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Channi as 'aam aadmi': promises people's govt, free power, water for poor, farmers

Vows justice in Bargari sacrilege case, calls Rahul 'revolutionary'; Amarinder absent at swearing-in

KANCHAN VASDEV

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 20

SEEKING TO address issues over which his predecessor, Amarinder Singh, had faced criticism, new Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, in his first remarks after taking oath on Monday, underlined his accessibility as an "aam aadmi", assured support to farmers and the poor. and "justice" in the Bargari sacri-

Ahead of the Assembly elections in the state next year, Channi promised a reduction in power tariff, free power and water supply to farmers and the poor, waiver of their pending power and water bills of the last five years, and a transparent "people's government".

Channi, 58, became the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab after he was administered oath of office by Governor Banwarilal Purohit. Deputy Chief Ministers Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and O P Soni were also sworn in on Monday.

While Amarinder Singh stayed away, senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Harish Rawat, Ajay Maken and PCC chief Navjot Singh Sidhu were among those who attended

Speaking to reporters later, Channi said his government would continue free power and

BASHAARAT MASOOD

WITH THE India-Pakistan border

truce in its seventh month, the

top Army commander in

Kashmir said Monday that there

has been no ceasefire violation

from across the border in the

Valley. The General Officer

Commanding (GoC) of the

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No violation, instigation

by Pak since ceasefire in

Feb: top Army officer



GOVT & POLITICS

BOTH DEPUTY CMs FROM MAJHA; OPP **PLANS IN DISARRAY**

water supply to the agriculture sector, and extend it to the poor too. "Their pending water and power bills of the last five years will be waived off. I know these bills add up to lakhs. The water/ power connections which were cut due to non-payment of bills will also be restored," he said.

"We will make power cheaper so that it does not burn a hole in anybody's pocket. I know how expensive power hurts. My wife gives me a look CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Rahul Gandhi with the new CM Channi, as deputy CMs Soni (left), Randhawa look on. PTI

Day after, Rawat says Sidhu will lead in polls, Jakhar flays Sikh talk

MANOJCG, NAVJEEVAN **GOPAL, KANCHAN VASDEV** NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 20

WITH CONGRESS leader Harish Rawat's remarks that the forthcoming Assembly elections in Punjab will be fought under the leadership of Navjot Singh Sidhu triggering a political storm, the

MAHENDER SINGH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

A CONSIDERABLE decline in the

involvement of senior officers

has led to a dip in quality of op-

erations, such as not setting up

tactical resting sites for troops –

this is a key shortcoming listed

by the CRPF in a review of the

force's Chhattisgarh-based units

over the last two years. The

Indian Express has learnt.

MANRAL

party high command on Monday stepped in to clear the air, arguing that both Sidhu and newly appointed Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi will fight the elections together.

On Sunday, speaking to ANI after Channi was picked for the CM post, Rawat, AICC general secretary in charge of Punjab, had said that while the Congress's face for the coming

of ops down; officers keeping away

Indian Express that a detailed re-

port based on the review was

sent to units based in Sukma

Konta, Bijapur, Dantewada,

Jagdalpur, and Raipur on

September 17. In Chhattisgarh,

the CRPF is mainly involved in

anti-Maoist operations, and

maintenance of law and order,

A major finding of the review

by senior officials at the sector

headquarters is that the involve-

ment of senior officers at the

along with the state police.

Assembly polls in the state will be decided by the Congress president, "given the circumstances, elections will be fought with the Chief Minister's cabinet under the Puniab Congress Committee. whose chief, Navjot Singh Sidhu, is very popular"

On Monday, former Punjab PCC chief Sunil Jakhar, whose name was among the CM **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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ULFA TALKS: SARMA

Their involvement is a very

ably decreased.

CRPF Chhattisgarh review: Quality prior to departure for the US. However, it was not immedi-

ately clear whether tourists too would be allowed to enter the US.

vaccinated" would be deteragency of the US.

This point about which vaccines are acceptable, is at the heart of a diplomatic firestorm that erupted between the UK CÔNTINUED ON PAGE 2 starting October to reduce supply inequity in poorer nations. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviva said India's

vaccine manufacturers are expected to produce more than 30 crore doses in October for the domestic drive — and that surplus supply will be used to fulfill the country's commitment towards the global fight against Covid.

Mandaviya said Government is receiving 26 crore doses from domestic manufacturers this month, "The rate



India protests new UK jab rules, US to open to fully vaccinated in Nov

India sends memo, threatens 'reciprocity' as UK's Sept 17 order does not count Covishield vaccinated among jabbed

Heathrow Airport. Reuters

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

combat a ferocious second wave

India said Monday that it will re-

sume its flagship Vaccine Maitri

initiative in the fourth quarter

SHUBHAJIT ROY& **KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

ON A day that India threatened to retaliate against new British travel rules putting those who are vaccinated with Covishield in the category of the "unvaccinated", the US said it would open up to "fully vaccinated" travellers November onward.

The New York Times quoted Jeff Zients, the White House pandemic coordinator, as saying international travel was "critical to connecting families and friends, to fuelling small and large businesses, and to promoting the open exchange of ideas and culture".

Reports in the American media said the rule would apply to most countries including India. The US currently allows only its citizens and members of their immediate families, green card holders, and those with national interest exemptions (NIE), if they have been in India in the previous two weeks.

Zients told PBS that international travellers would require proof of full vaccination and a negative Covid-19 test up to 72 hours

Also, ABC News quoted Zients as saying that while the 14-day quarantine would go for fully vaccinated international travellers, the specific vaccines that qualify a traveller as "fully mined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the national public health



At the international arrivals area of Terminal 5 in London's

Covax stalled, India to

start vaccine export in

SO FAR, only 20% of the target population in low and lower-middle income countries have received the first Covid vaccine dose compared to 80% in high and uppermiddle income nations As the world's leading manufacturer, resumptiton of exports by India will help bridge this gap.

of vaccination is also constantly increasing. On four days, we have administered more than one crore doses each. Today also.

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THE WORLD

SHOOTING AT RUSSIA **UNIVERSITY LEAVES 6** DEAD, 28 INJURED

GoC, 15 Corps, Lt Gen Pandey

in Srinagar on Monday. PTI

Akhara Parishad chief found dead in UP, his 'suicide note' blames his disciple

MANISH SAHU& **MAULSHREE SETH** LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 20

MAHANT NARENDRA Giri, president of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad (ABAP), considered the largest grouping of sadhus in the country, was found dead at Baghambari math in Prayagraj on Monday.

Police said they found a seven-page 'suicide note' in which the mahant has held his disciple and yoga guru, Anand Giri, besides two others, responsible for his death. UP DGP Mukul Goel said the note would be sent for forensic examination.

Additional Director General (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said a team of the UP Police has been sent to Haridwar, where Anand Giri has been detained.

Kumar said that on Monday, around 5.20 pm, one of Giri's followers called police and informed them that the mahant had hung himself from a fan in his room at Baghambari math, where he stayed. The disciple told police that they cut the rope and brought the body down.

It was in 2016 that Giri first took over as chief of the Akhara Parishad. It was during his



Narendra Giri headed India's largest group of sadhus

tenure that the Parishad released a list of allegedly "fake saints". In 2019, Giri was elected chief of the Parishad for a second time. In April this year, Giri had tested positive for Covid-19.

For the past few months, the mahant had been involved in a public tussle with Anand Giri, with both sides accusing each other of, among other things, misappropriation of funds.

Giri is said to have got Anand Giri expelled from the Niranjani akhara following allegations that he went against the traditions of the akhara by keeping in touch with his family. While Anand Giri also accused his guru of financial irregularities, he is said to have later apologised.

In a statement to the media, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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In this episode, we take a look at what led to the resignation of Captain Amarinder Singh as Punjab CM, why the Congress picked Channi, and how it will affect the party

Two months after arrest, Raj Kundra granted bail in porn films case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

NEARLY TWO months after his arrest by the Mumbai Police crime branch, businessman Raj Kundra was granted bail by a metropolitan



magistrate's court in the case pertaining to alleged creation and publishing of pornographic films on mobile applications.

The development came after Kundra filed a fresh bail application last week after a supplementary chargesheet was filed naming him in the case.

In his plea filed through lawyer Prashant Patil, Kundra $had\,said\,that\,he\,was\,being\,made$ a scapegoat.

Patil said Kundra is likely to be released on Tuesday after completing bail formalities. He was granted bail on a surety of Rs 50,000 with certain conditions. In similar cases where Kundra apprehended arrest, he had sought anticipatory bail and has been granted interim protection from arrest, his lawyer said.

The 45-year-old's plea also said that while the police filed a chargesheet against the earlier arrested accused in April, there was no iota of evidence or allegation against Kundra. It said that after a "motivated investigation", the supplementary chargesheet was filed against him. He also said that other accused arrested in the case earlier have been granted bail and his plea should be considered on grounds of parity. The bail plea also said that the police had not been able to show any evidence regarding his connection with mobile apps Hotshots and Bollyfame where the said adult films were uploaded. His plea also said that he was not named in the FIR and his name was

dragged in the case by the police. The Mumbai Police had opposed the plea saying that there could be tampering of evidence and influencing of witnesses.

FROM PAGE ONE

Covax hobbling

there is a possibility that we might cross the one-crore

In October, we have a possibility of receiving more than 30 crore doses," he said.

"Looking ahead, we expect more doses as production increases. Biological E and other companies will also arrive with their vaccines in the market. Keeping this in view, in the next quarter, after fulfilling our domestic requirements and by further increasing vaccine production, we will take forward Vaccine Maitri," Mandaviya

India, the world's leading vaccine manufacturer, had started external supplies under Vaccine Maitri on January 20 in the form of grant-in-aid and commercial sales, and through COVAX, the multilateral initiative aimed at global access to Covid vaccines led by Gavi, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and WHO.

However, the initiative. through which 6.63 crore doses were exported, came to a halt in May, with India facing a severe shortage for its immunisation programme amid a surging second wave.

Monday's decision comes at a time when India's vaccination drive has surpassed 80 crore doses -- effectively, 65 per cent of the estimated adult population has received the first dose and 22 per cent fully vacci-

The latest announcement will have significant public health implications in poorer countries that are facing a critical shortfall in access to Covid vaccines. According to a joint COVAX statement issued on September 8, on its supply forecast for 2021 and early 2022, only 240 million doses had been delivered to 139 countries

Describing the current global access to vaccines as "unacceptable", the statement attributed the reduction in supplies to "export restrictions, particularly with respect to uncertainty around the resumption of exports from the Serum Institute of India (SII), a key CO-VAX supplier".

The other reasons that resulted in a reduction in global

India protests new UK jab rules, US to open to fully vaccinated in Nov

Under rules notified by the UK on September 17, only those who are inoculated "under an approved vaccination program in the UK, Europe, US, or UK vaccine programme overseas" will be considered fully vaccinated.

The list of countries whose vaccines are recognised in the UK does not include India, which means that individuals who are vaccinated with Covishield — the Indian variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine manufactured under licence in India – would continue to be subject to the restrictions that apply to the unvaccinated.

antine, the sources said.

The discrimination against as well, it is learned.

Under the new interna-

fect on October 4, travellers who are not recognised as being fully vaccinated with authorised vaccines and certificates will have to take a pre-departure RT-PCR test, further RT-PCR tests on Day 2 and Day 8 after their arrival in Britain, and self-isolate at their given address for 10 days after

The rules consider those who have got jabs under public health bodies of a host of countries - Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Dominica, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan - as fully vacci-Under the new rules, the UK

has replaced its current 'traffic light' system of red, amber, and green countries based on levels of Covid-19 risk with a single 'red' list. India is on the amber The two-tier system is ex-

pected to stay in place until the end of the year, with a review planned for early in the new Eighteen countries in

Europe have so far approved the Covishield vaccine as proof of immunity against Covid-19. They are France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Romania, and

The overwhelming majority of Indians - almost 88 per cent, making up 72 crore doses out of the total 81 crore doses that have been administered have got Covishield. Most of the remaining doses administered (about 9 crore) have been of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

Covishield is recognised by the WHO, and the United States and most other countries consider it as a safe and approved vaccine. Covaxin is approved by only a handful of countries.

Government sources told The Indian Express that the UK's decision to not approve Covishield was "purely administrative", and that countries where the vaccines made by Pfizer or Moderna have been given, are also impacted.

Congress leaders and former Union ministers Anand Sharma, Jairam Ramesh, and Shashi Tharoor on Monday slammed the UK's new travel

"UK Government's decision on not recognising fully vaccinated Indians is discriminatory, Racist and deserves strongest condemnation. Covishield is the same as Astrazeneca in the UK & manufactured under license by Serum Institute of India and exported to European countries including the UK. WHO has approved it too. A humiliation of Îndia – the world's largest vaccine manufacturer. Indian stu-

dents & citizens are being harassed and fleeced for exorbitant tests. Urging @PMOIndia to take a stand against UK's double standards & cancel the proposed India-UK Trade talks," Sharma posted on Twitter.

Tharoor said it was "offensive to ask fully vaccinated Indians to quarantine", and that because of the restrictions, he had pulled out of a debate at The Cambridge Union debating society and from launch events for the UK edition of his new

Jairam tweeted saying the UK decision was "absolutely bizarre" and "smacks of racism".

The Indian government has previously said it is working with several countries to recognise India's vaccine certification on a "mutual reciprocal basis".

India's High Commissioner to the UK Gaitri Issar Kumar had flagged this issue during the inaugural session of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) annual summit last week

"Our governments have agreed that for early economic recovery it's absolutely necessary to work on recognition of vaccine certificates to facilitate free movement of our people...," Kumar said. The matter had also been

raised by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla during his visit to the UK.

Seeking an apology from "such leaders", Jakhar said, "You may have a personal enmity, you take it out on me. But please do not put a blot on Punjab's name... Your real face has been exposed..

Following Jakhar's tweet calling Rawat's remarks "baffling", in Lucknow, Mayawati, whose BSP has tied up with Shiromani Akali Dal for the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls, took a dig at the Congress, saying she had "come to know through the media that the Assembly elections in Punjab will be fought under a non-Dalit leader".

"Making a Dalit the CM is nothing but an election stunt... Dalits need to be very alert to the Congress's double standards. I have full faith that the Dalits of Punjab will not fall for this stunt." she said.

The BJP, which is on the backfoot in the state owing to the farm agitation, also hit out at the Congress. "For seven decades, the Congress sidelined Dalits, who constitute 34 per cent of the population. They are now trying to use them by appointing a Dalit as a nightwatchman," said BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh.

Hitting back at the BJP, Akali Dal, BSP and AAP, Surjewala said they have "unwarrantedly, shamelessly and regrettably" resorted to attacking the candidature of Channi.

"May I ask Prime Minister Narendra Modi, you have been in power for seven long years... you and your allies are in power in over a dozen states, have you ever appointed a Dalit as Chief Minister of BJP? No. Channi is the only Dalit Chief Minister of the Congress. Channi is the only Dalit Chief Minister in India today. The other two Chief Ministers that Congress Party has come from backward classes, whether in Rajasthan, or whether in Chhattisgarh. That is the social justice being emulated by the Congress Party," he said.

No Pak violation

Srinagar-based 15 Corps also said that there have been only two known successful infiltration attempts by militants this year, including one on Sunday in the Uri sector, in which an Army soldier was injured.

Speaking about the rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan, GoC Lt Gen D P Pandey said there was no need to worry about any spillover of Afghan and Pakistan militants into Kashmir.

The ceasefire had been announced by India and Pakistan on February 25. Asked whether there had been any violations since, Pandey said: "This year, there has been none... At least, in the Kashmir Valley there has been zero (ceasefire violation)." The Lt Gen added, "Frankly

speaking, there has been no instigation from across the border... We are totally prepared for ceasefire violation... if anything happens, we are all set to respond appropriately." On the effect of the Taliban

rise in Kashmir, Pandey said: "Why are you worried? You are safe and would be kept safe."

He said if anyone picks up arms, they would face the consequences. "I am not looking at questions on the Taliban or foreign terrorists or local terrorists. For us, it has got nothing to do with the quality and quantity. If there is a gentleman who picks up a weapon, he will be neutralised either way -- by getting killed or by getting apprehended, and if he comes and offers (to) surrender, we will take surrender," he said.

Asked about the number of foreign militants in the Valley. the Lt Gen said that police estimated there were 60-70 of them, "who are basically Pakistanis". "Their strategy is to not carry out any terrorist attack, but motivate the local youth to action and give them arms so that they are killed in encounters. It benefits them in a way when a young boy from our country, our Kashmir, is killed. His family becomes angry with us.'

However, the GoC said, as per his knowledge, this year "only about two (infiltration) attempts have been successful".

Pandey said that while one had been in July, in Bandipore, a second attempt was suspected in Uri, and operations had been on for the past 24 hours to look for the infiltrators. "Are they on this side or have they gone back after making an attempt? That issue has not yet been clarified or verified on the ground," the Lt Gen said. The infiltration attempt had

resulted in a shootout on the Line of Control, resulting in injuries to a soldier. On Monday, mobile and Internet links in Uri were shut down, to prevent infiltrating militants access to any local contacts. Pandey added that while

there had been other attempts too, these had not been backed by Pakistan through ceasefire violations, unlike previous The Lt Gen was speaking on

the sidelines of a function to felicitate the first and second batch of the Army's Kashmir Super 30 (Medical) course, who are now successfully enrolled in MBBS and other courses after clearing NEET. Since the initiative was launched in June 2018, 68 students have successfully undergone the programme, the Army said.

CRPF review decline in the level of quality of

operations and their outcomes," the officer said. "Even LUPs are rare now,"

the officer said. LUP or Lying Up Position is the tactical site where a unit stops for a brief period during operations. "The location is chosen in a way that

New Delhi

forces are ready for an ambush or a raid after alerts from sentries posted on high features," the officer said.

In the review report, the sector headquarters has also asked units to follow specific guidelines while conducting operations.

"All operations must be led by GOs (gazetted officers - assistant commandant) and the strength of a single company should not be less than 45 and two companies' strength should not be less than 75. Each general duty battalion company and CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) troops should remain out for operations for a minimum of 15 days in a month," the officer

"The form of operations may be night ambush, ambush, and area domination duty. CoBRA units must participate in long duration and long distance operation with more than 48 hours and also do LUP," the of-

Every senior officer -- commandant.second-in-command (2IC), deputy commandant -has to lead a minimum of three operations and be involved in at least three LUPs in a month. "All operation ranges have been directed to make their strategy plan accordingly," the officer

On July 27, the Ministry of Home Affairs referred to the last major incident of left-wing extremism in Chhattisgarh in a Lok Sabha reply: "During a joint operation launched by the State Police and Para Military Forces, 22 security forces personnel -eight from CRPF and 14 from police were killed in exchange of fire with Left Wing Extremists in the area of Sukma on April 3 this year. Inputs indicate that some LWEs were also killed in this encounter."

On February 2, MoS (Home) G Kishan Reddy told Lok Sabha: "263 incidents reported in 2019 in which 22 personnel of security forces were killed, 22 civilians were killed, 79 left wing extremists (LWEs) were killed and 367 were arrested. In 2020, 315 incidents were reported in which 36 personnel of security forces were killed, 75 civilians were killed, 44 LWEs were killed and 320 were arrested."

Seer found dead

Anand Giri denied any misunderstanding between him and Giri and called the mahant's death a conspiracy hatched by those who had allegedly misappropriated math funds.

The mahant has in the past been vocal on political and religious issues.

Last year, a year after the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya title suit, a meeting of the Akhara Parishad, chaired by Giri, had passed a resolution saying they would initiate a campaign on the lines of Ram Janmabhoomi movement to free the Hindu temples" in Varanasi and Mathura.

Recently, Giri had also demanded the inclusion of the Akhara Parishad in the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and former CM Akhilesh Yadav expressed their condolences at Giri's death.

"The death of Akhara Parishad president Shri Narendra Giri ji is extremely sad. Being devoted to spiritual traditions, he played a major role in connecting many streams of Sant Samaj together. May the Lord give him a place at your feet. Om shanti," Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted. In an statement, Adityanath

called the mahant's death "an irreparable loss for the spiritual



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Sources told The Indian Express on Monday that New Delhi would invoke the "reciprocity principle" if the UK did

not review its decision. A note verbale has been sent to the British High Commission, saying British citizens too would be put in mandatory 10-day quar-

Indian travellers to the UK is also being taken up at the diplomatic level, sources said. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is likely to speak to the newly-appointed British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, they said. The health authorities of the two countries are in touch

tional travel rules that go into ef-

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AstraZeneca, and pending reg-

ulatory approvals for Novavax.

Maitri focussed on the imme-

Maldives, Bhutan, Bangladesh,

Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar.

as also Mauritius and

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95 nations across geographies,

including the smaller and more

vulnerable nations in Africa,

and conflict-hit regions like

each time we receive the power

aadmi", Channi thanked the

party's central leadership for el-

evating him to the top post. "I

am a poor man's son. I used to

pull a rickshaw. We used to live

in a kutcha house with no roof.

My mother would coat the

walls with mud. I understand

farmers' struggle and press

upon the Centre to repeal the

black farm laws". "Punjab is an

agrarian state. If the existence

of farmers is threatened, the

state is threatened... I stand

decision against the sand min-

ing mafia today itself. I urge the

sand mafia and other mafias to

stay away from me. I am not

their representative. I am a rep-

resentative of the poor," he said.

ple's man" and would ensure

that he was available to them.

"I keep my bed in my car so that

I am on the move and can start

meeting people at 5 am. I will

go to each house in the state. I

will function from the

Secretariat. The administrative

secretaries will be informed to-

day itself that they have to meet

people at least two days in a

week. They will be asked to go

to the directorates outside the

Secretariat to be available to the

Channi said he was a "peo-

"My government will take a

with them firmly," he said.

He said he would "join the

the pain of the poor," he said.

Calling himself an "aam

Channi

bill," he said.

The first phase of Vaccine

neighbourhood:

supplies are scale-up chal- public. Field officers will also be asked to be available to the pub-

lic," he said.

Amarinder Singh was known to seldom visit the Civil Secretariat, making access difficult. Channi said his government would deliver on the party high command's 18-point agenda

for the state, including the emotive Bargari sacrilege issue in which he assured "justice". The cases of sacrilege date back to October 2015, when torn pages of Guru Granth Sahib strewn outside a Bargari

outrage and death of two protesters in police firing. Channi also assured protesting government employees that their issues would be taken up, and appealed to them to get

gurudwara led to widespread

back to work. On his predecessor, Channi said Amarinder Singh "is also known as protector of Punjab's water rights", and assured that he would complete his unfinished work.

Channi later convened a

Cabinet meeting with his two deputy chief ministers that ended late at night. They discussed various pro-poor initiatives including the construction of 32,000 houses for economically weaker sections, increasing free electricity units from the existing 200 units to 300 units for SC/BC/BPL domestic consumers, waiving pending electricity bills of tubewells under the Rural Water Supply (RWS) scheme, and simplifying the process of allotment of fivemarla plots, according to a press release issued after the over three-hour-long meeting.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Deputy Chief Minister Randhawa said they would roll out these initiatives from October 2. "We held a long meeting and discussed many issues. The administrative secretaries have been asked to put up a proposal for the next Cabinet meeting. All these major decisions will be rolled out then." he said.

Channi is a three-time legislator from Chamkaur Sahib assembly constituency in Rupnagar district. He was among those who rebelled against Amarinder Singh.

Cong new row

probables, hit out at Rawat for his remarks, tweeting, "On the swearing-in @Charnjit_channi as Chief Minister, Mr Rawats's statement that "elections will be fought under Sidhu", is baffling. It's likely to undermine CM's authority but also negate the very 'raison d'être' of his selection for this position."

In an attempted damage control exercise, AICC communication department head Randeep Surjewala said, "I just spoke to Harish Rawat some minutes ago. He told me some of the friends could not see his statement in the right perspec-

"He had said that our chief minister is Charanjit Singh Channi, Our state Congress president is Navjot Singh Sidhu... so Sidhu is heading the organisation and Channi is heading and is the face of the Congress government. They will, with other leaders and our workers, fight the Punjab elections jointly," Surjewala told reporters. "This is the reality and truth," he added.

Meanwhile, the cracks in the party over the selection of the Chief Minister widened on Monday with Jakhar taking on Rajya Sabha MP Ambika Soni, whose suggestion of a Sikh CM for the state was seen as having scuttled lakhar's chances. Soni had on Sunday said she

had been offered the CM post, but she turned it down since she believed Punjab should have a Sikh as CM. Without naming Soni,

Jakhar said, "The making up of this Hindu vs Sikh issue is an insult to Punjab, which is so secular in character. We have faced so much in the state. It has come back to normal with so much of effort.'



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Fabiflu case: Proceedings against Gambhir's foundation stayed by HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE DELHI High Court Monday stayed proceedings in a criminal complaint filed by Delhi's Drugs Control Department against the Gautam Gambhir Foundation (GGF) before a Rohini court. The complaint, filed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, alleged unauthorised stocking and distribution of a Covid drug during a medical camp held by the foundation during the second wave in Delhi.

Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar passed the interim order in a quashing petition filed by the GGF and others. Issuing notice to the Drugs Control Department and seeking a reply, the court listed the case for hearing on

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE BJP'S Delhi unit Sunday ex-

pelled three sitting councillors

for six years over complaints of

"excessive financial corruption",

releasing a strongly worded letter

that read: "This is to inform you

that owing to several complaints

of excessive financial corruption

from the people, you have been

suspended from Bharatiya Janata

Party's membership for... six

years. You have been informed of

these complaints many times in

the past and asked to correct your

A look at what transpired be-

corrupt behaviour, but no im-

hind the scenes in each case:

Rajni Bablu Pandey, councillor

from New Ashok Nagar: An au-

dio recording went public last

August, purportedly between a

builder and Pandey's brother-in-

law Nishant, in which the former

can be heard saving he has given

money to him and a junior engi-

neer but the construction project

is stalled. AAP in a press confer-

ence alleged that the councillor

and her team are infamous in her

area because of such activities.

The BIP then formed a panel un-

der then EDMC standing com-

money exchanging hands for

construction... The committee

report suggested there was

truth in some of these allega-

tions," said a BJP office bearer.

"There were complaints of

mittee head Parvesh Sharma.

provement was seen...

December 8. "Till then, the proceedings are stayed," it said.

The GGF trustees — BJP MP Gautam Gambhir, his wife Natasha Gambhir, his mother Seema Gambhir and CEO Aparajita Singh — are accused in the case. The Drugs Control Department has alleged that GGF did not hold a licence for stocking or distribution of the drugs, including medical oxygen. The accused have contravened the provisions of Section 18 (c) 1940 & Rules thereunder and therefore have committed an offence which is punishable under Section 27(b)(ii) of the Act, the department said in its complaint

Senior advocate Atmaram NS Nadkarni, representing the peti-



GGF trustees - BJP MP Gautam Gambhir, his wife, his mother, and CEO – are accused in the case. Archive

tioners, argued before the court that this was not a matter where anyone hoarded medicine for the purpose of making money or enriching himself. "Unless the element of sale is there, the distribution or stocking by itself won't be

Pooja Madan, councillor

from Mukherjee Nagar: In

Madan's case, party insiders said.

her decision to join the AAP along

with her husband Sanjay appears

to have played a bigger role than

complaints against her. According

to sources, Delhi BJP leaders were

aware of their plan at least three

days earlier, and top leaders tried

to stop them on Sunday morning.

The two joined AAP hours after

Northeast district head Mohan

Goyal were not on good terms

over issues related to party activ-

ities, which may have prompted

her to leave. She said, "If I was cor-

rupt then why was action taken

Why was action taken so late?

Pandey and Thakur are over a

year old. Party insiders said

the Delhi BJP has learnt

through surveys that there is

resentment against several

councillors over perceived

corruption, especially to get

buildings constructed. With

polls nearing and the party

facing a three-term anti-in-

cumbency and a buoyant AAP,

the BIP wants to be seen as be-

ing proactive on the issue.

Express, "It takes time to inves-

tigate cases... but we want to

make it clear that if anyone is

found to be engaged in such

activity in future, there will be

strict action."

Gupta told The Indian

sources in the party said.

Complaints against both

just before my joining?...'

Sources said Madan and

the letter was made public.

In the petition filed by GGF

the petition contends further. "Initiating criminal proceedduty to be of service to their fel-

from April 22 to May 7 to provide help to people suffering from Covid, as per a statement given by the BJP MP to police in May. "A total of 2,628 strips of

Fabiflu were purchased from authorised vendors against prescription... Respective invoices were obtained by the foundation from vendors for said purchase," Gambhir had said, adding that 2,343 strips of the drug were distributed free of cost to attendants of Covid patients against the pre-

The department had initiated inquiries into the complaints alleging unlawful distribution of Covid drugs and oxygen in pursuance of orders passed by the High Court in June in a petition filed by Dr Deepak Singh.

200+ dengue cases so far, type 2 strain may be doing the rounds

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

DELHI HAS reported 211 cases of dengue between January 1 and September 18, out of which 87 have been reported this month. The weekly report compiled by the South MCD showed that 86 cases of malaria and 44 cases of

No death has been reported from the illnesses so far this year. The highest number of dengue cases recorded during the same period was in 2017 when the city saw 1,465 cases of the vector-borne disease.

chikungunya have also been re-

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In 2020, a total of 172 dengue cases were recorded during the same period.

'The spurt has not exceptionally climbed up, it looks like we are entering a static condition. We are witnessing more liver involvement and bleeding



87 cases have been reported this month. Archive

of nose, throat and skin. This was also seen earlier but the proportion of people with these symptoms has increased. This is a different strain, most probably

the type 2 strain that causes these symptoms," said Dr Suranjeet Chatterjee, department of internal medicine, Indraprastha Apollo hospitals.

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of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act,

EXPULSION OF 3 COUNCILLORS FROM PARTY

before the trial court in July.

How history of complaints,

looming polls forced BJP hand

Gautam Gambhir and some of-

fice bearers had also complained

against the councillor's relatives

to Delhi unit chief Adesh Gupta

The Indian Express, "This is a good

step. I had also complained

against her; such a step should

the party our entire life. Some

people wrongly spread the word

that I am joining AAP out of jeal-

ousy, so this action was taken...

The earlier allegations against me

have been cleared by the court."

