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SC says will set up own

Two dead as Assam eviction turns violent; CM orders probe, police claim self-defence

Photographer hired by dist admn held; 9 policemen injured, one critical, says DGP

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 23

CLASHES BROKE out in Sipajhar in Assam's Darrang district Thursday as thousands protested against the government's ongoing eviction drive against "illegal encroachers", leaving at least two people dead and several injured on both sides. In one video that surfaced on social media, a protester armed with a lathi was shot at from close quarters, and



A video grab shows the photographer jumping on protester

was later beaten up and jumped upon as he lay motionless on the

Special DGP G P Singh confirmed the civilian deaths, adding that nine policemen were injured. "One policeman is critical," he said. Darrang Superintendent of Police Susanta Biswa Sarma told The Indian Express that police "did what they had to do" in "self-de-

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Protester stomped on as police watch, DGP says will act if any violation

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 23

A MAN dressed in a vest runs out towards a police party holding aloft a lathi. The policemen in riot gear almost immediately open fire, and as the protester falls to the ground, keep raining batons on him. As a stain from a wound to his chest appears on his white vest, a man with a camera slung around his neck and a scarf half covering his face approaches him. Later identified



hired by the district administra-CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

as Bijoy Bania, a photographer tion to document the government eviction drive, he proceeds to jump on the protester, stomp on him, punch him — and return back to repeat the same — as

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23 THE SUPREME Court Thursday

expert panel to look

into Pegasus charges

Petitioners had objected to Centre offer to form committee

THE SUPREME Court or-

that the government had

committee of domain ex-

perts and, citing national

der is significant given

urged it to let it form a

security, said it would

submit an affidavit on

has it clarified so far if

Pegasus software was

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COURT IS WATCHING

SC move to set up a panel to

probe Pegasus is a vital and

welcome step. At stake are

basic liberties PAGE 8

bought or used by it.

the matter to it. Neither

ORDER BY NEXT WEEK: COURT

said it is constituting a committee of technical experts to look into allegations of unauthorised surveillance using the Pegasus software developed by Israeli firm NSO Group, and that an order in this regard might be out by next week The observation by Chief

Justice of India N V Ramana is significant given that the Centre had earlier submitted that it would set up an expert panel on its own to look into the allegations that phones of several people had been hacked into using the spyware, and had urged the court to allow this.

A three-judge Bench headed by the CJI had on September 13 reserved its order on a batch of petitions seeking a probe in the matter. On Thursday, CJI Ramana said the order was taking time as

some of the experts who the court had in mind to be part of the committee had declined to take the role citing personal diftussle ficulties.

"We will be able to finalise the members of the technical expert committee by next week and pronounce orders," the CJI told Senior Advocate C U Singh, one of the lawyers representing the petitioners.

The Centre has "unequivocally" denied all allegations regarding illegal surveillance. In a brief affidavit on August 15, it had told the Supreme Court that, nevertheless, "with a view to dispel any wrong narrative spread by certain vested interests and with an object of examining the issues raised", it would set up "a Committee of Experts in the field which will go into all aspects of the issue".

The petitioners however had pointed out that the Centre's affidavit did not disclose whether CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Govt to SC: No caste census, conscious policy decision

Not feasible... many operational difficulties: Social Justice Ministry

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

EFFECTIVELY RULING out a caste census in 2021, the Centre has told the Supreme Court that such an exercise "would not be feasible" and that "exclusion of information regarding any other caste", apart from SCs and STs. "from the purview of census is a conscious policy decision".

This was the key submission of the Ministry of Social Justice in an affidavit filed in the top court in response to a plea by the Maharashtra government seeking a direction to the Census Department to collect information on Backward Class of Citizens (BCC) in the 2021 enu-

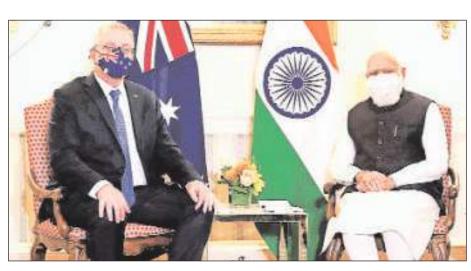
The Centre told the court that "a caste-wise enumeration in the Census has been given up as a matter of policy from 1951 onwards and thus castes other than

SCs and STs have not been enumerated in any of the Census since 1951 till today".

Its affidavit said that "while the preparation for the 1951 Census, the first after independence, was underway, the Government of India had decided on the policy of official discouragement of caste. It was decided that in general, no race/ caste/ tribe enquiries should be made and such enquiries should be restricted to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes notified by the President of India in pursuance of Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution".

The Centre's submission in the apex court comes at a time when it is facing demands for a caste census from Opposition parties, and even allies such as JD(U). On July 20, in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai had said:

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison in Washington DC on Thursday. PTI

PM meets Morrison ahead of Quad, talks to top CEOs about investments

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

A WEEK after Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison rang Prime Minister Narendra Modi to tell him about the Australia-UK-US (AUKUS) pact that was going to be announced, the two leaders met in Washington DC

office

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The meeting took place a day before the first-in-person Quad leaders' summit, which will be hosted by US President Joe

The official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi tweeted, "Another chapter in our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Australia!" He said Modi and Morrison

discussed "regional & global developments as well as ongoing bilateral cooperation in areas related to Covid-19, trade, defence, clean energy & more."

The Prime Minister's official handle tweeted, "Advancing friendship with Australia...They CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Month!



SUICIDE IN 30 DAYS OF INFECTION WILL **COUNT AS COVID DEATH: GOVT PAGE 6**

33 people, including two minors, rape 15-year-old in Thane for 8 months

VALLABHOZARKAR MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

A 15-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl has complained to police in Thane district that she was raped by 33 people including two minors at different places in Thane over the past eight months.

Police have arrested 24 vouths and detained the two minor boys.

"We have arrested a total of 26 people including two minors. Twenty-four of them were produced in a local court. Twentytwo of them were remanded in police custody until September 29, and the two minors were sent to a juvenile home." Sachin Gunjal, deputy commissioner of police (Zone 3), said.

Police are looking for the rest of the accused, Gunjal said. A special investigation team (SIT) headed by a woman officer of the rank of assistant commissioner of police has been constituted to probe the case.

> According to police, the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 3

In Bihar's water scheme, a tale of 2 wards: from dry taps to wide smiles





Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal in Jhakhra, Samastipur; a dry tap in Simri, Madhubani. Santosh Singh



SANTOSH SINGH SAMASTIPUR, MADHUBANI, SEPTEMBER 23

UNTIL TWO years ago, Kanchan Kumari used to stand in a queue outside her neighbour's borewell every morning, waiting to fill her quota of two buckets. It meant getting late often for college. Today, the Economics student has tap water at home, and is able to spend most of her time on her BA final-year exams.

About 90 km away, Ramesh Mishra and his neighbour Kanhai Chandra Mishra point to the rust-

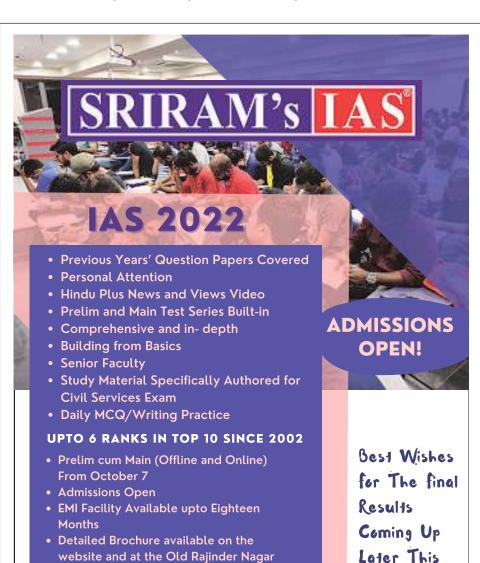


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tinged taps outside their homes and share a dry laugh. Four days after the taps were installed in April, the water supply stopped. And they are still waiting.

On one hand, the Bihar government's Har Ghar Nal Kal Jal scheme to provide drinking water to 1.08 lakh panchayat wards is a success, 95% complete in five years and changing lives for the

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'Raj Kapoor told me to say Prem naam hai mera, Prem Chopra'

EXPRESS AUDIO

Quad and the AUKUS pact, chargesheet in 9-year-old Dalit girl's murder, and Myanmar

In this episode, we talk about the upcoming Quad summit and the AUKUS pact. We also talk about the chargesheet in the case of the murder and rape of a 9-year-old in Delhi

"We completed the scheme in

March 2021, and today have tap

water in all 200 homes of the

ward. Water is supplied three

times a day...for two hours in each

shift," says Rajkumar Singh, pan-

face of this ward. We used to fight

for water till recently but the

scheme has brought peace...and

the happiest lot are the women,"

says Shivshanker Mahto, the

two-three hours in a queue for

water. I would leave home early

to be among the first in the queue.

We were completely dependent

on a few neighbours to get water

from their submersible pumps.

They did not charge us but it never

felt good to stand in a queue out-

side their homes," says Anju Devi,

queues with some of us carrying

our children," says Sweeti Kumari,

candidate who finished second in

Sarairanjan in the 2020 Assembly

polls: "In areas like this with a re-

ceding water table, the Nal Jal

scheme is the only solution. Now,

a common water tank with taps

Simri, meanwhile, Ramesh

Mishra asks his neighbour Kanhai

Chandra Mishra: "Do you get tap

water?" The sarcasm-tinged re-

farmer Gopal Mishra is seething

with anger. "I gave a portion of my

land for building a tower for the

water tanks. But the contractor

has not yet provided an electric-

ity connection for the motor," he

says, pointing to the "zero" on the

When contacted, Pradeep

umar the PHFD executive engi-

neer in Madhubani, said: "I have

joined here recently. I have not re-

ceived any complaint about the

scheme not working in Simri.

Now that it has been brought to

our notice, we will take action

against the contractor and try to

resume water supply." The con-

tractor, Sunil Kumar Jha, was not

this ward has a population of

about 1.000 and 270 Har Ghar Nal

Ka Jal connections. "Most of the

taps have rusted by now," says

Ramesh Mishra, turning the tap

outside his home. "See, it is dry."

According to local residents,

available for comment.

At one corner of the village.

sponse: "When?"

electricity meter.

At ward No.5 in Madhubani's

at every door feels like a luxury."

"I can never forget those long

Says Ranjeet Nirguni, the BJP

"We used to spend at least

"The scheme has changed the

chayat ward member.

borewell operator.

a Jhakhra resident.

Devi's neighbour.

FROM PAGE ONE

Police watching

some policemen try to stop him. By the time Bania is done, the protester has stopped moving. Late on Thursday, DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta said Bania had been arrested, and his case handed over to the CID. Until midnight, police were yet to confirm the identity of the protester or his condition.

Asked what action would be taken against the policemen in the video, Assam Special DGP G P Singh said: "Wherever there were violations of SOPs and protocols, police will take action." He added, "The only thing I can say is that having seen the video, we will take action against him (Bania)... no questions asked."

A top police official claimed the victim in the video had attacked two policemen just earlier -- one among them critically injured and now at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital.

The video that first surfaced on social media, and was confirmed by Singh as of the eviction drive at Dholpur 3 Thursday, begins with police officers shooting into a bush in which some protesters appear to be hiding. It's then that the protester with a lathi rushes at them. When police step away, Bania moves in.

