. Two pairs of red Pierrots — their red, black and white pattern so striking against the dark green foliage — spent a couple of months fluttering around, becoming fond of the mint flowers.

There's been hunting, too. Lynx spiders lurk under tulsi leaves. Once, I saw one grab a hoverfly and hastily make off with it, lest I prosecute it for poaching. A cat, barely off kittenhood, pounced repeatedly on a garden lizard, missing it by metres, but obviously getting more delight out of the sport (like a child on a mattress).

And, then, more happy events. Two evenings ago, I heard tailorbirds make an unholy racket and thought a cat was on the prowl. But it was a family — a mom and her two recently-fledged youngsters - hopping around excitedly, being shown where to find tidbits. Vociferously, the fledglings insisted on being spoon-fed and their exasperated mom obliged! Some kids just never grow up!

The First Table

Smoked lentils and quinoa kebabs, kasundi fish tikka with beetroot hummus — the making of a menu that's as nutritious as it is eclectic



Living History

An Indian Express COLLABORATION WITH THE RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

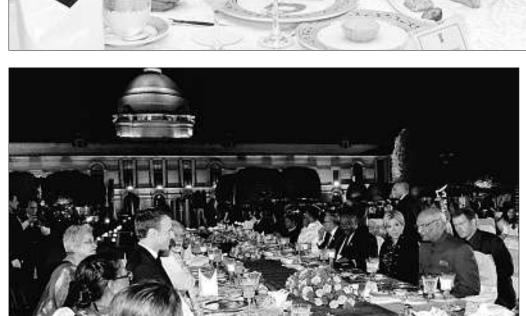
Mukesh Kumar

HEN PRESIDENT Ram Nath Kovind hosted a reception for India's Olympic contingent recently, the Rashtrapati Bhavan kitchen had an opportunity to express gratitude to the sportspersons for making the nation proud. When we designed the menu, we kept in mind two key elements: Accommodating the athletes' dietary requirements and presenting before them an array of regional as well as international flavours. To ensure the meal was nutritious and wholesome, exotic vegetable tortilla wraps, wellcomplemented delicacies such as murgh hazarvi tikka and mushroom pies. The dessert was a combination of rava kesari and pistachio baklava, a fusion of classic Indo-Western symphonies. And how could we let them go without serving the traditional, highly nutritious Indian beverage, the Punjabi power drink, kesar badam lassi?

Serving the first table of the nation, we have to be acutely careful while planning the menus. At the Rashtrapati Bhavan events, the aim is to incorporate the vast and varied food cultures and showcase the diversity of India to the visiting dignitaries. The state banquet is an opportunity to give the visitors a sense of the vibrancy of India's various cuisines. At the same time, food habits, likes and dislikes of the visiting dignitaries have to be considered too. Often, flavours and combinations of ingredients need a little tweaking to suit the preferences of the visiting guests, but it is equally important to ensure that the authenticity is not lost in the process.

The Rashtrapati Bhavan kitchen is in charge of nourishing the President and first family every day, catering to official guests, including heads of states, as well as private functions for the President and the first lady. There was a time when the Willingdons and the Mountbattens were served consommés, soufflés, steaks and other traditional European delicacies. Curiously, their kitchen operations were never headed by a European chef. The British entirely relied on their team of Indian cooks for the preparation of

The tradition of preparing and serving Western food in the state banquets was bound to change after Independence. In search of the most exquisite Indian dishes suitable for state banquets, the cooks turned to Mughlai cuisine for inspiration. In the 1960s, one of the first state banquets to feature Indian food on the menu offered a mix of both — Indian and



Western cuisine. It started with French onion soup followed by biryani along with dum aloo and naan and concluded with a British style tutti-frutti dessert.

Over the years, awareness grew of the distinctive culinary traditions of the different regions of India. The first families also had a major role in transforming the culinary repertoire of the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Major inputs started flowing in during the presidency of Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed (1974-77), when the first lady, Begum Abida Ahmed, encouraged cooks to excel in their craft and initiated briefings before every banquet. She made sure that the presidential kitchen offered the finest quality of Awadhi delicacies such as murgh nihari, dumpukht biryani and flaky sheermal breads to guests.

DINNER IS

SERVED (From top) Lovlina Borgohain (left) and PV Sindhu at the reception hosted by the President for India's Olympic contingent recently; President Kovind's (in blue) banquet for heads of states, including French President Emmanuel

Macron, in 2018

continued the legacy and took a great deal of interest in introducing south Indian dishes such as mini idlis and vadas in the menus, thereby challenging the dominance of north Indian and Northwest Frontier cuisines in banquets. The initiative had two outcomes. It not only introduced lighter entrée (mid-sized meals) options for proper balancing of menus but also contributed significantly in augmenting the Bhavan's culinary collection. At a banquet, in honour of then president of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, in July 2001, the dessert served was Kerala's ada pradhaman, a coconut-jaggery-rice pudding, traditionally eaten during the harvest festival of Onam.

First lady Usha Narayanan (1997-2002)

Such considerations about the various aspects of food spur the creativity of chefs. We

had a taste of it recently. This year, a day before the "at-home" event, part of the Republic Day celebrations, the food-testing committee comprising senior officials suggested adding some twist to subz shami kebab to make it more tempting. We had to act fast to create something surprising and appealing. The foremost challenge was to deliver excellent zeroerror service while meeting the timelines for the preparation and pick-up of meals. What came to the rescue was the advice of my mentor chefs during my initial days in the culinary career — the importance of flavours and food scents and the warmth they can add. After a small round of discussion and analysing different combinations of flavours and aromas, we decided to incorporate beetroot ki shami in the menu. It was an uncommon blend of ingredients but to our surprise, it came out as the most appreciated dish of the day.

Though the Rashtrapati Bhavan kitchen is committed to displaying rich and diverse Indian regional food culture in state banquets menus, a "modernist movement" has also been initiated for reinvention of local delicacies. The aim is to expand the possibilities of Indian cuisine by using modern cooking techniques, global influences and presentation styles to enhance the visual and sensorial aspects of the dishes while retaining their traditional essence. Smoked lentils and quinoa kebabs, kasundi fish tikka with beetroot hummus and gunpowder dhokla with raw papaya chutney are some of the dishes which have featured in the Rashtrapati Bhavan menus in recent times and they have been vastly appreciated by dignitaries.

> Mukesh Kumar is executive chef at the Rashtrapati Bhavan

Shaken, not Stirred

How COVID-19 and solitary confinement made me homesick for an Indian way of being — for warmth, hospitality and connectedness

SLICE OF LIFE



Suvir Saran is a chef, author, educator and world traveller

ITWAS a triumphant feeling to have left India COVID-free in June, when the virus was wreaking havoc across the Indian map. Not because Charlie and I had been living in a cave; rather, we'd taken every precaution and care to not catch it.

My family is by no means strangers to COVID-19. We have dealt with its challenges closely. In the first wave, my mom contracted it from our family chef, who'd picked it up from one of his many hospital visits. It was a feat to keep these family members comfortable and well cared for. More challenging was the task of keeping the remaining household safe. We

succeeded and were proud to have endured. The second wave had my brother Samir catching the virus from a colleague. Once again, we strove to care for a COVID patient. Samir emerged from it without much challenge, the household did too. We fought the virus tooth and nail twice, and each time we

stayed together and beat it.

The second wave was not without its tragedy. We lost two of our family's closest and most precious members, Abha aunty and Ajay uncle. Their loss within days of each other brought home the ugly and vicious nature of this disease. Like parents to my siblings and me, these two had seen us through the arc of our lives, and in Papa's absence, it was Ajay uncle who often played that role. And, now, we were left bereft of that presence, too. Then we lost Prabha aunty, a great gynaecologist of Delhi, who brought me and my siblings into this world and was by our side at every noteworthy moment of our lives. These three deaths at the hand of COVID will

remain stark reminders for us to appreciate

the heft and might of this deadly disease. My mother and I flew into New York City early this summer with certificates that proved we were COVID-free, but nobody checked, nobody questioned; we weren't asked to show them. We were coming from India, the land of the Delta variant, and there was no requirement for us to be tested when we arrived. As I settled in Manhattan, I realised how the richest nation in the world was fooling itself into believing we were post-COVID. Everywhere, I saw people without masks - in buildings, streets, cars. At once. I realised that America is a country that isn't paying attention to its own needs and thinks of itself as too strong to be bothered by such trifles that the rest of the world is



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having to face. But a pandemic is a pandemic because it is universal. It doesn't care if you're rich or poor, a developing or developed nation. It affects you no matter what, no matter who.

I'm a man from two countries. When in America, I consider myself an American. In India, I'm an Indian. I'm proud to be from both New Delhi and New York

In India, as an Indian son and brother, I became an Indian caregiver when my mother and my brother were struck with COVID. They were isolated but not quite separated. I and the other members of the household were able to care for them, make them feel connected to the world, and feed them good food. They felt loved and provided for. As Indians, we instinctively and collec-

tively heal each other.

In America, as an American son and brother, I found myself thinking like an American and becoming an American pa-

tient. Here I was, with a loving, caring family, but I quarantined myself in a hotel room. It was a rather lonely moment, and I felt selfpity even though I was living in the hotel's luxury. In that room, I realised how tough life is in the US. How quickly we are left alone here, how quickly we are made to feel helpless, hopeless and hapless. Lying in the hotel in Westchester, I felt like

the last Mughal emperor of India, Bahadur Shah Zafar, who was sent to solitary confinement in the nation of Burma, away from his own nation. My family cared for me when I would let them. My mother and my sister would visit me - they sat in the car while I sat outside the hotel. They brought me food and caring every minute my American mindset would allow it.

I realised, in those moments, how different the approach to healing, suffering and malady is in our two nations, and I was homesick. Not for a place, but for a way of being. I was homesick for Indian warmth, hospitality, and connectedness. I was broken by this disease, and I was alone. In the end, what saved me through the

loneliness of quarantine was being connected to my extended big fat Indian family through the WhatsApp group that we have. Songs sung for me, poems written for me, messages of love, care, and nourishment sent my way. This was the healing and curing that brought me back to the mindset of those willing to fight this deadly battle. I came out victorious, with monoclonal antibodies, ready to brave the challenges of life and an impending surgery.

In life, we must have one way of living, loving, caring, and thinking. One set of values that is unshakeable, that we are never too far from. India shows me the beauty of the feminine, America the resolute power of the brute. I have learnt to combine the strength of the brute and the softness and maternalism of Mother India, and together they give me the ability to live life never too lost, never too strong, but always in the middle, loving and surviving.



And of Clay Are We Created

Writer Anuradha Roy on exploring grief and obstacles to creative impulses in her new novel and being a chronicler of a changing world

Paromita Chakrabarti

HERE IS a moment of premonitory awareness in Anuradha Roy's new novel, The Earthspinner (Hachette, Rs 599), when the potter Elango, one of its central characters, despairs over his love for a Muslim woman, Zohra. "He wanted this sign to bring him the only message he yearned for, one that would tell him the unbridgeable crevasse between him and Zohra would one day close, the earth would heal itself, and he would be able to walk across to the other side where she was waiting for him... He could not utter what she was, a Muslim. The space between the two was a charnel house of burnt and bloodied human flesh, a giant crack through the earth that was like an open mouth waiting to swallow him. He could not imagine a life without Zohra. That was unbearable. But he dared not imagine a life with her."

In the novel, it is the late Seventies and Morarji Desai has just been elected the Prime Minister after the horrors of the Emergency, but it could well be a day in the life of India today. The legacy of communal distrust, inherited at the time of Partition, lies smouldering below the surface, awaiting a spark to bring it out in the open. Yet, galvanised by his passions – for his craft, for Zohra, and for Chinna, the abandoned dog who adopts him and his neighbourhood - Elango chooses love. Like countless others in this country, in the face of insurmountable opposition, he is ready to face its disproportionate consequences.

The perils to ordinary happiness has a deep history in the subcontinent that acquires new meaning in each retelling, serving as cautionary tales or, increasingly infrequently, as stories of hope. In the seven decades since Independence, the schisms driven by religion, caste or class have deepened to demand a homogenisation of identities. Roy's tale is a multi-stranded narrative that examines the nature of our diversity and creative impulses; the shadow of grief in our lives and the redemptive joy of friendships, human or canine. "I think I've just been wanting to write this book for a very long time, without knowing exactly the shape it would take. I wanted it to approach various themes that are important to me, one of which was the place of creativity and the resistance it faces from outside forces. The other was the place of animals in the hierarchy of life that we have in this country. And the third was to understand how bereavement affects someone very young. That's something I've thought a lot about, because I lost my father when I was very young and it's been something that affected me. I wanted pottery in it, because that was what was going to knit everything together, and because all these themes were very important to me, it took me quite a while to approach it," says Roy, 54, in a video interview.

At the heart of Roy's story lies a eight-foot clay horse that Elango creates, dredged from memories of his predecessors building one for the local temple, fired by his desire to create a tribute to his beloved, and whose destruction forms the pivot of the novel.

In her childhood, Roy had encountered the terracotta horses of West Bengal's Bankura. Later. in the course of her own fascination with pottery, she would come to know of the Ayyanar horses, made as an offering to gods for the safekeeping of local communities. "The horse in South India that was worshipped is not the horse that Elango is making, in the sense that the actual horse was a sacred thing. It was related to a myth of Shiva — in which Lord Shiva's fury is put into the mouth of a horse and it is sent underwater to cool off. Elango's horse is a secular horse, because he is doing it as an offering to his beloved. It is not as though India was gloriously harmonious or secular before, but we aspired to be those



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things. The destruction of this horse was, to me, a kind of symbol of the way we have stopped aspiring to harmony. Instead, it's now

hatred that is the governing force," says Roy. In her 2018 Tata Literature Live! Book of the Year Award-winning novel, All The Lives We Never Lived, that was set in an India on the brink of Independence, Roy had drawn on the transformative potential of memory and history and the warnings the latter sounds out for the future. As a writer, how does she react to this time of rising majoritarianism? "It just doesn't seem possible somehow, to someone of my generation, how did we get here. Were we deluded all along? Were we completely out of step? When I was a much younger person, at that time, it seemed to us that everybody around us wanted the same things as us, what leaders and politicians do," she says.

which was to aspire to this kind of secular ideal that had been set in stone when we got Independence as a country, that we were taught non-stop as kids, that the cinema, art and books around us embodied when we grew up. And we thought that this was what everyone around us felt, too. Now, it's been a process of really feeling disillusioned and rather stupid that we are completely out of step with what most people seem to want. I think it is futile to keep blaming the government for everything. There are so many people you talk to, who seem to think everything is perfectly okay, what is going on, that is the part I find more alarming, even more than

DOWN TO EARTH (Left) Anuradha Roy with her dog Piku; her new book

But just like Elango's horse represents syncretism, Roy says there is redemption in art, however frail it may be. "For the people who make the art, it really is how they respond to the world, how they find refuge, solace, everything united in that one thing. In the case of Elango and the horse he's making, that piece of art becomes something so representative of what is fragile in our society. I didn't start out thinking he would make a horse with calligraphy on it. But as the book developed, I think what was playing in my mind was the beauty of all these monuments - Islamic monuments we see around us — which have very beautiful script all over the doorways and arches and so on, which I have never, of course, been able to read because I don't read those languages. But I've always responded to it as a design, as art. Yet, it has meaning for the person who can read it. So I wanted to have these two things together on that horse — this language that to some people is beautiful just as a design, to some people it's threatening as an alien religion rather than as script. Therefore, that horse becomes a kind of speaking horse to me, which says different things to different people," she says. Roy lives in Ranikhet with her husband

Rukun Advani – with whom she runs the publishing house, Permanent Black - and her beloved coterie of strays. From the quiet of her surroundings, Roy trains her lens on small towns and cities, places of churn that become $transformed\,under\,her\,thoughtful\,gaze. There's$ an atmospheric sense of place in her narratives - Songarh (An Atlas of Impossible Longing, 2008), Jarmuli (in the DSC Prize For Fiction-winning Sleeping on Jupiter, 2015), Muntazir (All The Lives We Never Lived) and even Ranikhet in The Folded Earth (2011), the only novel she's set in a real place. "I can't think of the novel as separate from the setting at all. It's completely vital to it... I really feel as if the place also is like a character for me, that I want to create it in the same way that I want to create the characters," she says.