Sanjay Thakur, councillor

from Said-ul-Ajaib: Thakur had

faced charges of real estate-re-

lated fraud and forgery. A com-

plaint over occupying govern-

ment land was registered

against him, and on June 10 last

year, another complaint was

filed against him for forcefully

gaining control of a person's

January 2020 by a retired profes-

sor from Patna against Thakur for

allegedly making fake property

documents. In April, AAP in a

press conference had alleged

Thakur was involved in extortion

and a nexus with some builders.

didn't give him an opportunity to

present his stand: "The building

mafia are working against me.

There are people in my own party

against me; some need tickets, so

all kinds of things are at play."

Thakur, however, said the BJP

There was also a complaint in

house in Greater Kailash.

Pandey said, "We will be with

have been taken earlier...'

On Monday, Gambhir told

and urged action against her.

an offence," he argued, referring

and others through advocate Jai Anant Dehadrai, it has been argued that the department ought to have considered that Covid has been declared a pandemic and "community support and charity services" provided by them to suffering families ought not to have been penalised. Public health infrastructure had virtually collapsed "on account of the failure of the state government",

ings against social workers who, without care for their own safety, went over and above their call of low citizens would be a gross miscarriage of justice," reads the plea. GGF had organised a free scription produced by them.

Man held for raping minor girl in Palwal

Gurgaon: Police have arrested a man for allegedly raping a minor girl at gunpoint in Palwal after threatening to share her photos on social media. The accused was produced before a district court and sent to twoday police remand.

Police said the incident took place on July 20, but the girl did not tell anyone initially as the accused had threatened to kill her. On July 20, the accused

blackmailed her into meeting him outside her house at midnight and took her in a car to a godown. An accomplice of the accused was driving the car. The girl alleged he raped her near the godown at gunpoint.

Palwal police spokesperson Sanjay said, "An FIR was registered at the women's police station. The accused was arrested from Gurgaon, Monday." ENS

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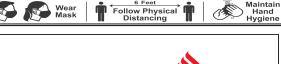
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Two Tihar inmates injured in 'clash', third such case at prison in two weeks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 20

TWO TIHAR inmates sustained multiple injuries after they allegedly attacked each other with sharp objects. One of them, aged 33, was rushed to a hospital by jail guards after they found the men lying on the ground with stab injuries

A jail official said the incident took place Saturday evening and the men are stable. An enquiry is being conducted.

This is the third incident in the last two weeks of inmates attacking each other with sharp objects or knives inside the

Sources in the Delhi Police said they are looking into the uptick in such cases.

On September 11, two inmates - Naresh Dutt and Brijesh alias Kalu – were injured after seven to ten men clashed inside jail number 3 in Tihar. The fight started over an old enmity between local gangs

Dutt and Kalu sustained injuries on their abdomen and

A day later, another fight broke out at jail number 3 and one Vikas Dhull was attacked by inmate Vikas Chopra. Officials said Chopra used a surgical blade to stab Dhull.

Sandeep Goel, Delhi Prisons DG, said inmates injured in all these cases were rushed to DDU hospital in time and discharged

Officials acknowledged that security inside jails, especially Tihar, has become a big issue.

A senior police officer from the Western Range confirmed the cases and said they will conduct an investigation against the inmates and jail staffers in-

"We can only lodge complainants and conduct an enquiry but security of all inmates is not under our jurisdiction. Jail officials must take preventive measures. How can inmates procure such weapons from inside jails?" said the officer.

The officer also pointed to the murder of 28-year-old gangster Ankit Gujjar inside Tihar jail in August this year. A preliminary enquiry in the case had revealed negligence of jail staffers and involvement of at least four iail officials.

"Two other inmates were injured. We have found that a few jail staffers help inmates get weapons. We have asked senior jail superintendents to conduct regular checks inside the prisons to avoid such clashes," said

Responding to the allega-tions, jail officials said weekly checks are conducted at all three jails — Tihar, Mandoli and Rohini. The population inside the jails is more than 20,000 and inmates often break windows or use kitchen material or furniture as weapons.

"We do take adequate measures to keep such incidents un-



A FINE BALANCE

A train heading to Delhi from Noli railway station in Ghaziabad, Monday. Praveen Khanna

MOST PRIVATE SCHOOLS YET TO OPEN DOORS

Gurgaon's govt schools reopen for classes I-III, modest turnout on day 1

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 20

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS reopened in Gurgaon for students of classes I to III on Monday most reported a moderate turnout, with officials saying this is expected to increase in the coming days.

On Friday, state education minister Kanwar Pal had announced that schools will reopen in Haryana for classes I-III from September 20 and that classes would be held strictly adhering to Covid-19 SOPs issued by the ministry. The ministry had stated that it was not mandatory for students to come to school and online classes would continue simultaneously. To attend school, students require written permission from their parents.

Sanklesh Mehra, principal of the government girls' school in Kanhai, said about 45% of students in these three grades came



At a government school in Sector 4. To attend school. students require written permission from their parents.

to school on Monday. "As many as 70 students attended physical classes. Children were sensitised about social distancing norms, cleanliness and washing their hands. We have also reached out to parents of children, some of whom have returned to their villages, and asked them to attend physical classes. For children

studying online, teachers are sharing study material and lessons virtually.'

The ministry guidelines state that a gap of six feet must be maintained between two students, masks need to be compulsorily worn, and thermal scanning and hand sanitisation should be conducted at the en-

trance. One student is allowed to sit at each desk and sharing of food is prohibited.

Sattan Pal, principal of a government senior secondary school in Kadipur, said, "Out of 935, a total of 389 students in classes I to III attended school today. Some of the children were excited to be attending classes after over 18 months.' Most private schools in the

city are yet to call students of these classes. Several said they had sent consent forms to parents and would start calling students gradually. In the weeks prior, schools have addressed concerns of parents regarding Covid-appropriate protocol at

"We had sent out a circular to parents and received their consent forms. The first class for grades I-III is scheduled for Wednesday. As of now, we are expecting a strength of 18-20% for these classes," said Aditi Misra, principal, Delhi Public

ing their children to attend school: "Parents have mentioned that since kids are not vaccinated yet, they have apprehensions. Some families have elderly people at home, so they fear that kids could be carriers of infection if they go out. We have ensured that there is ample space for children for social distancing and that all protocols related to masks and sanitisation will be followed. If parents feel comfortable, students are most welcome to attend classes at school. I feel once children talk among themselves about their experience of going to school again, it will have a ripple effect."

She added that parents had

several concerns before allow-

Another principal of a private school in the city said, "We have not started calling them [students of classes I to III] yet. The process is yet to start.

In Haryana, schools reopened for classes IV and V from September 1 and for classes VI to

Another 'terror plot' arrest: Man

BRIEFLY

Delhi Skill university announces tie-up for two BMS programmes

New Delhi: The Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University has announced an industry tieup for apprenticeship embedded courses, this time for programmes in Bachelor in Management Studies in land transportation and e-commerce. It has signed an MoU with the Logistics Sector Skill Council to launch it in these two programmes.

'Pusa bio decomposer preparation to begin earlier'

New Delhi: Delhi's environment minister Gopal Rai said preparation of the Pusa bio-decomposer will start earlier this year so farmers get enough time to let the stubble decompose. "Last time when we were preparing to spray the bio-decomposer, farmers told us preparations should've started earlier so they can sow the next crop... The Kejriwal government will start preparing it on September 24," he said.

'Licence for wedding chariot can be taken online'

New Delhi: The permission for using wedding horses or Ghodi Baggi (chariot) for bridegroom could now be taken online as the North Delhi **Municipal Corporation** has allowed the proposal. The licenses could be later taken by the zonal offices after submitting documents and fees online. ENS

PIL against AAP over govt's Ganesh Chaturthi event, HC issues notice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE DELHI High Court Monday ment and Election Commission of India (ECI) to respond to a petition seeking derecognition of the Aam Aadmi Party. A PIL filed before the court has alleged that the AAP government organised and promoted a Ganesh Chaturthi puja on September 10 in contravention of the Constitution, which declares India a secular country.

The division bench of Chief Justice DNP atel and Justice Amit Bansal listed the matter for further hearing on November 8 after the counsel representing the authorities sought time to file their replies. "Keep your answer ready next time that what do you want to say on the issues involved in this writ petition," the court told the counsel representing the Delhi government and Centre.

The petitioner, advocate M L Sharma, argued before the court that AAP and its ministers had taken an oath that they will remain loyal to the Constitution of

The State and any person connected to it are not allowed to organise any kind of religious activity, he contended.

Sharma's petition also seeks registration of an FIR in the matter. The petition alleges that the government released a "heavy amount" to various television channels to advertise the puja, which was broadcast live on September 10.

Senior advocate Rahul Mehra, representing the government, argued that it was a politically motivated petition and asked the court to dismiss it with

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Senior advocate Rahul Mehra, representing the government, argued that it was a politically motivated petition and asked the court to dismiss it with costs. He called it "a mischievous petition"

tion. An attempt is being made through this petition that somehow some kind of communal disharmony should be instigated," Mehra contended.

costs. "It is a mischievous peti-

Mehra submitted that the government had taken the initiative - the live broadcast of Ganesh Chaturthi puja - on account of the Covid pandemic and there was no violation of any law or the Constitution. Delhi was probably the only state which banned Ganesh Chaturthi celebration on a mass-scale to prevent the third wave, he told the

"Various governments across the board... There are Kumbh Amarnath Yatra. Mansorvar Yatra. It is the solemn duty of the State and the Union that the people who have certain faith, their public health is looked into, they are given good kind of facilities while these vatras are there. It is a laudable objective," Mehra argued.

The counsel representing the ECI submitted that there is no such power vested in the commission for deregistration or derecognition of a political party once it is registered.

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FIR against two IB officers for 'cheating' man of Rs 17 lakh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE DELHI Police has registered an FIR against two Intelligence Bureau (IB) officers who allegedly cheated a man on the pretext of providing him a job in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Police said the complainant, Pardeep Kumar, alleged that the officers, Pramod Kumar and Mahinder Gusain, cheated him of Rs 17 lakh. Pardeep lives in UP's Gautam Budh Nagar and works at his father's store. Police said they are investigating the

In the FIR registered on September 14 at North Avenue police station under sections of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy, Pardeep alleged that Pramod "lured" him with a job in the ministry for which he had to pay the money in 2014. "He (Pramod) claimed that

some vacancies were notified by

The complainant alleged the duo cheated him on the pretext of getting him a job in the MHA

the postal department of the Home Ministry for which I was $eligible, being\,a\,postgraduate.\,He$ told me it would require Rs 17 lakh, partially as a kind of fee towards training and partially to be paid to a senior official in the Home Ministry for processing my application. Thinking there was nothing wrong or suspicious, I went ahead with it," the FIR read.

After he made the payment, the complainant received several appointment letters and other forms from the Home Ministry. However, he later found that the job didn't exist and contacted Pramod to return the money, it is alleged.

The accused allegedly told Pardeep that he is an IB officer and will get his work done with the help of another officer, Gusain, who is posted as a security assistant with the MHA.

Pardeep claimed he later found that Pramod cheated other persons as well. "When I asked him for my money, he refused and threatened to use his influence in the IB and get me implicated in a false case," reads

Police sources said the two accused are security personnel at IB. Pardeep also alleged that the duo forged medical reports and appointment letters to show him that he got a job as a dak rider in IB. It was only in 2020, when the complainant and his lawyer filed an RTI, that they came to know that all documents were forged and there is no such post.

The complainant and Pramod hail from the same vil-

who ran coaching institute Mohammed Shaikh, who was **SAGAR RAJPUT**

& SADAF MODAK MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 20

THE MAHARASHTRA anti-terrorism squad (ATS) Sunday arrested another suspect in connection with the Delhi terror module case. The suspect, Rizwan Ibrahim Momin, is a teacher who runs a coaching classes institute with four branches in suburban Mumbai.

Investigators said Rizwan was arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (LIAPA) after he was allegedly mentioned as a contact by Zakir Hussain Shaikh, arrested by the ATS last Saturday. Zakir was arrested for his alleged links with one of the six arrested last week by the Delhi Police Special Cell.

Rizwan and Zakir were produced in a special court Monday and remanded in judicial custody till October 4.

The ATS claims Zakir and Jaan

arrested by Special Cell on September 14, were in touch with a Pakistani national who used a fictitious name, Anthony, alias Anwar alias Anas.

"Soon after Sheikh was arrested by the Special Cell, Zakir realised that even his house would be raided, due to which he went to Rizwan's Mumbra residence and staved there for two days," claimed an officer.

The ATS claims Zakir was using Rizwan's phone to make calls to handlers in Pakistan. Following Zakir's arrest, the ATS alleged, Rizwan broke his phone into three pieces and threw it in a nullah near his house.

"Zakir had given him his phone to destroy it, due to which Rizwan has been booked under IPC section 201 (destruction of evidence) along with section 18 (punishment for conspiracy) of the UAPA," said an officer.

Rizwan was picked up on Saturday evening from his resi-

showed that over 80 crore peo-

ple in India have been

covered under India's Covid

vaccination programme till

dence and taken to the ATS office for questioning. He was arrested early Sunday. "After interrogating him, all pieces of the phone were recovered from the nullah. We have sent it for forensic examination and are trying to retrieve data," said an officer.

The Indian Express has learnt that Rizwan runs a tutorial school with a partner, with branches in Andheri, Kurla, Bandra and, since last year, in Mumbra.

The ATS said he was not directly in touch with anyone from the foreign country, but would allegedly follow instructions he received from Zakir. ATS officials said Rizwan was doing this for money. Asked why the ATS did not seek police custody of the two arrested accused, an officer said, "We may need their custody after we arrest other suspects who may be involved, and also we are yet to get the forensic report of their phone. So we will take their custody then."

MANDAVIYA, NADDA VISIT AIIMS VACCINATION SITE

All 6 AIIMS must work together, says Health Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

HEALTH Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Monday urged all the AIIMS in the country to coordinate with each other so that the best healthcare can be provided to the public. He held a review meeting of the institutes from AIIMS, New Delhi, after visiting the vaccination site along with BJP president I P Nadda

"Today, a review meeting of six AIIMS of the country was

held from AIIMS, New Delhi. In AIIMS, there was discussion about construction work and research of modern infrastructure and specialist departments of many diseases. I call upon all AIIMS in the country to coordinate with each other so that we can provide the best healthcare to the public," he tweeted.

Both Nadda and Mandaviya also interacted with several beneficiaries at the vaccination site in AIIMS. The data shared by the

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Monday



The leaders interacted with several beneficiaries at the vaccination site in AIIMS. Abhinav Saho

Sunday evening. After meeting the benefici-

New Delhi

aries, Nadda spoke about the ongoing vaccination drive and said that the opposition parties should introspect over their "irresponsible" statements about the Covid vaccination programme of the Modi government that has proved to be the "biggest and fastest" in the

"Over 2.5 crore people were

vaccinated on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 71st birthday on September 17, setting a world record in vaccination. It proves that this campaign is the biggest and fastest in the world. The opposition parties should introspect over their silence on 2.5 crore vaccinations on September 17 and their irresponsible and laughable statements in the past one year on the vaccination drive. They should think about what impression they have left on the society and their role in a democracy," said Nadda.

Christians at forefront

jihad: NDA ally leader

of conversions, love

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

SEPTEMBER 20

PROMINENT HINDU Ezhava

leader and Sree Narayana

eral secretary Vellappally

Natesan on Monday said that it was not the Muslim community

but Christians who are at the

Natesan, who is the patron of

marks of Pala Bishop Joseph

Kallarangatt, saying it was "not

right to target Muslim commu-

Christian woman is taken to

Muslim community. Whereas in

conversion, an entire family is go-

"When a Christian woman

nity" on the issue.

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5 GOVT & POLITICS





OFF TO THE HILLS

TILL SUNDAY night, Rahul Gandhi had no plan to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Charanjit Singh Channi, the new Punjab Chief Minister. On Monday, however, he decided to attend the oath-taking function of the new government. Rahul landed in Chandigarh, attended the ceremony and then took off to Shimla to join his mother Sonia Gandhi and sister and AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who has a bungalow at Chharabra. Earlier in the day, Sonia landed in Chandigarh and went to Shimla by road. Rahul and Priyanka are expected to be back in a couple of days.

CHANGING COLOURS

AFTER JOINING Trinamool Congress, Babul Supriyo has been quick to accept his new role. Supriyo not only changed his Twitter profile picture to one in which he is being greeted by his new party leader Mamata Banerjee, he also took a dig at his former party colleague Dilip Ghosh, who on Monday was made the BJP national vice-president. Posting a screenshot of purportedly Ghosh's social media profile description, where his new designation is written in Bengali, Supriyo tweeted to say that Ghosh had described his new role in "wrong Bangla". He even said "on a lighter note" that Ghosh would need to borrow from him the Bengali grammar book 'Barnaparichay'.

Upskilling Plan

THE GOVERNMENT wants to upgrade the skills of the civil servants, make them future ready, and for that it is seeking the expertise of the private sector. It has invited bids from consultants to come on board and prepare what is called the Framework of Roles, Activities and Competencies for civil servants in India. Each competency will have multiple levels of proficiency, organised in a manner depicting gradual progression from one level to the other. Thus, as civil service officials progress in their career, the government desires that they gain new competencies and evolve. Through the framework, civil servants will have visibility of the roles, activities and competencies required to effectively deliver on the outcomes expected from them currently and in future, the bid document says.

DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST RAHUL GANDHI

HC dismisses plea for admission of 2014 speech transcript as evidence

OMKAR GOKHALE

THE BOMBAY High Court on Monday dismissed a writ petition by an RSS functionary, seeking that the transcript of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's speech made in 2014, in which he allegedly blamed the RSS for Mahatma Gandhi's assassination. be admitted as evidence in a defamation case against him.

Rajesh Kunte, a functionary of the Bhiwandi unit of the Rashtriva Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), had challenged the September 2018 order of the magistrate court that rejected his application seeking to admit as evidence a transcript copy of the speech by the senior Congress leader.

A single-judge bench of Justice Revati Mohite-Dere on Monday upheld the trial court order and rejected Kunte's plea. Earlier, on August 11, the HC had reserved the plea for the verdict.

Advocate Niteen Pradhan for the petitioner said that the petition challenged the 2018 order of the magistrate court, which, in June 2018, framed charges against Rahul Gandhi under provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) on defamation. But, in September 2018, the court refused to admit the transcript of his speech made at Bhiwandi on March 6, 2014, he

On September 10, 2018, the magistrate court had refused to allow Kunte's application seeking to



Rahul Gandhi

substantiate the transcript of the speech "as evidence".

Kunte said that the magistrate made an error while passing an order and sought from HC to quash and set aside the same.

However, Gandhi, through advocates Sudeep Pasbola and Kushal Mor, justified the magistrate's decision and opposed the plea. Gandhi submitted that Kunte's plea was "unmeritorious and untenable" and filed with "sole intention to scuttle the trial" and deserves to be dismissed, as the petitioner was seeking the court to do something "expressly

While addressing an election rally on March 6, 2014, in Maharashtra's Thane district, the then Congress vice-president had alleged that the RSS was behind the assassination of Mahatma

prohibited in law"

Following the incident, a defamation suit was filed by Kunte against Rahul Gandhi in a Bhiwandi court, accusing the Congress leader of tarnishing the reputation of the Sangh through

SUKANTA MAJUMDAR SEEN AS CLOSE TO RSS IN STATE

Ghosh out, Bengal BJP gets new chief in fellow Lok Sabha MP

LIZ MATHEW & SANTANU **CHOWDHURY**

NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 20

THE FACTION-RIDDEN West Bengal BJP unit, hit by exodus of a series of leaders who had switched allegiance from TMC before the Assembly polls this summer, got a new president on Monday, with party's national president J P Nadda appointing Sukanta Majumdar, MP from Balurghat Lok Sabha constituency, in the post.

Outgoing state chief Dilip Ghosh, also a Lok Sabha MP, who led the party in the state elections, will now be a national vice-president, a post earlier held by Mukul Roy.

Roy had returned to the Trinamool after the elections.

The national leadership also appointed Raby Rani Maurya recently removed as Uttarakhand Governor, as a party national vice-



Sukanta Maiumdar

According to sources in BIP Ghosh's removal as state unit chief was imminent since the party's defeat in high-stakes state elections. Mamata Banerjee returned to power for the third time with an overwhelming majority in an election that saw an aggressive campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

In the 294-member Assembly, BIP won 77 seats — its highest ever in the state — but that number is already down to 71 due to exodus of legislators to Trinamool Congress.

Sources said the BJP central leadership has not been happy with the way Ghosh has handled the party since the polls. But a sen**BABUL SUPRIYO MEETS MAMATA** Kolkata: Former Union min-

ister Babul Supriyo who Congress (TMC) last week met party chief and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the state secretariat on Monday, and said his role in the party was the "prerogative of the chief minister". He also reiterated he would resign from the Lok Sabha as soon as possible.

ior party leader said Ghosh, appointed Bengal BJP president in November 2015, was removed since he will complete two terms in that post in November. "The delay was because the party leadership took time to finalise his successor," a BJP leader said.

Majumdar on Monday told the media. "I want to strengthen

the party and its organisation. I want to take it forward from where Dilip Ghosh left it. He is one of the most successful state presidents of BIP.

tant, too, but none of our workers and supporters have left us."

is focusing on north Bengal after it fared better in the region in the polls compared to south Bengal. "While Leader of Opposition in Assembly Suvendu Adhikari is from south Bengal, the new state president is from north Bengal. The party is maintaining a balance," a senior leader said.

Agreeing that he is taking charge at a "challenging time", Majumdar said, "I feel that our booth-level workers and supporters are crucial. MLAs are impor-

"forefront" of conversions and 'love jihad" in the country. According to sources, the party NDA ally Bharat Dharma Jana Sena, was reacting to allegations raised by a Catholic priest that Christian women are being lured by Hindu Ezhava men. He also flayed the controversial "love jihad" and "narcotic jihad" re-

"Besides, Majumdar is from RSS and has a good working relationship with everyone," the party leader said. "The party is also going back to the basics with this appointment and sending a mes-

Rajnath, US defense secretary discuss Afghanistan situation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh spoke to his US counterpart, Lloyd Austin, on Monday over the phone on the situation in Afghanistan - continuing a series of talks that New Delhi has held with several nations since Kabul fell to the Taliban on

Soon after the conversation, Singh tweeted that he had a "warm telephone conversation" with US Defence Secretary Lloyd

"We discussed issues pertaining to bilateral defence cooperation & regional matters, including situation in Afghanistan. We agreed to continue the useful dialogue & look forward to strengthening the partnership further."The Defence Ministry said in a statement that Austin Monday evening.

"Both the leaders discussed bilateral and regional matters, including developments in Afghanistan. They discussed defence cooperation and looked forward to working closely."

The two leaders also spoke about the evacuation of people from Kabul. In the immediate

Jyotiraditya Scindia and his de-

test, the bypolls will also give

Chouhan a peek into the degree of

public acceptance of his efforts to

rework his image, often portray-

ing himself as a stern leader who

is quick in taking decisions, going

got underway on September 12,

was meant to enable the Chief

Minister to directly interact with

the people and get first-hand

knowledge on the implementa-

tion of welfare schemes in the dis-

tricts, including the poll-bound ar-

eas. It also gave enough glimpses

darshan is being held so that I can

ask the people directly," Chouhan

said at one of his public gatherings

in Niwari. A day later, on his visit

to Jobat in tribal-dominated

Alirajpur district, he gave a lift to

"People never lie and this janta

of his new avatar.

The Jan Darshan Yatra, which

into the 2023 general elections.

Apart from being a popularity

fected MLAs from Congress.

Chouhan tests waters with image makeover

Shivraj

Singh

Assembly constituency where by-

poll is due, Chouhan pulled up of-

ficers for failing to provide tap wa-

ter connection to the villagers under the state's Nal Jal Yojna.

Bypolls are due in Raigaon,

Prithvipur and Jobat assembly

seats and Khandwa Lok Sabha

seat. Of the Assembly seats, while

the BJP held Raigaon, Congress

held Prithvipur and Jobat.

Khandwa Lok Sabha seat was also

with the BJP. Death of sitting legis-

lators has necessitated the bypolls.

are yet to be announced, are be-

ing considered a "litmus test" for

Chouhan's popularity, especially

after the BJP returned to power in

the state in 2019 with the help of

These bypolls, dates for which

Chouhan



days after the Taliban took control of Kabul, India had struggled to bring its embassy staff and other citizens home. It was after speaking to officials in the US, which had taken over the control of the airport in Kabul, that India was able to run its special

that Singh and Austin "exterrorism in the region" and both sides "appreciated the mutual and agreed to remain in regular contact in view of the evolving situation".

Earlier this month, CIA chief Afghanistan situation.



evacuation flights.

The ministry said on Monday changed views about combating uation operations in Afghanistan

William Burns and Russian Secretary of the Security Council General Nikolay Patrushev were in Delhi to discuss the

four tribal leaders to an adjoining

Minister is known for such steps

to strike a chord with the masses

ahead of polls. "However, his new

avatar appears to have been trig-

gered by recent political develop-

ments in some BJP-ruled states

where Chief Ministers have been

changed," said a political observer,

referring to Karnataka, Gujarat

ers, Chouhan's actions at the pub-

lic rallies is his way to distance

himself from the lower bureau-

cracy and give out a message to

the public that he was not a part of their "corrupt governance"

"One might call it a poll gimmick

after he failed to reign them in. It

was this ineffective lower bureau-

cracy that cost Chouhan his gov-

ernment in 2018," said a leader.

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FULL REPORT ON

New Delhi

According to some party lead-

and Uttarakhand.

For many, the four-time Chief

block in his state helicopter.

goes to Muslim side, there are a community. Last week, Catholic bishop hundred women from other Joseph Kallarangatt had alleged communities getting married to that there is "love jihad" as well Christians. Why is nobody speaking about that? Christians are as "narcotic jihad" to target nonmarrying Ezhava women. Muslims. The claims had trig-Christians are the largest group gered a major debate in Kerala. in the country engaged in conleader VD Satheesan has written version. Muslims do not convert on that scale. In love jihad, only a

Vellappally Natesan

the forefront," he said.

ing to Christianity. When speak-

ing about conversion and love ji-

had, no doubt Christians are at

Kannanchira, who is associated

with Catholic daily Deepika, in a

video message to catechism

teachers of Changanassery arch-

diocese, had on Saturday alleged

that Hindu Ezhava youths are

strategically trained to trap

Catholic women in love mar-

riage. Kannanchira later ten-

dered an apology, claiming that he did not intend to hurt any

Senior Catholic priest Roy

Meanwhile, Opposition to cultural leaders and artistes seeking their intervention to ensure that communal harmony is maintained in Kerala

Home Minister authorised me to hold preliminary talks with ULFA: Himanta

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 20

ASSAM CHIEF Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Monday that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has authorised him to hold preliminary talks with the insurgent

group ULFA. After meeting Shah here, Sarma also said that he is partly involved in the ongoing peace process with the NSCN-IM but was not officially holding any negotiation with Naga rebel group.

"I have discussed with the home minister on the issue of holding peace talks with the initiate the preliminary talks with the ULFA," he told reporters.

He also said that if things move in a proper direction, the Central government may get involved in the peace parleys with the ULFA at a later stage

Asked about his role in the dialogue with the NSCN-IM, Sarma said he was partly involved in it but never officially engaged in the peace talks with the Naga

Sarma is the convenor of the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA), the Northeast version of the NDA where major parties of the region are constituents.

"As convenor of the NEDA, I have sometimes talked to some political parties (in Nagaland) in the past," he said.

The CM said he would travel Magaland on Tuesda venor of the NEDA to assess the political situation of the state af-

ter opposition parties too became part of the government.

August 2019 NRC is final: Assam Foreigners' Tribunal

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI SEPTEMBER 20

A FOREIGNERS' Tribunal (FT) in Assam recently declared a man Indian, while observing that his family members were part of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) published on August 31, 2019, which it referred to as the "Final NRC". While hearing a Doubtful

is nothing but Final NRC."

In the order-cum-opinion, Dey said Singha's name appeared in

Voter case against Bikram Singha in Karimganj district on September 10, FT member Sishir Dey said, "...there is no doubt that this NRC Assam published in 2019 The opinion holds significance

since the NRC has not yet been notified by Registrar General of India. Final NRC, published on August 31, 2019, which establishes his relationship with his grandmother, parents and vounger brother. whose names also appear on the list. While it maintained that it does "not necessarily and lawfully establish his citizenship due to pendency of his case", the names of others in his family in NRC "may be conclusive proof of their Indian citizenship". Last year, NRC state coordina-

tor HD Sarma submitted an affidavit in Gauhati High Court, referring to the 2019 list as supplementary' and not 'final NRC' and sought re-verification. The Assam government, too, is pushing for a "corrected" NRC.



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INVITATION FOR SUPPLY OF POWER

China conducting night drills in high-altitude areas near Ladakh: report Sunday that PLA's Western

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE PEOPLE'S Liberation Army (PLA) of China has been ramping up military exercises including night drills in the highaltitude areas in the Xinjiang Military District, which faces India, according to a report.

The South China Morning Post newspaper reported on

Theatre Command, which is responsible for the entire border with India, has "introduced more night drills for units stationed near the Himalayan border as it seeks to familiarise its troops with new-generation weapons and equipment".

The report noted that several forces in the region "have been carrying out night battle drills at altitudes of around

5,000 metres (16,400 feet), according to the military newspaper PLA Daily." It quoted Yang Yang, a

IRAM SIDDIQUE

BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 20

SHORTLY AFTER suspending a

tehsildar on corruption charges at

a public gathering in Madhya

Pradesh's Tikamgarh district last

week, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh

Chouhan said, "Ab mein danda

lekar nikla hoon, gadbad karne

walo ko chhodunga nahi kisi bhi

keemat par (I won't spare anyone

who indulges in wrongdoings)."

cer to be suspended on

September 14. Just hours ago, two

municipal officers in adjoining

Niwari district were suspended by

Chouhan after he came across cor-

ruption complaints against them

during his visit to bypoll-bound

Prithvipur Assembly constituency

as part of his 'Jan Darshan Yatra', a

Singhpur in Raigaon, another

Similarly, during his visit to

public outreach programme.

