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Schedule

| Sr. | Stage | Start | | Expiry | |
|---|--|------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| No. | | Date | Time | Date | Time |
| 1. | Period of Downloading & Online Submission of bid documents | 24.09.2021 | 10.00 | 21.10.2021 | 18.00 |
| 2. | Submission of Hard Copy of the Uploaded Documents | On or b | efore 25 | 5.10.2021 18 | .00 |
| 3. | Pre-Bid Conference (Only e-mail on rpddivision@gmail.com) | On or b | efore 05 | 5.10.2021 14 | .00 |
| 4. | Online opening of Technical bid in Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Project Division, Mahad (Special Cell Raigad Fort) | 25.10.2021 | 11.00 | | |
| 5. Online opening of Financial bid in Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Project Division, Mahad (Special Cell Raigad Fort) | | Öpenin | | ie) separatel e Technical E | |

Cost of Tender Form : Rs. 1,120/-Earnest Money Rupees : Rs. 5,00,000/- only.

No. R.F.Sp.Cell/RPD/Mahad/AB/TC/68 Date: 22.09.2021

DGIPR/2021-2022/2051

Sd/-(V. R. Satpute) **Executive Engineer** (Raigad Fort Special Cell) Road Project Division, Mahad

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL SHAKTI PHE, **GROUND WATER DIVISION, SGR.**

Gist of e-Tender.

NIT No: -PHE/GWDS 46 of 09/2021 Dated: -09-2021

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited in 02 Cover System for Construction of tube wells at below mentioned site from registered water well drillers/contractors as per the details given in tender document

| S. No | Name of work | Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs | Cost of Tender Document | Time of comple-tion | Class of Contract | Prog | AAA No: |
|----------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| 1. | Construction of Production Tube Wells for WSS Friends Colony (New) Humhama. | Rs. 34.50 Lacs | Rs.1000/- | 45 Days | Registered for Construction of Gravel Packed Production Tube Wells | Capex (2020-21) | PHE/MCN/Works/02 of 07/2021 Dated:-09-07-2021 |
| 2. | Construction of Production Tube Wells for WSS Ompora Sheikhpora (JKIDFC) (LUP No.:- 2305). | Rs. 34.50 Lacs | Rs.1000/- | 45 Days | Registered for Construction of Gravel Packed Production Tube Wells | Languishing | JKIDFC LUP: 2305 |
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| I | 1. | Publishing Date | 22-09-2021 (03:00 PM) |
|---|----|-------------------------------|---|
| | | Period of Downloading of Bids | 22-09-2021 (03:00 P.M) to 28 -09-2021 (03.00 P.M) |
| | | Period of Submission of bids | 22-09-2021 (03:00 P.M) to 28 -09-2021 (03.00 P.M) |
| I | 4. | Date of opening of Tender. | 29-09-2021 at (03:00 P.M) |

- 5. Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water SrinagarKashmir-190011
- Document Cost: Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar(at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)
- Bid Validity Period: 180 Days
- The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www. Jktenders.gov.in
- The bids of only those agencies shall be accepted who posses valid registration certificate of construction Gravel Packed Production Tube Wells. However due to Pandemic the renewal Registration for 2021-22 is waived off for a period of 6 months fror 1-04-2021 to 30-09-2021.
- 10 Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is mentioned in the Bid Document

No: -PHE/GWDS/3208

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division, Srinagar.



Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME OFFICER **ICDS PROJECTS BARAMULLA**

(Tele-fax: 01952-237243 Email: dpoicdsbla008@gmail.com) **TENDER NOTICE**



Sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs.5/- for and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory are invited from reputed registered and authorized dealers/reputed firms/stockist for the supply of Refreshment, to this office within 15 days up to 4:00 p.m from the date of publication of the notice. The tenders shall be opened in the office of undersigned on the next working day at 1:00 p.m in presence of the tenderers, whosover may wish to be present. The undersigned reserves right to reject any tenders wholly or partially without assigning any reason thereof. The details of items are given hereunder:

S.No. | Perseptions (Non-Decompts)

| 5.110. | Refreshment (Item Description) | Quantity | Units | Hate |
|--------|---|----------|--------|------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1) | Kehwa with roti and service (normal cup) | 1 | Cup | rate per cup with roti |
| 2) | Samoosa with tomato Ketchup with service (normal size) | 1 | No | rate per smoosa |
| 3) | Mineral water Bislari /Aquafina with service in glasses | 1 | Bottle | rate per bottle |
| 4) | Biryani Chicken(full) with service | 1 | No | rate per biryani |
| 5) | Biryani Chicken (half) with service | 1 | No | rate per biryani |
| 6) | Tea Lipton with service (normal cup) | 1 | Cup | rate per cup |
| 7) | Shirmal sweet /salty | 1 | No | rate per shirmal |
| 8) | Juice Tin with service | 1 | No | rate per tin |
| 9) | Fresh Banana | 1 | Dozen | Rate per Dozen |
| 10) | Burger | 1 | No | Rate per Burger |
| 11) | Boiled Egg | 1 | Dozen | Rate per Dozen |

THE TERMS ANDCONDITIONS:

The tender document is available in the office of undersigned.

- Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred) on account of cost of tender document shall be deposited in the Government treasury under Major Head: 0235-SSW after proper receipt and receipt copy may be
- The tender document should be accompanied with CDR/FDR worth Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only as Earnest money from any Scheduled Bank of India/ J&K Bank Ltd. Pledged to the District Programme Officer, ICDS Baramulla.
- The tenderer shall carefully examine the conditions and specifications of tender documents enclosed and in case of any doubt the tenderer shall get it clarified before signing the contract.
- The tenderer should be approved firm /agency and possesses valid licence (copy of registration/license may be deposited with the tender document.
- No:-DPOP/ICDS/Bla/2021/2474-77

Dated: 21 - 09 -2021.

District Programme Officer (ICDS) (Nodal Officer BBBP) Baramulla



Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME OFFICER

ICDS PROJECTS BARAMULLA (Tele-fax: 01952-237243 Email: dpoicdsbla008@gmail.com)



TENDER NOTICE Sealed tenders affixed with Revenue Stamp of Rs. 5/- for and on behalf of the lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory are invited from reputed registered and authorized dealers/reputed firms/stockist for the supply of Tentage, and other items on Rent, to this office within 15 days up to 4.00 P.M. from the date of publication of the notice. The tenders shall be opened in the office of undersigned on the next working day at 1.00 P.M. in presence of the tenderers, whosoever may wish to be present. The undersigned reserves right to reject any

tenders wholly or partially without assigning any reason thereof. The details of items are given hereunder

| 1. | Rent charges of the Tentage with decorated roof along with the following items:- | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|---|----------|-------------------|--|
| a) | Shamyana canvas | 1 | Sq. feet | rate per sq. feet | |
| b) | Matting plain jute | 1 | Sq. feet | rate per sq. feet | |
| c) | Matting plain duret | 1 | Sq. feet | rate per sq. feet | |
| d) | Carpet matting | 1 | Sq. feet | rate per sq. feet | |
| e) | Plastic chair (normal size) superior covered with cloth | 1 | No | rate per chair | |
| f) | Plastic chair (normal size) superior | 1 | No | rate per chair | |
| g) | g) Table with table cloth (normal size) superior | | No | rate per table | |
| h) | | | Set | rate per set | |
| i) | Office chairs wooden superior normal size | 1 | No | rate per chair | |
| j) | Public address system with cordless mike system & collar mike & large speakers | 1 | No | rate per system | |
| k) | () Tea-poy normal size | | No | rate per tea-poy | |
| l) | Stage 10*12*12 with carpet matting | 1 | Sq. feet | rate per sq. feet | |
| THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS : | | | | | |

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No. DROP/ICDS/Bla/2021-2471-73

DIPK-9189 Dated: 21.09.2021

District Programme Officer (ICDS) (Nodal Officer BBBP) Baramulla

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THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LIMITED TOTU, SHIMLA-171011

No:455/P&I-8/15-XXV

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

4.P. Mikfed invites the online bids on item rate, in electr ystem, in 2 cover system for the following item on FOR basis:-01.Purchase of Milko Scan (02 nos.)

The Bid document is available/published online on dt.24.09.2021 upto 04:00PM.Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate(DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders should visit websites in https://hptenders.gov.in & https://hpmilkfed.org for complete details Bidders should visit the website from time to time, to note the corrigendum

Managing Director

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADI DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES TENDER PRE-BID MEETING NOTICE

Pre-Bid meeting will be conducted on 27.09.2021 at 12 noon in the Conference Hall of the Commissionerate of Handlooms and Textiles, Chennai - 108 for Tenders invited by the Department of Handlooms and Textiles for purchase of 60sC Dyed Cotton Cone Warp Yarn vide reference no. DIPR/2680/Tender/2021 dated 14.09.2021 and for purchase of Polyester Texturised Yarn vide reference no. DIPR/2678/Tender/2021, dated 14.09.2021 under the Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme, Pongal 2022 Joint Director (Uniforms)

Tender Inviting Authority

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் - சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

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DIPR/2758/TENDER/2021

HSCC (INDIA) LIMITED

(A Subsidiary of NBCC (India) Limited (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRI E-6A, Sector-01, Noida-201301

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Dated: 22.09.2021 Online bids are invited by NBCC through HSCC for and on behalf of NCDC from eligible applicants who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in Vol.-I (NIT/PQ document) for the works "Plan, Design, Construction, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning Calibration, Certification, Demonstration, Training, Validation of Bio-Safety Level-3 (BSL 3) Laboratories and other associated works on "Turnkey Basis' on EPC mode at NCDC. New Delhi" (Tender No. HSCC/SES/BSL-3/NCDC/2021). Estimated cost – Rs. 45.00 Cr. Completion period – 21 months. Tender available online from 23.09.2021 and Last Date of submission of Bids: 14.10.2021 at 15:00 hrs.

The detailed NIT will be available on e-Tender portal http://www.tenderwizard.in/HSCC HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any would appear only on said websites and not be published

Chief General Manager, HSCC (I) Ltd For & on behalf of NBCC, New Delhi



CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number: 96461-22219)

Chief Enginer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites E-tender of 1,05,000 Nos. Stay Sets Manufactured from M.S. Round 16mm and M.S. Channel 75x40mm (L/W) conforming to IS: 2062/1992 (with latest editions) Grade-A quality along with MS Plate 3x100x100mm and sectional details as per IS: 1732/1989 for M.S. Round and as per IS: 808/1989 for M.S. Channel with Red Oxide Primer.

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 24.09.2021 from 02.00 P.M. onward. NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. 8134/Pb C-344-21

NORTHERN RAILWAY Re-Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering

| (E-Procurement System) | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name of work | Provision of vehicle for mobility of supervisors, staff & T & P in the DY.CE/BL/TKJ unit. (2 nos. MUV') Period - (2MUV X 24 Months) for the office SSE/BR/M/SSB & SSE/BR/SPL/SSB | | | | | |

Approx Cost of work ₹ 20.70.703/-Completion period of the work (24) Twenty Four Months Upto 15.00 hrs on 18.10.2021. Opening of tender Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day Website particulars where Above tender available on IREPS site i.e /ww.ireps.gov.in

can be seen & downloaded Tender Notice No. 32-W-HIRE-MUV-1MT-DLI-21 Dated: 21.09.2021 2128/2021 Serving Customers With A Smile

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

"CORRIGENDUM"

The Tender invited vide this office NIT No. 5529-5575 dated 14.09.2021 due to be opened on 05.10.2021. The opening date of tender is hereby postponed from 05.10.2021 to 19.10.2021 due to some administrative reasons. The details of key dates are

| Sr. No. | Description | Previous dates | New dates |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Date of Online Publication | 23.09.2021 at 17:00 HRS | 08.10.2021 at 17:00 HRS |
| 2 | Document Download Start and End Date | 23.09.2021 at 17:00 HRS upto 05.10.2021 at 10:00 HRS | 08.10.2021 at 17:00 HRS upto 19.10.2021 at 10:00 HRS |
| 3 | Bid Submission Start and End Date | 23.09.2021 17:00 HRS upto 05.10.2021 at 10:00 HRS | 08.10.2021 at 17:00 HRS upto 19.10.2021 at 10:00 HRS |
| 4 | Date of Technical Bid opening | 05.10.2021 at 11:00 HRS | 19.10.2021 at 11:00 HRS |

Other terms and conditions of the tender will remain same.

Paonta B&R Division, HP. PWD., Paonta Sahib. 4275/HP



IEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar, (UP)

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for 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 & http://etender.up.nic.in Please ensure to see these websites for any changes, amendments & corrigendum etc.

A) (1) 35/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/2021-22, M/o W/s (Two Year Repairing of VT Motor and Electrical Works in Network Sector-119, 120 and 151 to 154) Noida. Cost Rs. 55.07 Lacs.

The above tenders can be uploaded by date 29.09.2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 30.09.2021 at 11.00 AM.

Office Sector-5 **CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA**

Senior Manager (JAL)-l Noida

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)

Request for Expression of Interest Proposal (REoI) Himachal Pradesh Name of Project: State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP) Loan No./Credit No. 9066-IN

Grant No.: Date: September 21, 2021

The Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, State Roads Project, HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites the Request for Expression of Interest Proposals from national consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below:

| Sr. No. | Description of the Consultancy Services | Date of availability of Detailed Request for Expression of Interest Proposals Document on HPRIDCL web site | Last date/Time for submission of Proposals |
|------------|--|--|--|
| 1. | Consultancy Services for Replacement/ up gradation of Existing Web based Road Management System (RMS) application with RAMS along with data collection and engi- neering services" (RAMS) for HPRIDCL | September 23, 2021 (Request for Expression of Interest Proposal document) | October 18, 2021 |

Note:- Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest Proposals Documents shall be available to all interesting firms on official web site of HPRIDC under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html.. Proposal must be delivered in a n form to the address below (in person, or by post) by October 18, 2021 at 15:00 hours (IST).

> State Roads Project, HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Viha Facsimile: +91-177-2620663: Tel: +91-177-2627602

Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director

DIPR/C/9541/2021

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION AKLERA (JHALAWAR)

E-Tender No. 06/2021-22
On behalf of Governor of Rajasthan, invites tender from eligible bidders for the 01 work Supply installation and Maintenance of SCADA system for Chhani Dam, District ihalawa Rajasthan) under e- procurement procedure. llowing•web sites:-www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in

http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in

www,water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd

www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
 JBN is:- WRD2122WSOB00886

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT CUM MEMBER SECRETARY, RMRS, SAWAI MAN SINGH HOSPITAL, JAIPUR [Sawai Man Singh Road, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302001] [Phone 0141-2518308, 0141 2565647, Email-ms.smshospital@gmail.com]

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for rate contract for procurement of Hand Mini C-Arm Module for trauma centre are invited from interested bidders up to 11.10.21 at 5.00 PM. Other particular of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state
UBN No. MCJ 2122 GLRC 00106

Member Secretary RMRS, S.M.S. Hospital DIPR/C/9584/2021

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For detailed advertisement and filling online application please visit www.iiserpune.ac.in and click on the link 'Opportunities-Technical/Administration". The last date for submission of online applications is October 13, 2021. Advt. No. 64/2021/IISER-P/Proj._Rect./22.09.2021 REGI REGISTRAR

SHRI VISHWAKARMA SKILL UNIVERSITY (State University enacted under the Government of Haryana Act 25, 2016) Plot No. 147, Sector 44, Gurugram (Haryana) 122003, www.svsu.ac.in REF. NO. SVSU/2021/DA/160 DATE: 21/09/2021

CORRIGENDUM ADMISSION RE-OPEN FOR PG PROGRAMMES OF **ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22**

Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Dudhola, Palwal has reopened the online admission portal due to declaration of under graduate result for Post-Graduate Programmes session 2021-22. Interested students car apply as per detailed mentioned below till 30th September 2021:

| Skill Faculty | Program | |
|---|--|--|
| Ckill Equilty of Management | M. Voc. Entrepreneurship | |
| Skill Faculty of Management Studies and Research | M. Voc. Management-Banking and Finance | |
| | M. Voc. Management-HRM | |
| | MBA | |
| | MBA Business Analytics | |
| Skill Faculty of Applied Sciences & Humanities | M. Voc. Geo-Infonnatics | |
| a numanities | M. Voc. Public Health | |
| Skill Faculty of Agriculture | M. Voc. Agriculture | |
| | dents can contact 9606095464, 8001800147 and visit the official | |

website www.svsu.ac.in. Those candidates who have applied earlier need not apply again and the candidate whose Graduation result are awaited can send the result with relevant document on E-mail ID: admissions@svsu.ac.in upto 30th September 2021. Link for online apply:

https://svsu.csc-services.in/SVSU/student-login **Dean Academics**

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग, अजमेर

क्रमांकः-अमुअ/अज./तक./एफ-2(30ए) निविदा/डी-618

NIB No.:- PWD2122A1420 विषयः निविदा सचना संख्या 08-डीएमएफटी वर्ष 2021-22 के अंतर्गत स्वीकृत सडक निर्माण कार्यों बाबत राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से डीएमएफटी वर्ष 2021-22 के तहत दो सड़क कार्यों के

लिए उपयक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकत संवेदकों एवं केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार व उनके अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवम दर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकत संवेदकों. जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो. से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 02 कार्यों जिनकी लागत राशि रु. 956.00 लाख है, के लिए ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेत ऑन लाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की | शुक्रवार 17 सितम्बर, 2021 प्रात: 9.30 बजे से

निविदा से संबंधित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट www.dipronline.org पर एवं निविदा दस्तावेज का विवरण वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in एवं sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जायेगी **UBN No.: PWD2122WLOB06987**

PWD2122WSOB06988

DIPR/C/9405/2021

Class of contractor

5. Tender paper cost

7. Date of opening of bid

(विकास दीक्षित) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता, सा.नि.वि. वृत अजमेर

दिनांक:-15.09.2021

Government of Odisha

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION **ENGINEER CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK** E-mail.ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in Tel/Fax - 0671-2301751/2302751

Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 18/2021-22 The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B)Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system

('e' - PROCUREMENT NOTICE)

in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building work as mentioned No. of work :- 2 Nos. 3. Nature of work

:- Building works.

6. Available of bid documents :- From 24.09.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 11.10.2021

:- Rs. 10000/- (online)

:- 'A', Special & Super Class

:- Dt. 16.10.2021 at 11.00 Hours

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

P.K.Pradhan **Chief Construction Engineer** Cuttack(R&B)Circle,

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Neetu D/o Sh. Shishpal R/o H.No. 896, G-Block, Phase-VI, Aya Nagar, New Delhi has been Missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS: Fatehpur Beri, Delhi since 16.06.2021 In this regard, a case DD No.23A dated. 17.06.2021 has been registered at P.S. Fatehpur Beri, Delhi. The description of the missing lady as under

Height: 5', Face: Round, Built: Medium,



Wearing: Grey Colour Suit and Blue Colour Jeans and Jutti in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the been missing/kidnapped lady then please inform P.S. Fatehpur Beri Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Date: 21.09.202 Tender No: RailTel/OT/ER/HQ/2020-21/VSS

294,Dt: 30.05.2021 lame of the Work: Supply, Installation Testing, Commissioning, Integration with Existing VSS Infra, Operation and Maintenance of IP based Video Surveillance System (VSS) at Railway Stations under Eastern Region of RailTe for and on behalf of Indian Railways fron Nirbhava Fund.

The present Tender Document for IREPS E-Tender Notice No: RCIL_ER_21 22 1294A. Dated: 30.07.2021(E-Tender No. RailTeI/OT/ER/HQ/2020-21/VSS/1294,Dt: 30.05.2021) is being withdrawn. A new reviser tender document is uploaded as RCIL_ER_21 22_1294A, Dated: 21.09.2021. (E-Tender No. RailTel/OT/ER/HQ/2021-22/VSS/1294A Dt. 21.09.2021) Bidders are requested to submit all credentials as per the revised Tende document Dt. 21.09.2021 (Corrigendum-4) Further Addendum/Corrigendum will be uploaded in RailTel Website only.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice No. SNT-JP-15-2021-22

DRM (S&T)/ North Western Railway Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India invite E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders fo the following work: **Sr. No. 1** Particulars: Name of work with location: Description: Provision of 120M long Dead end on line notowards Phulera end at Khathurwa station on RPC Section. Sr. No. 2 Particulars: Approx Cost of work (Rs Description: Rs. 2795907.17/- Sr. No 3. Particulars: Earnest Money (Rs.) Description: 0/- (Online Paymen Only), **Sr. No. 4. Particulars:** Date 8 Time for Submission up to or ww.ireps.gov.in: Description 12.10.2021 Up to 15.00 Hrs. Sr. No. 5 Particulars: Website Particulars Notice board location: Description www.ireps.gov.in and DRM office NWR/Jajpur Please join us on f 🖪 🔊 - /NWRailways

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Water Vending Vending Machine allotment contract Fender Notice No. 167/2021/Coml/BKN/Cluster

Dated 20.09.2021
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager N.W.
Rly Bikaner on behalf of the President of India invites Tender under two packet system for the purpose of allotment of Nater Vending Machine at 'A & B' categor stations (A category = Bikaner, Lalgarh Suratgarh, Hanumangarh, Sr Ganganagar, Bhiwani, Hisar & B categor Sirsa), in cluster A over Bikaner Divisio for the period as mentioned in the enclose documents. The date of submission and pening of Tender and detail of the earnes money and Cost of tender form are as under:- N. 1, Item: Name of Work:
Details: Allotment of Water Vending Machines at all 'A & B' category stations i.e Bikaner, Lalgarh, Suratgarh, Sr Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Hisar Bhiwani & Sirsa under Two packet syste n cluster A over Bikaner Division. N. 2 tem: Approxmate cost of the work Details: Earning Contract, N. 3, Item Period of contact: Details: Five (05 rears, N. 4, Item: Earnest money to be deposited: Details: Rs. 3,62,500/- (Rs Three lakh Sixty Two thousand five undred only) shall be accepted only online net banking or gateway payment acilities only. N. 5, Item: Cost of Tender form: Details: Rs. 6000/- (Rs. Six housand only) non-refundable, cost of ender) shall be accepted only online ne banking or payment gateway only. N. 6. Item: Reserve Price in (Rs.), Details: Rs. 72,50,000/- (Seventy Two lacs Fifty thousand only) for the period of five years. N. 7, Item: Date and time of submission **of e-tender: Details:** 18.10.2021 up to 15.00 hrs. through online www.ireps.gov.in, N. 8, Item: Date and time of opening of e-tender: 18.10.2021 at 15.30 hrs., N. 9, Item: Authority and place for submission of tender Cost & documents (if any) and seeking clarifications on tender documents.

Details: Through online www.ireps.gov.ir only. N. 10, Item: Website particulars

Details: <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> Receipt or Bids: The bidder should submit his online

on IREPS portal <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> not later than 15.00 hrs. on date mentioned in above table. Bids sha**ll** be opened on the

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Covid deaths: Centre okays ex-gratia, state funds to cover it

Centre cites financial prudence; Kerala, Rajasthan minister say can't pass buck

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICENEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE NATIONAL Disaster Management (NDMA) has recommended an ex-gratia amount of Rs 50,000 for loss of life due to Covid-19 — an amount that will be provided by states from the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) and distributed by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) or the district administrations.

In guidelines brought out to enable this, the Authority said that the payment, to be paid to the next of kin of the deceased, shall be subject to the cause of death being certified as Covid-19 as per guidelines brought out by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on September 3.



WHILE OFFICIAL figures peg the Covid death count at 4,45,768, claims for compensation will depend on what constitutes a 'Covid death'. On September 3, the Centre had laid down guidelines specifying under what conditions official documents can be issued with 'Death due to Covid-19' as cause of death.

The payments, NDMA added, "will continue to be provided for deaths that may occur in the future phases of the Covid-19 CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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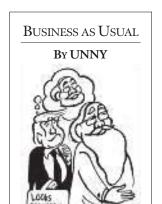
PM Modi leaving for US trip Wednesday. At a Covid Summit, presses for nations to mutually recognise certificates. PTI P10

UK updates, Covishield okay, not jab certificate; govt says not told reason

SHUBHAJIT ROY & KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A DAY after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar raised the issue of non-recognition of Covishield with newly appointed British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, the UK updated its travel guidance, clarifying that the formulations of Covishield qualify it as an "approved" vaccine but not the Covid-19 certificates issued by India.

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New WHO norms, now almost entire India polluted

Air quality:

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS & ESHA ROY PUNE, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) on Wednesday released stringent air quality guidelines, lowering the recommended levels of pollutants that can be considered safe for human health.

While a PM2.5 concentration of 25 micrograms per cubic metre in a 24-hour period was considered safe earlier, the WHO has now said that a concentration of over 15 micrograms is not safe.

The recommended levels of six most common air pollutants – PM2.5, PM10, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, and carbon monoxide – have all been revised downwards from the existing norms that have been in place since 2005.

PM2.5 and PM10 refer to particulate matters of sizes 2.5 microns or less, and 10 microns and less, respectively (micron is one CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

A father's search of 14 months ends, identifies body of a jawan in Kulgam

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_ SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 22

AFTER MORE than 14 months of looking for the remains of his son, on Wednesday, Manzoor Ahmad Wagay received a call from a relative in a nearby village. "They said a body covered in tarpaulin has been found in



Shakir Manzoor disappeared in August 2020 Express

an orchard, and that it is possibly Shakir's."

Shakir Manzoor, who was serving as a Rifleman in a Territorial Army unit at Balpora in Shopian, disappeared on August 2, 2020, after an Eid lunch at home. He was kidnapped by suspected militants while returning to the camp where he

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EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 2

₹80-cr deal for JD(U) leader's family, ex-Minister's nephew in long list of VIP contractors



SANTOSH SINGH

MADHUBANI, ARARIA, SAMASTIPUR, SHEIKHPURA, SEPTEMBER 22

THERE'S NOTHING wrong in doing business. This was the response of Deputy Chief Minister

and BJP leader
Tarkishore
Prasad when
he was asked
about the
Rs 53-crore

Ka Jal projects which, as *The Indian Express* investigation has found, were awarded to his daughter-in-law and two firms, one linked to his brother-in-law and the

other to three

aides. Prasad's

is the most

name on a list.

New Delhi

high-profile

Har Ghar Nal

JD(U)'s Anil Singh (top); Vinod Narayan Jha

shows how long is the shadow of political patronage in the award of contracts under Bihar's flagship scheme to take drinking water to the doorstep.

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Fadle Chem is owned by family members of JD(U) ex-state secretary Anil Singh. Santosh Singh

Taken serious note, will probe: Bihar Govt; Opp targets Deputy CM

SANTOSH SINGHPATNA, SEPTEMBER 22

INTHE wake of *The Indian Express* report that contracts worth at least Rs 53 crore were awarded under Bihar's Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal drinking water scheme to family members and aides of Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad, the state government said it will probe the "process of bidding and tendering if there are specific

Dy CM Tarkishore Prasad

Late Wednesday, Prasad took part in a meeting of top BJP state leaders, including general secretary (organisation) Bhikhubhai Dalsaniya, at the residence of the other Deputy CM Renu Devi. CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

PART III: WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T —
A TALE OF 2 VILLAGES



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15 YEARS OF 'KHOSLA KA GHOSLA'

The film was released in 2006, three years after being shot

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EXPRESS AUDIO

Punjab CM: Why Amarinder Singh resigned

dards are hardly met. In the last

few years, the government has

been working on a plan to re-

duce air pollution in some cities by 20-30 per cent by 2024 on a

The WHO norms are not

binding on any country. These

are only recommended norms

considered safe for human

health, as assessed by scientific

studies. But bad air quality does

affect the international image of

a country as a favourable tourist

said the new WHO norms

should push India to work

harder to make its air cleaner

and safer. "There are two things

to take note. One, that there is

now sufficient scientific evi-

dence to show that particulate

matter in the atmosphere has

damaging impacts on human

health even at levels that were

below the 2005 WHO standards.

Second, India's own standards,

which are way above the 2005

WHO guidelines, probably need

a revision too if we want to pro-

deaths now attributed to PM2.5

exposure could be avoided if

countries are able to attain its

new air quality standards. Even

achieving the 2005 standards

would result in avoiding 48 per

IIT-Kanpur and a steering com-

mittee member of India's

National Clean Energy

Programme, argued for more

comprehensive health studies to

address suggestions that the

Indian population had far

greater resilience against air pol-

about the need to revise India's

"There are no two ways

S N Tripathi, a professor at

cent of these deaths, it said.

WHO said 80 per cent of the

tect human lives," Salvi said.

Scientists and health experts

and investment destination.

2017 baseline.

In this episode, hosted by Shashank Bhargava, we take a look at what led to Amarinder Singh's resignation, why the Congress picked Channi, how it will affect the party, and the role of the Congress Central leadership in the entire matter.

FROM PAGE ONE

This means that Indian travellers will continue to be treated as "unvaccinated" and will still have to take a pre-departure RT-PCR test, further RT-PCR tests on Day 2 and Day 8 of arrival, and self-isolate at their destination address for 10 days after entry.

British authorities are in touch with the team in India managing the vaccine certification through CoWIN.

Alex Ellis, the British High Commissioner to India, said: "We are clear Covishield is not a problem. The UK is open to travel and we are already seeing a lot of people going from India to the UK... Over 62,500 student visas have been issued in the year ending June 2021... We want to make the process of travelling as easy as possible... We have been having detailed technical discussions regarding certification, with the builders of the CoWIN app and the NHS

Dr R S Sharma, the CEO, National Health Authority (NHA), which has designed the CoWINIT infrastructure, told The Indian Express they have not received "any official communication" from the UK government. "I am not aware of any concern being raised," Sharma said, adding that while he had been approached by the British High Commission saying " the NHS was interested in knowing about CoWIN", no concerns had been raised in the two meetings held.

meetings on "We had September 16 and September 21. They explained their system and we explained our system. They sent a message that technical discussions have been completed and to their satisfaction. There were no concerns," Sharma said

The CEO added, "There can be no concern because our product is as perfect as it can be. It is QR code-based and absolutely verifiable. Its authenticity can be verified; its integrity can be ver-

Sharma further said India's vaccination certificate was WHO-compliant, except on the minor issue of providing com-

plete details of birth. "We don't collect things that are not relevant. We only collect the year of birth, because the passport already has the date of birth."

Even on that issue, Sharma said, the CoWIN platform allows travellers to enter complete details for the purpose of international travel.

A British High Commission spokesperson said, "We are engaging with the Government of India to explore how we could expand UK recognition of vaccine certification to people vaccinated by a relevant public health body in India."

From October 4, England's current 'traffic light' system to screen those entering the country from red, amber or green countries -- based on levels of Covid-19 risk -- will be scrapped and replaced with a single red list. So, from that day, besides the US and Europe, travellers from 17 countries with eligible vaccines, including Australia, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia, will be cleared to enter the UK if they have been vaccinated with one of the four approved vaccines --Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen. India is not yet on that list.

On Tuesday, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla had said that Jaishankar met British Foreign Secretary Truss in New York and raised the issue "strongly", calling it a "discriminatory policy".

WHO guidelines

millionth of a metre), and are the most common pollutants, as well as causes of respiratory dis-

The new guidelines take into account several scientific studies in recent years that have suggested that air pollution is much more damaging to human health than earlier known. By WHO's own estimates, nearly 7 million deaths every year can now be attributed to diseases that are a direct cause of air pol-

The new air quality guidelines mean that nearly entire India would be considered a polluted zone for most of the year. But India is not alone. By WHO's

Centre okays ex-gratia for Covid deaths, state funds to cover it

pandemic as well, or until further notification".

At least two states have responded to the guidelines, saying the Centre cannot leave the payment of ex-gratia entirely to states.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that while states cannot entirely distance themselves from providing the assistance, a major share of the same has to come from the Central government, which cannot say it has no role to play in paying the ex-gratia amount.

In Rajasthan, Congress state president and Minister of State for Education Govind Singh Dotasara told The Indian Express, "You can't impose (the ex-gratia payment) on states... tell them what to do or what not to do. It should be done by the Centre through their relief fund. No doubt about it. You give funds for hailstorm, floods, etc., so you should now add Covid too. It's not that only one state has been affected by it, it's a pandemic. It should be covered under the National Disaster Relief Fund."

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who also holds the Finance portfolio, could not be reached for comments.