She can feel change creeping up on Ranikhet, too. "Many people who come back after 10, 15, 20 years say they feel as if nothing changes here. But I can see change all around me, among the young particularly. First of all, they have huge access to information, they have higher levels of education. They are aware, well-informed, highly intelligent. And yet, there's a huge sense of frustration because there's gigantic unemployment. They really don't know what they will do once they leave school and college here because their English skills are not that great, they are not equipped to compete in the way urban kids may be. So you can feel a kind of seething turmoil among the young. There's a lot more drug use now. Change is coming in not very good ways in that sense. In some eternal sense, of course, the mountains and trees are the same and life goes on as always," she says.

> For video excerpts of the interview, visit www.indianexpress.com

EVERY FORTNIGHT, WE PICK, YOU WATCH

The Story Becomes Her



FRENCH ROAST A still from the film France

Fronted by Léa Seydoux, French director Bruno Dumont zooms in on his country's media in his film France, screened at TIFF this week

Shubhra Gupta

HE PROTAGONIST in Bruno Dumont's France is a glamorous TV anchor-cum-intrepid reporter called France de Meurs, who knows exactly how to become the story rather than just report it. Léa Seydoux inhabits the character with great verve and conviction, always ready for action in her swish designer outfits and killer heels, brandishing her blinding lipstick as a weapon, and making France one of the most interesting films at this year's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

Right at the start we see France attending an important press conference. She is accompanied by her assistant Lou (Blanche Gardin) who seems to be at hand solely to give her (France) encouraging looks and an approving thumbs up. It's obvious France is not a rookie. So, why does she feel the need for her assistant to stand by? The exchange of these glances, which have more weight than the event France is covering, feels like a parody, and you very quickly realise that that's exactly what it is: having set the tone, the film gets busy sending up fame, and our fame-obsessed culture, filtered and mediated through dodgy ethics and too-ambitious practitioners.

All around us we are seeing the impact of this mad obsession with celebrities. It's crucial to have a zillion Instagram followers. The gram rules, but other social media platforms are not far behind. Twitter needs to explode when a person famous for being famous says or does something either inadvertently, or on instructions from their public relations team, whose sole job is to keep their client "out there". Either you are an influencer, or you're nothing.

Some situations in the film make you fear for France. She interviews a gun-toting "terrorist" and asks him to pose, while she records her questions against a "better" background. In another instance, we see her dodging bullets and running helter-skelter with her cameraman and interpreter. And there she is in a bobbing boat, chatting up $fleeing\ refugees, the\ blue\ Mediterrane an\ behind\ her.$ Where are these people from? Are they for real? Is this a "manufactured war", created to win the race for TRPs, and populist votes? These questions have strong resonance.

France has a husband she can't stand. And a young son she is unable to deal with. She lives in a home that feels like a museum, with gigantic paintings adorning the walls and heavy drapes masking the windows. The pressure of being on top and staying there tells on her; a terrible accident leaves her devastated, but stalking fans

There are many rather obvious flourishes in this biting satire. Some of what France says and does makes you roll your eyes. But at no point does she appear fake, even when you can see she is faking it. "Things last 24 hours now," says the helpful Lou, "24 hours later, it will be a memory. It's how TV works. The worst is the best." So true. Fame is transient, Nothing lasts forever.

The Song I Came to Sing

Sri Lankan singer Yohani Diloka de Silva on becoming an overnight sensation with Manike mage hithe, recording it at home, and wanting to learn Hindi

Suanshu Khurana

MANIKE MAGE hithe (In my heart), the Sinhala song has broken the internet, with celebrities and common folk grooving to its lilting tune. A love song with a teen-pop aesthetic, it is an uncomplicated melody that plays on loop, a catchy folk rhythm that is club-friendly, and has a contemporary orchestration with a hint of sarangi. There is also a smattering of rap by Satheeshan Rathnayaka. Sung by Sri Lankan musician Yohani Diloka de Silva along with rapper Satheeshan, it caught Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan's fancy last month. He tweeted out his obsession with the song along with a video edited by his granddaughter Navya Naveli, who'd superimposed the Sinhala song over Bachchan's song-dance sequence Jahan teri yeh nazar hai (from Kaalia, 1981). The actor even spoke about it on his Hindi television quiz show Kaun Banega Crorepati when de Silva appeared in a question.

After soothing quarantined Sri Lankans three months ago, the song reached India and garnered over 110 million views in no time. If Hindi-film actors Madhuri Dixit, Parineeti Chopra and Tiger Shroff danced to it on their social media, K-pop boy-band sensation BTS listened to it in a "reaction video". The popularity spawned covers globally, instrumental as well as in many languages, including Tamil, English, Telugu, Konkani, Hindi, Bengali and Tripura's Kokborok; spurred TikTok videos, Instagram posts and memes, bringing de Silva instant fame. Her older songs are beginning to find new listeners now.

In Colombo, the 28-year-old YouTube star de Silva sat in her home watching how it felt to go viral. It was the unintended single's global moment. "This was a really random take on the song. It wasn't planned... it was a big thing for us.



CHARTBUSTER Sinhala singer Yohani Diloka de Silva

We never thought it could be liked by so many people," says de Silva in a video interview.

Produced by Sri Lankan composer Chamath Sangeeth, de Silva's piece is the cover of a single that came out last year. Sung by Satheeshan and written by Dulan ARX who also performed the original rap, it wasn't even a blip on the charts. "I am a huge fan of Chamath Sangeeth. So, when I saw the song, I did a TikTok version after which Chamath asked if we could do a full version," says de Silva. The idea and the conversation both came about in the lockdown so she could not record it in a professional studio. She found the next best option — a corner in her home. The video was made in Chamath's studio in Colombo.

De Silva is also touched by how a song in Sinhala from Sri Lanka, "a tiny country", is suddenly the rage. "A lot of our music is inspired by Bollywood, probably because we are neighbours. The influence is really strong. But I'm seeing a renewed interest in Sri Lankan music and most importantly in our language... For me, this kind of love is also representative of a bond between India and Sri Lanka," says de Silva, who also sang a Sinhala cover of Pehla nasha (from Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar, 1992) some time back.

De Silva was a child of the internet, learning to play the guitar on YouTube, creating a channel on the platform at 23 and uploading her music and videos on it. Daughter of a former army officer and former air hostess, de Silva grew up listening to different languages and a range of music because of her parents and through her travels. While her parents put her into piano classes early on, she was playing the trumpet and French horn in her school band. She travelled to the UK and Australia to study accounting, where a mix of many kinds of music left an imprint on her. The highlight was Eminem's Rapture concert in 2019 in Australia.

"My influences are probably why I haven't stuck to a genre. I like to experiment with my music and explore everything that I can. I rap, I sing, I play the guitar," says de Silva, who began her career by doing covers of Sinhala songs and Bollywood songs dubbed in Sinhala. She collaborated with friends for music videos and did a slew of original pieces, but it was only after her return from Australia in 2019 that she took up music professionally. She joined a record label, Pettah Effect, brought out Aaye (One day) in 2020, in which she sings of her nudes being circulated, of a life without money, singing at pubs to make ends meet. She followed it with Rawwath dasin in 2020, a song about 30 years of civil war in Sri Lanka. Right now, she's working on her first album. An upcoming single, which will be released this month, is going to be "completely different from Manike mage hithe," she says.

Unaware of the melodic structure of Pilu, the Hindustani classical raga of romance, de Silva has loosely followed its pattern — like many a Hindi-film song — in Manike mage hithe. Bollywood and Indian live-show offers are already knocking on her door. "I will begin by learning Hindi. I don't understand it at all. When I sing it too, I don't think I get the accent right," she says, before singing the topgrossing number one more time.

> For video excerpts of the interview, visit www.indianexpress.com



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चारधाम एवं हेमकुंट साहिब यात्रा

१८ सितम्बर, २०२१ से प्रारम्भ





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I,Sumit S/o.Harbans Rai Gambhir(H.R.Gambhir) R/o. House No-G3.B, Ground Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-19, have changed my name to Sumit Rai Gambhir, for all purposes.

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I,Saiyidus saiyudain Naqvi s/0 LT GHULAM HUSNAIN NAQVI R/0 D 71 GF SAKET DELHI 17 have change name SAIYIDUS SAIYuDAIN NAQVI to saeed naqvi,for all. 0040585050-5 I,SATISH KUMAR ARORA S/O

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I.Richa W/o Vikas Singh R/o H.No-555, Sector-A, Pocket-B&C, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi-70, have changed my name to Richa Singh for all

0040585036-1 I.Raiesh Khattri S/o-Manohar

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I,Preeti W/o Nitin Dhama R/o Y-

11D, TGB Meghduttam, Sector-50. Noida(U.P.) have changed my name to Preeti Dhama for all future purposes.

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I,Mohd iftikhar,S/o Mohd ashfaque, R/o 1728, Gali akhade-wali suiwalan Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002, name changed Mohammad istikhar, S/o Mohammad ashfaq,for all purposes. 0040585050-4

I.Seema W/o Ram Naravan Bajpayee R/o-K-120,Mangol Puri,Delhi-110083,have $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Sanju$ Bajpayee for all purposes. 0040585065-8

I,KAMAL ARORA W/O SATISH KUMAR R/O B-976.SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110052. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

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I,Jasvinder Singh Anand S/o

S.Jasbir Singh Anand, R/o-CB-13A.DDA-Flats.Hari Nagar.New Delhi-110064, have Changed my future purposes.

I,Anshu Kumar,S/o-Hari Charan

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I,Ankita Sharma,D/o Pradeep

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KANAKA RAJU GORLE), mother of AKSHARA GORLE, R/o B1/121, Tower-16, Silver City, Sector-93, Noida-201304, declare that ARUNA KUMARI and ARUNA KUMARI BODDU are the same person 0040585012-1

I. Rai Mehra, S/o-Ramesh Chand Mehra, residing-10A/31, Upper Ground Floor, East Patel-Nagar, Delhi.have changed my name to Raj Kumar Mehra,for all 0040585065-5 purposes. **I,** Naga Satya Nishitha D/O

Potthuri Appala Raju, R/o 3-100 Sai Ganesh Enclave G-2, Sumithra Nagar, Bach Side Of Kanakadurga Temple, Kukatpally, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500084 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Potthuri Naga Satya Nishitha.

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I, Minkeshari Shahi W/o Ashish Choudhury R/o House-No- E-432 Sector-Gama-I Greater Noida Distt-Gautambudhnagai Uttar-Pradesh-201306 have changed my name to Meenu Choudhury.

I, Sushant S/o Ashok Kumar Yadav R/o RZ-7/257, Dayal Park West Sagarpur, New Delhi 110046 have changed my name to Sushant Yadav

0070754344-1

I, Minakshi W/o Manoj Singh Rawat, R/o flat no-21, 2nd floor DDA SFS flats, pocket-1, sector-19 Dwarka, Delhi-110075. Have Changed my name to Meenakshi Rawat.

0070754352-1

I. CISF.No.023550212.Rank-HC/GD.Name Om Singh Rathore, S/o-(L) Madan Singh,in my service.records mv.daughter name has been Wrongly-written as instead of Dimpal.Correct name of my,daughter is Dimpal Kanwar. 0040585065-6

I, John Lawrence D'cunha S/O Patrick Dcunha, R/o H.No-729 Bag Wada, Bicholim, Mulgao, Goa-403503, Declare that name of Mine & My Wife and My Minor Daughter has been wrongly written as John Dacunha @ Lawrence John Dacunha & Joyce Dacunha @ Adrian Joyce Milagrina Rodrigues and Janice Teresa Dacunha in my minor Daughter, Janice Teresa D'cunha, aged about 14 Years In her Birth Certificate No- 182 The actual name of Mine & My

Wife and My Minor Daughter

Rodrigues and Janice Teresa

Adrian Joyce Milagrina

D'cunha, which may be

are John Lawrence D'cunha &

amended accordingly. 0070754383-1

I,Minakshi Maruti Bhasarkar/ Minaxi M Bhasarkar, W/O Virender Singh, R/O-C-2/276, Third floor, Shriniketankunj, Sector-17, Rohini, New Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Meenakshi for all future purposes. 0040585065-3

I, Jitender Singh S/o. Umed Singh R/o. C-35, C Block, Krishi Vihar Greater Kailash, New Delhi-110048, My name wrongly mentioned in document as Jitender Signh instead of Jitender Singh.

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I, CISF.No.023550212,Rank HC/GD.Name-Om Singh Rathore, S/o-(L). Madan Singh, in my service.records my,son name has been Wrongly-written as instead of Vishal Singh.Correct name of my,son is Vishal Singh Rathore.

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I Sangeeta Negi alias Sangeeta Rawat D/o Sh.Shiv Charan Singh Negi W/o Dr.Arun Kumar Rawat R/o House No.1179, Sec-A/Pocket-A, Vasant Kunj, Vasant Kunj S.O., South West Delhi, Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Sangeeta Rawat for all purposes.

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I Km.Renu Gupta alias Bhavna Garg D/o Late Sh. Jai Kishan Das Gupta W/o Sh.Aman Garg R/o 46, 1st Floor, New Rajdhani Enclave, Nirman Vihar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Bhavna Garg for all purposes.

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Bhavana Sharma W/o Late Sh.Ravinder Sharma R/o RZ-52, Gali No.3, Durga Park, Dabri, South West Delhi, Delhi-110045 have changed the name of my minor son from Dhruv Sharma alias Veer Sharma to Veer Sharma for all purposes.

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Prabhakar Oiha & Prabhaker Ojha both names are mine. for all future purposes, I shall be known as Prabhakar Oiha S/o Sadanand Ojha R/o Railway Road, Shiv Vatika Colony, Dadri Gautam Buddh Nagar.

I, Vipul Sangal S/o late Krishan Kumar Residence 185, Sector-14. Vasundhara, Ghaziabad have changed my daughter's name Ridhima Singhal to Advika Sangal for all future purposes. Ridhima Singhal and Advika Sangal both are same person. 0070754404-1

I. Vanket Maheshwari S/O Om Prakash Maheshwari, R/o Pocket-D8/86, Sector-06, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as OM Parkash and Uma in my Birth Certificate no-3277. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Om Prakash Maheshwari and Uma Maheshwari, which may be

amended accordingly. 0070754373-1

I, Priya Bajwa D/O Serteg Singh Bajwa, W/O Amarpal Singh R/o 211 Ambica Vihar, Paschim Vihar, Sunder Vihar S.O, Delhi-110087. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Priya Sra.

I, Naveen Satya Venkat Baggam S/O Baggam Pralaya Kumar, R/o 56- 15- 3, Golla Kanchara Palem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Naaween Baggam.

I Guru Dutt Vashistha S/o Bhagat Swaroop Sharma,R/o 1/2139.East Ram Nagar Shahdara Delhi, have changed my name to Gurudutt Vashisth. 0040585050-8

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Bunilal Yadav R/o RZ-7/257, Dayal Park West Sagarpur, New Delhi 110046 have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Yadav for all

I. Mahammad Rafi Shaik S/O Mastan Shaik, R/o Flat-214, Solitaire Abode Apartment Kailash Nagar, Near Sridevi Theatre Ameenpur Road, Chandanagar, Hyderabad, K.v. Rangareddy, Telangana-500050. I have changed the name of my minor Son Shaik Nazeem Azaan aged about 14 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Reyan Akhtar Shaik.