Anil Talaiya was the third offi-

company commander saying, "We have revised our schedules and demanded soldiers meet higher standards for high-altitude training as we need to deal with a harsher battlefield environment amid increasing challenges in the peripheral areas." Yang also

said, the report mentioned, that mechanised force had been crossing the snowy highlands without lights and practising nighttime live-fire machine gun drills.

MADHYA PRADESH BY-ELECTIONS

Also, it said that PLA's new Type PHL-11 truck-mounted self-propelled 122mm multiple system rocket launchers had been deployed in the area and were being used for precision strike drills.

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Amid Cong Punjab

drama, Pilot meets

Rahul, discusses

before new Punjab CM

MANRAJGREWALSHARMA CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 20

CHARANJIT SINGH Channi, the man who has grown through ranks, becomes the Punjab chief ing Congress is ridden with factionalism, faces anger on the street, and has barely four months to get its act together before the state goes to polls. His work is cut out. Here are the five big challenges that stare at the new CM.

The Congress today is a house divided. Many see Channi as a stopgap or a consensus candidate at best. Channi's Deputy CMs-OP Soni and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa - are senior to him in age and experience. Legislators are anxious about their ticket and the party's prospects. How Channi makes them believe in his leadership and navigates these power centres will decide his future as well as of his government.

It is no secret that the political party, which gets farmers in its corner in Punjab, will sweep the coming elections. How Channi can woo them into voting for the party remains to be seen.

There are also the twin issues of the drug menace and justice in flagged by dissidents.

The Congress high command has given an 18-point agenda that needs the cooperation of both the ministers and the bureaucrats. Channi needs the smarts of a management whiz if he wants to implement this agenda.

Then there is the issue of optics — publicising the government's achievements. Capt Amarinder lost the battle of public perception despite his largerthan-life image. Channi will have **FULL REPORT ON** to win it.

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Rejig on cards, state may get new DGP, chief secy

Chandigarh: With the change in guard, Punjab is likely to get a new Chief Secretary and DGP.

There is no consensus on names of officers who would succeed Vini Mahajan and Dinkar Gupta as Chief Secretary and DGP, respectively. A meeting to finalise the names is likely to take place later on Monday.

Meanwhile, senior IAS officer Hussan Lal has been appointed as principal secretary to Puniab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, official sources said on

was holding the post of principal secretary of Investment Promotion, Industries and Commerce and Information Technology departments. He replaced IAS officer Tejveer Singh who was the principal secretary to former CM Amarinder Singh.

Another IAS officer Rahul Tiwari has been given the charge of special principal secretary to

5 challenges CONGRESS APPOINTS DALIT CM IN PUNJAB

Caught off guard, back to drawing board for Opp for polls next year

MANAMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH. SEPTEMBER 20

THE CONGRESS move to appoint a Dalit as chief minister in Puniab has sent the Opposition parties in the state back to the drawing boards to re-calibrate their strategy ahead of the Assembly polls in 2022. None of the parties had factored in a Dalit CM in their calculations for now or for the next year's polls.

Political observers feel that the Congress stands to gain a lot by appointing Charanjit Singh Channi as the Chief Minister and that it will offset, to a great degree, the potential advantage that the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) had sought by entering into a pre-poll alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and announcing a Dalit deputy CM.

Even though Channi emerged as a compromise candidate for the post of CM after an impasse over other names in the Congress. there is an opinion among a section of political watchers that the benefits which accrue from appointing a Dalit to lead the state will be considerable.

Sikh and a Hindu as two deputy CMs is expected to offset any back-



Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi offers sweets to state Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu after taking charge of office, in Chandigarh on Monday. PTI

Channi with Dy CMs Soni and Randhawa in Chandigarh. PTI

over the appointment of a Dalit as the CM. It is, however, not known

Panthic belt plays kingmaker

politics. It is credited with helping

the SAD form the government in

2007, wresting power from

Congress led by Capt Amarinder

Singh who then enjoyed huge pop-

ularity in Malwa and also had the

support of the Dera Sacha Sauda.

Malwa then had 65 seats and

Congress won 37. The party, how-

ever, suffered a rout in Majha

where it could win only three of

then 27 seats region, while Akali

Dal won 17 and its ally BJP seven.

SAD had won over the Sikh voters

in the Panthic belt while BIP had se-

cured Hindu votes in urban areas.

when Congress swept Majha,

winning 22 of the 25 seats. Capt

Amarinder Singh formed the gov-

ernment despite the fact that the

often tilt towards one party. The re-

In this Panthic belt, Sikh voters

core Malwa went with AAP.

The trend reversed in 2017

spond to the recent developments. Professor Ronki Ram, an expert on Dalit politics in Puniab said that Channi's appointment as CM will definitely help Congress in-

the Dalit communities, "It is often said that the Dalits themselves are divided among various sects like Ravidasia, and Adi-Dharmi. This move by Congress will consolidate the sub-identities of all these various sects and will lead to a creation of social capital for the Dalits in Punjab," he said.

Prof Ram added that till now political parties had only been making promises of appointing a Dalit as a deputy CM. But the Congress went a strap ahead and the benefits of such a move cannot be denied to the party.

The BJP leadership had made a comment in April this year that it would appoint a Dalit CM if they came to power next year. That comment had come in response to the Akalis announcing deputy CM's post for a Dalit.

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh and the state party president Ashwani Sharma have already reacted to Channi's appointment by dubbing him as the inightwatchman' who would be expected to keep the CM's chair warm for state Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu. "This is an insult to the Dalits that even before the CM was sworn in, the Congress leadership was portraying Sidhu as the CM face of the 2022 Assembly polls," both Chugh

AMONG CHARANJIT Singh

Channi's new deputy CMs is

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, a

dved-in-the-wool Congressman

who stood behind then Prime

Minister Indira Gandhi during

Operation Blue Star in 1984.

Besides Randhawa, there is Om

Parkash Soni, a loyalist of former

CM Captain Amarinder Singh

and is the Congress's Hindu face

in Punjab. The Indian Express

takes a brief look at the new ap-

O P SAINI: Among the sen-

ior-most leaders in Congress, he

has not lost any Assembly elec-

tion since his maiden win from

sle in Congress between

Amarinder and Sidhu. Soni was

seen standing with the the for-

mer. He had even refused to

come to Amritsar when Sidhu

was visiting the Golden Temple

before taking charge as the

42 Congress MLAs who had sub-

mitted their resignation in

protest against a Supreme Court

judgment ruling Punjab's termi-

nation of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link

(SYL) water canal as unconstitu-

tional. Amarinder, who was then

In 2016, Soni was one of the

Throughout the internal tus-

Amritsar West in 1997.

Punjab Congress chief.

pointments.

Hindu face, MLA

who helped oust Capt

in protest.

However, with BIP's marginalised role in the 2022 polls, largely due to the backlash over the new farm laws, the other major parties in the fray-the AAP, the SAD, and the BSP - will now have to figure out a way to deal with the fallout of a Dalit Congress CM.

nounced that a Sikh will be its chief ministerial candidate. While the party had announced a Dalit deputy CM in the run-up to the 2017 polls, it has not made any such statements this time around. The party also has never once so far hesitated in pointing out that the Leader of Opposition, Harpal Singh Cheema, and deputy Leader of Opposition, Sarvjit Kaur Manuke, are both from the Dalit community.

Senior AICC leaders, however, pointed out that the situation in

by the central leadership.

'Rajasthan reshuffle' ON FRIDAY, as the Congress leadership was preparing to make a

ior Rajasthan Congress leader

with former party chief Rahul Gandhi. The much-discussed with Rahul Gandhi. File reshuffle in the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan has been hanging fire for some time, and Rajasthan, or for that matter in the two leaders are learnt to have Chhattisgarh, is different from that discussed that, as also the politiof Punjab. Both Rajasthan CM Gehlot and his Chhattisgarh coun-AICC general secretary in terpart Bhupesh Baghel comcharge of Rajasthan, Ajay Maken, mand the support of a majority of has made multiple visits to the party MLAs. But their rival factions state and has taken views of all

Also, the appointment of a Jat

KAMALDEEPSINGHBRAR

AS CONGRESS named Charanjit

Singh Channi new chief minister

for Punjab and appointed

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and

Om Parkash Soni as his deputies,

political experts couldn't help

noticing the disproportionate rep-

resentation to the Majha region in

the choice of names. While

Channi is MLA from Chamkaur

Sahib in Malwa region, Soni and

Randhwa represent Amritsar

Central and Dera Baba Nanak, re-

the top three leaders, from Majha

Gurdaspur, Pathankot and Tarn

Taran districts — in the run up to

the Assembly elections in early

2022, is being seen as a well

though out move by the ruling

party in which the rebellion

against former CM Capt

Amarinder Singh was led by a

group of leaders from that region.

Assembly seats in the 117-mem-

ber Vidhan Sabha. Doaba make

for 23 seats and Malwa region the

litically influential, it is the Panthic

belt of Majha that has often

cropped up as kingmaker in state

While Malwa is considered po-

remaining 69 seats.

Majha accounts for 25

The move, to get two-thirds of

comprising Amritsar,

spectively, in Majha.

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 20

yet how the Jat Sikh belt of Punjab and the Hindu voters in the urban areas, both critical components of Why 2 Dy CMs from Majha:

gion also rules the narrative for the

Hindu voters in the state. Contrary

to popular perception, Hindu and

Sikh voters in Majha have often

voted en masse for a party or an al-

topics such nationalism and na-

tional security. Hindus and Sikhs

both ended up voting for Congress

Hindu voters of Maiha also

have great influence on how the

community behaves in other

Akali Dal is betting on anti-incum-

bency against Congress in Majha.

It has often been alleged that de-

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region, the Congress MLAs could-

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n't get much for Majha.

As state heads for polls, the

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as they did for SAD-BJP in 2007.

In 2017, Amarinder pitched

liance for their own reasons.

The AAP has already an-

Harpal Cheema said his party's chances for the 2022 polls would not be affected by the Congress

The bravado showed by the AAP leadership notwithstanding, the appointment of Channi along with that of OPSoni and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa as deputy CMs have already become a cause of concern to their strategists. Both Soni and Randhawa are from the Majha belt of Punjab where AAP has been focussing a lot this time around and was expecting a good **FULL REPORT ON**

the Punjab Congress chief, had

resigned from the Lok Sabha seat

RANDHAWA: His father,

Santokh Singh, remained Punjab

Congress president for two

terms and is a well-known fig-

ure in the Majha region. During

Operation Blue Star in 1984,

Randhawa was among a hand-

ful of leaders in Punjab who

stood by then Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi. Randhawa, who

held the jails and cooperation

portfolio in Capt Amarinder

Singh's council of ministers, is

considered a strong Panthic

leader in the Congress despite

cumbent state Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu in lat-

ter's tussle with Amarinder.

Randhawa was considered a

close confidante of the now

ousted CM. Ahead of the 2017

Assembly election, Randhawa

had extended support to

Amarinder and played an impor-

tant role in getting Partap Singh

Bajwa, also a leader from Majha

and now a Rajya Sabha member,

ousted from the post of state

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR

Before taking sides with in-

the baggage of 1984.

SUKHJINDER SINGH

Channi's deputies:

MANOJCG

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

leadership change in Puniab, sen-

Sachin Pilot had a quiet meeting

cal situation in the state.

MLAs. A Cabinet reshuffle and in-

clusion of some MI As loval to him.

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various boards and corporations

in the state, had been a demand

repeatedly placed before the party

multiple visits, the reshuffle has

not taken place. Sources said Pilot has been given an assurance again

that the reshuffle would take

place soon. With the party lead-

ership asserting itself and easing

out Amarinder Singh in Punjab,

Congress leaders in Rajasthan are

expecting a decisive intervention

Pray to Ganga

for chance to

Uttarakhand

But despite Maken making

high command by Pilot.

Pilot had a quiet meeting

n both states hope the central leadership will now mount pressure on them to fall in line.

Gehlot has so far refused to be pressured by the Cabinet reshuf-

Chhattisgarh Health Minister ΓS Singh Deo, meanwhile, arrived in Delhi on what he said is a personal visit. Singh Deo is seen as hoping for a change of guard in Chhattisgarh and wants the high command to prod Baghel to honour an unwritten agreement - of rotating charge — that Baghel and he had agreed upon in 2018 when the party won the elections with a huge mandate.

Sources in Congress signaled that the issue of rotational CM is not a closed chapter.

Dalits should be wary of see Dalit CM in Cong double standards, says too, says Rawat Mayawati

LALMANIVERMA MAULSHREESETH LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 20

FORMER UTTARAKHAND chief minister and AICC general secretary in-charge of Punjab, Harish Rawat, on Monday said that he prays to the Ganga for a chance to see a Dalit Chief Minister in Uttarakhand after "history" was created in Punjab with the appointment of a Dalit (Charanjit Singh Channi) to the top position.



Rawat

Uttarakhand Congress parivartan yatra, Rawat, without naming

Addressing

Channi, said evervone was crying when the latter spoke about his family background at a

press conference Rawat, from the Thakur community and a frontrunner for the CM post in Uttarakhand, said that Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and the Punjab legislature party unanimously elected a person from a poor fam-

SOON AFTER Congress MLA Charanjeet Singh Channi was

sworn in as the first Dalit CM of Punjab, BSP chief Mayawati on Monday called it as an "election stunt" and asked Dalits to "be warv of the double standards of the Congress". Recently, BSP entered into an

electoral alliance with Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)



nounced that if their alliance wins, Deputy would be from

the Dalit community. Claiming that the Congress is rattled by the BSP-SAD alliance, Mayawati said: "I congratulate and give him (Channi) good wishes. But it would have been better if the Congress had earlier made him the chief minister to serve for a full five years. Making a person belonging to Dalit caste as the chief minister of Punjab when just months are left for elections.

low election stunt.' She also drew a parallel with Uttar Pradesh, which also goes to polls early next year, and targeted the BIP, alleging that its "drama" for the OBCs is just for their votes.

shows that it is nothing but a hol-

The BJP has acquired a newfound love for the OBCs but it is just an eyewash. Had there been any truth and honesty in their concern for the OBCs, the central and BIP-led state governments filled their backlog in government jobs along with SC/STs."

Owaisi denied

Asaduddin Owaisi was on Monday denied permission by authorities to meet former Uttar Pradesh MP Atiq Ahmad, who is lodged in the Ahmedabad-based Sabarmati Central Jail, in the wake of Covid-19 guidelines and other reasons, a party leader

Mailis-e-Ittehadul

and other coarse grains namely Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi. These ilv as the chief minister. specifications also include stan-"I pray to God and Ganga to dards of rice for issue to bless me with a moment in life States/UTs for distribution under when I see the son of a Dalit, poor and artisan as the chief minister TPDS and Other Welfare Schemes based on the uniform in Uttarakhand. We will work for

that," he said. He said that it is not important how many from the Dalit community were with the Congress but for how many years they supported the Congress in getting power in the Centre and states. "We will repay (pratidaan) if we get an opportunity," Rawat said, adding that the Congress will fulfill the expectations of Dalits.

BJP terms Dalit teen's death as 'mob lynching', cops say no proof so far

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 20

THE OPPOSITION BJP has slammed the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan over the death of a 19year-old Dalit teenager, who died after being allegedly attacked by a group of people following an accident in Alwar.

The BJP termed the incident as "mob lynching" and demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, State BIP president Satish Poonia targeted Gehlot, asking why he is silent over the issue. He said that while Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Privanka Vadra often visit families of victims of similar incidents, they are "hibernating" at present.

However, Alwar SP Gautam said that till now the police have not found any evidence which suggested that the incident was mob lynching.

According to the police, the incident took place on September 15 and the man, identified as Yogesh Jatav, died at a Jaipur hospital three days later on September 18.

suggests that on September 15 latav was riding a motorcycle,



BJP targeted Rajasthan **CM Gehlot** over his

While Jatav sustained injuries on his head, the woman was also injured. The woman, along with two to three others were returning to their home after harvesting Baira when the accident took place," the Alwar SP told The Indian Express on Monday.

Gautam added that the investigation suggests both Jatav and the woman were unconscious after the incident. "In our investigation so far we haven't come across information suggesting that there was a fight... Both parties lodged cross FIRs against each other. While the woman's family lodged an FIR pertaining to the accident, Jatav's kin lodged an FIR saying that he was beaten up. That section of murder was added to the FIR after the death of Jatav," said the SP. He said the allegations of Jatav being beaten up were being investigated. "In the FIR lodged by Jatav's family, two people - Mubina and Rashid – are named as accused while the involvement of four others who are not named have

Govt lists uniform norms for fortified rice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

DAYS AFTER the Prime Minister's announcement of a rice fortification plan, the Centre Monday issued "uniform" parameters for fortified rice kernels (FRK) for grade 'A' and common rice.

According to PM Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, rice available through every scheme, including the public distribution system (PDS) and midday meals in schools, will be fortified by 2024.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Department has alleged that for-

Minister Anil Deshmukh con-

cealed income of about Rs 17

the I-T department in a state-

ment said it has searched 30

premises linked to Deshmukh

across Nagpur, Mumbai, New

Without naming Deshmukh,

crore to evade taxes.

INCOME Tax (I-T)

Maharashtra Home

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20



The rice is to be distributed through schemes, including midday meals

The specifications for such rice have been issued by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs,

30 premises linked to Deshmukh

searched; I-T points to 'Rs 17 cr'

Food and Public Distribution. "Department of Food and

Public Distribution (DFPD)...for the first time issued uniform specifications for Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK)...which 1% of FRK (w/w) should be blended with normal rice stock," said an official statement. It said, "The department issued the uniform specifications of food grains for Central Pool procurement for the ensuing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21."

"These specifications as per standard practice have been issued in respect of Paddy, Rice

specifications of rice for KMS 2020-21," the statement said. It said, "The state govern-

ments are requested to ensure that wide publicity of the uniform specifications is made among the farmers to ensure that they get due price for their produce and any rejection of the stocks is completely avoided."

India at SCO exercise in Russia with China, Pak SCO Exercise Peaceful Mission:

SOON AFTER the Army's participation in the Zapad Exercise in

were present as observers in the

2021 hosted by Russia started at Orenburg Region of South West Russia, with the aim "to foster close relations between SCO Member States and to enhance abilities of the military leaders to command multinational military contingents". There are eight SCO member states, in-

Taiikistan and Uzbekistan. Meanwhile, the Indian and Nepali armies commenced the 15th India-Nepal combined battalion level military training exercise Surva Kiran, which will

cluding China, India, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan,

continue till October 3, in Pithoragarh.

nod to meet Atiq Ahmad in prison Ahmedabad: AIMIM president

Owaisi was on a day-long visit to Ahmedabad to meet

party workers, office bearers and supporters. He had also planned to meet Ahmad, the jailed gangster who recently joined the All India Muslimeen (AIMIM).

New Delhi

Delhi and Kolkata.

The tax authority has alleged that three educational institutions of a trust linked to

Deshmukh Deshmukh have "indulged in in-

flation of expenses in which salaries paid to the employees were partly collected back in cash". The total amount of inflation by the institutes is pegged at Rs 12 crore.

"During the search, it was also detected that the Trust, apart from suppression of receipts, has paid substantial amounts to brokers for arrang-

have been paid in cash and are completely unaccounted," said the I-T department. The tax agency said it has found evidence to prove that the

ing admissions. Such payments,

trust received "bogus donations" of Rs 4 crore through Delhibased companies. Deshmukh is being investigated by the CBI and the ED in connection with an alleged

bribery and corruption case. He is also under the CBI scanner after former Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh accused him of corruption. Deshmukh has denied the allegations.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

to the tune of about Rs 87 lakh,

Russia, a contingent of the Army and the Air Force is now participating in the SCO Exercise Peaceful Mission 2021 at Russia's Orenburg. While China and Pakistan

Zapad exercise, in which a dozen countries participated, the two nations are participating in the SCO exercise along with all member states of the organisation. The Defence Ministry said on

Monday that the sixth edition

which hit a woman (Mubina).

"Preliminary investigation also been cited.'



Bid to give enhanced market access to weavers, artisans

DELHI

1.5 lakh weavers. 28,300 artisans on GeM portal

New Delhi: In a move to

provide enhanced market access to weavers and artisans, a drive has been initiated to bring weavers and artisans on to the Government Marketplace (GeM) portal in order to enable them to sell their products directly to government departments. Officials from the Ministry of Textiles said this would increase participation from under-served seller groups such as artisans, weavers, micro entrepreneurs, women, tribal entrepreneurs and selfhelp groups working in Handloom Handicrafts, who face challenges in accessing govern-

MAHARASHTRA

Mumbai to raise Covid testing after festivities

ment markets. Till August

30, as many as 28,374 arti-

sans and 1.49.422 weavers

were registered on the

Mumbai: With the 10-day Ganpati festival wrapping up on Sunday, Mumbai's civic body has decided to intensify testing for Covid-19 to ensure the spread of a possible infection is contained at the earliest. In a review meeting, senior officials Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Monday instructed 24 ward officers to intensify Covid-19 testing in their respective areas. The civic body said it would target areas from where a large number of people had travelled outside Mumbai and were now coming back to the city after the Ganesh festival. The BMC fears that the number of infections may increase with the inflow of people. ENS

UTTARAKHAND

BJP leader seeks probe into death of Narendra Giri

Dehradun: Uttarakhand BJP state president Madan Kaushik has demanded an inquiry into the death of Mahant Narendra Giri, the head of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, who was found dead in Prayagraj on Monday. In a press release, Kaushik said the purported circumstanes of Giri's death triggered doubts. Yoga guru Ramdev, in a tweet, demanded a fair probe into the matter, and referred to Giri as a warrior sansyasi who never gave up. ENS

142 mm in 24 hrs, Kolkata lashed by heaviest Sept rain since 2007

KOLKATA RECORDED the highest September rainfall in 14 years as incessant rains in the city and its neighbouring districts since the early hours of Monday left several areas submerged and transport services crippled. The Met department forecast more downpours for at least one more day.

The weather office said Kolkata received 142 mm of rain in 24 hours till 8.30 am, with over 100 mm between 1 am and 7 am. The city had recorded 174.4 mm of rainfall on September 25, 2007.

At least 11 places in the metropolis received more than 100 mm rainfall. The Met forecast more rains till Tuesday morning in most districts of south Bengal, including Kolkata.



At least 11 areas of Kolkata received more than 100 mm rain over last 24 hours. Partha Paul

Barring a few neighbourhoods, almost all low-lying areas in Kolkata were inundated by

Flight operations in Kolkata were affected. Sources said at least three flights were diverted and several were delayed.

The downpour hit health services at medical facilities Many of these were struggling with waterlogging.

At Attari border ceremony, a familiar fervour returns, with fewer viewers

ATTARIBORDER (AMRITSAR) SEPTEMBER 20

APPROACHING THE Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post, a rush of familiar sights and sounds, missing over the last 18 months, greets a visitor, "Only 20 rupees," says a young boy painting the tricolour on visitors' hands and cheeks. "We are back after a long time, we have waited for this day.'

The only difference: Not everyone who has lined up outside can get in now. While the BSF has resumed public viewing of its daily Beating the Retreat parade this weekend (after it shut in March 2020), only 300 people are allowed each day. Which leaves thousands assembled outside disappointed.

The 25-minute coordinated parade on both sides used to at-

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

TOTAL VACCINATION: 80,85,68,144

NEW CASES: 24,350

ACTIVE CASES: 3,08,785

TESTS TODAY: 16,65,494 | TOTAL TESTS: 55,52,87,260

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

CASES

15.692

2.583

1,661

677

TODAY'S

92

31

30

24

23

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

■ Kerala

■ Maharashtra

■Tamil Nadu

■ Karnataka

■ Kerala

■ Punjab

■ Maharashtra

■ Karnataka

■Tamil Nadu

■Andhra Pradesh 839

WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.97% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.03%

ACTIVE

CASES

1,67,499

41.672

16,984

14,388

14,386

23,762

16,499

1,42,103

37,627

35,360

Note: Data as on Sept 20; vaccination numbers as of Sept 19. Deaths include those caused by comorbidities

1,500 crore, due on 29th October 2021.

WEEKLY

POSITIVITY

17.22%

2.22%

WEEKLY

CFR

0.52%

15.38%

1.33%

1.39%

1.56%

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3,36,41,024

7,34,40,187

OVERALL

CFR

0.56%

2.75%

2.19%

1.27%

1.35%

1.08% 4,30,03,500

2.17% 3,71,69,246

0.63% 5,20,02,968

DAILY DEATHS | TOTAL DEATHS | WEEKLY CFR 4,45,385 | 0.75%



Beating the Retreat ceremony takes place Monday before a curtailed audience. Rana Simranjit Singh

tract 25,000 spectators every evening on the Indian side at Attari, A BSF official says: "Till there are curbs, we are allowing a limited number of people on firstcome-first-serve basis." Visitors have to procure passes from the BSF HQ at Khasa, near Attari.

On the stands, most people wear masks - and their deshbhakti on their sleeves. A maskwearing BSF jawan, who emcees the exercise, shouts: 'Bharat Mata Ki...", and an enthusiastic crowd responds, "Jai". Each time he twists his moustache and ges-

someone in the crowd says, "Hindustan Zindabad". People pull their masks down every now and then to take selfies.

tures towards the other side,

The "Hindustan Zindabad" is met with a "Pakistan Zindabad" from the other side. Pakistan never closed its side to visitors. On the Indian side, four BSF jawans would undertake the flag-down parade every sunset.

From Saturday onwards, BSF restarted the full parade – with loud gestures, mics, orchestra and the works, led by members of its women contingent.

As the parade progresses, visitors keep trickling in. Says a BSF official: "Many tourists request us to let them watch it. We feel bad for them, but we can't relent."

He adds, however, that they are expecting "housefull crowds and normal protocol to resume within the next week".

SC leaves school opening call to govt, won't step in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE SUPREME Court Monday declined to entertain a petition seeking its intervention for reopening of schools, shut down across the country in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, and said it is a complex issue and better left to the government to handle.

"These issues are fraught with grave complexity. We don't think we should enter here by judicial mandates," a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and B V Nagarathna said.

The court allowed the petitioner, a Class XII student from Delhi, to withdraw the plea.

Justice Chandrachud said the petition is "misplaced" and told advocate R P Mehrotra, who appeared for the petitioner, "I am not

saying this is a publicity gimmick

but that is why children should not be involved in this." The bench asked Mehrotra to advise his client to rather focus on studies. Governments are answer-

able and conscious of the need for the children to go back to school, Justice Chandrachud said. "We cannot say by judicial diktat to send them to school, disregarding the possibility of a third wave. Vaccination is going on," the bench said.

The court also said, "Complexity of governance is an issue in which courts cannot issue directions." It said, "Let us leave it to the government to take a call, and the local authority to check where there is spike and where there are rising figures."

Pointing out that malls and restaurants have reopened Mehrotra said there is a mental and psychological fallout to schools remaining closed.

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90% who cleared NEET took coaching: TN study

Repeat applicants up from 8% to 71%; 9.74% fall in 1st-gen grads

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE JUSTICE AK Rajan Committee appointed by the MK Stalin government on the 'Impact of NEET on Medical Admissions in Tamil Nadu' found that 90% of those who cleared NEET in 2020 in the state had taken coaching, while nearly three-fourths (71%) were

repeat applicants. The study commissioned by the state government, which introduced a Bill in the Assembly last week seeking exemption for Tamil Nadu students from the centralised medical entrance exam, said NEET was successful "mainly and predominantly" for the above category of applicants, including those who had gone through a "long-term coaching curve".

With NEET appearing to favour urban, richer applicants, the committee said it has "created a generation of doctors and teaching faculties from mainly the privileged communities - the affluent, the creamy, the urban genre – who are well away from the grass root realities of the diverse social structure". It recommended

an immediate return to the practice of medical admissions through higher secondary scores.

Noting that this had "aggravated the divide and worsened the medical and healthcare sector", the report compared admissions from High Human Development Index (HDI) and Low HDI districts. The HDI criteria include life expectancy at birth, educational standards and per capita income.

The committee found that between 2013 and 2021 (NEET was implemented in 2017), the share of high HDI districts (mostly urbanised with access to coaching centres) among successful applicants surged. Arivalur, one of the most backward districts, for example had a 1.71% share in medical seats in the state pre-NEET, falling to 0.73% post-NEET. On the other hand, high HDI district Chennai's seat share increased from 3.54% to 10.76%.

Following the implementation of NEET, the committee found, there had been a 9.74% fall in admissions among first-generation graduates, 12.1% among rural candidates and 10.45% among candidates with parent incomes

less than Rs 2.5 lakh per annum. The study also found a drop in the percentage of science stream students in the post-NEET period,

from 43.03% to 35.94%. While Tamil Nadu has 31 surgical and medical super speciality courses with a total of 413 seats, which is well ahead of most states, the report said the share of state residents in these had been falling as admissions were opened to all-India candidates. "As a result, almost two-thirds of the seats were lost to others," the study said.

Expressing alarm in the share of those taking repeat NEET entrance, from 8.12% in the pre-NEET period to 71,42% in 2020-21, the study said, "Since learning is lost and test-taking training is focused (upon), the future doctors cannot think but apply their intellectual and reasoning disposition in their profession, and eventually they become an extended machine in the healthcare system."

The committee said the result was the burgeoning, multi-billion coaching industry, offering "5year packages, 2-year packages... 2-month crash courses" etc, gaining enough financial muscle to "even interfere in policy matters".

Goa govt opposes in-camera hearing of Tejpal case in HC

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE GOA government on Monday opposed an application filed by Tarun Tejpal, the former editor of Tehelka magazine who was acquitted in a 2013 rape and sexual assault case, seeking an incamera hearing in the appeal filed by the state government against his acquittal.

The government said the application was filed by Tejpal "with the intent to thwart administration of justice"

Tejpal was accused of sexually assaulting a then colleague in an elevator of a Goa hotel on November 7 and 8, 2013.

On May 21 this year, Additional Sessions Judge Kshama Joshi acquitted him of all charges. The Goa government has challenged the judgment before the High Court of Bombay at Goa.

On Monday, a division bench of Justices M S Sonak and M S Jawalkar listed the case to be heard in virtual mode on October 27.