The NDMA -- the country's apex disaster management body that's headed by the Prime Minister -- drew up the guidelines on September 11 in response to a direction by the Supreme Court on June 30. On

own admission, more than 90

per cent of the world's popula-

tion lived in areas which did not

meet its 2005 pollution stan-

dards. With the norms now be-

ing made even more stringent,

cially India, continues to remain

one of the most polluted areas

But South Asia, and espe-

this proportion would go up.

Wednesday, the government submitted the NDMA guidelines to the top court.

The court while hearing petitions by two lawyers - Gaurav Kumar Bansal and Reepak Kansal – had asked the NDMA to come up with guidelines for payment of ex-gratia. It, however, left "what reasonable amount to be offered towards ex gratia assistance...to the wisdom of National Authority which' the court said "may consider determining the amount taking into consideration" factors "such as, requirement/availability of the fund under the NDRF/SDRF for other reliefs and the priorities determined by the National Authority/Union Government and the fund required for other minimum standards of relief and fund required for prevention, preparedness, mitigation and recovery and other reliefs to carry out the obligation under Disaster Management Act

Drawing up the guidelines, the NDMA said, "Covid-19 is a disaster that has not abated. The total number of deaths continues to rise. There is uncertainty about new variants of the virus and the likely future waves. Therefore, it is not possible to ascertain the total financial burden emanating from ex-gratia assistance. Financial prudence demands that we plan in a manner that assistance can be provided to large number of people should

in the world, with pollutant lev-

els several times higher than

recommended levels. In Delhi,

for example, a Greenpeace study

found the average concentration

of PM2.5 in 2020 to be nearly 17

times higher than the recom-

mended levels. In Mumbai, pol-

lution levels were eight times

higher; in Kolkata, over nine

the number of deaths rise." It added that "state govern-

ments have already been incurring large expenditure from SDRF on various aspects of Covid-19 prevention, management and response. In addition, central government from the national budget has announced several measures to prevent Covid-19 (nationwide vaccination drive) as well as to provide relief assistance to those affected by Covid-19 (for example, support provided to the orphaned children and PM Garib Kalyan Yojana Package). State governments have also announced welfare measures from the state budgets. So, in effect, some financial and material assistance has already been provided to different forms in some of the most valuable sections". Deciding the quantum of

payment, the Authority took into account other disasters that are likely to happen and the need to provide assistance in those cases too. "While Covid-19 is an unprecedented disaster, other natural disasters that occur more frequently have not abated. It is important that sufficient funds are available to provide a timely and effective response to other disasters as well."

The apex court had also asked the Centre to come up with simplified guidelines for issuing official documents to family members of Covid-19

times higher; and in Chennai,

According to Pune-based Dr

Sundeep Salvi, a respiratory dis-

eases expert who is part of the

Global Burden of Disease study,

over 95 per cent of India's popu-

lation already lived in areas

where pollution levels were

higher than WHO's 2005 norms.

over five times higher.

victims, which would help them pursue correction of papers issued by the municipal or other authorities in connection with the death.

In response, the Ministry and ICMR jointly brought out the guidelines, according to which those cases that are diagnosed through an RT-PCR/ Molecular Test/Rapid Antigen Test, or those that have been clinically determined in a hospital or an in-patient facility by a physician while one is admitted there, will be recognised as Covid deaths.

It also decided to treat deaths happening within 30 days from the date of testing or from the date of being clinically determined as a Covid-19 case as death due to Covid-19, even if it takes place outside the hospital/in-patient facility. However, deaths occurring

due to poisoning, suicide, homicide, accidents etc will not be treated as Covid-19 deaths even if the virus infection is an accompanying condition, said the guidelines. While considering these

guidelines, the Supreme Court asked the government to reconsider the guideline that said that in case of a Covid patient committing suicide, it won't be reated as a Covid death. According to the health

ministry, the cumulative death count currently stands at 4,45,768. INPUTS FROM **ENS, JAIPUR; PTI**

lines. But even these lower stan-

air quality standards to make them more stringent. In parallel, we have to strengthen our India's own national air qualhealth data and revise the ity standards are much more le-National Clean Air Programme nient, even compared to WHO's accordingly. Raw health data is required to conduct a large range 2005 norms. For example, the recommended PM2.5 concenof health studies vis-à-vis air tration over a 24-hour period is pollution impact for India's varied demography, exposure and 60 micrograms per cubic metre, compared to 25 micrograms addiffering PM2.5 composition. A single exposure prevention revised by WHO's 2005 guidepopulation," he said.

TA jawan

was posted. The same night, his charred vehicle was recovered from a field in neighbouring Kulgam district, about 16 km from his village.

About seven days later, Shakir's clothes were found in a ditch 3 km from the house -- a pair of beige trousers and a brown shirt covered in dried blood and mud. But with no trace of the body, Wagay launched a desperate search for

On Wednesday, Wagay idenrified the body found in the Mohammadpora area of Kulgam district as Shakir's. The body was recovered with a tracksuit and an amulet that the family says belonged to Shakir. "We are sure that it is Shakir. He had an accident a few years ago and had stitches on his foot. Though the body was decomposed, the doctors at the hospital, where the body was taken, cleaned the foot and we saw the stitches. Police want to confirm the identity and the body has been kept in Army custody overnight, but we will bury him tomorrow," Shakir's younger brother Shaan said.

Shaan, who was studying in Aligarh when Shakir went missing, had to drop out of college as the family exhausted all its resources looking for any trace of

Wagay says he can finally find some closure and bury the remains of his son, the fifth of his six children and the only earning member in the family.

Of the four militants suspected to have kidnapped Shakir, Wagay visited the families of three to ask them where his son had been buried. Wagay believes that overground workers or the militants themselves. moved by his desperate appeals to allow his son a proper burial, may have exhumed the body and left it for the family to find.

told The Indian Express that while the family has identified the body as Shakir's, "police have taken the DNA samples for authentication".

DGP J&K Police Dilbag Singh

Centre can retire a staffer CBI now unearths proxy candidate racket in NEET despite clean chit: HC

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

UPHOLDING THE Centre's decision to compulsorily retire 1985batch IRS officer Ashok Kumar Aggarwal, Delhi High Court on Wednesday said the Centre has all the powers and authority to compulsorily retire an employee, even if there is acquittal from the charges levelled against him by the government, after assessment of his service record and performance by the Review

There can be water proof tents or heat proof houses but there cannot be compulsory retirement proof employee even if he has succeeded in few cases Central Government," the division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice V Kameswar Rao said in a the verdict pronounced on Wednesday

Agarwal, a former Deputy Director with Enforcement Directorate, was suspended first in 1999 and then in 2003, and faced allegations in two CBI cases, including one accusing him of disproportionate assets. The court was told the criminal cases stood quashed and the suspension orders were also set

Even if the judicial decisions in the matters of suspension, departmental inquiries and grant of prosecution sanction are all in his favour, that does not mean he cannot be compulsorily retired, the court said while upholding Central Administrative Tribunal's decision to dismiss Aggarwal's case against compulsory retirement.

"In the 34 years span of his career, for 20 years the petitioner has been busy in litigation with the respondents [government authorities]. The conduct of the petitioner has shaken the confidence of the respondents to post him on public posts which involves public dealing," the court said in the judgment, while rejecting the argument that Agarwal succeeded in all his litigations and various courts have made observations about Centre's legal malice.

The high court said that the decision to retire him compulsorily is "absolutely an independent decision" keeping in view the service record and usefulness of Aggarwal in the service. It noted that he did not file his immovable property returns at the time of his joining and the self appraisal reports for many years were also not submitted.

"Thus, the petitioner had de-

veloped a tendency of not following government instructions of writing APARs. Thus, after considering all these materials available on record... the Review Committee concluded that conduct of the petitioner is such that his continuance in service would be a menace to public service and injurious to public interest," said the judgment. The bench said even if there

is quashing of charges in the departmental proceedings, the government has all the power, jurisdiction and authority to pass an order of compulsory retire-

"This decision is a complex decision and varieties of factors are to be kept in mind by the Review Committee and as stated hereinabove, the Union of India has to weed out the dead wood. Thus, those who are not useful into the services. those who are interested only in litigation in the court, those who are not obeying the orders of the government during their service tenure can be retired from the service. This power is given to the government to energize its machinery and to make it more efficient by compulsorily retiring those, who in its opinion should not be into

the services in public interest,"

said the court.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

Weeks after unearthing a JEE (Main) racket where proxy candidates appeared in place of real ones, the CBI has now discovered a similar occurrence in NEET exams as well.

The agency has arrested four people and conducted searches at multiple locations in connection with a Nagpur-based education services company that promised to help students pass NEET exams for Rs 50 lakh per

According to the CBI, a source said that the NEET UG -2021 conducted on September 12 in pen-and-paper mode had been rigged. The agency learnt that R.K. Education Career Guidance, run by one Parimal Kotpalliwar, solicits aspiring candidates by offering them admission in top government medical colleges by adopting fraudulent means and unfair practices.

The CBI, which registered a case in the matter on September 12, said the parents of

prospective candidates had been contacted by the firm and were being assured of admisination conducted by NEET by using proxy candidates. "The parents of desirous can-

sions in medical colleges by ma-

nipulating the process of exam-

didate are asked to deposit Post Dated Cheques (PDCs) of the agreed amount and Original Mark sheets of the candidate for Class-X and Class-XII as security which they would return after realizing the agreed amount which is up to 50 lakhs," the CBI FIR has said.

According to the agency, the user IDs and passwords of the candidates appearing for the examination had been collected by Kotpalliwar and his associates and necessary modifications had been made for getting desired examination centers as planned by them.

sponse will not suit the Indian

"They also use the process of mixing/morphing photographs to facilitate use of proxycandidates for appearing in the examination. Copies of e-Aadharcards of candidates are being collected for the purpose of making forged ID cards. He also assures candidates of providing answer keys and manipulating OMR sheets," the CBI FIR says.

The CBI also identified certain candidates who had paid

Cheating case: Bhujbal

money to the firm for passing the exams. They were identified as Aniket Tarapure, Hritik Mohite, Ritesh Bhajipale, Rusheekesh Thombre and Shubham Sangole.

It said that proxy candidates

(exam solvers) for the above candidates had been arranged by Kotpalliwar through oneDiwakar and his associate Munna. Kotpalliwar had allegedly come to Delhi on September 9 and paid Rs 1 lakh to Munna.

Sources said the arrested accused include owners of the accused company and middlemen.

'Chinese hack' on media, govt: report

ASSOCIATED PRESS BANGKOK, SEPTEMBER 22

AUS-BASED private cybersecurity company Wednesday said it has uncovered evidence that an Indian media conglomerate, as well as a police department and the agency responsible for the country's national identification database have been hacked, likely by a statesponsored Chinese group.

The Insikt Group, the threat research division Massachusetts-based Recorded Future, said the hacking group, given the temporary name TAG-28, made use of Winnti malware, which it said is exclusively

shared among several Chinese state-sponsored activity groups. In its report, the Insikt Group

suggested the cyberattack could be related to those border tensions. The Insikt Group said it detected four IP addresses assigned to the Bennett Coleman And Co. Ltd. media company in "sustained and substantial network communications" with two Winnti servers between February and August, It said it observed approximately 500 megabytes of data being extracted from the network of the privately owned Mumbai company, whose publications include The Times of India.

The Insikt Group said it also observed some 5 megabytes of data transferred in a similar fashion from the police department of Madhya Pradesh, whose CM, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, called for

a boycott of Chinese products. As the group was investigating the Bennett Coleman hack, it said it also identified a compromise in June and July of the Unique Identification Authority of India. In that case, it detected some 10 megabytes of data downloaded from the network and almost 30 megabytes uploaded, "possibly indicating the deployment of additional malicious tooling from the attacker infrastructure". UIDAI said it had no knowledge of a "breach of the nature described.

son, nephew discharged **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 22

IN ITS detailed order discharging the son and nephew of NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal in a cheating case filed against them in connection with a development project, the court has said that there is no evidence to show that there was any criminal conspiracy to cheat flat buyers.

Bhujbal's son Pankaj, nephew Sameer and two others were discharged from the case. filed in 2015, where it was claimed that potential buyers were misrepresented to the tune of Rs 44 crore for the sale of 2,344 flats in Kharghar in Raigad district. The court said the FIR against them had resulted out of a civil dispute which was given the 'colour of criminal offence'. "No fraudulent or dishonest

intention at the time of accept-

ing the booking amount from

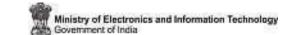
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sessions judge H S Satbhai said

in his order passed earlier this

The complaint dated back to a 2015 case filed with the Economic Offences Wing in













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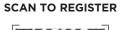
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Among men who attacked Owaisi home: College dropout, nursing staffer who lost job

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A 'SENIOR' Hindu Sena member who dropped out of college, a nursing staffer who lost his job during the lockdown, an autorickshaw driver and two factory workers -- these are the five men who vandalised MP Asaddudin Owaisi's house at Delhi's Ashoka Road on Tuesday, and were subsequently arrested.

In a Facebook live video shot on Tuesday evening, one of the men, Lalit Kumar (25), can be seen claiming he is the

head of Hindu Sena's Delhi wing and calling Owaisi a 'jihadi". "Main Asad Owaisi jihadi ke paas aaya hoon usko sabak sikhane (I have come to teach the iihadi Asad Owaisi a lesson)... Jai Shi Ram," he says. Two men can be seen breaking the nameplate with axes, while others are seen hurling stones -- and an axe -- at the

Kumar, who has been with Hindu Sena for over 3 years, has participated in several rallies and is a 'senior' member, others from the outfit said, adding that he often leads rallies in Mandoli and nearby areas.

president of the Hindu Sena, said, "The five men have been working with us for years. Kumar was hurt when he heard Owaisi's speech. We are talking to his parents and want him to be released. They are all innocent. Owaisi is lying about the attack. Kumar and his friends would never hurt anyone.'

Kumar's father sells construction material in Mandoli and is the sole breadwinner. Kumar dropped out of a private college and ioined the Hindu Sena. He now works "full-time" with it.



Owaisi said BJP had radicalised the accused

Two of the other accused, Shivam Singh (24) and Vijay (24), work "under him" at the organisation, workers said. Shivam did a nursing course in Delhi two years ago and worked at a hospital in Ghaziabad, but lost his job during the lockdown and was looking for a new one. "He was studying physiotherapy for

some exams, but dropped out of the course. He only went to Ashoka Road to support Kumar since he respects the organisation. He would not indulge in violence...," said Nitin, his friend. Locals said that Vijay works as an autorickshaw driver and lives with his family in Mandoli.

Others seen in the video, Lalit Kumar (23) and Vijay Singh (26), work at factories near Ghaziabad and have families that are dependent on them, their friends said. "We didn't know they were going to Owaisi's house. I was shocked when I saw the video. Lalit and

Vijay said they were going with members of the Hindu Sena for a protest near Parliament Street. I thought it was against farmers. Later that night, we came to know that police had arrested them. They don't work for the Hindu Sena; we only attended a few rallies because our friends work there," said Mohit Kumar, Lalit's friend.

On Tuesday, Owaisi said: "These people (the accused) are being radicalised and the BIP is responsible for this. If a parliamentarian's house is being vandalised, then what message is being sent?"

No survivor certificate needed for Covid relief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

PEOPLE WHO have lost their spouse to Covid need not submit a surviving member certificate when they apply for compensation under the Delhi government's scheme to support families of those who lost members during the pandemic.

If the applicant who is seeking compensation is the spouse of the person who died, the document will not be needed for application. It will, however, be required in other cases, for example in case children of the deceased are the applicants.

The decision was taken at a Kailash Gahlot with officials of

the department on Wednesday. "It has been decided that under the "Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Parivar Arthik Sahayata Yojna;, there will no longer be a

need for obtaining a surviving member certificate in cases where one of the spouses is alive," a revenue department statement said. If the deceased was a single parent, surviving children are

entitled to the ex gratia equally distributed among them, but for that, the name of the applicant should be reflected in the certifi-

If the deceased was an unmarried or a minor child, the father or the mother would get relief subject to their name meeting of Revenue Minister appearing in the certificate, the



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RETRACTION OF TENDER DOCUMENT FOR CONDUCT OF ONLINE SCREENING TEST

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RO. No. 698

e-Tender Notice Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G) Dhalipur Power House, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

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For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in' "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"



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पत्र स. 691. Corrigendum Clause for "Similar nature of work" under Instructions to Tenderers and Eligibility Criteria of Tender No: 10/EE/M&G/DLR/2021-22 invited by Office of Executive Engineer (M&G), Dhalipur Power House shall be read as "Repair of 18" gate valve with pipeline/ Repair of 18" gate valve in annual maintenance of hydro power plant"

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"TIME EXTENSION WITH AMENDMENTS" {NIT No. 112/PR/JBVNL/2021-22}

Selection of agency for "Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Operation of Bill Collection Any Time Payment (ATP) machines at various locations under the jurisdiction of JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED under Rate Contract Arrangement" Extended Timelines for participating in the above e-tender is detailed below:

| Sl. No. | Event | Timelines |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| i | Last date & time of receipt of bid documents (Online) | Upto 30/09/2021 at 18:00 Hrs. |
| ii | Last date of physical submission of Tender Fee & EMD | Upto 04/10/2021 at 13:00 Hrs. |
| iii | Due date for opening of Technical Bid (Part-I) | 04/10/2021 at 18:00 Hrs. |

Bid uploading / opening will be through e-tendering norms only. The complete Tender documents and amendments can be downloaded through website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in Bidder may contact help desk of e-Procurement system at the following web address: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Contact Officials:-

General Manager (Revenue) – 8987504018 Electrical Executive Engineer (Revenue) – 9661842194

PR 253660 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd) 21-22 (D)

General Manager (Revenue)

झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची

<u>ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा</u> आमंत्रण स्चना ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:-34/RI/2021-22/RWD/DALTONGANJ दिनांक :- 22.09.2021 मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement

पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। संख्यां / पैकेज संख्या कार्य का नाम कॉल नंत तिथि एक करोड चौदह RWD/ शिव मंदिर तक पथ का DALTONGANJ/ 1,14,91,466.00 सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (लं– 3.200 हजार चार सौ 01/2021-22 कि0मी0)

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:— 27.09.2021

3. ई—निवेदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:— 06.10.2021 अपराहन 5.00 बजे |

4. (क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची अथवा (ग) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, डालटनगंज में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:— 08.10.2021 पूर्वाहन 10.00 बजे से अपराहन 3.30 बजे तक।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:— 11.10.2021 पूर्वाहन 11.30 बजे |

6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन राँची झारखण्ड।

PR 253662 Road(21-22).D

7. ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दरभाष स0— 0651—2207818

8. निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक डाफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज के पक्ष में एवं डालटनगंज में भगतेय होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

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| 4 | Website | 22.07.2021 at 17.00 FW | |
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| 7 | Date and Time of Bid opening | 01.10.2021 at 12:30 PM | |
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| | | Chief Engineer(Communication), Road Construction | |
| 9 | Bid Submission Address | Department, 1st Floor, Engineer Hostel No2, Dhurwa, | |
| | | Ranchi-834004 | |
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ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 10/RI/2021-22/RWD/DALTONGANJ दिनांक :- 21.09.2021

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ट का दूरभाष सं0— 0651—2207818

निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ्राप्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज के पक्ष में एवं डालटनगंज में भुगतेय होगा विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

ई-प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल PR 253646 Rural Work Department(21-22)D

Government of Jharkhand

Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society Namkum, Ranchi

Phone No: 0651-2261000, 2261856 & 2261002 Mail ID: procurementjrhms@gmail.com

e-Procurement Notice for supply of Printing items

Tender Notice No.: NHM/Nam/35/2021 In-Charge Procurement Cell on behalf of Mission Director, Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society. Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand, Namkum, Ranchi, invites e-Tender from eligible

bidders for supply of Printing items. Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be viewed or downloaded by the bidders from the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in and bid should be submitted through e-procurement system only. Hard copies of technical bid and financial bid will not be entertained except Tender Fee & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

Evaluation and finalization of award of work will be based solely on e-bid submitted by the bidder. It will be sole responsibility of the bidder to scan and upload clear and legible documents for assessment, failing which the tender will be liable for rejection.

| Sr. No. | Particulars | Details |
|---------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Name of the work | Supply of Printing items |
| 2 | Date of Publication of Tender on website | 24/09/2021 |
| 3 | Date of Pre-bid meeting time | 29/09/2021at 3.00 PM |
| 3 | Last Date / time for receipt of bids on website | 04/10/2021 to 16/10/2021 by 06.00 P.M |
| 4 | Date/Time for opening of Technical bid through website | 18/10/2021 at 01.00 PM |
| 5 | Tender Document Fee (Non-refundable) | Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only) |
| 6 | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs.3,00,000/- (Three lakh only) |
| 7 | Contact person | 9199969106/9065527504 |

Note: The specified dates and time may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays or any other unforeseen circumstances. The same shall be informed through web-portal as and when required. Sd/-**In-Charge Procurement Cell**

PR 253715 Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society (21-22)_D

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, NEW DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION,
DIN DAYAL NAGAR, BOOTY ROAD, RANCHI-834008
Pho. No. 0651-2360428, E-Mail ID- eenhranchi-jhr@nic.in

> Notice Inviting Bid (5th Call) [Previous PR 244181 Road(20-21) D]

Bid/ Package no.- NH/RANCHI /EPC/01/2021-22

RFP for Construction of ROB at Km 116 of NH-99 (new NH-22) at Chandwa (LC No. 12A/T) in the State of Jharkhand on EPC mode (Job No. NH-99-(New NH-22)-JHR-2020-21/287). The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways through Chief Engineer, National Highway Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi is engaged in the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavour, it has been decided to undertake Construction of ROB at Km 116 of NH-99 (new NH-22) at Chandwa (LC No. 12A/T) in the State of Jharkhand on EPC mode (Job No. NH-99-(New NH-22)-JHR-2020-21/287) through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract.
[The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways/ National Highways Authority of India/ State

Public Works Department/Border Road Organisation represented by its DG(RD)&SS / Chairman / CE (NH) PWD State / DGBR] now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following

| State | NH No. | Name of work | cost (in Rs.) | document (in Rs.) | Completion period | Mainte- nance period |
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The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official portal of the CPP. website https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app from 30.09.2021 to 16.11.2021 (upto 15.00 Hrs. IST). Bidder must submit its Financial bid and Technical Bid at https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app on or before 16.11.2021 (upto 15:00 Hrs). Bids received online shall be opened on 17.11.2021 (at 15:30 hours IST).

Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Securing Declaration, (Appendix - II) receipt of document fee, Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 17.11.2021 (at 12:30 hours IST), Please note that the Ministry/Authority/ Executing Agency reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever. **Executive Engineer**

Phone: 7260095011, e-mail: eenhranchi-jhr@nic.in

National Highway Division, Ranchi

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Martyr of CISF on 23rd September HC/GD DIBAKAR NAYAK, PGCIL WAGOORA 23 -09-2013



CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-hearts. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with the terrorists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noble deed. NAIK RAJ KUMAR HAVILDAR A GURU SWAMY

GUNNER PRAHLAD SINGH

CEN MEHARWAN SINGH Fifty six years ago, on 23 Sep 1965 you made the supreme sacrifice for the honour of the Regiment and the Country by showing exemplified gallantry & determination during "Indo-Pak war 1965". Your valour & self-sacrifice acts as a source of inspiration

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& strength to us and the generations to come.

Sealed Tenders and empanelment of interest are invited for providing following services in the NLIU, Bhopal: Tenders: 1. Cleaning Services, 2. Security Services 3. Canteen Services

Expression of Interest (EOI): 1. Empanelment of Interest of Vendors Suppliers Category-1, 2. Empanelment of Interest of Vendors/Suppliers

The Tender Forms/EOI may be downloaded from 21.09.2021 from the NLIU Website: www.nliu.ac.in Last date of submission of Tender Forms/Expression of Interest is 04.10.202

till 03.00 PM. REGISTRAR

M.P. Madhyam/102034/2021

NIT.No.E-610000864/HPC&HP/Hospital Services/APGENCO/2021 APGENCO invites tender towards "Providing of primary health care services along with multi-specialty health services through advanced tele-medicine technology to the employees, retired employees, pensioners and their dependents, family pensioners and the villagers/residents residing in and around Onukudelli and Jalaput clinical areas pertaining to the Machkund Hydro Electric Scheme" through APGENCO e-Procurement platform. Bid Schedule available Date & Time : From 17.00 Hrs on 21.09.2021 onwards. Bid Submission Closing Date & Time: up to 15.00 Hrs on 19.10.2021. For further details visit website www.apgenco.gov.in or https://etender.apgenco.gov.in

Contact No: 0866-2526802.

Name of work with

its location

Jharkhand

JRHMS

Dated- 20.09.2021

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) N.I.T. No. 128-W/269/O.E.T.-21-22-NRCH-05

Annual Zone work of Central Hospital for the period

ending on 30.06.2022 in the section of SSE/W/NRCH underADEN/NRCH. **Definition Of Similar Work**:- Any Civil work other that 2. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 7999974.99 3. Completion period of work 12 Months 4. Date and time for submission of Upto 15.00 hrs on 18.10.2021 Opening

ender and opening of tender. of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 18.10.2021 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.

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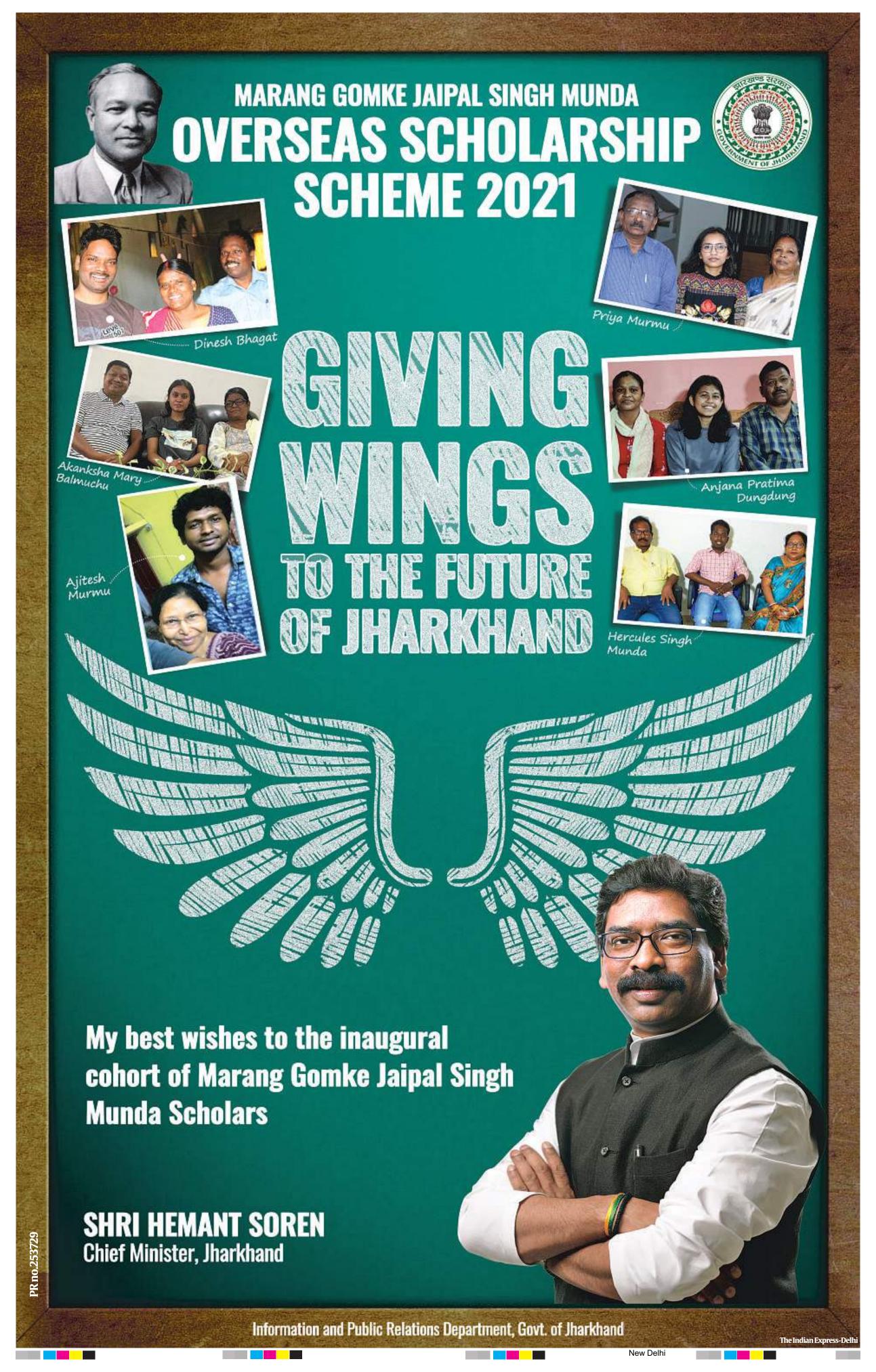
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Office of the Executive Engineer

MI & GWD Division, Mandya TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 07/2021-22, Dated: 21-09-2021.

Item Wise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under "e - Procurement "Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-4. Under the Head of Account 4702: Anicut and Pickup there is one work namely "Construction of Check Dam across Shimsha river for Kabbare Lift Irrigation Scheme in Maddur Taluk Mandya District", amount put to tender Rs. 423.00 Lakhs and the EMD of Rs. 634500. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : 05.10.2021 during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in" upto dated: **06.10.2021 up to 17-30 Hours.** Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on dated: 11.10.2021 at 11.00 AM. Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : 16.10.2021 at 11.00 AM. All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the "e -Procurement" Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in "e-Procurement" portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya. DIPR/AD-MDY/MCA/356/2021-22

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5-star staffer held

in connection with

15 snatching cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A 35-YEAR-OLD employee at a

five-star hotel group has been ar-

rested by the South district police

for allegedly committing around

15 snatching crimes across South

Delhi. Police also arrested a jew-

eller, who was allegedly purchas-

Kumar Thakur identified the ac-

cused as Harish Chauhan (35) and

Rajender Aggarwal (60). "After his

graduation from Delhi University

in 2006, Harish did a three-year

degree course of hotel manage-

ment from Pusa and started

working at a five-star group at IGI

Airport. Two years ago, he started

gambling through online apps

and lost money, leading to a huge

to snatch valuables from soft tar-

gets near Saket Metro station and

Ambedkar Nagar bus stand on

MB Road. He is sharp-minded

with a slim build and runs like a

trained athlete. These qualities

made him a notorious and des-

perate snatcher, like a wolf, and

he operated alone." Thakur said.

"To pay his debts, he decided

debt," he said.

DCP (South district) Atul

ing snatched chains from him.

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

Traffic police to create list of Delhi's 100 'most unsafe drivers', issue warning to them

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE DELHI Traffic Police will soon release a list of 100 habitual offenders involved in cases of road traffic violations in Delhi. The offenders will be warned that they are Delhi's "most unsafe drivers" and are risking lives every day.

This is for the first time that the Traffic Unit is preparing a list of drivers who have been 'challaned' multiple times yet

BRIEFLY

3 arrested for

65-year-old

New Delhi: The Delhi

Police arrested three men

for allegedly stabbing a

65-year-old man after he

resisted a robbery bid in

Southeast Delhi's Sarita

Vihar. Two of the accused

were chased and caught

by the police team min-

utes after the incident

took place on Monday.

The accused are involved

in over six cases of at-

tempt to murder, rob-

bery, and theft. According

to the police, around 8

pm Monday, the victim, Md Shams (65), and his brother were walking

near the Jasola village

when four persons ac-

No bail to man

forging Covid

certificate to

New Delhi: The Delhi

High Court has declined

to grant anticipatory bail

to a man accused of pro-

ducing a fake Covid-19

test positive report in

May to help his son, who

is an accused in a case un-

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Gurgaon: The traffic po-

Wednesday said they

had started an enforce-

ment drive to impound

old vehicles that are op-

erating in violation of the

National Green Tribunal

and Supreme Court or-

ders, which stipulate that

diesel vehicles that are

older than 10 years and

petrol vehicles older than

15 years, cannot ply in

NCR in view of the rising

levels of air pollution.

Traffic police officials said

that so far, they have im-

pounded 208 vehicles in

2021. **ENS**

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norms. Police said this is being done to avoid road accidents and casualties.