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I, Kalimpudi Pradeep S/O Kalimpudi Varahalu Babu, R/o 30-91-1/1, Appikonda Colony, Near High School Street, Kurmannanalem, Duyyada, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530046. Declare that Name of Mine & My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Kalempudy Pradeep & Kalempudy Varahalu Babu and Kalempudy Chittitally in my 10th Class Certificate No-1210402 . The actual name of Mine & My Father and My Mother are Kalimpudi Pradeep & Kalimpudi Varahalu Babu and Kalimpudi Chittithalli, $which\,may\,be\,amended$ 0070754375-1 accordingly.

I. Ashok Yadav Urf Ramashankar S/O Shankar Sampat Yadav, R/o Bhikharipur Kala, Raiatalab, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221311, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ashok Yadav.

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I, Ashok Kumar S/O Rohtash Kumar, R/o Bir Dhana (108), Jhajjar, Haryana-124102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ashok Dahiya. 0070754370-1

I. Abhinay Abbat S/O Saniay Abbat, R/o House No-8100, Durgapuri, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Abbhinav Abbat.

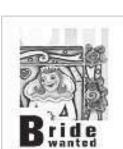
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I, Hithertoknown as Johar Giri S/o Radhashyam Giri, R/o House No-C 197, Dayanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar-4, South Delhi, Delhi-110024, have changed my Name and shall hereafter be known as Nityananda Giri.

0040583558-4

LOST & FOUND

I,Satyendra Purwar,S/O-Shri Anil Kumar Gupta.R/O-B-5/431-432, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, has been Irretrievably lost my ICSE examination 2002 10th Passing certificate, TUNO 3617260, Index No T/1793/052. 0040585065-9



DOCTORS

Looking for Punjabi Sikh Computer Engineer Boy 5'10"/18.8.91/18LPA, Canada return, Kennel & Livestock Medical Business & live in Chattarpur Farms Delhi, Seeking B'ful, Doctor(Veterinery, Medical field), girl#989101313, Email:-

teghakennel@gmail.com

KAYASTHA 30 years 5'8"B.Tech Mechanical EngineeringWorking in Bihar Government contact

#8544413292



BRAHMIN

Suitable match for Himachali Brahmin girl 31/5'2" MCA, Wkg,CH. Send B/H/P to denim153@yahoo.com.

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MUSLIM

Well educated Alliance for 5'3" Oct1991Sunni Muslim girl MCA India Masters Sofatware Engg Canada 9815816811 0050184283-1

MARRIAGE BUREAU

LOOKING for a Life Partner fo your child in US or Canada? Visit: https://NRIShaadi.coor Call: 8591706208. Exclusive community for arranged marriages for Indians living in the US/Canada.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुवक्किल भरत प्रशाद पुत्र स्वर्गीय ननंदजीराम ग्राम निवासी 46 / 47 निर्मल विहार नजफगढ़ दिल्ली 110043 ने अपने 4 पुत्रों, दिलीप कुमार, संतोष कुमार हरीनारायण, सत्यप्रकाश, को अपनी चल व अंचल सम्पति से तथा सामाजिक रूप से कतई बेदखल कर दिया है जो कोई भी इससे सम्पर्क करेगा या लेन देन करेगा वो स्वम् जिम्मेदार होगा

Pankaj Kumar-Advocate Z-17, Shyam Vihar, Gali No.-2, Phase-I, ND-43 Enrl. No. D/918/11

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Smt. Susheela W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar and her nusband Sh. Ramesh Kumar Slo Girja Shankar R/o D-5/519, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-11008 as disowned their son and daughter in law namely Sh. Anu Kumar and Smt. Roshni Wlo Sh Anuj Kumar R/o D-34/3, Sangar New Delhi-110080 from their all moveable and immovable properties and

G. C. PANDEY ADVOCATE

Chamber No.624, Saket District Court, New Delhi

elhi-110052 have severed a

heir relations and ties with the

on Namely Sh. Vikas Kumar an

movable and immovable

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform public at large than my clients Sh. Kali Charan Dass and Smt. Banarsi Devi Both R/C House No. E-276, E-Block Shaheed Sukhdev Nagar, Wazi Pur Industrial Area, Ashok Vihar Delibi.110052 have severed al

ave also debarred him from a

properties and shall have no neern in future with him. Sd/- GURMIT SINGH HANS (ADVOCATE) Enrl. No. D-55/98(R) **PUBLIC NOTICE** PPARTMENTS, SECTOR-13, ROHINI
EIH-110085, have disowned their sor
Imely VIVEK SHARMA and his wife
ARTIKA SHARMA and children namely
ARTIK SHARMA aged 17 years and
HITA SHARMA aged 23 years, and
Interval of the second of the second and according to the second acc

> ny person dealing with them shall be doi Sd/- SANJEEV JAIN (Advocate Enl. No. D-226/9 Office: RU-17, DDA Mk Pitampura, Delhi-11008

PUBLIC NOTICE I, BRAJESHWAR BHUSHAN S/o SH. J.B.P. SINHA R/o A-27A, Gal SH. J.B.P. SINHA R/O A-Z/A, Gal No.2, Maharani Enclave, Hastsa Village, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059. I purchased a Plot No.27 A, Measuring 29 SQ. YDS., Khasra No. 46/14/1 & 2 Village Hastsal No. 4014/1 Ac 2 Village Hastsal, Uttarr Magar, New Delhi - 110059. from Ramesh Chander, and I did not ge the GPA & WILL of RAM PATI in chain documents dated 18/05 1999. If any issues raised in future then DDA has complete right to cancel my document for which only I am responsible.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PARAMJIT KAUR ALIAS PUMMY WIFE (SUBKIRPAL SINGH ALIAS BITTO B/O BA RANJEET KAUR ALIAS BABY HARDEEP SINGH ALIAS LOVE

SR-II B, JANAK PURI, NEW DELH

PUBLIC NOTICE y of their associates/agents etc. or anybo eo nt he basis of forged and fabricat uments created by them in the name of r. ort. for selling, alienating, transferring alling any third party interest in respect client's above said property or of any oth perly belongs to my client, without when sent of my client, shall do so at his/fine to cost and risk and my client shall not bonsible for the same as the second

se binding upon my client.
Sd/- SURENDER SINGH SHEKHAWA Chamber No. M-14, M-Block, Civil Win Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE
Let it be known to the general public
that my client Mr. Tejinder Singh S/c
Late Sardul Singh R/o B-22
Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-1.
New Delhi-110028, has voluntarij
relinquished his 50% share in the
property no. B-224, Naraina
Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi110038 in frayur of his brother Sh Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi-110028 in favour of his brother Sh. Balwinder Singh and by virtue of registered relinquishment dead dated 14/09/2021. My client now has no right, title or interest qua the share in the said property. The publication is made to avoid any future commplication or claim by any other family member. Let no one else claim any right on the estate or share of my client. Issued on 15/09/2021.

Manish Gandhi Advocate mber No. X-6A, Civil Win Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

are Residing at WZ-35 (Old-09) First Floor, Hind Nagar, New Delhi-110018 by giving public notice to that effect through his PUBLIC NOTICE My client ICICI Bank Ltd., Veer newspaper "JAN SATTA" on 20.10.2016. Subsequently, my client also instituted Civil Suit Bearing No. 391/2019 For Tower, S-26, 2nd Floor, Green Park Extension, New Delhi, is i the process of advancing a loa to Mrs. Isha Kakkar for purchas of Property No. E-123, Secto 27, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. from Mrs. Urmila Puri (seller), who has represented that she is the sole absolute owner of the said Property having inherited the same after the death of he nusband Mr. Jitender Nath Pur any pressure, duress, influenc who was owner by virtue coercion from any corner and ir good health and sound dispos-ing mind and also with a view to Lease Deed dated 09.06.1999 Other Legal heirs of decease Mr. Jitender Nath Puri, i.e. M Himashu Puri (Son) & Mrs Richa Puri (daughter) were unmarried and have died leaving behind Seller as thei only Class-I Legal heir. I WZ-35 (Old -09), Hind Naga anybody, person, bod corporate has any right, lien c claim whatsoever on the said favour of his son Shri Mukhtya Singh. Now, except Shr Mukhtyar Singh, none of othe Property or objection to its Sale & mortgage, then he/she/it may sons of my client, namely *Shr.* Jaspal Singh, Shri Satpa Singh (deceased) and Shr Dharampal Singh and 3 contact the undersigned with documentary proof of claim within 7 days of publication o this notice, otherwise it shall b deemed that either there are n claims or the same have beer waived off. No claim shall be Paramjeet Singh and Smt. Surinder Kaur W/o Shr Rajinder Singh, has any right title and interest in the aforesaid entertained thereafter and my client shall proceed to advance the loan by mortgaging the said

Vishal Chopra, Advocate **GNA & Associates** D-28, Jangpura Extension New Delhi-110014

PUBLIC NOTICE

iyo liehis 3i. 3aya Narayan waneshwar Koo. Sh. Dhan Raj Maheshwari and his wit Imt. Rekha Maheshwari both resident o Ilat No. 84, Data Ram Apartment, Secto 8, Rohini, North-West, Delhi 110089. 18, Honini, North-West, Delin1110099. In their complete senses and free will have disowned/debarred their son namely Sh. Willin Gupta, his wife Smt. Monika Gupta, D/o. Sh. Janardan Das Gupta and their granddaughter Mb. Lakshita Gupta, D/o. Sh. Nilin Gupta living separately at Flat No. 137, Paradise Apartment, Sector-18, Robini, Delhi from their all moveable and moveable properties/assets present and

uture.

That this fact also came to the knowledg

of my client that Sh. Nitin Gupta wa

adopted by one Sh. Radhey Shyam Gupt

and also using his name as father in man

and also using his name as rather in man of his Id's.
Therefore my clients and their famil members have severed their all kinds or relationship and my clients and their othe family members shall not be responsible for any act done by them in what so manner in ure. Sd/- PRADEEP KUMAR (ADVOCATE Chamber No 726 Rohini District Cour 8826609945, 870043342

EVALUE TO STATE OF THE ART OF THE Inline Police complaint vide No 32270872100328 dated 13.09.2021 vith P.S. Sector-40, Gurugram Haryana). The above said lost origina ocuments yet not found till date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

and they will hand over to the State Bank of India. If anybody found the above said lost documents, please intimate me. Sd/- (Biplab Kumar Mukherjee Enrl. No. D/1678/07 (ADVOCATE Office: 3657/6, Narang Colony Tri Nagar, Delhi-11003 Mob: 9811767517, 9718621603

My clients are declaring that, if the lost documents will find in future, the they will never misuse such documents.

This is to inform & seek objections, if any, from general public that Sh. Ramesh Kumar S/o Chandgi Ram has left for heavenly abode on 18-08-2021 and he was the allottee of property Unit No.306, Third Floor, & Unit No.442, 4th Floor,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Third Floor & Unit No.442, 4th Floor, Barnala Builders, Maya Garden Magnesia, Opp. Mecdonalds, NH-22, Chandigarh, Ambala Highway, Zirakpur-140603 (Punjab). Sml. Prabhi Devi and Sh. Sanjay Kumar the wife and the son of the said deceased person have obtained a Certificate of Legal Heir from government authority declaring both of them as the sole legal heir of the said deceased. Any person or entities including any bank. person or entities including any bank, societies(s) or financial institution having any claim, right, title or interest in the any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment, license, maintenance or otherwise howsoever, shall bring the same to the notice to Mis Barnala Builders Opposite Mc-Donald, Zirakpur-Ambala Highway, Zirakpur-140603, Punjab. Ph. 0176-2661100 in writing with supporting documents/evidence within a period of 21 days from the date of this notice failing which such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no person or considered to be waived, adamoned and it shall be presumed that no person or entities including societies/ bank / financial institution has any daim of any nature in respect of the said property and any subsequent daim shall not bind us in lany manner.

Sachin Kumar (Advocate) RU-6, Pitampura, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informe that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule of property from its owner viz., M/s, EBONY VINCOM from its owner viz., Mis. EBONY VINCOM TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED having its Regd. office at 350/2801, Motlaa Nagar, Near Shiv Mandir, Bangur Nagar Link Road, Goregaon West, Mumbai 400104 | Maharashtra (India) represented by its Director Mrs. Preeti Thapa

f anybody is having any objection, clain interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY All that the Property Premises admeasuring 83.61 Sq.mtr. (100 sq.yrds.) of build-up area Ground Floor, 1st Floor, Ilnd Floor, Each Consisting of two bedroom with attached bathrooms, one Drawing - cum-Dining, 1 Kitchen & Front & Back Balcony, along with 3 car parking in the stilt area with proportionate undivided share of land in the plot Addressed G-53-A, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 (India).

M/s. Satish Khatana, Advocate 7-C, Mandakini Enclave, New Delhi-110019 Ph: 9971778737, 9899733737

To Whom it may Concern tha My client Shri Balwant Singl S/o Late S. Santa Singl

Resident of WZ-35 (Old-09) Hind Nagar, New Delhi-110018 already disowned his son &

daughter-in-law namely Sh

Dharampal Singh and Sm Sukhwinder Kaur, Both of ther

Recovery of Possession Recovery of Monies, And Damages in respect of First

Floor of the aforesaid propert

against both of them. The case is still pending before the

Srivastava, Civil Judge, Tis

Hazari Court, Delhi. My clier with his own free will, withou

avoid any litigation or disput

between his legal heirs after his death with respect to his mmovable property, bearing no.

New Delhi-110018, land ar

measuring 97.5 square yards, had executed Registered Gift Deed dated 02.09.2021 in

daughters namely **Smt. Baljee Kaur** W/o Shri Kuldeep Singh **Smt. Kulwant Kaur** W/o Sh

Sd/- AJAY FATYA

E. No. D-741/1993

Chamber No.79, Weste

Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

roperty.

Advocate Mrs. Mee

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE FOR **ENGINEERING WORK**

Srl. No. (1) E-Tender No.-DRM-ENGO -BSP-T-91-21-22, Date: 14.09.2021. Work: Construction of 50,000 Lite Capacity Overhead tank at Kotma Improvement of RCC drain, trolley refuge & Cess, Various level crossing approach Roads and Construction of Room with toilet, Goods shed and creation of siding facilities for working of heavy duty rail Grinding Machine (RGM) under the jurisdiction of Assistant divisional Engineer

₹2,90,23,993/- EMD (In Rs.) 00.00/-.Completion Period: 13 Start date of Submission o

Submission of Tender: Upto 11:00 hrs. on 11.10.2021.

e-Tender Notices is available ove website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders

CPR/10/178 S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur

f South East Central Railway 🕒 @secrail

n behalf of my client RAHUL MANGI O HARI CHAND MANGLA @ HARI MANIGLA @ HARIK MANIGLA (TIFRE PIPER AGE 34 YEARS, RESIDING AT 286 TARUN ENCLAVE PITAMPURA DELH 110034 (VOTER ID NO ACB060585: AADHAR NO. 937964798393) DELH 110085 declare that I have verified the documents of the HARI CHAN MANIGLA who was selex horus as HAR IANGLA who was also known as HAI সANGLA @ HARIK MANGLA (हरि C MANGLA & HAHIR MANGLA (REC THIRTH) S/O S P MANGLA @ S L MANGL @ SHIV LAL MANGLA @ SOHAN PA MANGLA. My client father has expired o 26.10.2010 and at that time nam mentioned in the death certificate wa HARI CHAND MANGLA S/O SHIV LA MANGLA. That HARI CHAND MANGL @ HARI C MANGLA @ HARIK MANGL हरिक मंगला) S/O SHIV LAL MANGLA @ P MANGLA @ S L MANGLA @ SOHA PAL MANGLA are same person and ather of RAHUL MANGLA. There is n ther name of HARI CHAND MANGL father of HARIUL MANGLA. INREE IS INother name of HARI CHAND MANGLA
other than as stated hereinabove. My
client Rahul Mangla has shown me al
documents such as 12th mark sheet of
hari Chand Mangla, my client Election Ic
card and Aadhar Card. I have also seen
other properly documents sale deec
dated 21.12.1998 in favour of Hari C
Mangla who is father of my client who is
also known as Hari Chand Mangla. I have
also seen mutation dated 08.02.2001
with respect to agricultural land bearing ir
Khasra no. 101/13, Alipur, Delh
admeasuring 12 biewas. My client also
possess original sale deed date
21.12.1998 registration no. 1924 did
additional book no.1, Vol No. 51 on page dditional book no.l , Vol No. 51 on pag 12 to 115 on 21.12.1998. The pres

PUBLIC NOTICE

Anup Kr. Upadhyay (Adv Enrol. No. D-1374/200 Office: 263-264, Vadhman Pres Wall, Deepali, Pitampura Delhi-110034

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public at large is hereb informed that my clients Shri Laxma Prasad S/o Late Shri Kishori Lal and Smt. Aarti Devi W/o Shri Laxmai Prasad (both senior citizens husband wife) R/o L-91-B&D, DDA Flats Saket, New Delhi-110017, have disowned and debarred their elde son Mr. Anil Kumar due to his misconducts. That my aforementioned clients have also disowned and debarred his wife Ms. Neeru and their children Master Rudra & Maste Krishnav, That Mr. Anil Kumar or his above said family members will not participate in my clients funeral rite in the events of their demise. That Mr Anil Kumar and his aforementioned family members will not inherit any o their properties whether moveable o immovable and will not be entitled to the grant of probate to their wil Anybody transacting any busines with Mr. Anil Kumar or his aforementioned family members respect to my clients is doing that ir his or her own risk, general public

Dated: 18/09/2021 Place: New Delhi.

take note.