An affidavit filed in High Court by Deputy Superintendent of Police Sunita Sawant, who was the investigation officer in the case, stated, "...the Applicant [Tejpal] in guise of protecting the interest and

[woman], is trying to satiate his own interest and conceal his transgressions which are otherwise oriented to be mirch the name and reputation of the Prosecutrix." The affidavit, filed through ad-

ditional public prosecutor Pravin Faldesai, stated, "...if the present proceedings are to be conducted in an open court, the same would have an effect of inhering faith in victims of sexual offences across, who have been victim of social ostracism due to the actions of the accused, by putting the accused on the same social pedestal as the

In the affidavit, Sawant stated that references to the victim's identity in the May 21 judgment of the trial court were redacted only after an order passed by the High Court on May 27. The state government contended that the purpose of protecting the woman from social stigmatisation or ostracisation was defeated as Tejpal, ...on having received an unredacted copy of the judgment

of acquittal revealing personal information of the Prosecutrix, circulated the same in public domain, with the ill intent to be mirch the name of the Prosecutrix...' **FULL REPORT ON**

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NIA takes over probe into Chinese vessel taking 'missile tech' to Pak

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THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs has handed over the probe into a case of a Chinese vessel allegedly transporting missile-related equipment to Pakistan to the National Investigation Agency.

Sources said the agency has already registered an FIR in the

In February last year, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, based on intelligence inputs, had intercepted a Chinese vessel on way to Karachi at Kandla port in Gujarat. Inspection of the vessel had led to discovery of an industrial autoclave, which experts at the Defence Research and Development Organisation had said could be used to manufacture long-range missiles. The vessel, sources said, had mis-declared the goods as industrial dryers.

Indian security establishment had expressed fears that China was surreptitiously building Pakistan's military capabilities. China had denied the allegations.

"The order to register a case in the matter came on Friday and an FIR has been registered accordingly," an NIA official said.

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were however yet to be addressed.

Vaccine for pregnant women, disabled: SC issues notice to govt

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday issued notice to the Centre for its response on a plea seeking door-todoor Covid-19 vaccination for the disabled and another petition on vaccination for pregnant women and lactating mothers.

Seeking the Centre's response on the first plea, filed by NGO Evara Foundation, a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and BV Nagarathna said it "raises substantial questions dealing with the rights of the disabled". It also asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist the court regarding steps to assuage concerns of petitioners.

The second petition was filed by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR). Appearing for the commission, advocate Vrinda Grover said the plea was filed in May this year and

that the Centre had subsequently brought out operational guidelines for vaccination of pregnant and lactating women. She added that certain concerns

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STATE OF SUSPICION

J&K order on government employees will lead to governance paralysis, further alienation from state

NEW ORDER by the Jammu and Kashmir administration on the conduct of government employees is telling evidence that more than two years after the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the much hailed "integration" is nowhere in sight. Indeed, if the contents of the order are anything to go by, its long term consequences are likely to be the very opposite. Effectively, the order places on record every doubt, suspicion and all other elements of profiling that the Indian state harbours against the Kashmiri people. The guidelines for "periodic verification of character and antecedents" of government employees, in the order's own words, cover a "wide range of activities governing conduct... in public and private life". Such verification is not just to take into account direct involvement of a person in violence, terrorism, sabotage and others act violating the Constitution such as secession and espionage on behalf of a foreign power. Now every government employee is also liable for the secessionist, treasonous, or violent actions, thoughts, and feelings (including sympathy) of his family members, and even more insidiously, of "persons sharing residential space with the employee to whom he or she may be bound by affection, influence, or obligation," and for "failure to report such persons".

It is hard to fathom the reasoning behind this egregious order, which comes on the heels $of others indicating a toughening stance \, against \, Kashmiris \, in \, government \, employment. \, The \,$ alienation in the Valley is no secret. That is why young boys are still running away from home to join militant groups. The order is a tacit acknowledgement of this widespread disaffection. But if the administration believes the way to confront the problem is to crackdown on government employees, it is poorly advised. The order arms senior civil servants with vast andarbitrary powers to hold back promotions on the basis of suspicion and doubt, and shifts the burden of proving innocence on the accused. In the security saturated Valley, an order such as this goes against even the minimal definition of good governance, let alone serve grandiose titles such as "naya Kashmir".

What it will likely produce is more governance paralysis — from the cubicles in the Srinagar secretariat to the government offices in every block, tehsil and village - in a climate of general suspicion and vigilantism. Unaccountable bureaucrats brought in by the administration are blamed for the drift now; the inevitable consequences of this order might make it easier, perhaps, to lay the blame at the door of local government employees. Only the naive, tone deaf or the uncaring would mistake the outward absence of anger and resentment as a sign of

FARMER'S FUTURE

India must shed obsession with 'marginal farmers'. Their future lies outside farms — in dairy, poultry, food retail

N AVERAGE SO-CALLED agricultural household earned a total monthly income of Rs 10,218 during 2018-19 (July-June), of which net receipts from crop production(Rs 3,798) and farming of animals (Rs 1,582) together contributed ■ hardly 53 per cent. The single-largest income source was actually wages/salary, at Rs 4,063. The average farmer, in other words, was more a wage labourer than a seller of produce from his/her land. Out of the country's estimated 93.09 million agricultural households, over 70 per cent possessed less than one hectare land. It shouldn't surprise, then, that wages generate up to 60 per cent of their incomes. But the share of agriculture — crop production $plus\,animal\,husbandry\,-\,to\,total\,income\,was\,higher(about\,62\,per\,cent) for\,households\,with$ 1-2 hectares land, rising further to 73,82 and 91 per cent for those having 2-4,4-10 and above

Simply put, if one considers as farmers only those deriving at least 60 per cent of their overall income from cultivation and rearing of animals, India wouldn't have even 30 million such homes, going by the National Statistical Office's Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households report. The 30 million are the ones also possessing one hectare or more land, which is clearly the minimum holding required for agriculture per se to generate a major share of any family's income. It also means that "agriculture policy" should primarily target these 30 million households. Farm incomes can, realistically speaking, be doubled or tripled only for those truly dependent on agriculture and having enough land to productively deploy labour and capital resources. They must be enabled to do so, through improved access to markets, water, electricity, credit and other productivity-enhancing inputs. The whole focus should be to lower their production costs by raising yields, while simultaneously ensuring higher input use efficiency and minimal environmental footprint.

The question that naturally arises is where does this leave the remaining 60-65 million households – those having less than one-hectare land and "agricultural" only in name? The answer is simple: Their future lies outside the farms, Outside doesn't necessarily have to be in large industrial centres or cities. It can even be in aggregation, grading, packaging, transport, processing, warehousing and retailing of produce. These activities — plus supply of inputs and services to farms — can generate far many more jobs than in the fields themselves. The government should stop obsessing over "marginal farmers". The limited land with them can, if at all, be put to better use for dairy, poultry, piggery etc. rather than in regular crop agriculture. Farming is best left to those who can do it well. Better fewer, but better.

LEFT TURN

All five Scandinavian countries now have centre-left governments. But the right has not been reduced to irrelevance

INCE AT LEAST 2016 — a year which saw the unexpected election of Donald Trump as US president and Britain voting to exit the European Union in a referendum there have been ominous signs of a far-right, often xenophobic political wave across Europe and the West. Even in Scandinavian countries, questions around immigration and the transition to a climate-friendly economy led, at least in part, to the resurgence of relatively nativist and insular political forces. With the election of a centre-left coalition in Norway, it is clear that the forebodings of a far-right cloud over Europe were exaggerated all five Scandinavian countries now have left-of-centre governments. However, it would be equally premature to imagine that a left-liberal order is now deeply entrenched in Europe.

Norway's Labour Party leader, Jonas Gahr Stoere, is set to lead a coalition government. The questions in the election echoed some of the issues that Northern Europe — in fact, the $global\,North\,as\,a\,whole\,-\,has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with.\,How\,is\,the\,transition\,away\,from\,fossil\,fu-has\,been\,grappling\,with\,gra$ els, and the jobs and wealth it creates, going to be managed? What should be the balance between fair taxation and rising inequality? In countries with ageing, declining populations, how should the political and social fallouts of immigration be addressed? In this election, as others preceding it in the region, the mandate has been for welfarists and reasonable pro-environment Green parties to attempt to guide the country through these transitions.

Yet, it's important to remember that an election leads to a change in government; it does not eviscerate the social strands that form the background of politics. In France, for example, there have been political obituaries as well as over-estimations of the far-right's influence both have been wrong, Marine Le Pen continues to be politically significant without being dominant. In Nordic countries, a similar process is likely underway. For the world, there will be lessons on how these developed states deal with the challenges of the 21st century.

Time for realpolitik

India should look at AUKUS alliance with caution, assess strategic gains from Quad, attempt new partnerships



IN A SURPRISE, virtual statement on September 15, the heads of government of Australia, the UK and US announced the formation of a trilateral security pact, to be known by the acronym, AUKUS. Without naming China, US President Joe Biden announced, in a press conference, that "in order to deal with rapidly evolving threats," the US and Britain would share, with Australia, intelligence and advanced technologies in areas like artificial intelligence, cyber-warfare, quantum computing and nuclear submarine construction.

The surprise at the formation of AUKUS is for a number of reasons. Firstly, the three nations are already allied to each other, in more ways than one — the US and UK are NATO allies, and Australia, New Zealand and the US are linked by the ANZUS pact. All three are also members of the "Five Eyes" intelligence alliance. Secondly, this announcement, coming just days before the first in-person summit meeting of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), places a question mark over the continuing relevance of this forum and its long-overdue actualisation. Finally, the inclusion of a much-diminished, post-Brexit UK in such a long-range alliance is bound to raise a few evebrows.

China has made no secret of its neurosis about the Quad as well as the naval exercise, "Malabar," both of which, now, have a common membership, comprising the US, India, Australia and Japan. Beijing's apprehensions arise from the suspicion that this concatenation could be a precursor to "containment" the Cold War strategy which eventually brought the USSR to its knees.

While frequently heaping scorn on their attempts at synergy and coordination, China loses no opportunity to send intimidatory messages to the Quad nations. This has led to palpable trepidation amongst members of this grouping, who have remained over-cautious in their utterances and tended to "tip-toe" around the "dragon" in their midst. The Quad has neither created a charter nor invested itself with any substance; fearing that it would be dubbed an "Asian NATO." China, on its part, has dismissed the Quad as a "headline-grabbing idea which will dissipate like sea-foam".

All that India has to show for its 'strategic partnership', is approximately \$22 billion worth of military hardware purchased from US companies — a distinctly retrograde step when we seek atmanirbharta and freedom from external reliance. We need all the technologies being offered to Australia, in addition to 'know-how' and 'know-why' of much else, including stealth fighters, jet engines, advanced radars and, of course, nuclear propulsion for submarines

as well as aircraft carriers.

So far, China has had its way in the geopolitical arena without hindrance from any quarter. In the South China Sea, having staked outrageous territorial claims, and contemptuously dismissed the adverse verdict of the UN Court of Arbitration. China has proceeded to create artificial islands, and to convert them into fortified air bases. Regular "freedom of navigation operations" by the US and allied navies have neither deterred, nor daunted China.

Even more belligerent has been China's conduct along the Sino-Indian border, where it has used massive military deployments to stake claims to large tracts of Indian territory, leading to a sanguinary conflict in mid-June 2020. India, having counter-mobilised, at considerable economic cost, has stood its ground. Given our limited options, this dangerous confrontation is likely to continue.

Against this backdrop, it is possible that creation of the AUKUS could well be an attempt to send a stronger message to China. However, China's description of this alliance as an "exclusionary bloc," should be food for thought for two members of the Quad/Malabar forums - India and Japan - who have been excluded from the new grouping.

While uncharitable comments about "Anglo-Saxon solidarity" must be ignored, there may be substance in the belief that the "Anglosphere nations" — which share common cultural and historical ties to the UK —do inspire more confidence in each other. Whether the Quad and AUKUS will reinforce each other, or remain mutually exclusive, will, no doubt, become clear in the forthcoming Quad summit.

An issue that should give cause for reflection in New Delhi, arises from Biden's promis e to transfer advanced technology, includingsubmarine nuclear-propulsion to Australia. It brings into stark relief India's failure to acquire any significant high technology from the US, in spite of bilateral ties, which have steadily grown in warmth and closeness over the past decade and a half

Some major milestones in the Indo-US security relationship have been: Signing of the pathbreaking Indo-US Civil Nuclear Agreement, in 2008; launching of the Defence

Technology and Trade Initiative in 2012; accord of the status of "Major Defence Partner" by the US Congress in 2016; grant of Tier 1 status to India, enabling export of high-technology items; and institution of "2+2 talks" in 2018. Signing of the fourth and last of the key "foundational agreements" in 2020, was supposed to have eliminated the final impediment to closer defence cooperation.

"Our strategic partnership with India, a fellow democracy...is reaching new heights," says a 2019 US State Department document. While the warming of the Indo-US relationship brings comfort to Indians, we must beware of hyperbole, obscuring reality, in the bilateral discourse. American offers of help "to make India a great power" and overzealous declarations (at the apex level in November 2017) that that "two of the world's great democracies should also have the world's two greatest militaries," must be taken with a generous pinch of salt.

China, it is said, owes its pole position to the advanced technology it was given, or it purloined from the US over a 30-year period. All that India has to show for its "strategic partnership," is approximately \$22 billion worth of military hardware purchased from US companies – a distinctly retrograde step when we seek atmanirbharta and freedom from external reliance. We need all the technologies being offered to Australia, in addition to "knowhow" and "know-why" of much else, including stealth fighters, jet engines, advanced radars and, of course, nuclear propulsion for submarines as well as aircraft-carriers.

For India to attain its full potential, it will need insurance against hegemony, and a breathing space to restore its economy to its earlier buoyant trajectory. This respite will enable it to catch up with technology and boost its military muscle. While preparing to fight its own battles, India will need to seek external balancing. If realpolitik so demands, it must break old shibboleths and strike new partnerships - wherever there is convergence of interests

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A PARTY OF CHANGE

BJP has learnt to adapt to the times because of its ideological anchor

BHUPENDER YADAV

ELECTIONS ARE important in the Indian political system to test the policies of parties that have won public mandates. The mandate allows opportunities for new possibilities and newer people. Change within governments is also affected by this electoral process. This is important so that public representatives maintain communication and contact with

The important question that arises is: How to find newer people and new opportunities in a party that is chosen by the public over and over again? Can parties that win elections repeatedly find a way to give opportunities to new faces? The second important question is: Can political parties based on an idea draw a line that makes politics all-inclusive, fully participative and an ideological mission?

In this context, the Bharatiya Janata Party, since its inception, has been an organisation that has tried to test new possibilities in politics. The BJP, which started with the mission to ensure the welfare of the last man in the social hierarchy, has shown ideological commitment not just in words but also in its ac-

While party representatives exhibited unprecedented steadfastness in fighting the Emergency, they also participated in the struggle for greater transparency. The BIP, which was part of a great many movements, is today in power and working relentlessly for good governance.

The BJP has proven itself as being a "party with a difference" — distinct from other parties. Its fight against family-based politics is reflected in its party structure. At a time when The political leadership needs to have public communication, sensitivity, understanding of the ground situation in framing and executing policies and respecting the public mandate. New and practical policies can help establish coordination between the executive and bureaucracy. To bridge the gap between the two, it is important to have a clear policy and strong leadership.

other parties are faced with the challenge of maintaining inner-party democracy, the BJP has succeeded in making its organisation worker-oriented and based on ideology. The BJP has kept itself free of the dynastic politics that is the hallmark of all other parties.

When we assess the functioning of other parties, the question before the BJP is how should the party move ahead as a political entity. What is the way ahead for the BJP as an organisation working in coordination with the government? How do we build capabilities among workers? Umpteen questions like these are a part of our politics today. The answers to all these questions can be found in the BJP working under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The political leadership needs to have public communication, sensitivity, understanding of the ground situation in framing and executing policies and respecting the public mandate. New and practical policies can help establish coordination between the executive and bureaucracy. To bridge the gap between the two, it is important to have a clear policy and strong leadership. The BJP has worked towards these objectives to bring positive changes. It is natural for a party that has been earning the people's trust for a long time to go for internal changes

Similarly, if a party wants to build capacities among its workers it needs to build upon its leadership. This is because when a new person gets a responsibility, they tend to fulfil it with greater dedication and renewed energy. At the same time, when a person returns to power after staying out of it for a long time,

he tends to bring fresh energy to his tasks. This is an experiment that needs to be accepted within politics on a wider scale. Since political parties are not the property of any individual or family, this is a people-friendly experiment. To ensure new ideas find acceptance in the times to come, we must welcome such exper-

Another question that arises from this is about the difficulties that accompany change. These difficulties arise when the foundation of the organisation is not a commitment to an ideology but to a dynasty. Workers who are dedicated to an ideology easily adjust to changes and continue fulfilling their duties. In dynastic parties, organisational changes are accompanied by internal power struggles. This is a foundational difference that needs to be understood when it comes to change.

In the BJP, change is a natural process, while in other parties it leads to instances of confrontation. It is for this reason that analysts make mistakes while understanding changes within the BJP The BJP accepts changes based on new

needs, new ideas, the requirement to give new people opportunities and to move ahead with greater energy while discharging duties both at the organisational and at the governmental levels. This is part of BJP's positive work agenda, which is accepted by all party workers wholeheartedly.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

Punjab violence

TWELVE PERSONS WERE killed, and a number of others injured when police opened fire to disperse a sword-wielding crowd of Nihangs, which attacked security forces after Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale surrendered to the police and was taken to Ludhiana. The mob burnt a police jeep, a truck, three makeshift police offices, an improvised canteen and an unspecified number of beds and belongings of policemen. A jawan of the Puniab Armed Police was reportedly killed when a Nihang attacked him with a sword. The Bhindranwale had specifically asked his followers to remain peaceful after his arrest.

CONGRESS (I) PROBLEMS

THE CONGRESS (I) High Command is intrigued over the reluctance of many Karnataka leaders, including the Chief Minister R Gundu Rao, to comply with its directive and quit party posts. Though the AICC (I) formulated the 'One Man, One Policy', some months ago and directed all ministers to relinquish their positions in the party, many have refused to do so. Amongst the defaulters are the CM who continues to head the Coorg District Congress Committee (I).

SIVAKASI BLAST

THE DEATH TOLL in the blast in Sivakasi in

Tamil Nadu on September 19 rose to 31 with the death of one of the two seriously injured admitted to hospital. RB Thaba, chief executive controller of explosives, will be in Sivakasi to inquire into the incident. Arunachalam, owner of the unit manufacturing firecrackers in which the explosion took place, has been taken into custody.

Mansarovar pilgrims

THE GROUP OF Indian pilgrims to Mansarovar and Kailash were given a warm reception by Chinese authorities when they crossed into China. They were met by Chinese authorities at Lipulekh pass at a height of 17,800 feet.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"There are aspects of coronavirus management, especially by developed nations towards those less so, that smack of discrimination."

- DAWN, PAKISTAN

Feud among friends

Delhi's interests lie in deeper strategic cooperation with France and Europe as well as the Quad. Its diverse relationships in the West must be deployed in full measure to prevent a split in the Indo-Pacific coalition



By C Raja Mohan

MORE THAN FOUR decades ago, Washington decided to end its commitment to supply nuclear fuel for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station that it helped build. That decision was triggered by the sharp reaction in the US Congress against India's 1974 nuclear test. India was furious with American unilateralism.

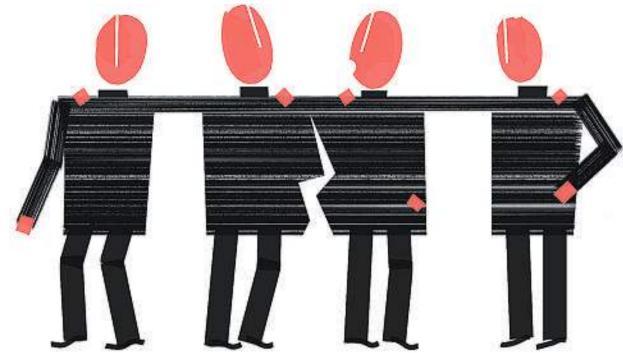
After Ronald Reagan took charge of the White House in 1981, his advisers were eager to improve ties with India and fix the Tarapur problem that appeared so intractable. The new US domestic non-proliferation law barred nuclear fuel supply to India. But the international nuclear rules did not. Washington turned to Paris to step in to replace the US as the supplier of fuel to Tarapur. The Tarapur diplomacy was a win-win for all. India got to run Tarapur; the US stayed within the confines of its domestic law; and France got the contract.

Where there is will, the Tarapur diplomacy reminds us, there is a way. That brings us to AUKUS — the nuclear coalition, which has ignited unprecedented French fury. Could not Australia, United Kingdom and the United States devise a sensible way for Canberra to get out of the conventional submarine contract with Paris and turn to London and Washington for a new agreement on the supply of nuclearpowered submarines? That the issue was handled poorly is not in doubt. All that, however, is water under the bridge. The angry French reaction - marked by a rare recall of envoys from Washington and Canberra – suggests it will be a while before the crisis can be overcome. There is concern that AUKUS could leave a deep scar on US-EU relations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and weaken the international coalition in the Indo-Pacific. Is there something that Delhi could do to heal the rift among its valued friend? An intense round of Indian diplomacy in New York and Washington this week should answer that question.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is heading to Washington for the first in-person bilateral summit with US President Joe Biden on Thursday. The PM is also expected to have bilateral conversations with the Prime Ministers of Australia (Scott Morrison) and the Japanese premier (Yoshihide Suga). On Friday, the four leaders will sit down at the White House for the first summit of the Quadrilateral Forum, or the Quad. The four leaders had met digitally in March this year. The PM will then head to the United Nations, where he will address the annual session of the General Assembly. External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar will also be in New York, meeting a large number of other world leaders.

Paris had cancelled a scheduled meeting of the foreign ministers of Australia, France, and India at the UN. In the last couple of years, the trilateral has become an important element in the emerging Indo-Pacific architecture. Jaishankar, however, will have a bilateral meeting with the French foreign minister Jean-Yves Le Drian. The two leaders spoke to each other after the announcement of AUKUS and agreed to consult closely.

That Delhi today is a part of a difficult con-



of the West. Popular and academic discourse on India's foreign policy has been obsessed with the concept of "non-alignment" - that shorn of all mystification, was about keeping distance from the West as a whole. India's contemporary diplomacy, in contrast, takes a nuanced view of internal dynamics in the West, and recognises the political agency of individual states, and develops wide-ranging relationships with the Western nations.

versation between the US, UK, France, Europe,

and Australia points to the growing depth and

diversity of India's relations with different parts

Let us start with France: Paris has always taken an independent view of the world, while remaining within the broad framework of the American alliance. In the 1990s, Paris championed the construction of a multipolar world to constrain American "hyperpower". Delhi did not seize the opportunity as it embraced the Russian-Chinese version of multipolarity. The last few years, however, have seen an intensification of India's strategic engagement with France. For example, the NDA government has overcome the earlier reluctance in Delhi to work with Paris on Indian Ocean security.

The NDA government has also stepped up on the political engagement with Europe as a collective as well as its sub-regions – from Baltics to the Balkans and from Iberia to Mitteleuropa. For long, Europe was largely a diplomatic backwater for India. As Delhi discovers that every European nation, from tiny Luxembourg to a rising Poland, has something to offer, Europe has become a thriving hub of India's international relations.

Thanks to the bitter colonial legacy, relations between Delhi and London have always been prickly and underdeveloped. In the last couple of years. India has made a determined effort to build a new partnership with Britain, which is the fifth-largest economy in the world, a leading financial hub, a technological powerhouse, and punches well above its weight in global affairs.

India's neglect of London also meant Delhi had no time for the "Anglosphere" that binds the UK to Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. Many had presumed that the Anglosphere was about dead white English-speaking men -AUKUS, however, is a reminder that Anglo-

Saxon political bonds endure. Instead of treating the Anglosphere with disdain, Delhi has begun to vigorously engage with the "settler colonies" that have so much to offer India from natural resources to higher education and critical technologies. The UK and its settler colonies have long been the preferred destination for the Indian diaspora (besides the US). While the diaspora tends to connect the domestic politics of the Anglosphere with that of India, Delhi is figuring out that the diaspora politics can be played both ways. The transformation of India's relations with Australia has occurred despite entrenched scepticism in the foreign policy bureaucracy. Finally, Japan has been a part of the West in the post-War era and Delhi's relations with Tokyo have never been as rounded as they are today. They are also fellow members of the Quad.

This wide-ranging engagement with the West should help Delhi convey two important messages to its partners this week. One is to remind France, Australia, the UK and US of the shared interests in securing the Indo-Pacific and the dangers of letting the current quarrel undermine that larger goal. The other is to highlight the region's vast requirements for effective deterrence in the Indo-Pacific; and that there is enough room for the US, UK, France, and Europe to collaborate with Indo-Pacific partners in overlapping coalitions to develop high technology and defence-industrial cooperation in all the areas highlighted by AUKUS effective underwater capabilities to AI, quantum computing and cyber warfare.

Finally, India's interests lie in deeper strategic cooperation with France and Europe as well as the Quad and the Anglosphere. It was French President Jacques Chirac who first, during a visit to Delhi in January 1998, called for ending India's nuclear isolation. But it required the full might of the US presidency under George W Bush to overcome the Western nonproliferation theology and Chinese political resistance. India's diverse relationships in the West must be deployed in full measure to prevent a split in the Indo-Pacific coalition.

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Extend the coalition

Farmers' movement should take note of amendments to Haryana's land acquisition laws. To mount an effective challenge, it has to forge broader solidarities



Janaki Srinivasan

A NUMBER of developments in the past few weeks signal that state governments in the region at the epicentre of the ongoing farmers' agitation have decided to shift the political conversation from the agitation. While former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's demand that the agitation be carried out only in Delhi and Haryana is admittedly the mildest move, the Uttar Pradesh government, despite being poll-bound, is banking on both the limited regional locus and caste dynamics of the agitation in addition to communal polarisation to blunt the electoral challenge posed by the farmers — despite the numbers of the Muzaffarnagar mahapanchayat. It is the Haryana government, however, where the ruling coalition's MLAs and ministers have been unable to hold public functions or even enter their constituencies, that has determinedly moved away from its earlier characterisation of farmers as "misled" and adopted an aggressive approach.

Despite the flare-up in Karnal and its capitulation to the agitating farmers' demands, the government has made fresh moves to clear the Delhi border and blamed the protests on Punjab and the Opposition parties. This points to a determined design to undermine the farmer-and-agriculture-infused political vocabulary that has been the mainstay of the state's politics and requires us to enquire into the calculations that underpin it.

A number of policies adopted by the Haryana government in recent months offer vital clues. The most important of these, which has surprisingly found limited space in the farmers' agitation, are the amendments the Haryana assembly brought in to the law governing land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement in the last week of August. It will come into force after obtaining the President's Assent. While other states have brought in similar pieces of legislation, since 2016, to reverse critical provisions of the Central Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act (LARR), 2013, the Haryana had desisted till now. The state's farmers were at the forefront of the protests to oppose the bid to amend LARR then. The INLD, JJP's parent party, had opposed these amendments in Parliament: Then INLD MP and current deputy CM Dushyant Chautala's impassioned speech in Parliament against the amendments he is now stoutly defending continues to be featured on JJP's YouTube channel.

The amendments do away with the requirement of consent from 70 per cent of affected landowners in case of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project and of Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for a range of public sector and PPP projects, including the malleable category of "infrastructure", which defeats the limitation placed on the definition of "public purpose" permitting acquisition. It empowers the collector to unilaterally determine compensation without calling for objections or conducting an inquiry, thereby narrowing the category of "project affected" which the LARR had widened to include all those dependent on the land for their livelihood and

Social science scholarship on middlecaste peasantry in India, including of this Green Revolution belt, has pointed to the disjuncture between identity and aspiration that has come to characterise the landholding farming community since the turn of the century. While land remains a marker of identity, status and pride, aspirations of and for the youth (by the older generation) exhibit a disenchantment with farming and the desire for a salaried, preferably government, job or a desire to migrate abroad. As rising educational levels fail to translate into employment, both due to quality of education and shrinking employment opportunities, these communities have mounted agitations for inclusion in the OBC list, thereby qualifying for reservations in employment and education. Haryana was rocked by the Jat reservation agitation in 2016 by the very sections leading the current protests. In March, Haryana passed a law reserving 75 per cent of private sector jobs below the salary bracket of Rs 50,000 per month for domiciles.

At one level, the recent amendments to LARR constitute a sop to an industry critical of this requirement. That Chautala spearheaded this law while facing intense pressure from his own party rank and file vis-àvis the farm laws, however, signals that the plan is to go deeper and break the tenuous link between land and identity by casting the dice in favour of aspiration by broadening access to the urban industrial and services sector. This is part of a broader churning to undercut the evocative hold of the figure of the "farmer" in the political, especially electoral, discourse and centre politics around a postagrarian economy

The farmers' agitation has garnered unprecedented solidarity from other social movements, mass organisations and trade unions including cautious support from those sections whose interests and caste experience lie in tension with landholding farmers. But to mount an effective challenge, this solidarity needs to translate into a coalition for which it needs to widen the agenda from return to status quo to the transformations required in agriculture as part of a development model which can ensure livelihood, dignity and ecological restoration. While the movement has taken an anti-corporate, anti-privatisation stand and some steps towards restoring broken communal harmony, it needs to have difficult conversations about caste and gender hierarchies in the agrarian social structure, and the prevailing ecologically unsound land-use patterns. It can take direction from the movement that led to LARR — anti-displacement movements had built alliances with other social movements, including that of farmers. The post-Green Revolution farmers' movement in India has hitherto worked with a limited agenda but retaining its political salience necessitates such a dialogue

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conventional submarine contract with Paris and turn to London and Washington for a new agreement on the supply of nuclear-powered submarines? That the issue was handled poorly is not in doubt. All that, however, is water under the bridge. The angry French reaction – marked by a rare recall of envoys from Washington and Canberra – suggests it will be a while before the crisis can be overcome. There

Could not Australia, United Kingdom and the United States devise a sensible way for Canberra to get out of the is concern that AUKUS could leave a deep scar on US-EU relations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and weaken the international coalition in the Indo-Pacific.

Growing together

Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 creates opportunities for its partners, including India

SAUD BIN MOHAMMED AL-SATI

FIVE YEARS ago, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia launched its Vision 2030, aiming to diversify its economy, modernise its administration and introduce bold reforms in many sectors. A lot has happened since then in terms of etching milestones on the path of the implementation while responding to the unpredicted Covid-19 pandemic.