Special Commissioner of Police Muktesh Chander (Traffic) said, "We have been thinking of this idea for a while. People who commit murder or are involved in other heinous crimes are often tagged as 'bad characters' or history-sheeters. This makes it easier for police to identify them. For offenders in road traffic cases, there are no such

rules. Many offenders jump red lights, drive rashly and are caught speeding several times. Even people who are involved in hit-and-run and drunk driving are let off easy. We want to create a more concrete structure to make people aware of road safety."

At present, when people break traffic rules, police send e-challans and offender can pay a fine of Rs 100 to Rs 5,000, depending on the violation. Each challan gets stored on the Delhi Traffic Police's e-challan

extracting data from this system to make a list of offenders involved in red-light jumping, speeding, rash driving and accidents. "The idea is to find people involved in maximum cases and take out their names. Once we have 100 names, we will start sending notices at their residence," said the police.

Police will also personally focus on individuals on the list. The Traffic Unit will ask the offenders to join road safety

show up or continue to break traffic norms, police will take action against them. "We will tell them that their driving is dangerous for pedestrians and for themselves. It will be a request for cooperation but we can also exercise our right to report to transport authorities. Under section 19 of the Motor Vehicle Act (power of licensing authority to disqualify from holding a driving licence), their license can be suspended or cancelled," said Chander.

The Traffic Police will also contact district units to check names on the list and share criminal history, if any. "Since we don't keep data of fatal accidents, district police will be asked to add inputs to the list," said the police.

Last year, 1,189 people died in road accidents in Delhi, while 537 were injured in hitand-run accidents. Delhi recorded the highest casualties in road accidents followed by Chennai with 835 deaths and Bengaluru with 635 deaths.

INU to reopen for students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University (JNU) announced plans for further reopening of its campus, with entry being allowed for third-year PhD students on September 23. Now, buses will also be allowed inside

In the following phase, finalyear MSc and MBA students as well as fourth year B Tech stu-dents will be allowed entry into

"All third-year PhD research scholars (both hostellers and day-scholars) are allowed to enter into the campus. Buses will be allowed to enter into the campus following the Covid protocol. In order to avoid overcrowding, it has been decided to decentralize the process of issuance of ID cards from the security office. The students' ID cards will be issued at the school/special centre level," Deputy Registrar (Administration) P Ajai Babu said in a notice Wednesday.

In the fourth phase from September 27, "all MSc final year, B Tech fourth year and MBA and final year scholars (both hostellers and day scholars) will be allowed to enter into the campus," he added.

phases of re-opening.

After the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) gave permission, JNU had announced its plans to re-open. On September 6, in the first phase. all final year PhD students who have to submit their theses by August 31 were allowed to enter, along with all PWD (persons with disabilities) PhD students. regardless of their date of submission.

However, their entry was conditional upon producing a negative Covid RT-PCR report done within 72 hours.

The office order also stated that the BR Ambedkar Central Library "will be sanitised" and 50% seating arrangement will be made in the reading hall, before the library is opened to students. However, school and centre level libraries remained

the campus. JNU also allowed reopening of all department, cen-50% capacity.

PhD 3rd-yr

the campus.

In the second phase, all fourth year Phd students as well as all final year students of M.Phil, M. Tech, MCA programmes were allowed to enter tre and school level libraries with



The accused, Harish Chauhan (35)

Thakur said that several incidents of snatching by a 'lone wolf' snatcher were reported, targeting mainly women on morning walks or returning from office in the evening. "We formed a team led by inspector Atul Tyagi and sub-inspector Sanjay Singh, They scanned 200 CCTV clips over the last two months and got crucial leads. We also got inputs that Harish carried a pistol. We laid a trap at MB road and arrested him. He tried to whip out his pistol, but we overpowered him," he said. During questioning, he disclosed that he sold three snatched gold chains to Aggarwal, who runs a ewellery shop in Neb Sarai. "We have solved 15 cases so far with his arrest, further investigations

Its national secy appears before ED, AAP says political conspiracy by BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

AAM AADMI Party national secretary Pankaj Gupta appeared before the Enforcement Directorate Wednesday.

He was summoned by the enforcement agency earlier this month, with the agency saying that he was required for questioning under a Prevention of Money Laundering Act case.

ED sources said that the summons were issued to probe a case of money laundering registered against former AAP leader from Puniah Sukhnal Singh Khaira Sources claimed that documents related to USD 1.9 lakh received by the party as funding in 2016 were found by the ED during a search operation at Khaira's residence in March this year. AAP, however, said that the move was to intimidate AAP ahead of assembly polls in different states.

Spokesperson Raghav Chadha said that the party was "unfazed" and will cooperate with the investigation.

"Every penny the AAP has received has been checked multiple times and not an iota of wrongdoing has been found. All these inquiries will fall flat as all these are tactics to intimidate us. The BJP is frustrated that it can't electorally assassinate the AAP, so it is misusing government



He was summoned by the ED earlier this month

agencies as political revenge seeking tools to character assassinate us." he said.

assembly polls in Punjab, Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Goa next year

"These summons are the consequence of the growing popularity of Arvind Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party throughout the country... It's the growing popularity of AAP which is behind these 'love letters'... We will most certainly cooperate with these agencies and let me tell you that for the past 8 years, all these agencies have looked into every book of accounts of the Aam Aadmi Party. Not even a single year has passed by when we have not received these assessment notices... In each of these enquiries, the Aam Aadmi Party has received a clean chit,"

FIR against YouTube channel for 'fake news on Khattar resignation'

Chadha said.

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 22

POLICE ON Tuesday night registered an FIR against a YouTube channel for allegedly spreading fake news that Harvana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had resigned. Police said action was taken after a resident of Chakkarpur filed a complaint.

As per the FIR, the complainant, Sandeep Kumar, claimed that on Tuesday, he was surfing the internet when he came across a video on YouTube run by a channel called 'nation

"The news said that Haryana chief minister Khattar had submitted his resignation and Vij (Haryana home minister) will take over as the new CM. The fake news had tickers flashing "masterstroke by PM, CM ne faika isteefa.'

Kumar, who has a private job, told The Indian Express: "By

New Delhi

fake news, an attempt is being made to incite people of the state and disturb law and order. The intention is to destabilise the government and hurt sentiments of people. Despite knowing the facts and the truth, the channel is deliberately spreading fake news to provoke people and create instability in the administration, especially in the backdrop of farmers' protests.'

spreading such rumours and

A police officer said, "We will investigate who is running the channel and who had shared the alleged news item. No arrests have been made yet." The FIR has been registered under IPC sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) and 505(1)(b) (with intent to cause or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public) at cyber crime police station, said police.

CLASSROOM UNDER THE SKY

Students attend a class at an 'open school' at Yamuna Khader near Mayur Vihar Wednesday. Amit Mehra

'Mega PTM increased participation by parents'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A STUDY on the Mega PTM in Delhi government schools in Central district has shown that 97% of the parents believed that more such meets should be organised to improve performance of children, their participation in the class and social and mental development of children.

The study was conducted by Assistant Professors of State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Delhi.

"It was found that almost 70% of the parents believed the educational environment in Delhi government schools has changed, schools are cleaner and better maintained than before. During the PTM, 71% of the parents and 61% of the teachers discussed the regularity of children. academic activities, improvement in learning level... The study also found that 40% of parents consider failure to be a part of the learning process. 97% agreed that Mega PTM should be organised more often to improve the performance of children, their participation in the class, social and mental development of the children," a statement issued by the office of education minister Manish Sisodia said.

Prof Yogesh Singh appointed DU's new Vice-Chancellor

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind Wednesday approved the ap-Singh as the new Vice Chancellor of Delhi University (DU), while Professor Neelima Gupta was appointed the V-C of Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya in Madhya Pradesh.

Yogesh Singh is currently the Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi Technological University (DTU). "DU is a different ball game altogether. It's a very old and important seat of learning. We will take all necessary steps which are required for the growth and development of the institution and focus on the interest of DU," he told The Indian Express.

'The administration will be action-oriented, positive and we will take everyone together... We will start at a very fast pace. I will meet all the Principals, Deans, Heads of Departments and student groups. We will consult everyone and form a strategic plan," said Singh.

Former DU V-C Yogesh Tyagi had been suspended in October last year by the President in his capacity as the Visitor of the university, for dereliction of duty. In his place,

Professor P C Joshi had been officiating as the V-C. On March



Prof Yogesh Singh

9, Tyagi wrote to the President and relinquished charge at the end of his five-year tenure.

roles include being Dean, University School of Information Technology (2001-2006),Controller of Examinations (2006-2011) and Director Students Welfare of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.

According to DTU PRO Anoop Lather, Singh received his (Electronics Communication Engineering) PhD (Computer Engineering) degrees from National Institute of Technology,

Singh has previously been the Director of Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, Delhi (2014-2017) and Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat (2011-2014).

His other administrative

Kalam Technical University Lucknow, for alleged self-plagia-A complaint was also filed with the Deputy Chief Minister Delhi by an applicant for the post

Kurukshetra, Haryana.

Singh is also a member of the

Executive Committee of

National Assessment and

Accreditation Council (NAAC)

with effect from October 3, 2019,

Board of Information and Library

Network (INFLIBNET) Centre,

Gandhinagar, an Autonomous

Inter-University Centre (IUC) of

University Grants Commission.

some controversies. On July 23, a

complaint was filed with UP

Governor to remove Singh as a

member of the Search

Committee for Dr A P J Abdul

Singh has, in the past, faced

of Associate Professor, when Singh was the DTUV-C, where it was alleged that Singh along with other officials "violated all AICTE and UGC guidelines" in the appointment of Associate Professors and selected candidates on their "personal whims and wishes". It was alleged that he sought "financial benefits" for these appointments.

Singh has denied all allegations. On the issue of self-plagiarism, he said it was "simply not possible". He said the recruitment process in DTU was "completely transparent and strin-

In shadow of towering Qutub Minar, a rare Salvadora

ASHNA BUTANI & ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE OUTUB Minar watches over a short Khabbar tree (Salvadora Oleoides) that lies near a raised, grassy patch of the Outub Complex,

not far from the boundary wall. The gnarled trunk, with hollows and crevices, is etched with initials of those who visited, much like a monu-

ment itself. A squirrel scampers over the trunk, a mynah sits on a branch for a while, and a family that comes to see the towering monument of the 13th century in the backdrop spends some time on the bench placed in the tree's shade. A list of 16 'heritage' trees

prepared by the Delhi govern-

ment a few years ago mentions a Salvadora tree in the Outub complex. Another Khabbar tree lies close to the ornately engraved Alai Darwaza, its trunk almost bent over and leaning towards the minar. The Khabbar trees are a little differ-

OF DELHI ent from what appear to be their close cousins, the Salvadora per-

TREES



Khabbar is found "almost exclusively in Mehrauli". Ashna Butani

sica or Peelu, a specimen of which is also located in the complex. The Salvadoras in the Qutub complex also feature in Pradip Krishen's book, 'Trees of While the Delhi golf course

and graveyards in Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg are home to many Peelu trees, the Khabbar is said to be much rarer in Delhi. He writes that for reasons unknown, the tree is found "almost exclusively in Mehrauli". Smaller Khabbar trees can be spotted around walls of Lalkot in Mehrauli and there are two more such trees in Khusro Park, Nizamuddin. They can be distinguished from the Peelu tree by their narrow leaves which are never more than 1.3 cm wide. Khabbar flowers have no stalks and their fruits are yellow when they ripen.

Empty cans and used straws litter the ground around the twisted trunk, scattered around plants that grow at the base, and even stuffed into some of the larger recesses in bark of the tree. Awestruck by the monument

behind, few tourists pay heed to trees in the complex. They flock to the nearest tree when sun gets too harsh. A child who tries to touch every tree he sees is rebuked by his mother: "Don't go close or a dragon will come out

at the future," observed Justice

Justice B R Gavai said in its order

that it had given a thought to the

matter, and the difficulties ex-

pressed by the armed services.

the submission of armed forces is,

'no jam today, jam tomorrow'. It

will be difficult for us to accept

that position, the aspirations of

women having been arisen in

view of the order, albeit subject to

the final outcome of the petition.

The armed forces having dealt

with very difficult situations ad-

mirably, both in the border and in

the country. To deal with emer-

gencies is part of their training. We

are sure they can deal with this

emergency if it is so

perceived...We would thus not like

to effectively vacate the order

passed, but keep the manner

The court was hearing a plea

by Advocate Kush Kalra seeking

its intervention to allow eligible

women candidates to appear for

termed the decision to restrict

NDA to only male candidates as a

matter of policy, but the court re-

fused to accept this and said the

policy "is based on gender dis-

ment agreed to allow women

candidates to sit for NDA but

prayed for time till May 2022 so

as to put the necessary arrange-

matter in the third week of January 2022.

The court will now hear the

Subsequently, the govern-

Initially, the government had

pending."

the NDA exam.

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ments in place.

What effectively would mean by

The bench also comprising

GOVT & POLITICS





THE CANDIDATE

THE CONGRESS national leadership may have earned applause for its decision to pick a Dalit face for the Chief Minister's post in Puniab but an unrelated decision that followed has triggered widespread dissatisfaction among party leaders in Maharashtra. The central leadership has decided to nominate Rajani Patil for the sole available Rajya Sabha seat from Maharashtra. The name of Patil, who previously served one term each in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, was also present in the list of nominated MLCs, which is still pending before the Governor. Patil was picked as the high command's choice even as the state party unit was considering several other names, including Mukul Wasnik, for the seat, sources said.

TAKING STOCK

BISHWESWAR TUDU, Minister of State for Jal Shakti, on Wednesday visited the office of Namami Gange at National Stadium in New Delhi and reviewed the progress of various projects being implemented for cleaning of the river Ganga. The minister chaired the 8th meeting of the Empowered Task Force, which was attended by senior officials from the Ial Shakti Ministry and state government officials. It is learnt that during the meeting officials informed him about the Centre's plans regarding the face-lift of the temple town of Ayodhya by restoring old buildings and depicting murals and artwork in association with Ayodhya Development Authority.

OFFICE, OFFICE

AFTER OPERATING for years from its plush office complex in Dwarka, the National High Speed Rail Corporation will get to be closer to the proverbial power centre – New Delhi – around 30 km away. It has started getting some work done from two rooms in the parent ministry, Rail Bhawan, so that coordination and general work gets done faster. The ministry, it is learnt, has allotted the rooms for its various entities such as NHSRCL, so that officials have a base to work from when they visit the ministry. Otherwise, it was common sight for MDs and other senior officers of PSUs to roam around in the corridors between scheduled meetings. Some officials in Rail Bhawan are of the view that it would help if the NHSRCL also shifts completely to a place closer to the centre of activity in the future.

Yogi: Other govts curbed kanwar yatras, we laid Ram Temple's foundation

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

EMPHASISING THE work done by his government in the last fourand-a-half years, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday hit out at the previous governments in the state, accusing them of curbing freedom of religion.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating a statue of Mihir Bhoj Singh in Greater Noida, Adityanath said: "There were no Kanwar yatras earlier and no festivals could be celebrated. Those who ruled were amongst you and not from outside. And yet no Kanwar yatra or Durga Puja was celebrated. We have laid the founding stone of the Ram Temple (in Ayodhya). Was there no government here since 1947 that it took this long for a solution? To find solutions, you need to have a strong will," Adityanath said.

The chief minister said that the BIP government delivered on the promise of closing illegal slaughterhouses and ensuring a crimefree environment for women and children. In the last four-and-ahalf years, no riots have taken

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RAJIV BANSAL, current Air India

Chairman, was appointed the

new aviation secretary as part of

a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle

Secretary in the Department of

Economic Affairs, was appointed

Secretary, Department of

K Rajaraman, Additional

by the Centre on Wednesday.

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22



UP CM Adityanath at a rally in Dadri on Wednesday. PTI

place in the state, the CM claimed. Invoking the recent takeover of power by the Taliban in Afghanistan, Adityanath said those supporting the Taliban are anti-India, anti-humanity, antiwomen and anti-children.

He also spoke at length about Gurjar icons in an effort to gather the community's vote for the upcoming Assembly polls.

A sizeable Gurjar population resides in several parts of west UP, including Gautam Buddh Nagar, Bulandshahr, and Meerut. "Mihir Bhoj gave the country

a protective cover against foreign invasion during his rule," the CM said, adding that it was the vision of Narendra Modi that the legacy of leaders should be remembered.

Air India Chairman Rajiv Bansal

is aviation secy in reshuffle

FORMER PUNJAB CM QUESTIONS DELHI 'HAND' IN STATE CONGRESS

Will field 'strong' candidate against Sidhu, says Amarinder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 22

FORMER Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh Wednesday said he would field a candidate against Congress state president Navjot Singh Sidhuin the 2022 Assembly elections, while expressing "shock" at the way the party was being "run from Delhi".

Speaking to reporters here, Amarinder asked how Congress leaders like K K Venugopal, Ajay Maken or Randeep Surjewala could decide who was good for which ministry in the state, adding that as CM, he had called the shots and appointed own ministers as he knew the capability of each of them.

New CM Charanjit Singh Channi, accompanied by Sidhu, was in the Capital on Tuesday to discuss Cabinet formation with the high command.

In a swipe at the selection of Channi, the first Scheduled Caste CM of Punjab, Amarinder said: "Our religions teaches us that all are equal. I don't look at people based on their caste, it's about their efficiency.'

The senior leader said Sidhu seemed to be calling the shots in the new dispensation, and that a PCC chief should concentrate on party affairs. "Ihad a very good PPCC president, I took his advice, but he never told me how to run the govern-



Punjab CM Channi with Sidhu at Golden Temple in Amritsar.

ment," Amarinder said. Accusing Sidhu of having failed to manage as a minister in his government, he said, "If he behaves as the super CM, the party won't function."

Amarinder also warned the Congress that under this "drama master's leadership", implying Sidhu, it might not manage even double digits in the Punjab polls.

While not specifying his future plans, Amarinder said he would only leave on a "high". "I was ready to leave after victory, but never after a loss," he said, claiming that he had even told Sonia Gandhi after leading the Congress to a win in the 2017 Assembly elections to let someone else become CM. "But that did not happen... so I will fight," he said.

Amarinder claimed he had repeated the offer three weeks earlier as well. "If she (Sonia) had just asked me to step down, I would have... As a soldier, I know how to do my task and leave."

He questioned the way he had been subjected to "humiliation" instead, including by calling a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party without informing him. "Priyanka and Rahul are like my children... This should not have ended like this, I am hurt." He said the two were "quite inexperienced" and their advisors were misleading them.

Promising to field a "strong" candidate against Sidhu in the elections, the veteran leader repeated that he was "dangerous for the state". Channi was "intelligent" and "well-educated", he said, but had no experience in managing home affairs, which he called critical for a border state.

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In Cong, all eyes on Capt, his next move

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 22

THE CONGRESS is keeping a close eye on the activities of former Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh who has opened a front against state party president Navjot Singh Sidhu but has not "admonished" the BJP over the contentious farm laws in a series of interviews he gave to the electronic

media after tendering resigna-

tion on September 18.

Sources in Congress said the party was already watching Amarinder keenly on whether he was headed to BJP. "There are reports that he may be making a big announcement about his political future on October 2," a source privy to the development in the Congress said.

A Congress leader said, "The poster titled Captain 2022 (shared by Amarinder's OSD on Twitter), appeared to be making an announcement that he will be contesting the next year's elections in 2022 as 'Captain'...clearly shows he has some plans."

Mamata warns BJP of khela hobe in Goa, UP, Assam and Tripura

SHANTANUCHOWDHURY & MAYURAJANWALKAR KOLKATA.PANAJI.SEPTEMBER 22

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS (TMC) chief Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday shared her party's pan-India plans and vowed to defeat the BIP in several states, in-

Ahead of the Assembly bypoll in Kolkata's Bhabanipur, Banerjee said "We will contest in other states. We will contest in Tripura. Tripura te khela hobe, Assam te khela hobe, Goa te khela hobe, UP te khela hobe. BJP should know that the player who will defeat them has come.'

The TMC is in talks with a senior Congress leader in Goa who may join the party, according to political sources. Assembly polls in Goa are expected to be held in February-March next year.

Goa Congress president Girish Chodankar, however, dismissed the speculation as "rumours". "We have full trust and confidence in our senior leader. His name is just being dragged into this for no reason," said Chodankar.

The Congress has five MLAs in the 40-member Goa Assembly.

Political strategist Prashant Kishor, who advised TMC during the West Bengal Assembly poll, has also made trips to Goa earlier this month and held discussions with political leaders. Kishore and senior TMC leaders are expected to arrive in Goa this week and a "major announcement" is expected over the next two days, political

exams in Nov, 'can't belie their hope' transition. This exam may not give **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** the best results. But we are looking

SC to Centre: Allow

women to take NDA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday refused to accede to the government's request to allow women candidates to sit for the National Defence Academy entrance exam only in May 2022, and reiterated its earlier direction to permit them to take the exams scheduled in November this year.

Entrance exams to the NDA are held twice a year. In an affidavit filed in the court, the Defence Ministry had asked for time until May 2022 to issue the notification allowing women to sit for the NDA exams so that the Academy which until now enrolled only men - would have enough time to make changes, including in infrastructure and curriculum, to accommodate the women cadets.

On Wednesday, a two-judge bench headed by Justice S K Kaul did not accede to the government's request for more time, stating that the court had, in its interim order in August, allowed women candidate to take this year's exams in November and did not want to belie their hopes.

"I have fully understood your affidavit. We appreciate your endeavour to put before us different areas of concerns. You have referred to fitness test, accommodation, curriculum changes and so on...But what we are finding it difficult to accept is to postpone everything by a year. Having given a hope to women to take exam in November, we don't want to belie that hope," Justice Kaul said.

"This is the transition phase, we don't want to postpone the

'Toolkit' case:

SC says won't

interfere with

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challenging a High Court stay on

a probe against former Chief

Minister Raman Singh and BJP

spokesperson Sambit Patra. The

FIR against the two leaders was

registered over their tweets re-

ferring to a purported "toolkit'

allegedly created by Congress.

Iustice of India N V Ramana re-

fused to interfere with the order

of the Chhattisgarh High Court

and asked it to decide the mat-

The FIR against Singh and

Patra was registered a day after

Akash Sharma, the Chhattisgarh

president of Congress student

outfit NSUI, filed a complaint over

their tweets on an alleged "toolkit"

created by the Congress - to "de-

fame" the country — on May 18.

of spreading unrest and provok-

ing people through a fake story.

the Supreme Court that the High

Court had erroneously granted

the interim relief right at the

stage of admission itself. The in-

vestigation was at a nascent

The BJP leaders were accused

The state government told

ter expeditiously.

A bench headed by Chief

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

On UK vaccine row, minister points to 'best HC stay on probe interest of people'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

SUPREME Court WITH NEW Delhi and London Wednesday dismissed the trying to iron out differences over and travel restrictions, the ruling BJP attempted to avoid an escalation of the matter saying "every sovereign country will take decisions which they believe are in the best interest of the people".

"There is no right or wrong...Some countries take decision on what vaccines are acceptable by their medical fraternity and their scientific community and some take a different view," Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said when asked about some countries not recognising Indian vaccines. He pointed out that the science and the understanding

of Covid was recent.

Chandrasekhar, who was in the BJP headquarters to brief the media about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US. said that countries reacted differently to the pandemic. "I think these things have to evolve as the assessment of risk of the disease gets mitigated over time. Till such time every sovereign government, every sovereign country will take decisions which they believe are in the best interest of the people."

Mamata Banerjee at her first public meeting for Bhabanipur bypoll, on Friday. Partha Paul

candidate dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA SEPTEMBER 22

MORE THAN three months after an alleged attack on him by "TMC supporters", a BJP leader who contested the Assembly polls this vear died at a private nursing home at Thakurpur in south Kolkata on Wednesday. His family and BJP leaders have demanded a CBI probe into the case.

BJP's Dhurjati Saha, also known as Manas, had contested the Magrahat Paschim constituency in South 24 Parganas district and lost to TMC's Giasuddin Molla by 97.006 votes.

Saha's son said the hospital had previously declared him fit and had even told the family to be ready for his discharge on Wednesday. But the family was informed in the morning that he had been shifted back to the ICU, where he died.

State BJP president Sukanta Majumder said that Saha's death was "unfortunate"

3 months after Destiny that I should become CM through **Bhabanipur: Mamata**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA. SEPTEMBER 22

IN HER first public meeting for the Bhabanipur Assembly by-poll on Wednesday, TMC chairperson Mamata Banerjee urged people not to take her electoral victory for granted, and asked them to vote to ensure that she remains the Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Banerjee said it was "taqdeer ka khel [fate]" that she has to get elected from Bhabanipur to become the chief minister.

She is contesting from Bhabanipur to retain her post following her defeat in Nandigram earlier this year. When TMC came to power in Bengal in 2011, Baneriee became the chief minister despite not contesting the election. In a by-poll later that year, she won the election from Bhabanipur. She finds herself in a similar situation again.

"Don't think that Didi's victory is secured and there is no point going out to vote for her...You will not get me as the chief minister if I don't get each vote...I am telling you this to make you understand why each vote is important," Banerjee said at a public meeting in Ekbalpur area.

"In 2021, my party had requested me to contest from Nandigram to support the farmers' movement. But you will be scared to know how unfairly I was defeated from there. A case is pending at the court [on counting of votes). But it is destiny and tagdeer ka khel that Mamata Banerjee should become the chief minister from Bhabanipur."

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the TMC chief said, "Narendra Modi ji and Amit Shah bhaiya ji, don't think that you will turn India into a Taliban state.' She later addressed another public meeting in Chetla.

stage, contended the state gov-Ravi quits as Naga peace talks interlocutor

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

TAMIL NADU Governor R N Ravi on Wednesday resigned as interlocutor in Naga peace talks after serving several years in the post during which he negotiated with key insurgent groups for the Naga Peace Accord.

Ravi's resignation comes days after he was moved out of Nagaland, where he also held the post of Governor. He was appointed Tamil Nadu Governor on September 9.

The development had come amid vociferous demand from NSCN(IM) to remove Ravi both as Nagaland Governor and Naga interlocutor following a verbal spat between the two through 2020.



Ravi: moved from Nagaland to TN Raj Bhavan on Sept 9

"Shri R.N. Ravi's resignation as interlocutor for the Naga peace process, submitted by him today, has been accepted with immediate effect by the Government of India," the Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement. Sources said former

Intelligence Bureau special director Akshay Mishra is likely to replace Ravi as the new Naga

peace talks interlocutor. As incharge of Northeast affairs, Mishra was already dealing with various Naga groups while still serving in IB. Mishra retired in July this year. After relations between Ravi

and NSCN(IM) strained, Mishra had been interacting with Naga groups to finalise the peace accord since January 2020. Sources said Naga groups

have also expressed satisfaction with the way Mishra has been spearheading negotiations from the Centre's side and have expressed confidence in him to lead the talks further. The development comes a

day after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, along with his Nagaland counterpart Neiphiu Rio, met key NSCN(IM) Following the closed-door meeting, Rio told the media, "(Home Minister) Amit Shah-ji has expressed happiness to resume the talks and conveyed that a solution should be found at the earliest and that the government is open for discussion.... Whatever had gone wrong, (we should) forgive and forget and move The Naga peace process has

leaders, including Th Muivah

had a rough ride over the last couple of years due to deteriorating relationship between NSCN(IM), the lead Naga group negotiating with the Centre, and Ravi. Despite a Framework Agreement for Naga Peace Accord having been signed in 2015, the government has not been able to finalise the accord.

Retd HC judge to probe Karnal police lathicharge

Chandigarh: Haryana government on Wednesday appointed Justice (retd) Somnath Aggarwal as a one-man inquiry commission to probe the sequence of events leading to the police lathicharge on farmers at Bastara toll plaza in Haryana's Karnal on August 28. The retired Punjab and Haryana High Court judge will also probe the role of IAS officer Ayush Sinha, who, as then Karnal SDM, was caught on tape for his controversial "break the heads" remark.

The decision, taken during a Cabinet meeting chaired by CM Manohar Lal Khattar, comes 13 days after the government promised that it will get the incidents probed by a retired HC judge.

New Delhi

Telecommunications, according to an order of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Rajaraman will take over the charge from Anshu Prakash, who is due to superannuate on September 30.

Rajiv Bansal, a 1988 batch IAS officer of Nagaland cadre, will replace Pradeep Singh Kharola, upon his retirement this month-end. K Sanjay Murthy, Chief

Executive Officer and Managing Director, National Industrial Development Corporation Limited, will be Secretary, Department of Higher Education, the order said.

Steel Secretary Pradip Kumar Tripathi has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), it

Govind Mohan, Additional Secretary in the Department of Home, will be Secretary, Ministry of Culture, the order said.

Anurag Jain, Vice Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority, has been appointed as the Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Murthy, a 1989 batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, will take over the charge from Amit Khare, who retires on September 30. Devendra Kumar Singh,

Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises will be Ministry Cooperation. FULL REPORT ON

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In US, PM Modi pushes for 'mutual

issued against

Mumbai: The inquiry Justice Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh. probe related to corrup-

TRIPURA

fever detected,

Agartala: After infecting nearly 25,000 pigs over five months in Mizoram, the highly contagious African swine fever has now spread to Tripura at Kanchanpur of North Tripura close to the Tripura-Mizoram interstate boundary. "We have identified an infected zone of 1 km radius from the epicenter of the outbreak. Culling was started as per Central government guidelines... 28 pigs and piglets were culled across seven nearby villages," said Dr Mrinal Duta, nodal officer of Tripura State Disease Investigation Laboratory.

L-G flags off new buses

part of the revival plan in-

Another warrant Param Bir Singh

commission headed by retired high court judge Kailash **Uttamchand Chandiwal** has reissued a bailable warrant against former The former Mumbai Police officer is facing a tion allegations levelled by him against former state home minister Anil Deshmukh. The inquiry panel has issued summons several times but Singh has failed to appear before it so far.

culling begins

'Revival plan':

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday flagged off the first lot of 95 new buses of the J&K Road **Transport Corporation** (JKRTC). The buses are volving a major expanphased manner. Sinha reiterated the J&K government's commitment to provide quality transport facilities to the public. He said the expansion will address the long pending demand of people living in remote areas as preference will be given to such areas, besides interstate

MAHARASHTRA

African swine

JAMMU & KASHMIR

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M & SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22 PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, who left for the United States on Wednesday, said international travel should be made easier through "mutual recognition of vaccine certificates". In his video remarks at the Global Covid Summit hosted by

US President Joe Biden, Modi also said India is ramping up production capacity of existing vaccines and the supply chains of raw materials must be kept open. 'The Covid-19 pandemic has

been an unprecedented disruption. It is not yet over. Much of the world is still to be vaccinated. That is why this initiative by President Biden is timely, and welcome... We also need to focus on addressing the pandemic's economic effects. To that end, international travel should be made easier

MAULSHREE SETH

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 22

ON WEDNESDAY, even as Akhil

Bharatiya Akhara Parishad pres-

ident Mahant Narendra Giri was

laid to rest at Baghambari Math

in Prayagraj, the spotlight stayed

on Anand Giri, once said to have

been the mahant's "favourite

disciple" and now at the centre

of a case of alleged abetment of

was found dead in his room at

Baghambari math, after which

police claimed to have found a

seven-page 'suicide note' in

which the mahant held Anand

Giri, besides two others, respon-

sible for his death. On

Wednesday, the Prayagraj police

arrested Anand Giri and Adhya

Prasad Tiwari, another of

Narendra Giri's disciples, after

Giri's first brush with contro-

Bare Hanuman Temple in

Prayagraj, who refers to himself

as "spiritual leader" and "yoga

guru", is known to live it up -

there are photographs circulat-

ing on social media of him in lux-

ury hotels and on beaches, in

farming family in Bhilwara.

Rajasthan, Anand Giri is known

to have left his house at 12 and

joined a gurukul in Haridwar. He

Born in a lower middle class

fancy cars and bikes.

This, however, is not Anand

questioning them at length.

versy.

Two days ago, Narendra Giri



Prime Minister Narendra Modi checks files and other papers during his flight to the US. Twitter photo@narendramodi

Beaches to bikes, the high-flying

'yoga guru' caught in suicide row

The body of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad president

Mahant Narendra Giri being laid to rest in Prayagraj on

through mutual recognition of vaccine certificates," Modi said.