Anil Sharma, Advocate, K-10G, SFS Flats Saket, New Delhi-110017. Mobile: 9810590585

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Industrial Unit (Rice Mill with warehouse)
Plot of area measuring 12895.42 sq.mtrs,
(after excluding an area measuring 2077.82
sq.mtrs, falling in Rect / Killa No. 3225,
43/1/min, 10/1, 44/5min, 6/1, 26, situated in
the revenue estate of village Wazidpur,
Saboli, Tehsil & Distt. Sonepat; hereinafter
referred to as the "said property"
Notice is hereby given to the general public
inducing Banks, Financial Institutions, etc.
that as informed by M/s. V. A. International
PVL Ltd., (Our Clients) having its Registered
office at 2607, Mezzanine Floor, Gall Nal
Basti, Naya Bazzar, North Delhi, Delhi Delhi, Delhi - Delhi, Delhi - Delhi, Delhi office at 2807, Mezzanine Floor, Gall Nat Basti, Naya Bazar, North Delhi, Delhi = 110006, thru its Director Mr. Ashok Kumar Garg and Mr. Atull Garg that they are the owners and in possession of the aforesaid property which is a part of the property purchased by them in E- Auction from Punjab National Bank by virtue of Sale Certificate dated 22.03.2019 excuted by Punjab National bank in its favour and the Punjab National bank in its favour and th

property without any objection/s or claim/s by any person in general. Now, Our Clients intend to mortgage the said property with Kotak Mahlindra Bank Ltd., New Delhi for availing loan facility. We have been further informed by Our Clients that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any rilitigation pending. If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the absolute ownership. objection against the absolute ownership of Our Client on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd by Our Clients, may rais his/her their objections, in writing, I Registered AD post, to the undersigned within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice.

the said property shall be mortgaged our clients in favour of Kotak Mahind Bank Ltd and no objection shall bacceptable against such mortgage. Amit Kumar Khurana, Advocat s Intellective Law Offices, A-74, LG

"IMPORTANT"

Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

Manendragarh. Tender Value (In Rs)

Tender: From 11:00 hrs. on 27.09.2021. Last date of

The complete information of above Divl. Railway Manager (Engg.

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED U

(A State Government Undertaking)
Block No. 15 & 17, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009
Phone No.: 0177-2621583, 2621703, 2620539 FAX: 0177- 2625537,
E-mail Address: himanurtiho⊕gmail.com **TENDER NOTICE**

E-tenders are invited for supply of Classical and Proprietary Ayurvedic Medicines from All India Based manufacturers to H.P.Govt. Ayurvedic Hospitals and other Health Institutions for the tender year 2021-22. The detailed tender documents can be downloaded from website https://hptenders.gov.in.Tenders of All India Based Classical Medicines can be downloaded from 19.09,2021 to 11.10.2021 upto 5:00 PM and the same will be opened technically on 12,10,2021. Tenders of Al India Based Proprietary Medicines can be downloaded from 20.09.2021 to 13.10.2021 upto 5:00 PM and the same will be opened technically on 14.10.2021. The last date for uploading of tender documents for both the tenders on aforesaid website, submission of copy of uploaded tender documents and submission of samples in the registered Office of the Corporation is as mentioned above. The technical bids will be opened in the registered Office of this Corporation as per schedule mentioned above in the presence of the tenderers who opt to be present. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender ofters without assigning any reason. Managing Director

🔊 NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Date:- 15.09.202

E-Tender Notice No. PAY-AND-USE-AGC-2021-04

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER E-tender on prescribed forms are invited by Senior Divisional Commercia Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Agra on behal of The President of India for awarding of Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Agra Cantt. Railway Station on operation and maintenance (O&M) basis, North Central Railway for the period of Three years under "Single packet tendering system". The details of

| ра | rticulars are as follows:- | |
|----|------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Tender No. | PAY-AND-USE-AGC-2021-04 Date:- 15.09.2021 |
| 2. | Name of work | Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Agra Cantt. Railway Station on Operation and Maintenance (O&M) basis. |
| 3. | Duration of work | 3 Years |
| 4. | Approx cost of the work | Rs. 24,23,549/- (For 03 years) |
| 5. | Earnest Money Deposit | Rs. 75,400/- |
| 6. | Cost of Tender form | Rs. 3,540/- |
| 7. | Validity of offer | 60 days from the date of tender opening |
| В. | E-Tender closing date & time | 08.10.2021 up to 15.00 Hours |
| | | |

9. E-Tender opening date & time 08.10.2021 up to 15.30 Hours For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 1. Tender can be submitted only online on web portal www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Earnest money and tender document cost shall only be

ubmitted on web portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. by net banking.



DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KATHUA E- mail: sspkathua@jkpolice.gov.in, Fax/Phone No.: 01922-234010 **LOOK OUT NOTICE**

On 15.09.2021, one person namely Lal Singh S/O Jagga Singh R/O Tandyari, Chan Rorian Tehsil Marheen District Kathua approached P/S Rajbagh and lodged a written report at P/S Rajbagh stating therein that his mother namely Soma Devi went missing from her residence on 13.09.2021 al about 1000 hours. On this, missing report vide DDR No. 08 dated 15.09.2021 nas been initiated at P/S Rajbagh.

During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate miss ing individual whereas she is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individual is being

shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about her where abouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably: Name

Soma Devi Jagga Singh Tandyari, Chan Rorian Permanent Address Present Address Tandyari, Chan Rorian

Wheatish

Tehsil Marheen Police Station Rajbagh Age 85 years Height 05 Feet 01 Inch

Husband

Complexion

Built

Eyes

Attire

Average Black Salwar and Kameez Languages known Dogri/Hindi.

- Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following Contacts: DPO Kathua- 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
- dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in (Mail ID) PCR Kathua- 01922-234311(Phone/Fax)

Police Station Rajbagh – 94191-56719 Superintendent of Police, Kathua,

LEASING OF 4 TONNE CAPACITIES IN SLR/SLRD AT KATIHAR DIVISION

Tender Notice No. C/456/K/SLR Leasing/02, Date: 14-09-2021; E -Tender are invited

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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

MPs can't claim disruptions are a privilege: RS Chairman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 18

VICE PRESIDENT and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday called disruptions of proceedings in Parliament a "contempt of House" and said "errant members" cannot claim that disruptions are a privilege.

Naidu made the remarks while delivering the second Ram Jethmalani Memorial Lecture – on 'Is disruption of parliamentary proceedings an MP's privilege and/or a facet of parliamentary democracy?" – virtually in New Delhi on Saturday.

"Disruption of the proceedings is a certain negation of the spirit and the intention behind the Rules of the House, the Code Conduct and the Parliamentary Etiquette and the scheme of parliamentary privileges, all aimed at enabling effective performance of individual members and the House collectively. Given the consequences, disruption of proceedings clearly amount to contempt of the House, by the logic of which disruption cannot be claimed as a privilege by errant members," he

The Vice President pointed towards the recently concluded monsoon session which ended two days ahead of schedule and in which an emotional Naidu himself had expressed anguish over the disruptions and had said that he had spent a sleepless night due to incidents which took place inside Parliament.

"During the last six years, over 60% of the valuable Question Hour time has been lost due to disruptions. This state of affairs justifies the growing concern over persistent disruptions," he said.

Pointing to Rules 235 and 241 of Rajya Sabha which clearly lays down rules for the conduct of members, Naidu said that Rule 235 clearly stipulates members shall not obstruct the proceedings and interrupt members while speaking by disorderly expression or noises or in any other disorderly manner and shall maintain silence while not speaking in the Council. "Rule 243 requires that the Chairman whenever he rises shall be heard in silence and any member who is speaking or offering to speak shall immediately sit down. But

these Rules are being violated too often."

Expressing disappointment over frequent disruptions, Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju said that disruptors making news is not a good thing for democracy. "If those who make effective representation or interventions or those who speak with high volume of oratory skills are not recognised while the disruptors make news, then it is definitely not a good thing for democracy."

Attorney General for India KK Venugopal recalled his friendship with Jethmalani which began in 1974 when the latter made a fiery speech against Indira Gandhi in Kerala. "Ram was not just a person, he was a phenomenon and a legend in law. The Bar misses him, the country misses him and I too miss him," Venugopal said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta spoke on the diversity of Parliament and said that disruptions result in people being disillusioned about democracy. "Can parliamentarians deprive the nation of intellectual brilliance merely by disruptions," Mehta asked.

BEHIND BENGALURU STADIUM MURDER

4 killings and a funeral song that sparked a gang feud

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 18

THE KILLING of 27-year-old Aravind, alias Lee, at Bengaluru Football Stadium on September 12 was the latest in a series of murders resulting from a gang feud between two families in east Bengaluru that began following disagreement over the choice of a song to be played at a funeral in February 2013, according to police.

Before Aravind's murder, four others were reported killed as a result of this feud.

On one side of the warring groups is the family and associates of a former local criminal, Daniel Raj, who was killed in February 2013 in the slums of K G Halli in east Bengaluru and on the other side is a group linked to Vinod Raj, a local goon killed in November 2014 over Raj's murder, police said.

One of the key accused in the murder of Aravind, who was a player and coach of Karthick

Daniel, son of Daniel Raj. Aravind himself was associated with Vinod Raj's gang, police

"The origin of this running feud is not over area domination, drugs or any criminal activity. It started as a feud over a choice of song to be played at a funeral in 2013. These murders have occurred over petty issues," a police officer in Bengaluru east division said.

According to police records, Daniel, 40, a person with a criminal record, was killed during the mourning period for death of the grandmother of Vinod's wife on February 2, 2013. At the funeral, Daniel, allegedly inebriated and an associate, Arun, reportedly created a ruckus over a song that was played. They allegedly assaulted Vinod's mother and wife.

The same night, Vinod and a gang of associates, including his brother Mariya Dilip, alias Bijju, allegedly attacked and killed Daniel, police and court records

tack carried out by Daniel's familv. including his wife and then 19-year-old son Stalin, Vinod was murdered on November 23,

Daniel's family and their associates were acquitted in 2015 after the main prosecution witness, Mariya Dilip, brother of Vinod, turned hostile during trial. Police sources said it was a possible effort at striking a compromise.

In February 2019, sources said, the feud between the two gangs surfaced again when Prashant Raj, alias Prashant Kumar, 30, another brother of the murdered Vinod, was killed by a gang of more than 20 people. Prashant's murder was allegedly an act of revenge carried out by killers of Vinod after he threatened to continue to seek revenge, Prashant's wife told po-

Incidentally, Prashant and Aravind were allegedly hired in 2017 along with a few others with criminal records by then personal aide of BJP leader and former CM B S Yediyurappa to kidnap a personal aide of BJP leader KS Eshwarappa in an effort to extract a video from the phone of Eshwarappa's aide.

In May 2020, the fourth murder in the feud between the two gangs occurred when Mariya Dilip, alias Bijju, 39, accused in Daniel Raj's murder, was killed while he was playing rummy with a gang of seven to eight persons. The case registered with police named two sons of Daniel - Stalin and Subhash — as being among the gang that carried out the murder. The killing was allegedly carried out over fear of an impending attack by the Vinod Raj gang for the 2019 murder of Prasant.

The latest murder in the series was of Aravind on September 12. Aravind had been associated with the Vinod Raj gang and his murder was reportedly an effort to prevent an attack over the 2020 Mariya Dilip murder.

bail plea in Mumbai court

Kundra moves

PORN RACKET

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 18

BUSINESSMAN RAJ Kundra, an accused in pornography racket case, on Saturday moved a regular bail plea before a metropolitan magistrate court in Mumbai, claiming that he was being made a scapegoat in the case without any conclusive evidence and that the Mumbai Police has practically completed its probe against him.

The Mumbai Police Crime Branch had recently filed a supplementary chargesheet against Kundra and three others in the case pertaining to alleged creation of pornographic films and publishing them through mobile applications like Hotshots and Bollyfame.

In an application filed through advocate Prashant Patil, Kundra said he should be granted bail on grounds of parity with the co-accused, as eight of the nine accused against whom the primary chargesheet was filed have been granted bail by the court. He added there is not an "iota of evidence" in the first chargesheet to show his connection with Hotshots.



Lt General M K Das awards the Sher-e-Kashmir Sword of Honour to Peer Sartaj Ahmed Wani, at Dansal in Jammu on Saturday. Express

Army recruits being trained to tackle emerging challenges: Lt Gen Das

ARUNSHARMA JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 18

TAKING THE drone threat "very seriously", the Indian Army has incorporated training to tackle the menace and emerging cybersecurity challenges in its course for soldiers, a senior Army officer said

on Saturday. "Our Army Chief has taken the drone challenge very seriously and the Indian Army, including JAK LI, is fully prepared to tackle it." said Lt General M K Das. Commandant of the OTA Chennai and Colonel of the IAK LI. while talking to the media after the attestation parade for 460 new recruits of the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAK LI) at its Regimental Centre in Dansal.

J&K trade group

calls Jammu

September 22

the anti-Jammu administration.

Hundreds of wine traders have

lost their livelihood after the in-

troduction of e-auction of liquor vends in Jammu and Kashmir."

expressed resentment over the

"proposal of big companies like

Reliance to open stores in Jammu

in the retail sector". It said if that

happens, "small shopkeepers of

Jammu will be ruined". "The

Annual Darbar Move process was aimed at maintaining communal

harmony and brotherhood espe-

cially among the people of Jammu and Kashmir regions and ending

this process would have an ad-

verse impact not only upon the

traditional bond between the two

regions and their people but also on the business community.'

The Jammu traders body also

bandh on

Abrogation of Art 370 ensured equal rights to women: Tejasvi

Due to the pandemic, the cer-

"As part of the preparation as to

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threat of drone and how to act against it has been included in our

training programme...During train-

ing at the Regimental Centre, our

recruits are made fully aware of the

threats posed through science and

technology, cybersecurity among other emerging challenges," he said,

adding that "they are further im-

parted orientation training when they join their respective units so as

Recruit Peer Sartaj Ahmed

Wani was awarded the Sher-e-

Kashmir Sword of Honour and Triveni Singh Medal for being ad-

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 18 VADODARA, SEPTEMBER 18

THE JAMMU Chamber of BJP MP from Bengaluru South, Commerce and Industry Saturday Tejasvi Surya, Saturday said that called a bandh in Jammu on the Narendra Modi-led govern-September 22 over "directionless ment has ensured equal rights to policies" of the LIT administration women of Jammu and Kashmir affecting the business fraternity. with the abrogation of Article 370, It raised a range of issues, inwhich he termed as an "anticluding closure of wine shops, rewoman law".

strictions on banquet halls, open-Speaking at a Women's ing of Reliance stores and the Conclave in Vadodara as part of the 71st birthday celebrations of ending of the annual darbar move, among others. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Surya hailed Vadodara for setting On wine shops, the organisation said in a statement: "Firstly it up an example in women emwas wine shop owners who got powerment with two women the jolt by the so-called New MLAs, a woman MP, woman Excise Policy and now the liquor Deputy mayor looking after civic bar owners are the next targets of affairs, and a woman as the

Municipal Commissioner. Addressing the conclave, the Bengaluru South MP said that one of the reasons for abrogation of Article 370 was to empower women of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Two Gujaratis revoked the Article 370, which prohibited a woman from Jammu and Kashmir, who decides to marry a person from an outside state, from having her rights to her property or purchasing property in I&K," Surva said.