The ongoing transformation of the Kingdom's economy and society revolves around Vision 2030 and its multiple goals, including diversification of the economy, enhancing government efficiency, increasing non-oil government revenues, reducing unemployment, and increasing women's participation in the workforce, etc.

Diverse reforms have been introduced in laws, regulations, and procedures. In the sphere of law, the Kingdom has implemented impactful reforms in the area of contract enforcement. Over 197 legislations have been introduced to improve the regulatory environ-

The Kingdom's e-government initiative is building capacities among government institutions to become more efficient, transparent, and accountable. The Kingdom is supporting a digitally-enabled industrial revolution for projects in mining, manufacturing, logistics, and energy through a \$453 billion fund. The Line project and the Neom, Red Sea, and Qiddiya projects are expanding the innovation

A sound digital infrastructure has been

developed to support Vision 2030's ambitions. Saudi Arabia's robust digital infrastructure today ranks 7th globally in terms of internet speed and the quality of 5G. With the recently launched National Strategy for Data and AI, Saudi Arabia will soon be among the top 15 countries in artificial intelligence capability, attracting a total of SR 75 billion in investment

From 2016 onwards, the government has delivered on more than 45 per cent of the 500 planned reforms. Through the National Licensing Reform Program (NLRP), more than 60 percent of over 5,500 licenses selected for reform have already been eliminated or modified. Commercial licenses are being issued within 24 hours.

As stated by HRH Crown Prince in a recent interview, in the fourth quarter of 2019, the non-oil economy grew by about 4.5 percent. The momentum gained since then has helped the Kingdom in dealing effectively with the economic repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic, FDI inflows have increased 331 per cent to reach SR17.625 billion, with a total of 1,278 new foreign companies obtaining licenses in 2020. Saudi Arabia's investment environment is returning to pre-Covid-19 levels and is on track to increase the private sector's contribution to 65 per cent of the GDP by 2030.

The IMF's projections paint a positive picture, estimating Saudi Arabia's real GDP growth at 4.8 per cent, the real non-oil GDP growth at 3.6 per cent, and the real oil GDP growth to reach 6.8 per cent in 2022.

The Public Investments Fund assets were projected to be SR 7 trillion by 2030. As they are likely to touch SR4 trillion in 2025, the target has already been re-adjusted to SR 10 trilion by 2030. PIF has already launched over 30 new companies and created 3,31,000 jobs in Saudi Arabia over the past four years and will further invest \$40 billion annually over the coming five years to support new sectors such as tourism, sports, industry, agriculture, transportation, space, etc.

The Kingdom is prepared to become a global hub for renewable energy (RE) and RE technologies over the next 10 years. The recent inauguration of the Sakaka solar PV and Sudair plant are in line with the recently launched "Saudi Green" and the "Middle East Green" initiatives. Both initiatives aim to collectively plant 50 billion trees, generate 50 per cent of power via renewables by 2030 and propel the region towards achieving more than 10 per cent of the global carbon emissions reduction targets. In its motivation to preserve the planet, Saudi Arabia plans to host the very first Green Saudi Initiative Forum and the Green Middle East Initiative Summit in Riyadh on October 23, 2021. Recently, Saudi Arabia has started producing renewable energy from its first wind farm at Dumat Al Jandal. The wind farm is estimated to generate green energy for about 70,000 Saudi households and eliminate 9,88,000 tonnes of carbon emissions a year. Under the green ini-

tiatives, the Kingdom is expected to also eliminate more than 130 million tons of carbon emissions by using clean hydrocarbon technologies.

In our endeavour to achieve the Vision 2030 strategic goals, we have created immense opportunities and an attractive business environment for our strategic partners. Indian companies in Saudi Arabia operate in diverse sectors such as management, consultancy services, construction projects, telecommunications, information technology, software development, pharmaceuticals, and more. The number of Indian companies investing and operating in the Kingdom has continued to grow. In 2020, 44 new licenses were issued for Indian investments. Saudi Arabia also had the highest FDI increase to India in 2020 with investments worth \$2.81 billion in areas of renewable energy, petrochemicals, agriculture, health, and technology.

As we celebrate Saudi Arabia's 91st National Day on September 23, we look forward to our continued partnership with India. Saudi Arabia has valued India as a close friend and strategic partner. Our dynamic cultural, socio-economic, and political partnership is based on mutual respect and shared values and interests and shall continue to thrive for the interests of our two friendly people and the people of the region.

> The writer is Saudi Arabia's ambassador to India

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRATEGIC CHOICE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Channi's challenge' (IE, September 20). Charanjit Singh Channi's success in wearing the interim Chief Minister's mantle is not a fluke. Like others in the race, he has the required qualities and credentials, which have won him this prestigious post. The Scheduled Caste tag alone is not sufficient. But it is also now very clear that Channi has to hit the ground running to win the assembly elections with flying colours to claim this fulltime post again. There are many dark horses waiting in the wings.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Channi's challenge' (IE, September 2). After realising the shortcomings in Captain Amarinder Singh's four-and-a-half-year tenure, the Congress has played its cards strategically. Appointing a Dalit leader as CM meets the expectations of more than 30 per cent of the state's population. The party has played its trump card by selecting Channi as its next CM, keeping in mind SAD's collaboration with the BSP, and AAP's announcement of a Dalit leader as a CM. Channi has four months to prove himself.

Caste Hegemony

Apoorv Raj, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The Mandal-Mandir equation' September 20). The "Savarna" oligarchy

sanctioned by scriptures like

Manusmirti is not merely socio-cultural. This has also promoted their hegemony over the nation's resources, including the burgeoning private sector, where quotas are not yet applicable. The unrelenting demand for a caste census is a reflection of Bahujan resentment aimed to expose the ugly truth of their socialeconomic and political marginalisation. The Modi government's rejig of cabinet berths for members from OBCs is a rehash of the window dressing adopted by the Congress for SCs and STs after Independence. It has a limited political shelf-life and carries the danger of a po-

LR Murmu, Delhi

SQUALID CITIES

tential Savarna backlash

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'City to recover' (IE, September 20). While there can be no question about the need to improve our towns and cities to attract and retain migrants, the sheer enormity of the task makes it an unrealistic goal. Urban India has the abysmal infrastructure and messy politics. It would be much better to improve rural areas so that people have a better quality of life there, and not do anything that ruins rural livelihoods, such as demonetisation. So long as people in the countryside have some land to fall back on, and support from family and relatives, they would hesitate to move in large numbers to cities. Migration is linked to the quality of life as much as it is to income. **Hemant Contractor,** Pune

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Ref. No. RMLIMS/MM[eq]/2021-22/2213 **TENDER NOTICE**

On-line offers are invited through BOQ Based GeM bidding from Manufacturer/Authorized Distributors/Dealers/Agents for the supply & nstallation of Office furniture in the Institute.

The Vendors are required to submit their offer on GeM portal only in wo bids systemilie, technical & financial bid as per norms of GeM portal.

For detailed information like Name of Office furniture, Date of obmission and opening of bid etc., you may please visit the GeM portal he list of Office furniture will also be available on our website www.drrmlims.ac.in for reference only. The offer will be accepted On-Line only on GeM portal with terms and conditions as mentioned in GeM bidding documents. Director

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-M-Baad-Boiler-2021 Date: 20.09.2021

DME (C&W)/North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following work

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Sr.	Item	Details of work				
1.		Operation of Steam Boiler Model No. EBL- 0465 installed at Tank Wagon Depot Baad for a period of two years				
2.	Approx. Cost of the work	₹ 17,60,240/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Forty only)				

For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their bids through web portal www.ireps.gov.in upto 15.00 hrs on 14.10.2021. Manual offers are not allowed gainst this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 1017/21(R)

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NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar,(U.P Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with fo the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

S.no.	Job No. / Work Name	Amount
1.	01/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22, D/o Park in sector-	
		Rs. 30.98
	maintenance.	Lacs
2.	05/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2021-22, M/o Green Belt	Cost
		Rs. 95.70
	Km to 10.00 Km, (L.H.S service road) with	Lacs
	two year maintenance	

Which can be uploaded by date 04/10/2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 05/10/2021 at 11:00 AM.

Office Director (Hort.) Sector-39

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CIN:1J401020R2004SGC007553 EOI TENDER NOTICE NO-02/2021-22:

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ARCHITECTURAL/CONSULTANCY SERVICES

(A Government of Octaha Undertaking) S.E. (Civil), Civil Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

On behalf of OPTCL, Superintending Engineer (Civil), Civil Norks Circle, OPTCL, Bhubaneswar invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Architects /Architectural Consultancy firms for providing Architectural and Engineering services to carry out "Interior work of Block A of Shakti Bhawan Complex, Bhubaneswar," in two parts i.e (1) Techno-Commercial Bid (2) Price Bid.

SI No	Event	Date
10	Start Date of downloading of documents from OPTCL website	21/09/2021 from 11:00am
	End Date of downloading documents from OPTCI, website	08/10/2021 from 01:00pm
3.	End Date of receipt of bid documents	08/10/2021 from 01:00pm
4,	Opening of Technical bid	08/10/2021 from

Details of EOI Documents can be downloaded from the official website of OPTCL, please visit/ refer our website www.optcl.co.in. Corrigendum if any shall be published in the

SE (CIVIL) /0068/2122

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560 073. No:BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/16/2021-22 Date: 18.09.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Two Tender Document System) (Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) (KW - 3)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

SI. No.	Name of the Works	Amount (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Improvements to Roads, Drains and Other Maintenance in Manjunathanagara and Surrounding Area in Ward No-14 Bagalagunte.	100.00
2.	Improvements to Roads, Drains and Other Maintenance behind KSCMF Building and Surrounding Area in Ward No-14 Bagalagunte.	100.00
3.	Improvements of Drains at 1st Cross and Its Surrounding Cross Roads from New Carmel School Main Road in Sanjeevini Nagara 2nd Stage in Ward No-71 Call-2	81.00
4.	Improvements of Drains at 8th Cross & its Surrounding Roads from in Gajanana Nagara in Ward No-71 Call-2	80.00
5.	Improvements to Drains at main and cross roads of Shambhavinagara and DM Public School Surrounding area in	100.00

Instead of EMD the Tenderer must submit the declaration Amount as for the Government Order No. DE 675 Cost-12/2020 (in ₹.) Bengaluru, Dt:22.12.2020

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from 27.09.2021. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 04.10.2021 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Pre bid for 2 cover tender meeting will be held on 30.09.2021 at 11:30 am in the office of the Chief Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP. (4) Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP on 05.10.2021 at 4:30 pm. (5) Financial Bids will be Opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP on 07.10.2021 at 4:30 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division



Ward No-70 Call-3









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Tender Publishing Notice Advertisement

E-Tender No.41

Request for Proposal for Appointment of Agency for Digital Mapping of Utility Services and related assets in Geographical Information System (GIS) under Area Based Development, Nashik

NMSCDCL is publishing tender "Request for Proposal for Appointment of Agency for Digital Mapping of Utility Services and related assets in Geographical Information System (GIS) under Area Based Development, Nashik" Tender publishing date is 17.09.2021 03.00 PM.

The detailed notice inviting tender will be available or

Last date of submission of tender 12.10.2021 03.00 PM.

Chief Executive Officer

NMSCDCI

Government of Maharashtra

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NANDED e-Tender Notice No. 46 for 2021-2022

e-Tenders for 03 works in B-2 form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Nanded (Phone No. 02462-253711) from the Registered Contractors in Appropriate Class of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra for the

Improvement in Dist. Nanded. The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website-

- 1. Above all the works are worth more than Rs. 25.00 Crores.
- 2. All information related to this tender is made available on the following website also. All changes will be made available on this website.

www.mahapwd.com

https://mahatenders.gov.in

Sd/ **Executive Engineer,** Public Works Division, Nanded

(dgipr/2021-2022/2018 **National Anti Doping Agency** (An autonomous body of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India)

Hall No. 103-104, First Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi - 110003 File No. 1/21/2021/NADA Date: 17th September 2021 **TENDER NOTICE**

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) invites sealed tenders for engagement of legal firm for legal services to NADA.

The tender document may be downloaded from our website www.nadaindia.org

https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish. Interested firm may submit their sealed tenders in two bids system i.e. Technical and Financial bids as per terms & conditions of the tender documents. The last date of receipt of Tender document is 30.09.2021 at 1600 hrs.

(Accounts-cum-Administrative Officer) National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) Tel: 011-24368274 davp 47117/11/0003/2122

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Anjali D/o Dal Chand R/o H. No. F-1483, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from her house since 18.08.2021 at 01:30 PM. In this regard DD No. 58A dated 20.08.2021 has been registered at PS. Narela, Industrial Area, Outer North Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 23 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Colour Suit Salwar and Black Sleeper in feet. Any person is having information or clue about this missing

kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-SHO

Website:http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-27787592, 27787593 Mob. No. 7065036324 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/1243/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is here by informed that this person Namely: Parveen Kumar, S/o Sh. Chander Pal, R/o A-670, Gali No. 5, Raja Vihar, Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Age: 32 years, Height: 5 feet 7 inch, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Pink Shirt and Blue Half Pant has been missing since 01.08.2021 from the area of PS

Samaipur Badli, Delhi. In this regard a DD No.78A, dated 05.08.2021 has been lodged

at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following. SHO

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi Ph. 011-27202248, 27854799 DP/1212/ON/2021



हार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक, विद्युत खण्ड—द्विती उ०प्र० राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण, प्रशासनिक मवन, सेक्टर बी–3, ट्रांस दिल्ली सिग्नेवर सिटी, लोनी गाजियाबाद, E-Mail-ed2@upsidc.com

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1.	Providing Power Line on remaining Road at IA. Etah.	सामान्य	7.32
2.	Dismantling of Defective, Damage and old wiring and Re- electrification of Project office Builing TDS City, Ghaziabad.	सामान्य	11.51
3.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street light and high mast lighting system at IA. Surajpur B&C & Surajpur Housig and Distt. Gautambudh Naga	सामान्य	41.70
4.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street light at IA. Kasna 4&5 and EPIP Kasna Distt. Gautambudh Nagar.	सामान्य	29.61
5.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street light Fittings at IA. Pilakhani (Sjaranpur) and Begrajpur (Muzaffar Nagar)	सामान्य	7.85
6.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street light at IA. Masuri Gulawathi Road Distt. Hapur.	सामान्य	27.55
7.	Annual Maintenance Contract of street lights & high mast lighting system at I.A. Tala Nagri Housing and CDF Aligarh Distt. Aligarh.	अल्पकालीन	34.85
do:	मांक 1—6 तक निविदा दिनांक 21.09.2021 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 12.10	2021 को 18:1	റെ बजे तक

क्रमांक 1—6 तक निविदा दिनांक 21.09.2021 को 11:00 बज सा विनाक 12.10.2021 का 18:00 बज तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 13.10.2021 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियों दिनांक 16.10.2021 को 17:00 बजे तक पंजीकृत डाक / व्यवितागत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है। क्रमांक 7 हेतु निविदा दिनांक 21.09.2021 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 28.09.2021 को 18:00 बजे तक पंजीकृत अपलोड की जा सकती है। किसे दिनांक 29.09.2021 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियों दिनांक 29.09.2021 को 17:00 बजे तक पंजीकृत डाक / व्यवितागत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है।

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EVERY RUPEE IN MY FOUNDATION AWAITING TURN TO SAVE A LIFE: SONU SOOD ON TAX EVASION ALLEGATIONS

Mumbai: Every rupee in his foundation was "awaiting its turn" to be used to reach the needy and save lives, actor Sonu Sood said in a statement Monday in response to the CBDT's allegation that he and his associates have evaded tax

since multiples searches at his premises and those related to his associates last week, the 48-yearold actor said he had been busy "attending to a few guests", which is why he was unable to be of serv-

"You don't always have to tell your side of the story. Time will. Every rupee in my foundation is awaiting its turn to save a precious life and reach the needy..." Sood said said in an Instagram post. PTI

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Police: Manipur militant outfit chief held in Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

DELHI POLICE on Monday claimed to have arrested the chief of Manipur-based militant group Kuki National Front (KNF).

The accused, Mangkholam Kipgen, 24, was wanted in several cases of kidnapping, extortion and firing, police said.

According to police, KNF is involved in terror activities. and "orchestrated" a 'black day' in Manipur on September 13 -as part of the protests, the outfit threw the state under a lockdown to demand justice for thousands of people from Kuki tribe who were killed between 1992 and 1997, allegedly by Naga groups.

Delhi Police's Special Cell said they received information about Kipgen's presence in the national capital and arrested

Date: - 21/09/2021

DCP, Special Cell, Pramod Singh Kushwah said, "He has a big network of armed militants and was planning to kidnap employees of a major construction company in Manipur to stop construction at various places and extort from the victim.'

During investigation, police said they found that Kipgen was in contact with KNF since 2018 and led its members to commit robbery, extortion and other criminal activities. "He is famous for snatching weapons of security personnel, kidnapping and extorting from security forces posted in Manipur," police said.

Last year, Kipgen and his associates allegedly kidnapped two sentries of a police outpost in Manipur and robbed a service rifle. His associates were arrested but Kipgen went absconding.

In counter-plea against Akhtar, Kangana claims threat, intimidation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

ACTOR KANGANA Ranaut filed a counter-complaint against poet-lyricist laved Akhtar claiming that he had threatened and intimidated her when she had a "personal dispute" with her co-star, Her complaint seeks action against Akhtar on offences including extortion and criminal intimidation.

Ranaut appeared before the Andheri metropolitan magistrate's court on Monday in the defamation proceedings filed against her by Akhtar, following the court's warning last week of an arrest warrant. Ranaut's lawyer also informed the court on

Monday that she has "lost faith" in the metropolitan court hearing her matter in Andheri and had sought a transfer before another judge. Lawyer Rizwan Siddiqui told the court that he has filed a transfer application before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. In her complaint, Ranaut has said that when she had a "personal dispute" with a co-star which

tor and her sister Rangoli Chandel to his house and "criminally intimidated and threatened" her. Her complaint also claims that Akhtar had forced

Akhtar had no concern with, he had called the ac-

her to tender a written apology to her co-star.

GOA

Sawant will lead BJP campaign, says Fadnavis; Kejriwal meets Bhandari Samaj

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 20

FORMER MAHARASHTRA chief minister and election in-charge of Goa, Devendra Fadnavis, said on Monday that the BJP will contest the 2022 Legislative Assembly election under the leadership of Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, but whether or not he will retain the post if the party wins is a decision that the party's national president and the parliamentary board will take.

Fadnavis, who was recently appointed the BIP's election incharge for Goa, said in Panaji on Monday, "Elections take place under the leadership of our chief ministers who have done good work but the announcement (of the CM candidate) is not made by the election in-charge. That is the right of our national president and the parliamentary board." Meanwhile, AAP national con-

venor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also arrived in Goa on Monday. He met different groups of people including members of the Bhandari Samaj, an important voter group in Goa.

"With unemployment at its peak, Goa's youth are not getting jobs... Coming to Goa to discuss this issue with the people of Goa," Kejriwal tweeted on Monday. He is expected to make an announcement on Tuesday.

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Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Jharkhand invites Expression of Interest from reputed Audio-visual production Agencies/Individuals/Production houses for empanelment under various categories (A, B, C or D) for the purpose of production of audio-visual creatives and allied works for promotion of government's policies, programmes, schemes etc.

The agencies/individuals fulfilling the eligibility criteria for relevant categories may submit their

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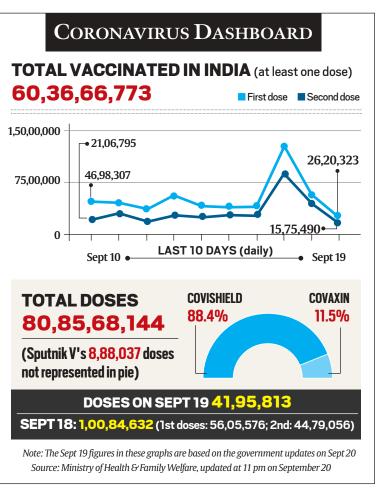
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Applications received after due date and time will be liable to be rejected.

The Expression of Interest would be opened on the same day at 3:00 pm and will be shortlisted based on fulfillment of technical criteria. Shortlisted applicant will be further called for presentation pefore a selection-cum-evaluation committee on date decided by the Director, Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Jharkhand. Director reserves the right to alter the date of opening

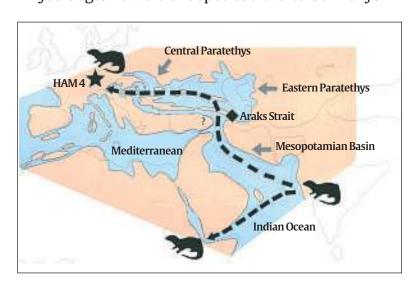
Pre-bid meeting will be held at 03:00 PM on date 27-09-2021 at above mentioned address. Eligibility criteria and other details about Expression of Interest are available on departmental website prdjharkhand.in. Director



THIS WORD MEANS -

VISHNUONYX

A genus of otters that lived in southern Asia, millions of years ago. How did one species travel to Germany?



The dispersal of Vishnuonyx otters from the Indian subcontinent to Africa and Europe about 13 million years ago. The star (HAM 4) shows the position of the fossil site in Hammerschmiede. Nikos Kargopoulos via University of Tübingen

BETWEEN 12.5 million and 14 million years ago, members of a genus of otters called *Vishnuonyx* lived in the major rivers of southern Asia. Fossils of these now extinct otters were first discovered in sediments found in the foothills of the Himalayas. Now, a newly found fossil indicates it had travelled as far as Germany. The discovery has been described in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology.

Researchers from the Universities of Tübingen and Zaragoza have discovered the fossil of a previously unknown species, which they have named Vishnuonyx neptuni, meaning 'Neptune's Vishnu'. The species was discovered from a 11.4-million-year-old strata in the area of Hammerschmiede, which is a fossil site in Bavaria, Germany that has been studied for about 50 years, the University of Tübingen said in a press release.

This is the first discovery of any member of the Vishnuonyx genus in Europe; it is also its most northern and western

Vishnuonyx were mid-sized predators that weighed, on average, 10-15 kg. Before this, the genus was known only in Asia and Africa (recent findings show that Vishnuonyx reached East Africa about 12 million years ago, according to the release).

Vishnuonyx depended on water and could not travel long distances over land. How did it travel as far as Europe? According to the researchers, its travels over 6,000 km were probably made possible by the geography of 12 million years ago, when the Alps were recently formed. These Alps and the Iranian Elbrus Mountains were separated by a large ocean basin, which would have made it easier for the otters to cross it.

Researchers believe 'Neptune's Vishnu' $first\, reached\, southern\, Germany, followed$ by Ancient Guenz and eventually, the

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EXPLAINED ELECTION ARITHMETIC

Punjab's Dalits & voting trends

How far can Congress gain from its selection of Charanjit Singh Channi as Punjab's first Dalit CM? Survey data show it was already the popular choice among both Sikh and Hindu Dalits, but it needs to hold on.

EXPERT EXPLAINS SANJAY KUMAR

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

AFTER THE resignation of Amarinder Singh as the Chief Minister of Punjab, the Congress chose Charanjit Singh Channi over various other leaders as the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab. It has been claimed that Channi was the party's unanimous choice, which may be true, but it cannot be denied that his selection as Punjab's first Dalit Chief Minister was made with an eye on the sizeable Dalit vote in the state. As per Census 2011 estimates, Scheduled Castes constitute 32% of the total population of Punjab; among them, one-third are Dalit Sikh.

Assembly elections in Punjab are due next year.

The Dalit numbers

The importance of the Dalit vote can be assessed from the fact that there are 54 Assembly constituencies where Dalits constitute more than 30% of the total voters. In another 45 Assembly constituencies, Dalits constitute between 20% and 30% of the voters (Table 1).

In the contest that the state is set to witness among the Congress, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)-Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) alliance and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), one-third of the vote - from any one community - are going to play a significant role in the victory or defeat of any political party.

The significant number of Dalits is the reason why, over the last few months, all political parties have made attempts to mobilise them on their side. One way or the other, each party had indicated that it would give a decent share in power to the Dalits if it is voted to power. While the AAP promised to appoint a Dalit as Deputy Chief Minister if voted to power. the SAD formed an alliance with the BSP in an effort to woo Dalits.

The resignation of Amarinder Singh provided an opportunity to the Congress to appoint a new Chief Minister, and the party has trumped its rivals by appointing Channi as the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab. At the moment, it is difficult to say which party will be able to swing the Dalit vote in its favour, but many see this as a masterstroke by the Congress party

Dalit vote in previous polls

The results of the last few elections suggest that no particular party has done significantly better in SC-reserved constituencies compared

Charanjit Singh Channi is Punjab's first Dalit CM. Express

TABLE 1

CONSTITUENCY-WISE CONCENTRATION OF DALIT VOTE

SC concentration	Seats
10.1-20%	18
20.1-30%	45
30.1-40%	43
40%+	11

TABLE 2

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2012, CATEGORY-WISE

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seats	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)
34	10	40.13	3	5.74	21	36.55	0	6.11
83	36	40.07	9	7.77	35	33.99	0	3.55
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TABLE 3

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2017, CATEGORY-WISE

Category Congress		B	JP .	Aka	li Dal	AAP BSP			P		
l		Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)
l	SC	21	36.63	1	4.16	3	24.57	9	28.53	0	2.27
l	Gen	56	39.28	2	5.91	12	25.52	11	21.72	0	1.21
İ	Total	77	38.50	3	5.39	15	25.24	20	23.72	0	1.52

TABLE 4

DALIT VOTES, PARTY-WISE

Election	Coi	ngress	SAD-	+BJP	A	AP	į
	Dalit Sikh	Hindu Dalit	Dalit Sikh	Hindu Dalit	Dalit Sikh	Hindu Dalit	
2002	33	47	26	11	-	-	
2007	49	56	32	25	-	-	į
2012	51	37	34	33	-	-	į
2017	41	43	34	26	19	21	İ

(Vote shares in all tables are in %); Source: Punjab Assembly Election Studies 2002, 2007, 2012 & 2017; CSDS Data Unit

to the non-Dalit constituencies. During the 2017 Assembly elections, the Congress won 21 of the 34 SC-reserved constituencies, but its votes share in these constituencies was slightly lower than its average vote share. On the other hand, in 2012, although the Congress's vote share was equal in SC-reserved and unreserved constituencies, it won fewer reserved seats only 10 out of 34. Clearly, the overall performance of the party in reserved and unreserved constituencies does not help us understand how Dalits in Punjab have voted in various elections (Tables 2 and 3).

But evidence from surveys conducted by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) indicates that even in the past, the Congress has successfully mobilised both Hindu Dalit and Sikh Dalit votes. The findings also indicate that the party needs to maintain its hold over the Dalits if it aims to win the 2022 Assembly elections.

The evidence suggests the Congre Sikhs and Hindu Dalits, although in slightly dif-

NON-DALIT HINDU VOTE

TABLE 5

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Election	Congress	SAD+BJP	AAP
2002	52	26	-
2007	49	38	-
2012	46	36	-
2017	48	22	23

been the popular choice among both Dalit

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alliance with the BSP, the SAD is eying the Dailt vote. But now, having appointed a Dalit Sikh as the Chief Minister, the Congress would be hoping to make a significant dent in the SAD's Sikh Dalit vote bank. It is important to note that only recently, the Congress had also appointed Sukhwinder Singh 'Danny' Bandala, a Dalit leader, as one of its four working presidents in Punjab. Having a Dalit Sikh as the Chief Minister and another Dalit leader in another important position is likely have an impact on how Dalits vote in next year's elections. It is also important to note the evidence

ferent proportions (Table 4). Having formed an

that suggests that among Hindu Dalits, the Congress is more popular than the SAD. The Dalit Hindus of Punjab have voted for the Congress in larger numbers than they have for the Akalis during the last few elections. The entry of the AAP, and the fact that the BJP is contesting on its own, may potentially impact the Congress Hindu votebank to an extent, but having a Dalit Chief Minister might help the party mitigate this impact and keep its Hindu

Your smartphone and its 'adaptive refresh rate'

ANUJ BHATIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE RECENT iPhone 13 Pro range offers a 120Hz refresh rate display, which Apple is calling ProMotion. Top-end Android phones from Samsung and others have had this feature for a couple of years, but Apple is making it easier for developers to benefit from it. A look at what 'adaptive refresh rate' means for your display:

What is refresh rate?

Whether it is a TV, a PC monitor or a smartphone, all devices constantly change the pixels they display to project the appearance of motion. Refresh rate means how many times the image on a screen can be updated every second, and is measured in Hertz (Hz). For example, your HDTV at home has a 60Hz refresh rate (like the iPhone 12 series), which means it can refresh the screen

60 times per second, while a 120Hz refresh rate means the iPhone 13 Pro can refresh the screen 120 times per second.

While refresh rate is the number of times per second an image is flashed on the screen, frame rate is the rate at which frames appear. Experts believe the human eye can see between 30 and 60 frames per second. Movies are shot at 24 fps.

If you are shooting a video using a smartphone camera, 60 fps is almost the standard now, while games are created with up to 120 fps. For the best visual experience, refresh rates and frame rates have to work together. For example, a mobile game running at 120 frames per second should look smooth on a 120Hz display when compared to the same game running at 60 fps on a 60Hz display.

So, what is adaptive refresh rate?

When a display has an adaptive refresh rate, like with the ProMotion display on the new iPhone 13 Pro series, the refresh rate changes from 10Hz to 120Hz depending on the content being played. Some Samsung phones offer between 48Hz and 120Hz. So a static website will be played at 10Hz and a game at 120Hz. This means there is little chance of under-delivering or over-delivering refresh rate. Apple is not giving users the option to set a default refresh rate, like some Android phones do. But developers will have the ability to code in such a way that they can set specific refresh rates for different aspects of their app.

When does the refresh rate matter? Faster refresh rates are usually better at

handling motion, especially when watching action movies, playing video games or scrolling through your Twitter timeline.

You will not see a drastic change in the way you use your smartphone – 60Hz displays are good enough for average consumers. Companies such as Apple, Samsung and OnePlus, however, believe a 120Hz display is a "pro" feature, aimed at a specific au-

If you play a casual game like Super Mario Run or Subway Surfers on the iPhone 13 Pro Max, it does not really take advantage of a 120Hz "ProMotion" display. But if you play Alto's Odyssey or Dad Trigger 2 on the iPhone 13 Pro Max, those games will benefit from using the 120Hz display. You will actually notice that this results in improved motion resolution, reduced ghosting and better responsiveness.