"India is now running the world's largest vaccination campaign. Recently, we vaccinated about 25 million people on a single day. Our grassroots-level healthcare system has delivered $over\,800\,million\,vaccine\,doses\,so$ far. Over 200 million Indians are now fully vaccinated. This has been enabled through the use of our innovative digital platform called Co-Win. In the spirit of sharing, India has made Co-Win, and many other digital solutions. available freely and open source software," he said.

As India looks to resume export of Covid-19 vaccines to poorer nations, Modi said "supply chains of raw materials must

be kept open". "As newer Indian vaccines get developed, we are also ramping up production capacity of existing vaccines. As our production increases, we will be able to resume vaccine supplies to others, too. For this, the supply chains of raw materials must be kept open. With our Quad partners, we are leveraging India's manufacturing in producing vaccines for the India-Pacific region,"

In his departure statement earlier in the day, Modi said he would review India-US ties with US President Joe Biden and exchange views on regional and global issues of "mutual interest", and discuss cooperation in science and technology with Vice President Kamala Harris.

This clear demarcation of agenda items between the US President and Vice President sought to signal that the Prime Minister has separated the priority issues for his discussions with

Anand Giri at a court in

Prayagraj on Wednesday. PTI

tionship took a turn for the

worse after Narendra Giri, who

tested positive for Covid, was dis-

charged from a hospital in

Haridwar and came back to the

math. The public tussle between

the mentor and the disciple in-

tensified, with Anand Giri's fol-

lowers using social media to

level charges of fraud against

got Anand Giri expelled from the

math and the akhara. An angry

Anand Giri claimed to have writ-

Prime Minister as well as police

demanding an investigation into

released a video, claiming the dispute between the two had

been settled. In the video, Anand

Giri was shown touching

Narendra Giri's feet, after which

the mahant said Anand Giri has

apologised. Sources, however,

said the differences between the

Two months ago, the math

his mentor's activities.

It was then that Narendra Giri

Narendra Giri.

Sources said Modi is expected to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, Pakistan's role in fuelling terrorism in the region, Indo-Pacific strategy and China's

With Harris, who had called up Modi in June and conveyed the US decision to supply vaccines, sources said the cooperation in vaccine production and challenges due to the pandemic are expected to be on the agenda.

the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership with President Biden and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. I am also looking forward to meeting Vice President Kamala Harris to explore opportunities for cooperation between our two nations particularly in the area of science and technology," he said.

UP recommends CBI probe into mahant's death

MANISH SAHU

THE UTTAR Pradesh government on Wednesday recommended a CBI probe into the death of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad (ABAP) president Mahant Narendra Giri, two days after he was found dead in

The state home department said in a tweet that the CBI investigation was recommended on the directions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath who had said in Prayagraj on Tuesday that if anyone was found responsible for the "tragic death" of the mahant they

Two disciples of the 72-yearthose arrested, the police said. The court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Harendra Nath sent them to judicial custody for 14 days while the third accused will be produced before the court on Thursday.

The police said they arrested Anand Giri (45) and Adhya Prasad Tiwari (55), and Tiwari's son Sandeep (25) as the mahant allegedly blamed them in his "suicide note". FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

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Prayagraj's Baghambari Math.

would receive strict punishment

The government's announcement came on a day the police arrested three people on the charge of abetment of suicide in connection with the case. and, according to sources, a panel of five doctors conducted an autopsy to confirm that the cause of death was "antemortem hanging".

Pinarayi shows

'narcotic jihad,

govt data to junk

Catholic bishop's remarks about yoths from non-Muslims communities being targets of "love jihad" and "narcotic jihad" in Kerala, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday quoted government data to dismiss all such claims, and sought to delink it from religion.

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Vijayan told reporters that if data on those involved in religious conversion and narcotics are analysed, it is clear that minorities do not have any special role in such activities. There is no backing of facts for such claims, he said.

He said these issues - socalled "love jihad" and "narcotic jihad" – cannot be categorised with any particular religion.

Dismissing claims of "narcotic jihad" as baseless, he gave numbers from government data.

In 2020, as many as 4,941 cases were registered in Kerala under NDPS Act. Of the 5,422 accused, 2,700 (49.80%) people were Hindus, 1,869 (34.47%) Muslims and 853 (15.73%) Christians. "There is no unusual ratio in these figures. Narcotic business is not on the basis of religion," he said. The Chief Minister said there

is no evidence to show that drug peddlers or drug users belong to a particular religion, "On school, college campuses, there are students from various communities. If any of them uses drugs or becomes part of the drug peddling network, it is puerile to analyse that as part of a concerted attempt of any religion," he said. "Such campaigns would tantamount to sowing seeds of hatred in a state like Kerala where people from all communities live together."

Early this month, bishop Joseph Kallarangatt of Palai diocese, during a sermon, had said

links in J&K

to 25, officials said.

Rafi Butt of Kishtwar: teacher

Liyaqat Ali Kakroo of Baramulla,

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2 cops among six HC quashes FIR against Kashmiri over tweet

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU. SEPTEMBER 22

THE HIGH Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Wednesday quashed an FIR against Kashmiri Pandit activist Sushil Pandit for a 2018 tweet that claimed that five CRPF personnel were killed dur-

Pandit had tweeted: "Just heard, 5 CRPF jawans martyred in Pampore. #RamzanCeasefire is working. Question is who is it working for!." The statement was untrue. Pandit deleted his tweet.

The bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal said: "This court is of the considered view that the FIR impugned, is nothing but an abuse of the process of law."

tweet would reveal that it begins with words 'JUST HEARD', meaning thereby that what was uploaded by him was just heard by him and he had no personal knowledge of the same," observed **Justice Oswal**

PM-CARES Fund not a fund of Government of India, HC told

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Consolidated Fund of India.

trust is a "State" or other authority within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India and or whether it is a 'public author-

ity' within the meaning of section 2[h] of Right to Information Act, Section 8 in general and that of provisions contained in sub section [e] and [j], in particular, of the Right to Information Act, it is not permissible to disclose third party information," Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, an Under Secretary at the PMO said in a reply.

The submission was made in response to a petition seeking that PM-CARES Fund be declared as 'The State' under Article 12 of the Constitution. The plea contends that citizens of the country are aggrieved that a fund set up by the Prime Minister and with trustees like the PM and ministers of Home. Defence and Finance has been declared to be a fund over which there is no government control.

Srivastava told the court he functions in the trust on an honorary basis and that the trust functions with transparency and its funds are audited by an auditor who is a Chartered Accountant from the panel prepared by the Comptroller and

"To ensure transparency, the audited report is put on the official website of the trust along with the details of utilisation of

funds received by the trust," the reply said. It said all donations received

by the trust are through online payments, cheques and or demand drafts. The amount so received is audited and the expenditure of the trust fund displayed on the website, it said.

"In view of the specific provisions of Section 8 of the Right to Information Act, the relief against para 5.3 of the trust deed dated 27.3.2020 pales into insignificance," Srivastava said, referring to a prayer against a paragraph in the trust deed which states that it was not created by

Gangwal states that the PMfor a noble purpose of extending of Covid-19 pandemic and huge donations were received by it.

CARES Fund was formed by the Prime Minister in March 2020 assistance to the citizens in wake However, the plea said, a copy of the trust deed was released by the PM-CARES Fund on its website in December 2020, according to which it is not created by or under the Constitution or by any law made by Parliament.

routes.

NINTH ARREST

Cleric held from Meerut for 'illegal conversions'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 22

THE UTTAR Pradesh Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) on Wednesday arrested 64-year-old cleric Kaleem Siddiqui for allegedly being part of an illegal conversion racket. The ATS said his name came up during the investigation of a case filed in Lucknow in which cleric Umar Gautam and others have been According to the ATS, Siddiqui

was arrested from Meerut around 9 pm on Tuesday and was brought to the ATS headquarters in Stating that it has formed six

teams to probe the case, the ATS said it has moved a petition in the court seeking Siddiqui's custody. Siddigui is the ninth person to be arrested in the alleged illegal con-

"During the investigation, it came to light that Maulana Kaleem Siddigui, a native of Muzaffarnagar, who mostly lives in Delhi, is involved in illegal conversions. It was found that in the garb of educational and social organisations, he was involved in illegal conversions across the country and was receiving funds from foreign countries for this. This conversion racket was being run in an organised manner and several

popular people and outfits are also involved in it. It was also found that he ran India's biggest conversion syndicate and converted non-Muslims by deceiving them," the ATS said in a statement on Wednesday

It said Siddiqui ran a Trust named Jamia Imam Waliullah, which in the name of social harmony, converted people by bribing them.

"It also came to light that along with the Trust, Siddiqui also funded several madrasas and that he received funding from abroad for this, which came through hawala and other channels. Through madrasas, the cleric, in the garb of giving a message for the unity of humanity, spoke about heaven and hell and put fear and greed in the minds of people. encouraging them to accept Islam. He then encouraged them to convert others," the statement added.

ATS Inspector General GK Goswamy said that text written by Siddiqui was used for converting people through the materials available online as well as offline. "He used to make people believe that the arrangement made as per Shariat can ensure justice for all...," Goswamy said.

Kaleem's Youtube channel has 1.15 lakh subscribers which have dozens of videos in which he talks about religion and social issues.

heir apparent. As deputy mahant of the Bare Hanuman Mandir, which comes under Narendra Giri's Baghambari math, Anand Giri. apart from conducting prayers at the temple, established him-

Bengaluru Uber

driver held for

Wednesday. Ritesh Shukla

has often claimed that he did so

to gain a better understanding of

the Vedas and Sanskrit. On his

website, Anand Giri claims to

have acquired a Bachelor's de-

gree from Banaras Hindu

Anand Giri later came to

Baghambari math and became a

hant of Bare Hanuman Mandir,

who inducted him into his

Niranjani akhara. Over the years,

Anand Giri became one of

Narendra Giri's closest disciples

and was often spoken of as his

'raping' passenger **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU. SEPTEMBER 22

AN UBER driver in Bengaluru was Wednesday arrested on the charge of raping a young woman passenger. She had hired the cab in the early hours of the day to return home from a party.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai Wednesday told the Assembly that an attempt to rape had taken place in a cab in Bengaluru. The woman fell asleep in the

cab after she was picked up around 3.30 am, police sources said. The victim, a resident of Jharkhand, was working in Bengaluru. The accused, who hails from Andhra Pradesh, had been working in the city for two years as an Uber cab driver.

Upon reaching the destination, the accused allegedly locked the car doors and tried to take advantage of the sleeping woman, sources said. When she woke up and raised an alarm, the driver allegedly fled, The woman then dialed the police control room to inform the incident.

The police recorded her statement and launched a hunt for the cab driver. A police team traveled to Chitoor, but he was, however, located in Bengaluru itself. Sources said the cab driver has "admitted" to "taking advantage" of the woman.

"After a month, our police have been able to convince her to provide a statement. She has given her statement and this shows the seriousness of the police," Bommai said when the issue was raised by Opposition

Assembly.

Mysuru gangrape victim has given her statement, Karnataka CM tells Assembly

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self as a yoga guru, travelling

across the country and also

abroad, giving lectures and recit-

Anand Giri's rapid rise in the

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with his high-flying lifestyle, led

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Raiasthan.

NEARLY A month after an MBA student was gangraped in Mysuru, Karnataka police have been able to convince her to provide her statement regarding the crime, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai informed the Assembly on Wednesday. The woman gave her statement before a magistrate on Wednesday, he said.

The court of II Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in Mysuru recorded the victim's statement in the August 24 assault and rape case.

leader Siddaramaiah in the The victim's statement is

considered crucial for the state to obtain a conviction against six people who have been arrested in the case. The police have investigated the rape and assault case so far on the basis of statements given by the victim's friend who was with her when the attack took place.

"We have registered a case and are investigating but we are yet to obtain a statement from the woman victim. We want to do it with her consent once she recovers," Additional DGP (law and order) Prathap Reddy had said last month.

On August 24 evening, the MBA student and her male friend were allegedly attacked by a gang of men in Lalithadripura area of Mysuru. The gang initially demanded Rs 3 lakh from the two. They then allegedly assaulted the couple and raped the woman before fleeing the spot with their cell-

love jihad' claims

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

'BISHOP SHOULD WITHDRAW REMARKS'

Thiruvananthapuram: Muslim organisations on Wednesday demanded that bishop Joseph Kallarangatt withdraw his controversial "narcotic jihad" remarks. Senior IUML leader Syed Sadiqali Shihab Thangal, who chaired a meeting of Muslim groups in Kozhikode, said the bishop should withdraw the statement, and sought govern-

there were two types of jihad -"love jihad and narcotic jihad". "The narcotic jihad is the activity of spoiling the life of non-Muslims, particularly youths, by making them addicted to drugs," he said.

ment action against him. ENS

On the "love jihad" claim, Vijayan said, "When the government examined the claim that Christian women were trapped in love affair, converted to Islam and taken to extremist outfits such as IS, a different picture emerged."

"Of the 100 who have reportedly joined IS from Kerala, 72 joined that outfit abroad where they had gone for job or other purposes. Of them, except a person from Kozhikode [a Hindu], others were born Muslims. Twenty-eight others joined IS from Kerala. Of them, five joined IS after converting. They converted after marriage. These figures do not substantiate the claim that women are converted to Islam after being trapped in love," the Chief Minister said.

govt employees sacked for terror Pandit activist

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SIX GOVERNMENT employees, including two policemen, were on Wednesday dismissed from service for their alleged links with terrorists in J&K, taking the total number of employees ing the Ramzan ceasefire in 2018. sacked in last nearly six months

The six employees, include constable Showkat Ahmad Khan, a resident of Budgam; constable Jaffer Hussain Butt of Kishtwar; teacher Abdul Hamid Wani of Bijbehara in Anantnag district; a iunior assistant in the Roads and Buildings Department, Mohd

"A perusal of the petitioner's

Pandit had filed a petition under section 561-A (now 482) through advocate Ankur Sharma. Sharma submitted that the petitioner was not aware that his "accidental tweet" was probably saved by some persons "who would later on use it for their political end to harass him".

or under the Constitution or by

any law made by Parliament or

The petition filed by Samyak

state Assembly.

PRIME MINISTER's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation Fund (PM-CARES Fund), a charitable trust under the law, has told Delhi High Court that the trust's fund is not a fund of the Government of India and its amount does not go in the

"Irrespective of whether the

Auditor General of India.

Record drug haul: In similar consignment from Afghan source

GOPAL KATESHIYA. **AANCHAL MAGAZINE,** SANDEEP SINGH & **KARUNJITSINGH** RAJKOT. NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 22

INVESTIGATIONS HAVE shown that the Andhra firm registered as the official recipient of the two containers in which 2,988 kg of heroin, valued at some Rs 21,000 crore, was found hidden at Mundra Port in Kutch by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), had imported a similar consignment from the same Afghanistan company in

That consignment too was sent by M/S Hasan Husain Ltd and declared as containing 'semi-processed talc stones'. The invoice was in the name of one Kuldip Singh, from Alipur, Delhi.

The DRI has in its custody Chennai-based Machavaram Sudhakar and his wife Govindaraju Durga Purna Vaisali. Vaisali is the proprietor of the firm M/s Aashi Trading Company, registered in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada.

The DRI said Wednesday that eight arrests had been made so far, including four Afghans and an Uzbek national. It also claimed that the total seizure was now up to 3.004 kg, with additional drugs (suspected to be heroin and cocaine) recovered from a house in Noida.

Apart from Noida, the DRI also conducted follow-up investigations in New Delhi, Chennai, Coimbatore, Ahmedabad, Mandvi, Gandhidham and Vijayawada. Officials from foreign investigative agencies are expected to come to India to join the probe, sources said.

The DRI said the consignment was sourced from Kandahar in Afghanistan through Bandai Abbas port in Iran, and suspects the accused to be part of a "larger conspiracy". Sources said Sudhakar has told the DRI that the firm was started in August last year and that the consignment was sourced from Hasan Husain Ltd in Afghanistan, through their local representative "Amit".

According to sources, the DRI told a court in Bhuj that the consignment was of Afghan origin and that the accused were in touch with "Afghan and Irani nationals" and there was need to probe "probable threat perception involved".

Earlier, on June 9, Aashi had imported a similar consignment of talc stones from Hasan Husain Ltd. The Indian Express has learnt that "the documents in original" regarding this were directly sent to a Customs House Agent in Gandhidham from Iran, since the vessel had already started sailing. For the second consignment.

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Sudhakar allegedly received "two sets of import documents, containing invoice, packing list, certificate of origin". Sudhakar has reportedly told the DRI that when he enquired with his contact in Iran, called "Iaved", from where the consignment had set sail, the latter had told him that "in the initial set of documents, the weight of the cargo as mentioned in the documents was 300 kg in excess (of) when it was actually weighed by the liner" and hence this was "rectified" and a second set of documents dispatched to his Chennai address.

Amit was the "marketing person" in India for Hasan Husain for both the consignments, as per Sudhakar. The accused has also said Amit would give instructions regarding whom the consignments were meant for.

Sudhakar has reportedly also said that for the June consignment, "Amit" had asked him to prepare an invoice in the name of "Shri Kuldeep Singh @ Alipur, Delhi", and that the Customs House Agent concerned had delivered the consignment "directly from the port to the mentioned address"

After the DRI had seized the second consignment several days ago, simultaneous searches were carried out across the country, including the Chennai residence of the accused, from where reportedly incriminating documents and materials were seized. The Indian Express has learnt that while the agency seized 1,999.579 kg of the contraband immediately, subsequent investigations had led it to 988.631 kg more.

The heroin, according to the DRI, was concealed with talc powder in two 40-feet containers, for which the Bill of Entry dated September 11 was filed on behalf of Aashi at Mundra Customs, describing the imported goods as 40.940 MT of 'semi processed talc stones'. The origin of the consignment was shown as Afghanistan, and it was loaded at Bandar Abbas in Iran.

Even as the DRI said that the three arrested Indian nationals include the holder of the Import Export Code (IEC), a check into the importing firm and its alleged founders draws a blank. The website of the Registrar of Companies does not show any company by the name Aashi registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. However, the company might be a sole proprietorship firm and details of such companies are not

available on RoC website More such consignments of similar nature may have been diverted by now, two persons

aware of the development said. A senior DRI official said more details will be shared later. A senior Commerce Ministry official said, "We do not have information on the company on hand.'

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June, same firm got Kin on list, ex-Minister distances himself



Samastipur Madhubani and Jamui to Sheikhpura and at least 20 districts, The Indian Express has found, it covers a sweeping range of beneficiaries across the state's political spectrum - from relatives of senior JD(U) and BJP leaders to an RJD leader.

Topping the list, in the amount involved, is JD(U) exstate secretary Anil Singh's family, which got contracts worth about Rs 80 crore. Anil Singh is still a key leader in state politics and attends all major functions of the ruling party led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Also on the list: BJP MLA Vinod Narayan Jha's nephew, who was awarded contracts worth around Rs 3.5 crore in 2019-20 when his uncle was (Public Health Engineering Department) Minister.

Most of the projects under the scheme are implemented by PHED, which disburses Rs 30-57 lakh for each contract to companies or contractors selected through a bidding process. The department gives 60-65 per cent of the contract amount to contractors during the course of work and 35-40 per cent in equal parts for maintenance over five years.

Each project under the scheme involves setting up two plastic tanks of 5,000 litres each on a tower, pumping water to these tanks from a borewell to be maintained by the company operator, and supplying water through a pipeline to a brass tap at a location nearest to the entrance of a house - in each ward.

The Indian Express reviewed bid documents from 20 districts to find that several of these contracts went to family and associates of top political leaders - officials said all of these projects, except one mired in court cases, have been completed:

■ Anil Singh, former JD(U)

PHED contracts for two firms run by his son, daughter-inlaw and associates. Cost: Rs 80

Records show the contracts were awarded in Singh's home district Samastipur to two firms: Alectra Infrastate Ltd and Fadle Chem Pvt Ltd. According to Rajesh Kumar Roshan, the PHED executive engineer

Samastipur, 60 per cent of the project cost has been disbursed to both firms. "Both Fadle Chem and Alectra Infrastate have completed the work and have been paid for construction cost as per agreement. But there are some complaints that these two and some other companies are not doing the maintenance work properly," Roshan told The Indian Express.

RoC records show that Ankita Singh, daughter-in-law of Anil Singh, is one of three directors in Alectra Infrastate. The other directors are Ajay Kumar Singh and his son Kunal Kumar, both Samastipur residents and known associates of the JD(U) leader. The company was allotted 11 sets of contracts in 2018-19, each covering 2-4 wards, the PHED official said. The official said the PHED's project cost for each ward is a minimum of Rs 40 lakh and can go up to over Rs 50 lakh, depending on size and population.

Records show Mrityunjay Kumar and Ankita Singh, the son and daughter-inlaw of Anil Singh, are directors of Fadle Chem Pvt Ltd, which was allotted contracts in 2019-20. Records list Fadle Chem's address as New Colony, Dharampur, Samastipur, 848101 – the same address used by Anil Singh.

Anil Singh did not respond to queries from The Indian Express. His son Mrityunjay Kumar said: "Fadle Chem got Nal Jal contracts in over 200 wards of Samastipur. We have completed work in most of these areas."

■ Vinod Narayan Jha, former PHED Minister & BJP MLA Contracts for his nephew Sunil Kumar Jha. Cost: Rs 3.5

Bid documents show that Sunil Kumar Jha, a Madhubanibased contractor, was allotted two sets of contracts in the district in 2019-20 worth around Rs 3.5 crore. Jha's uncle Vinod Narayan Jha, who is now BJP's Benipatti MLA in Madhubani, was Bihar's PHED Minister at the

When contacted, Vinod Narayan Jha said: "I was not part of the process of awarding the contract...Just because I became a minister did not mean that I would ask my relatives to quit their contract business. If some relatives have got the contracts, they would have qualified through the bidding process." Sunil Kumar Jha was not

available for comment. ■ Deepak Kumar, senior JD(U)

PHED contracts awarded to Khushi Construction in



BJP leader Rajan Tiwari's company got contracts in Araria.

which he and his relatives are partners. Cost: Rs 400 crore.

Bid documents show that Khushi Construction, in which JD(U) leader Deepak Kumar, brother Rajiv Kumar and a relative are partners, was awarded contracts in over 900 wards across Purnia, Saharsa, Araria and Sheikhpura.

PHED officials said that about Rs 80 crore was disbursed to the company, which functioned till early 2020 when it faced court cases on charges of alleged violation of contract rules and forgery, and was debarred and black-

Deepak Kumar was not available for comment. Rajiv Kumar, who holds power of attorney for Khushi Construction, told The Indian Express that the company had complied with all norms to get the contracts. "The matter is in the High Court. Although we have been blacklisted for now, we can still get back the work later," he said.

■ Rajiv Kamal alias Rinku Singh, RJD state general secre-PHED contracts in Jamui.

Cost: Rs 4.5 crore.

Kamal is a registered contractor with PHED and resident of Laxmipur in Jamui. He was allotted three sets of contracts in Jamui. Kamal was not available for comment. Kamal's project engineer Raman Kumar said: "We have been allotted work in Digghi panchayat of Laxmipur (wards 1,3,4,5,6,8 and 10), Gauda panchayat of Ghodpadan (wards 4 and 14), and one ward each in Barhat and Paro panchayats. We have completed the work."

■ Rajan Tiwari, BJP

PHED contracts for his company, Jai Sri Shyam Construction. Cost: Rs 17

Jai Sri Shyam Construction, owned by Tiwari, got PHED contracts in 2019-20 in 28 wards of Khairkha and Amhara panchayats of Araria. Tiwari is a close aide of Forbesganj MLA Vidyasagar Kesari and Araria MP Pradeep Singh, "I am also a businessman and have tried to do good work as a contractor," Tiwari said.

■ Manoj Gupta, ex-state coordinator, BJP business cell PHED contracts for his firm, R.M. Construction, Cost: Rs 23 crore.

R.M. Construction was awarded 12 sets of contracts worth about Rs 23 crore in 2018-19 and 2019-20 in Samastipur. Gupta was not available for com-

■ Dharmendra Kumar Sah, president, JD(U) EBC wing, Samastipur PHED contracts in

Samastipur. Cost: Rs 4 crore. Sah, a contractor, got two sets

of contracts worth Rs 4 crore in 2019-20. He did not respond to requests for comment. The other beneficiaries in-

■ Ahmed Akhtar (Congress,

Bagaha): Got contracts totalling Rs 85 lakh in two wards in 2019-20. Akhtar said he works for IP Enterprises, which is owned by local resident Janardhan Prasad. ■ Rishu Singh (son of

Ravindra Singh, a PHED office attendant in Sheikhpura): Got contracts in 2019-20 totalling Rs 1 crore in Sanaiya panchayat of Sheikhpura. He was not available for comment.

'Asked dept secy to look into complaints'

Sources said the meeting discussed the findings of *The* Indian Express investigation.

Speaking to *The Indian* Express earlier, PHED Minister Ram Prit Paswan said: "We have taken serious note of the issue of political patronage. Though friends and relatives of politicians have every right to get government contracts through due process, we will scrutinise the process of bidding and tendering if there are specific complaints."

He said: "I have asked the department's secretary to into complaints...that someone did not get contracts because others with political connections were favoured.'

Paswan's response came even as opposition parties, Congress and RJD, called for Prasad's resignation.

Meanwhile, Engineer-in-Chief and Special Secretary Daya Shankar Mishra said in a letter to The Indian Express that "the implementation of Har Ghar Nal Ka Ial schemes in Katihar district has been carried out with a transparent tendering process as per the provisions" laid down by the government.

"No complaint against award of tender and/or deficiency in service has been received in the Department so far. In case any complaint is received or any adverse issue is flagged, strict action would be taken as per Government rules and provisions," the letter stated. Earlier Wednesday,

Bihar's Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav dared Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to take action against Prasad. "This government has been mired in allegations of corruption.... Nitish Kumar often talks of monitoring the Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme. But can he take action against his Deputy CM Tarkishore Prasad? Nitish Kumar is the CM on compassionate grounds and cannot take action against (other) NDA leaders," said Tejashwi.

In New Delhi, Congress leader Randeep Surjewala described the scheme as "Har Neta Theka Yojana (contract for every leader scheme)".

Referring to the findings

of The Indian Express investigation, Surjewala targeted the BJP leadership and the Bihar government. "Isn't this a conflict of interest? Shouldn't Tarkishore Prasad resign immediately? Shouldn't J P Nadda seek his resignation immediately? Shouldn't (Prime Minister) Modiji and (Union Home Minister) Amit Shahji come forward and speak against corruption? Why is (Chief Minister) Nitish Kumar silent?" he asked.

"Tarkishore Prasad should resign or be sacked," Surjewala said.

However, Bihar BJP state president Sanjay Jaiswal defended Prasad, saying that his "family and aides had got contracts in 2019-20 when he was an MLA (in Katihar)".

On Wednesday, The Indian Express reported that the scheme's implementation has been marked by political patronage to a set of beneficiaries — from Prasad to senior JD(U) and BJP leaders of the ruling coalition. The PHED, which is the

scheme's implementing authority along with the state's Panchayati Raj and Urban Development departments, has awarded a bulk of the contracts.

■ Mohammed Khalid contracts in Husainabad in 2019-(brother of Mohammed Sarfaraz, JD(U), Sheikhpura): Got PHED contracts for nine wards of Ariari block in Sheikhpura in 2019-20 totalling Rs 3.6 crore. He said: "I have completed almost 95 per cent of the work. I was allotted the work after following

■ Pintu Kumar (brother-inlaw of Alok Kumar, Husainabad panchayat mukhiya, JD(U): Got

bidding norns".

20 worth Rs 45 lakh. He was not available for comment.

■ Mukesh Singh (son of Ramashish Singh, ex-JD(U) leader in Gopalganj): Allotted Panchayati Raj Department work in 12 wards — six each in Vishnupura and Basdiha panchayats — totalling over Rs 1.3 crore. Mukesh Singh said: "I was allotted work in 2016-17 and completed it long ago.'

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

AF-PAK AMBUSH

Resistance against inclusion of Taliban in SAARC is justified. The Islamist group has much to do to win world's trust

O TEARS NEED be shed for the cancellation of the SAARC foreign ministers meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, given that so much in the region is lost already. Afghanistan was inducted into SAARC in 2007, a decision that recognised its struggle to emerge from years of war and isolation, and its historical, political, religious, economic and cultural links to the rest of the region. The takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban is a massive setback to South Asia. It is yet to be officially recognised by any country, or by the United Nations, though some Western nations are engaged with it to provide humanitarian aid. In the SAARC grouping, even Pakistan, which makes no secret of its support for the Taliban government, has yet to declare official recognition of the new set up in Kabul. So it is surprising that it wanted the Taliban symbolically represented at the planned regional meeting, with an empty chair (Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Taliban's "acting foreign minister", designated and sanctioned as a terrorist under United Nations Security Council resolution 1267 like many other Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan cabinet members, could not have attended). The move appears to have been an attempt to pressgang SAARC to grant de facto legitimacy to the IEA. It is not clear how many SAARC capitals pushed back against this, but it is certain Delhi would have been among them, and rightly so. As SAARC works by consensus, the meeting has had to be called off.

However, the larger issue of recognition of the IEA is looming. The IEA has written to the UN Secretary General to accept its own chosen Permanent Representative to the UN. But recognition is the only leverage the world now has with the Taliban, and it is in no position to grant this easily, especially as the IEA has conveyed quite clearly that it does not intend to address, at least to begin with, global concerns about a Haqqani heavy government without women and ethnic minorities. The UN should take its time considering the Taliban request.

It may be time to face up to the fact that there is no real chance of reviving an already moribund SAARC. It has been years since there was a summit, principally because it is Pakistan's turn to host it, and Delhi has refused to participate due to the tensions between the two countries over terrorist incidents and other issues. Other SAARC arrangements, including regional trade, have never been able to get off the ground due to the forever hostility between the two big neighbours. To get around this, there was already talk of a separate grouping that would be "SAARC minus 1". Now, with the Taliban in Kabul, and Pakistan playing its local guardian, regional cooperation in South Asia is bound to remain a chimera.

DRAW THE LINE

The Delhi Police must make sure that those guilty of attacking Hyderabad MP's house are held accountable

HE ATTACK ON the residence of Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi in the heart of the national capital marks a dangerous new low. That activists from a Hindu right-wing organisation are emboldened enough to gather at one of Delhi's most secure neighbourhoods, vandalise a parliamentarian's house, and chant communal abuses is a sign that the footsoldiers of polarisation have a disturbing confidence in their impunity. The Delhi Police, which has arrested five members of the Hindu Sena, must disabuse them of such notions — and ensure that the guilty are held accountable. Without any surprise, the Hindu Sena activists have defended their violent actions by accusing Owaisi of making "anti-Hindu" speeches. Owaisi had reacted to UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath's abba jaan slur in a recent speech about government welfare schemes. The attack on the MP's house is just another example of how the right to take offence is being legitimised by self-appointed custodians of religion and enforced by muscle power at the expense of constitutional freedoms of speech and expression.

This is not the first time in recent months that anti-minority rabble-rousing spectacles have been staged in the national capital — and its surrounds. Last month, at a Jantar Mantar gathering — again in the high-security Lutyen's Delhi — members of several Hindu right-wing organisations called for violence against the Muslim community. Not only was the alarming aggression on public display recorded on video by the activists, but also spread further through the velocity of social media. While arrests were made in that case, too, the growing clout of groups that preach violence in the name of religion must not be taken lightly. Indeed, across the country, a crude simmering mobilisation appears to have licensed violence against ordinary Muslims, whether it is a bangle-seller in Indore or a rickshaw-puller in Kanpur. It has led to umpteen instances of moral policing of women by proponents of the paranoia of "love jihad". It will also further ghettoise cities and villages into spaces for "us" and "them", and sow conflict and disharmony.

The history of this subcontinent has grim lessons on the consequences of such lawlessness. By hurling stones and axes at an MP's house in Lutyen's Delhi, the vandals of the Hindu Sena attempt to send a message to their radicalised base. But, for the Delhi Police, which reports to the Union home minister, the stakes are definitely higher. It must crack down on such displays of brazen aggression against the Hyderabad MP. Doing otherwise would run the risk of allowing a communal contagion to spread out of control.