"The DNA of BJP is made up with values of respect and empowerment of women... One of the founding members of the BJP was Rajmate Vijayaraje Scindia," he said while reacting to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks on the RSS chief.



of Paralympic

Medal Winners & Participants



Chief Guest

Sh. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President

Presided over by

Sh. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

August Presence I S. Sandeep Singh

Minister of State, Sports and Youth Affairs, Haryana

Date - 19th September, 2021; Gurugram

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Time - 3:15 pm

GOLD MEDAL Sumit Antil Men's Javelin

GOLD MEDAL Manish Narwal Shooting

SILVER & **BRONZE MEDAL** Singhraj Adhana

SILVER MEDAL Yogesh Kathunia

New Delhi

BRONZE MEDAL Harvinder Singh



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AWARDS - NHPC

AK Singh, CMD, NHPC has received 1st Prize of 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puruskar (Griha Patrika) in Region 'A' for 2019-20 from Amit Shah. Home Minister during Hindi Diwas ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhawan, ND.



AWARDS - RITES

VGS Kumar, Dir. (Proj.) & CMD, RITES Ltd., was conferred the prestigious 'Eminent Engineer Award' by the Institution of Engineers (India) for his outstanding contribution towards the advancement & application of practice of engineering in the



AGREEMENT - PSB

PSB has entered into an agreement with Shriram Automall India Limited; a company specialized in repossession and auction of pre-owned vehicles. SAMIL will support Bank in resolution of non-performing vehicle loans



POSHAN ABHIYAAN - CWC

CWC IS organizing the 4th Rashtriya Poshan Maah which comes under POSHAN ABHIYAAN. The campaign of Poshan Maah is to be celebrated under 4 different themes during 4 weeks in the month of September, 2021.



FELICITATION - POWERGRID

POWERGRID's Corporate Communication team has featured in Reputation Today's India's Top 30 Corporate Communications teams. The Team has ranked 18th in the list which features only two PSUs from India.



FOUNDATION DAY - ORIENTAL INSURANCE

Oriental Insurance has celebrated 75th foundation day on 12th September 2021. Activities carried out were tree plantation, vaccination drive, health check-up, COVID test at Head Office



FREEDOM RUN - PNB

PNB organised the 'Fit India Freedom Run 2.0' to commemorate the Central government's initiative, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. V Dube, ED, SK Saha, ED and other senior management, congregated at the PNB HO in Dwarka.

APPOINTMENTS

DMRC AJIT SHARMA has taken over the charge of Director Finance of DMRC. A Sharma was working as Director/Finance with the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation, a PSU under the Ministry of Railways. He is an

Electrical Engineer from PEC, Chandigarh and MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University and has a vast experience of 32 years with distinction in various capacities in Indian Railways as well as in areas of planning and dealing with Multilateral Development Banks in procurement and financing during his tenure in Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation.

NSIC Alka Nangia Arora, IDAS (91) has assumed the additional charge of the post of Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD), The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd, on 14th September, 2021. On this occasion, she interacted with senior officers of NSIC and encouraged all

employees to continue giving their best performance during 2021-22. Ms Alka Arora is an industry veteran with over 30 years of the experience in diverse activities across the country.



NFL Nirlep Singh Rai has taken over as CMD of National Fertilizers Limited. Prior to this. NS Rai was Director (Technical) from April, 2020. He has been associated with



the NFL for 38 years and has worked in various capacities. He is also the Nominee Director on the Board of Joint venture Company of NFL, Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. As CEO RFCL, he is credited with commissioning of the project. NS Rai is a B.E. (Instrumentation & Control) from Thapar University. He has rich professional experience of technical services & operation & maintenance of large scale Fertilizer Plants.

IRCON Yogesh Kumar Misra took over as CMD of IRCON International Limited on 04.09.2021. Born in 1965, YK Misra graduated in Civil Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi. He is an officer of IRSE, 1987 batch and



has over 35 years of rich and varied experience in infrastructure works. He joined IRCON in 2006 and subsequently took an absorption in IRCON. He has made valuable contributions while working earlier on Design & Construction of J&K Rail Link Project and on other Railway capacity enhancement works. Under his leadership, IRCON has secured several projects within India and abroad on EPC, BOT and HAM basis in the highway and railway sectors.

RCPSDC The Rubber, Chemical and Petrochemical Skill **Development Council recently** announced the appointment of Rummy Chhabra as its new Chairman. R Chhabra was elected at the meeting of the



Board of Directors of the Council held on 1st September 2021. He will be responsible for overseeing the operations of RCPSDC and work closely with its governing Council on strategic issues related to the growth of the Rubber, Chemical and Petrochemical industry in India. R Chhabra is also the CMD of Metro Tyres Ltd with over 38 years of experience in the Rubber sector. He is also the President of the Indian Cycle & Rickshaw Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ICRTMA).

RAILTEL: 28 students of Railtel's CSR initiative Akansha Super 30. Dehradun made it to JEE Mains 2021 bringing them one step closer to securing admission to premiere league engineering colleges like IIT. NIT and other Govt engineering colleges of India. In association with Centre for Social Responsibility and leadership, New Delhi, established a Super 30 Centre at Dehradun in 2015. This coaching centre provides free training to 30 underprivileged but talented students from Uttarakhand for 11 months for admission examinations of reputed engineering colleges like IIT, NIT and state engineering colleges.

PNB, during the festival season, has cut the interest rate on home loans above Rs 50 lakhs by 50 basis points. PNB has announced that now home loans are offered at 6.60% irrespective of any upper ceiling limit and will be linked with the applicant's credit score. The said rate is also applicable to balance transfer cases and is lowest among public sector banks. Bank has also announced offering top-up home loans at an attractive rate of interest to existing as well as balance transfer cases.

IRCTC has launched Shri Ramayana Yatra by Deluxe AC Tourists train to promote Religious Tourism. This tour will start from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on 7th Nov 2021 and cover the visit of all prominent places associated with the life of Lord Shri Rama. The tour will be completed in 17 days. First halt of this train will be Ayodhya where tourists will visit Shri Ram Janmbhumi temple and Hanuman temple and additionally Bharat Mandir at Nandigram.

BBPS; Global Talk Education Foundation in association with CED Foundation recently rewarded class X and XII school CBSE toppers of Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar-II, Delhi in a comprehensive virtual ceremony streamed live on CED foundation facebook page. The event was organised to honour the talent and the contribution of their mentors in facilitating their learning during the difficult times of Pandemic.

BHEL has added another feather in its cap by playing a key role in the successful implementation of the +800 kV, 6,000 MW Ultra High Voltage Direct Current (UHVDC) Link between the Western Region Grid (Raigarh, Chattisgarh) and the Southern Region Grid (Pugalur, Tamil Nadu). BHEL is proud to have been associated in building this prestigious project of national importance, which will bring relief to the power deficit Southern Grid.

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NOTIFICATION

The Directorate of Urban Land Transport invites applications from qualified candidates for certain contractual positions. Details could be seen on the website: www.urbantransport. kar.gov.in Last date for receiving the applications is 04.10.2021

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Tender No.

कार्यावय अवादाण जानवस्ता, ानाण नण्डल, १ण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, नई दिहरी दूरमाष : 01376-233911, E-mail: setehripeyjal@gmail.com

ई–निविदा सूचना .**कार्य का नाम** :- निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, उत्तरकाशी के अन्तर्गत जनपद उत्तरकाशी के विकास क्षेत्र भटवाड़ी में तिलोथ पिप्पंग पेयजल योजना के अन्तर्गत राईजिंग मेन्, सम्प कम सी०डब्लू०आर०, सर्विस जलाशय, ट्यूबवैल, पम्प हाऊस विद्युत / यांत्रिक कार्य एवं तत्सम्बन्धी समस्त निर्माण कार्य |

2.**कार्यदायी संस्था** :– निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, उत्तरकाशी **।** . अनुमानित लागत / कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 💝 रू० २००.०० लाख / १२ माह . निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि :— दिनांक 30.09.2021, समय 17.00 बजे अपरान्ह :- रू० 10000.00 + जी०एस०टी० 18%

विस्तृत ई—निविदा नोटिस एवं निविदा प्रपत्र <u>www.uktenders.gov.in</u> पोर्टल पर दिनांक 18 09 2021 को 17 00 बजे प्रकाशित की जायेगी। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता "जल संचय-जीवन संचय" कृपया जल श्रोतों को प्रदृषित होने से बचायें" वैधानिक चेतावनी-जल श्रोतों को प्रदृषित करना दण्डनीय अपराध है।

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.

Press Tender Notice (E-Tendering Mode Only) Online Tenders are hereby invited on tumkey basis (two part bid) by the

undersigned for & on behalf of Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4, from the Bidders/Joint venture firms/Co-operative Societies of Retired Employees of HPSEB Ltd., having A-Class Electrical contractor figerse from Chief Electrical inspector, for the following work-CEO/M&C/T, No 06/GIS-Maliana/2021-22

| De | escription of Work | Commissioning of | cturing, Erection, Testing and 33kV GIS indoorpanels on turnkay (Chamiana) Sub-Station under ED SEBL, Shimla | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Es | timated Cost | ₹ 523 Lacs | | | | |
| Ea | mest Money | ₹13,10,000/- | | | | |
| Cost of Tender Documents inclusive GST (Non-refundable) | | ₹ 6,900/- | | | | |
| Cq | mpletion period | 06 Months | | | | |
| Ke | y Dales:- | 00-10-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-0 | | | | |
| Date of online publication | | ation | 28.09.2021 | | | |
| 2. | 2. Start date and time of bid submission | | 28.09.2021 (at 11:30 AM) | | | |
| 3. End date and time of bid submission | | bid submission | 05.10.2021 (upto 11:30 AM) | | | |

The bid document is available online and bid shall be submitted online on website https://www.hptenders.gov.in. Bidders would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders are required to have digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying authority (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPSEBL may obtain the same from the website https://www.hplenders.gov.in, DSC is mandatory to participate in e-tendering. Bidders already possessing valid DSC issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender. Sd/- (Er. G.C Shandilya)

Date and time of opening of technol

comm. bid

INDIRA GANDHI DELHI TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN
(UNDER DELHI ACT 9 OF 2012, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
(ISO 9001 : 2015 CERTIFIED UNIVERSITY)
St. JAMES CHURCH, NEW CHURCH ROAD, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI - 110006

RECRUITMENT NOTICE NO.: IGDTUW/RECRUITMENT/2021/2 ADVERTISEMENT FOR VARIOUS TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING GROUP 'A' POSTS

Chief Engineer (OP) South, HPSEB Ltd., Shimle-4

06.10.2021 (at 11:30 AM)

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



Martyr of CISF on 19th September On 19 Sep 2007 No 9419877X Late Hav Shri Kumar Rai of 6/11 GR had made supreme sacrifice during OP Rakshak (J&K) in Sep

Colonel 11 GR & Sikkim Scouts and All Ranks

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B. I. T. SINDRI

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE Extension of the date for admission to M. Tech. (2021-2023)

Notice Title BIT/692 Dated: 26-08-2021 and No. 479 dated 26-08-21 Notice Reference Number

PR 252163 Science & Technology 21-22: D

Corrigendum Type Revised Date Extend Revised Extension of the date for admission to M. Tech. (2021-2023) Corrigendum Title

As directed, due to unavoidable circumstances the last date of application submission to the institute for M.Tech Course 2021-23 is extended to 24-09-2021. Also important dates are rescheduled as given below and the remaining terms and condition are same which has been given earlier.

Last date for form submission: 24-09-2021 (Friday) and hard copy should reach on or **before 28-09-2021**(Tuesday)

Intimation to short listed Candidates: 30.09.2021 (Thursday) (through Institute website). 1st Counseling cum admission of GATE qualified Candidates: 04-10-2021 (Monday) to

05-10-2021 (Tuesday) (Tentative). Second Counseling cum admission to GATE qualified candidates: 08-10-2021 (Friday) to

09-10-2021 (Saturday).

Interview/admission of sponsored candidates: 09-10-2021 (Saturday) Date of interview of Non-GATE Candidates: 20-10-2021 (Wednesday) to 21-10-

2021(Thursday) Declaration of result of Non-GATE Candidates: 23-10-2021 (Saturday)

Admission of Non-GATE Candidates: 25-10-2021 (Monday) Class commencing date: will be notified later.

Further details can be seen on website: www.bitsindri.ac.in

Sd/-Dean (Academic) BIT Sindri

PR 253465 (Science & Technology) 21-22 (D)

Notice Inviting e-Tender E-NIT NO 45/PHE/SPR OF 09/ 2021.DATED 17/09/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of J&K e-tenders (Two cover System) on Item Rate Basis including the maintenance cost for a period of (3) three Years which includes 12 months of DLP are invited from Reputed and resourceful contractors/Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of repute in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments for the following work, which should be uploaded on the Procuremen web portal http://jktenders.gov.infor the subjected work referred below to be received by the Superintending Engineer Hydralic Circle Distric Baramullah/Bandipora HQ. Sopore and as per the details mentioned in this e-tender notification and to whom all the terms and conditions of detailed e-NIT /Tender Documents/ PWD Form No:- 25 double are accepted. The detailed tender document and Specifications etc. can be downloaded on the e-procurement portal http://jkten-

- All Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A "append-
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce performance security @ 3% of totalcontract valve pledged to Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Baramulla/Bandipora HQ. Sopore in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 05 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after maintenance period is over.

| S. No | Name of Work | Estimated Cost (₹ in lacs) | Cost of TD (in ₹) | Time of completion | Class of Contract | Accord of Administrative Approval |
|----------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Composite tender for Design/Construction of 0.90 lac gallons capacity RCC,OHT having staging height of 25 mtr, 0.30 lc capacity clear water sump, Intake Channel, Sump Cum Pump House, Sluice Chamber and providing and laying of pipes for W.S.Scheme Fruit Mandi (under DCW) | Rs. 305.62 lacs | Rs.3000.00 | 120 days | AAY lass/Firms/Joint Venture of repute in PWD or equalent in CPWD/Railways/Othe r state Govt. | Accorded vide No: 14-Horti of 2018 dated: 15-02-2018. |

Position of Funds:- Available;

No: -PHE/Spr/CS/4327-44 Dated:17-09-2021 DIPK-8908/21

[REGISTRAR]

IGDTUW. Delhi

Major Head of Account: Deposit contribution works of Horticulture Deptt.

The Bidding documents consisting of eligibility criteria, specification, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the e-procurement Portal "http://jktenders.gov.in"as per schedule of dates given below:-

| S. No. | Description | | Time | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|----|------|------|------------|
| | | DD | MM | YYYY | |
| 1 | Publishing date of NIT | 17 | 09 | 2021 | 1600 hours |
| 2 | Download start date | 17 | 09 | 2021 | 1600 hours |
| 3 | Bid submission start date | 17 | 09 | 2021 | 1600 hours |
| 6 | Bid submission end date | 30 | 09 | 2021 | 1600 Hours |
| 7 | Bid opening date (Technical Cover) | 01 | 10 | 2021 | 1100 Hours |

26.0 For any clarification the Bidders can contact divisional office or can email the Department at the email :- xenphesopore@gmail.com

27.0 Any item of work which is required for satisfactory completion of the scheme / individual activity shall be exclusively responsibility of the contractor and no additional cost shall be paid to the contractor

28.0 In case of any disputes /differences, the jurisdiction shall be to the Courts situated in Srinagar only Supplies, if involved any, will be deducted at prevalent stock rates at the time of tender for such mate rial. We look forward to your active participation.