Announcing his arrest, DGP Mahanta tweeted, "Currently in Sipajhar, taking stock of the ground situation. The cameraman who was seen attacking an injured man in a viral video has been arrested." He added that the case has been handed over to the CID "as per the wishes of" Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, and Bania was in CID cus-

Mahanta told The Indian Express that Bania, a local from Darrang district who is in his early 30s, had been hired by the district administration, "When the shocking video reached me, we immediately ordered his arrest," he said.

Repeated calls to Darrang DC Prabhati Thaosen went unanswered. Darrang SP Susanta Biswa Sarma said: "Who did what... that is under process. I have not seen the video myself.'

Sharing the video, AIUDF MLA Ashraful Hussain tweeted. "Terror Force of fascist, communal & bigoted Govt shooting at its own citizens. Also, who is the person with camera? Someone from our 'Great Media' orgs? The appeal of these villagers, against eviction, is pending in the High Court. Couldn't the Govt wait till court order?"

'No caste census'

"The Government of India has decided as a matter of policy not to enumerate caste-wise populations other than SCs and STs in the census.'

In the Supreme Court, the Centre referred to feasibility and said that "population Census is not the ideal instrument for collection of details on caste". It said that "the operational difficulties are so many that there is a grave danger that basic integrity of Census data may be compromised and the fundamental pop-

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ulation could itself get distorted". The Government said that unlike the SC and ST list, which are exclusively Central subjects, there are multiple state and union terri-

tory lists of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). In some states, orphans and destitutes are included as OBCs, it said. In some other cases, SCs converted to Christianity are listed as OBC -- it would require the enumerator to check both OBC and SC lists, which is beyond their capacity, the affidavit said.

The Centre said that while there are 2.479 OBCs in the country as per its list, the numbers as per state and union territory lists is 3,150. "...in case, a question of OBCs is canvassed, it will return names of hundreds of thousands of castes, sub-castes. And it might be difficult to correctly classify such unspecified returns," it said.

Pointing to other problems that may arise due to phonetic similarity in caste names, the use of "gotra", etc., the Government said that "collection of data in respect of backward classes in the upcoming Census will pose serious challenge to the enumerators" who have been mostly drawn from a pool of schoolteachers "who do not have means to verify the authenticity of information...".
It also said that "since Castes/

SEBCs/ BCs/ OBCs have become an integral part of politics, motivated returns through organised and surreptitious means cannot be ruled out" and that "such motivated returns can seriously influence the Census results and even put the Census process in jeopardy".

Besides, it said, the phases of the 2021 exercise "have been finalised after detailed discussions" and almost all preparatory work is in place, and "census questions have been finalised after pre-test in the field during August-September, 2019".

It said census preparations start 3-4 years in advance and the Central Government issued the requisite notification on January 7, 2020 on the questions to be asked -- 31 in total -- and "inclusion of any additional question in the consensus schedule at this

The Centre pointed out that many high courts and the Supreme Court had in the past rejected demands for a caste-wise

In 2010, the Madras High Court had asked the Census Department to conduct a caste census, but the Supreme Court had on appeal found this "wholly unsustainable" and held that the High Court's action was "a colossal transgression of power of judicial review".

The Maharashtra government had also urged the court to direct the release of OBC data collected by the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011. But the Centre told the apex court that SECC 2021 was not an OBC sur-

Pointing to "technical flaws' in data collection, it said the exercise had thrown up 46 lakh differ-

ent castes -- and that "the total numbers cannot be exponentially high to this extent". The Centre

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SC says will set up own expert panel to look into Pegasus charges

it had purchased or used Pegasus or not.

Following this, the Court had sought to know if the government planned to file any additional affidavit. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appearing for the Centre had then told the Bench that the issue was fraught with 'questions of national security'', and hence it did not want to put details in a public affidavit to be filed in court and make it a matter of public debate. It had, however, offered to have the issue examined by a committee of domain experts, who would submit their report to the Court. The Solicitor General had requested the Court to allow it to set up such a panel, but this was objected to by the petitioners.

Reserving its order, the Supreme Court had said: "We are... not interested in any manner or in any way to know the issues which are concerned about security or defence or any other national interest issue. We are only concerned, in the face of allegations that some software was used against some particular citizens, journalists, lawyers etc, to know whether this software has been used by the government, by any method other than permissible under the

The Pegasus controversy had broken following media reports of alleged illegal use of the software to tap the phones of some activists, journalists and politicians. Subsequently, several petitions were filed in the Supreme Court seeking an inquiry into the charges.

Two dead as Assam eviction turns violent; CM orders probe, says drive will continue

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has instituted an inquiry into the circumstances that led to the deaths and injuries, led by a retired judge of the Gauhati High Court. Late Thursday evening, the man who jumped on the protester as he lay injured, identified as a photographer employed with the district administration, was

Speaking to the press Thursday afternoon, before the violence took a turn for the worse, the CM said police have been given the "responsibility to carry out an eviction and free up the land". "They will do their duty. As per information with me, people attacked police using sticks, daos etc. The eviction will go as per plan till 4 pm."The Darrang SP incidentally is Sarma's brother.

While the CM also said the drive will continue into Friday. police said they had no plans for the same till Thursday night.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted: "Assam is on state-sponsored fire. I stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the state -- no children of India deserve this."

The drive followed Monday's eviction of 800 families in Dholpur 1 and Dholpur 3 villages of Sipajhar, who were said to have been occupying about 4,500 bighas of land. The Opposition had accused the government of going ahead with the drive despite not hav-

said that an analysis of the data

showed "that the caste enumera-

tion...was fraught with mistakes

and inaccuracies" and "is not reli-

victim became friends with

one of the accused minors on

social media. He allegedly

assaulted her sexually in

January, and recorded the act

blackmail the girl, who was

then forced to meet with the

other accused, who raped her

on multiple occasions at

various locations, police said.

The alleged crime came to

light recently after an aunt of

the victim felt her personality

had changed, and suspected

she was under duress. Upon

being prodded, the victim

narrated her ordeal, police said.

the family consulted a social

worker in their area, who

advised them to try to catch

the men who were exploiting

girl called one of the accused to

Wednesday, and got into a

vehicle. The family followed in

an autorickshaw. However, the

auto broke down after

travelling some distance. It was

Nudged by her family, the

particular spot on

the girl red-handed.

According to police officials,

This video was used to

Gangrape

on his mobile phone.

ing a "proper rehabilitation

On Thursday, thousands of locals protesting against the eviction, in an area largely inhabited by Bengali-speaking Muslims like Monday's drive, clashed with police. According to the authorities,

the violence began around 12.30 pm. "We had gone to carry out the eviction in the morning. While it went according to plan in the first three zones, we faced some resistance in the last zone," said SP Sarma. "In the first instance, we managed to control it. But after that, they started attacking us with stones, baahor jung (pointed edges of bamboo). One policeman was critically injured in the head." Speaking on the condition

anonymity, a top Assam Police officer said that in the beginning most people had agreed to go to the allotted land without any resistance. "However, we feel some 'outside elements' got involved... They are the ones who gave it a violent colour. Drone images with us show this was a planned resistance and it was

Ainuddin Ahmed, a resident of Mangaldai, close to Sipaihar. and a member of the All Assam Minority Students' Union (AAMSU), said several residents of Dholpur 3 got eviction notices on Wednesday night, between 10 pm and midnight.

then that the family called

The girl had managed to

send her GPS location to her

family, and police used it to

locate her. They rescued the

girl, and arrested the two men

who were with her. However,

the girl had by then been

medical examination. They

registered an FIR, recorded her

statement, and started

rounding up the other accused.

by the girl are in the age group

of 16-23 years. She has said

that she was first assaulted on

January 29, according to the FIR

registered on Wednesday

The FIR has been registered

under Sections 376 (rape), 376

(n) (repeated rape), 376 (d)

(gangrape), and 376 (3) (rape

on a woman under sixteen

years of age) of the Indian

Penal Code, and provisions of

 $the\, Protection\, of\, Children\, from$

Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act,

minister of Thane district who

is also the state urban

development minister, said he

has asked the Thane police

commissioner to take strict

action against all the accused.

Eknath Shinde, guardian

police said.

All the 33 accused named

Police sent the girl for a

sexually assaulted again.

police.

"They were asked to clear out by 6 am the next day," he said, adding that those served the notices have a case pending against the eviction in the Gauhati High Court.

In August end, 200 families from Dholpur 3 had moved the High Court against being the eviction. In response, the government had filed an affidavit saying the settlers were on government land. The evictions Thursday came even as the petitioners were vet to file a reply. "Propriety demands that they should wait for the final outcome of the case," said Santanu Borthakur, an advocate representing the families.

On Thursday morning, Ahmed said, thousands, including AAMSU members, formed a human chain to stop the eviction. "It was a peaceful protest. and we held a discussion with the administration. We told them that the rehabilitation plans were not sufficient, the place they had directed the locals to was especially low-lying, and flood prone. We also asked for provisions for latrines. They agreed," said Ahmed.

He claimed that after that, things were "peaceful". "Later, as people were trying to dismantle their homes themselves and take away parts such as tin sheds, the authorities started razing them with JCBs. All they (the locals) wanted to do was take along parts of their home so they could rebuild it," Ahmed

said. He claimed that is when the clashes began.

The evictions in Sipajhar follow a promise made by CM Sarma during a visit to the area in June. After Monday's drive, he had tweeted that he was "happy" and had complimented the district administration and police for "clearing 4,500 bighas, evicting 800 households, demolishing 4 illegal religious structures and a Darrang". One of the BJP's poll prom-

ises in the May Assembly elections was to free government lands from "encroachers", and allot them to "indigenous landless people". Similar drives evicted 70 families in Hojai's Lanka and 25 families in Sonitpur's Jamugurihat in June. In Sipaihar, the government plans to implement a multicrore 'Garukhuti Project', under which freed-up land is to be used for afforestation and agriculture activities, involving indigenous youth.

"illegal encroachers" here.

of the Mangaldoi Lok Sabha seat, from where the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) had launched its anti-infiltration movement of 1979-85.

private instn at Sipajhar,

Sipajhar had earlier seen similar drives in December 2016 and November 2017, with organisations such as the "antiimmigrant" Prabhajan Virodhi Manch highlighting the issue of

The area incidentally is part

PM-Morrison

discussed a wide range of subjects aimed at deepening economic and people-to-people linkages between India and Australia."

The Prime Minister will meet with US Vice President Kamala Harris and Japan's outgoing PM Yoshihide Suga in the early hours of Friday, India time.

On Friday evening 8.30 pm IST 11 am in Washington DC — Modi will meet President Biden at the White House, which will be followed by the Quad leaders' summit.

Besides Indo-Pacific strategy, the leaders are expected to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, Covid vaccines, resilient global supply chains, climate change, and new and emerging technolo-

A pact or framework on global supply chains — with an eye on China – is expected to be adopted by the Quad leaders after the high-profile summit.

This will be the signature event of the visit, which is expected to take place at 11.30 pm India time on Friday.