NOT TOO HOT

Pandas reproduce less when things get too good. Life, it turns out, is about the challenges

OMETIMES, THE PORRIDGE needs to be too hot (or too cold), for there to even be a third bear. It turns out — according to a recent study in the journal Conservation Biology — that for giant pandas, there is such a phenomenon as too much of a good thing. From data collected at the Wolong nature reserve in China coupled with computer modelling, researchers have concluded that some imperfections in their habitat bring benefits when it comes to mating. Gene flow among giant pandas increases as the proportion of the ideal bamboo-rich habitat within a landscape increases but then sees a decline when this figure breaches the 80 per cent mark.

The panda, for long a symbol of endangered species (it's on the logo of the WWF), has seen a resurgence in recent years and has moved up the list to "vulnerable". This is no small feat, considering just how difficult it is to get pandas to mate, particularly in captivity. For example, Ying Ying and Le Le, a panda couple that resides in Ocean Park in Hong Kong zoo, managed to get together only after a decade in 2020, after various efforts from their human handlers. The insights into the ideal habitat for pandas to reproduce will certainly inform future conservation efforts. But for humans, too, there are lessons.

Among the possible reasons for the decline in fertility as habitats get more "ideal" is the fact that too much comfort reduces the drive to survive. And, of course, too much hardship does not allow beings to thrive. It is that fine balance that allows for ambition, for growth, and perhaps even creativity. Like Goldilocks, the lesson the rest of us can learn from the Ursidae is how to get things just right.

Anchoring the Quad



Onus is on US to convince allies it will defend its interests in the Indo-Pacific and elsewhere

coming summit.

Another consequential development is

the September 16 release of the European

Union's Indo-Pacific strategy. A shorter ver-

sion presented in April has now been given

a comprehensive form. It paints the EU and

the Indo-Pacific as deeply connected in di-

verse realms ranging from trade and invest-

ment to security and defence. The EU's de-

porting progress. A principal endeavour is

to leverage the Open Radio Access Network

(O-RAN) to derive benefits of interoperabil-

TWO MEETINGS OF the leaders of a plurilateral grouping within seven months is an exceptional development in world affairs, especially when it involves the US and its three Quad partners - Australia, Japan and India. Why the leaders are meeting again on September 24 and what they hope to achieve are matters of mounting public interest. This first in-person summit is especially significant - set against the backdrop of the Indo-Pacific region grappling with the repercussions of Afghanistan, the growing aggressiveness of China and the formation of AUKUS, a brand-new trilateral security partnership.

 $The \, leaders' \, summit \, \hat{of} \, the \, Quadrilateral$ Framework will be hosted by US President Joseph Biden in Washington. It may be of greater substance than the inaugural virtual summit of March 12, because the context of the two summits is significantly different. In March, the Biden administration had just begun its innings; it was struggling to define its China and Indo-Pacific policies, and expectations from the Quad were low.

A substantive joint statement, reinforced by a smart op-ed by the four leaders in The Washington Post, drew global attention. Now, three weeks after the chaotic and mismanaged withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, that country's future and regional security issues are bound to dominate the discussions. The onus is on the US to convince its partners that the Afghan experience has strengthened, not weakened, its resolve to defend its - and their - interests in the Indo-Pacific.

The AUKUS — the Australia-UK-US partnership - too will need some serious explaining, particularly to Japan and India, which worry about the emergence of an inner circle (US and Australia) within the Quad, which is now connected to the UK, a non-Quad partner. There are even reports that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson may be visiting Washington around the time of the Quad summit.

Indian experts are divided over the im-

termination to scale up and diversify cooperation with democratic and likeminded nations could be a boost to the Quad, provided the Europeans are ready to stand up to China's assertive behaviour, violations of international law and norms and increasing use of coercion. These issues will dominate the headlines in Washington for sure. But the Quad also India should be cautiously has to do the necessary and backbreaking optimistic about the role and work of institutionalising itself, and the fulprospects of the Quad. Prime filling of past commitments. For instance, Minister Narendra Modi's the joint vaccine production programme seems to be on track and their distribution visit to Washington will be first to needy Indo-Pacific countries will behis first major voyage abroad gin in early 2022. The working group on in the Covid era, after his emerging and critical technologies too is re-

visit to Dhaka in June this

India's strategic perspective

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ity of the 5G technologies offered by different vendors in the west. On climate change, the focus of the third working group, some key issues remain unresolved - specifically, India is unable to show "more ambitions" regarding its climate goals, despite two visits to New Delhi this year by John Kerry, the US president's special envoy on climate. But efforts are underway to finalise technology-sharing and other cooperation to meet the challenges of climate change.

pact of AUKUS on the Quad. Some argue that An expansion of the agenda is on the it reduces the Quad's salience, while others cards and will include new areas like inframaintain that the Quad is strengthened by structure and connectivity, education, cyber the new trilateral. However, a sober evaluasecurity and maritime security. Hopefully, it tion suggests that AUKUS will have both poswill also include cooperation in the Blue itive and negative implications for the Quad; Economy, as all the four nations are endowed these will become evident after the forthwith immense oceanic resources.

The special attention to infrastructure comes from the US, given its announcement of the "Build Back Better World" (B3W) at the G7 summit last June, but which has yet to become a reality. What the US government will now propose and whether its package will include details such as planning, logistics, new financing and identification of specific projects, will be keenly observed.

With the China challenge now recognised as being both multi-faceted and longterm, the Quad needs to devise a matching strategy. Joint innovative and practical recommendations are worth considering, like The Quad Economy & Technology Task Force Report: A Time for Concerted Action," crafted by international experts and published by think tank Gateway House in August.

India should be cautiously optimistic about the role and prospects of the Quad. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington will be his first major voyage abroad in the Covid era, after his visit to Dhaka in June this year. His advisers expect India's strategic perspective will be fully factored in, considering that it is the only Quad power with land borders with China, and proximity to the serious threat of terrorism, extremism and radicalisation emanating from Afghanistan.

Given India's pivotal position in the Indo-Pacific region, it may be appropriate if the Quad summit in 2022 is hosted by New Delhi. The nation will be fully ready to assume this responsibility.

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THE POWER OF STORYTELLING

Creativity in India, from India and by India can now go out to the world

REED HASTINGS

THE LAST 19 months of the pandemic have been some of the most difficult of our lives. We all spent more time isolated in our homes than ever before. But we found a universal connection in the remarkable stories we watched. The world rooted for their favourite characters and was transported to a reimagined Regency England, a college campus in Jaipur, the Louvre in Paris, a 1960s chess tournament in Moscow, a karate dojo in Los Angeles and a bank in Spain with people wearing Dali masks.

Stories have always been a source of comfort, joy and community for people around the world. Today the screen reminds us that great stories have the enduring power to unite, inspire and entertain, Storytelling goes to the heart of what it means to be human. When we watch stories, we forge new connections and build a deeper understanding of the world, making us all feel more connected. We have the responsibility of providing choice and control to our members, especially parents, so they can decide what their children watch.

India is home to the finest traditions of storytelling. Home to one of the world's most vibrant entertainment industries, India is remarkably well placed to lead in the era of internet entertainment. Brilliant creators and talent, spread across the country and united in their love for storytelling, are creating shows and films that can be watched by Indians on hundreds of millions of screens, be it a TV or smartphone.

Earlier this year, we joined hands with UNESCO to celebrate India's rich cultural heritage through the family favourite animation, Mighty Little Bheem. India has the vision and talent to export its best stories; and with our subtitles and dubs in over 30 languages, more people can now discover even more Indian stories and culture wherever they live.

It's a huge privilege to be a part of the creative community in India. We've licensed hundreds of Indian films and shows for our members and invested in over 100 Netflix originals, almost all of which have been commissioned by Indian executives who live locally, know the culture and speak the language. It's testament to India's breadth of storytelling that these originals have been filmed in over 25 cities and towns across the country, from Lucknow to Lonavla, Mumbai to Madurai, Gulmarg to Goa, Kolkata to Kochi.

As a part of the growing creative community in India, we understand that telling stories that are made in India and can be watched by the world is a collective experience. These successful stories are born of partnerships with brilliant Indian creators, directors, writers, actors and crew. Our commitment to India is strong and growing. We want to deepen our partnership with Indian creators as they reinvent genres, stretch boundaries, and inspire new ideas. In the last year, we have supported multiple production workshops, and editing courses with the New York Film Academy. We will continue to build and nurture the next generation of creative talent — whether young animators in partnership with GOBELINS L'école de L'image, one of the world's finest animation

schools, or entirely new talent through BAFTA Breakthrough India, an initiative to find 10 new voices across the country.

Inclusion in storytelling is important to us and we are proud that more than half of our films and series in India feature women in central roles. Since last vear, we've worked with more than one thousand women creators, talent, and crew on and off the screen

The popularity of Indian stories means that the entertainment industry is an important economic driver for India too. It's why we work so hard to find stories from across India, supporting our creative partners in bringing their visions to life.

Last year when the pandemic hit, we stood with the creative community and committed \$150 million to support the hardest hit workers on our own productions globally - carpenters, electricians, hair and make-up artists. We also helped the broader film and television industry through the creation of over 20 hardship funds in partnership with organisations from around the world, including the Producers Guild of India. It was inspiring to see the creative community of Tamil cinema come together for the nine-film anthology Navarasa, sending a message of resilience and solidarity during these tough times that echoed far and wide.

Working together is how we will usher in a new golden age of creativity in India, from India and by India, but that can be enioved all around the world.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

US ON IMF LOANS

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THE US TREASURY Secretary Donald Regan, who favours stricter IMF conditionalities about loans, says that his country still has questions about \$5 million SDR loan to India. In general Regan wants the IMF to be stricter about giving loans. The problems about India, he said, include continuing domestic and international deficits, failure to control the money supply and a general "inability to get their house in order." The Reagan administration's tough attitude towards the World Bank and other lending institutions— also stressed by Regan on Monday-has been known for a long time. It is being further developed in a detailed study, parts of which have already been leaked presumably.

Punjab Tension

APPEALING FOR COMMUNAL amity in Punjab, the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Tuesday expressed her anguish at attempts to exploit religion for political ends. Describing the Akali Dal charge that a clash of two personalities in the state Congress (I) was responsible for the present tension as absolutely wrong, the Prime Minister told a news conference that the need of the hour was to create a congenial atmosphere. The clash of personalities was an apparent reference to reported differences between the Union Home Minister, Zail Singh, and the State Chief Minister, Darbara Singh, something the Prime Minister denied vehemently.

Gromyko's Charges

SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, Andrei Gromyko, has accused "certain quarters in Western countries" of interfering in Poland's internal affairs and trying to loosen its socialist foundations. But he told the UN General Assembly in a speech that these attempts will be futile. He also lashed out at what he termed hostile, criminal intrigues by the United States against Cuba.

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"Undoubtedly, the shrinking of civic space is a major concern in Bangladesh right now. Freedom of expression and opinion is under severe threat as people's voices are being suppressed using repressive laws such as the DSA.'

-THE DAILY STAR

The perfect coalition for America

The Quad fits the Biden administration's inclination towards flexible multilateralism, is consistent with the US president's desire to see democracies deliver and provides a solution to the China problem



ON FRIDAY, THE leaders of Australia, India, Japan, and the United States will meet for the first-ever in-person Quadrilateral ("Quad") summit. A year ago, such a gathering would have been difficult to envision. Until January 2021, Delhi and Tokyo would not even use the word "Quad" in their statements. More significantly, with elections looming in the US, the fate of the Quad was unclear. The Trump administration had helped revive it in 2017, but the Joe Biden campaign had shown little interest in the Quad. Rather than take an Anything-But-Trump attitude, however, President Biden has not just embraced this coalition, but doubled down on it.

So, what explains the Biden administration persisting with the Quad, and even elevating it from the ministerial to the leader level? Utility trumped politics. The coalition fits with the president's desire to see democracies try to deliver, and the administration's broader foreign policy approach emphasising alliances and partnerships — and it helps provide a solution to its China problem.

Biden's embrace of the Quad came early in the administration. Within a month of taking office, the administration hosted a ministerial, and then, a month later, a virtual Quad leaders' summit. This was consistent with the administration's desire to shore up alliances and partnerships, in part to build a "position of strength" from which to approach competitors such as China. As the first multilateral leaders' meeting that Biden hosted, the Quad summit also reflected and stemmed from — the administration's intention to focus on the Indo-Pacific region. In addition, it helped signal that the administration would follow not a China-first approach, but an Indo-Pacific or Asia-first approach from which the China policy would flow. Moreover, like the Trump administration, Biden officials envisioned a significant role for non-ally India in their strategy for the region — and the Quad provided a way to work with India beyond bilateral platforms.

The Quad also fits with the administration's adoption of flexible multilateralism. This flows from a recognition that bilateral alliances and partnerships, as well as regional and international organisations are necessary but insufficient mechanisms to deal with today's challenges. This is where coalitions come in, bringing together allies and partners aligned on certain issues or interests.

In the Indo-Pacific, a crucial interest for ne Biden administration is maintaining a rules-based order, one that is being challenged by an assertive China. America's huband-spoke alliance system is critical; ASEAN is important. But they are not enough, and an Asian NATO is impossible. Enter the Quad, which brings together countries that meet the three requirements of ideal coalition membership: They are relevant, resourceful, and ready to work together to tackle the chal-

lenges in the Indo-Pacific. And make no mistake, for the Biden ad-



ministration (and the other members), this challenge is significantly about China. The Quad leaders don't mention the C word explicitly in their statements. Yet that country's assertiveness in recent years is what has made the Quad both necessary and possible. Necessary because the challenges China has generated in the Indo-Pacific are acute and cannot be tackled alone. And possible because Beijing's assertiveness - particularly vis-à-vis the Quad members themselves has created the market for collaboration between these like-minded states who share concerns about Beijing's behaviour. This behaviour has also helped strengthen the four countries' bilateral and trilateral ties on which the Quad is built. And intensifying competition with China has contributed to the Biden administration overcoming any reluctance it might have had to embracing

Nonetheless, the Biden administration and the other three governments have reframed the conversation around the Quad away from the Trump administration's more explicit China framing. They have highlighted the Quad's origins in the four countries' collective response to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, which led to the short-lived Quad 1.0 in 2007. And the first major collaborative initiative of Quad 2.0 involves providing 1 billion Covid vaccine doses in the Indo-Pacific by 2022.

The first helps highlight the Quad's regional and organic origins. The second conveys a message that is more welcome in

In the Indo-Pacific, a crucial interest for the Biden administration is maintaining a rules-based order, one that is being challenged by an assertive China. America's hub and spoke alliance system is critical; ASEAN is important. But they are not enough, and an Asian NATO is impossible. Enter the Quad, which brings together countries that meet the three requirements of ideal

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Asia — that the grouping is not against something (that is China) but for something (offering solutions to regional problems and preserving a rules-based order). And both help counter Chinese talking points that either dismiss the Quad as useless or accuse it of being a US-imposed, exclusive, anti-China security alliance that will destabilise the region.

That's not to say the Quad in the Biden era lacks a security dimension. The four navies and their special forces are indeed in the middle of conducting a military exercise. And the agenda at the summit will likely include a discussion on the state of the China challenge, maritime security cooperation, and critical and emerging technology collaboration. But it will also include combating Covid and climate change, enhancing regional connectivity, and fuelling innovation. It's not that the countries won't discuss building a balancing coalition in the region privately, but, publicly, they're more likely to talk about building resilience in the region.

Given the month he's had with the fallout from the Afghanistan withdrawal and the AUKUS rollout. President Biden will also want to emphasise America's resilience and that reports of its decline are greatly exaggerated. And his Quad partners have traveled from afar to convey their belief or at least their hope — that, that is indeed

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Reading Golwalkar and Savarkar

A syllabus has an educational objective. Censoring it under any pretext is unacceptable



APOORVANAND

KANNUR UNIVERSITY has reportedly decided to drop the writings of V D Savarkar and MS Golwalkar from its master of arts course on Governance and Politics. The university had included portions from Golwalkar's books, including Bunch of Thoughts, and Savarkar's Hindutva: Who is a Hindu? in the syllabus of PG Governance and Politics. This course is taught only in Brennen College, under Kannur University, so the syllabus was prepared by the faculty of the Brennan College, which is how it

After opposition by the student wing of the Congress and the IUML, the CPM's student wing SFI, which was earlier silent on the issue, found the readings unacceptable. The student outfits of the opposition parties agitated, alleging that the university was saffronising the syllabus by including these two ideologues of Hindutva.

The state government led by the CPM sought an explanation from the university. Vice-Chancellor Gopinath Ravindran rejected the charges, saying: "The saffronisa $tion\, allegation\, is\, completely\, baseless.\, If\, you$ raise such allegations against Kannur University, you can raise similar charges against Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi also. V D Savarkar is included in the syllabus of JNU also."

This is not a very sound argument. JNU cannot be a benchmark for all academic decisions. They should stand on their own merit. The VC was right to an extent when he said that the syllabus should have representation from all ideologies to allow students to study them critically with a comparative mind.

But a syllabus cannot fight politics. So, the VC had to form an external expert committee, which has apparently suggested that it be removed from the third semester.

This controversy reminded me of an unrelated incident. Approximately 15 years ago, when the UPA was in power and DU was looking for a new VC, I bumped into a leader of a communist party. She informed me that she had managed to stop a problematic academic from being considered for the post. How can a scholar who had made Savarkar part of the syllabus be allowed to head DU, she asked. I was dumbstruck. That having Savarkar in the PG course of political science would pollute the minds of the students was an absurd idea.

Hindutva is a political reality of our times and we need to understand how it works intellectually. Savarkar and Golwalkar are the most significant proponents of this ideology. Without reading them, how can you have an idea of this project which has overrun India and is attractive to many minds?

A syllabus is not a set of propaganda material. When we include readings of different kinds, we expect them to be read and

examined critically from all angles. Obviously, you do not compromise with some fundamental values. Genocide or racial supremacy cannot be treated as valid viewpoints. But we do need to understand how genocidal ideas turn into common sense. For that, we would need to study those who successfully drove their masses towards such an ideology. How do you understand fascism if you do not read Mussolini or Mein Kampf?

But we fight our syllabus battles in a very unacademic manner. It remains all about representation, be it historical figures or writers. We never look at the making of a syllabus from the pedagogical angle. In his essay, 'Education after Auschwitz', Theodore Adorno said that the primary task before education today is to not let another Auschwitz happen. How can you achieve this if you do not understand how people willingly became complicit in the crime and how others found it acceptable? Also, why did many people not think it their business to be bothered about it?

It would be instructive to look at the debate in Germany on the teaching of Mein Kampf in schools. After the expiry of the book's copyright, its publication became possible. The German teachers' union and Social-Democratic Party (SPD) asked for extracts from the book to be included in the school curriculum as a means of teaching students about the roots of racism and modern anti-Semitism in Germany.

It was argued that it was important to historically unmask this anti-Semitic, dehumanising polemical pamphlet. It could be done by explaining the propaganda mechanism with the help of appropriately qualified teachers.

The reference to Mein Kampf evokes strong emotions and the concerns of the Jews cannot be ignored. But by not critically analysing "this antithesis of humanity, freedom and openness to the world", you leave it open to be read only as propaganda.

The VC of the Kannur University should have engaged the critics in a discussion on these lines, as to how we deal with an antihuman text to build society's resistance to the temptation of such a monstrous ideology. It is not a question of doing a balancing act by having the texts of all ideologies together without any educational objective. In a country like India, where Islamophobia is ruining national life, the task of education is to make young minds aware of the theoretical underpinnings of this disease. It is all the more important as followers of Savarkar and Golwalkar do not want their writings to be discussed critically. The RSS wants to whitewash Golwalkar to hide his real intent. The task before the scholarship is to present him in his entirety to make the students see what his ideology is.

While discussing syllabi and readings, we need to treat our teachers and students as intelligent, responsible beings. The teacher does not merely transfer something cooked and the student is not an inert recipient. This is what the VC of Kannur University should have conveyed to the government. And the government should not have interfered in the academic decision-making process of the university.

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Citizens without a country

Indo-Pacific.

Judiciary must re-examine how it has viewed citizenship question in Assam

EARLIER THIS month, a division bench of the Gauhati High Court stated in an order: " ... citizenship, being an important right of a person, ordinarily, should be decided based on merit by considering the material evidences that may be adduced by the person concerned and not by way of default as happened in the present case." The court was hearing the case of Asor Uddin, who was declared to be a "foreigner" by a Foreigners Tribunal through an ex parte order — in absentia. Ordinarily, this should not be big news — citizenship is indeed an important right, in fact, the most important right because it is the right to have other rights. But that's not how the pillars of Indian democracy have treated citizenship. In Assam, any person, including decorated army officers, can be accused of being a "non-citizen". Hence, this observation feels like a breath of

The Ministry of Home Affairs revealed in Parliament that from 1985 to February 28, 2019, 63,959 people have been declared "foreigners" through ex parte orders by the Foreigners Tribunal in Assam — 62 per cent of the total people declared as "foreigners'

In a criminal case, however serious the charges might be, the trial doesn't proceed without hearing the accused. But a person can be stripped of his citizenship in absentia - courtesy, the draconian pre-constitutional Foreigners Act of 1946. If a person sent notice by the tribunal fails to appear before it to prove their citizenship, he is declared a "foreigner' through an ex parte order. The failure to appear could be driven by several factors – most commonly not receiving the notice, failure to afford legal representation and late issuance of a copy of documents by

The Foreigners Act's roots lie in the Foreigners Ordinance, which was promulgated in 1939 to meet the emergency created by the Second World War. The Foreigners Act, 1940, replaced the ordinance — this was wartime legislation. Section 7 of the 1940 Act vested the burden of proof upon the foreigner. The Foreigners Act, 1946, repealed the 1940 Act. The burden of proof remained the same. Thus, a legislation which took birth during the Second World War is now being applied to vulnerable citizens — mostly poor farmers. daily wagers, destitute women, and widows. Moinal Mollah and Jabbar Ali were also declared "foreigners" through ex parte orders. Mollah spent almost three years in detention before getting released, he is now an Indian citizen. Jabbar died in detention as a "foreigner".

The Foreigners Act was never meant to deal with persons who are considered citizens at one point in time. Section 2(a) of the 1946 Act defines "foreigner" as a person who is not a citizen of India. But almost every person tried by the foreigners' tribunals in Assam was an Indian citizen, before being accused of being an "illegal migrant" and "doubtful voter or D-voter" by the Assam Border Police and the Election Commission respectively. Both these exercises violate the fundamental right to a fair investigation.

The "burden of proof" has been validated by the Supreme Court in the Sarbananda Sonowal case. Sonowal challenged the Illegal Migration (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983, (henceforth IMDT), before the SC. IMDT emphasised procedural fairness, it had an appellate platform to ensure a fair trial, unlike the Foreigners Act, and the burden of proof was on the state. But the apex court found these procedures "extremely difficult, cumbersome and time-consuming" and held IMDT unconstitutional.

There is no end to where subsequent events proved Sonowal wrong. K K Venugopal argued for the state of Assam in favour of IMDT stating that as mandated in Article 21, no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law and that there has to be a fair procedure for expulsion of foreigners. The Bench rejected this argument by stating that, "This principle can have no application here for the obvious reason that in the matter of identification of a foreigner and his deportation, he is not being deprived of his life or personal liberty." This is despite the fact that the Foreigners Act has provisions for detention and restriction of movements. Assam started detaining "declared foreigners" since 2010 to deport to the "country of

origin" but the failure to deport created a situation of indefinite detention.

The SC on multiple occasions in the Sonowal judgment has stated that there are "millions of illegal Bangladeshi nationals in Assam". The court came to this conclusion largely based on a 1998 report by former Assam Governor S K Sinha. The report was not based on any scientific and empirical data, but was apparently prepared after inspection of border areas and districts, discussion with the Indian Ambassador in Bangladesh, and talks with political leaders - yes, political leaders. The judgment extensively quotes from the report, including the prediction that the demand for a merger of the Muslim-dominated districts of Assam with Bangladesh is just a matter of time after 23 years of the Sinha report, that time is vet to come.

A search in the legal database Manupatra shows that the Sonowal judgment has been quoted 212 times by high courts across the country and seven times by the Supreme Court: Sonowal has become the jurisprudence of citizenship. If citizenship is an important right, as rightly stated by the Gauhati High Court, the Sonowal judgment should cease to be the touchstone to adjudicate citizenship cases.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHARE THE BLAME

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Slipping on ground' (IE, September 22). The internal report of the CRPF that highlighted the issue of leadership at the operational level must be appraised at the home ministry, as this concerns the internal security of the country. But the entire culpability of this fall in the quality of operations in LWE-affected areas mustn't fall on the shoulders of the directly recruited CAPF cadet officers — a part of the responsibility has to be shared by the elite IPS officers who lead these forces at the higher rungs on the ladder. The entire purpose of having IPS officers in CAPF is to bring in better coordination between different security and intelligence agencies, and civilian departments. Performance deficit at the higher levels too affects the field operation

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

Paper alliance

on ground.

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Limits of Bhaichara politics' (IE, September 22). BSP supremo Mayawati's move to repeat the success of the erstwhile Dalit-Brahmin social association formed for the UP assembly elections in 2007 for 2022 may not succeed because of the changed scenario in two respects. First, a social alliance is not a makeshift proposition. It needs uninterrupted nourishing, but Mayawati has conveniently forgotten this in her search for new allies. Secondly, now the Brahmins do not like to cling to Mayawati's apron strings when its natural patron BJP is catering to them through various laws and schemes. Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

WATER QUESTION

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Eyes on the prize: Four schemes in one, from tanks to taps' (IE, September 22). Bihar's flagship initiative started in 2015 to provide tap water to poor, Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal, is a cluster of four state schemes. The goal of easy access to clean drinking water with the larger aim of improving public health seems betraved by NFHS-5 (2019-2020) report showing highest rural (12.6 per cent) and urban (13.9 per cent) prevalence of diarrheal disease in children under five years of age. The irregularities in implementing the schemes brought out by The Indian Express investigation seem to have a bearing on the quality of water supplied. LR Murmu, Delhi

POLITICAL POLICE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A citizen's police' (IE, September 22). The why and how of police reforms have been studied by several commissions and committees, even before the Supreme Court's directions of 2006. Yet, even as the state and political class continue to advise the police to serve fairly and fearlessly, they have tightened their iron grip with the result that the police force is now ready to crawl to political pressure enthusiastically, a few exceptions apart. Y G Chouksey, Pune

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Simran Rai W/o Vikas Rai R/o 1/2243-A East Ram Nagar Subhash Marg Mandoli road Shahdara Delhi-32 have changed my name to Poonam 0070754786-1

I Renu Bansal D/o Shri Rohtash Bansal W/o Sh. Neeraj Kant Verma R/o House No.C-7/77 Yamuna Vihar, North-East District, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Riva Verma for all purposes. 0040585440-9

I Ram Lok S/O, Kadu Ram Sohal R/o G-241, Moti Bagh, New Delhi-110021 have changed my name to Ram Lok Sohal for all 0040585540-1 purposes. I Raja Kumar Yadav S/o. Rama Shankar Chaudhary R/o-Flat

No.12 F/F Gurunanak Market Lajpat Nagar Delhi-24 Have Changed My Name Raja Kumar Yadav to Raja Kumar I Payal Sharma W/o Yogesh

Sharma R/o New Aianta Park. Khora, Raghunathpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Vandana Sharma

l Manjeetkumar Saini ,S/o Raghuvir Saini, R/o C-4013. Devinder Vihar, Sec-56, Gurgaon have changed my name to Manieetkumar Raghuvir Saini for all purposes 0040585538-1

l Km Rekha Sharma alias Rekha Sharma alias Rekha Vasisht D/o Late Sh. Vishnu Prakash Attray W/o Sh. Sunil Vasisht R/o F-246, Shastri Marg. Chhajju Pur,Babar Pur,Delhi have changed my name to Rekha Vasisht for all purposes. 0040585440-8

I Km Neha Bhati alias Neha Verma D/o Sh. Rajveer Bhati W/o Sh. Adarsh Verma R/o House No.B-1018, GD Colony, Mayur Vihar-3, Mayur Vihar Phase-3, East Delhi, Delhi-110096 have changed my name to Neha Verma for all purposes. 0040585440-7

I Arti Kapoor W/O Vipin Kapoor R/O C-10/5, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Aarti Kapoor. 0040585523-1

We, Makkn and Nitu both r/o A-6/37, Kothi A-6, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed our name to MAKHAN **CHANDEL and NEETU** CHANDEL respectively 0040585443-1

Lost Share certificate, allotment letter and possession letter in the name of Ravi Kumar Gupta and Abha Gupta. If found, please contact rav26051@gmail.com 0050184462-1

I.Yash S/o Laipat Rai R/o flat.no.277,Block-A2, Gaur Homes Govindouram Ghaziahad-201013.Uttar Pardesh, Have changed my Name to Yash Soni, for all 0040585521-3 purposes.

KUMAR,R/O AD-12C,SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VISHAL PURPOSES. 0040585521-4 I.TINA CHINDA/TINA GAMBHIR

I,VISHAL S/O-NARINDER

W/O LALIT GAMBHIR R/O. BLOCK-A2/116, UGF, SECTOR 3.ROHINI.DFI HI-110085.HAVF CHANGED MY NAME TO TEENA 0040585521-10

I,Surjeet Singh S/o Rajendra Singh R/o-2110 Sector-7-D faridabad Haryana have changed my name to Surjit 0040585446-2

I,Soni W/O Umar Fahad Haque, R/O.G-54 G-Block, GF Abul-Fazal Enclave-I Thokar.No-4,Jamia-Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025, Have changed my Name to Soni Ahmad, For All purposes

I,Ajay Goyal S/o Ram Saroop Dass Goyal R/o C-9/101 Sector 8. Rohini Delhi have changed my name to Ajay Kumar. 0040585519-1

I,SHARANJEE KAUR/ SHARANJIT KAUR/SARAN JEET KAUR W/O-SUKHBIR SINGH, R/O-551, PHASE-3A, SECTOR-59, S.A.S.-NAGAR(MOHALI), PUNJAB-160059, have changed my name to SHARANJEET KAUR. 0040585521-1

Chaturvedi R/O.H.NO-207,2nd Floor, SU-Block, Pitampura, Delhi-110034,Have Changed my Name to Rohit Kumar. 0040585521-8

I,Rohit Chaturvedi,S/O Mukund

I,RAMAN KUMAR,S/O Nanak Chand, R/o C-2/425, St.no-13, Harsh vihar Delhi-93.Infrom that name of my minor son has been mentioned as Onand in his school-record. The correctmy son name is Priyansh Raman,For all,future 0040585521-7

I.Puttan Lal.S/o Mohan Lal,R/o.E-382,E-Block Qutub-Vihar phase-2, Goyla Dairy, New Delhi-71.inform that my name wrongly-written Ajay Shubham Kumar Schoolrecords but actual-name is

0040585519-10 **I,Puttan** Lal,S/o Mohan Lal,R/o E-382 E-Block Qutub-Vihar phase-2, Goyla Dairy, New wrongly-written Ajay Kumar in my minor son Ravi Kumar

name is Puttan Lal.

I,Promila Luthra,W/o-Satish Kumar Luthra,R/o-S-16, Sriniwaspuri.New Delhi-110065, inform that Promila Luthra & Promilla both are one & the same person. 0040585518-1

I,Praveen Kumar Gupta S/o Radhey Shyam Gupta R/o 145, Gali.No.3.Near Post Office. Gazipur Village, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Parvin Kumar Gupta, for all future purposes. 0040585528-1

I,Pratibha alias Pratibha Sharma,D/o G.Singh W/o Raiinder Kumar, R/o-WZ-143A/4C,IInd-Floor, Gali.No.7, New-Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Pratibha Sharma after marriage, for all future purposes. 0040585446-3

I.Parmod Goval S/o Ram Saroop Dass,R/o C-8/21 Sector-7 Rohini Delhi, have changed my name to Parmod Kumar.

0040585519-2 I,Parmod Goyal S/o Ram Saroop Dass,R/o C-8/21 Sector-7 Rohini Delhi, have changed my name to Parmod Kumar.

0040585519-2 **I,Noor** Bano W/o.Gulam Sabir R/o,H no.E-3/559, Street.No.13, Sonia Vihar,Delhi-90,have changed my minor daughter's name from Maham Seikh Mansoori alias Maham to 0040585518-8

I,Nand Kishore Kargeti,S/o Late Bhairay Dutt.R/o-C-307. Dakshin Puri, New Delhi-110062, declare that my name has been wrongly-written as Nand Kishore in schoolrecords of my minor son Rajat Kargeti aged 15-years.My correct name is Nand Kishore Kargeti 0040585518-6

I,Mohammad Yakub,S/o Sher Mohammed, R/o T-3, Ward-3, Mehrauli.New-Delhi-110030. have changed my name to Mohammed Yaqub Ghauri, 0040585519-7 permanently.