> For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir **Executive Engineer**

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| nd Extens | sion work in Engineering and Technology, | Architecture and Planning, Management, Applied Science and its allied areas and is | s committe | ed to foste | r excellen | ce. The Un | versity invit | es application |
| | e following positions in the Discipline/ De RY OF POSTS : GROUP 'A' - TEACHING | partment as mentioned against each by Direct Recruitment from qualified candidate | es:- | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| VACANC | IES FOR THE POST OF PROFESSOR | PAY SCALE/ LEVEL : Rs. 1,44,200 - 2,18,200 / Level-14, as per 7th CPC/UGC | | | 0.1 | | | T. t. l |
| SI. No. | | | Category | | | Total | | |
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| | Information Technology | | 01 | | 01 | 01 | | 03 |
| | Computer Science Engineering | | 01 | 01 | | 01 | | 03 |
| | Electronics and Communication Engineer | ring | | | | 01 | | 01 |
| | Mechanical & Automation Engineering | | 01 | 01 | | | | 02 |
| | Architecture and Planning | | 01 | | | | 01 | 02 |
| | English | | 01 | | | | | 01 |
| | | ROFESSOR - PAY SCALE/ LEVEL : Rs. 1,31,400 - 2,17,100 / Level-13 (AI), as p | | | | | | |
| _ | Information Technology | 02 | 01 | | 03 | 01 | 07 | |
| | Computer Science Engineering | | 01 | | 03 | | 04 | |
| | Electronics and Communication Engineer | | 01 | 01 | | | 01 | |
| 4 | Mechanical & Automation Engineering | | | | | 01 | | 02 |
| 5 | Architecture and Planning | | | | | 01 | | 02 |
| | Mathematics | | | | 01 | | | 01 |
| /ACANC | IES FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT PI | ROFESSOR* - PAY SCALE/ LEVEL : Rs. 57,700 - 1,82,400 / Level-10, as per 7th | CPC/UG | С | | | | |
| 1 | Information Technology | | 01 | | 02 | 01 | | 04 |
| 2 | Computer Science Engineering | | 04 | 01 | | 03 | 01 | 09 |
| 3 | Architecture and Planning | | | 01 | | 03 | | 04 |
| 4 | Physics | | | | | 01 | | 01 |
| 5 | Chemistry | | | 01 | | | | 01 |
| Two pos | ts of Assistant Professor are reserved for | PwBD, candidates of any category i.e. UR/SC/ST/OBC/EWS may apply. | | | | | | |
| ATEGOR | RY OF POSTS : GROUP 'A' - NON-TEAC | HING/MINISTERIAL | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Controller of Examinations | Pay Matrix Rs. 1,44,200 - 2,18,200 Level-14, As per 7th CPC | | | | | | 01 |
| 2 | Deputy Registrar | Pay Matrix Rs. 1,44,200 - 2,18,200 Level-14, As per 7th CPC Pay Matrix Rs. 78.800 - 2.09.200 Level-12. As per 7th CPC | | | | 01 | | 01 |
| 3 | Assistant Registrar | Pay Matrix Rs. 56,100 - 1,77,500 Level-12, As per 7th CPC | | | _ | 02 | | 02 |
| 4 | Assistant Registrar Assistant Controller of Examinations | | | | | | | 02 |
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he detailed advertisement and the link of online application will be available on the University website www.igdtuw.ac.in. Candidates are advised to regularly visit the University website for updates e

) EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🎉 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) E.C.Railway/Samastipur for and on behal of the President of India invites Open Tender from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways :-

SI. No. 1. Tender Notice No.: TC-71-2021-SPJ Name of work: Deep Screening by BCM in MNE-SHC section: 40.00 Km. in connection with Mansi-Saharsa TBR-40.00Km. Tender Value. (In ₹): 98,69,811.49 Earnest Money (In ₹): 0.00 Completion period of the work: 12

SI. No. 2. Tender Notice No.: TC-72-2021for the period 01.07.2021 to 30.06.2022 on section:- Zone-26: Zonal works for repair & maintenance of staff quarters in Gandak Colony Station Colony & Jitwarpur Colony under ADEN/Land/Samastipur. Tender Value. (In ₹): 41,00,000.00 Earnest Money (In ₹): 0.00 Completion period of the work: 12 Months

1. Last Date & time for receiving of Tender in E-Tender mode on IREPS web portal:- 08/10/2021 upto 12.00 hours. 2. Opening Date & time for E-Tender: 08/10/2021 after 12.00 hours. 3. Website particulars where complete details of tender & tender document can be seen on Website: www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments /modifications, if any shall not be published in the newspapers but the same shall be

uploaded in the website. Sr.Divisional Engineer/Co-ord E.C.Railway/Samastipur PR/0821/SPJ/ENGG/T/21-22/48

EASTERN RAILWAY **CORRIGENDUM to Tender Notice** No.: COM-PUB-HWH-SPIIIA-21-R1

COM-PUB-HWH-SPIIIB-21-R1, COM PUB-HWH-SPIIIC-21-R1, COM-PUB-HWH-SPIIID-21-R1. Name of work Reduction of Security Deposit in the tender for awarding rights for Commercial Publicity at Station Premises of all stations under Cluster III-A, III-B, III-C and III-D of Howrah Division for 01 year or till issue of RDN LOA by Railtel whichever is earlier Tender Security Deposit Clause should be read as 'The successful tenderer shall be required to submit Security Deposit (S.D.) in advance of an amount equivalent to 03 (three) months license fee within 15 days from date of issue of Letter of Acceptance (L.O.A.) in the form of irrevocable Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by a Nationalized Bank/Scheduled Commercial Bank instead of 'The successful tendere shall be required to submit Security Deposit (S.D.) in advance of an amoun equivalent to 06 months license fee within 15 days from date of issue of Letter of Acceptance (L.O.A.) in the form of irrevocable Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by a Nationalized Bank/Scheduled Commercial Bank'. All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered. Details of Corrigendum may be seen at www.ireps.gov.in

(HWH-121/2021-22)

New Delhi

(JSD) PHE Division Sopore

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank

(A Govt. of India Undertaking) Circle Sastra Patna North: 2nd Floor, Chanakya Tower, R-Block, Patna-800 001

POSSESSION NOTICE Possession Notice for Immovable Properties of borrower by the Authorised Officer

(For Immovable property) Punjab National Bank/ the Authorized Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest

Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned in the account calling upon the borrower to repay the amount as oned in the account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of said notice(s). The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taker possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred to him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read

with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned in the account. The borrower's/ guarantor's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

| Name of the | Name of the Account/ Borrower | Name of the Owner | Description of the property mortgaged | Date of Demand | Date of Possession | Amount outstanding | Name of the |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| Branch | | of the property | | Notice | Notice Affixed | as on date of demand notice | Authorised Officer/s |
| Baikatpur | M/s Shiv Shakti Traders, PropSri Mohan Prasad S/o Sri Ramashish Singh A/c No 1315008700001147 | Sri Mohan Prasad S/o Sri Ramashish Singh | EM of Land & Building situated at Mauza-Rusulpur, Thana-Khusrupur, Sub Registry-Patnacity, Sadar Registry & DisttPatna, Tauzi-Govt. of Bihar, Thana No.137, Khata No.35, Plot No.186(P), Area-10 Dhur covered by Sale Deed No. 7124 dated 13.11.2013 pertaining to Sri Mohan Prasad S/o Sri Ramashish Singh. Bounded by:-Noi | | 13.09.2021 | ₹14,90,261.05 (Rs. Fourteen lacs ninety thousand two hundred sixty one and five paise only) | Bikash Kumar |
| Daileataur | Cui Mulcada Kuman | Cri Novol | East-Warisan of Saudagar Prasad, West-Pl | ot hazahisse | | umar & Ranjit Kı | ımar. |
| Baikatpur | Sri Mukesh Kumar A/c No 1315008700000980, 131500IL00000205 | Sri Nawal Prasad S/o Sri Shyam Sunder Rai | Registered Mortgage of Land and Building vide Deed No.5538 Dtd.08/07/2015 situated at Mauza-Baikatpur, Thana-Khusrupur, DisttPatna, under Tauzi No881, Thana No135, Khata No890, Part Khesra Survey Plot No.2877, Sub and Sadar Registry Office Patna Sadar, Total Area-25 Decimal in the name of Sri Nawal Prasad | 30.06.2021 | | ₹25,28,330.08 (Rs. Twenty five lacs twenty eight thousand three hundred thirty and eight paise only) ai. Boundary:- No | Bikash Kumar orth-Railwa |
| Baikatpur | Md. Muslim S/o Md. | 1. Md. Kalim | Hunder, South-Sri Moti Gope, East-Sri Dine EM of Land and Building vide Deed No | sh Prasad, P | Plot No.2805, | West-Sri Munni I ₹24,00,563.16 | Lal Gope. Bikash |
| · | Salim A/c No 131500SG0000080, 1315008700001305, 131500CF00000519 | 2. Shalim & 3. Shamshu Miyan All S/o Late Shohrab Miyan | 15802 of 1970 Dtd.24.11.1970 situated at Mauza-Khusrupur, Pargana-Bhimpur, Thana-Fatuha, Sub Registry and Sadar Registry Office-Patna City, DisttPatna bearing Tauzi No2260, Thana No140, Khata No.26, Survey Khesra Part No241, Ward No.6 Total Area-6 dec in name of (1) Md. Kalim (2) Shalim & (3) Shamshu Miya | | 13.09.2021 | (Rs. Twenty four lacs five hundred sixty three and sixteen paisa only) | Kumar |
| . | | 1.0: | of Vendee, South-Md. Habibullah Miyan, E | East-Gali, W | | b Miyan & Śri (| Chowa Das |
| Baikatpur | M/s Varsha Hardware Prop. Sri Santosh Kumar A/c No 1315008700001031, 131500CF00000494 | Santosh Kumar S/o Late Ram | Registered Mortgage (in favour of PNB BO-Baikatpur) of Land and Building vide Deed No.9119 Dtd.30.11.2015 situated at Mouza-Baikatpur, P.S. & P.O-Khusrupur, DistPatna under Thana No135, Tauzi No16841, Khata No52, Khesra No2714 and 2715, under sub registry office Patnacity and Sadar Registry Office-Patna, Area-28½ Decimal (Originally pertaining to 1. Sri Pramod Kumar S/o Late Ram Das Sin | 30.06.2021 | 13.09.2021 Santosh Kun | ₹23,10,128.94 (Rs. Twenty three lacs ten thousand one hundred twenty eight and ninety four paise only) | Bikash Kumar |
| | | Das Singh | Boundary:- North-Ramdeo Prasad Singh, SRoad, West-Self (Mortgagor/Borrower). | South-Sambl | nu Prasad Si | ngh, East-Khusr | upur Station |
| Langartoli | Smt. Mamta Jha, W/o Late Sri Praveen Kumar Jha, A/c No 0474250008033 0474300015473 0474300009072 0474300014599 | Late Sri Praveen Kumar Jha, S/o Late Chakrapani Jha | Registered Mortgage of residential Flat vide Deed No.11155 Dtd 31.03.2011 situated at Flat No.202A, Block-2 on second floor, Mohalla-Rajendra Nagar, P.SKadamkuan, DistPatna, Ward no.18/43, Present Ward No.32, Circle No.29A (Rajendra Nagar), P.S-Code No.522, Zone No.3, within the limits of Patna Municipal Corporation Patna in the name of Late Sri Praveen Kumar | 29.06.2021 | 16.09.2021 | ₹26,11,748.00 (Rs. Twenty six lacs eleven thousand seven hundred forty eight only) | Bikash Kumar |
| Langartoli | Sri Aryan Singh | Nowal | No.203B, South-Open Space, East-Open S | pace, West-F | | | |
| Langartoli | Sri Aryan Singh, S/o Nawal Kishore Singh A/c No 0474300500097 | Nawal Kishore Singh | Registered Mortgage of Land and building vide Deed No.2745 Dtd 14.03.2019, Mauza-Musallahpur at present Mohalla-Yadav Lane, Mahal-Nirandrapur Khrauniya, Pargana-Azimabad, P.S-Kadamkuan, District-Patna, S.R.O & D.R.O-Patna under Tauzi No.229, Thana Code- 583, Ward No.13 new 48, Holding no.207/143, Sheet I | 23.06.2021 | | ₹70,57,240.00 (Rs. Seventy lacs fifty seven thousand two hundred forty only) | Bikash Kumar |
| | | | 5 Dhur in the name of Nawal Kishore Singh Murari Ram, East-Ram Swarath Singh Patic | . Boundary:- | North-Part P | lot No.1873, Sou | |
| Langartoli | M/s Ashok Pustak Bhandar, PropSri Anand Kumar, S/o Sri Ramdhani Prasad Singh A/c No HL-0474300011769 CC(H)-0474250009 973 | Smt. Kanti Devi, W/o Sri Anand Kumar and Sri Manoj Kumar S/o Sri Ramdhani Prasad Singh | EM of Land & Building situated at Mouza-Mihapur B Area, Thana-Kotwali Hal Thana-Jakkanpur, Sub and Sadar Registry & Distrpatna, Tauzi No.497, Thana No.19, Khata No.116, Khesra Survey Plot No.4(P), Ward No.11, Circle No.258, Holding No.498/404B, Area-1 Kattha vide Sale Deed no.22318 dated 18-09-2007 (Also covered by Sale Deed No.13286 dated 20.04.2011 in which Kumar S/o Sri Ramdhani Prasad Singh so Anand Kumar S/o Sri Ramdhani Prasad S | 02.02.2021 Smt. Kanti Dold their porti | 16.09.2021 evi, W/o Sri / on to Sri Ana dary:- North- | ₹36,74,476.84 (Rs. Thirty six lacs seventy four thousand four hundred seventy six and paise eighty four only) Anand Kumar arand Kumar) perts 8" Choura Sah | nd Sri Mano aining to Sr ayak Rasta |
| Langartoli | M/s Bhagwati Plastics, PropSmt. Kumari Pushplata A/c No 0474250010292 | Smt. Manju Kumari W/o Late Bhagirath Prasad Singh | South-Santosh Kumar and others, East-6" SEM of Land and Building vide Deed No.2069 Dtd 13.02.1991 situated at Mohalla-Sandalpur, Halka No.11, Khata No.669, Khesra No.1461, Nagar Parishad-Patna Municipal Corporation, Sub Registry-Patna City & Sadar, Distt-Patna, Total Area- 1 Kattha 4 Dhur in the name | 28.06.2021 | 16.09.2021 | ₹18,82,282.00 (Rs. Eighteen lacs eighty two thousand two hundred eighty two only) | Bikash Kumar |
| | | | of Smt. Manju Kumari W/o Late Bhagirath Prasad Singh S/o Sri Ram Chalitra Prasad Vendors, East-Self Vendors Plot No.1461 p. | Singh). Boul | ndary:- North | - Phagu Paswan | , South-Sel |
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Ton up for Mane in 3-0 win; City held by Southampton

REUTERS

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 18

MARTIN ODEGAARD scored his first goal on Saturday (Sept 18) since his permanent switch to Arsenal to further ease the pressure on Mikel Arteta, as Sadio Mane helped fire Liverpool to the top of the English Premier League.

Defending champions Manchester City dropped two points at home to Southampton after a 0-0 stalemate, while struggling Wolves lost their fourth match in five against 10-man Brentford.