The Quad summit is taking place within days of the US, UK, and Australia signing a new trilateral security alliance for the Indo-Pacific in an attempt to counter China's growing as-

sertiveness in the region. Unveiling the ambitious security initiative. President Biden. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and Australian Prime Minister Scott

Morrison had said in a joint statement that the pact would promote stability in the Indo Pacific, and support their shared values and interests.

The pact, named AUKUS (Australia, UK, US), will help Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines to counter China's growing power in the strategically vital region. India has said that Quad and

AUKUS are "not groupings of a similar nature", and since India is not a party to AUKUS, it is neither relevant nor will it have any impact on the Quad. The Modi-Biden meeting will

be their first in-person meeting

since Biden assumed office in January this year, although they have spoken thrice since November, and participated in virtual summits thrice. Earlier on Thursday, Prime Minister Modi began his US visit with a series of meetings with top

executives of Qualcomm, Adobe, First Solar, General Atomics and Blackstone. He discussed investment opportunities in India's electronics and telecommunications sectors with Cristiano Amon, CEO of Qualcomm. This included the re-

cently launched Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM), as well as developments in the semiconductor supply chain in India. "Strategies for building the lo-

cal innovation ecosystem in India were also discussed," an MEA statement said. Sources said Amon expressed

enthusiasm about working with India on ambitious digital transformation programmes including in 5G and PM-WANI, among oth-"It's the right time for India to

not only manufacture for the Indian market but also plan to serve the needs of other countries", he is learnt to have said. Amon also expressed interest

in partnering with India in the field of semiconductors. Sources said the Prime Minister assured him that India will proactively work on the proposals made by Qualcomm. At his meeting with Shantanu

Narayen, president and CEO of

Adobe, the PM discussed the

company's ongoing collaboration and future investment plans in "Discussions also focused on India's flagship programme Digital India, and use of emerging

technologies in sectors like health.

education and R&D," the MEA

statement said. The Adobe CEO expressed interest in contributing to the celebration of India's 75th anniversary of independence. He expressed desire to bring video animation to

every child in India, sources said. Modi said that bringing smart education to every child is important, and that makes technology very important. He said that in the Covid era, the ground for digital education has been laid, and it was time to move forward now,

sources said. The PM and Narayen both emphasised on creating centres of excellence in AI in India.

At the PM's meeting with Mark Widmar, CEO of First Solar, the discussion was about India's renewable energy landscape, particularly solar energy potential, and the target of generating 450 GW electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

"Discussions also took place about First Solar's interest in setting up manufacturing facilities in India using their unique thin-film technology by availing the recently launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, as well integrating India into global

Sources said Widmar expressed "happiness with the Indian policies for climate change and related industries".

supply chains," the MEA said.

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Bihar scheme

On the other hand, as The Indian Express investigation found, the scheme has been blighted by political patronage in awarding several contracts -from the family of BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad to those of senior ID(U) leaders such as ex-state secretary Anil Singh -- and shoddy work in some villages.

At ward No.15 in Samastipur's Jhakhra, where Kanchan Kumari hails from, the scheme has brought relief to a village that was desperately dependent on a depleting ground water table, marred by frequent fights over water, and where women and children spent most of their time in water queues. "Our lives have changed with a twist of the tap," says Gayatri Devi, a local resident,

"The contractor is getting money for nothing," says Vishwajit Mishra, a farmer.

In this ward, The Indian Express investigation found, work under Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal is among a clutch of contracts awarded by the Public Health Engineering Department to Sunil Kumar Jha, the nephew of former PHED Minister and BJP MLA Vinod Narayan Jha, PHED implements a bulk of the work under the scheme, and awards multiward contracts of Rs Rs 30-57 lakh

through a bidding process. In Jhakhra's ward No.15, meanwhile, the work is being implemented by a local panchayat committee under the Panchayati Raj Department. Work under this department is for single wards, and the project cost (for unfiltered water) is around Rs 15 lakh.

ka Jal, our ward in Jhakhra was badly affected with the water level receding to 125-150 feet -from 80-100 feet in case of good rains or floods in a year. The seasonal Jamuari and Balan rivers were also running dry until this monsoon," says Mahendra Mahto, an elderly resident.

farmers and daily wage earners, and only a few can afford submersible pumps...one set costs around Rs 1.2 lakh. Our entire panchayat used to depend on the affluent few with submersible pumps, drawing water from 300-400 feet," he says.

with a bright smile. But at ward No.5 in Madhubani's Simri, the taps are dry, and there is a glaring gap in implementation with no official supervision. The tanks have been built, the pipes have been laid from the borewell, and the taps fixed -- and yet there is no water. Because? The contractor has not yet provided an electric connection for the motor to pump water from the borewell to the tanks.

"Before we got Har Ghar Nal

"Most of us are small time

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5 RO PLANTS TO BE SET UP IN 1ST PHASE

Govt plans to boost capital's water supply through RO plants

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE DELHI government plans on augmenting water supply by setting up Reverse Osmosis (RO) water purification plants in areas where groundwater is not usable, at localities that depend on water tankers, and jhuggis.

In phase I, five RO plants — at Okhla (136 MLD), Dwarka (68 MLD), Nilothi-Nangloi (68 MLD), Chilla (45 MLD) and Najafgarh (45 MLD) — with a total capacity of 363 million litres per day will be set up in a year. These areas have been picked and priortised as they have high groundwater levels but is unusable due to high salinity or

total dissolved solids. The plants will purify groundwater and supply it to households using the DJB's existing pipelines. DJB teams have been tasked with preparing a list of such localities and unauthorised colonies, while preparing tenders for smaller plants. A senior DJB official said since RO plants can be expensive, private investors will set up plants and DJB will purchase purified water at a fixed monthly rate that will include cost of purified water. "For the consumer, rates will remain the same," the official said.

Maintenance will be done by the private contractor. Tenders will be floated for the larger plants in the first week of October and installation will begin two months after receiving tenders.

At a meeting with DJB officials Thursday, Water Minister Satyendar Jain instructed officials to shortlist advanced technology that will ensure an 80% recovery rate for water. That would leave the plants with a wastage rate of around 20%. "There are technologies that give higher wastage rates of around 50%. But DJB wants an 80% recovery rate and the contractor is expected to come with the best technology," the official said.

DJB supplies 4,230 MLD of water against a 5,130 MLD demand — a deficit of 900 MLD — as per a government release.

Diwan Singh, environmentalist and expert who has been associated with water conservation projects, said he was unsure if a highly resource intensive project like RO plants could be feasible considering the substantial population that would need to be covered: "... There are so many treatment plants, but they're unable to supply clean drinking water due to frequent contamination. Now we're trying to purify the same groundwater that we have contaminated."

Manoj Misra, convener of the Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan, said Delhi already has enough fresh water to meet its needs: "... the existing distribution system is so inefficient that a lot of water is lost. They should get this system in order instead of attempting such installations..."

Stubble burning: Meeting with Delhi, NCR states on prep



The Union Environment Minister said the ministry had issued 8 advisories and over 42 directions for stubble burning so far. *Archive*

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AHEAD OF the stubble burning season, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav Thursday chaired a meeting to assess the preparedness of Delhi-NCR states to manage the practice.

The meeting was attended by Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM) chairperson MM Kutty; Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar; environment ministers of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan; senior officials from Punjab; and Ministries of Agriculture, Power and Animal Husbandry.

Reacting to the new air quality guidelines released by the WHO on Wednesday, Yadav said the MoEF has already commissioned a study to IIT-Kanpur to look at new standards for the country, which is to be submitted within a year.

Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai appealed to the Centre and neighbouring states to con-

Jamia reopens for PhD students

who need to

submit theses

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JAMIA MILLIA Islamia said it has reopened for PhD students who have to submit their thesis before the end of the year and that final year/semester students will be

allowed on campus for practicals in November. However, teaching and exams will continue online. All major student groups of

Jamia had been pressing for the university to reopen. Jamia offi-

cials had earlier said they would

wait for UGC guidelines before

dated September 22, "the univer-

sity campus shall be opened for

PhD scholars who are due to sub-

mit their thesis on or before

December 31" and "final year/se-

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from... November in limited number subject to adherence to Covid-

19 health & hygiene protocols". In the order, Registrar Nazim

Husain Jafri said, "Jamia Millia

Islamia is sensitive to and con-

cerned with the aspirations of its students and at the same time, the

university is committed to safety

concerns, health and well-being

According to the office order

taking any decision

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

vert public and commercial vehicles to CNG vehicles, implement the use of the Pusa biodecomposer, and adopt an E-Vehicle Policy and Tree Transplantation Policy to re-

duce pollution. Yadav, said the ministry had issued eight advisories and over 42 directions for stubble burning so far. "There are measures that are being taken which are at various stages of implementation to reduce stubble burning. These include in-situ management of stubble by bio-decomposition in large scale by UP. Harvana. Delhi and Punjab; mandatory use of biomass with 50% paddy straw as supplement fuel in thermal power plants in NCR; setting up a task force to work out mode and means for utilising non-basmati stubble as fodder in Rajasthan and Gujarat; common manure development facility using rice straw; and private participation to encourage in-situ management of parali (bio-decomposition)."

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Tihar inmate 'attacks' jail warden

New Delhi: A Nigerian national lodged in Tihar Jail allegedly attacked the head warden during a regular inspection Wednesday. Jail officials said the warden, Jyoti, sustained minor injuries. Police said she was checking cells for ropes along with the head matron. DCP (West) Urvija Goel said, "An inmate named Onos Elvelyno Narode resisted the search. The two jail officials were cutting ropes near the cell when Onos allegedly snatched the knife and injured the official."

Minor boy dies after tree falls on auto

New Delhi: A five-year-old boy died while his mother sustained injuries after a tree fell on an autorickshaw they were travelling in, in East Delhi's IP Extension. Police said the child, Luv, was with his parents and a relative in the auto when the incident took place around 2 pm. He was sitting on his mother's lap and sustained severe injuries on the head and abdomen.

7 booked for 'forcing man to convert'

Gurgaon: Faridabad police have booked seven persons for allegedly forcing a man to convert his religion and running a religious conversion racket. Police said an FIR has been registered. Sube Singh, spokesperson, Faridabad police, said, "The matter is under investigation. The accused will be arrested

ON ASTHANA'S ORDERS

Delhi riots: After court rap, special to woman who police cell set up to monitor probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

DAYS AFTER a court pulled up the Delhi Police for the "lackadaisical attitude" of its officers supervising the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots, Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana set up a Special Investigation Cell (SIC) to monitor the investigation and file pending supplementary chargesheets, officials said on Thursday.

In an order released on Sunday (September 19), the police chief asked that an SIC headed by Special Commissioner of Police (Central Zone) Rakesh Khurana review all pending riot cases and "chalk out a time-bound strategy" to expedite investigation and prosecution.

Joint Commissioner of Police (East), DCP Northeast, and Additional DCP Northeast will be



The Special Investigation Cell will monitor the investigation in riot cases and file pending supplementary chargesheets, officials said on Thursday. Archive

A view of the capital from the Civic Centre on Thursday. The IMD has forecast maximum and minimum temperatures of

the other members of the SIC.

The order adds that 14 police officers, who were posted in the Northeast district during the 2020 riots, should be roped in to assist in the investigation. Retired police officer, ACP K G Tyagi, will be appointed as a consultant to monitor the cases

The SIC has been asked to guide investigating officers to ing all possible evidences on record", with the emphasis on producing "scientific and technical evidence".