I.Mansi Jain.W/o Mohit Gupta,R/o A-20 Near Pehlwan Dhaba Panchwati, Azadpur Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Mansi Gupta. 0040585519-6

I,Manoj kumar Pandit S/o Parsadi Pandit R/o-1988 Sector-7-D Faridabad Haryana have changed my name to 0040585446-1 Manoi kumar

I.MOHD MUSHARRAT, ADD-E-78. 3RD-FLOOR, ABUL FAZAL-ENCLAVE PART-1 JAMIA-NAGAR,OKHLA ,SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110025,changed my Minor Son name AQSA MUSHARRAT to AOSA MUSARRAT, permanantly. 0040585521-6

I,AMIT KUMAR,S/O SHRI.MAHENDER KUMAR GUPTA R/O-579, GALI.NO.2, GURU RAMDAS-NAGAR, LAXMI-NAGAR. DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AMIT GUPTA TO AMIT KUMAR, FOR FUTURE, ALL PURPOSES. 0040585521-2

I,MOHD AAMIR,S/O.Sharifuddin R/o-6677,2nd-Floor, Gali-Beri Wali, Ahata Kidara, Bara-Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006, have changed my father's name SHARIFUDDIN, MOHD SHARIFUDDIN to SHARIFUDDIN, for all purpose. 0040585523-3

I,Jaswinder Singh Jaswal S/O Tarsem Singh R/O.WZ-396D,Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti, Delhi Changed Name to Jaswinder 0040585519-5

I,Janakraj Sharad Taank,S/o Janakrai Dev Ram Manii Taank,R/o SKG Homes, Flat-1505,GH01,Sector-13, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Sharad Janakraj Taank. 0040585518-5

I,Harpal Singh S/o-Santokh Singh R/o-WZ-85, Mukheriee Park,Tilak Nagar,New-Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Harpal Singh Sandhu. 0040585519-11

I,Deepak Narula,S/O-Roop chand Narula,R/O-B114 /115.3rd-Floor, Fateh Nagar N.D.-110018, has changed the name of my son,from Aarush Narula to Aarushh Narula, for all future purposes. 0040585518-3

I,DEVENDRA BISHT S/O SHISHUPAL SINGH R/o 16B/411, Sector-16,Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to DEVENDRA SINGH. 0040585519-4

I,Bidhaya Devi W/o,Fate Singh Negi,No.JC172581N Rank SM-HONY, CAPT, R/o, A-4/23, Firstfloor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Vidya Devi. 0040585518-7

I,Amit Kumar,S/o-Vijay Pal,R/o-WZ-125,Balmiki Vihar,Palam Part-2,Palam Vihar,South West Delhi-110045, inform that in my Xth-Class Certificate & Marksheet my name has wrongly mentioned as Amit instead of Amit Kumar. 0040585518-2

I,ANJALI D/O.DAYA RAM,R/o D-776, Gali No 24,Inder-Enclave Ph-1,Kirari Suleman-Nagar, North/West/Delhi-110086,have changed my name ANJALI, ANJALI KUMARI to ANJALI, for all purpose.

0040585523-2

I,AKANKSHA ADHIKARI,D/O BHOLA PRASAD SINGH residing at 2ND FLOOR, 94-95, VIPIN GARDEN, DWARKA MOR, DELHI-110059, have changed my name to AKANKSHA. 0040585519-3

I, have changed my name from Sangeeta Devi to Sangeeta W/o Amit Kumar R/o Village-Ailum, Muzaffar Nagar, U.P In future My correct name is smt. Sangeeta for, all Property Documents.

0040585469-2

I,JATENDER KUMAR SHARMA.R/Q. H.NO.-215, OCD BANK-GALI, RITHALA,RAJA PUR KALAN, ROHINI, SECTOR-7, NORTH-WEST-DELHI,-110085 DECELARE THAT MY NAME HAS BEEN WRONGLY-WRITTEN AS JATENDER KUMAR IN MY DISCHARGE-BOOK AND IN MY PPO NO-S/014474/90(ARMY). THE ACTUAL NAME OF MINE IS JATENDER KUMAR SHARMA. WHICH MAY BE AMENDED

ACCORDINGLY. 0040585521-9 I, have changed my Son name from Vansh Kumar to Vansh Panwar S/o Amit Kumar R/o Village-Ailum, Muzaffar Nagar, U.P. In future My correct name is Vansh Panwar for,all Property Documents. 0040585469-1

I. Varsha Ramnik Lal Taank.W/o Sharad Janakraj Taank, R/o SKG Homes, Flat-1505, GH01, Sector-13.Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to

Varsha Taank. 0040585518-4 I, Chahat Mangtani R/O B8/18 Rohini Sector19 Delhi have changed my name to Chahat S. for all purposes. 0040585326-1

I, USHA RANI, also known as **USHA SANSANWAL & USHA** GAHLOT, W/o JOGINDER SINGH, r/o D-1/A-20, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi-03, have changed my name to USHA RANI for all purposes. 0040585497-1

I,MAZHAR RAHMAN,S/o MAFUZAR RAHMAN, ADD.16,C,POCKET-B, SIDHARTHA-EXTN, NEW DELHI-110014,Changed my name to MAZHAR REHMAN.

I, Surendra Kumar Jain S/O Dhanraj Singhi, R/o 9-7-201, Green View Enclave, Near Manasarovar Heights Circle 14, Hasmathpet, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-500009. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Surendra Singhi. 0070754658-2

I. Sumit Aggarwal S/o late Govindram Agarwal, R/o Lt-11/401, Paras Tierea, Sec 137, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P) 201304, have change my minor daughter's name Gauri to Gauri Agarwal for allfuture 0040585342-4 purpose.

I, Sumit Aggarwal S/o late Govindram Agarwal, R/o Lt-11/401, Paras Tierea, Sec 137, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P) 201304, have change my name Sumit Agarwal to Sumit Aggarwal for all futurepurpose. 0040585342-2

I, Sumit Aggarwal S/o late Govindram Agarwal, R/o Lt-11/401, Paras Tierea, Sec 137, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P) 201304, have change my minor daughter's name Chhavi to Chhavi Agarwal for all futurepurpose. 0040585342-3

I, Suman Arora W/o Shri Om Prakash Arora, R/o S-25, First Floor, Janta Market, Rajouri Garden New Delhi-110027 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Janak Arora to Suman Arora for all purposes, including change of name in electricity connection. 0040585476-1

I, Rajesh Sharma , W/O Karan Kumar R/o Makan No.54, Jawahar Path, Jaora, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh- 457226. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajni Shah. 0070754771-1

Poois Pani W/O Nindi Singk R/o Vill Mangli Tanda, PO-Mattewara, Rahon Road, Ludhiana, Punjab-141007 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pooja Rani Rathore

0070754775-1 I. Nitlesh Kumari alias Nitlesh Kumari Devi D/O Satya Narayan Chaube, W/O Heramb Thakur R/o Fattepur Belahi, Ward No-08, Post-Lohat, Madhubani, Bihar-847231. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nitlesh Thakur. 0070754777-1

I, Mona Sharma W/o Lt. Shri Narender Sharma R/o P-39. Shankar Nagar Extn. Gali No. 03, Krishna Nagar, H.O. East Delhi-110051, have changed my $name\,to\,Malti\,for\,all\,future$

I, Mayank Singh S/O Ashok Kumar, R/o House No- 22 B. Hardev Nagar Karrahi, Barra Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 208027. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Ashok Singh and Mithlesh Singh in my 10th Class Certificate No-0248234, that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Ashok Singh and Mithelesh Singh in my 12th Class Certificate No-0690753. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Ashok Kumar and Mithlesh, which may be amended accordingly.

0070754767-1 I. MUBEEN AHMAD S/o Zaheer Ahmad R/o 122/6C, Okhla Main Bazar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-25, have changed the name of my minor Son ZAKKI AHMAD aged 15 years and he shall hereafter be known as ZAKI AHMAD

I, Koppula Sudhakar S/O Koppula Lakshminarayana, R/o 1/86, OC Colony, Kanekal, Hanakanahal, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh-515741, have changed

my name and shall hereafter be Known as Koppula Sudhakar Reddy. I, Kuljeet Arora S/o. Mr. Hans Raj Arora R/o. 12/2, 2nd Floor, Old

Raiinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060. Kuldeep Arora and Kuljeet Arora same person 0040585456-1 I, KRISHAN KUMAR GUPTA S/O SH. SUMER CHAND GUPTA R/O 5001, GHASS MANDI, AHTA KADARA.PAHARI DHIRAJ. DELHI-110006 do hereby declares that in Conveyance Deed dated 03/12/2013, his name was mentioned as Kishan Kumar Gunta and both are one and same person. That his name will remain Krishan Kumar Gupta for all the 0040585511-1

I, INDRANI PRIYADARSHANI PANDA/INDIRA PRIYADARSHANI KAR/INDIRA P. PANDA D/o Ajaya Kumar Kara, W/o Pradeep Kumar Panda, R/o C72, Front Side, SF, Gali No.5, Amritpuri-B, Garhi, Delhi-110065, have changed my name to INDIRA PRIYADARSHINI PANDA for all purpose 0040585441-3

purposes.

I, Dr. Muzamil Rehman, U-01, Hudco Place, New Delhi-49 have changed the name of my son RAYYAN ISHFAQ ZARGAR to RAYYAN REHMAN. 0070754783-1

I, Anu Bala Agarwal W/o Sumit

Aggarwal, R/o Lt-11/401, Paras Tierea, Sec 137, Noida, Gautam BudhNagar (U.P) 201304, have change my name Anu Agarwal to Anu Bala Agarwal for all future purpose

I, Aanchal D/O Darwani Ram, R/o Kushrani Talli, Bachhuwaban, Chamoli. Uttarakhand-246486. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Darwani Ram Rastogi and Bhawana Rastogi in my 10th Class Certificate No-2122430 and 12th Class Certificate No-17620462. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Darwani Ram and Bhawana Devi, which may be amended accordingly 0070754772-1

I, Sais Ahmed Jamil Ahmed Ansari S/O Shoeb Dawood Baig, R/o Flat No-703, Panache Heights, Pashrwa Nagar, VTC-Mira Bhayander Road, PO- Mira Road, District-Thane, Maharashtra-401107, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sais 0070754774-1 Shoeb Baig.

I hitherto known as Kumari Sudha d/o Sudhir Kumar, w/o Avinash Kumar, employed as Assistant/C&W Khalasi, Northern Railway, residing at D-24/A, Gali No.8, Tishra Pushta, Jagjit Nagar, Usmanpur Delhi, have changed my name and shall and hereinafter be known as SUDHA 0040585441-5

Portion, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Vipul Doubay 0070754778-1 I Vijay Kumar S/O, Bias Dev Dogra R/o House No-91, Block

| Vipul S/o Bhagwan Dass R/o

45/15, Ashok Nagar, Front

C-6, Sector-31, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, 201301, have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Dogra I Sudha Devi W/o Daya Shanker

R/o Azad Nagar, Kanpur Road, Opposite Sunny Toyota, Manasnagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226023, have changed my name to Gayatri Devi

LOST AND FOUND

Have lost my Possition of Allotment letter of Flat.No. D-303, Area-1175Sqft. 3rd Floor, SG Impressions GH-1, Vashundhara Ghaziahad U.P. Puja Shankar and Rina Bajpai R/o D-9/13, Rail Vihar Indurapuram Ghaziabad U.P.

I Surender Kumar Banga, S/o Late Shri Jaswant Rai Banga, R/o C-1/5, Ground Floor, Mianwali Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087 have lost last page of my Property Document "SALE DEED" vide document No 3728 Property Address I.E C-1/5, Ground Floor Mianwali Agar Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087. If any are found Call 9911394970. 0040585444-1

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My client(s) Mrs. Sanjojna W/o Shr. Kamal Kishore R/o A-1/35, Stree No.1, East Gokal Pur, Loni Road Delhi-110094 have disowned aid debarred her husband namely Shr Kamal Kishore S/o Late Chamar Singh, in present or in future fron her all movable and immovable properties forever and my Client will properties forever and my client will have no concern from them in any manner. Anybody dealing with him at their own risks, costs and

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This is to inform the public at large that my client Ms. Prakash Kaur, W/o Late Joginder Singh, R/o T-45, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has severed all her relations and ties with her daughters Namely Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, and Ms. Harmeet Kaur and has also debarred them from all her movable and immovable properties and shall have no concern in future with them.

Sd/- GURMIT SINGH HANS (ADVOCATE)

(ADVOCATE Lawyer's Chamber No.: 61, (F.F. Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform the public at large that my clients Tika Ram S/o Late Net Ram and his wife Smt. Veena, both R/o VPO- Fatehpur Billoch, P.S. Ballabh Garh District Faridabad Haryana-121004, have debarred and disowned their son namely debarred and disowned their son namely Rahul Dalal from their all movable and immovable properties due to his disobedience. My clients have also severed all their relation with him. If anybody deals with him, he/she will do so at his/her own risk, costs & consequences. My clients will not be held responsible for his acts in any manner for the same, whatsoever.

M. Ishteyaque Ahmad (Advocate) Ch. No. 175, Saket Courts, New Delhi-17

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Public at large is informed that my client Smt. Prem Balika Rai Wife of Late Shi Sanktha Rai resident of R2-63, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New-Delhi-11005S has disowned debarred her daughterial kaw namely Smt. Deepit Rai wife of Late Raj Kumar Rai and their children namely Amil Rai and Parth Rai from their movable and immovable properties due to theil disrespectful behavior, out of control and she have severed her relations with them for all intents and purposes will immediate effect. Anybody deals with immediate effect. Anybody deals with or all intents and purposes minediate effect. Anybody deals with hem will do so at his/her/their own ris and responsibility.

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A.K. VERMA (Advocate) 319, S.R.II, DC, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58 PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, I.S. Dahiya, Advocate, on instructio of my client Smt. Birmati W/o Late Sh Ram Kumar Malik, R/o Khasr. No.142/124, Behind NDPL Office Kanjhawala, Delhi-110081, is issuin this public notice to notify that my clier this public notice to notify that my clien has disowned and disinherit her son Nikhil Malik and his wife Nidhi Malik by severing her relationship with them has barred them from all movable and immovable properties of my client Thus, if anybody deals with my said sor and daughter-in-law, he/she will be do at his/her own risks and responsibilities. My client will not by responsibile for any act done by them in any manner whats oe ver. I.S. DAHIYA ADVOCATE Chamber : 91, Civil Wing

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Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

My Client, Asha Devi W/o Sh. Rajinder Singh R/o 129 Chander Vihar, Delhi 110092 is imparting her sor Sanjay Singh his wife Rekh and their child Yuvaan Singh from her all movable an immovable properties Anybody deals with them in any connection, deals with their own risk and responsibility and my client will not be responsible for that. Deepak Bhargava

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Centre files plea against allowing second dose of Covishield earlier

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 22

THE CENTRE on Wednesday moved a division bench of Kerala High Court, challenging the single bench verdict which had asked the Union Health Ministry to allow anyone who wanted to schedule the second dose of Covishield vaccine four weeks after the first in terms of the original protocol for vaccination to do so.

Earlier this month, the single bench had ruled that the government's decision to reduce the gap between two doses of Covishield vaccine for only certain categories of recipients amounted to discrimination. The court had said that people who

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pay for the vaccine have the right to choose the second dose of Covishield four weeks after the first dose, instead of the 84-day

The court was acting upon a petition filed by Kochi-based KI-TEX Garments, which sought relaxation in the 84-day interval prescribed by the government for administering a second dose of Covishield to its employees.

In its appeal, the Centre said that the single bench order would militate against the established position in matters related to the government supported by scientific study. It said vaccine doses would be administered prematurely if the court's order is allowed to prevail, besides affecting prospects of those wait-

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

ACTIVE CASES: 3,02,141

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TESTS TODAY: 17,19,952 | TOTAL TESTS: 55,84,74,234 WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 2.00% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.01%

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| ■ Kerala | 142 | 24,118 | 0.54% | 0.56% |
| ■ Maharashtra | 51 | 1,42,224 | 1.39% | 2.19% |
| ■ Tamil Nadu | 21 | 35,400 | 1.40% | 1.35% |
| ■ Karnataka | 20 | 37,668 | 1.75% | 1.27% |
| ■West Bengal | 13 | 18,691 | 1.68% | 1.20% |

Porn films case: SC grants relief

Note: Data as on Sept 22; vaccination numbers as of Sept 21. Deaths include those from previous days

New Delhi: The Supreme Court to making and distributing on Wednesday granted protection from arrest to actor Gehana businessman Raj Kundra and his

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by 1500 Hrs on 28 Sep 21 Forms and other details are available in 'Welfare Bus Service Office', Contact no. 25687194/95 Extn 5685/7686

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on buy back basis. For detail NIT document, visit Institute's website http://www.bbcionline org/tenders.php. The pre-bio meeting for the same will be held on 06/10/2021. The last date of submission of tender is 22/11/2021. Director

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pornographic films online aide was released from prison on Tuesday after being granted bail in connection with the case.

During Wednesday's hearing on Vasisth's plea challenging a Bombay High Courtorder denying her pre-arrest bail, a bench of Justices S K Kaul and B R Gavai said that the main accused -Kundra and his aide - had already been granted bail. Issuing notice, the bench ordered "in the meantime, the petitioner be not arrested but shall cooperate with the investigation".

Moplah Rebellion should be termed as genocide, says **RSS-affiliated outfit**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

AN RSS-AFFILIATED outfit has demanded that the 1921 Moplah Rebellion be termed as a genocide and a memorial be set up in its memory. The government should

build a "genocide memorial" to mark the 1921 killings that took place in Kerala's Malappuram and mark September 25 as the "Malabar Hindu Genocide Day", | Nandakumar, all-India convenor of Prajna Pravah said on Wednesday, PTI reported. The incident has hitherto been noted in history as a

Muslim peasant uprising against the British rule and Hindu landowners. Sangh associates have been campaigning for a "correction" in articulation of the incident, as they believe it was "targeted killing of Hindus". Nandakumar said Annie

Besant and C Sankra Nair, who was president of the Indian National Congress, also called it a genocide, but after 1975 it was deemed part of the freedom struggle, PTI reported. Nandakumar said that the Kerala government has not considered their demand, but they are hopeful that the Centre will consider it.

New Delhi

WILL DERAIL POLICY: GOVT

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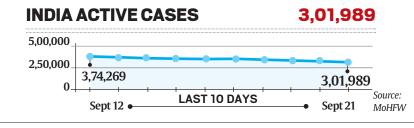
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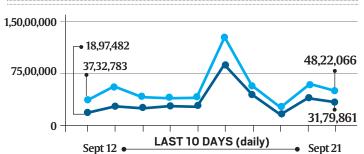
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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)





TOTAL DOSES 82,65,15,754

(Sputnik V's **8,99,337** doses not represented in pie)

DOSES ON SEPT 21 80,01,927 SEPT 20: 99,45,683 (1st doses: 59,01,387; 2nd: 40,44,296)

COVISHIELD

88.5%

Note: The Sept 21 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 22 $\,$ Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on September 22

Genetic mutation that caused humans to lose their tails



Most primates, and almost all Express Archive

ALL THE ancestors of humans had tails for about half a billion years — until they lost them about 25 million years ago. The change in our ancient anatomy was noted by Charles Darwin. But exactly how and why this came to be has remained unknown.

Researchers from New York have claimed to have zeroed in on a specific genetic mutation that may

have led to our tails disappearing. When the scientists made this genetic tweak in mice, the animals did not grow tails, according to a study posted on bioRxiv, the preprint server for biology, last week. (The genetic basis of tail-loss evolution in humans and apes: Bo Xia and others)

The researchers began with the reasoning

that our ancestors lost their tail after mutations altered one or more of a set of 30 genes that are involved in the development of tails in various species. To search for those mutations, they compared the DNA of six species of tail-less apes to nine species of tailed monkeys. Eventually, they discovered a mutation that is shared by apes and humans, but is missing in monkeys — in a gene called TBXT.

While TBXT was one of the first genes to be identified by scientists nearly a century ago, the mutation that Bo Xia of the New York University School of Medicine and lead author of the study discovered, had not been observed before. It consisted of 300 ge-

netic letters in the middle of the TBXT gene. This stretch of DNA was virtually identical in humans and apes, and was inserted in precisely the same place

in their genomes. To test the idea that the mutation was involved in the disappearance of our tail, the researchers

genetically engineered

NEW RESEARCH mice with the TBXT mutation that is carried by humans. Many of the animals failed to

> develop a tail; others grew a short one. The researchers have proposed that this mutation randomly struck an ape some 20 million years ago. This tail-less animal survived and thrived, and passed on the mutation to its offspring.

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Income in poll-bound states

RBI data offer a snapshot of per capita incomes in UP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur, which go to polls soon. How have per capita incomes changed in these states over the last five years?

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

LAST WEEK, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy, 2020-21, a key variable contained in which is the "per capita Net State Domestic Product". In simple terms, this is the income per person in a state.

Several academic studies, both in India and elsewhere, have found a strong link between economic indicators such as per capita income and the electoral performance of governments.

While it must be underlined that economic performance is hardly the sole determinant of electoral outcomes in India, what does the RBI handbook say about per capita incomes in the five states where Assembly elections will take place in February-March 2022 – Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur?

Per capita incomes

Chart 1 shows that per capita incomes in Goa (Rs 3.04 lakh), Uttarakhand (Rs 1.59 lakh), and Punjab (Rs 1.19 lakh) are higher than the national average of Rs 95,000.

But per capita incomes in Manipur (Rs 54,000) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs 44,600) are around half the national average.

From poll to poll

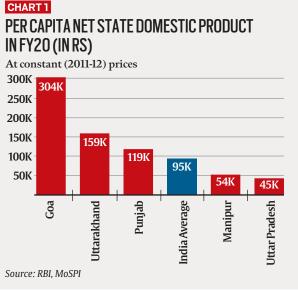
What was the growth rate of per capita income in the five years leading up to the elections? And how does it compare with the five years immediately before that?

Chart 2 provides a picture of how things may look to electors as they prepare to caste their votes. This chart plots the compounded annual growth rates (or CAGR) of real per capita income for each of the five states, as well as the national average for three time periods. The first bar maps the annual growth rate

between 2012-13 (FY13) and 2016-17 (FY17). This five-year period marks the tenure of the previous government in each state. So in UP, it refers to the term of the Samajwadi Party government, while in Punjab it indicates the growth rate during the regime of the Shiromani Akali Dal-BJP coalition.

The second bar refers to the growth rate during the first three years of the terms of the current governments – FY18 to FY20. This is a crucial number since this growth rate refers to the pre-Covid period.

The third bar is a forecast of the growth



rate in the current five-year term. It is based on the assumption that the absolute level of news agency ANI reported. per capita income will revert to the pre-Covid

State-wise takeaways UTTAR PRADESH

level (FY20) by the end of FY22.

Even though UP is one of the biggest state

economies in terms of total GDP, when it comes to per capita income, it ranks pretty low. The data show that per capita net state

domestic product (NSDP) grew at just 2.99% during the first three years (FY18 to FY20) of the BJP government. This is not only lower than the national average (4.6%) over the same period, but also much lower than the 5% rate registered during the Samajwadi Party's rule between FY13 and FY17.

By the end of FY21, after the pandemic had battered economies everywhere, UP's per capita NSDP had fallen sharply, resulting in an annual growth rate of just 0.1% for the first four years of the current government. If we assume that all the contraction in

per capita incomes in FY21 will be recovered in FY22, the annual growth rate of per capita income for the full five-year term from FY18 to FY22 would still be just 1.8%. This growth rate will be significantly

lower than the national average of 2.7% for the same five years. On September 5, UP Chief Minister Yogi

Adityanath said in Varanasi that "in the next five years, per capita income of Uttar Pradesh will exceed the country's per capita income",

Source: RBI, MoSPI

CHART 2

HOW PER CAPITA INCOMES GREW IN

Compounded Annual Growth Rate (in %)

THE FIVE POLL-BOUND STATES

For this to happen, UP's per capita income would have to grow at an annual rate of over 22% (assuming the national per capita income grows at just 5% each year) between FY23 and FY27 – a gigantic improvement over the 2.9% annual rate that the state registered in the three years before the Covid-19 disruption.

PUNJAB

In the first three years of the term of the Congress government, before the pandemic struck, per capita incomes grew by 4% each year. This was a shade lower than the 4.3% annual growth rate under the SAD-BJP government, and also lower than the national

Thanks to Covid, the Congress government is likely to end with an annual growth rate of just 2.4% for its five-year term — again a shade lower than the national average of 2.7%.

UTTARAKHAND

This state has had three Chief Ministers in the last four years of BJP rule — Trivendra Singh Rawat, Tirath Singh Rawat, and Pushkar Singh Dhami — and five CMs in all over the last nine years. Despite the seeming disruptions, it has registered above-average growth in per capita income.

Under the Congress rule between FY13 and FY17, the growth rate was 6.7% — far above the national average. In the first three years of the BJP government, per capita incomes grew

in sync with the national average

*Forecast based on the assumption that the absolute level of real per

capita income will revert to pre-Covid level by the end of FY22

Even after the Covid impact, the five years of BJP rule from FY18 to FY22 are likely to see per capita incomes grow at an annual rate that is a shade higher than the national average.

FY13-FY17 ■FY18-FY20 ■FY18-FY22*

Of the five states going to polls early next year, Goa has the highest per capita income. It has also had the same party in power (BJP) since the start of FY13.

However, as the almost non-existent bars for Goa show, per capita incomes actually contracted between FY18 and FY20. It is quite likely that in FY21 income levels would have fallen further; as of now, the RBI does not have FY21 data.

It seems probable that at the end of FY22, per capita incomes in Goa will be lower than in FY18. Over the past decade of BJP rule in Goa, per capita income would have grown at an annual rate of just 1.6%.

MANIPUR

In the pre-Covid phase — FY18 to FY20 of the current BJP government, per capita incomes in Manipur rose at 4.6% each year. This was in sync with the national average but, more importantly, significantly higher than the 3.5% annual growth rate achieved from FY13 to FY17, when the Congress was in power in the state.

Covid has dented per capita income levels, but the deceleration in growth rate is likely to be in sync with the national average

Why Singh could be kingmaker again in Canada

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

CANADA'S LIBERAL Party won the largest number of seats in Monday's snap parliamentary elections, but Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's gamble to garner a majority failed.

The result is almost identical to the one in 2019, and Trudeau, who has been PM since 2015, will have to continue to rely on other parties - most importantly Jagmeet Singh's left-leaning New Democratic Party (NDP), and Yves-Francois Blanchet's Bloc Quebecois - to pass legislation and stay in power.

Elections and results

Trudeau called the elections more than two years ahead of schedule, saying that he needed a clear mandate to guide Canada through the tail of the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficult economic recovery. The opposition led by Erin O-Toole's Conservatives denounced the attempted "power-grab", and opinion polls

showed the majority of Canadians did not think the vote was necessary.

Latest results show Trudeau's Liberals have won or are leading in 158 electoral districts, one seat more than the number they won in 2019, and short of the 170 needed for a majority. The Conservatives have won 119 seats.

The NDP, his current allies, have won 25 seats — enough to continue to be the arbiter on policy on a case-by-case basis. Bloc Quebecois was projected to win 34 seats.

New Democrats Jagmeet Singh won from Burnaby South,

a federal electoral district in British Columbia where more than 70 per cent of people identify as a visible minority. His party, however, did worse than in 2019, when it won 44 seats. The NDP has said that it would stand by

Trudeau's government on a range of social and environmental issues, but would keep the pressure on progressive issues, including forgiving student loans, and climate change. 'We are going to continue fighting for you

(From left) Justin Trudeau, Jagmeet Singh, and Erin O'Toole during an election debate this month. Reuters File

just the same way we fought for you during the pandemic," Singh said, according to a report by Canada's CTV news. "We are going to keep fighting to make sure the superwealthy pay their fair share ... so the burden doesn't fall on you and your families."

One of the main promises of Singh's campaign was to tax the ultra-rich. He told CTV that one of his priorities once the new government is formed would be to ensure that billionaires pay their fair share of the pandemic cost.

Pro-Khalistan leader

A former criminal lawyer, Singh was born and raised in Canada. He won his first election in 2011, and soon became popular for his progressive politics, charismatic personality, and flamboyant dressing style.

has repeatedly expressed his ambition to run for Prime Minister. Singh's relationship with India has been

He became leader of the NDP in 2017, and

complicated. His pro-Khalistan stance and vocal support of Punjab's right to self-determination have repeatedly placed him in controversies. Singh has accused India of "initiating a genocidal campaign against the Sikh minority" in the past, and had introduced a resolution in Ontario's Assembly to describe the 1984 anti-Sikh riots as a "genocide".

What is the Havana Syndrome, said to be targeting US officials?

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

AUS intelligence officer travelling with CIA director William Burns reported symptoms of 'Havana Syndrome' while the two men were in India earlier this month, according to reports in the American media.

What is Havana Syndrome?

Havana Syndrome refers to a set of symptoms that typically include nausea. vertigo, and headaches, but also memory loss, hearing sounds without any outside noise being present, and certain issues with balance. A number of US intelligence and embassy officials have reported these symptoms in several countries around the world over the past few years.

The Syndrome was first reported in late 2016, about a year after the US opened its embassy in Havana. A report in The New Yorker in 2018 said between December 30, 2016, and February 9, 2017, at least three CIA officers in Cuba had reported troubling sen-

sations that seemed to leave serious injuries. The CIA sent reinforcements to Havana, and at least two of these officers were afflicted as well.

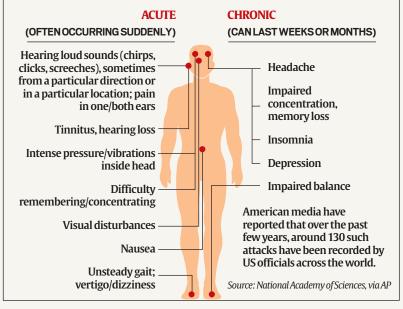
The New Yorker said specialists who studied the brains of the victims determined that their injuries resembled concussions, like those suffered by soldiers struck by roadside bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan. But there were no signs of impact.

Where else has it been reported?

In April 2018, an employee at the US consulate in Guangzhou reported he had been experiencing symptoms since late 2017. An incident had previously been reported in September 2017 by a USAID employee at the American embassy in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan.

In 2019 and 2020, incidents have been reported from within the US, including at The Ellipse, a park adjacent to the White House in Washington DC.

American media have reported that over the past few years, around 130 such attacks have been recorded by US officials



SYMPTOMS REPORTED

across the world, including in Moscow in counter-intelligence operations has been Russia, Poland, Georgia, Taiwan, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, and Austria, Last month, Vice President Kamala Harris's visit to Vietnam was delayed for three hours just as she was about to fly to Hanoi, after a US official in Vietnam reported symptoms.

What causes Havana Syndrome?

No one is entirely sure. It was initially suspected to be a "sonic attack", but further study by scientists in the US and medical examination of the victims suggested that they may have been subjected to highpower microwaves that either damaged or interfered with the nervous system.

The microwaves are said to build pressure inside the brain that generates the feeling of a sound being heard. Longer exposure is believed to interfere with the body's sense of balance, impact memory, and even cause permanent brain damage. It is suspected that beams of high-power microwave are released by a special gadget that Americans have begun calling a "microwave weapon".

Experimentation with microwaves for

New Delhi

ongoing since the Cold War. A BBC report this month quoted James Giordano, an adviser to the Pentagon and professor of neurology and biochemistry at Georgetown University, as saying both China and Russia have been engaged in microwave research, and could have re-purposed tools that were developed for industrial use. Some medical experts in the US have de-

bunked this theory, calling the syndrome psychological illness amplified by the widespread fear of being targeted.

What about the report about India?

Sources in the Indian security establishment said they were not aware of any such weapon with an Indian agency. It was also highly unlikely that a foreign power would be able to use Indian soil to target US officials.