Arsenal were rock bottom of the table before last week's fixtures but wins against Norwich and now Burnley lifted them to the relative comfort of 12th spot before the late game between Aston Villa and Everton.

Odegaard, who signed from Real Madrid last month after spending part of last season at the Emirates on loan, broke the deadlock in the 30th minute, curling home a free kick to give the visitors a 1-0 lead at Turf Moor.

Arsenal breathed a sigh of relief when the Video Assistant Referee overturned a penalty awarded to Burnley in the second half, after Matej Vydra tumbled to the turf following a challenge by new goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale.

Liverpool forward Mane continued his eye-catching run against Crystal Palace, netting in his ninth league match in a row against the London side to send Jurgen Klopp's men top of the table with a 3-0 win.

Mohamed Salah's glancing header from Konstantinos Tsimikas' corner was kept out by goalkeeper Vicente Guaita but Mane pounced to lash home his 100th goal for Liverpool in all competitions.

Salah doubled the Reds' lead in the 78th minute before Naby Keita sealed the win with a sweetly struck volley.

Liverpool, champions in the 2019-2020 season when they won a 19th top-flight title, have made an impressive start to the season, scoring 12 goals in their opening five games and conceding just once.

City drop points

City will rue their inability to beat Southampton at the Etihad after consecutive

It could have been worse for them after referee Jon Moss pointed to the spot when Kyle Walker bundled into the back of Adam Armstrong in the area, showing the England international a red card.

But the incident was reviewed by VAR and Moss eventually decided to overturn

The build-up to City's match was dominated by a row over attendance levels at the Etihad, with manager Pep Guardiola urging fans to fill empty seats in comments that irritated some supporters.

But fans were frustrated by battling



Ten of Sadio Mane's 100 goals for Liverpool have come against Crystal Palace, his most against a single opponent for the Reds. Reuters

| LIVERPOOL | 3-0 CRYSTALPALACE |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Mane 43' | |
| Salah 78' | |
| Keita 89' | |
| MAN CITY | 0-0 SOUTHAMPTON |
| BURNLEY | 0-1 ARSENAL |
| | Oedegaard 30' |
| | |

Southampton, who kept City's attackers at bay despite relentless pressure.

The home side thought they had snatched victory in the dying minutes after goalkeeper Alex McCarthy saved a Phil Foden header and Raheem Sterling tucked in the rebound but the flag was raised.

Watford beat Norwich 3-1 to condemn the newly promoted Canaries to their fifth consecutive defeat.

Watford took the lead in the 17th minute through Emmanuel Dennis but Teemu Pukki equalised before half time. Ismaila Sarr put the visitors back in front in the 63rd minute and scored again with 10 minutes to go. In the early kick-off, Ivan Toney scored a

goal and created another as 10-man Brentford beat Wolves 2-0 to maintain their impressive start to their first Premier League The 25-year-old striker won and converted a penalty before setting up Bryan

despite Shandon Baptiste's red card in the second half. Tottenham host Chelsea on Sunday while

Mbeumo as the Bees prevailed at Molineux

Cristiano Ronaldo's Manchester United travel

Out of depth vs Finland, India look for larger pool of players

'We need to look at the next bunch of guys', says captain Rajpal after visitors lose Davis Cup World Group 1 tie to Finland 3-1

SHAHIDJUDGE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 18

JARKKO NIEMINEN, a former World No 13 in singles, leapt off his chair to celebrate with his doubles team of Henri Kontinen, a former World No 1, and Harri Heliovaara, the current No 76. Finland had just beaten India 7-6(2), 7-6(2) in the doubles rubber of the World Group 1 tie in Espoo. And with the two singles wins from Friday, the Finns had secured a Finals

Playoffs spot for the first time since 2002. By the end of play on Saturday, Finland had recorded a 3-1 win over India - Prajnesh Gunneswaran picked up the consolation point by winning the dead fourth rubber 6-3, 7-5 against World No 491 Patrik Niklas-

While the Finns stand the chance of making the top tier of the competition, the Indians now face the danger of falling a rung further below. Their next tie will be in the Group 1 playoffs in 2022.

Key to Finland's win this weekend were the 20-year-old Otto Virtanen and 22-yearold Emil Ruusuvuori – who, ranked 74, was the highest-ranked singles player in the tie. Even their doubles team is aged 32 and 31, Heliovaara being the older player. And that was central to Nieminen's optimistic view about the future of Finnish tennis.

'Our singles players are young and improving every time we play," said the Finland captain after the tie. "We are stronger as a team. In theory, we can beat anybody on our day. We are getting closer (to the Davis Cup Finals). None of our players has played their best yet."

This was never going to be an easy tie for the Indians on an indoor court temporarily laid over an ice hockey rink in the Espoo Metro Areena. But it was not expected to have been that easy for the Finns either.

Prajnesh was well expected to beat World No 419 Virtanen in the opening rubber, and a win there would have piled on some pressure on Ruusuvuori in the second match against Ramkumar Ramanathan. But the lower-ranked player came up with an upset straight-sets win over the Indian ranked 165, setting the tone for the Finnish win.

"We lost momentum in the first match. We were hoping to get the first one and take it from there. it would have been a different scenario if we won that, but it held us back," explained India captain Rohit Rajpal.

Ramkumar lost 6-4, 7-5 to Ruusuvuori, making it 2-0 to the hosts after the first day. The Indians then switched Divij Sharan with Ramkumar to team up with Rohan



Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan lost the must-win doubles match 6-7(2), 6-7(2) to Henri Kontinen and Harri Heliovaara. Express file



Playoffs hopes thwarted, fight now to stay in second division

AFTER THE 3-1 defeat to Finland in the World Group 1 Davis Cup tie, India has failed to reach the Finals Playoffs (formerly called the World Group Playoffs) for the first time since 2013. The team will now have to play another tie, which will take place next year, to stay in the Group 1 (the second tier in Davis Cup). The Group 1 Playoffs will take place between all the teams like India that lost the Group 1 ties, and the teams that won their ties in the lower division Group 2. The draws for the Group 1 playoffs will only be established after the last set of matches, scheduled for November, are over.

Bopanna for the doubles match. The logic to give the Chennai-lad his first Davis Cup doubles match was his big-serving ability that could work well on the slow, low-bouncing

"We knew Ram and I were the right team to choose for this tie," said doubles World No 44 Rohan Bopanna, "We had chances and it could easily have gone to three sets.'

India will now have to compete in the World Group 1 Playoffs next year – a loss there will take them into the lower Group 2 for the first time since the format was introduced in 1983. "We need to have a larger pool of players

to pick from," Rajpal said. "To go forward we need to go back to the drawing board. Even in doubles, I was talking to Rohan, at 41, the younger guys are not pushing him. We need to look at the next bunch of guys. We need to have better players, better strategies." The best-of-five matches format is such

that just having a strong doubles team will not win the round. "The focus has to be getting the singles

wins, doubles is a part of it," Bopanna added. "If you're not winning (singles) matches, that's where we are going to be, unfortunately."

The last time an Indian won a singles match in Davis Cup against a higher-ranked player was when 164-ranked Somdev Devvarman beat then-No 40 Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic in 2015. Now the team is at the risk of falling into a lower division.

Pakistan will overcome, says PCB chief Raja after NZ pulls out of tour

REUTERS

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 18

NEW ZEALAND'S abrupt decision to pull out of its cricket tour of Pakistan has created "an unfortunate scenario" but the host knows how to overcome such crises, the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board Ramiz Raja said on Saturday. New Zealand abandoned the tour on the day of the opening fixture on Friday citing a government security alert, while England is also reconsidering its men's and women's team visits to Pakistan next month.

The tour was due to start with the first of three one-dayers in Rawalpindi but New Zealand did not travel to the stadium.

"It's an unfortunate scenario," Raja, who took over as Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman on Monday, said in a video posted on the board's Twitter handle. "But we've faced similar situations in the past and have always overcome them. We've tremendous resilience... it's a setback to staging international cricket in Pakistan but we'll overcome this crisis too."

Several Pakistan players took to Twitter to vent their anger and frustration at New Zealand's decision, Raja advised them to channel it into improving their performance.

anger and frustration through your performance on the field. If you become the best team in the world, others will queue up here to play you in Pakistan."

Local media reports said New Zealand

immediately available to elaborate when Reuters contacted him, while a New Zealand team spokesman declined to share travel plans.

in the wake of an attack by Islamist militants on the Sri Lanka team bus in Lahore in 2009 that killed six policemen and two civilians, and there are fears New Zealand's decision to leave will keep them away.

England is already reconsidering its limited-overs trip to Pakistan next month while Australia, which is scheduled to visit in

organisation was monitoring the situation and would "talk with the relevant authorities once more information becomes

losses in millions," the Dawn newspaper said after New Zealand's pullout.

Your personal stars

Mars, your splendid

planetary ruler, is in a

indicating that you'll

what other people are

saying and doing. You

must sympathise

helpful position,

rise above the generally irritating

there's little point in compromise

for the sake of it. However, if you

want partners to come round to

your point of view, you will have

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Do listen carefully to

o employ your diplomatic skills

conditions around you. You

know that you're right and

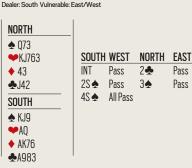
are stronger than usual. An intimate

and benefit from good turns

you've performed in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

BRIDGE



South plays in 3NT with the six of spades lead. As with all opening leads you should spend a second or two figuring out what it is. When you play low from dummy, East will play the five so you can win the trick with the The West Hand: S-A10864H-4D-Q92C-Q1065

The East Hand: S-52 H-109852D-J1085 C-K7 You are going to need four heart tricks. Five would be nice, too. When you attack them by leading the ace and queen, you will see West follow once and then show out. Overtaking the queen is not an option because you need four heart tricks, not three. How do you get to dummy after winning two

The only card that looks like an entry is the queen of spades. Sadly, it only looks like an entry. It isn't really an entry. Even if West has the ace, he can keep you from getting to your heart tricks. If you lead the king, he lets you have it. If you lead low, he jumps up with the ace and puts you right back in your

It is going down now but South had a chance and should have made it. Remember I asked you about that opening lead? If you use the rule of eleven, you will subtract six from eleven and that will tell you that there are five spades higher than the six in the other three hands. You can see three of these in your hand and two in dummy. West is marked with all the spades The solution to this hand is to win the king of spades at trick one and later lead

toward the queen, which will give you that needed entry.

Dealer: West Vulnerable: None

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| | ♥ KJ | ∽ A76 | |
| | ♦ 853 | ♦ 853 | |
| | ♣ 9863 | ♣ 9863 | |
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3C | Pass | 3D |

Pass 6NT Pass Pass Pass

work with. 6NT is going to need some luck. Specifically, South needs both South goes to dummy with the ten of spades and takes a club finesse. It wins but West shows out. Well, I suppose that is better than West's having the king. What is South's plan?

This is an under-stuffed contract, South having only 31 high card points to

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Gossips, grapevines or rumours (8) Divides (6)

Can be serviceably availed of (6 _Gokhale: the great patriot?

10. Table supports (8)

12. Eastern (8)

18. They are not skull and bones but they open any lock (8,4)

21. Early Dutch navigator (6) 22. One who abandons beliefs (8)

24. Distinguished fighters (8) 25. Small breed of fowl (6)

26. Making fun of, ridiculing (8)

27. Belgian port (6) DOWN Knock over, oust or overthrow by

force (8)

Steam organ (8)
Just nibbling at the food? (6,4,1,4)

Gain by labour (4)

Stops working after success or completing the task (5,2,4,4)

Extemporizes (2-4)

11. Awards (7) 14. "O, is poet" anagram for species of

16. Verbal banter (8) 17. Held in high regard (8)

19. Boiled slowly (6) 23. Eire or Ireland?(4)

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They behave like cats and mice (6) 4. Like an umbrella, furled or pulled

out(6,2) Get back, for example, in the fall (6)

"The animal requires water, darling," you say (8)

accommodation(8) 13. Grabbed by boys, warrant officer faints (6)

15. Involving the Third Form? (2,10) 18. Not fair - client could turn nasty

nobleman(8) 24. A layman of old!(8) 25. Acquire some road building

21. Thought nothing had got wasted 22. The lag in stir could be an old

material first to reach your goal (6)

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26. Institutions providing outlets after

DOWN 2. It's grand in actual fact!

study(8)

equilibrium

Chips are out up like an angel

27. It's a vessel, returned to a state of

3. One's prepared for an outpouring

after giving a summons 5. Was under obligation to love

 $during\,midweek\,?(4)$ 6. Association taking part in the

previous chain of events (4,4,3,4) 7. Wonder-working approached like

8. Not one to encourage corruption in speech (6)

11. Depressions beginning to vex bowling lanes

14. Motivate Bill with you in France 16. It strikes one this could singe imp

17. Ships not completing first gear

perhaps (8)

19. Acid to assist blind farmhouse victims (6)

20. Indicate there'll be no rise when you draw the dole

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If it's your Birthday

Sunday September 19

proceedings. It may be about four months before your life really begins to take off, when it does, you'll know it.

Monday September 20 Now is no time to sit at home moping. Get

out and make the most of your attractive attributes. You'll soon open the door to a new job offer. **Tuesday September 21**

What do you fancy? A year of energy,

passion and commitment? In that case

you've got it. Those with professional ambitions will be making a change.

Wednesday September 22 If you're planning personal activities, go for anything sociable. Your desires will change, and what makes sense now will be a different proposition in six months' time,

have a little flexibility. Thursday September 23

The future lies in your hands, but you're not certain what exactly to go for. You're waiting for a push from a partner. It would be better if you took the initiative yourself.

Friday September 24

You may be determined to press ahead with practical tasks, but you'll probably decide to put off until next week. On the other hand, if you like chaos, then you can do whatever you like.

Saturday September 25 Keep the big picture in mind. If you lay the foundations for your future enterprises firmly, you can be headed for success. Life will be even more fun when an old friend walks back into your life.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) You may be caught on the horns of a

ambitions should be your skin-deep and can be easily resolved if you approach the perspective. A younger relation

Pluto about to complete a alignments, a great deal of unspoken potential is in the air.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon's

the bright and the results could be more fortunate than you ever expected. And, in love, line up a

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You've struggled

but much more assistance is now available from willing helpers, so why not seek advice over the coming days $rather\,than\,just\,pressing\,on$ alone? You're about to receive a temporary respite from a

at a turning point. You are unlikely to notice

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

to your sign this have often been in short supply

will back your ideas, so why not take the lead and make sure they $still\, support\, you\, when\, the$

with their many various and

otherwise you'll misunderstand

their motives. At work, colleagues

often difficult situations

The general celestial situation suits you rather nicely, and many people who never gave you a second thought will soon find themselves having to behave in Capricornian ways,

certainly a good thing. However,

monetary ambitions mean that

you will have to spend more in AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) There could be one or two hold-ups at

home, mainly because of a partner's opposition. Professional plans are sailing along very nicely, although right now you probably feel as if you still have a supreme effort to make. You're right, but it will be easier than you think, so don't be

put off by imaginary worries.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Something curious is would be well

advised to keep a careful check on the legal situation. The last thing you want is to be ripped off somehow, or find that others have taken you for granted. A cash bonus provides a small comfort.

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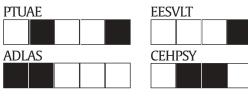
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JUMBLED WORDS

Pass

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the answer for the given quip - Alfred Lord Tennyson (3,5) Who is wise in love, love most



SOLUTION: TAUPE, SALAD, SVELTE, PSYCHE

Answer: Who is wise in love, love most, say least. - Alfred Lord Tennyson

Difficulty Level (4s) 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.