Does a high refresh rate impact the battery?

Indeed, one reason for adding an adaptive display in phones that can offer 120Hz display is the impact higher refresh rates have on battery life. The adaptive refresh rate in the new iPhones and phones like the Samsung galaxy S21 Ultra are designed to save the phone's battery life by boosting refresh rates only when they are really needed.

What UK's new Covid-19 travel rules mean for a flyer from India

KAUNAINSHERIFF M NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE UK has changed its Covid-19 travel rules, placing Indians who are vaccinated with Covishield in the category of 'unvaccinated'. While it has relaxed the rules for those vaccinated with two doses Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, the same version of the vaccine being manufactured in India by Pune based Serum Institute of India has been kept out of the list.

What are the UK's current travel rules?

The UK currently has a system that designates countries in 'red', 'amber' and 'green' list. If a person has been in a 'red list' country in the 10 days before arrival in the UK, she has to quarantine for 10 days in a quarantine hotel; and take a Covid-19 test on or before day 2 or after day 8 of quarantining. Even fully vaccinated people have to follow these rules: The penalty is up to £10,000 for violation of quarantine rules, and £5,000 for arriving without a prior negative test.

India features in the 'amber list'. If a person has been in an 'amber list' country in the 10 days before arrival in England, she has to take a Covid-19 test in the three days before travelling to England. If a traveller arrives without proof of a negative Covid-19 test before departure, the fine is £500. After arrival, the traveller has to take a Covid-19 test on day 2.

The prior test is necessary for fully vaccinated travellers, too — but they are exempt from quarantine if they have taken the full course of an 'authorised' vaccine. 'Authorised' includes two doses of the Pfizer, Moderna, or

AstraZeneca vaccine (traveller must have the final dose at least 14 days before arrival in England), or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

If the traveller from the amber list is not fully vaccinated with the authorised vaccine, she has to quarantine on arrival at home or in the place where she is staying; take a test on or before day 2 of arrival; and take another test on or after day 8. If the traveller tests positive for Covid-19, she and the household must quarantine for 10 days from the day of the test. If tests on the traveller's samples detect a 'variant of concern', all her contacts too will be asked to take a test.

Travellers from 'green list' countries too need to take a test Covid-19 test three days before the trip to England: and book a day-2 test after arrival in England. There is blanket exemption from quarantine for the green list. unless the test result is positive on day 2.

What has changed in the rules?

From October 4, there will only be a single red list of countries. For travel from countries not on the red list, the rules will depend only the traveller's vaccination status.

What about travellers from India? The list of authorised vaccines recognises

the full course of the Oxford/AstraZeneca. Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen vaccines from a relevant public health body in Australia, Antigua, and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Dominica, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea or Taiwan – and even mixing of two-dose vaccines (Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna).

Although, India's vaccination drive predominantly uses Covishield, a version of the AstraZeneca vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, India has been kept out of the list.

What does excluding Covishield mean?

This effectively means that Indians administered with Covishield, the same vaccine as the UK's AstraZeneca, have to take a predeparture Covid-19 test in the 3 days before travelling to England; book and pay for day-2 and day-8 tests to be taken in England; and quarantine at home for 10 days.

The traveller can end the quarantine early, if she can pay for a private Covid-19 test through a 'test to release' scheme. For in-

New Delhi

stance, if she arrives in England on a Monday, Tuesday will be her first full day of quarantine, and she can opt for a second test not earlier than the fifth day, which will be Saturday. If the result for the day-5 test is negative, she can stop quarantine, but she will still need to take the compulsory day-8 test.

What happens hereafter, then?

Government sources said they are invoking the reciprocity principle. They said a 'note verbale' has been sent to the UK Embassy. where they have said UK citizens will also be subject to 10 days' quarantine. Government sources also told The Indian Express that the UK decision is not related to the addition of Serum Institute of India as an alternative manufacturing site on the 'Vaxzevria' licence granted to the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Paul Rusesabagina at a court

'Hotel Rwanda'

hero sentenced

to 25 years on

terror charges

THE MAN who inspired the film

Hotel Rwanda for saving hun-

dreds of his countrymen from

genocide was convicted of ter-

rorism offenses Monday and

sentenced to 25 years at a trial

that human rights watchdogs

and other critics of Rwanda's re-

pressive government have de-

IGNATIUS SSUUNA

KIGALI, SEPTEMBER 20

hearing in February. AP

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MEANWHILE

R KELLY TRIAL MOVES ON TO NEXT STAGE

Prosecutors at the R. Kelly sex trafficking trial ended their case Monday after calling dozens of witnesses over the past month who detailed the government's sweeping allegations against the singer in lurid detail. The defence will now begin calling former Kelly employees in an effort to cast doubt on some of the accusers' accounts.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Gabby Petito

USA

Remains believed to be missing womaninvan mystery found

POLICE AND FBI agents searching a national park in Wyoming have found a body "consistent" with missing Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old woman whose disappearance has captivated the US. The body was discovered on Sunday in a remote area of the Bridger-Teton National Forest, near the Spread Creek Dispersed campground where law enforcement officials had directed their search, FBI spokesman Charles Jones said. Members of Petito's family reported Petito missing on September 11, 10 days after her 23-yearold boyfriend, Brian Laundrie, returned home from a months-long cross-country trip in a van without her. REUTERS

NEW ZEALAND

Govt eases Covid curbs slightly in biggest city

NEW ZEALAND eased coronavirus curbs slightly on Monday in its largest city of Auckland, as the government expressed confidence that there was no widespread regional transmission of the Delta variant. But tough restrictions will continue even after midnight on Tuesday, when the alert level drops to 3 from 4 in the city of about 1.7 million at the centre of the Delta outbreak. Schools and offices must still keep closed, with businesses limited to offering only contactless **REUTERS**

LEBANON

House session on Cabinet begins late after power cut

LEBANON'S PARLIAMENT began a session on Monday that is scheduled to discuss the new cabinet's policy programme and hold a vote of confidence, after a nearly one-hour delay caused by a power cut. Lebanon is battling a deep depression, with worsening fuel shortages translating into few or any hours of state-backed power a day and most Lebanese relying on private generators for electricity. The session had been scheduled to start at 11 am local time but the lights went out in the building now housing the parliament. When it began, Prime Minister Naiib Mikati read out the cabinet's draft policy programme. **REUTERS**



LAVA DESTROYS HOMES, THOUSANDS FLEE

A house burns due to lava from the eruption of a volcano in the Cumbre Vieja national park at Los Llanos de Aridane, on the Canary Island of La Palma, on Monday. The Canary Islands' first volcanic eruption in 50 years has forced the evacuation of about 5,000 people, including around 500 tourists, and destroyed about 100 houses, officials said. Reuters

Pfizer says Covid-19 vaccine works in children ages 5 to 11

LAURAN NEERGAARD SEPTEMBER 20

PFIZER SAID Monday its Covid-19 vaccine works for children ages 5 to 11 and that it will seek US authorisation for this age group soon - a key step toward beginning vaccinations for youngsters.

The vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech already is available for anyone 12 and older. But with kids now back in school and the extra-contagious delta variant causing a huge jump in pediatric infections, many parents are anxiously awaiting vaccinations for their younger children.

For elementary school-aged kids, Pfizer tested a much lower dose -- a third of the amount that's in each shot given now. Yet after their second dose, children ages 5 to 11 developed coronavirus-fighting antibody levels just as strong as teenagers and young adults, Dr. Bill Gruber, a Pfizer senior vice president, told Associated Press.

The kid dosage also proved safe, with similar or fewer temporary side effects — such as sore arms, fever or achiness — that

teens experience, he said. "I think we really hit



vaccine in San Francisco. The company says the jab protects younger children, as well. NYT

sweet spot," said Gruber, who's also a pediatrician.

Gruber said the companies aim to apply to the Food and Drug Administration by the end of the month for emergency use in this age group, followed shortly afterward with applications to European and British regulators.

Earlier this month, FDA chief Dr. Peter Marks told the AP that once Pfizer turns over its study results, his agency would evaluate the data "hopefully in a matter of weeks" to decide if the shots are safe and effective enough for younger kids.

Many Western countries so far have vaccinated no younger than age 12, awaiting evidence of what's the right dose and that it works safely in smaller tots. AP

Canadians vote in pandemic polls that could cost Trudeau

ROBGILLIES

CANADIANS BEGAN voting Monday in an election that that threatens to knock Justin Trudeau from power.

Trudeau gambled on an early election in a bid to win a major-

Polls indicate Trudeau's Liberal Party is in a tight race with the ripass legislation.

"Trudeau made an incredibly stupid error in judgement," said Robert Bothwell, a professor of Canadian history at the University of Toronto. Trudeau entered the election leading a stable minority government that wasn't under

The opposition has been relentless in accusing Trudeau of calling the early vote for his own personal ambition. Trudeau channelled the star power of his father, the Liberal icon and late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, when he won in 2015, but a combination of expectations, scandal and calling the election last month during the pandemic have hurt his brand. AP

TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 20

ity of seats in Parliament.

val Conservatives: It will likely win the most seats in Parliament, but still fail to get a majority, forcing it to rely on an opposition party to

threat of being toppled.

Russian university shooting leaves 6 dead, 28 wounded

Gunman, who is a student, was shot at and arrested by police

JIM HEINTZ

MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 20

A STUDENT opened fire Monday at a university in Russia, leaving six people dead and 28 hurt, before being shot by police and detained, officials said.

Beyond saying that he was a student, authorities offered no further information on his identity or possible motive.

During the attack, students and staff at Perm State University locked themselves in rooms, and video posted on Russian news sites showed some students jumping out of second-story windows.

In some footage, a black-clad helmeted figure could be seen striding on a campus sidewalk cradling a long-barrelled weapon. Russia's Investigative Committee, the country's top body for criminal probes, said the gunman fired a smoothbore hunting weapon. That could indicate he used a shotgun.

The university, which has 12,000 students, said about 3,000 people were on campus at the time of the shooting. The school is in Perm, a city 1,100

REUTERS

MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 20

RUSSIA'S RULING United Russia

party, which supports President

Vladimir Putin, won an em-

phatic parliamentary majority

after its most vociferous critics

were prevented from contesting

an election that opponents said

was marred by large-scale fraud.

on Monday, the Central Election

Commission said United Russia

had won nearly 50% of the vote,

with its nearest rival, the

Communist Party, at just under

20%. United Russia won 54% in

2016, the last time a vote was held.

United Russia will have more

than two-thirds of deputies in

the 450-seat State Duma lower

house of parliament. This will en-

able it to continue to push

through laws without having to

rely on other parties.

The scale of the victory means

With 98% of ballots counted



Students at the Perm State University, around 1,100 km east of Moscow, on Monday after the shooting. AF

kilometres east of Moscow with a population of about 1 million.

The Investigative Committee said six people were killed, revising down its earlier figure of eight dead. No explanation was given for the change. It said 28 people were injured and some of them were hospitalised. The Health Ministry said 19 of them were shot.

In a video released by the Interior Ministry, a witness whose name was not given said he saw the man outside after shooting two people and that he appeared to be wearing a bulletproof vest.

Pro-Putin party wins big majority in

A traffic police unit was the first to reach the scene, and the suspect opened fire on them, according to the Interior Ministry. He was wounded when police returned fire and then was disarmed. The gunman also was armed with a nife, the ministry said.

"I entered the building and saw an armed young man walking down the stairs. I shouted at him 'Drop it!' That's when he pointed the gun at me and fired. At that point I used my gun," police officer Konstantin Kalinin said in the ministry video. AP

scribed as an act of retaliation. Paul Rusesabagina, credited with sheltering ethnic Tutsis during Rwanda's 1994 genocide and a recipient of the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, boycotted the announcement of the verdict after calling the trial a "sham."

The US resident and Belgian citizen was convicted on eight charges including membership in a terrorist group, murder and abduction. He was charged along with 20 other people.

The circumstances surrounding Rusesabagina's arrest last year, his limited access to an independent legal team and his reported worsening health have drawn international concern for the 67year-old who left Rwanda in 1996.

Rusesabagina, who remains in custody, has asserted that his arrest was in response to his criticism of longtime Rwandan President Paul Kagame over alleged human rights abuses. Kagame's government has repeatedly denied targeting dissenting voices with arrests and extrajudicial killings.

Monday's ruling comes more than a year after Rusesabagina disappeared during a visit to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and appeared days later in Rwanda in handcuffs, accused of supporting the armed wing of his opposition political platform, Rwandan Movement Democratic Change.



The Kremlin hailed the result, saying United Russia, which Putin helped found, had confirmed its role as the leading party. It said the election had been competitive, open and honest.

"The Communists have improved their results and there are new parties that have done well, said Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, who praised the way the election had been conducted.

Kremlin critics alleged largescale vote rigging. They said the election was a sham and that a newly-introduced electronic voting system had been used to

deprive opponents of United Russia of victory in Moscow. Moscow-based Some

Communists who felt cheated called for a protest in the Russian capital on Monday evening. The central square they named as the venue was sealed off by police on Monday afternoon. "With such a colossal number

of violations, the results of the State Duma elections cannot be recognised as clean, honest or legitimate," said Lyubov Sobol, an ally of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny whose movement was declared extremist by a court.



Emmanuel Macron

France says sorry to Algerians who fought for colonisers

ASSOCIATED PRESS PARIS, SEPTEMBER 20

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron apologised Monday to Algerians who fought alongside French colonial forces in Algeria's war for independence, and were then massacred and ostracised as traitors.

In a solemn ceremony interrupted by the cries of one fighter's daughter, Macron also promised a law guaranteeing reparations for the contingent known as the harkis. The distraught woman, who said she grew up in a camp where France sequestered harkis after the war, argued that the law wouldn't go far enough to fix the damage. Harkis and their descendants

feel France abandoned and mistreated them after the war, one of the darkest chapters in France's modern history. Around 200,000 fought against fellow Algerians in the 1954-1962 war, and tens of thousands of harkis were killed after the French withdrawal.

Those who made it to France were placed in camps, and many were denied access to school and other rights. A few thousand harkis are believed to still be alive today.

"I ask your forgiveness," Macron told harkis and their descendants gathered in the French presidential palace. "We will continue to bandage the wounds as long as they haven't healed through words of truth."

US starts mass expulsion of migrants from Texas Islamic State militants

ASSOCIATED PRESS DEL RIO, SEPTEMBER 20

THE US is flying Haitians camped in a Texas border town back to their homeland and blocking oth-

ers from crossing the border from Mexico in a massive show of force that signals the beginning of what could be one of America's swiftest, large-scale expulsions of migrants or refugees in decades. More than 320 migrants arrived in Port-au-Prince on three

flights Sunday, and Haiti said six flights were expected Tuesday. In all, US authorities moved to expel many of the more than 12,000 migrants camped around a bridge in Del Rio, Texas, after crossing from Ciudad Acuña, Mexico.

Mexico also said it would deport Haitian migrants, and began busing them from Ciudad Acuña Sunday evening, according to



Migrants wade across the Rio Grande from Del Rio, Texas. AP

Luis Angel Urraza, president of the local chamber of commerce. The US plans to begin seven ex-

flights daily on Wednesday, four to Port-au-Prince and three to Cap-Haitien, according to a US official who was not authorised to discuss the matter publicly. Flights will continue to depart

from San Antonio but authorities may add El Paso, the official said. The only obvious parallel for such an expulsion without an op-

portunity to seek asylum was in 1992 when the Coast Guard intercepted Haitian refugees at sea, said Yael Schacher, senior US advocate at Refugees International.

Fuelled by worsening crisis in Haiti HAITIANS HAVE been trying to

migrate to the US in large numbers for many years, as the impoverished Caribbean country struggles with natural disasters and political instability following decades of colonial exploitation and foreign interference. A devastating earthquake in 2010 exacerbated Haitians' struggles, forcing them to leave in even larger numbers. The current spurt in attempts to reach the US follows another deadly earthquake earlier this year, and a worsening security situation in Haiti following the murder of the country's president.

ASSOCIATED PRESS CAIRO, SEPTEMBER 20

THE EXTREMIST Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for a series of deadly bombings targeting Taliban vehicles in eastern Afghanistan.

The claim, published late Sunday on the militants' media arm, the Aamaq news agency, signals a growing threat to the Taliban by their long-time rivals. At least eight people, includ-

ing several Taliban fighters, were killed in the attacks on Sunday and Saturday in the provincial city of Ialalabad, an IS stronghold. The Taliban seized control

of Afghanistan in a blitz campaign last month, overrunning the capital of Kabul while US and NATO were in the final the attacks on Sunday and Saturday phase of withdrawing their troops. The last foreign soldiers

fighters, were killed in

At least eight people,

including Taliban

The Taliban now face major economic and security challenges in trying to govern Afghanistan, and an accelerated campaign of IS attacks will fur-

left August 30.

claim attacks on Taliban

ther complicate those efforts. Both groups subscribe to a harsh interpretation of Islam, but

the Taliban have focused on taking control of Afghanistan, while IS affiliates in Afghanistan and elsewhere call for global jihad.

'TED LASSO' ON APPLE TV+ AND 'MARE OF EASTTOWN' ON HBO ALSO SCORED NUMEROUS WINS

With 'The Crown', Netflix finally takes the Emmys throne

JOHN KOBLIN SEPTEMBER 20

AT LONG last, the streaming platforms were triumphant at the Emmys, with Netflix and AppleTV+taking major awards in drama, comedy and limited series as Television Academy voters acknowledged a profound shift in entertainment, from the channelflipping days of traditional TV to the 21st-century mode of clickand-watch binge viewing.

The Crown, the Netflix chronicle of the ups and downs of the British royal family, won the prize for best drama at the 73rd Emmy Awards on Sunday, propelling the

tech giant to its first win in one of TV's biggest prizes.

The drama won on the strength of its fourth season, which took viewers into the 1980s as it portrayed the relationship of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The Crown also dominated the acting categories. Olivia Colman, in the role of Queen Elizabeth II, took the award for best actress in a drama. She was the second actress to win for a portrayal of Queen Elizabeth on The Crown, with Claire Foy having taken the honour in 2018.

On Sunday, Josh O'Connor (Prince Charles), Gillian Anderson Emmys for their performances on (Margaret Thatcher) and Tobias Menzies (Prince Philip) also won





Josh O'Connor (*left*) won an Emmy for his turn as Prince Charles in The Crown. Kate Winslet won the award for lead actress in a limited or anthology series or movie for Mare of Easttown. AP

[°]I'm very proud, I'm very

grateful, we're going to party," said Peter Morgan, creator of The Crown, offering his remarks from a viewing party attended by the show's cast in London, after winning for best writing. The Queen's Gambit, Netflix's

seven-episode show about a chess prodigy, won best limited series, another first for the platform. For Netflix, the wins in best drama and best limited series were a long time coming, From 2013 to 2020, the streaming service earned a whopping 30 nominations in best drama, comedy and limited series, but had never pulled off a win in those categories, often losing out to HBO, the perennial Emmys heavyweight.

By the end of the ceremony, Netflix had received more awards than HBO for the first time, taking 44 Emmys, compared with 19 for HBO and its streaming platform, HBO Max.

And Netflix was hardly the only streaming service to have a big night. Ted Lasso, the feel-good show about an aphorism-spouting, fish-out-of-water football coach that has struck a chord with viewers, took the Emmy for best comedy, a major triumph for Apple TV+, a streaming service that is not quite 2 years old. Jason Sudeikis who plays the

show's title character, won his first Emmy for best actor in a comedy, and his fellow cast members Brett Goldstein and Hannah Waddingham won in the supporting categories.

The wins were fitting for a ceremony that recognised the best shows that impressed critics and hooked viewers amid the coronavirus pandemic. Cable TV wasn't completely

out of the picture Sunday. Mare of Easttown, HBO's gritty

whodunit limited series, tore through the acting categories, with Julianne Nicholson and her castmate Evan Peters taking best supporting actor honours. Kate Winslet, for her role as a weary detective, won best actress in a limited series, besting Anya Taylor-Joy (The Queen's Gambit) and Michaela Coel (*I May Destroy You*) in one of the night's most compet-

itive categories.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT

'Bribes' to govt officials: Amazon probes law firms, in-house counsel

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

INWHAT could potentially set off a probe under the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), online retailer Amazon is conducting an internal investigation into a whistleblower complaint that has alleged bribing of government officials in India by some of its legal representatives. An Amazon India executive told The Indian Fxnress that the investigation pertained to "certain accounting irregularities in payments" made to the company's legal consultants, for which a Delhibased in-house counsel has been sent on leave and a junior staffer at one of the law firms hired by Amazon India has been laid off.

Responding to set of e-mail queries sent by this newspaper, asking the status of the probe, whether the company also planned to have an external agency look into the matter or Indian authorities were notified about the issue, an Amazon spokesperson wrote: "We have zero tolerance for corruption. We take allegations of improper actions seriously, investigate them fully, and take appropriate action. We are not commenting on specific allegations or the status of any investigation at this time".

In a report on Monday, The Morning Context said a part of the legal fees by Amazon to one or more of its legal representatives have been "funnelled" into bribing government officials. The report said that while the internal investigation being carried out by Amazon was focussed on the role played by the company's senior legal counsel, who has been sent on a leave, and a Delhi-based independent lawyer, it was also conducting a broader investigation into the issue and was questioning its the same. This includes law

firm AZB & Partners. "The matter being investigated is very old and relates to mismatch in the utilisation of funds given to the company's in-house counsel as well as the law firms retained by Amazon India." the executive cited above, said. Mails sent to AZB & Partners did not elicit any reAn Amazon India executive told The Indian Express that the investigation pertained to "certain accounting irregularities in payments" made to

the company's legal

consultants

sponse. Any implication of Amazon's employees in India towards bribing government officials could expose the ecommerce firm to the FCPA in the US, which is enforced by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the US Department of Justice. The FCPA law prohibits US firms and individuals from paying bribes to foreign officials to further business deals. In the past several firms have been investigated by the US SEC for FCPA violations. In 2019, IT services firm Cognizant agreed to pay \$25 million to settle violations of the anti-bribery, internal accounting controls, and recordkeeping provisions. Two of Cognizant's former officials were also charged with authorising a \$2.5 million bribe payments to a government official in India

Similarly, in 2017, snackmaker Mondelez International, which owns chocolate brand Cadbury, agreed to pay a \$13-million-penalty for FCPA violations arising out of one of its subsidiaries making illicit payments to obtain government licenses and approvals for a chocolate factory in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh.

Meanwhile, in India, fol-

lowing the reports of alleged bribery by Amazon officials, traders' body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has demanded a CBI inquiry saying ibility of the government and is counter to the vision of removing corruption at all levels within the government, CAIT. which has sent a communication to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, said it is also moving a representation to the US SEC Chairman Gary Gensler to demand a "fair and independent probe" into the issue.

INDEX JOINS GLOBAL SELL-OFF, DOWN 0.89%

Realty, metals hit on China property woes, Sensex drops

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

DOMESTIC STOCK markets on Monday joined a global sell-off amid concerns that troubles at property giant Evergrande of China are likely to impact the global risk appetite and uncertainty over the forthcoming US Federal Reserve meeting. With metals, realty and banking leading the rout, the benchmark Sensex plunged 525 points, or 0.89 per cent, to 58,490.93 and the Nifty50 lost 188 points, or 1.07 per cent, to 17,396.90 on heavy selling. Markets started the week on a feeble note and lost nearly a percent

as weak global cues hit sentiment. The rupee fell by 26 paise to close at 73.74 against the US dol-

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lar, tracking a strong dollar in the overseas market and the sell-off in domestic equities.

Metals have been under pressure today on buzz over Chinese firm Evergrande facing financial trouble and speculation over default on debt payment, which led to a selloff. Tata Steel was the biggest loser on the Sensex chart

of Jindal Steel & Power Limited tumbled 9.13 per cent, National Aluminium Company Limited plunged 8.92 per cent, Steel Authority of India Limited (8.20 per cent), NMDC (7.70 per cent), JSW Steel (6.99 per cent), Hindalco Industries Limited (6.07 per cent), and Vedanta (4.99 per cent).

Sectorally, BSE metal, basic materials, realty, power and utilities indices tanked up to 6.80 per cent, while FMCG closed higher. In the broader market, the BSE midcap and smallcap indices declined up to 1.84 per cent.

"The decline shows nervousness ahead of the US Fed meet and we may further slide in the Nifty towards the major support around the 17,150-17,250 zone. We recommend keeping a cautious ap-

have been busier than he would

Apart from approaching the

Supreme Court with a plea chal-

lenging the Central government's

move to cut short his tenure by 10

days, Justice Cheema has also de-

livered as many as 17 judgments

between September 10 and

September 20, when he retired.

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lowed to complete his term as he

had a lot of judgments to deliver.

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Justice Cheema had, in his

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JUSTICE M VENUGOPAL TO TAKE OVER

Eye on US Fed

GLOBAL MARKETS traded negatively as investors were cautious ahead of multiple central bank policy meetings scheduled this week. However, due to weak US job data and inflation increasing at a slower pace, the US Fed is not expected to hint on taper plans in the upcoming meeting.

proach and limiting naked leveraged positions...," said Ajit Mishra, VP-research, Religare Broking.

risks spark fears of contagion globally

Evergrande default

HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 20

CHINA EVERGRANDE Group shares plunged on Monday to over 11-year lows, extending losses as executives try to salvage its business prospects and as default fears grow over a looming deadline for payment obligations this week.

Evergrande has been scrambling to raise funds to pay its many lenders, suppliers and investors, with regulators warning that its \$305 billion of liabilities could spark broader risks to the country's financial system if not stabilised. The stock closed down 10.2 per cent at HK\$2.28, after earlier plummeting 19 per cent to its weakest level since May 2010.

The developer said Sunday it has begun repaying investors in its wealth management products



Unfinished projects of **Evergrande in China.** Reuters

with real estate. Hang Seng ended Monday trading with a 3.3 per cent loss. European shares also traded weakly.

At 13:30 pm ET, the Dow Jones was down 772.43 points, or 2.23 per cent, at 33,812.45 and the S&P 500 was down 99.47 points, or 2.24 per cent, at 4,333.52.

'High frequency indicators turn uneven in August'

With benefits of unlocking steps tapering out, high-frequency indicators have become uneven since August, Icra said

Upcoming festive season will see a rise in confidence-

boosting demand, Icra Ratings said, adding it is "cautiously optimistic" about it

PERFORMANCE of the high-

frequency indicators in August 2021 was decidedly uneven, especially when compared to the pre-Covid levels. It appears that the temporary boost, provided by the easing of state-wise restrictions after the second wave of Covid ebbed, petered out



Indicators showing an improvement include the output of Coal India Limited (CIL), electricity, ports cargo traffic, GST e-way bills and non-oil merchandise exports

Source: Icra Ratings/PTI

Videocon insolvency: **Lenders make U-turn**

Seek fresh bids

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

LENDERS TO Videocon Industries on Monday approached the insolvency appellate tribunal NCLAT seeking fresh bids for the debtladen consumer durable firm.

Anil Agarwal's Twin Star Technologies had offered Rs 2,962 crore to takeover Videocon Industries, which was 4.15 per cent of the admitted claims of Rs SBI, the leading lender of

Videocon Industries, has approached the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLA requesting for a rebidding of the 13 companies of the debt-ridden group, on account of strong observations against Rs 2.962 crore takeover bid by Anil Agarwal's Twin Star Technologies. SBI, on behalf of assenting

creditors of Videocon, which represents 94.98 per cent voting had filed an application before the NCLAT requesting to remand back the matter to the CoC.

ered on Monday, his last day in office, range from protecting the 64,838.63 crore of lenders. assets of the corporate debtor by asking a former chief executive

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064 Tenders are invited by the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer, on behalf of the President of

indicated below: : RWF/M/OT/ASM/2021-22/12 dtd 16/09/202

Tender No Name of the Work : Outsourcing of Machining of 1000 WAG9 axle Cost of Tender Document as per bearer : Rs. 5,650/- Estimated Cost : Rs.1,46,42,195/

Completion Period: 12 months Tender Closing & Opening Date: 25/10/2021 Tenders Closing time :15:00 hours | Tenders Opening time :15:30 hours RWF website "www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in".

Principal Chief Mechanical Enginee

OSBI

IT Special Projects-1 Department, C Wing, 3rd Floor, State Bank of India, obal IT Centre, Balaji Bhawan, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 40061 **CORRIGENDUM-I**

RFP No.: SBI/GITC/Special Project - I/2021/2022/791 Dated: 27.08.2021 Please refer RFP for Onboarding vendor for Issuing Host Solution (Product/Maintenance/Support) for NETC FASTag Application, dated 27/08/2021. Corrigendum and Bank's Response to Pre-Bid Queries are uploaded and can be accessed under Procurement News on the Bank's website https://bank.sbi/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news o https://etender.sbi/SBI/.

Last date and time for submission of bid: 28.09.2021 up to 13:00 hrs

Place: Mumbai Date: 21.09.2021

Deputy General Manager (IT Special Projects-1 Department)



KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD. (A Government of India Undertaking)

Head Office, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project, Satyam Complex, Marble Market, Greater Kailash, P.O. Sainik Colony, Jammu -180011, Jammu & Kashmir. Tel: +91 - 191 - 2484778

Open e-Tender

Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-JK-EL-T-2-2021 Dated: 08/09/2021

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. invites "Open e-Tender" in Two Packet System from experienced

contractors for "Provision of Power Supply Arrangement & Electrification of Station Building, FOB, Platform Lighting, Circulation Area, Approach Road, RPF, GRP Posts & Barracks and other Ancillary Works at Reasi & Sangaldan Station in Katra Dharam Section of **USBRL Project, J&K.**'

Approx. Cost of the Work: ₹24.46 Cr. Completion Period of Contract: 12 Months. Submission of Tender: 18/10/2021 upto 15.00 hrs. Opening of Tender: 18/10/2021 @ 15:30 hrs. Cost of Tender Form: Nil.

For further details and updates please visit https://www.ireps.gov.in Amendments/ Corrigendum, if any would be hosted on the above

retires as acting Chairperson of NCLAT

17 judgments in last 10 days, Justice Cheema

Justice Ashok Iqbal Singh Cheema. Credit: NCLAT website

officer to return the funds to the resolution professional, to holding that if a financial creditor is a related party to the corporate debtor, it cannot be made a part

of the committee of creditors. In one of his final judgments, Justice Cheema has also held that the debt of a financial creditor would not be barred by limitation, and that the corporate debtor who fails to pay such debts can be taken to the

During his tenure as the acting NCLAT Chairperson, Justice Cheema also headed the Bench that clarified that procedures under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code would hold precedence over other laws, especially when the assets under consideration would have a material impact if allowed to be held by any other agency.