For this, Asthana has asked the SIC to do a follow-up with the Director of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory team and ensure FSL results in all cases are reported.

"The officers shall personally liaise with Special Public Prosecutors (PPs) to ensure their presence in court in all matters, to represent the case of prosecution of each date effectively. In case the Spl PP is unable to attend court... the Ld. Court shall be informed in advance so that no inconvenience is caused...,' reads the order.

On September 6, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Arun Kumar Garg had pulled up the Delhi Police for avoiding "taking responsibility" in the riots cases. The court also directed the pomeasures to expedite the investigation in these cases.

"The team shall ensure that all witnesses and IOs are appearing in court in time, properly briefed and well prepared. In case the IO is unable to attend... the SIC shall direct the Station House Officer to either attend the matter himself or depute a responsible officer... In no case, the matter shall be allowed to be left unattended." reads Asthana's order.

A day after the order was released, DCP Northeast Sanjay Sain issued a notice for setting up 10 teams that will analyse the available scientific and technical evidence and guide IOs to bring more evidence on record.

The teams will have to submit their reports at 7 pm every day regarding the cases reviewed by them with "specific comments/observations of the SHO/ACP". This exercise will be completed by September 24.

Forest staff attacked by 'alcohol smugglers' at Asola sanctuary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

FOUR FOREST officials who were patrolling the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary in South Delhi were injured on Thursday after being attacked allegedly by alcohol smugglers.

Deputy Amit Anand, Conservator of Forests, South Forest Division, said a patrol team was out to check for trespassers in the sanctuary when they were attacked around 7-7.30 pm: "Around 24-25 people attacked the team with rods. The patrolling vehicle has been damaged and four staff members were injured, two grievously. The patrolling team comprised 7-8 people."

The officials were admitted to Batra Hospital. "The police was called, and we are in the process of filing an FIR," Anand said.

Atul Kumar Thakur (DCP South), said, "Information has been received from Batra Hospital that four forest guards were admitted after they were allegedly beaten up by some unknown persons during patrolling... The injured have been examined and the place of incident is being verified. Further action will be taken

as per their statement and MLCs." Officials said patrolling had been increased in the area over the past few months to curb smuggling of alcohol from Harvana into Delhi. Dirt paths have been set up in the sanctuary over the years to smuggle alcohol into Delhi from Haryana, where

the rates are lower. The Indian Express had reported earlier this month that forest officials in the South division have been equipped with antiriot gear as instances of attacks had increased. There have been several cases of stone pelting and violence against staffers in the South division during attempts to clear encroachments from forest land and patrolling.

got wrong haircut at hotel salon "Her scalp was burnt with se-**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** vere burning sensation due to NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23 hair treatment and there was itching and flaking of the scalp.

THE NATIONAL Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has awarded Rs 2 crore compensation to a woman for a wrong haircut and treatment given to her by staff at a salon in Hotel ITC Maurya in 2018, which left her "with little or almost no hair". The complainant was a model for hair products.

The order was passed by Justice RK Agrawal and Dr SM Kantikar, observing that there is "no doubt that women are very cautious and careful with regard to their hair" and that they "spend a handsome amount on keeping their hair in good condition".

They are also emotionally attached to their hair. The complainant was a model for hair products because of her long hair. She has done modeling for VLCC and Pantene. But due to hair cutting against her instructions by the opposite Party No. 2 (ITC Hotels Ltd), she lost her expected assignments and suffered a huge loss which completely changed her lifestyle and shattered her dream to be a top model," the order read.

The complainant was planning on continuing with her modeling assignments which were mainly related to hair products and was also offered a

On April 12, 2018, she visited the salon at Hotel ITC Maurya for a haircut as she had an upcoming interview at the time. The woman asked for her regular hairstylist who was not available. She was instead provided another hairstylist on assurance from the staff.

The complainant was 'shocked and surprised to observe that despite her specific instructions for long flicks/layers covering her face in the front and at back, and 4-inch straight hair trim from the bottom", the hairstylist had "chopped of her entire hair leaving only 4-inch from the top touching her shoulder".

Salon staff offered her free hair treatment, which the complainant stated was "dubious as it resulted in damage of her hair". spondent argued.

The chemical used in hair treatment has caused permanent damage to her scalp," the commission recorded.

The commission also noted that she was also working as a senior management professional and earning a decent in-

"She underwent severe mental breakdown and trauma due to negligence of the Opposite Party No. 2 in cutting her hair and could not concentrate on her job and finally lost her job. This apart, the Opposite Party No. 2 is also guilty of medical negligence in hair treatment. Her scalp was burnt and still there is allergy and itching due to fault of the staff of Opposite Party No. 2," the order read.

The woman stated that she had "undergone severe mental breakdown and self-esteem as she always had long hair and because of fault on the part of ITC Hotels Ltd, she has been left with little or almost no hair".

"She stopped seeing herself in the mirror... and her social activities. She is a communication professional and (is) required to be involved in meetings and interactive sessions. But she lost her self-confidence due to little hair. She also suffered loss of income due to mental breakdown after the shoddy haircut and, thereafter, the torturous hair treatment. She left her job also... It is submitted that she has gone through the pain and trauma for the last two years after this inci-

dent," the commission recorded. The respondents in the case had submitted that the "compensation claimed by the complainant is ex-facie exaggerated

and without any basis". "No basis whatsoever has been set out in the complaint on which the claim for compensation has been quantified at Rs 3 crore. The complainant has inflated the alleged claim deliberately in order to invoke the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court and the complaint is liable to be dismissed for want of pecuniary jurisdiction," the lawyer for the re-

Delhi Gymkhana Club to preserve CCTV footage: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE SUPREME Court Thursday asked the central governmentappointed administrator of the Delhi Gymkhana Club to preserve CCTV footage of its premises.

The direction came from a three-judge bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar while hearing pleas, including those against the February 15, 2021, order of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) suspending the Club's general committee and handing over the administration to a central government nominee.

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, said one of the appellants had raised the apprehension that "someone is trying to destroy or manipulate the record in the office" and added "it is not necessary for us to examine this grievance at present. However, since CCTV camera is direct the administrator to ensure that footage/recording from today onwards is preserved un-

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around 34 and 24 degrees Celsius for Friday. Amit Mehra

til further orders.. The order came after a counsel appearing for a "whistleblower" told the bench that what is being done is they are destroying the evidence". He added that the administrator has been changed thrice and several people have been removed.

When the counsel representing the administrator claimed these are not "correct statements", the bench observed, "Does not matter, there is no harm in accepting this suggestion that recording be preserved."

The bench said, "It is a serious grievance" and asked, "what remains in the inquiry if the record is destroyed?'

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the bench that the administrator is appointed by the footage will be preserved.

5 murders in 20 yrs: Accused held, property was motive

AMIL BHATNAGAR

GHAZIABAD, SEPTEMBER 23

TO GET his hands on the ancestral property, a Ghaziabad resident allegedly murdered five members of his family – including his elder brother and his children – over a period of 20 years. The accused, Leelu Tyagi from Murad Nagar, was arrested by Ghaziahad Police Wednesday.

According to police, the case came to light after a missing persons complaint was filed on August 15 in connection with the disappearance of Tyagi's relative Reshu at Murad Nagar police station. During investigation, it was found that Leelu had allegedly killed several of his relatives to obtain family property.

Sateesh Kumar, SHO Murad Nagar, said: "We began investigating Reshu's disappearance after a case was filed last month. We carried out surveillance and obtained information. The main accused was identified as Leelu, who, along with other accused, murdered Reshu. It was also found during



The accused, Leelu Tyagi

family members." Following Leelu's arrest, the complaint was converted into a murder FIR.

According to police, Leelu had his eyes on the family property since the very beginning. He executed his first murder 20 years ago when he allegedly killed his elder brother Sudheer Tvagi in Meerut. He then allegedly poisoned his brother's eight-year-old daughter, Payal.

A few years later, the accused murdered Sudheer's second daughter, Parul, and dumped her body in a river to ensure it isn't found, In 2012, Leelu targeted his second brother Brijesh's son Nishu and disposed off his body in Ghaziabad's Hindon river in a

similar fashion — which police said was his MO. In August, the accused further

planned the murder of Brijesh's other son, Reshu, along with his associates. On August 8, Leelu called Reshu for food and drinks and allegedly strangled him with a rope. Leelu later dumped his body in a canal in Bulandshahr. For the past few years, Leelu

had been living with his elder brother's widow and was able to square off the deceased's property in his name. "For all these years, the family did not suspect the accused was planning and executing the murders. He made sure to dump the bodies in a water body so the killings are not revealed. It was due to an intensive investigation that the accused was linked with all five murders," said SHO Kumar.

Police said no cases were filed by the family in connection with the deaths.

Police said Leelu's associates, Surendra Tyagi and Rahul, have been arrested for Reshu's murder. Two others involved in the killing are currently absconding,

Commercial vehicles without

RFID tags could lose permits

Ex-Delhi police chief, who handled Batla House case, passes away at 70

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

FORMER DELHI Police commissioner Yudhbir Singh Dadwal (70) died on Wednesday night at his Chattarpur home due to agerelated illnesses, said police officials Thursday.

A 1974 batch IPS officer, Dadwal had joined the Delhi Police as an additional deputy commissioner. He became the Delhi Police commissioner in 2007 and was transferred to Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as its Director General in 2010.

During his tenure with the Delhi Police, he was known for handling cases like the Batla House encounter in 2008 and maintaining high-level security in Delhi during the Commonwealth Games in 2010. He ensured that there was a "heavy decline" in crimes, said an officer. In 2011, he retired from the force.

On Thursday, his son Pranayvir Singh Dadwal released a statement: "With profound grief and sorrow, I regret to announce the demise of my revered father. May the Almighty grant him eternal peace.

Delhi Police Spokesperson Chinmoy Biswal said Dadwal died after a prolonged illness. "He served the Delhi Police as the Commissioner from July 2007 to November 2010. Before this, he was also posted as the Joint CP in New Delhi Range,



Yudhbir Singh Dadwal became the Delhi Police commissioner in 2007

Armed Police and Provisions & Logistics and in Intelligence & Operations and Administration units in the Delhi Police," said Biswal.

"The Delhi Police remembers Dadwal for his exemplary leadership in building the morale of the force and impactful systemic changes in the organisation. Under his leadership, the Delhi Police won accolades for facilitating a flawless and incidentfree Delhi Commonwealth Games," he added.

Dadwal worked in several states as the police chief in his long career of 37 years. He served in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman and Diu, and Chandigarh. In Arunachal Pradesh, he was appointed as the advisor to the governor.

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Saree controversy at South Delhi restaurant: NCW summons staff

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE NATIONAL Commission for Women has taken cognizance of an alleged incident wherein a woman was denied entry at a restaurant in South Delhi's Ansal Plaza as she was in a saree. The NCW Thursday asked the Delhi Police chief to probe the incident, while also writing to Aquila's director to appear before it on September 28 with supporting documents and explanation.

"Reportedly, the restaurant's dress code policy for guests allows only smart casuals and according to the eatery, saree does not fall under smart casuals," the NCW statement said, adding, The Commission condemns the arbitrary and bizarre behaviour of restaurant staff and its policies."