Security establishment officers, including former R&AW officers, said no cases of the Havana Syndrome had been reported by Indians in the country or in embassies abroad. LONGER VERSION ON

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MEANWHILE

TRUMP SUES NEICE, NYT OVER TAX PAPERS

Donald Trump has filed a lawsuit accusing his neice Mary L Trump, The New York Times and three of its reporters of conspiring in an "insidious plot" to improperly obtain his confidential tax records and exploit their use in news articles and a book. That action, according to the lawsuit, breached a confidentiality agreement that was part of the settlement of litigation involving the will of the former US president's father, Fred C Trump.



bullet holes in the aide's car. Reuters

UKRAINE

President's aide targeted in assassination bid

Kyiv: A volley of automatic gunfire hit a car carrying a

senior aide to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy on Wednesday, an incident a senior official called an assassination attempt Zelenskiy said may have been a message intended for him. The aide, Serhiy Shefir, survived unscathed but police said his driver had been wounded after more than 10 bullets hit the car near the village of Lesnyky, just outside the capital Kyiv. Zelenskiy, who is in New York for the U.N. General Assembly, said he did not know for now who was responsible for the attack. REUTERS

EGYPT

Former military ruler Tantawi dies at 85

Cairo: Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, the former head of the military council that ruled Egypt temporarily after its 2011 popular uprising, has died at the age of 85, Egypt's presidency said on Tuesday, declaring three days of national mourning. Tantawi – a decorated veteran of wars against Israel in 1956. 1967 and 1973 — was defence minister for 21 years, covering most of the long presidency of Hosni Mubarak. He led the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) that ruled Egypt for a yearand-a-half after Mubarak was pushed from power in February 2011 during the Arab Spring protest movement. REUTERS

SRI LANKA Govt probes minister over prisoner threat

Colombo: Sri Lankan police are investigating an incident in which the government prisons minister allegedly threatened to kill two ethnic minority detainees inside a prison, an official said Wednesday. Lohan Ratwatte, state min-Prison ister

and

Management

Prisoners' Rehabilitation. resigned last week following a public outcry after he was accused of threatening to kill two Tamil prisoners. He was also accused of forcibly entering another prison with his friends to show them the gallows. Government spokesman Dullas Alahapperuma said a police investigation is underway.

JAPAN

Library devoted to Murakami to open in Tokyo

Tokyo: A library devoted to Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami's writings, scrapbooks and record collection opens on October 1 in Tokyo as a spot for literary research, cultural exchange and a gathering spot for his fans. The Haruki Murakami library at Waseda University, his alma mater, features a replica of his study with rows of bookshelves and a record player, as well as a cafe run by students that serves his favorite dark roast coffee.

Topofthe Taliban write to UN chief, ask for participation at General Assembly

Special envoys of China, Russia, Pak hold talks with top Taliban officials, Karzai, Abdullah

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA UNITED NATIONS, BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 22

THE TALIBAN have written to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres nominating their spokesman Suhail Shaheen as Afghanistan's new ambassador to the UN and have asked to participate and speak in the highlevel 76th session of the General Assembly currently underway.

The nomination sets up a confrontation between the Taliban and Afghanistan's fallen government envoy, Gram Isakuzai, who has held his post so far.

On September 20, on the eve of the commencement of the high-level UN General Debate, the Secretary-General received a communication with the letterhead 'Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs' dated September 20, 2021, signed by 'Ameer Khan Muttagi' as 'Minister of Foreign Affairs'.

In the letter, the Taliban requested to participate in the "76th session of the UN General Assembly on September 21-27."

Farhan Haq, the Deputy Spokesman for the Secretary-General, told PTI that the letter also indicates that as of August 15, 2021, "Mohammad Ashraf Ghani is ousted and (countries across the world) no longer recognise him as president".

The Taliban letter further in-

Carlos the Jackal

seeks to reduce

life sentence for

grenade attack

CARLOS THE Jackal, the leftist

militant who carried out attacks

across the globe in the 1970s and

1980s, opened a bid in a French

court on Wednesday to reduce

the life sentence he had been

whose

Ramirez

Sanchez, has

been behind

bars in France

since he was

captured and

spirited out of Sudan

PARIS, SEPTEMBER 22

on a Paris shop in 1974.

Ilich Ramirez

French special forces in 1994.

He was found guilty in 2017

The appeal that started on

over a grenade attack in 1974 on a shop on Paris's Champs Elysees,

the Drugstore Publicis, that killed two people and injured 36.

Wednesday will not seek to over-

turn that conviction but will only

concern how many years he

should be jailed for, after the

country's top court struck down

the latest ruling over technicali-

ties and sent it back to the lower

court. The decision is expected

Ramirez, who was born in

Venezuela and is now aged 71, is

already serving two other life

terms and has lost appeals

Sanchez

on Friday.

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REUTERS





Taliban acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi; (right) Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen. Reuters, file

dicates that the mission of the Permanent Representative is considered over and that Isaczai no longer represents Afghanistan.

Haq said that on September 15, the Secretary-General had received a communication from Isaczai, containing the list of delegation of Afghanistan for the 76th session of the General Assembly.

These two communications have been sent by the UN Secretariat to the Credentials Committee, which will decide who represents Kabul at the UN.

Meanwhile, special envoys of China, Russia and Pakistan met the top officials of the Taliban's interim government as well as Afghan leaders Hamid Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul, a top Chinese official said on Wednesday.

The three special envoys visited Kabul from September 21 to 22 and held talks with acting Prime Minister Mohammad Hasan Akhund, acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and other high-level officials of the interim government, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said.

They also met former president Hamid Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, president of the Council for National Reconciliation under the previous government. This is perhaps the first time

that the foreign diplomats met Karzai and Abdullah, who stayed put in Kabul after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan last month ahead of the withdrawal of the US and NATO troops.

Besides coordinating closely with Russia on Afghanistan, Pakistan and China, who are playing a lead role after the Taliban seized Kabul, are trying to establish a new grouping of countries sharing borders with Afghanistan.

The new grouping includes China, Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.



Taliban fighters patrol the streets of Kabul on Tuesday. AP

Attackers strike Taliban in Jalalabad, 5 killed

ASSOCIATED PRESS KABUL, SEPTEMBER 22

ATTACKERS STRUCK Taliban vehicles in an eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, witnesses said, killing at least two fighters and three civilians in the latest violence since the group's takeover of the country in mid-August.

In one attack, gunmen opened fire on a Taliban vehicle at a gas station in Jalalabad, killing two fighters and a gas station attendant, witnesses said, A child was also killed, they added. Another child was killed and

separate attack — a bombing of another vehicle. Another bombing of a Taliban vehicle in Jalalabad also wounded a person nearby, although it was unclear if that person was a Taliban official or not. The witnesses spoke on con-

two Taliban were wounded in a

dition of anonymity for fear of No one claimed immediate

responsibility for Wednesday's attacks, although the Islamic State group, which is headquartered in eastern Afghanistan, took responsibility for similar attacks in Jalalabad last week that

SUBMARINE DEAL FALLOUT

Australia says trade pact would benefit **EU in Indo-Pacific**

COLIN PACKHAM

CANBERRA, SEPTEMBER 22

AN AUSTRALIAN-EU trade deal would be mutually beneficia and allow EU members a greater presence in the Indo-Pacific, said Australia's trade minister, as Canberra tries to repair ties with Paris after the scrapping of a \$40 billion submarine deal. Australia last week cancelled

a deal with France's Naval Group to build a fleet of conventional submarines and will instead build at least eight nuclear-powered submarines with US and British technology after striking a trilateral security partnership with those two countries.

 $The \, cancellation \, has \, angered \,$ France, which accused both Australia and the United States of stabbing it in the back, and it recalled its ambassadors from both Canberra and Washington. In solidarity with France, EU

lawmakers have publicly questioned whether a trade deal with Australia could be possible.

Australia's Minister for Trade Dan Tehan on Wednesday urged the EU to progress ahead with a trade deal. "The Australia-EU FTA is in the best interests of all parties," Tehan said in a speech in Canberra, "The EU will use it as a way to strengthen its engagement with the Indo-Pacific because they realise that the region carries the economic weight of the world."

Pressure on Biden as some Haitians at

US border released, others deported



French President Emmanuel Macron with his US counterpart Joe Biden. File

France's envoy to return to US after Macron, Biden talks

Paris: France will send its ambassador back to Washington next week after French President Emmanuel Macron's phone call with President Joe Biden over a submarine dispute, the Elysee and the White House said Wednesday.

Both heads of state "have decided to open a process of indepth consultations, aimed at creating the conditions for ensuring confidence," the Elysee and the White House said in a ioint statement. Biden and Macron agreed "that the situation would have benefitted from open consultations among allies on matters of strategic interest to France and our European partners." the statement said.

Biden calls on global partners to 'go big' in world's Covid response Covid-19 and solving a global

SHERYL GAY STOLBERG NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 22

DECLARING "WE need to go big," President Joe Biden on Wednesday called on other world leaders, pharmaceutical executives, philanthropists and civil society organizations to band together to forge a global consensus around a plan to fight the coronavirus crisis.

given for a deadly grenade attack Speaking at the opening of a virtual Covid-19 summit he is The self-declared "professional convening in conjunction with revolutionary", the UN General Assembly meeting in New York, Biden cited two real name is Ilich especially urgent challenges: vaccinating the world against oxygen crisis. "We're not going to solve this crisis with half measures or middle of the road ambitions - we need to go big," the president said, adding, "It's an all-hands-on-deck crisis.' But it may be hard to turn Mr.

Biden's words into reality. Worldwide, 79 percent of shots that have been administered have been in high- and upper-middleincome countries, according to the Our World in Data project at the University of Oxford. Around the world, more than 4.5 million people have died of Covid-19 — a "global tragedy," Mr. Biden said.

White House officials have said that Mr. Biden's message to

Melbourne Protests Covid Curbs

Protesters rally against Covid mandates in Melbourne, Australia. Police arrested more than

200 people after projectiles thrown by protesters injured two officers on Wednesday - the

third consecutive day of demonstrations against Covid curbs in the city. Reuters

the group will be that the United States cannot fight the pandemic, or address the global vaccine shortage, on its own, Earlier Wednesday, Pfizer-BioNTech announced that it had struck a deal with the Biden administration to sell the US an additional 500 million doses of its vaccine to be donated to nations that need them.

Mr. Biden heralded the deal, saying it would bring to 1.1 billion the total number of doses his administration has purchased for donation. "Put another way, for every one shot we've administered to pay in America, we have now committed to do three shots to the rest of the world," he said.

DAINA BETH SOLOMON CIUDAD ACUNA (MEXICO), SEPTEMBER 22

AMID DETERIORATING conditions in migrant camps on both sides of the US-Mexico border, US authorities on Wednesday tried to deal with thousands of the mostly Haitian migrants that have gathered, releasing some in south Texas while deporting others on flights.

The US government said it was continuing to fly hundreds of people back to Haiti, which has been hit by recent political turmoil and natural disasters.

It has been trying to clear the encampment under the international bridge in Del Rio. Authorities have moved thousands away for immigration processing and deported more than 500 Haitians since Sunday.

A Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spokesperson said those who cannot be expelled under a sweeping public



US border agents attempt to contain migrants crossing into Texas from Mexico on Sunday. AP

health order will be placed in immigration hearings, without specifying who would qualify for those exemptions.

ties have criticized Biden's handling of the situation. Republicans have said the Bider administration has encouraged illegal immigration by relaxing some of the hardline policies put in place by his predecessor. Democrats have expressed

US. oliticians from both parwhips to intimidate migrants trying to cross the border.

anger over an incident over the weekend in which mounted US border agents used reins like

DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said the agents involved had been pulled from front-line duties.

UK: 3 Sikhs held for death of RSS man discharged London: A UK court Wednesday ecuted by the West Midlands

discharged three British Sikhs arrested in Britain on suspicion of 'conspiracy to a murder" in India 12 years ago, with India's appeal to extradite them dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

The arrests of Piara Singh Gill, Amritivir Singh Wahiwala and Gursharanvir Singh Wahiwala followed early morning raids on Indian extradition warrants exPolice in December last year. They were held in connec-

tion with the 2009 murder of Rulda Singh, a senior RSS member who was shot in Patiala and died a week after the attack.

"The accused have been discharged," said the UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), which appears in court on behalf of the Indian authorities

to measure the true toll anywhere.

of the insurgent group that runs

Idlib has closed some markets,

forced restaurants to serve out-

door meals only, and delayed the

opening of schools by a week.

In response, the political arm

Will maintain friendly, balanced relations with **India, China:** new Nepal FM

SHIRISH B PRADHAN KATHMANDU, SEPTEMBER 22

NEPAL'S NEWLY-APPOINTED Foreign Minister Naravan Khadka said on Wednesday that he will work towards maintaining friendly and balanced relations with India and China and forge national consensus with political parties on the matters of foreign relations.

Khadka, 72, was sworn in as the Minister for Foreign Affairs on Wednesday. President Bidya Devi Bhandari administered the oath of office and secrecy to Khadka in a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, Shital Niwas, in the presence of Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

Talking to reporters after assuming office, Khadka said he will work towards ensuring extremely friendly, amicable, and balanced relations with both the immediate neighbours - India and China.

Arguing that the foreign policy of a country is not specific to any one particular political party, the senior Nepali Congress leader said he will work toward forging national consensus with other political parties on the matters of foreign relations, My

Ravaged by war, Syrian rebel area struggles with virus surge lieved to be undercounts bebe worse in Idlib, though it's hard Tens of thousands of its residents

ASSEM MROUE

BEIRUT, SEPTEMBER 22

CORONAVIRUS CASES are surging to the worst levels of the pandemic in a rebel stronghold in Syria — a particularly devastating development in a region where scores of hospitals have been bombed and that doctors and nurses have fled in droves during a decade of war.

The total number of cases seen in Idlib province — an overcrowded enclave with a population of 4 million, many of them internally displaced - has more than doubled since the beginning of August to more than 61.000. In recent weeks, daily new infections have repeatedly shot past 1,500, and authorities reported 34 deaths on Sunday alone - figures that are still because many infected people don't report to authorities.

pital or the dead to burials.

"What is happening is a medical catastrophe," the Idlib Doctors Syndicate said this week as it issued a plea for support

Idlib faces all the challenges that places the world over have during the pandemic: Its intensive care units are largely full, there are severe shortages of oxygen and tests, and the vaccination rollout has been slow. But extreme poverty and the

The situation has become so

dire in the northwestern province that rescue workers known as the White Helmets who became famous for digging through the rubble of bombings to find victims now mostly ferry coronavirus patients to the hos-

from international aid groups.



Nurses treat Covid patients in the ICU at the Syrian American Medical Society Hospital in Idlib. AP

ravages of Syria's civil war have made the situation in Idlib uniquely terrible. Half of its hospitals and health centers have been damaged by bombing, and the

health system was close to collapse even before the pandemic. A large number of medical personnel have fled the country seeking safety and opportunities abroad. live in crowded tent settlements, where social distancing and even regular hand-washing are all but impossible. And increasing violence in the region is now threatening to make matters worse. Large parts of Idlib and

neighboring Aleppo province remain in the hands of Syria's armed opposition, dominated by radical groups including al-Qaida-affiliated militants who have struggled to respond to the outbreak, which intensified in August, apparently driven by the more contagious delta variant and gatherings for the Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha.

Cases and deaths have also been increasing in recent weeks in government-held areas and those under the control of USbacked Kurdish-led fighters in the east, but the situation appears to

New Delhi

But most residents are daily laborers who could not survive if they stopped working, making full lockdowns impossible. What's more, a population that has suffered through so

much already is often too weary to follow restrictions that have tested people even in easier circumstances. "It is as if people have gotten

used to death," said Salwa Abdul-Rahman, an opposition activist who reports on events in Idlib. "Those not killed by regime and Russian airstrikes are being killed now by coronavirus.'

Republica website reported. PTI

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CORPORATE WATCH -BOARDROOM

IDFC shareholders reject nomination of Rai as director

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

SHAREHOLDERS OF IDFC Ltd have rejected the nomination of Vinod Rai, who is currently chairman of the company, as a director on the board of IDFC. According to an exchange

filing, 62.28 per cent votes from shareholders were against his nomination as director till May 22, 2023. Only 37.71 per cent votes of shareholders came in favour of Rai, who was earlier Comptroller and Auditor General of India. His name was proposed for the position of non-executive and non-independent director on the IDFC board.

The ordinary resolution needs 50 per cent for its passage. Meanwhile, shareholders voted in favour for the nomination of Jamini Bhagwati and Anil Singhvi as Directors on the IDFC board.

IDFC shares closed 2.02 per cent higher at Rs 55.65 per share on the BSE.

Vinod Rai has wide expe-





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rience of working in various capacities at both the Central and State governments. His previous position was as Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in Delhi where he was responsible for managing the financial services sector, including banks and insurance companies.

Vi MD Ravinder Takkar. File

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they have to answer. Certain as a

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"As a company we feel very

company is doing, Takkar said.

ENTITY TO ALMOST DRAW LEVEL WITH SECTOR LEADER STAR INDIA IN TERMS OF REVENUE

Sony enters as 'white knight', to get 52.9% stake post merger with ZEEL

GEORGE MATHEW & PRANAV MUKUL

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, SEPT 22

PAVING THE way for the creation of a media giant, Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) and Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL)Wednesday entered into an exclusive and non-binding agreement to merge the two companies.

The merged entity will almost draw level with sector leader Star India in terms of revenues and will potentially derive synergies from the varied presence of both ZEEL and SPNI. While ZEEL has a larger network viewership share than Sony, it derives most of its strength from regional general entertainment channels (GEC) and movies. whereas Sony has a stronger foothold in Hindi GEC and sports segments. The move is also aimed at scuttling the plan of Invesco Developing Markets Fund, a key investor, to take control of ZEEL.

SPNI had been on a lookout for a local partner in India to challenge the Star India leadership, and had also been in discussions with RILowned Viacom18 for a potential merger, but talks were called off last year after the firms couldn't agree on points such as valuation and some merger clauses.

2020, Star India had reported revenues of Rs 14,337.46 crore, while ZEEL reported consolidated revenue from operations of Rs 8,129.86 crore, and SPNI reported a top line of Rs 5,961.10 crore.

With the ZEEL partnership, Sony could also see some of the gaps, particularly in its bouquet of entertainment channels that have largely depended on seasonal productions, being filled. In the digital video streaming segment too, a possible combination of ZEE5 and SonyLiv could challenge Disney+Hotstar for the third position in viewership share after Amazon Prime Video and Netflix. While Sony India, which has

emerged as a white knight for ZEEL promoters, would hold a majority 52.93 per cent stake in the combined company, ZEEL shareholders would hold the balance 47.07 per cent, Current ZEEL managing director & CEO Punit Goenka will continue in the position for another five years as Sony has agreed on his continuance in the top position. The combined company's board of directors would include directors nominated by Sony Group, with the latter having the right to nominate the majority of board members. Under the terms of the agreement, Sony Pictures

Power tussle

THE MERGER proposal comes a week after Invesco, the largest shareholder of ZEEL, sought an extraordinary general meeting of ZEEL for the removal of Punit Goenka and appointment of six directors. The tussle in the ZEEL boardroom is likely to continue if Invesco pushes to oust Goenka and bring in its six directors at the EGM.

Entertainment, the parent company of SPNI, would invest growth capital so that SPNI has a cash balance of around \$1.575 billion at closing for use to enhance the combined company's digital platforms across technology and content, ability to bid for broadcasting rights in the fast-growing sports landscape and pursue other growth opportunities.

ZEEL shares jumped 31.86 per cent to Rs 337.10 on the BSE after

the merger announcement. The non-binding term sheet

Denmark, South Korea

Guatemala, and Angola

Overall, the country now

Bottom 5

Finland, Israel, and the US

Ethiopia, Cambodia, Cameroon,

period of 90 days during which ZEEL and SPNI will conduct mutual diligence and negotiate definitive, binding agreements.

"The merger of ZEEL and SPNI would bring together two leading Indian media network businesses, benefitting consumers throughout India across content genres, from film to sports," the firms said.

"It is anticipated that a final transaction would be subject to completion of customary due diligence, negotiation, and execution of definitive binding agreements, and required corporate, regulatory and third-party approvals, including ZEEL shareholder vote," the statement said.

Two independent directors of 7FFL Ashok Kurien and Manish Chokhani, resigned from the board of the company last week ahead of the company's AGM. Invesco and OFI Global — the largest shareholders of ZEEL — have proposed the appointment of six of its own nominees on the board of Zee. The proposed directors are: Surendra Singh Sirohi, Naina Krishna Murthy, Rohan Dhamija, Aruna Sharma, Srinivasa Rao Addepalli and Gaurav Mehta.

The exit of the directors and removal of the MD have come after proxy advisory firm Institutional raised serious corporate governance concerns in the company by asking shareholders not to vote for re-appointing the two directors on the company's board at the AGM.

"Zee promoters' stake would

stay at 4 per cent (same as current) if they agree for non-compete agreement, they have the option to increase stake up to 20 per cent over a period of time. Effectively, Punit finds a white knight to salvage himself from being forced to move out," said Ashwin Patil, sr. research analyst (media). LKP Securities. "After the merger talks of Sony Entertainment with Viacom 18 dropping, this consolidation will add synergies to the existing portfolio of both the entities, especially in the verticals of Sports and OTT," said Vivek Menon, cofounder of NV Capital. Further ZEE would also have access to Sony's international catalogue to exploit and monetise.

"The corporate governance overhang of ZEE Entertainment should also fade away with this merger and enhance investor confidence. The combined entity will be in a superior position to compete with Disney more effectively...," Menon said.

Bond-buying taper coming

'soon,' signals US Fed Reserve

Rate hike shifts to 2022; current target steady at 0-0.25%

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'Freedom from bureaucracy': Goyal launches single window for biz approvals

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

COMMERCE MINISTER Piyush Goyal on Wednesday announced the soft launch of a National Single Window System for approvals, adding the government is looking to remove irrelevant compliances

to improve ease of doing business. The portal is currently set up to provide relevant approvals from 18 Central government departments and 9 states, with another 14 departments and 5 states set to add their compliances to the portal by the end of December. The portal offers a single dashboard, allowing businesses to apply for clearances, track progress and respond to queries. "This is freedom from bureaucracy and from windows within windows," said the Minister, adding "nobody wants to be a detriment to doing business."

Goyal said the portal would become a "one stop shop" for state and Central government compliances and bring transparency, accountability and responsiveness in the ecosystem. The portal will also offer a Know Your Approvals service to inform businesses of the details of all the approvals they need to obtain as well as a common registration form, document repository and e-communication module.

Telecom package opens door for new investments: Vi MD

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

VODAFONE IDEA (Vi), which has been trying to raise some funds for some time now, has seen renewed interest from investors following the reforms announced by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), the company's MD, Ravinder Takkar, said. "For us, it (telecom package)

opens the door for new investments. We have been in the process of fundraising for a while. to the investments in India and in the telecom sector even though they liked the sector and they liked the country. Those fears have now been removed. We think there is an opportunity for additional fund raising," Takkar said in his first media interaction following the announcement of the telecom reforms package. The promoters, Vodafone Plc

and the Aditya Birla group, who have in the past said that they would not be investing more funds into the company, will also have the option to participate in the



conducted by cybersecurity company Surfshark, ranks India 59th among 110 countries, a drop of 2 places from last year

'Digital Quality of Life Index



comes 17th in Asia E-security has improved by 76 per cent since last year and now ranks higher than China

> The country outperforms Bangladesh in four digital well-being pillars but falls short on e-infrastructure

Methodology: Covering 90 per cent of the global population, the DQL study is conducted by the cybersecurity company Surfshark and evaluates countries based on a set of five fundamental digital wellbeing pillars

Surfshark

DICGC to pay depositors of 21 banks posits of Rs 10,727 crore — in 2019,

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better position to raise additional funding required by us to continue **DEPOSIT INSURANCE and Credit** to be more competitive in the mar-Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) ket," he said. The company's MD, has announced that it will pay up however, did not specify if the new to Rs five lakh to depositors of 21 investments would be from a co-operative banks, including clutch of different investors or if scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra the company was looking to bring Co-operative Bank, towards settlement of deposit insurance claim. Full report on When the RBI sacked the www.indianexpress.com

board of PMC Bank — with de-

it initially slapped a deposit withdrawal restriction of Rs 1,000 per account which was later increased to Rs 50,000. About 78 per cent of the depositors have since been allowed to withdraw their deposits within the withdrawal limit of Rs 50,000. While this limit was further enhanced to Rs 1 lakh in June last year, many depositors who have bigger amounts parked in the bank are still not able to get their money back.

The DICGC list also includes Kapol Co-operative Bank and Rupee Co-operative Bank, Out of the 21 banks, 11 banks are based in Maharashtra. Depositors of People's Co-Operative Bank, Kanpur, Hindu Co-Op. Bank, Pathankot and Deccan Urban Co-Operative Bank of Karnataka will also get up to Rs 5 lakh. The verification and settlement of the claims on submission by the banks in the list should be done within the next 45 days by DICGC.

duce its monthly bond purchases "soon" and signalled interest rate increases may follow more quickly than expected, with nine of 18 US central bank policymakers pro-US Federal Reserve chair jecting borrowing costs will need **Ierome Powell.** Reuters file to rise in 2022.

The central bank on Wednesday held its current target interest rate steady in a range of 0 per cent to 0.25 per cent.

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 22

THE US Federal Reserve on

Wednesday cleared the way to re-

REUTERS

cluded in the Fed's latest policy statement and separate economic projections, represent a hawkish tilt by a central bank that sees inflation running this year at 4.2 per cent, more than double its target rate, and is positioning itself to act against it. That action may proceed slowly, with interest rates seen rising to 1 per cent in 2023, faster than projected by the Fed in its projections in June, and then to 1.8 percent in 2024, which would still be considered a loose monetary policy stance.

Inflation throughout that time



would be allowed to run slightly above the Fed's 2 per cent target, consistent with its new, more tolincreases, while unemployment is seen falling back to around the pre-pandemic low of 3.5 per cent. Still, the shift shows movement among policymakers divided over whether the coronavirus pandemic's ongoing impact on the economy or the threat of breakout inflation constitutes the bigger risk.

US stocks extended gains after the release of the statement, with the S&P 500 index up 1.3 per cent in afternoon trade. The dollar reversed course and moved lower, while the yield on the US 10-year Treasury note was slightly lower.

slowed the recovery of some parts of the US economy, overall indicators "have continued to strengthen," the central bank's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee said in a unanimous statement. If that progress continues "broadly as expected, the Committee judges that a moderation in the pace of asset purchases may soon be warranted," it said. The statement had been

Though acknowledging the

new surge of the pandemic had

widely expected to signal that the Fed would soon begin winding down the \$120 billion in monthly hond nurchases it has h ing to blunt the economic impact of the pandemic. But it was in their broader economic outlook that Fed policymakers made a less anticipated change.

The outlook for inflation jumped 0.8 percentage point for 2021 and the unemployment rate seen at the end of this year rose. In turn, two officials brought forward into 2022 their projected timeline for slightly lifting the Fed's benchmark overnight interest rate from the current level, enough to raise the median projection to 0.3 per cent for next year.

BRIEFLY —

ADB on GDP New Delhi: The Asian

Development Bank (ADB) has lowered India's growth projections for the current financial year by a percentage point to 10 per cent.

IL&FSchairman New Delhi: The government

on Wednesday extended the term of Uday Kotak as nonexecutive chairman of IL&FS by another six months.

Banga to retire

Washington: Ajay Banga, Mastercard executive chairman, will retire at year-end.

APSEZ, GPL

New Delhi: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) on Wednesday said it has acquired Andhra Pradesh's 10.4 per cent stake in Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL) for Rs 644.78 crore.

Ford settlement

Chennai: Ford India was in the process of announcing a settlement package with the employees, a Tamil Nadu Minister said. PTI

RBI Guv pushes for 'big investment' in infra, health

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in a new partner on board.

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday batted for a big bush to infrastructure particularly in areas of health, education, low carbon and digital economy in addition to transport and communication for sustainable growth.

Das said sustainable growth should entail building on macro fundamentals via medium term investments, sound financial systems and structural reforms.

SINGAPORE/SHANGHAI, SEPT 22

CHINA EVERGRANDE agreed to

settle interest payments on a do-

mestic bond on Wednesday, while

the Chinese central bank injected

cash into the banking system,

soothing fears of imminent conta-

gion from the debt-laden property

Evergrande, Asia's biggest junk

REUTERS

developer.

push to investment in healthcare, education, innovation, physical and digital infrastructure will be required. We should also continue with further reforms in labour and product markets to encourage competition and dynamism and to benefit from pandemic induced opportunities," he said while addressing a meet organised by the All India

In addition, the warehousing and supply-chain infrastructure will be critical to bolster value addition and productivity in the

(AIMA)).

Management Association

tor, he said.

"As we recover, we must deal with the legacies of the crisis and create conditions for strong, inclusive and sustainable growth,"

"Limiting the damage that the crisis inflicted was just the first step; our endeavour should be to ensure durable and sustainable growth in the post-pandemic future," Das said. Restoring durability of private consumption, which has remained historically the mainstay of aggregate demand, will be crucial going forward.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 22

INDIA AND the UAE have launched formal trade negotiations aimed at concluding discussions on an early harvest agreement by December 2021 and sign a formal agreement in early 2022. The aim is to boost bilateral merchandise trade to above \$100 billion and services trade to \$15 billion in five years.

India is also aiming to sign free trade agreements with Australia, UK and the European Union in the near future. Early harvest agree-

ments are used to liberalise tariffs on the trade of certain goods between two countries or trading blocs before a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is con-

India, UAE look to sign 'early

harvest deal' by start of 2022

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi announced that formal negotiations for the India-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) would start on Thursday. Goyal said India would aim to get access for Indian textiles, gems and jewellery, footwear and handicrafts as part of the early harvest drawn up a very aggressive and ambitious timeframe, and aim to conclude negotiations by December 2021itself," said Goyal adding that both sides aimed to sign a formal agreement in early 2022 after the completion of internal procedures and necessary ratification processes. Goyal added that negotiations on the CEPA would continue post the signing

of the early harvest agreement. The UAE would focus on areas such as fintech, petrochemical equipment and byproducts in the early harvest agreement, Al

Facebook wraps up deals with Australian media cos

Sydney: Facebook Inc has told Australian publishers it has stopped negotiating licensing deals, an email to the industry seen by Reuters showed, a move which came just six months after the passing of a law designed to make tech giants pay for news content.

While Facebook has announced deals with most of the country's largest news outlets, some companies including TV broadcaster SBS and smaller publishers have been left out in the cold, raising questions about the scope and effectiveness of the ground-breaking law. Australia is the only country

with a law where the government may set the fees if negotiations between tech giants and news providers fail, but the rejected companies are left with little recourse for the time being. **REUTERS**

Yes Bank takes possession of part of agreement. "Both sides have **HDIL Towers**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

YES BANK Ltd has taken possession of the office premises of a subsidiary Development Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL) located at HDIL Towers in Bandra, Mumbai, according to an advertisement released by the bank in newspapers. The bank in its possession notice said Privilege Industries Ltd and its two guarantors HDIL and Power Privilege Infrastructure Pvt Ltd failed to repay a Rs 494 crore borrowed from the bank. The bank has taken possession of the third floor office of Privilege Industries measuring 7272 square ft at HDIL Towers. "The borrower in particular

and the public in general is cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Yes Bank for Rs 494.64 crore as on April 5 2021 together with further interest and other charges thereon with effect from April 6, 2021," said the notice.

Evergrande's headquarters, in Shenzhen, China. Reuters file fate has kept global stock and bond

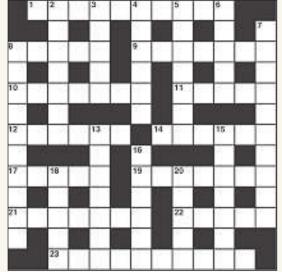
Evergrande debt deal calms contagion concern

bond issuer, is so entangled with China's broader economy that its markets on tenterhooks as late debt payments could trigger socalled cross-defaults.

People's Bank of China injected 90 billion yuan to the banking system, signalling support for markets as they braced for what is expected to be one of China's largest-ever debt restructurings. Evergrande is scrambling to avoid defaulting on a number of bonds with payments due this week and its main unit, Hengda Real Estate Group, said it had "resolved" one coupon payment due on Thursday on its Shenzhen-traded 5.8 per cent September 2025 bond, via

"private negotiations".