Hearing the insolvency proceedings of Sterling SEZ Infrastructure and Sterling, the Justice Cheema-led Bench ordered that the Enforcement Directorate must vacate its claim on any corporate assets that it has attached once a corporate insolvency process is initiated against a company, International Enterprises.

Earlier this month on September 10, Justice Cheema had moved the Supreme Court challenging the Central government's move to end his term as the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)'s acting chairperson only 10 days before it was to officially end of September 20. The Central government, af-

ter a few stern words and a nudge from the Supreme Court, relented, and said that Justice Cheema would complete his tenure as scheduled, while Justice M Venugopal, the newly appointed acting Chairperson of the appellate tribunal, would be asked to go on leave till September 20. As he retires, Justice

Venugopal, the third acting Chairperson of NCLAT, will take over on September 21 and is most likely to function out of the Chennai Bench of the appellate

BRIEFLY —

Budget exercise

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry will kick-start the exercise to prepare the annual Budget for 2022-23 from October 12 amidst signs of revival of the economy hit hard by Covid.

Innovation Index New Delhi: India has climbed

two spots and has been ranked 46th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings.

EPFO payroll New Delhi: EPFO recorded net

new enrolments of 14.65 lakh in July, 31.28 per cent higherthan 11.16 lakh in June. FB India official

New Delhi: Facebook India said it has appointed ex-IAS

officer Rajiv Aggarwal as di-

rector of public policy. PTI

Twitter lawsuit San Francisco: Twitter said it will pay \$809.5 million to settle a consolidated class action lawsuit alleging that the company misled investors about how much its user base was growing and how much users interacted with

its platform. AP

CCI clears Adani stake buy in Gangavaram Port

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE COMPETITION Commission of India on Monday approved the proposed acquisition of Andhra Pradesh government's 10.4 per cent stake in Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL) by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones Limited (APSEZ), thus, clearing the way for GPL to become a wholly owned subsidiary of APSEZ.

The competition regulator has previously approved APSEZ's acquisition of 89.6 per cent stake in Gangavaram Port from the DVR family and Windy Lakeside

Jr AMC staff to

investments

in MFs: Sebi

ing from October 2023.

make minimum

New Delhi: Sebi on Monday said

junior staff of asset management

companies will have to invest at

least 20 per cent of their gross

salaries in a phased manner, start-

mandatorily required to invest 20

per cent from October 1,2023, Sebi

said in a circular. It added units al-

lotted will be subject to clawback

in the event of gross violation of

code of conduct or fraud. **ENS**

Designated employees will be

Investment Limited.

uity shareholding of Gangavaram Port by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones Ltd," the regulator said in a tweet on Monday. Andhra Pradesh had greenlit

Friday through a notification. The Gangavaram port has 64 million metric tonnes (mmt) capacity and handles a diverse mix of dry and bulk commodities in-

"Commission approves proposed acquisition of 10.40% eq-

the proposed acquisition on

cluding coal, iron ore, fertiliser, limestone, bauxite, sugar, and Steel. The port had a cargo volume of 34.5 mmt and revenue of Rs.1.082 crore in FY20.

ADANI ON COVID HANDLING 'Criticism should not be at cost of national dignity'

New Delhi: Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani on Monday defended handling of the pandemic in the country, saying criticism should not be at the cost of national dignity.

The fact that India fought back the pandemic should in itself be a lesson for all, that there can be no better defence than aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) ..., he said at Priyadarshini Academy's global awards event. "... criticism cannot be at the cost of national dignity. It cannot be at the cost of degrading or destroying the confidence of a nation," he said, PTI

Exporter issues: 24X7 helpline on the anvil

New Delhi: The government is going to launch a 24x7 helpline number to help exporters deal with any issues, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday.

The Minister also said that multiple Ministries were working in tandem to help exporters deal with the the international issue of high freight rates and the low availability of empty containers.

"The government has decided to start a 24x7 helpline to address any problem that exporters face. The issues that are raised on

this helpline will be taken up at the highest levels so that they are resolved quickly," said Goyal. **ENS**



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal. PTI file

National Company Law Tribunal.



RAJAHMUNDRY ASSET, RAJAHMUNDRY (A.P.) **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

For qualification of vendors to set up "Group Gathering Station on HIRE BASIS along with Operation and maintenance

The Joint Venture (JV) comprising Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), and Vedanta Ltd. (Cairn Oil & Gas) is developing the Nagaylanka oilfield located about 80Kms. from Venture has proposed to set up Group Gathering Station on HIRE BASIS along with Operation and maintenance for Three Years to produce oil and gas from the existing and upcoming wells. The JV is looking for interested vendors having previous experience in Setting up of Production System on Hire Basis along with Operation and Maintenance. (1) Vendors having the required capability and possessing relevant statutory approvals may respond to this EOI and shall attend Video onference along with supporting documents in respect o Eligibility Criteria stipulated at Clause No.2.1(a) on 01-10-2021 and 02-10-2021.(2)Bidders to give presentation on the following deliverables:(a)Tentative PFD & PID of the GGS going to be offered.(b) Execution Methodology etc.(c)Time schedule for complete supply & commissioning(1month, 2months etc.).(3) Submit the documents latest by 15:00 hrs on 12-10-2021. CGM (P)- I/C Specialist Pool Group, Room No.: G-C-1, Godavari Bhavan, ONGC Base Complex, Lala Cheruvu, Rajahmundry -533103.Contact No: 0883-2494259. NOTE:Interested bidders to note that, there will be no further extensions under any circumstances, since the project has to be rolled out on fast track basis. For details of the vendor qualification criteria, please visit https://tenders.ongc.co.in

Bruhat bengaluru mahanagara Palike Senior Assistant Director (Horticulture West) Division 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. Date: 18.09.2021 No: SAD(H-W)/PR/01/2021-22

CORRIGENDUM

The Short Term Tender was invited by the Senior Assistan Director, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (Horticulture -West) under Office Notification No: SADH(WEST)TENDER /PR/01/2021-22, Dated: 30.08.2021 for the year 2021-22 to Maintain 39 parks in various wards i.e., Parks Security Works, Water Supply Works, Maintenance and Repairs of Borewells, Maintenance and Housekeeping of Toilet consisting 6 Assembly Constituencies. The same tender notification was published in The Indian Express, English Daily & Prajavani, Kannada Daily on 31.08.2021. Due to Technical and Administrative reasons the dates for submission of tenders for the work of Maintenance of Parks Total 39 works from Item No. 1 to 39 is as under.

Technical Bid Opening Date 05.10.2021 (4:00 pm onwards) Financial Bid Opening Date 13.10.2021 (if possible)

And due to Administrative and Technical reasons Item No. 40 to 65 i.e., Parks Security Works, Water Supply Works, Maintenance and Repairs of Borewells, Maintenance and Housekeeping of Toilet, total 26 works, for the same the submission of tender dates are postponed. Further, the tender submission dates

will be informed in later days for the same. Rest, no changes in the Tender Notification.

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.









Sd/- Senior Assistant Director

(Horticulture-WEST)

PUBLIC NOTICE

S/o Din Mohammad R/o RZ-11 Khushi Ram Park, Om Vihai

Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-11005 have disowned/debarred his Soi

Jahid Khan from his all movable

and immovable properties and severed all relations in future due to his misbehavior and out of

ontrol of my clients. Any perso

dealing with him shall be doing

disowned his son Akash Kuma

and his wife Anuradha from his

all moveable and immovable

operties and severed al ations with them due to thei cobedience. My client shall no

Ch. No. 713, Saket Courts

PUBLIC NOTICE

client Kunal Verma S/o Sh bhash Verma R/o Hungary Budapes

New Delhi-17

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Priya Ranjan S/o Mr. Ravindra Singh R/o Flat No. E-804, Rajhans Apartment, Opp. Aditya Mall, Ahinsa Khand - I. Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar pradesh - 201 014 have changed my daughter name from Manshi to Mansi Sharma for all purposes in future as per the Affidavit sworn in before the Notary Public on 18.09.2021.

in some documents as Maniit

Singh Sarna S/o-Harmander

Singh Sarna.I inform vide

affidavit Notary Entry.No.

2021, that both the names

pertain to one and same

I, Prince Kumar S/O Sanjay

4A, Shyam Vihar Phase-1,

Kumar Chaudhary, R/o Plot No

Block D, Najafgarh, South West,

Delhi- 110043, have changed

my name and shall hereafter

L Pratibha W/o Raiinder Kumar.

Nagar, New Delhi-110018.have

changed my name to Pratibha

Sharma, after marriage for all

L Pankai Kumar Singh son of Sh.

90-B, Regent, Shipra Suncity,

Pradesh have changed the

nameof my minor son Arush Singh aged 14 Years and he

shall hereafter be known as

I. Pagadala Ashok Kumar S/O

Floor 4th Street, Rk Nagar,

K.v. Rangareddy, Telangana-

500047. I have changed the

name of my minor daughter

Pagadala Vaishnavi alias

Vaishnavi Paged about 17

I, Nuhi Rizvi W/o Afsar Husain

Ashivana, LDA Colony, Kanpur

Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-

226012, that name of my father

has been wrongly written as

Class Certificate and as S M

Yusuf in my BA Marksheet of

name of my father is Syed

I, Mohinder Yadav S/o

C-18, Pandav Nagar,

Mohd Yusuf

Lucknow University. The actual

Shrichand Yadav R/o House No.

Shakarpur, Delhi-110092 have

Singh Yadav for all purpose.

R/o 108 A Pocket 4, Mayur

110091. have changed my

Known as Kamal Sharma.

name and shall hereafter be

I, KULDEEP JAIN, S/O. RAMESH

CHAND JAIN, ADD-107/16

NAGAR SHAHDARA-110051

KUMAR JAIN, permanently.

I. Inderieet Singh S/o Rai Singh

Delhi-110083 have changed my

R/o-109, Mangolpur Khurd,

I, Gulfam Kajla S/O Sarwan

Patiala, Punjab-147103, have

changed my name and shall

Mahender Singh R/o Duleri,

331304, have changed my name

Nethwa, Churu, Rajasthan-

I. Gopal Krushna Patro S/C

Name of Mine has been

which may be amended

I, Deeksha Jain D/o Sanjay

Floor. RR-Block, Naveen

I, Arshiya Ismail D/o Late

Chi-II, Greater Noida,

future purposes

Kumar Jain, R/o 776-D, Second

Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have

changed my name to Diksha

Jain for all future purposes.

Praduman Lal Kapoor R/o 40-

G.B.Nagar, U.P. have changed

I, Aafreen Ismail D/o Arshiya

Noida, G.B.Nagar, U.P. have

Verma Kapoor for all future

Gurjinder Vihar, Chi-II, Greater

changed my name to Aafreen

Ismail R/o 40-802, AWHO

mv name to Ritu Kapoor for all

802, AWHO Gurjinder Vihar,

accordingly.

wrongly written as Gopal

Rama Nath Patro, R/o 122,

Odisha-761018, Declare that

Krushna Patra in my University

Documents. The actual name

of Mine is Gopal Krushna Patro,

hereafter be Known as Gulfam

Singh, R/o Batta, Sanaur,

I Lichhma Kanwar D/o

to Laxmi Rathore

name to Inder Jeet

Changed my name to KULDEEP

STREET, NO-3 FAST AZAD

changed my name to Mohinder

I, Kamaljit Pal , W/O Rajendra Pal

Vihar, Mayur Vihar Ph- 1, Delhi-

Sayed Mohd Hasan in my 10th

Rizvi R/o 851, Sector-M,

Years and She shall hereafter

be known as Pagadala Krithika.

Arunachalam, R/o 23-65/11st

Malkajgiri, Opp Spencers Lane,

Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttai

R/o-WZ-143A/4C,IInd-Floor,

Gali.No.7, New-Mahavir

future purposes.

HarshitSingh.

be Known as Prince

Choudhary.

person.

0430/2021, dated 27th-Aug-

Husain Rizvi R/o 851, Sector-M, Ashivana, LDA Colony, Kanpur 0040585139-1 Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh I, Manjit Singh Sarna, s/o-226012, that name of mine and Harmander Singh my father has been wrongly Sarna,resident of FLAT.No.Cwritten as Afsar Husain and 35,DG(S) Akhtar Husain respectively in CGHS,PLOT.No.6,SECTOR 22, my 10th Class Certificate, The DWARKA, NEW DELHIactual name of mine and my 110077, hereby solemnly affirm father is Afsar Husain Rizvi and and inform that my.name in Akhtar Husain Rizvi some documents is written as respectively M.S.SARNA S/o-H.S.SARNA and

0040585212-2

0070754470-1

0040585137-2

0040585143-1

0070754511-1

0070754505-1

0040585152-1

0070754523-1

0040585187-3

0040585199-3

0070754503-1

0070754463-1

0040585140-1

0070754528-1

0070754527-1

0070754510-1

0070754468-1

I, AMITAB BACHCHAN s/o RAMBIR SINGH Address P-1/1047, Gali No.-8, Sultan Puri Delhi-110086 have changed my name to AMIT SINGH.

I, Birendranath Marndi S/O

Railway Colony, VTC- Veppur,

Kalvan Marndi. R/o 6/4.

PO-Gudiyattam Rs, Sub

District-Katpadi, District-

Declare that Name of My

Mother has been wrongly

Vellore, Tamil Nadu-635803.

written as Bharati Lata Marndi

in my 10th Class Certificate No-

TS 40000250. The actual name

Tudu, which may be amended

I, Afsar Husain Rizvi S/o Akhtar

of My Mother is Bharti Lata

accordingly.

0040585144-1

I, Saleem S/O Allha Rajeev, R/o 700/17, Gali No- 23, Vijay Park Garhi Mendu, Bhajan Pura, North East, Delhi- 110053, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mohammad Salim.

0070754465-1

I Vipin Gupta S/o Late Sh. Purushottam Das Gupta R/o C-2-279, 2nd Floor, Janakpuri. Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Vipin P Gupta for all purposes.

0040585122-1

| Suresh bhairavi Pandey,s/o Late Shri Bhairavi Prasad,R/o H.No.A/485.Durga Gali Marg, Mandawali, Delhi-110096, have change my name SURESH B. PANDAY for all purpose.

0040585195-4

I Sapna Chaudhary alias Kashish Baiai D/o Sh. Baldey Raj Chaudhary W/o Sh. Sandeep Bajaj R/o A-111, Kamla Nagar, North Delhi, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Kashish Bajaj for all purposes.

0040585122-2

I Sanjay Kumar R/o Qt. No-866 R.K.Puram Sector-9, New Delhi-110022 have changed my minor son's name from Om to Om Kumar for all purposes.

0040585177-1

I Rashmi D/o Late Sh. Tejveer Singh W/o Sh. Shamsher Jamadagni R/o H.No.C-170, Prem Nagar, Najafgarh, District South West Delhi, New Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Rashmika Jamadagni for all purposes.

0040585122-3

I Radhey Shyam S/o-Rupa Mal R/o-C-1/2, Prashant Vihar, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Radhev Shvam Gehlot for all purposes.

I Puja Kumari W/o Shri Akhilesh Kumar R/o H-41/3, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi-110010 have changed my name KUMARI for all future purposes.

0040585211-1 I. Dharmendra Kumar S/o.I ate

G.P. Sharma R/o B-211. Brii

Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Dharmendra Kumar Sharma. I Noor Bano W/o Gulam Sabir

R/o H.No.E-3/559, Street No.13, F-Block, 4th Pusta, Sonia Vihar, Saba Pur, Delhi have changed the name of my minor son from Maham Seikh Mansoori to Maham for all purposes.

0040585122-4

I Munesh Yadav S/o Rakesh Kumar R/o Gram Belahar, Post Hajipur Nera, Baranahal, Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh-205261, have changed my name to Ravi Kant

0070754508-1

I Meenakshi Gehlot W/o-Radhey Shvam Gehlot R/o-C-1/2. Prashant Vihar, Sector-14 Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Minaksh Gehlot for all purposes.

0040585135-1

I Lal Bahadur s/o Late Shri Ram Das R/o H.No.F-3/349.Sultan Puri, Delhi-110086, have change my name LAL BAHADUR BHARDWAJ for all purpose

0040585195-3

I Brinder Kaur Sethi Alias Barinder Kaur Sethi D/o Jaspal Singh Sethi and W/o Jatinder Singh Narula R/o B-127, First Floor, Gujranwala Town Part-1, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Barinder Kaur Narula

I,sualiha s/o mohammad zakir

R/o plot no-15 kh.no.135, 4thfloor Street.no.9-block-f, near-Amina-masjid Wazirabad north-delhi-110084.name changed AAliva s/o-Mohd zakir,for all purposes.

0040585146-8

I, hitherto known as Teesha chugh Dhawan, W/o Vardaan Dhawan, R/o.B-4/66, Ashok Vihar,Phase-II,Delhi-110052, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vanya Chugh Dhawan.

0040585180-2

 $\textbf{It} \, \text{is for general information that} \\$ I. SWOPNA W/O PURUSHOTAM KUMAR R/O FLAT NO.-25, 3RD FLOOR, BLOCK-A, ID HOSPITAL, KINGSWAY CAMP, DR. MUKHERJEE NAGAR, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110009 declare that name of mine and my husband has been wrongly written as SAPNA DEVI/SOWPNA/SAPNA and PURUSHOTAM KUMAR RAJAK/PURSHOTAM in my minor son's AYUSH KUMAR aged 13 years and my minor daughter's AANYA RAJ aged 7 vears school records and birth certificates. The actual name of mine and my husband are SWOPNA and PURUSHOTAM KUMAR respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

0070754512-1 I.Vikramaditya S/o Mahender Singh R/o 118, First-Floor, Pkt.2,

I,Mohammed zhakir,s/o

15, kh.no.135, 4th-floor

Amina-masiid

purposes.

Street.no.9,-block-fnear

Wazirabad, north delhi-

110084,name changed Mohd

I,Meenakshi Verma W/o Monoj

Kumar R/o H.N 2421, 3rd-Floor,

Delhi-110006 have changed my

Chippiwara, Jama Masiid,

I.Mavank Bakshi S/o Rajeev

Bakshi R/o-237, Pocket-1, DDA-

SFS-Flats, Dwarka, Sector-22,

N.Delhi-110077, have changed

my minor daughter's name

Nitva Saraswat to Nitva

Agnihotri. Aged-14-years.

I,Mayank Bakshi S/o,Rajeev

my minor son's name

Shambhavi Saraswat to

Bakshi R/o-237, Pocket-1, DDA-

SFS-Flats, Dwarka, Sector-22,

N.Delhi-110077, have changed

Shambhavi Agnihotri. Aged-11-

110018. CHANGED MY NAME TO

I,KREETIKA SHARMA W/O JAY

KREETIKA CHAWLA.FOR ALL

I,Mansi Bansal,D/o Virender

Singh,R/o RZ-25, A-7,S/F Gali No.7,Indra-Park Palam-Colony

Palam-Colony, Delhi-110045,

changed my name to Sanjita.

Saundarvam.Tech Zone-

201306, state that I had

Manoj Kumar Singh for

all, future purpose

Radio-Colony.Delhi-

to Kuljit Singh Nagi.

I.Kishan Lal R/o-E-

4,Greater Noida West, Gautam

changed my, Name from Manoj

Kumar Sinha to Manoj Kumar

Singh and presently known as

110009, have changed my name

207, Kusumpur Pahari, Vasant

Vihar,New Delhi-110057,have

changed my,son's name from

Avinash to Avinash Chandel

DOB-23th-Oct 2007, for

I,KUNAL NARESH,R/O G-

SUBROTO-PARK NEW DELHI-

110010, HAVE CHANGED MY

MINOR SON'S NAME ARNAV TO

AFFIDAVIT DATED. 20/09/2021

SUBROTO-PARK NEW DELHI-

110010.HAVE CHANGED MY

MINOR DAUGHTER'S NAME

VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-

ANANYA TO ANANYA NARESH

20/09/2021, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

I,Jasmine Kaur Sabharwal W/o

Javinder Singh R/o F-12, Rajouri

Garden, New Delhi-110027, have

changed my name to Jasmine

I.HEMLATA. D/O.KAPOOR GARG.

FARIDABAD HARYANA-121004

Dhingra.R/o-D-111. Suraimal

changed my name to Gagneet

Changed my name to HEMLATA

MOHALLA BALLABGARH

GARG, permanently.

I,Gaganeet W/o-Bharat

Vihar, Delhi-110092, have

Dhingra for all purposes.

I,Ezaz Ahmad R/o-F-104,

J.J.Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi

110052.inform that in my 10th

&12th Marksheet and passing

Josna Begum wrongly-written

mother, name Joshana Begum

Chander, R/o-Flat No.C-202, F/F,

Delhi-110061, have changed my

name to Dhir Singh Dahiya, S/o-

Apartments.Bijwasan.New

Ram Chander Dahiya for all

instead of my,father correct

name Indadul Hague and

I.Dhir Singh, S/o-Ram

future purposes.

I,Dhir Singh Dahiya,R/o-

Flat.No.C-202,F/F,Palam

Apartments, Bijwasan New

Tina Dahiya,D/o-Dhir Singh

I,Deepika w/o Shyam sunder

R/o-3493A/1 Narang-Colony

Delhi-110035, have change my

name Deepali to Deepika, for all

R/o,SMQ 67/04 safed Sagar Air-

Ayadev to Ayadev Pratap, vide-

I,Ashok Verma S/O Om Prakash

Shankarpuri Meerut, U.P.Have

changed my name to Ashok

Tri-Nagar North West delhi.

I,Ayadev,S/O Umesh Kumar

Force Station. Sohna-road

Gurugram-122001, have

changed my name, from

affidavit dated-20.Sep.21.

Verma R/o-220, Shiv

Kumar Verma.

future purpose

Delhi-110061, have changed my

daughter's name from Tina to

Dahiya for all future purposes.

certificate, my father, name

Indadul and mother.name

H.NO-277.WARD NO.23.PUNJABI

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mohammed vasin, R/o.plot.no-

Ph-2, Sector-14, Dwarka, Delhi-110078 have changed my name to Vikramaditya Singh.

0040585180-3

I,Tisha,D/o-Dhir Singh,R/o-Flat No.C-202,F/F,Palam Apartments,Bijwasan,New Delhi-110061, have changed my name to Tisha Dahiya, D/o-Dhir Singh Dahiya, for all future purposes.

0040585207-2

I.Sunita Saini W/o Hari Kishan.R/o-152.Gaon. Shahbad,Daulatpur Delhi-110042, inform that parents name wrongly, written Sunita and Hari Krishan in, my minor son Jatin Rajour School, records but parents, actual name is Sunita Saini and Hari Kishan.

I.Manoi kumar Singh S/o-Upendra deo Narayan Singh1727, Sharon. Gaur

0040585195-8 I.Shakuntla Devi.W/o Late Sh.Rameshwar Prasad,R/o Flat.No.203-B,Pocket-1,Mayur-Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091. declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Shukantla in my Husband's P.P.O. No.10874809320.The actual-name of mine is Shakuntla Devi, which may be amended accordingly.

LKulieet Singh Nagi.S/O 0040585180-4 Jaswant Singh Nagi, Resident House.No.1, Kingsway Road,

I,Sanjay Tanwar S/o-Asha Ram Tanwar R/o 89-C.Pocket-K Sheikh Sarai Phase-2 Delhi-17, have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Tanwar. 0040585146-5

I Divya Sanatra D/o Vijay Kumar R/o-H.No.114, Shiv Puri, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Divya

0040585180-7 I,SHASHI GUPTA W/O RAJ KUMAR R/O A-83,BLOCK-A,BHAGWATI GARDEN EXTN.UTTAM-NAGAR, DELHI-110059.HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO SHASHI SONI.

permanently.

0040585187-1 I.SARANJIT KAUR/ SARNJEET KAUR W/O JAGJIT SINGH,R/o JG-3/49A, VIKAS PURI, Delhi have changed my name to SARANJEET KAUR,

0040585195-9

I,Ritu Koshija,D/o-Mr. Chattar Lal,R/o-M-60,upper ground floor,Malviya Nagar,ND-17, inform that my father's name is wrongly written in my documents i.e Ghanshyam Dass which is to be Chattar Lal.

0040585207-7 I.Ravinder Singh Saini.S/o Swaran Singh, R/o A-1, DOABA, Gali-Moujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Ravinder Singh, for all future purposes.

0040585146-6

I.Rakesh Jain.S/o-Shekhar Chand Jain.R/o-WZ-40, Shastri-Nagar, AshokVihar, Delhi-110052.declare that Rakesh Jain, and Rakesh Kumar, both names, are one' and same.person.shall.hereafter be known.as Rakesh Jain.

0040585199-1

I,Rajesh Kumar,S/o Shyam Lal.R/o RC-543, Gali.No-1.kala Enclave, Khora-Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201001, have changed my name.from Raiesh Kumar to Rajesh Kanojiya, for all future purposes.

0040585187-8

I,Rajender Singh S/o Mahender Singh R/o F-1/298 Madangir, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Rajinder Singh, for all purposes.

0040585180-6

I,Puran Singh S/O Dalip Chand R/O A-7/57, Upper Ground Floor Sector-16, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Puran Chand.

0040585146-1

I,Parmod Arora S/o Ramesh Chand R/o D-22 Ajay Enclave New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Parmod Kumar. 0040585195-1

I,Pankaj Mehra,S/o-Harish

Chandra Singh Mehra,R/o-UG-1,Plot.no.273,Sector-1,Vaishali,Ghaziabad,U.P.-201010, declare that my father's name has been wrongly written as Harish Mehra in my class-10th and 12thcertificate.whereas his correct name is Harish Chandra Singh

0040585207-6

I.PAVITRA YADAV.S/O-SHRI RAKESH YADAV,R/O-C-38, PRASHANT VIHAR, DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PAVITR YADAV.

0040585207-5

I,Anju Sehrawat D/o Daya Nand Sehrawat W/o Jaipal Singh Lakra R/o-Flat.No.6, Vindhyachal, Apartments Inder-Enclave Paschim Vihar Delhi-110087, changed my name to Anju Lakra.

> 0040585195-7 I.Krishan Lal Lamba S/O Sita

Ram Lamba R/O 95, Chander Nagar Janakpuri Delhi-110058, changed my name to Kishan Lal Lamba. 0040585146-3

I,Akanksha Khanna,W/o

Sh.Sharad Baijal R/o-H-45 Second-Floor,M2K White House, Sector-57, Gurgaon-122001, have changed my name to Akanksha Khanna Baijal, for all, future references and purposes. 0040585195-6

I,Ajit Singh,No.3186350L HAV,R/o,D-94, Shyam Vihar phase-1.Road-6.Gali-2,Dindarpur,New Delhi-43 have changed my minor daughter's name from Chanchal Poonia to Chanchal.

0040585195-2

I,AMITKUMAR SATYANARAIN SHARMA,S/O SATYANARAYAN UMADUTT SHARMA,R/o-35/2,GAUSHALA-ROAD, OLD.KRISSHNA-COLONY, MAHENDRAGARH,MAHENDRAG ARH.HARYANA-123029,changed my name to AMIT SATYANARAYAN

SHARMA.

Yogita Jain.

Srivastava.

0040585187-4 LAMITALLI D/O HARVINDER

SINGH R/O-CGE-022 DLF CAPITAL GREENS KARAM PURA DELHI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMITAUJ WASIR. 0040585180-8

I, Yogesh Kumari Gupta D/O Late Gopal Chand Gupta, W/O Late Anoon Jain R/o Gali No- 6. Poonam Colony Kota, Bhimganj Mandi, Rajasthan-324002. have changed my name and

0070754524-1

I. Usha Rani W/o Inderieet R/o-109, Mangolpur khurd, Delhi-110083 have changed my name to Usha 0040585199-4 I, Tizil Srivastava S/O Sandeep

shall hereafter be Known as

Srivastava, R/o C-130, South City, Raiberrily Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226017, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anirudh

0070754457-1

Delhi-Cantt Delhi-10, have changed my name to Tejinder Kaur. 0040585146-4 I, Sushil Kumar S/o late Dev Raj Relan, R/o C-206 Surajmal vihar 2nd floor Delhi 110092, have

I, Tajinder Kaur, W/o Gurmeet

Singh,R/o 3/4/43-B,Shyam

Singh Street GopiNath Bazar

changed my name to Sushil Kumar Relan for all future purposes 0070754526-1 , Sumit Jindal S/o Ashok Kumar Jindal R/o-C-9/75, Sec-8, Rohini,

Delhi-110085 have changed my

name to Sumit Kumar Jindal. 0040585199-5

L Sukumary Nair, W/O P.G. Shivashankaran Nair R/o 2/17 Windsor, Gulmohar Road, Near Shipra Mall, Shipra Sun City, Indirapuram, Ghaziabaad, Uttar Pradesh- 201014, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sukumary S. Nair.

0070754464-1

I, Service No.JC-542704N Nb, Sub Ramehar serving at 11th-Kumaon S/o.Dharam Singh R/o-Village, Birar, Distt.Jhajjar, Harvana-124146 do hereby declares that in my Service Records my Mother's Name is wrongly mentioned as Seela Devi. The correct name is Sheela Devi.

0040585126-1

I. Sabiha Kaithal W/o Mr. Alok Kaithal R/o Flat No. A-416, Shipra Krishna Vista, Ahinsa Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed the name of my minor son Sabal Kaithal to Sabal Alok.

0040585143-2

I, Sabiha Kaithal W/o Mr. Alok Kaithal R/o Flat No. A-416. Shipra Krishna Vista, Ahinsa Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed the name of my minor daughter Sameera Kaithal to Sameera Alok. 0040585143-3

I, Roopali Arun Malviya D/O

Arun Malviya, R/o Malviyaganj, Deshbandhupura, Ward No-26, Itarsi, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh-461111. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Roopali Malviya. 0070754461-1 I,Amarjit Singh S/o Surinder

Singh R/o WZ-139/A1,

Street.no-11,New Mahavir

Vihar Phase 1, East Delhi, Delhi have changed my name to Rishabh Singh I, Ranjit Kumar Agarwalla alias

as Ranjit Mittal.