The woman had posted a video on social media of the September 19 incident, saying: "Saree is not allowed in Aguila restaurant as Indian saree is now not a smart outfit. What is the concrete definition of a smart outfit? Plz tell me." In the video, a staff member can be heard saving, "We only allow smart casuals and saree does not come un-

der smart casuals". As the clip went viral, the restaurant faced flak. On Wednesday, it issued a statement: "At Aquila, we believe in honouring our Indian community and have always welcomed our guests

in all dress codes from modern to traditional."They also claimed the woman slapped their staff member. "To tackle the situation and request the guest to leave, one of our gate managers made a statement on sarees not being a part of our smart casual dress code; our whole team apologises for the same," the statement said.

On Thursday, ABVP members protested inside the Plaza and asked the management to issue an apology.

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES entering Delhi without RFID (radiofrequency identification) tags could lose their permits, with the Delhi Municipal Corporation requesting transport departments of the respective states to take action against violators under the Motor Vehicles Act.

SDMC Mayor Mukesh Survan said notices have been issued to as many as 966 vehicles from several states including Delhi, Haryana, UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Madhya Pradesh for not purchasing RFID tags — which is mandatory to enter the city via toll plazas. Transport departments of these states have been requested to cancel permits of such erring vehicles, he said.

Implemented at the toll plazas in 2019, the RFID technology allows for automatic toll deduction. Commercial vehicles entering Delhi have to pay a green cess or environment compensation charge (ECC) between Rs 700 and Rs 1,400, and toll between Rs 100 and Rs 2,000, depending on the vehicles' size and category. A senior official of the South

MCD said the corporation has given a long rope to commercial vehicles to switch to RFID but will resort to strict measures if they continue to not follow guidelines. Over the past two weeks,

the corporation has also been issuing challans of Rs 500 against vehicles that haven't paid toll tax using RFID tags. The action was taken after the corporation had from August 31. made it mandatory for all commercial vehicles to enter Delhi on payment of toll tax/ECC through RFID system only.

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PHD Utkrishtata Samman to Bollywood Singers by PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry



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Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India

journalists, cultural artists is truly indispensable in making this movement a success.

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PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized Gata Rahe Mera Dil - a Musical Evening with the theme 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commemorating the 75th year of India's independence and PHD उत्कृष्टता सम्मान at PHD House, New Delhi.

The event was organized following all the covid protocols and social distancing norms.

Bollywood Singers Sudesh Bhosle, Sunali Rathod, Roop Kumar Rathod, Papon, Shibani Kashyap and Danish Khan were felicitated with PHD उत्कृष्टता

Though all the singers enthralled the audience with their performances yet, Sudesh Bhosle, considered to be the voice of Amitabh Bachchan, started with the patriotic songs 'Kar Chale Hum Fida' and 'Ae Mere Pyare Watan'.., 'Meri Makhna'..., 'Shawa Shawa'... 'Jumma Chumma De De'..

Papon's 'Moh Moh Ke Dhaage' mein Laila, Ye Mera Dil and Secretary General. Danish's 'Jhoom Barabar Jhoom', Jeene Ke Hein Chaar Din..', 'Rashke Qamar'..., 'Mera Piya Ghar' and 'Damadum Mast Kalandar... well appreciated.

The occasion was graced by Mukesh Suryan, Mayor-South Delhi Municipal Corporation; Rakhi Gupta Bhandari (IAS), Resident Commissioner, Punjab; Rahul Bhandari (IAS), Secretary-Water Resources & Mission Director, Water Resources Punjab. Sanjay Aggarwal, President; Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President; Saket Dalmia, Vice President; Former Presidents - Dr. D. K.

Roop Kumar Rathod and Sonali Aggarwal; Gopal Jiwarajka; Sharad Rathod sung in duets, ,... 'Tere Jaipuria and Dr. Mahesh Gupta. Liye'... Tujh Mein Rab Dikhta Mukesh Gupta, Chairman -Hai...' and 'Sandeshe Aate Entertainment, Media, Art and Culture Committee; Nandita Jain, Co-Chairperson, Arshad Shawl, Coenthralled the audience. On the Chairman, Rakesh Gupta, other hand Shibani Kashyap's Chairman, Parliamentary Forum; Sajna aa bhi jaa'Dum Maaro Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General Dum', "Yeh Mera Dil" , Laila and Dr. Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant







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STATE MATTERS

THE JAL Shakti Ministry headed by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has constituted a 34-member Hindi Salahkar Samiti, an advisory panel to promote the use of the language in the ministry's working. The panel, which has a three-year term and is headed by the minister, has four non-official nominated members. Incidentally, all four non-official members nominated by the ministry are from Shekhawat's home state Rajasthan. While two of them are from the minister's hometown Jodhpur, two others are from Jaipur. It is learnt that this is perhaps the first time in recent years that all four non-official members have been nominated from one state. In 2015, the committee constituted under the then Water Resources Minister Uma Bharati had four non-official members from three states - Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Online Gains

AN ONLINE mechanism it set up during the pandemic to be in touch with party leaders and workers appears to be helping the Bihar BJP. With the BJP launching a three-week celebrations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, its Bihar unit leaders have good results to send to the central leadership. State unit president Sanjay Jaiswal, who had set up the online meetings with every district leadership on a daily basis, now gets the daily report on party activities before evening each day. Jaiswal takes at least 45 meetings online every month apart from the physical meetings he has resumed – with every district team while his general secretaries take at least 100 meetings a month. The pandemic time has made every party worker comfortable with online meetings and now it is being used for the outreach programmes.

CRACKING THE WHIP

WITH THE National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) gaining popularity, the Education Ministry has a new headache - misleading advertisements by private higher education institutes. It has come to the ministry's notice that certain institutes are trying to lure students by misrepresenting their NIRF rankings. The reported violations include institutions highlighting state-wide and even district-wise ranks, which are not issued in the first place. Some institutions simply highlight their rank without mentioning the year. Institutions indulging in such misleading advertising campaigns will not be included in the annual NIRF exercise in the future, the ministry has now warned in a circular to all institutes.

UP ex-MLA, Brahmin face in party, Tripathi quits Congress

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW SEPTEMBER 23

ANOTHER BRAHMIN face of the Congress, former MLA Laliteshpati Tripathi, quit the party on Thursday, saying that those who sacrificed for the party from the days of Indira Gandhi were not given due respect and he felt helpless as he was not able to fight for them.

Laliteshpati Tripathi, who held the post of vice-president of UP unit of the Congress, is the great-grandson of former CM Kamlapati Tripathi. Four generations of his family have been associated with the Congress.

"I no longer felt any logic to remain in the Congress... many party workers who have been associated with freedom struggle and stood by the party in



Laliteshpati Tripathi

the time of crises, stood with Indira Gandhi. I was not able to fight for them. That is why, I resigned from the party's primembership," Laliteshpati said at a press conference in Varanasi.

He said he had no bad feelings for the party leadership, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Rahul Gandhi

Asked if he will join another party, Tripathi said he would first discuss it with his supporters.

Earlier, former Union minister Jitin Prasada had quit the party to join the BIP.

After change of guard rumours, Gurgaon BJP MP says no plan to retire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 23

SENDING A clear message to his detractors who, he claimed, were writing obituaries of his political career, BIP MP from Gurgaon, Rao Inderjit Singh, on Thursday said he does not plan to retire soon and will continue to contest elections.

Speaking at a 'Shaheedi Diwas Samaroh' in Patauda village at Jhajjar, the 70-year-old said, "Some people have been opining that I should retire. I have given it a thought and decided that I have no plans to retire. Why should I? I am physically fit, mentally alert...I have no blood pressure issues, I don't suffer any seizures. I can run as fast as a 50-year-old.'

The rally was held to mark the "martyrdom" of Ahirwal king Rao Tula Ram and was billed as a show of strength for Singh. It came a month after Union Cabinet Minister Bhupendra Yadav held a 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' in the Ahirwal region, sparking speculation of a change of guard within the party's state unit in South Haryana

"If a farmer's son was not standing guard at the border to safeguard our country...if we do not respect their sacrifices, then Pakistan. China and Taliban will defeat us. We will raise voice for a separate Ahir regiment and we will also speak to farmers. There is a need to talk to them," he said.

Suicide in 30 days of infection will count as Covid death: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 23

THE CENTRE on Thursday informed the Supreme Court that it has decided to include death by suicides happening within 30 days of a person testing Covid-19 positive too as Covid-19 death, thereby entitling their next of kin to get Rs 50,000 as

ex-gratia.

In guidelines submitted earlier to court on what would constitute a Covid death, the government had said 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. The court had asked the government to reconsider this condition.

On Thursday, the top court conveyed its happiness to the government for fixing ex-gratia payments to the next of kin of those who succumbed to the pandemic.

"Today we are very happy. There will be some solace to the persons who have suffered. Everything the government is performing... We're happy that something is being done to wipe out the tears of those who suffered... We have to take judicial notice of the fact that what India has done, no other country could do," remarked Justice MR Shah, sharing a bench with Justice A S Bopanna.

The remarks came as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta apprised the court that the NDMA had recommended payment of Rs 50,000 ex-gratia to the next of kin of those who died due to Covid-19. He also took the court through the guidelines brought out by the Authority to enable the payment.

"To ensure uniformity, we have decided that states will give the amount to the kin of the deceased who died due to CoVID. from the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF)," he submitted.

Hearing petitions by Advocates Gaurav Kumar Bansal and Reepak Kansal, the Supreme Court had on June 30 asked the NDMA to consider fixing ex-gratia for the victims. In response, the NDMA came up with the guidelines on September 11.

The court had also asked the government to frame simplified guidelines for issue of official documents that would help family members of Covid victims to get the ex-gratia and, if needed, pursue correction of papers issued by the municipal or other authorities in connection with the death.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) jointly brought out the guidelines that said that 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 was 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, the guidelines said, 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.

Considering these guidelines, on September 13, the SC asked the government to reconsider its decision not to treat suicide of a Covid-positive person as a Covid-19 death.

Taking note, the Centre in a 'further additional affidavit' filed on Wednesday urged the court to pass suitable directions "whereby,

the family members of people committing suicide within 30 days from being diagnosed as COVID-19 positive as per MoHFW/ICMR guidelines will also be entitled to avail financial help as granted under SDRF in accordance with the Guidelines dated 11.09.2021 issued by NDMA under Section 12 (iii) of Disaster Management Act, 2005".

On Thursday, the bench also quizzed the SG on the procedure for correction of death certificates.

'Many a times it happens that ultimately the person has died due to heart attack but that is due to Covid. The certificate would say that the cause of death is heart attack. What would happen in that case?," asked Justice Shah.

The SG pointed out that the family members can raise their complaint before a district-level committee, to be set up by the states, which will look into medical records and review, rectify and issue a fresh certificate wherever needed.

The government requested the court that the timeline for setting up of the committee may be prescribed as 30 days, for which suitable instruction can be issued by the MoHFW.

Taking note, the court said it will issue appropriate orders.

Unlike TMC, Cong failed to defeat BJP in 7 yrs: Abhishek

Kolkata: Amid talk of Opposition unity against the BJP before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, TMC all-India general secretary and MP Abhishek Banerjee on Thursday pitched for a central role for his party while hitting out at the Congress for its failure to defeat the saffron party in the last seven years.