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 459



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) dilemma as the days

irrational and conditions at work

would never do, so get on and do

relationship with your sign helps create balanced conditions that are so important to your general wellbeing. If travel is on the agenda,

through thick and thin all by yourself,

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

anything right now but, over the coming few weeks, you'll have another stab at an engagement or association which flopped some time ago. It will be an immense relief when personal plans finally work out in your favour.



week, placing an undeniable accent on frivolity and friendship, commodities that in the past. Why not take advantage of a more relaxed tasks until later, but not for

"My message to the team is - vent your

Shock end

would return home on a chartered flight via the United Arab Emirates (UAE) after the shock end to its first Pakistan tour in 18 years. PCB chief executive Wasim Khan was not

Top teams have largely shunned Pakistan

February-March next year, also appears wary. A Cricket Australia spokesperson said the

The PCB was already staring at "financial

enters a new and fulfilling phase $whether\, career\, or\, worldly$ But if there's any possibility that next few weeks, this is the time to start raising funds. You'll

can show you the way forward. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Colleagues may be

could be tense. With complicated series of planetary and frustration will result if you fail to make the most of it. That

partner for a pleasant surprise. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

> or get nowhere. Obviously, you'll have a head start, which is

Your personal relationships are now

Your emotional Moon brings a challenging and passionate aspect

mood at work to defer irksome



Brazil football legend Pele, 80, is in a "stable" condition after "respiratory instability" early on Friday led to him being admitted to an intensive care unit, Sao Paulo's Albert Einstein hospital said in a statement. Concerns grew about Pele's health on Friday after local media reported that he had returned to an ICU that he had only just left earlier this week

Quarantine, fitness factors in team selection for CSK vs MI clash

TUSHAR BHADURI SEPTEMBER 18

ASTHE Indian Premier League resumes after a long hiatus, teams will generally look to go by what worked (and what didn't) before the break. But the task is not so simple for the team management. They will have to take into consideration various other factors as well such as 1) who is fit and available; 2) what is the quarantine situation of various players; and 3) who has played enough cricket of late to not be

A look at the XIs Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians may field in Dubai on Sunday:

Chennai Super Kings

Faf du Plessis' groin injury opens up a spot to partner Ruturaj Gaikwad. Robin Uthappa used to open for Kolkata Knight Riders but has not played for his new franchise. He could be pressed into service at the top. The only catch is that Uthappa has not played any competitive cricket for more than six months.

In that case, the CSK think tank may use Moeen Ali at the top to use a left-right combination as the England all-rounder is more than useful as an off-spinner as well.

Ambati Rayudu and Suresh Raina can be expected to score runs at a fair clip, but neither has played since May. But their experience will be valuable. Is there room for Cheteshwar Pujara at No. 3 to lend the line-up some solid-

Ravindra Jadeja and Shardul Thakur come in as genuine all-rounders while skipper MS Dhoni could be a floating option in the batting

There may be some freshness in the UAE pitches at the start of the tournament. Deepak Chahar and Josh Hazlewood can be a useful new-ball pair with leg-spinner Imran Tahir

completing the line-up.

NOTABLE OMISSIONS: Dwayne Bravo didn't bowl towards the end of the Caribbean Premier League due to a groin injury, and his batting is not what it used to be for him to be selected on its basis alone. And Hazlewood's better pedigree may keep out Lungi Ngidi from

Mumbai Indians

The defending champions have fewer selection conundrums. Rohit Sharma and Quinton de Kock open the batting ahead of a powerful sequence which features Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Pandya brothers Hardik and Krunal, followed by Kieron

CSK are likely to have several left-handers in their line-up – Moeen, Raina, Jadeja in the middle order – so there may be a temptation to play off-spinner Jayant Yadav. But leggie Rahul Chahar has more than held his own against left-handers in the past and shown enough skill and heart for the team management to go for the more attacking option.

That leaves three pacemen to complete the line-up. Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult walk into the line-up while Adam Milne may be drafted in to share the new ball with fellow Kiwi Boult and allow the skipper to keep Bumrah's overs for later in the innings and at

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Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma and CSK Captain MS Dhoni chat during the previous meeting between both teams in the IPL.

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Appetiser before main course

IPL-2021 Version 2 assumes the garb of a dress rehearsal before T20 World Cup

SANDIPG SEPTEMBER 18

THE RESTART of the Indian Premier League (IPL) doesn't feel like a restart at all. It does not feel like the second half of a tournament of two (forced) halves. But like a different tournament altogether, an un-hyped sequel, a related but different product altogether, without the narrative arcs of catharsis and escapism that had prefaced the prequel. The first part is a hazy memory, made to

look more distant by the intervening sportfilled five months. In this span, India lost the one-off World Test Championship final, reset and prevailed in a nail-biting Test series in England, and if you veer away from cricket, clasped their first-ever Olympic gold medal in athletics. The time-lapse of 144 days looks longer than it is.

Apart from the points table and stats board that serve as reminders of the past, it's, practically and fundamentally, a fresh tournament. The venues are different, some of the teams wear different looks, all of them have to start anew, reacquaint themselves to the mood and tempo of the most challenging franchise-T20 tournament.

Some players are flying straight after gruelling Test matches, some from The Hundred tournament in England, and others from hibernation. And before they get warmed up to IPL-2021, Version 2.0, it's nearly over - 30 games are break-necked

What has not changed is the lens through which IPL has been viewed. The lens of the World Cup. What they would see, or want to see through the glasses, though would be different. Back in the summer, it was an audition of sorts for the World Cup. Teams and strategies were semi-formed, there were spots up for grabs, a wider pool of players to be watched, assessed and analysed. It was a platform for a new star to burst forth, an avenue for out-of-form veterans to restore their touch, and needless to say, acquire some familiarity with the conditions (though India in May and October could be vastly dissimilar).

In the April-May instalment, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had encouraged most of its T20 regulars to compete in the IPL, even if it meant missing out on games against the touring New Zealanders, or a chunk of the series in India before that, because of the looming T20 World Cup. Every team wanted every IPL-contracted player of theirs to be in India.

Changed circumstances

Five months on, with all teams having filtered their squad, the IPL assumes the purpose of a dress rehearsal, or an extended, competitive warm-up. Like an ATP tournament before the Grand Slams, or a pitstop to check the fuel and gear of a race car.

Players going to the World Cup would look to adapt as much as they could to the conditions, gather local expertise of pitches climate and conditions, see how fine-tuned they are, gauge what would work and what might not, what lengths or what strokes could reap the maximum rewards, and study some of their prospective adversaries. Familiarising with venues where they could play a bulk of their matches could give players and teams a discernible edge in the World

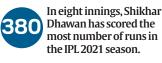
It helps that teams play at least a couple of games at every venue, so in effect when the World Cup arrives most of the players will have experienced playing on most surfaces. Though pitches for a particular game could be different, the difference would not be enormous. Sharjah has the flattest pitch and shortest boundaries, not coincidentally the most

high-scoring venue of all. Hence, batsmen here would fancy the aerial route more than at others. Abu Dhabi tends to get sluggish towards the back-end of tournaments and has the largest ground dimensions. It's where spinners would be the most dangerous, while fast bowlers would have a bit of a breeze to work with. Dubai is the slipperiest and bounciest of the surfaces in the Emirates, the groundsmen leave a bit of grass, which has facili-

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NUMBER PLATE





tated movement with the new ball. Hence, fast bowlers have (relatively) enjoyed bowling on this ground than the other two. The possibility of gaining first-hand

knowledge pleases South Africa coach Mark

"They'll be picking up bits of information about playing in those conditions that will really get them ready for a big tournament and if they manage themselves well and get some good time in the nets and get used to facilities, it will stand us in good stead," he said re-

Some believe it would level out the playing field too, more so as the Emirates had hosted the league earlier too. So feels Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell: "Probably makes it a little bit easier for there not to be as much of a home ground advantage. For the IPL to be there, to have a lot of international players that are potentially going to be in that World Cup over

there playing, I think it's probably levelled the playing field a fair bit.'

Indian edge

But even in the perceived absence of home advantage, India seem perceptibly advantaged. First, all of their squad players are expected to start every match. It cannot be said of others, some of whom even if they are undroppable for their country, are dispensable for their franchise, and often lose out in the juggle of overseas players.

For instance, Sunrisers Hyderabad's Jason Holder, or Delhi Capitals' Shimron Hetmyer and Steve Smith. Moreover, the roles of India's personnel for the franchises are more or less the same as they are for the country, KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma are openers for their country and club, Jasprit Bumrah is the deathbowler for both India and Mumbai Indians. Hardik Pandya would stride out for late-over blitzes, Ravindra Jadeja would apply the middle-over choke. Their acts for the country would be an extension of their franchise role.

It might be the case for many overseas players – some of their roles vary. For example, Delhi Capitals would expect Smith to be more explosive than he could be for Australia, for whom he is the stabiliser (by T20 metrics) around whom bigger hitters like David Warner and Glenn Maxwell thunder.

Holder opens the bowling for West Indies. searching for early wickets, while for Sunrisers. he delivers the stock bowler act. Role-acquaintance in this format, for athletes of the highest pedigree, is often overstated, but the power of subtle factors can't be understated either.

Yet, most national coaches and players would be delighted at this prospect of watching their players locked in a competitive tournament just ahead of the World Cup on the same set of grounds. By the time they assemble for the World Cup tilt, they already have a core in the groove, aware and acclimatised to the conditions, match-fit and match-ready.

Burning out too soon is not a fear either, as six-seven games would not leave much emotional or physical toll on them, even for the fast bowlers. It could, thus, pave the path towards an open, intense and high-quality World Cup.

BRIEFLY -

Hussamuddin enters boxing national quarterfinals

Bellary: Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg) stormed into the quarterfinals with a 5-0 win over Chhattisgarh's Sahil at the National Boxing Championships here on Saturday.Defending champion Hussamuddin, who is representing Services Sports Control Board (SSCB), displayed smart and mature boxing and landed plenty of punches to secure a unanimous 5-0 win. He will face Rushikesh Goud of Maharashtra on Sunday.In the other round of 16 match in the 57kg category, Haryana's Sachin was up against Manipur's Jobison Yengkokpam. World youth champion Sachin, who caused a huge upset on Friday by defeating world championship medallist Gaurav Bidhuri, made light work of his opponent and won 5-0 to book his spot in the quarters. In 54kg, Goa's Roshan Zamir produced a dominant show in the last round to outwit Suraj Bhan Singh of Rajasthan 3-2 in one of the closest bouts of the

Bains, Aishwarya claim double crowns at Athletics nationals

Warangal: Punjab's Harmilan Kaur Bains completed a double in women's middle-distance, winning the 800m to add to her 1500m gold in the 60th National Open Athletics Championships here on Saturday. Railways' B Aishwarya also claimed a horizontal jumps double by winning the triple jump less than 24 hours after claiming the long jump title.To her credit, she won both events with the best efforts of the year by an Indian woman jumper. Aishwarya, who won the long jump with a leap of 6.52m, edged out Renu Grewal of Haryana by 4cm to double her joy. Bains, 23, drew on her stamina and speed to show a clean pair of heels to Delhi runner KM Chanda for the fourth successive time this year. The Punjab athlete had won the 800-1500 double in the National Inter-State Championships in Patiala in June and though Chanda employed different tactics here, the Punjab runner was ready and emerged on top.

Raninder Singh re-elected NRAI prez for fourth time

Mohali: Seasoned administrator Raninder Singh was on Saturday reelected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for an unprecedented fourth term after he beat BSP MP Shyam Singh Yadav 56-3 in the elections here.Kanwar Sultan Singh was elected unopposed as the secretary general of the national shooting body, while Randeep Mann has been made the treasurer. Odisha MP Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo will continue to be the federation's senior vice-president besides the eight vice-presidents. The general body election of the NRAI had representation from 59 of its members, out of whom 56 voted in favour of Raninder, while 3 votes were cast in favour of his opponent Yadav, who is the president of the Uttar Pradesh State Rifle Association.

WIN-WIN SITUATION

Tokyo Olympics vindicates FIH's special treatment of Indian hockey

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 18

IN 2013, after the sport narrowly dodged an Olympic-sized snub, a desperate International Hockey Federation (FIH) turned to India for help – and to help.

Eight years later, both are smiling - for India, the performances of the men's and women's teams at the Tokyo Olympics could be the springboard for future success: for the FIH, it could be a turning point financially. And hockey, which almost got dropped from the Tokyo Olympics, may well have secured its spot in future Games.

"There is far more attention on hockey now in India. And that is good for international hockey, good for the FIH," the world body's chief executive Thierry Weil says.

In 2013, the mood wasn't so optimistic. In February that year, six months after the London Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) reviewed all 26 sports on its programme based on 39 criteria including popularity, TV ratings and ticket sales. The purpose was to remove the sports that performed worst on these counts from the Tokyo Olympics. Hockey just about survived that

In an instant, then FIH president Leandro Negre looked to India. "India is very important in keeping world hockey alive," Negre had said a day after the IOC vote.

But Indian hockey was slipping into oblivion – the men's team had finished 12th out of 12 teams in London, and couldn't even make the cut for some marguee competi-

The cash-strapped FIH and a struggling India entered into what was seen as a marriage of convenience. Smelling the commercial potential, the FIH took a step that is rare in any international sport: organise one major tournament in one country each year. Not just that, rules were tweaked in some cases to accommodate India in important tourna-



FIH chief executive Thierry Weil.

This way, India got a chance to play with the world's best teams every year. The team improved year on year, won the junior men's World Cup in 2016 and some of the players from that team became the heroes of the bronze-medal winning side in Tokyo.

In the boardroom

As India's performance improved, so did

its influence on the administrative and commercial sides. Today, half of FIH's sponsors are Indian companies and its president is also from India - Narinder Batra. But still, in January this year, it was reported that the FIH made a loss of \$715,000 in 2019.

Weil hopes the performances of Indian teams will help them "sign one or two commercial contracts.' "(With) the increase of attractiveness of

hockey in India, I am sure we will have more talks with companies for sponsorship." Weil a former FIFA marketing director, says. The performance of the Indian team (in

Tokyo) means more people will play, which works well for us. A lot of TV ratings too. That shows the potential of hockey and we can attract more international brands." Weil adds.

TV ratings will become crucial when a review for the Tokyo Olympics is conducted given that all events were held without spectators due to Covid-19 protocols. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, most hockey matches were played in half-empty stadiums. But in Tokyo, it seems to have garnered a good audience. "The TV ratings would be high in India. I am sure our ratings are much better than previous Olympics. Maybe at the end of the year, we will be able to make comparisons (with previous editions)," Weil says.

In Europe, more eyeballs haven't led to more revenue generation, which means the FIH keeps coming back to India with bigticket events. India has hosted two out of the last three men's World Cups and will conduct FIH's flagship tournament in 2023 as well.

Weil says they want to be 'careful' they don't come to India with 'everything' and 'people do not take interest anymore'. Instead, he says the FIH now hopes to raise the standard of teams like 'South Korea, Japan, South Africa and others' through its new tournament, the Nations Cup.

"In the last couple of years, there was too much monopoly in the high (ranked) teams. It will be good for hockey if we start to mix it

New Delhi

up and get teams like Japan, South Africa, South Korea and others to compete for podium places at the Olympics like India has,"

There had been speculation that the FIH and IOC were keen to make five-a-side hockey an Olympic sport. But with a bronze medal and a fourth-place finish, it is hoped that the IOC, which is trying to court the Indian market, will keep the 11-a-side format intact, given the current interest levels in the country.

"The popularity of hockey has increased with this. I think that FIH is really happy about what happened, because I don't think we have to worry about our Olympic status for the following years," former India women's team coach Sjoerd Marijne had said during a recent Indian Express Idea Exchange

It's almost like the sport has come full circle since 2013. And Weil, too, does not play down the significance of India's performance vis-à-vis the health of world hockey. "If it's good for India, it's good for the FIH."

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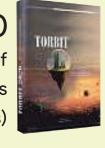
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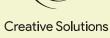




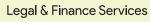


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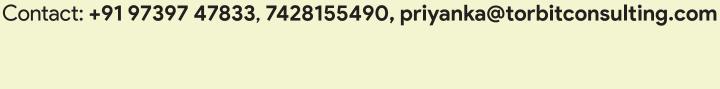










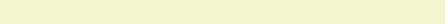














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