Ranjit Agarwall S/O Mahavir Mittal, R/o Mangilal Jagamnath , Barpathar , Golaghat , Assam -785602, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known

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I, Ramanika Singh W/o Pranav Kapoor, R/o H.No-15B, bazar marg, hdfc bank, old rajinder nagar, rajender nagar, central delhi- 110060, Have Changed my name to Ramanika Singh

0070754485-1

I, Rajvir Singh Chauhan S/o.Late Sh.Khazan Singh,R/o-269/260 Hari-Nagar, Ashram New-Delhi-110014, Rajvir Singh Chauhan and Rajveer Singh Chauhan are the two name, and one Person

0040585137-1

I, Rajni Budhraja W/o Vijay Kumar R/o 56/5, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Priya Chopra permanently.

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0040585146-2

my client Kunai Verma Sio Sh.
Subhash Verma Rio Hungary Budapest
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client is going to take legal action for
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etc with my client Kunal Verma at
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Building, Delhi Gate, Delhi-110002
within 15 days from the date of
publications, failing which I am going to
take legal action /proceedings to get
the possession. Ground-Floor, East Patel Nagar, 0040585199-2 **LOST & FOUND**

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as informed by our client, Mr. Ravi S/o Shi Laxmi Naravan R/o HN 473/20. Shakti Nagar Near Police Chowki, Gurgaon-122001, he ne absolute owner and in possession of aid portion of the aforesaid property. In this onnection, our dient has further informed us that the aforesaid property measuring 150 sq. yds., was owned by his father, Shi Laxmi Narain, and after his death, the said Laxmi Narain, and after his death, the said properly was inherlited by his legal heirs namely Smt. Vimila Devi, Smt. Ramesh Devi @Pooja Sh. Pawan Kumar and Shr Ravi and that out of the said property, they (legal heirs) had sold a portion measuring 75sqyds, wide sale deed dated 21/01/2022 and a portion of 75 sq yds, was owned by them jointly. Later on, Smt. Vrnia Devi, Smt. Ramesh Devi @ Pooja, Sh. Pawan Kumar transferred their shares measuring 56:25 sq yds. in the said properly in foxour of Shri Ravi wds. in the said properly in foxour Shri Ravi wds. in the said properly in foxour Shri Ravi Ramesh Dew (@ Poog, Sh. Pawan Kurnar transferred their shares measuring 56.25s yds., in the said property, in favour of Shri Raw vide Transfer deed dated 17/02/2021 registered as Document No. 7595, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 49/1558, on Pages 72.75/61-62, on 31.03.2021 (SRO-GGN). Thus, our dient became the absolute owner of the said portion of the adroresaid property. Our client has further confirmed that there is no other legalher of falle Shri Lawni Narain except Smt. Vinta Devi, Smt. Ramesh Devi (@Pooja, Sh. Pawan Kumar and Shri Raw, Now, our client has further informed us that the said portion with Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd., Gurgaon, to avail a ban and in this connection, our client has further informed us that the said portion is that the said portion is that the said portion is not mortgaged any where and there is no charge of sigue or any illigation pending. If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the rightful mortgage Institution of other institutions have any objection against the rightful mortgage of the said portion, or there is any other legal her said portion, or there is any other legal her any raise his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, at othe undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this post of the days from the date of publication of this post of the days from the date of publication of this of/Ordaysfromthedate of publication of this notice, the said portion shall be mortgaged by our client and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage.

Amit Kumar Khurana, Advocate
M/s Intellective Law Offices, A-74, LGF,
Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

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I. Raiesh Kumar, S/O Puran Chand R/O A-7/57,Upper Ground-Floor Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Rajesh

I, Raj Mehra, S/o-Ramesh Chand

Mehra residing-10A/30,Upper Delhi.have changed my name to Raj Kumar Mehra, for all purposes.

and not traceable till today. That I have lodged/filed an FIR for LR No.715481/2021, dt 20.09.2021. If anybody found the said original documents in future please contact

For & on behalf of my clients Shri Saty larayan Thakur s/o Sh. Doman Thaku Smt. Benu Devi w/o Shri Saty Narayan Thakur s/o Sh. Doman Thaku & Smt. Benu Devi w/o Shri Satya Narayan Thakur both R/o H. No. 226 Gali No. 6, Jay Nagar, Ismalipur, Aman Nagar, Faridabad, Haryana, I serve this Public Notice that my clients severe their relations and Debar their son Sh Avrind Kumar Thakur and his wife Smt Tripli Thakur from their properties both movable & immovable for all intents and to at his own risks. Srid. SURDIPH KIIMAR. JHA SIG. SURDIPH KIIMAR. JHA Sd/- SUBODH KUMAR JH

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BRIEFLY —

Messi puzzled after getting substituted

Paris: Lionel Messi hit the crossbar with a curling free kick and looked angry at being taken off in the 75th minute in his home debut for Paris Saint-Germain. Substitute Mauro Icardi scored deep into stoppage time as PSG scraped a 2-1 win over Lyon in the French league to make it six straight victories. Messi stared sharply at PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino and appeared to snub a handshake as he came off. The six-time Ballon d'Or winner, who is still chasing his first PSG goal in his third appearance following his shock move from Barcelona, sat glum-faced on the bench. As he was coming off, Messi made a gesture with his hands apart as if to say he didn't understand, and Pochettino attempted an explanation afterward.

Hussamuddin, Thapa in Nationals final

Bellary: The accomplished trio of Sanjeet (92kg), Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) and Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg) stood just one win away from booking a slot in India's world championship squad after they entered the finals of the men's National Boxing Championships here on Monday. Chandigarh's Kuldeep Kumar (48kg) and Sagar (+92kg) also made their way into the finals with equally dominant victories. Gold medal winners from the championships will earn themselves a chance to represent the country at the world championships to be held in Serbia from October 24 to November 6.

Thakur pitches for common cash awards

New Delhi: Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday pushed for a common pool of cash awards for athletes with both the central and state governments accumulating funds to provide equal benefits to athletes winning medals for India. During a virtual interaction, Thakur asked the sports ministers of states and union territories to send their feedback in this regard. The meeting was organised to draw a road map to prepare the Indian athletes for future Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games and evaluate how the states are contributing to promote sports at the grassroots.

PTI & AP

After Covid, isolation for Pak

England follow New Zealand's footsteps and cancel their tour; former opener Shoaib Mohammad says young generation will be the biggest loser

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

ENGLAND'S SCHEDULED tour of Pakistan in mid-October for two T20Is – men and women double-headers - has been cancelled, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced on Monday. This came in the wake of New Zealand's cancellation of the Pakistan tour last week over a security threat.

Once New Zealand had cancelled their tour on the day of the first ODI at Rawalpindi, England's withdrawal became a formality, although the ECB had spoken about discussing the matter last weekend. Both countries used the same security agency, ESI Security headed by Reg Dickason.

The ECB released a statement today, confirming the pull-out. "The ECB has a longstanding commitment to touring Pakistan as part of the Men's Future Tours Programme in 2022. Earlier this year, we agreed to play two additional T20 World Cup warm-up games in Pakistan in October, adding a short women's tour with double headers alongside the men's games.

"The ECB Board convened this weekend to discuss these extra England Women's and Men's games in Pakistan and we can confirm that the Board has reluctantly decided to withdraw both teams from the October trip," the statement said.

The Pakistan Cricket Board's reaction to the cancellation so far has been one of disappointment. The newly-elected PCB chair Ramiz Raja had reacted angrily to New Zealand's withdrawal, posting on Twitter: "NZ will hear us at ICC" His tweet following the ECB's decision read: "Disappointed with England, pulling out of their commitment & failing a member of their Cricket fraternity when it needed it most. Survive we will inshallah. A wake-up call for Pak team to become the best team in the world for teams to line up to play them without mak-

But monetary losses aside, there's an overwhelming premonition in the Pakistan cricket fraternity that back-to-back tour cancellations could have serious adverse effects. "This is a blow, for this might make our next generation less interested in cricket. Watching superstars in the flesh inspires youngsters to take up the sport. Without cricket at home, that percentage might reduce in the time to come. This is a major dent. The young generation is the biggest loser here," former Pakistan opener Shoaib Mohammad told The Indian Express.

The ECB cited the "mental and physical well-being" of the cricketers and support staff" as a reason for cancellation. "The mental and physical well-being of our players and



A member of the Police Elite Force stands guard at the Rawalpindi Stadium. Reuters

The major cricket-playing countries would once again be in two minds whether to go or not. Other countries came here but until we are hosting major countries, there will be a void. When we host, especially England and Australia again, Pakistan cricket will then be fully restored."

SHOAIB MOHAMMAD FORMER PAKISTAN OPENER

support staff remains our highest priority and this is even more critical given the times we are currently living in. We know there are increasing concerns about travelling to the region and believe that going ahead will add further pressure to a playing group who have already coped with a long period of operating in restricted Covid environments," the statement said.

It added: "There is the added complexity for our Men's T20 squad. We believe that touring under these conditions will not be ideal preparation for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, where performing well remains a top priority for 2021."

Pakistan went to play an away series in Covid environment when cricket resumed in England last year. The ECB offered its sincere apology to the PCB.

No-go zone

For close to a decade, Pakistan became a no-go zone for international cricket following the terrorist attack on the Sri Lanka

team bus at Lahore in 2009. After international cricket eventually returned to the country, teams started to tour for short series. Home assignments against New Zealand and England, however, were highprofile affairs and Shoaib agreed that the latest development could create a serious question mark over the future home series in Pakistan

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Just hours before the first ODI against Pakistan on September 17, New Zealand's scheduled first match in the country in 18 years, the Black Caps abandoned the tour, acting on a security threat. And after England's pull out, a section in Pakistan cricket has started questioning the PCB and its international clout.

"The PCB was absolutely cornered. They couldn't move a muscle. They weren't in a position to move a muscle rather. See, the Pakistan security forces are known to be one of the best in the world but New Zealand seemingly thought otherwise, which was a sorry saga for cricket. Actually, there's an administrative void in the PCB. Earlier, top PCB officials used to be seasoned administrators with connections at the very top. The ICC members knew it. This void cannot be filled overnight by the induction of Ramiz Raja. Now he has to play his part," Shoaib said.

BCCI announces up to 50% pay hike for domestic players

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

THERE WAS finally some news to cheer about for the domestic cricketers after the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) decided to increase the match fees for players across all age groups in men's and women's cricket.

At the same time, the board announced they will compensate domestic players who suffered financially after last season's Ranji Trophy and women's T20 games were curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The cricketers who participated in the 2019-20 season will be getting 50 percent match fees as compensation for the 2020-21 season.

The BCCI also decided to change the pay structure of its domestic cricketers across age groups. Earlier, the players who made it to the XI earned Rs 35,000 per day while the reserve players got Rs 17,500 in senior tournaments.

However, keeping in mind their consistent performances, the BCCI has decided to reward players in domestic cricket and created three slabs for junior and senior players. Senior players, who have played up to 20 matches, will be now entitled to get Rs 40,000 per day while reserves will get rupees Rs 20,000 per day. Those who are in playing eleven and have featured in 21 to 40 matches will now be paid Rs 50,000 (Rs 25,000 for reserves) while players who have played more than 40 matches will be entitled to receive Rs 60,000, with the reserves slated to get Rs 30.000.

This means a senior domestic player who used to get paid Rs 1,40,000 for one Ranji match will now earn Rs 2,40,000 per game. In turn, a domestic player who plays a minimum of 50 days of domestic cricket in one season will now earn Rs 30 lakh.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah said that the board has put a well-structured remuneration plan for its players. "The increase of match fee for domestic cricketers is a welcome step and this will move will ensure that professional cricketers can solely focus on playing cricket and are appropriately rewarded. Domestic cricket is our backbone and we will make every effort to keep it strong and healthy so that our bench strength always remains superior," Shah said.

BCCI treasurer Arun Dhumal explained that the slab is not tournament specific and the idea is to reward consistent players in the domestic circuit. "If a player features in just one match of a Syed Mushtaq Ali tournament in a season but if that turns out to be the 21st match of his career, then he will automatically move to the next pay slab," Dhumal told this paper. "It'll be similar with Ranji Trophy and Vijay Hazare tournament. The idea was to help cricketers earn more money and the longer they play, the better the remuneration they will get.

INDIA'S HOME SEASON

VS NEW ZEALAND

T20Is: Nov 17: 1st T20I (Jaipur), Nov 19: 2nd T20I (Ranchi), Nov 21: 3rd T20I (Kolkata)

Dec 3-7: 2nd Test (Mumbai)

ODIs: Feb 6: 1st ODI (Ahmedabad), Feb 9: 2nd ODI (Jaipur), Feb 12: 3rd ODI (Kolkata)

Feb 18: 2nd T20I (Vizag), Feb 21: 3rd T20I (Trivandrum)

Tests: Feb 25-Mar 1: 1st Test (Bengaluru), Mar 5-9: 2nd Test

T20Is: Mar 13: 1st T20I (Mohali), Mar 15: 2nd T20I (Dharamsala),

VS SOUTH AFRICA

T20Is: Jun 9: 1st T20I (Chennai), Jun 12: 2nd T20I (Bengaluru), Jun 14: 3rd T20I (Nagpur), Jun 17: 4th T20I (Rajkot), Jun 19: 5th T20I (Delhi)

Player contracts

Many former cricketers had urged the board to start a contract system for players who compete in domestic competitions. However, citing past instances of corruption, the BCCI did not consider that proposal and instead chose to increase the match fees.

will now get a remuneration of Rs 25,000 per day instead of the current Rs 17,500 while the reserves will get Rs 12,500 per day instead of Rs 8,750. The board has also increased match day fees for under-19 and under-16 players. The under-19 playing players will earn Rs 20,000 per game while reserve players will get Rs 10,000.

getting hiked from Rs 12,500 to Rs 20,000 per player, while the reserve players will get Rs 10,000 instead of Rs 6,250. The under-23, under-19, and under-16 women playing

concludes, based on the Covid-19 situation in the country.

fans back for the home season," he said.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

something of a quandary.

There'll be domestic tension

developments to keep your

spirits up. You've still got too much on your mind though,

and that won't change for

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

the right balance of optimism

should be sufficient to get you

and concentrate on quietly

building up experience.

and commonsense, all of which

through the day successfully. At work take the long-term view

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Relationships are

often said that in

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unless you have someone to co-

current prospects could not be

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

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that partners and associates won't automatically accept

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

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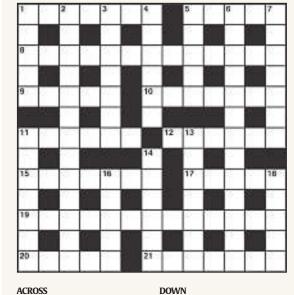
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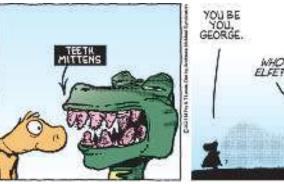
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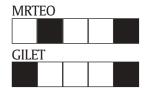






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EFNODU ELORVY Albert Einstein

Answer: Love is a better teacher than duty. SOLUTION: METRO, LEGIT, FONDUE, OVERLY

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Current planetary aspects will keep you on the go, and vou'll be feeling Remember to keep up with charitable work, for it's here

that your future lies. If career plans devote some of vour time to checking up on current

progress. It's a fine moment to ask for assistance, mainly because people around you are in a constructive mood. Put a

enough of hard seems to keep you demands today, feel free to throw your energy into a creative or leisure activity. An older friend or relation needs

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) week the planets will be offering you additional financial inducements. Be prepared, and take decisive action now, including broadening your horizons and enhancing the quality of your

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Family members will almost certainly

mood and their

Tests: Nov 25-29: 1st Test (Kanpur),

VS WEST INDIES

T20ls: Feb 15: 1st T20l (Cuttack),

VS SRI LANKA

(Mohali)

March 18: 3rd T20I (Lucknow)

The under-25 players who start a match

The senior women's team saw their pay

eleven players will get Rs 10,000 while reserves will get Rs 5000. Meanwhile, Shah informed that the decision on hosting the under-16 tournament will be taken after the under-19 tournament

Shah added the 2021-22 home season holds a lot of promise', while declaring the itinerary. "Vaccination has ensured that the pandemic curve is beginning to flatten, and I am very optimistic that we will have the

BY PETER VIDAL

intensely personal about a number of issues, including vour finances, career and anv property negotiations.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) are afoot, please

personal question on the back-GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You may have had

work, but something going. If there are no new career advice which only you can give. so utter your words of wisdom when the time is right.

life. Even in love, put your doubts to one side.

be in a difficult

desire for stability is bound up with much deeper emotional questions. Events which take place now are sufficient to force you out of a rut, and could even make sure that partners recognise that you were right all

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23) Domestic priorities should take a back seat now that professional

ambitions are intervening. It seems most important that you continue discussions, although do not expect decisions to be another two or even three months before certainty is

have everything to hope for from the future. The only drawback could be your suspicion that

someone else is trying to do you

down. Such fears are probably

unfounded, but by recognising them you'll be able to find



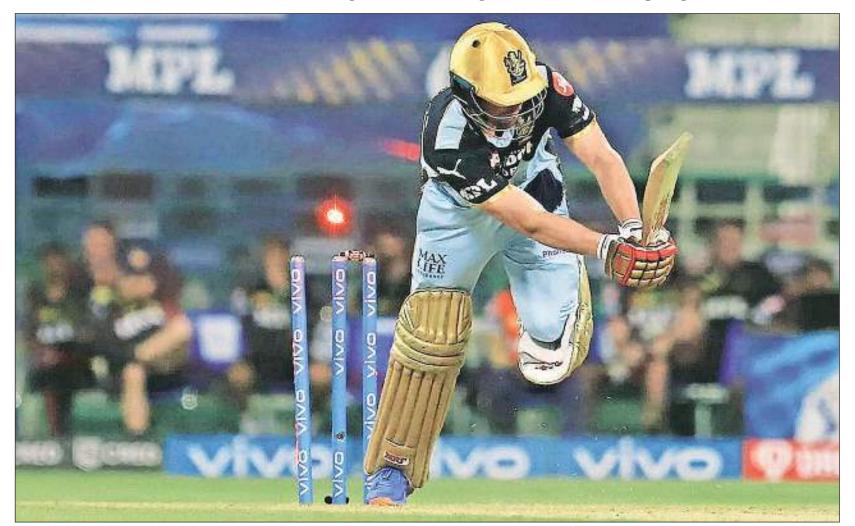
who holds the key to your own affairs. You're not always sure what you need from a relationship, but now is the time to come to terms with



Mackay: The under-fire middle-order will be expected to deliver when India take on the mighty Australia in the ODI series beginning here on Tuesday, aiming to finalise their combination ahead of the Women's World Cup next year. India have lost backto-back series against South Africa and England primarily due to poor batting and even poorer strike-rate save for openers. The next challenge could not be tougher with Australia on a record 22-match winning streak.

Knight takes King

Kohli's men face a humiliating 9-wicket loss against KKR after collapsing for 92



RCB's AB de Villiers gets knocked over by a Andre Russell delivery. The South African hasn't played any competitive cricket since the IPL was suspended in May. iph20.com

SYNOPSIS: Aggression with ball and taking no prisoners with bat lead KKR to much-needed win as RCB implode.

TUSHAR BHADURI SEPTEMBER 20

PACE BOWLERS operating with intensity and aggression, spinners bamboozling batsmen with their variations. When a team looking to turn its fortunes around faces a destructive opposition, it pays to always think of tak-

The approach reaped rich dividends as Royal Challengers Bangalore were bundled out for a mere 92 and Kolkata Knight Riders cantered to a nine-wicket win with as many as 10 overs still left to play. In addition to the two points, the effect it had on net run rate can't be

Aggression with ball

Kolkata Knight Riders, in seventh place at the restart, came out all guns blazing with the ball against Royal Challengers Bangalore. Fast men Lockie Ferguson and Andre Russell targeted the rib cage, and when AB de Villiers came to the crease expecting another short one, the West Indian surprised him with a pinpoint yorker first ball which went via the boot to the stumps.

Even when Devdutt Padikkal and KS Bharat threatened to be laying a platform for a charge by de Villiers and Glenn Maxwell, KKR didn't take a backward step. Eoin Morgan's side needs to win six out of the seven games to get into the reckoning after an underwhelming first phase in the summer. Both batsmen succumbed to balls dug in, and when the spinners came on, RCB's agony was only compounded.

Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine, while keeping batsmen guessing which way the ball will deviate, never gave the stumps

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MI	8	4	4	-0.071	8			
KKR	8	3	5	+0.110	6			
RR	7	3	4	-0.190	6			
PBKS	8	3	5	-0.368	6			
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away. That's why they were always in the game with bowled and LBW options.

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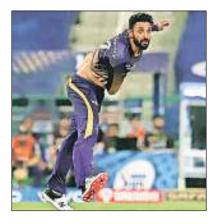
Chakravarthy almost bagged a hat-trick denied by an inside edge – and RCB players had very little idea about the former archi-

It didn't help RCB's cause that de Villiers cricket since the IPL was suspended in May. Padikkal and Bharat showed glimpses of what they are capable of, but with the big guns faltering it was always an uphill battle against a rejuvenated team for whom the enforced break may have been a blessing in disguise.

KKR came into the game with only five specialist bowlers, relying on Russell to get through his full quota, and the ploy worked.

Head falls, body follows

Prasidh Krishna would have bowled a lot to Virat Kohli in the nets during the tour of England as part of India's jumbo squad with stand-byes. Seeing one's heroes from close quarters can get rid of some of the aura and nerves. But Kohli had also seen enough of Krishna to know what he has to offer - hitting the pitch at pace, good seam position, targeting the stumps, and movement in either direction. So when the two came face to face



KKR spinner Varun Chakravarthy finished with figures of 3/13, iptt20.com

in the second over of the match, there was something to look forward to.

The narrative had been set – it was Kohli's 200th game for RCB, the first player to reach hat milectone for a cingle franchise, and Monday was his first outing after announcing that he was stepping down from T20 captaincy for both club and country. So when he played a dreamy cover drive on the up to the boundary, it seemed Kohli was on his way to making

a statement. But the next ball rendered such speculation grossly premature. It was fuller than the previous delivery, and seamed in after pitching towards middle-and-leg stump. It has been a frequent mode to dismiss Kohli in the past. In Abu Dhabi too, his front leg went too far across and the head fell over as the ball evaded the inside edge and crashed into the pad.

The umpire's finger went up and though there was a dramatic delay in the ball-tracking images, when they did arrive, they showed a delivery destined for the top of middle-and-

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over, Krishna had well and truly put the struggling Knights on their way.

For RCB, meanwhile, with all the attention on Kohli in the lead-up to the game, it seemed a case of the head falling and the rest of the body following it.

Taking no prisoners

More than half the job done and a paltry total to chase, Shubman Gill and newcomer manner that would have pleased head coach Brendon McCullum, who had said that his team seemed paralysed by fear during the first half of the tournament.

The KKR openers never took their foot off the demoralised RCB outfit's throat, intent on getting the job done as soon as possible. Gill displayed his elegant strokes allied to some more belligerent ones, while Iyer was a breath of fresh air with a left-hander's characteristic elegance on the drive with his proficiency in the reverse-sweep.

It was a game where everything fell in place for KKR. They needed such a boost at the restart of the tournament. They still have it all to do to get anything out of this season, but may have found a template for the way forward. **BRIEF SCORES:** Kolkata Knight Riders 94 for

1 (Gill 48, Iyer 41*) beat Royal Challengers Bangalore 92 (Padikkal 22, Russell 3-9, Varun 3-13) by nine wickets

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Sinking feeling & a shake of head

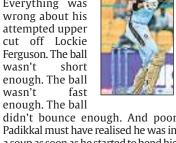


Virat Kohli could score only five runs on Monday. iplt20.com

Much has been discussed on the recent tour of England about Virat Kohli's propensity to edge behind but lbw is one dismissal that has hovered over his career. It wasn't a surprise then that Prasidh Krishna, who possesses a good nip-backer, tested him early in the piece in his 200th IPL game. As soon as it began its inward movement, Kohli looked in trouble, with his head tipping outside the line and forcing him to play across the line. Unsurprisingly, the ball missed the wood and rammed into the pad, triggering a pump of fist and a roar from Krishna. He had to wait a touch to legally claim the wicket as Kohli pressed for DRS. No luck though, and as he began to walk away from his partner, Kohli shook his head and trudged off.

KKR opener Padikkal winces in pain

How not to play an Devdutt Padikkal can tell us. Everything was wrong about his attempted upper cut off Lockie Ferguson. The ball short wasn't enough. The ball wasn't



Padikkal must have realised he was in a soup as soon as he started to bend his knees and lowered himself. Down plunged the tall man but so did the ball. But he was so committed to the shot by then that he couldn't pull out of it. And so he tried an upper cut to a ball barely above the bails and self-destructed by edging it to the wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik. Padikkal does love playing that shot but that's how it rolls

Russell yorks AB to team delight

Until that ball, Andre Russell bowled anything really full, forget a vorker. In the lingo of the IPL comms, he was bowling 'hard lengths', hitting the deck short of length. Sometimes, Russell can give an impression as if he is just going through the



motions with the ball. Not today. And when AB de Villiers came on to bat, Russell decided to test him with a pretty decent yorker. It was on the leg stumpish line and perhaps de Villiers was surprised at the choice of weapon, he almost stumbled and lost balance trying to flick the ball. It was too quick and ricocheted off his left leg and fell on the stumps. Off Russell ran to nowhere in particular and leaped in joy. One by one his team-mates came over to envelop him with a celebra-

Chakravarthy's big-eyes appeal

Excitement makes Varun Chakravarthy wide-eyed. That's probably the only piece of discernible emotion in a calm exterior, sometimes veering towards unassuming even. The mystery spinner had a valid reason to be excited. First he took the mickey out of Glenn Maxwell by flicking his fingers over the ball, and then made short work of debutant Wanindu Hasaranga. On a hat-trick, Varun thought he had Kyle Iamieson out leg-before; convinced enough to readily ask for a review. He proposed, his captain disposed. Eoin Morgan was rather convinced about an inside edge and the pleading fell on deaf ears. Varun's emotional overload needed Morgan's indifference to neuter and the skipper was right. In the grand scheme of things, the



30-vear-old could well be India's trump card in the T20 World Cup next month. That's though with a rider; he needs to

'Neeraj opposite of Dravid, would break down laughing during ad shoot'



The Cred ad starring Tokyo Olympics javelin champion Neeraj Chopra has raked in millions of views across social media.

GAURAV BHATT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

"WE WERE very worried because Neeraj Chopra seemed to be a little shy. But we met him and he was game about it," says Ayappa KM, director of the commercial for credit card aggregator Cred, which puts viewers in the shoes of the Olympic gold medallist as he faces off with a menagerie of characters all played by himself. The worries were misplaced.

Earlier this year, Ayappa had been behind the camera for former India captain Rahul Dravid's 'Indiranagar ka Gunda' turn. Then, he had told this newspaper how Dravid would bury his face in his hands after playing a maniac on the road.

'Neeraj was the opposite of Dravid," he laughs. "Sometimes he would just break down in the middle of a line laughing. He just wanted to have fun, he was chilling and having a great time." The commercial delves into India's hysteria and excitement buzzing around Indian sport's newly minted Olympic champion. What follows is the POV of Chopra, with the javelin thrower playing several char-

acters. He is a brand manager in a boardroom meeting discussing SEO-friendly taglines. A reporter with a goatee asking personal questions. A moustachioed cashier apprising him of the day's gold rate. A filmmaker planning biopics. And a wannabe javelin thrower.

"Honestly, we were all worried because it's a very acting heavy script," says Ayappa. "Neeraj has suddenly been thrust into the spotlight at such a young age. Overnight, it's very hard for most people to know how to react to media. If you see his interviews, his current media presence... But he was very receptive and low maintenance. There was no ego and he immersed himself into the characters."

Ayappa, who says his personal favourite character was the brand manager — "I've suffered managers and conference rooms for many years. I like the office setting, of very serious people in suits talking crap" — shares that the commercial was executed in seven days with elaborate sets built in a Mumbai studio. Comedian Tanmay Bhat and his colleagues at the AIB group wrote the script. On the day of the shooting, the crew had Chopra for eight hours, with the hair and makeup for each avatar taking the majority of the time. But an enthusiastic Chopra made life easier.

"In 20 minutes, we used to bang out a scene. Neeraj said, 'you act it out and I'll just imitate you if I get stuck", recalls Ayappa. 'Tanmay and I acted out the stuff and he got it instantly. By the end of it, he was enjoying himself a lot."

In less than 24 hours, the video has raked in millions of views across social media, with major props being given to Chopra's acting skills and the self-referential writing. As the reporter, a jostling Chopra thrusts the microphone forward and asks: "Aapki girlfriend hai? Aapki biwi hai? (Do you have a girlfriend? Do you have a wife?) in a nod to the cacophony surrounding him since his goldwinning exploits in Tokyo in August. Ayappa believes that through satire, Chopra is "restoring the balance"

"I personally cringe at such questions," says Ayappa. "You come back with a gold medal, and these are the things you have to ask him. So good satire is a way to restore that balance. The commercial is not just coming from a place of wanting to make fun of people. You need to have a big laugh at yourself. Otherwise, you're screwed up taking everything personally and being an unhappy man."

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Ayappa's catalogue is filled with commercials that subvert the public image of prominent names. Previously, he directed the 7'2 wrestler Dalip Singh Rana, better known as The Great Khali, as a sensitive soul for a cement advertisement. Recently, he helmed a Shah Rukh Khan commercial, where the megastar is worried about his absence from OTT projects. Then there was the Dravid as 'Indiranagar ka Gunda'. The acting skills of Chopra, however, came as a surprise.

"I was guite impressed with the way Neeraj picked up on facial expressions. If you act a certain line and show it to him, he would xerox it. He would replicate perfectly, which is a great thing because he's not an actor. Only actors do that." But Ayappa has a theory on how Chopra acted so well.

"In addition to being young and all that, I think somewhere Neeraj likes cinema and that made him loosen up much more. In that brand manager scene, he suddenly recognised one of the extras and started telling him, 'Oh, you were in that film'," Ayappa laughs. "I could see in that second that he was not being a celebrity. He was just being a regular guy who's suddenly aware that 'okay, man, I'm in this industry now'."

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