He said the Murshidabad Congress and BJP were working together to defeat the TMC in the September 30 Samserganj and Jangipur Assembly polls. "In the last seven years, the Congress could not defeat the BJP. It is the TMC which is only defeating the BJP... Congress is getting defeated by the BIP but we are defeating it." Banerjee said while addressing a rally at Samserganj.

BJP sends report **PATRONAGE PIPELINE**

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, SEPTEMBER 23

A DAY after The Indian Express reported that contracts worth over Rs 53 crore were awarded under Bihar's Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme to family members and aides of Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad, the BJP leader met Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in what, he said, was "a review meeting of the Mines Department". But sources said the Chief Minister also raised the findings of The Indian Express investigation and asked Prasad to "explain his side of the story in the public domain".

Prasad also issued a statement targeting the Opposition RJD for "playing up" the issue. 'The Opposition should engage in constructive criticism but has been trying to divert attention from serious charges of corruption they have faced... I have been trying to meet the goals and high standards set by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and former **Deputy Chief Minister Sushil** Kumar Modi," he said.

Meanwhile, the Bihar BJP unit has sent a "report" to the party's central leadership on The Indian Express investigation into the award of contracts to family members of Prasad. Sources said the report was sent after an "emergency meeting" on Wednesday evening when BJP state chief Sanjay Jaiswal and general secretary (organisation) Bhikubhai Dalsaniya met Prasad.

BJP sources said the "emergency meeting was held on the instructions of the central leadership". We have sent a report and are waiting for further directions," they said.

Sources said that while engaging in business activities is

Combat boost: Order placed

for 118 Arjun Mk-1A tanks

"not bad or wrong" in itself, the report has noted that "it would be better if elected functionaries are more careful since they are public representatives and always under scrutiny".

Bihar Deputy CM

meets CM, state

The ongoing investigation by The Indian Express found that in 2019-20, Bihar's PHED allotted 36 projects under the scheme in Katihar, from where Prasad is a four-time MLA, to his daughterin-law Puja Kumari — and two firms linked to his brother-inlaw Pradeep Kumar Bhagat; and aides Prashant Chandra Jaiswal, Lalit Kishore Prasad and Santosh

The investigation found that the award of contracts covers a range of beneficiaries: from ID(U) ex-state secretary Anil Singh, whose family got projects worth at least Rs 80 crore, to BJP MLA Vinod Narayan Jha's nephew, who was awarded contracts worth around Rs 3.5 crore in 2019-20 when his uncle was PHED Minister.

On Wednesday, Jaiswal had defended Prasad, saying that his "family and aides had got contracts in 2019-20 when he was an MLA".

On Thursday, JD(U) leader Anil Singh's son Mrityunjay Kumar told The Indian Express: "My family has been in the contract business for over 40 years. We have carried out road work, and taken up other contracts inside and outside Bihar. We have been doing our work in a professional manner. The allotment of Nal Jal contracts has nothing to do with the political affiliation of my father. We qualified through the bidding process."

The Indian Express found that Kumar and his wife Ankita Singh are directors of Fadle Chem Pvt Ltd, which was allotted Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal contracts in 2019-20.

Another beneficiary, Sarfaraz of Mohammed Sheikhpura whose brother Mohammed Khalid got contracts in Ariari, said: "I engage in politics but I am not associated with any specific party. I am the former mukhiya of Chordargah pan-

chayat." (WITH INPUTS FROM LIZ MATHEW)

command calls Channi to Delhi for 'cabinet list'

the CM's Office Twitter handle. Express

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 23

THE CONGRESS high command Thursday called newly appointed Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi to Delhi — amid confusion over the final list of names for his council of ministers. Channi. who arrived in the na-

tional capital in the evening, discussed the list with All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary in-charge of Punjab affairs Harish Rawat, Channi also met party leaders KC Venugopal and Harish Chaudhary. He was scheduled to meet Rahul Gandhi but it could not be confirmed if the meeting took place.

State Congress president Navjot Sidhu was not called to

Working president of the Punjab Congress, Sangat Singh Gilzian, and party leader Manpreet Singh Badal were also in Delhi. sources said.

Sources privy to the development said that Channi and his team and Sidhu have shortlisted 23 MLAs out of which 15 would be inducted. The list is to be vetted by Rahul Gandhi.

Congress high Cong says no place for anger in politics, Capt hits back: Is there for insult?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

A DAY after former Puniah Chief

POWER MOVES: Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi performs bhangra on stage with

students at IK Gujral Punjab Technical University in Kapurthala. A video was also shared by

Minister Amarinder Singh called Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra "inexperienced", questioned the way the party was being "run from Delhi" and vowed to defeat state Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu in the Assembly polls scheduled neat year, the Congress on Thursday said it was natural for elders to get angry but reminded him that there is no room for anger in politics.

The Congress's suggestion seemed to have irked Singh more, as he hit back, asking whether there is space for humiliation and insult in a "grand old party" such as the Congress

Singh's remarks came after Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate, while replying to a question on Singh's outburst, told reporters at an AICC briefing that "he is perhaps of my father's age. Elders get angry...they get very angry, and at times say so many things in anger. But we all respect his anger, his age, and his experience. I hope he will reconsider it."



Amarinder Singh

But, she added, "there is no place for anger, envy...personal comments...revengeful feelings have no place in politics. We hope he will be sensible and reconsider what he has said because he is a strong warrior of the Congress party....such remarks don't suit his stature..." Replying to another question. Shrinate said people take decisions in politics, some for their own interests and some for the interests of their constituency.

Reacting to Shrinate's comment, the former CM's media adviser, Raveen Thukral, put out a tweet quoting Singh as having said, "Yes, there's no space for anger in politics. But is there space for humiliation & insult in a grand old party like @INCIndia? If a senior party leader like me can be treated like this, I wonder what the workers must go through!"

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE GOVERNMENT Thursday placed an order for 118 new Ariun Mk-1A battle tanks, which have superior firepower, all-terrain mobility and multi-layered protection compared to older models. Arjun has been a mainstay of the Army for the last 15 years.

The new tanks, developed by Research Defence Development Organisation, will be manufactured at the government's Heavy Vehicles Factory in Chennai. The order is worth Rs. 7.523 crore.

The government said in a statement that the new variant of the Main Battle Tank (MBT) has 72 new features and more indigenous features compared to the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had handed over the MBT Arjun Mk-1A to Army Chief General MM Naravane in Chennai on February 14.

"The state-of-the-art MBT Mk-1A is a new variant of Arjun Tank designed to enhance fire power, mobility and survivability. Infused with 72 new features and more indigenous content from the Mk-1 variant, the tank would

March 31, 2022, or on a first-



As compared to the Mk-1, the new tank has 72 new features and more indigenous ones, the government said.

ensure effortless mobility in all terrains, besides precise target engagement during day and night," the statement said.

It said the DRDO designed it "by incorporating numerous upgrades on Arjun MBT, the in-service main battle tank with the Indian Army".

"It can take on the enemy during day and night conditions and in both static and dynamic modes. By virtue of these capabilities, this indigenous MBT proves to be at par with any contemporary in its class across the globe. This tank is particularly configured and designed for Indian conditions and hence it is suitable for deployment to protect the frontiers in an effective manner."

The government also said that the production of these tanks will

open up avenues in defence manufacturing for over 200 Indian vendors with employment opportunities to around 8.000 people. This will be a flagship project showcasing the indigenous capability in cutting edge defence tech-

nologies, the statement said. The MBT Arjun Mk-1A has been designed and developed by Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE), along with other laboratories of DRDO within two years (2010-12). Extensive trial evaluation was conducted in various phases covering over 7,000 km (both in DRDO and user trials) of automotive and substantial firing of various ammunitions during 2012-2015, the statement men-

'Reciprocal tourism' likely as India set to allow foreign tourists

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

AS INDIA looks to restart tourist visas and allow international tourists after a gap of one-anda-half years, "reciprocal tourism" may be the way forward, according to sources in the Ministry of

On Wednesday, while addressing the Global Covid Summit hosted by US President Joe Biden, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said, "We also need to focus on addressing the pandemic's economic effects. To that end, international travel should be made easier through mutual recognition of vaccination certificates. The date and modalities for

opening up of the country to foreign tourists are being discussed by officials from the Union Home Ministry (which decides on visas) with all the stakeholders, including officials from the Ministry of Tourism, state governments and tour operators' associations. A formal announcement may come in a week's time, an official from the Ministry of Tourism told *The* Indian Express.

In an attempt to revive the tourism, hospitality and aviation sectors, the government has already announced that the first five lakh foreign tourists will be issued visas free of cost. The etourist visa has been suspended since March 2020

The free visa will be issued till

come-first-serve whichever is earlier. Even as the total financial implication of this move will go up to Rs 100 crore, officials in the Tourism Ministry say the footfall and revenue boost as a consequence of this monetary exemption will offset any such losses. Also, there has been a lot of pressure from stakeholders in the tourism industry since the sector has been hugely

hit due to the pandemic and restrictions.

India is also buoyed by the dip in Covid cases and a higher number of adults receiving the first dose. A few countries in Europe, the US, and tourist destinations such as Maldives and Sri Lanka have already opened their borders for vaccinated Indian travellers.

But with the UK expressing doubts over India's vaccine certification, sources say the line to be taken by India will now be "reciprocal". It was in this context that the Prime Minister had gauge the response and implications, if any. "Deliberations are on -- when to open, how to open, and for whom. Keeping in view low infection rate in the country and vaccination status, calibrated opening is being contem-

plated," said a senior official,

adding that they were expecting

a complete reopening by January

insisted upon mutual recogni-

tion of vaccination certificates.

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Officials say the opening up

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DIVIDE IN CHHATTISGARH CONGRESS

MLA faces expulsion after he alleges Singh Deo supporters being targeted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 23

INFIGHTING IN the ruling Congress in Chhattisgarh reached another flashpoint on Thursday with the party's Bilaspur city unit recommending expulsion of sitting MLA Shailesh Pandey from the party for alleging that supporters of state Health Minister T S Singh Deo were being targeted by the police machinery.

The allegation is being seen as an apparent attack on Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who is involved in a power tussle with Singh Deo over the issue of chief ministership.

The recommendation came a day after Pandey and his supporters gheraoed a police station protesting against an FIR filed by the police against Singh Deo's aide Pankaj Singh in an assault case.

State Congress chief Mohan Markam distanced himself from the tussle, saying he had not received any complaint as he was travelling. "I am neither a Baghel supporter nor a Singh Deo supporter; I work for the party and I support the party," he said.

Singh had allegedly assaulted a radio-lab technician of Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Science in Bilaspur on September 18 after relatives of a patient sought his help to get certain tests done. The CCTV footage of Singh assaulting the complainant,

and Congress leader Shailesh Pandey

Tula Tande, was circulated on social media on Wednesday.

"We have booked Singh under Section 186 IPC (obstruction in government work), Section 353 (criminal assault on a govt employee on duty) and Section 3 of Chhattisgarh Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss to Property Act 2010," Bilaspur SP Prashant Agrawal told reporters.

Pandey on Wednesday alleged that the police had not informed Singh about the FIR. "We got to know through media reports.... I asked the police why the FIR was registered against Singh and they said because they had orders from senior officials," he told reporters.