CROSSWORD 4542



- 1 One way of remembering?
- (6,4)8 Easily carried lamp
- (5) 9 Geraint turns out to be a
- thankless person(7) 10 Inferior tuft of horsehair
- 11 The hump in the middle of
- bridges (5) 12 Provide two servings of dry
- wine in a bit (6)
- 14 A swift turnaround is considered proper
- 17 Monastic practice
- 19 He escaped to become famous (7) 21 It's extremely small and free of
- charge (7)
- 22 A league match (5)
- 23 Excitement experienced by novice poker player

(5,5)

- 2 Converting heights into parts
- 3 Excel with an alfresco
- celebration (5)
 4 Outcry of those who join in the
- chase (6) 5 Regalia thrown out by republic
- 6 Animal from China for example?
- 7 Lacking inspiration he goes for
- a walk (10) 8 Not right in front having been
- forgotten? (4,6) 13 He may bring food from the
- terrace(7) 15 Sprites arise if disturbed
- 16 Agreeable question
- 18 Only pretend it's a headland
- 20 Customary order of a regular drinker(5)

Solutions Crossword 4541: Across: 1 Chumps, 4 Muscle, 9 Picture, 10 Claim, 11 Tot up, 12 Impetus, 13 Word picture, 18 Tripoli, 20 Outer, 22 Tails, 23 Asinine, 24 Canute, 25 Tsetse. Down: 1 Capote, 2 Uncut, 3 Plumped, 5 Uncap, 6 Coaster, 7 Enmesh, 8 Verisimilar, 14 Opinion, 15 Two bits, 16 Static, 17 Freeze, 19 Onset, 21 Taint

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson





SOLUTION SUDOKU 4602



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



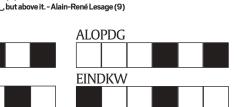




JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip

MTEEO CGULN



Answer: Doubt is not below **knowledge**, but above it. - Alain-René Lesage SOLUTION: EMOTE, CLUNG, LAPDOG, WINKED

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle. every digit from 1 to 9

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns. in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Financial news could

be better than you'd hoped for, and you may feel sufficiently enthused to team up with partners in a new venture. Push along with changes and make a $few \, needed \, improvements \, in \,$ your relationships. You'll be focusing on a new social goal.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Surprise news or events could add interest to social engagements, and if you're involved in light-hearted activities, you'll be given a welcome break from arduous

responsibilities. When you're dealing with money you may feel as if you should be saving, but in the meantime, it seems to be easier to spend.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Home and family

affairs are highlighted, and plans for a move could soon be under way. If you are able to side-step opposition from associates, this should be a day of co-operation. Also, try to be less secretive than usual and share ideas with friends.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Mundane and

routine affairs have taken up much of vour time, but there's plenty of scope for developing the more imaginative side of life. There's still no sign that partners are any more reliable than in the past. Still, you chose them. And that, perhaps, is the lesson you

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Unexpected

encounters could prove to be highly fortunate, and may give you something to think about financially. You'll have the right touch, and this could be a promising day for dealing with officialdom. You'll be able to make a bid for romantic happiness soon, but not until you've stopped relying on others

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

for emotional security



you would like. Short trips could take you to some unusual places. You will very soon be able to grapple with a romantic ambition and, if you're lucky, your feelings will be reciprocated - but give yourself an opt-out clause just in case.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Background activity

is important, and cash and career prospects could benefit from your typically discreet actions. Friendly contacts will help you along, but your own mood could turn serious as time progresses. And when that happens, your attitudes to close partners will also change.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Your prospects are bright, but you'll be occupied keeping abreast of chores, especially if partners don't see eye-to-eye. Make sure you don't waste your time running around after people who don't share your aspirations. The last thing

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Chase up any cash

you want to do now is waste more precious energy.

owing to you, and give time to longterm investments and securities. Your ideas on business will be good, but you could do with expert advice if you are to stay in the black. After all, you can't always be expected to take all the responsibility and the blame.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) If a business matter has been left in the

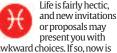
air recently you should now be able to tie up a few loose ends. A new social contact should be cultivated, as you are not yet sure from which source future assistance will be arriving. It could actually be an old friend who comes back into your life and fits the bill.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) If progress seems slow at work, try new tactics and go for the

friendly approach. Before long, there'll be opportunities to branch out in new emotional directions, so put down your foundations now. Part of the problem is that you are expecting too much to

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Life is fairly hectic,

happen too soon.



awkward choices. If so, now is the ideal time to sort out your priorities, deciding what is really important and setting aside much more time for relaxation On the other hand, as soon as you have had a short rest, you'll be off again.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अमियन्ता, केन्द्रीय मण्डार, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, जल भवन, 'बी' ब्लाक, नेहरु कालोनी, देहरादून त्रांक:-473 / ई-निविदा / 2021-22 <u>ई-निविदा सचना</u> उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय भण्डार, देहरादून द्वारा निम्ने कार्य हेतु ई–निविदा, टू–बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड ए गर्मिशियल बिड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

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Director of Agriculture. Assam Khanapara, Guwahati - 22

Fire in the belly

Delhi go atop as bowlers harry Hyderabad batsmen before Dhawan, Iyer and Pant complete 8-wicket win

SYNOPSIS: Sunrisers' talisman cuts sorry figure as Protea power sets up walk in the park for Delhi Capitals.

TUSHAR BHADURI

SEPTEMBER 22

ITWAS a clash between teams at the opposite ends of the table when the Indian Premier League (IPL) resumed, and from the first ball to last, the match played out accordingly.

Delhi Capitals played like a well-drilled unit and now have one foot in the playoffs with five games left after an eight-wicket stroll with more than two overs left. Sunrisers Hyderabad, on the other hand, cut a sorry figure. Devoid of enterprise, they looked like a team going through the motions with nothing to play for.

Talisman cuts sorry figure

David Warner hadn't played a competitive game since being summarily dropped from the playing XI and removed from captaincy. And the way he played the three balls from Anrich Nortie in the first over suggested he hadn't held the bat much in the interim. He was hurried with the express pace the South African generated, a slight for a batsman raised on fast and bouncy Australian pitches.

The first ball, at 148.7 km per hour, was at yorker length outside off-stump, and Warner was late on it. The next ball, at 145.5 kmph, targeted the off-stump and was pushed to cover.

The third one, bowled at 147 kmph, cramped the Australian for room - which has been his Achilles heel in recent times. Warner tentatively tried to turn it to leg, but a little bit of seam movement away from him resulted in a leading edge and a dolly catch to Axar Patel at point.

Warner, a talisman for Sunrisers, was a shadow of his dominating self during the first phase of the tournament in the Indian summer. Even when he did get a significant score, he was pretty slow in getting there and hurting the team's overall chances. It's anybody guess if he would have found his way back in the XI had his opening partner Jonny Bairstow been available.

Soon to turn 35, one wonders if Warner's best days are behind him or he is keeping his powder dry for the T20 World Cup and the Ashes. With just one win from eight games, Sunrisers can more or less write this season off. And with a mega auction scheduled next year, Warner's days with the franchise also seem numbered.

Protea power to the fore

Kagiso Rabada has fallen a bit off his proverbial perch of late. After being the leading wickettaker last season, the South African seemed rather subdued in India in April-May. It didn't help matters that he missed his partner-incrime Nortje in tandem for most of the stint. Back in the desert where he excelled in 2020, Rabada was expected to regain his intensity.

The start wasn't particularly auspicious. first ball being picked up by Wriddhiman Saha for a six behind square. But the South African got his act together, shifted his line to outside off-stump and bounced back with four dot balls. It forced Saha to take matters in his own hands but the wicketkeeper-batsman was woefully late on the pull shot to be caught at midwicket just outside the circle.

Rabada was not seen for the next five overs, but when he returned, he was on a hat-trick as he induced a leading edge off a delivery which cramped and got big on Manish Pandey for a caught-and-bowled dismissal.

His first two overs went for just 11 and with Sunrisers' top half gone, Rabada was expected to be miserly in the latter stages. But a no-ball and a few fortuitous slogs ruined his spell somewhat. But three wickets from one of the main bowlers - he dismissed Abdul Samad with a short ball after the batsman had slammed him for a boundary – is acceptable



Anrich Nortje's pace and bounce troubled SRH batsmen, including David Warner. iplt20.com

| POINTS TABLE | | | | | |
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| RCB | 8 | 5 | 3 | -0.706 | 10 |
| MI | 8 | 4 | 4 | -0.071 | 8 |
| RR | 8 | 4 | 4 | -0.154 | 8 |
| KKR | 8 | 3 | 5 | +0.110 | 6 |
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any day of the week In any case Nortie return ing figures of 2/12 meant Rabada never felt

Walk in the park

He is no longer in India's T20 plans, but there are few players better than Shikhar Dhawan at anchoring a modest-to-middling chase. Capitals need a stabilising influence with the shot-a-ball Prithvi Shaw at the other end. Dhawan staved true to his game – taking time to settle in before picking the bowlers and situations he wanted to target. The returning Shreyas Iyer was rusty to begin with but the task gave him enough opportunity to play himself in. With Rishabh Pant for company, Capitals got home with plenty to spare.

BRIEF SCORES: SRH 134 for 9 (Abdul Samad 28, Axar Patel 2/21, Kagiso Rabada 3/37, Anrich Nortje 2/12) lost to DC 139/2 in 17.5 overs (Shreyas Iyer 47 no, Shikhar Dhawan 42, Rishabh Pant 35 n.o.).

SRH's Natarajan positive; six others in isolation

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD pacer T Natarajan was placed in isolation after a second RT-PCR test on the player, ordered by the BCCI, also turned up positive for Covid-19.

The 30-year-old, though asymptomatic, had tested positive on Tuesday during the routine round of tests being conducted. However, The Indian Express understands that the BCCI decided on conducting a second test since the Board had previously experienced cases of players turning up with false positive results. The second test was conducted early morning on Wednesday. All players in the franchise were informed to iso-

Following Natarajan's positive result, six more members of the Hyderabad team have been put into isolation as close contacts.

As per a press release, all-rounder Vijay Shankar, team manager Vijay Kumar, physio Shyam Sundar J, doctor Anjana Vannan, logistics manager Tushar Khedkar, and net bowler Periyasamy Ganesan have been iden-

tified as the six close contacts. "The rest of the contingent including the close contacts underwent RT-PCR tests at 5 AM local time this morning and the test reports are negative," added the statement.

Despite the positive test, the BCCI decided that the Indian Premier League (IPL) fixture for Wednesday between the Hyderabadoutfit and Delhi Capitals will go ahead as per schedule in Dubai and those players that tested negative will be allowed to play.

However, the BCCI has informed all teams that players and support staff will



T Natarajan was tested twice, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

have to wear masks while travelling in the team bus for practice sessions. At the same time, the cricket body stressed the need for players and team management to follow social distancing everywhere

"We don't know how it happened and whether there was any breach? We are trying to find out but we have informed everyone to be cautious," a BCCI official said.

'The players are in a bio-secure bubble and Natarajan underwent six days of isolation here before joining the team. It's hard to tell from where he picked up the virus.'

Natarajan has picked up 20 IPL wickets from the 24 matches he has played. The IPL 2021 season resumed on Sunday after it had to be halted in May due to multiple Covid-19 cases emerged despite the bio-secure bubble put in place while the event was being staged in India earlier this year.

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Hulk's body goes into sulk again



Injuries have been part and parcel of Stoinis's career.iplt20.com

'Is Stonis injured?' is a google FAQ. The poor man went down again in IPL. He ambled in to bowl and just as he gathered himself at the crease, he went limp. "Calf problem" sighed the commentators. The man with a swaying walk and the wide drop-jaw smile has had his fair share of injuries to most constituents of his anatomy: side strains, calf issues, shoulder, ankle... you name it, he has had it.

In that sense, he unfortunately mir-

rors the superhero he gets his nickname from: The Hulk, Marvel Comics's Hulk has been devoured by mutant roaches, punched into space, transformed into stone, and had his skin telekinetically flayed off, as per nerdy listicles. Stoinis got the moniker because it was felt that he celebrates his wickets in the vein-bursting fashion of the angry superhero. Pity, that the iniuries too have tailed him, just like the comic avatar.

Grumpy Bhuvi

Bhuvneshwar Kumar was an unusually grumpy man. He usually flashes a warm, benign smile, a half-

smile at least, but here he was disturbed and agitated. Perhaps it was the run-up, which he re-

measured a couple of times or the ball not coming out of his hands as smoothly as it often does. Or the elusive rhythm. The swing metronome hardly found any lateral movement in his first over. His lines were awry, he strayed leg-side to Shikhar Dhawan and found the ball being picked from the square-leg fence.

He then could not latch onto a floaty, mistimed chip off Dhawan that eluded his stretched left palm by a couple of inches. Compounding his frustration, a lovely leg-cutter eluded Shreyas Iyer's outside edge. Two balls later, he found the edge of Iyer's bat, but the inside edge ricocheted onto his body and trickled to the keeper. By now, his grumpiness had de-

Distraught David

As the ball ballooned towards the fielder at cover-point, from the leading edge of his blade, David Warner paused, looked suspiciously at the pitch, cussed and cursed himself



lingered at the crease and rehearsed the back-foot defence. Rather than looking to defend an Andre Nortje lifter, a heavy ball off hard length that bounced sharply and seamed a fraction away from him, Warner tried to work it onto the leg-side for a getout-of-strike single. For, he had looked disturbingly shaky-

as he has been the entire year across formats. The first he'd have fleeced through cover in the past. But his heavy bat just stabbed muggy air. He grimaced. The second ball, on good length, was blunted to safety, tentatively. He heaved a sigh of relief. Not for long,

and he could only be content that his agony was not prolonged. A Goliath of T20 batting, he now needs to channel his in-

Charmed life of Cricket's Mr Charming

Has Kane Williamson ever been involved in as bizarre a knock as the one on Wednesday night? Particularly the phase of five balls in the end where he gave three chances. First reprieve came off R Ashwin's carrom ball, wide of the crease. Williamson lunged at it to have a poke but Rishabh Pant was more intent in trying to stump - though Williamson's back foot was planted inside the crease - and clanged the regulation catch. Few balls later, Williamson drove Axar Patel straight to cover where Prithvi Shaw dropped a sitter. Next ball, Williamson holed out. Even the end was bizarre. He stepped down the track and never quite reached the pitch of the ball but nevertheless went through with it. The bottom hand came off the bat as he went for



a one-handed scoop to long-off to end his own misery. Quite un-Williamson

How Tyagi achieved the impossible with wide yorkers in last over

SANDIPG SEPTEMBER 22

The conventional yorker is a low-flung delivery spearing into the base of the off-stump. But with post-modern 360 degree pyro-

technicians on the prowl, yorkers have gone wider and wider from the off-stump in the shortest format, reaping considerable success, as did Rajasthan Royals' pacer Kartik Tyagi in his last-over heist for ages. The method has risks, among others requires a high degree of accuracy and pace, but is gaining in currency at the death.

How did Kartik Tyagi execute the wide

It's not like each of his six balls landed at the exact same spot, or were wide yorkers. The first ball was a low full toss outside the offstump. The second landed on the fuller side of the good-length band. The fifth was a wide, full ball that shaped away a hint, which Deepak Hooda edged behind. Only his third, fourth and sixth balls could be categorised as wide yorkers, or rather yorkers away from the stumps. The third was pitched on the fifth-sixth stump line angling across the leftie, which Nicholas Pooran tried to stretch his bat and glide it past the keeper, but played it so far away from his body that he had little control. The fourth was the classical wide

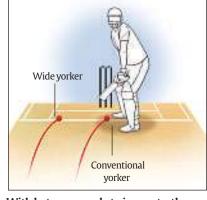
> yorker, so far and wide that it almost hugged the tramline. Deepak Hooda was expecting the same the next ball, and hence premeditated to flav him over cover. But Tyagi, while maintaining

the line, pulled the length back a fraction and foxed him. The last ball, careful not to concede an unnecessary wide, he dragged the yorker closer to the

stumps, in the fifth-sixth stump channel. So it's not just blindly bowling wide vorkers that reaped his success, but subtly changing his line, and on a couple of instances, his

What is the idea behind a wide yorker?

The prime motive is to make batsmen reach for the ball. The wide line automatically means, he is stretching for the ball (unless he is preempting and has already made up his



With batsmen ready to innovate, the wide yorker is a high-risk ball but if bowled in the 140s and at the right length, it can curtail runs scoring.

his hands at it, playing so far away from the body that his balance goes off-kilter. It's difficult to get under the ball and

carve or cream it. It's difficult to get both

power and precision, unless a batsman has

mind to move across), usually just throwing

really fast hands. It limits the scoring areas (leg-side is out of bounds) as well as the scoring shots. There are only a few shots one could pull off – the steer, dab behind square, the crunch,

Or the reverse sweep,

Kartik Tyagi smother through covers.

which requires premeditation and accompanies a greater margin for error even at the best of times. It works on the principle that batsmen need room, but not too much room that could destabilise their balance and stability.

What is the fundamental (and philosophical) difference between a conventional and wide yorker?

The conventional yorker was primarily designed as a wicket-taking, wrecker-ball, across formats. Fast, furious, tailing in wickedly, sometimes reverse-swing accentuated, battering toes and bat if those intervened. Usually stars in lower-order detonation in Tests and at the death in ODIs, though some of its finest mainstream batsmen across formats. Conversely, the wide yorker is a run-denying, restrictive ploy, confined largely to T20s. Some traditionalists even call it a nega-

dealers have used it with great success against

tive ploy, equating it to the round-thestumps leg-side tactic against right-handed batsmen. The fields are similar. In the latter instance, the leg-side is stacked with fielders; with wide yorkers, the off-side is invariably packed.

What are the virtues a bowler needs?

Pace is paramount, perhaps more than the conventional version, where even mediumpacers could compensate for their lack of pace with accuracy and precision. Good batsmen could still harness pace to suit them, but lack of pace gives batsmen more time, and consequently, alternatives. And a batsman, when reaching out, could get more control over his shots when he is looking to play straight than square. Mixing the lines, too, is necessary, as batsmen could easily anticipate the delivery and set themselves up for it.

What are the risk factors?

New Delhi

As the ball flirts with the tramline, there lurks

the danger of a wide being called. So many yorkers, unsurprisingly, end up as extras on the scoresheet. But then, there is a perception that in T20s, or at the death in ODISs, it is better to risk a wide than miss the length and get struck for a six. Bit more closer to the body, batsmen could guide it past the keeper. Messing up with lengths, though, pose more risk than missing lines. A bit fuller, batsmen with quick feet could shuffle across and pick his spots.

If the bowler errs on the shorter side, a good batsman could drag the ball onto the leg-side, where even if he edges, chances are that it could fall safely, as there are fewer fielders. A bit slower than 140kph, he gets ample time to free his arms and swing the blade.

Are wide yorkers gaining in currency?

The variation predates the T20 era, but has always been an outlier. But of late, it has gained more popularity and acceptability. In the last two editions, bowlers have been using it frequently. Andre Russell is perhaps the finest example; so has been Kyle Jamieson.

Lasith Malinga was the high priest, and he, alongside Nuwan Kulasekara, had choked India with wide yorkers at the backend of the 2014 World T20 final.

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'Batsman' is now 'batter', will 'third man' be 'third'?

'Batsman' has been amended to 'batter' in laws of cricket by the MCC. The change comes after usage of gender-neutral terms like the 'third' and 'nightwatch' in broadcast.

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the body in London that upholds the laws of cricket, has officially introduced a change in the sport's terminology. Effective immediately, according to a statement on Wednesday, the term 'batsman' and/or 'batsmen' will officially be replaced by the gender-neutral term 'batter.' The terms 'batsman/batsmen' has been in use since 1744 according to The Times. However, the change has been implemented to make the sport gender-inclusive and more welcoming to women players.

THE LAWMAKERS' TAKE In a statement on its website, the MCC said: "At the time of the last redraft in 2017 it was agreed, following consultation with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and key figures within women's cricket, that the terminology would remain as 'batsman' and 'batsmen' within the Laws of the game. The changes announced today reflect the wider usage of the terms 'batter' and 'batters' which has occurred in cricketing circles in the intervening period. The move to 'batter' is a natural progression, aligning with the terms of bowlers and fielders that

Additionally, assistant secretary for cricket and operations at the MCC lamie Cox claimed that the change was introduced keeping in mind the growth of women's cricket in the past few years.

already sit within the Laws."

"The use of the term 'batter' is a natural evolution in our shared cricketing language and the terminology has already been adopted by many of those involved in the sport," he said in a statement. "It is the right time for this adjustment to be recognised formally and we are delighted, as the guardians of the laws, to announce these changes today."

TESTING GROUND AT THE HUNDRED At

the inaugural season of 'The Hundred' in England (a women and men's 100-ball per innings tournament) this July, genderneutral terms had been tried during coverage. The term 'batter' had been used commonly across the men's and women's competitions. Additionally, the fielding position 'third man' had been referred to simply as 'third.'

In an earlier Test involving the English women's team, the term 'nightwatchman' had also been referred to as 'nightwatch' by broadcasters. News reports by organisations like the BBC and Sky had also



English cricketer Alexandra Hartley tweeted that she uses the terms 'Third/Short Third' and 'Deep Third' instead of the third man position. File

'BATTER' THE ONLY CHANGE Though other terms had been used by broadcasters and news agencies, 'batter' is the only change that has been implemented by the MCC at the moment. "The fielding position 'third man,' along with other cricketing terms like 'nightwatchman' and '12th Man' is not included in the Laws, and so any changes to such terms are outside of MCC's controls as Guardians of the Laws," read a message the MCC had posted on their Twitter handle. Meanwhile, 2017 women's World Cup winner Alexandra Hartley explained on Twitter that she "personally (called) them 'Third/Short Third' and 'Deep Third" instead of the third man position. She also Tweeted that she "called them 'Nightwatcher' at the start of the summer."

RISE OF WOMEN'S CRICKET The MCC, in its statement, cited the increase in spectatorship of women's matches as a clear indication of the "unprecedented growth" women's cricket has experienced these past few years.

The 2017 World Cup final in England, in which the hosts beat India, was played in front of a capacity crowd at Lord's, with around 24 thousand spectators turning up for the match. Shortly before the Covid-19 outbreak last year, 86,174 spectators turned up at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to watch the women's T20 World Cup final between India and eventual champions Australia. This match set a new record for most spectators at a T20 World Cup final (men or women), breaking the previous 66 thousand record set at the 2016 men's final between West Indies and England at Eden

SHAHID JUDGE

News of mother's death kept from boxer during nat'l title run

Haryana boxer Akash's mother passed away day before the tournament

GAURAV BHATT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

HARYANA BOXER Akash Kumar won the national title on Tuesday afternoon in Bellary, earning himself a berth at the World Championship next month. All through his long journey home — the six-hour ride from Bellary to Bangalore, the morning flight to Delhi, the metro to Bahadurgarh and the cab to his village Paluwas in Bhiwani - the 20year-old had just one thought on his mind: "I will place this gold medal at my mother's feet.'

Little did he know that his mother had passed away on September 14, a day before the tournament kicked off.

'Yesterday evening, I was showing off the medal at the ceremony. I was celebrating, hoping the medal will put her in good spirits,' Akash says of his mother Santosh, who died of a lung infection after contracting a viral fever earlier this month. "I reached home around 2 pm today and all the relatives were there. Nobody said anything. They just showed me the photo of my mother. I don't know how to process this. The last time we spoke, she made me promise that I will bring the gold medal home.'

While the Services boxer was taking down favourites in the 54-kg category at the weeklong national championships, his uncle Bhawar Singh and coach Narender Rana were battling emotions, keeping the news from him.

Bhawar was heartbroken after Akash's bittersweet triumph on Tuesday. "There was always this fear that he would ask me why I didn't inform him," Bhawar told The Indian Express a day before Akash's arrival. "Before Akash left, his mother told him, 'I am here at a private hospital. Our relatives are with me. There is no need to worry. You go and win'. The son fulfilled the promise. Par paramatma ne saath nahi diya (God didn't help), she couldn't celebrate with her son."

Akash, though, understands why he wasn't told. "I know they kept it to themselves for my own good. I would have left the tournament midway. The run that I had, the top boxers that I defeated this week... I assure you, now I understand that it was all because my mother was in my corner.'

Bhawar had discussed the situation with services coach Rana, who held up his end of

"We decided that we wouldn't tell him... seene pe patthar rakh ke (with a heavy heart)," says Rana. "There were posts about his Akash Kumar became the 54kg national champion on Tuesday. After learning about

his mother's death, the Haryana boxer said, "I won because she was in my corner". BFI

mother's death on Facebook. So I took his and the rest of the team's phones so he couldn't find out. I told him, 'You need to stay focussed on the ring'. During training sessions, my eyes would well up but I couldn't let him figure out that something was wrong. After each win, my hug was a little bit longer than usual."

Akash did manage to call home once, using a fellow competitor's phone.

'I asked uncle about my mother and he said, "She's not doing too well. But it's okay. You focus on the bouts." At stake was the national title and a berth

to the World Championships, a huge breakthrough after a struggle-filled journey.

Tough journey

Akash's father Rajbir was a state-level wrestler who regularly took his two sons to the akhara. But after a certain Vijender Singh from neighbouring village Kaluwas won India's first boxing medal at the Olympics in 2008, Rajbir enrolled his sons into a boxing academy, and passed away later that year.

Akash's elder brother Suraj was a promising talent, winning the sub-junior national championship in 2012 and multiple medals for Haryana. But he is currently in jail in connection with a murder case.

"His friend invited him somewhere and there was a scuffle... All we know is he strayed

off the path," says Bhawar, who had been taking care of the two boys since brother Raibir's death. "Akash learned a lot from the episode. The whole village is proud of him and loves his reserved nature.'

"Buri sangat (bad company)," Akash sums up his brother's struggles. "But that made me realise that our family could not afford more ordeals. I had to live up to the expectations.'

Last January, Akash won the Under-21 gold medal at the Khelo India Youth Games in Guwahati. He has been training at the Army Sports Institute in Pune under Rana and other coaches, and has been earmarked as the next big thing in the sport due to his aggressive style the dash of swagger, long combinations and unrelenting pressure.

"Akash was by far the fittest boxer in the whole competition and beat tough opponents," says Rana. "Each time he won, I would break down but my coaches would shush me up... Trust me, you will be hearing Akash's name a lot in the future.'

Up next is the World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia next month.

"It has been a quick turnaround, I could have never expected that I would be representing my nation all of a sudden," says Akash. "But I will do justice to my talent at the World's next month. And I know my mother will watch over me there as well."

Pak says threat to NZ players originated in India

REUTERS

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 22

PAKISTAN HAS accused an unnamed individual in India of sending threatening emails that caused New Zealand to abandon its cricket tour in the country. New Zealand scrapped its tour to Pakistan moments hefore the start of the first one-day international in Rawalpindi last Friday, citing a specific threat to its cricket team. New Zealand did not share the details of the threat with

'The email was sent from an associated device in India using VPN, showing IP address location of Singapore," Pakistan information minister Fawad Chaudhry said Wednesday. The England and Wales Cricket Board followed New Zealand on Monday by canceling both its men's and women's cricket tours to Pakistan next month.

Chaudhry claimed that New Zealand received threatening emails before it arrived in Pakistan on Sept. 11, including an email sent to the wife of Martin Guptill in which the opening batsman received a death threat.

The information minister said Pakistan's initial investigations revealed that the device from which an email to Guptill's wife was sent was also registered in India.

Chaudhry said Pakistan will seek help from the INTERPOL to probe the matter. "We believe this is a campaign against international cricket," Chaudhry said.

The British High Commissioner in Pakistan wrote on Twitter that he had not advised against the tour on security grounds and that the ECB took the decision on its own.

"The British High Commission supported the tour; did not advise against it on security grounds; and our travel advice for Pakistan has not changed," Christian Turner said. "This was a decision made by the ECB, which is independent of the British government based on concerns for players wel-

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Russia a real chance for Hamilton to secure 100th win

than third on the grid, however.

ings while Red Bull are 18 be-

hind Mercedes, was second in

petitive this year and we have a

better package at the moment

so it will be interesting to see

how competitive we can be

there this year," said Verstappen.

pletely different to Monza and

it looks like there might be some

rain this weekend... I'm defi-

nitely looking forward to going

back there and seeing what we

ideal but nothing is lost, that's

led teammate Lando Norris in a

one-two finish at Monza but

Sochi was McLaren's only non-

scoring race of the 2020 cam-

paign. They will also be hoping

past performance is no guide to

current form, with both drivers

fired up by the team's first win

since 2012 and first one-two

Ferrari, fighting McLaren for third place, will also be in the

reckoning for solid points with

Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz.

Leclerc will start Sunday's

race from the back of the grid

due to a change of power unit,

the Italian team said on

Wednesday. Ferrari said they

would be introducing an up-

dated hybrid system in Sochi,

mainly to gain experience with

gone into this, both technically

and logistically, and so as to be

able to use it as soon as possible,

its introduction will be stag-

gered between the drivers,'

have the new hybrid system.

This decision is a precautionary

measure relating to the poten-

tial risk of using the battery pack damaged in his Hungarian GP

"Charles will be the first to

Ferrari said.

accident.'

"A great deal of effort has

it for the 2022 car project.

Leclerc to start from

back of the grid

how I look at it."

since 2010.

"The penalty is of course not

McLaren's Daniel Ricciardo

"It will be of course com-

Sochi last year.

The Dutch driver, five points

ear of Hamilton in the stand-

"We have been more com-

REUTERS

LEWIS HAMILTON has every chance of celebrating a record-extending 100th Formula One victory on Sunday, but the seventime world champion can still take nothing for granted at Russia's Sochi circuit.

Hamilton's Mercedes team have won every race at the Olympic Park circuit since the first in 2014, the Briton triumphant in four of the seven and current teammate Valtteri Bottas in two including last year.

Past performance has not been the greatest of indicators this season, however, with Red Bull and championship leader Max Verstappen, 24 next week, pushing harder than ever in an increasingly intense title battle.

Verstappen's task is tougher this time due to a three place grid penalty imposed after he and Hamilton collided and retired at the Italian Grand Prix, with stewards ruling the Dutch youngster was mostly to blame. Hamilton has not won since

his home British Grand Prix at Silverstone in July but Sochi could bring him that 100th win at the fifth attempt. No other team, not even

Ferrari, have ever won the same race for seven years in a row, let alone eight, but Mercedes are still favourites.

"Lewis... is laser focused on what he needs to deliver in the next eight races," said team boss Toto Wolff ahead of the Black Sea resort's penultimate race before the Russian round moves to St Petersburg for 2023.

"As for Valtteri, he's driving better than ever... there's a calm determination about the team right now and the business end of a season, fighting for championships, is exactly what we enjoy the most."

While Red Bull have never been on pole in Sochi, a position only ever achieved by Mercedes and Ferrari drivers, Verstappen has started from the top slot in eight of 14 races so far including seven of the last eight.

None of his seven wins so far

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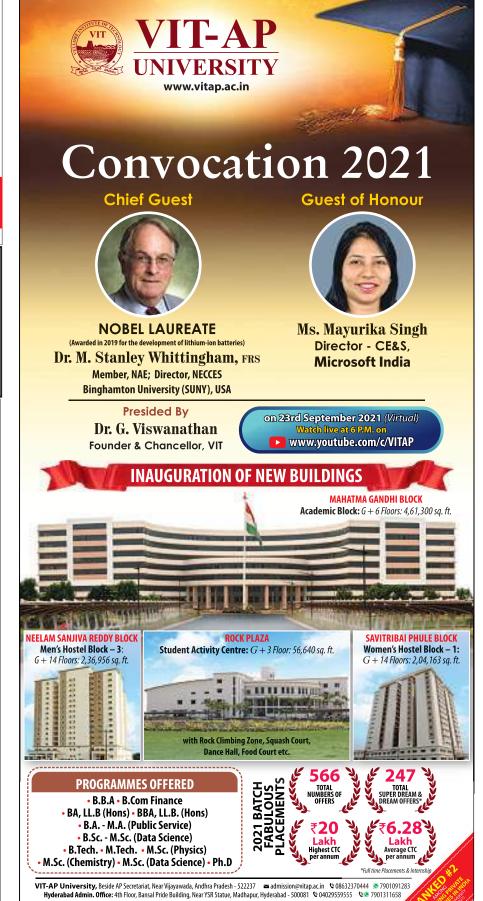
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