"Have the police being ordered to target people close to TS [Singh Deo]? An FIR was registered against me last year for distributing rice during Covid-19 times. Now this FIR against Singh because he was trying to help a poor

On Thursday, Pandey did not respond to requests for comment on the recommendation to expel him. Sources close to him told The Indian Express that he would issue a statement on Friday.

The Bilaspur MLA was among those who returned with Singh Deo from a recent trip to Delhi after more than 30 other party leaders reached the national capital in an apparent show of strength by Chief Minister Baghel.

The latest developments have refreshed the tussle between Baghel and Singh Deo over, what supporters of the latter claim, a closed-door understanding after the last elections that both leaders will share the five-year tenure by half as chief minister. The Baghel's camp has denied any such understanding.

While Singh Deo is currently in Delhi on a personal visit, Baghel is planning meet Rahul Gandhi in the first week of October.

The decision of the Bilaspur Congress has highlighted the divide in the party, senior party leaders said. According to a senior leader, who requested anonymity, action against Pandey was "too stern", especially after no action was taken against another MLA, Brihaspat Singh, who had leveled serious allegations against Singh Deo of being a threat to his life.

The recommendation to expel Pandey for six years has been sent to the state Congress discipline team, which will take the final call.

Hostage case: TMC leader in NIA chargesheet

Kolkata: The NIA has named TMC leader and former Maoist Chhatradhar Mahato as the main accused in its chargesheet in the 2009 Rajdhani Express hostage case. The chargesheet was filed before an NIA special court.

Sources said the NIA has named 13 people in the chargesheet, including

Mahato's brother Shashadhar Mahato and former Maoist commander Kisheji.

Sources said to free himself from jail Chhatradhar planned to take the train passengers hostage. The People's Committee Against Police Atrocities, a Maoist front that he founded, executed the plan with the help of the Leftist ultras and some villagers. ENS

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भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांव 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत सर्व संबंधितों को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स शाभवी इस्पा ग्राम-गेरवानी, तहसील व जिला-रायगढ़ स्थित खसरा क्रमांक 31/1, 31/2, 32/1, 32/2 एवं 32/3 कुल क्षेत्रफल- 8.223 हेक्टेयर में इण्डक्शन फर्नेस क्षमता-3,96,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष एवं रोलिंग मिल वे क्षमता विस्तार-30,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष से 3,60,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष तथा न्यू कोल गैसीफॉयर (प्रोड्युसर गैस क्षमता-19,800 सामान्य घनमीटर प्रतिघंटा की स्थापना के लिए पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनव बाबत छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त परियोजना के संबंध आपत्ति/सुझाव/विचार/टीका-टिप्पणी, इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडले, टी.व्ही. टॉवर रोड, रायगढ़ के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथव रुखित रुप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजना के लिए **लोक सुनवाई दिनांव** 25.10.2021, दिन-सोमवार, समय प्रातः 11:00 बजे, स्थल-बंजारी मंदिर के समीप का स्थल <mark>ग्राम तराईमाल, तहसील-तमनार, जिला-रायगढ़ (छ.ग.)</mark> नियत की गई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि लोव सुनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के ऑफिस ोमोरेण्डम F.No.22-25/2020-IA.III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण ए रोकथाम हेत् शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अक्षरशः पालन कराया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

र्द आर्द ए अधिसचना दिनांक 14 सितंबर 2006 (यथा संशोधित) के अनुसार संबंधित व्यक्तिर ь अवलोकन/पठन हेतु ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट अंग्रेजी भाषा में एवं इसकी संक्षिप्त सार रिपोर्ट हिन्दी एव अंग्रेजी तथा सी.डी. (सॉफ्ट कॉपी) कार्यालय कलेक्टर रायगढ, कार्यालय मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकार्र जिला पंचायत रायगढ, कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र रायगढ, कार्यालय अनविभागी अधिकारी (राजस्व), रायगढ, जिला-रायगढ/घरघोडा, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडर टी व्ही. टॉवर रोड रायगढ, कार्यालय मख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी जनपद पंचायत, रायगढ, जिला-रायगढ सरपंच/सचिव कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत-लाखा, देलारी, गेरवानी, परसदा, सराईपाली, बरलिया, तराईमा० तहसील-रायगढ/घरघोडा/तमनार, जिला-रायगढ, डायरेक्टर पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, एकीकत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवा परिवर्तन मंत्रालय अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपर एवं मख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ पर्यावः संरक्षण मण्डल, पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी हुई है।

> सदस्य सचिव छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल. नवा रायपर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपर

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SC nod for e-transfer of orders to jails for quick prisoner release

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

PRISONERS GRANTED bail will no longer have to wait for physical copy of the order to reach jails for their release. In a major reform, the Supreme Court on Thursday gave the go-ahead to implement a system for electronic transmission of its orders.

"The FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system proposes transmission of e-authenticated copies of interim orders, stay orders, bail orders and record of proceedings to the duty-holders for compliance and due execution, through a secured electronic communication channel," the court said.

In July, a bench headed by Chief Iustice of India N V Ramana had hit upon the idea after it took suo motu cognizance of a matter regarding delayed release of prisoners even after grant of bail. The court directed the SC secretarygeneral to submit a proposal suggesting the modalities to

implement the FASTER system. After perusing the proposal submitted by the secretary-general, a bench of the CJI and Justices L Nageswara Rao and Surya Kant said on Thursday, "We are concerned about the

MAYURA JANWALKAR

THE GOA government's Feni

Policy 2021 has paved the way

to take the state's 'heritage

drink' forward, the Goa Cashew

Feni Distillers and Bottlers

Association (GCFDBA) said

Thursday, noting that it has the

potential to "save Goa", but its

challenge lies in changing perceptions about the drink clas-

Gurudatta Bhakta said, "Just

like Mexico has tequila, Russia

has vodka, Japan has sake, we

want our feni to be available all

over the country and abroad."

family-run affairs, and the his-

tory of the drink goes back to at least 1585. Hansel Vaz, the sec-

retary of the GCFDBA, said

Goans and the state government should take pride in feni.

"To get more cashews, we need to plant more trees. I always

say, by drinking feni you will

fertile land," he said.

Feni distilleries are usually

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sified as country liquor.

GCFDBA

PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 23

'Will save Goa': Feni

industry hails govt's

policy for heritage drink

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technology tools for efficient transmission of court's orders."

The bench pointed out that 19 states had filed affidavits stating availability of internet facility in prisons, four had pleaded non-availability/partial availability; the others did not file affidavits.

The court directed chief sectaries of all States and Union Territories to ensure availability of internet facilities with adequate speed in each jail. "Till then, communication shall be made through Nodal Officers of State Governments under FASTER system," the order said. It directed that necessary changes in rules of the SC and high courts "to recognise e-authenticated copy of the order of this Court" be done "forthwith".

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liquor. "We need to believe in

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country liquor and they

(Mexico) proudly flaunt it. Only

in India we look down upon

it...," he said. "Feni is all about

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manirbhar, it's all about Make

in India. When my feni goes to

America, it's my way of saying

the official gazette on August 19, 2019, lays down the stan-

dards for the production, tech-

niques, quality and hygiene for

making of feni and lists local

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Goa's feni policy, notified in

plight of iail inmates, who are not released despite bail orders passed by this court due to delay in communication of such orders. It is high time to utilise information and communication

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4. Email ID (if any)

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Last date for receiving applications



save Goa. When we plant more supply of cashew for making 05.10.2021 at 6pm cashew trees, we will have the spirit. more green hills. The beauty of According to the association, there are 26 types of feni, cashew is that you don't need and though only the cashew However, Marc Vaz, the feni has been GI-tagged, the founder member of the feni policy also covers coconut Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi GCFDBA noted that Indians New Delhi

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

The torment of aspiration



NEET, JEE obsession in students, without means to realise their dreams, can have grave consequences

COURT IS WATCHING

SC move to set up a panel to probe Pegasus is a vital and welcome step. At stake are basic liberties

HE SUPREME COURT said Thursday that it would set up a committee of experts to study the allegations of illegal surveillance using Pegasus spyware and issue orders next week. Expert panels appointed by the court always test the separation of powers but in this case, the move is vital and welcome. When the executive cites national security, a probe under an SC-appointed committee has more credibility than one by a government panel. At stake are vital issues involving civil liberties, including the right to privacy of citizens, the integrity of institutions and due process. The public is entitled to know, as the court said, "whether this spyware has been used by the government by any other method other than permissible under the law".

Since the Pegasus Project, a collaborative journalism enterprise, reported by *The Wire* in India, revealed that a spyware developed by Israeli firm NSO Group is being surreptitiously used to snoop on politicians, journalists, civil liberties activists — three journalists of The Indian Express were on the list, two current, one former — the government has been cagey about clearing the air. Though the Minister of State for Defence told Parliament that his ministry "had not carried out any transaction with NSO Group Technologies" - the NSO has clarified that it trades only with sovereign governments — Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court that the government cannot be made to answer whether or not it uses Pegasus spyware. Mehta reasoned that a clarification on this matter by the government would alert terrorists and compromise national security. While the government filed a short affidavit in the Supreme Court, when proceedings began on a clutch of petitions filed by journalists and the Editors Guild of India, it backtracked from filing a detailed affidavit that it had promised the court, earlier this month. However, the government offered to set up a panel of experts to look into the allegations and submit a report to the court. At every step, the government has cited national security to avoid a discussion on Pegasus — its refusal to allow a debate on the matter in Parliament resulted in the Opposition disrupting the Monsoon Session. The government's defence of its intransigence — that terrorists would be alerted if it speaks — is weak since no one has asked for the names of terrorists under surveillance. What is being asked is whether state agencies used the spyware to snoop on journalists, Opposition politicians, human rights activists, bureaucrats etc., and if so under whose authorisation. If it has not, it is as much a task of the government to probe if any outside agency has used the spyware on Indian citizens since the petitioners have claimed that forensic analysis revealed tampering of their gadgets.

The Supreme Court has been the custodian of personal freedoms and has been an alert watchdog whenever the executive and legislature have transgressed the red lines that separate the state's authority from the domain of individual rights, including the right to privacy. India's stance on Pegasus has been in sharp contrast to other governments, which have taken serious note of the revelations and set up probes. The court has rightly recognised that the likes of Pegasus pose a threat to core values of democracy as well as the autonomy and credibility of institutions and processes. Its panel and its work are keenly awaited.

CLEAN THE AIR

WHO's new air quality standards underline the health-pollution link. It's time policies take a holistic approach

HE WHO'S NEW air quality benchmarks should be a wake-up call for policy-makers in most parts of the world, including India. The new limits, announced on Wednesday, are not mandatory but policymakers would be well-advised to not ignore the global health body's advisory that peoples' health is at risk from much lower levels of pollution than previously thought of. The stringent yardsticks mean that almost all of India is a polluted zone for most of the year.

India's air quality standards were way short of WHO norms even before. The new thresholds will sharpen these differences. India's annual average PM 2.5 standard, for instance, is now eight times below the WHO's benchmark, Much of the gap has to do with geographical and meteorological factors that contribute to a high base pollution load in several parts of the country. Vehicular and industrial emissions compound the problem. But India's quest for clean air has also suffered because pollution management in the country rarely goes beyond ad-hoc measures such as bans, fines and shutting down of power stations. Despite the well-documented links between pollution and health - reiterated by the WHO on Wednesday -- the ministries of environment and health rarely collaborate. Clean-air plans have rarely been products of the combined expertise of environment scientists, public health professionals, urban planners and transport sector specialists. The National Clean Air Programme does talk of inter-sectoral linkages, especially health and environment, and sets time-bound targets — most importantly, a 20-30 per cent reduction in particulate matter concentration in 2024 compared to 2017. But the programme's litmus test will lie in the manner in which it brings together the inputs of different departments into its final action plan - in the absence of such concerted action, the NCAP could end up becoming another data-gathering exercise.

India's ambient air quality standards were last updated in 2009. The Central Pollution Control Board is reportedly working on framing revised guidelines. Even though complete compliance with them might be difficult, the CPCB cannot afford to ignore the WHO's new benchmarks. The heightened health risks of pollution, underlined by the new guidelines, should be the key takeaway for India's premier pollution monitoring agency – and all other agencies responsible for clean air in the country.

BATTER TAKES GUARD

Replacing batsman with a gender-neutral term is a sign that cricket has changed. That's good news

T WAS A long innings. But the "batsman" is finally out, making space for the "batter". The change in terminology, according to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the authority on the game's laws, helps "reinforce cricket's status as an inclusive game for all". And this is just as it should be. When women's cricket, once dismissed as the also-ran version of the "real game", has proved its ability to draw crowds, bust records and produce cricketing heroes, the shift in language is a sign that the sporting establishment is catching up. There are those, like British journalist Piers Morgan, known to see the collapse of civilisation at even the slightest stumble towards change, who have been triggered into outrage. Others find the new word awkward on the tongue, so strong is the hold of habit. Fact: In a playground of "fielders", "bowlers", "wicket-keepers" and "umpires", it was "batsman" that was as odd as a powerplay in Test cricket.

Cricket in the 21st century is nothing like it once was — a "gentleman's" sport tied up with class and feudal notions of gentility in Britain and with the "civilising" force of the empire in the colonies. Well, the former colonies have gone on to own the game, turning it into a desi spectacle, a money-spinning one, that cannot be played with a stiff upper lip. Even the Aussies blush when they read Virat Kohli's lips. Women too were not welcome, with the MCC reluctantly opening its doors to female members as late as 1998.

But the future of any sport in 2021 rests on how many doors it can open to a diversity of talent. Cricket must be glad that it has fresh blood, male and female, running through its veins. If that means finding a better word for "third man" and "nightwatchman", what's to lose?

Sukanta Chaudhuri

THE SUICIDE OF three NEET aspirants in Tamil Nadu has sparked yet another debate on India's stressful entrance exams. The reaction of the Tamil Nadu government is necessarily administrative and inevitably political. It is unlikely to solve the problem, and might worsen it in unsuspected ways.

The root problem is neither administrative nor educational but social. Our children are conditioned from infancy to think, as Ashis Nandy once put it, that they have three career choices — doctor, engineer or failure. The shine has faded somewhat from engineering courses since the economic downturn. Besides, engineering institutes being less rigorous to set up, their number can match or (as today) even exceed the demand. NEET has thus replaced JEE as the career-driven adolescent's greatest torment, but both have spawned serious social maladies.

The greatest stress is usually generated by parents and the family, even playing off siblings against one another. Peer pressure comes close as a second factor. Schools are induced to measure their success by the number of students clearing NEET and JEE. Middle-class enclaves snidely compare the respective success of neighbourhood children.

A new addition to this dismal scene should, in itself, be deeply heartening - growing aspiration among children of disadvantaged backgrounds. When such a child beats the odds to excel at school, she might face even more pressure than her privileged peers from family and community. This is aggravated by a sense of inadequate support. These children cannot attend coaching centres or even courses in distance mode, let alone the residential coaching hubs epitomised by Kota. If they do, deficiencies in schooling and background make it hard for them to cope. A family might mortgage home and hearth in the cause, which exacerbates the pressure. This is the group registering most student suicides, not only with NEET and JEE but in higher education generally.

The deficiencies in schooling may not always be absolute, but simply in terms of the peculiar demands of entrance tests. Their structure is often at a strategic remove from so, to test the special aptitude a course may require. This gap is exploited for gain by the coaching industry. A third player has made it big during the pandemic: Online tutorials for the core curriculum. Silently but radically, this combination is changing the pattern of Indian education, cheered on by the government's fascination with online learning as a pedagogic panacea. This is causing consternation among teachers in India's humbler schools, but their voice goes unheard.

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the standard STEM curriculum — justifiably

It seems sadly improbable that the middle class will adopt a broader attitude to their children's well-being, education and careers, in that order rather than the reverse. That being so, it is both unreal and unfair to expect that the less fortunate will, in this day and age, "know their place" and surrender their own ambitions. This is where the state, if so inclined, can play a constructive role.

One step would be to reverse the growing centralisation of all entrance exams — including, now, for "general" central universities. There is a valid argument for centralisation: It frees the student from the burden of multiple tests. But equally, multiple tests offer multiple chances. And some tests, held at the state level, are geared to the curricula of state boards catering to most underprivileged children. That means one less gap for them to cross — sometimes a huge gap. Most entrants had hitherto sat for state-level tests alone, with a better chance of qualifying for a state government-run institute with affordable fees.

To that extent, the Tamil Nadu proposal to opt out of NEET makes sense, though board results alone might be an unreliable criterion. Many states have productively held their own entrance tests for decades, bringing high-performing students to state-level institutions that ranked among India's best. (The Centre took some of them over *because* they had excelled under state management. They are now consigned by official fiat to second rank, below the IITs.)

There seems no reason why a centralised entrance system should improve the earlier scenario. It assumes parity without providing a level-playing field. Institutions enjoying

less state patronage are thereby demoralised, and the truly deficient ones left to flounder. This can further dishearten both staff and students — possibly leading, one hates to say, to more suicides.

Here lies the crux of the matter. The present Union policy has brought to crisis point a scenario evolving over the last three decades. Previous to that, tertiary education provided the one arena where young people from all classes and communities could meet on something like equal footing, at least as regards institutional facilities. Many institutions were substandard; others notably productive, as evinced (all else apart) by the success of their alumni among the Indian diaspora. Instead of consolidating that success while addressing the very real deficiencies, the system has been overturned. The entry of private institutions is the single biggest change: They now enrol two out of three students at the tertiary level. More fundamentally, the entire system, even the state sector, is increasingly geared to demands that alienate, where they

We are accepting without debate that more and more institutions will operate at a suboptimal level if they cannot meet some pre-set stipulations that are managerial, financial and social rather than academic in nature. Such an agenda emerges clearly between the lines of the New Education Policy and shows glaringly in the annual education budget. More disadvantaged students enrol than before, but are confined by the system to this suboptimal level — the surest recipe for frustration. If they attempt the great leap upward, all too often they fall and get hurt. The more privileged suffer subtler damage, for which their social and economic security may or may not compensate.

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We are inducing countless young citizens to dream dreams while denying them the means to realise them. Those means are entirely practicable. Until recently, we had at least tried to implement them, however ineptly. Today we are destroying the very possibility.

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THE WAGES OF DITHERING

Delhi's uncertainty in projecting naval power has pushed it to Indo-Pacific sidelines

RAJA MENON

THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM Washington that the US, UK and Australia are to form an alliance against China comes as a resounding slap to the Indian foreign policy establishment trying to ride two horses simultaneously. The information that Australia is to be provided nuclear submarine technology further humiliated the external affairs ministry and rubs salt into the wounds of the Indian Navy. Stunted by the neglect of being allotted just 14 per cent of the defence budget, the Navy has been hit hard by the news that US nuclear submarine technology - the finest in the world - will only be made available to Australia. Canberra has reaped the rewards of steadfast friendship with the US and accepting the punishing tariffs imposed by Beijing on Australian agricultural exports to China. These tariffs were imposed by a vengeful Xi Jinping for Australia's refusal to abandon its American ally.

Mired in a continental outlook, Delhi has failed to appreciate that the 12,50,000-man Indian army, despite its gallant service, has no offensive capability against the smaller PLA, numbering 9,75,000. Geography is against us in the Himalayas, where China has lateral connectivity of four- to six-lane highways to move acclimatised troops. The Navy remains the only service capable of any punitive action against China. With nuclear submarine technology, Australia has now been catapulted into a frontline state against Chinese aggression, something that India with a population of 1.3 billion and a GDP approaching \$5 trillion can only dream of. Australian nuclear submarines

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Despite a lack of support from the PMO and MEA, many naval veterans have, on their visits to Washington, approached key figures in the US establishment about nuclear submarine technology for the Indian Navy. The answer has always been the same — the US Navy is against transferring the technology to a nonaligned state. India's efforts have been crippled by a lack of funding and the inability to access highly-enriched uranium cores for the propulsion reactor. With the introduction of the Quad, we had an opportunity to operationalise the coalition, and set up a Quad secretariat in India. Suggestions and pleading with the MEA and PMO have fallen on deaf ears, preoccupied as they are with reinforcing failure in the Himalayas and ignoring the Navy. Now a country with 27 million people and a GDP of \$ 1.4 trillion has become a power that can influence the choices being made in Beijing.

Naval strategists and well-wishers have often been mystified trying to answer the questions of who makes foreign policy in Delhi. While the charter exists with the MEA, insiders are adamant that the PMO has the last word. So, the thinking public is unlikely to be enlightened as to why we have to remain non-aligned when our neighbour is competing with the US to be the global hegemon — a rogue hegemon. Beijing has armed the Pakistan Navy and Air Force to the teeth, has bases in Gwadar and Djibouti, supports the

Taliban in Afghanistan, is a strategic ally of the Myanmar junta – yet, we are reluctant to take the Quad beyond a diplomatic talk shop.

Does this dithering come from timidity or a misplaced sense of Chanakyan cunning to successfully befriend the US without antagonising China? It is time that Delhi realised that regional power will not come from stringing a million men across the Himalayas, but from a navy, supreme in the Indian Ocean and commanding the access choke points to international trade. At the least, an operationalised Quad would have given us info-dominance over critical areas, if the navy's anxieties are addressed. But by using the Quad for diplomatic and political grandstanding, without naval representation, we have lost the little leverage that we could have had.

The great American thinker Andrew Marshall used to say that strategy should not be written without first defining the scenario to which it applies. Accordingly, the US office Net Assessment defines the evolving scenario every four years in a docket entitled "Global Futures" as a guide to government. We have no such document, but our scenario is fairly predictable, dominated as it is by the rise of a rogue Chinese hegemon. So, why is our foreign policy still hoping to "appease" Beijing by denying India a blue water navy — the only instrument that gives us punitive capability against Beijing?

Menon, a former rear admiral, has authored four books on maritime and nuclear strategy



SEPTEMBER 24, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

RAHMAN KILLERS

TWELVE BANGLADESHI ARMY officers, including 10 who distinguished themselves in the liberation struggle and had gallantry decorations, were hanged on charges of mutiny and assassination of President Ziaur Rahman. Within hours, violence erupted in the capital with a mob protesting against the hangings setting fire to government buses and cars. Police resorted to lathicharge at least twice and also fired teargas shells to contain the angry crowds. A meeting convened by the freedom fighters' organisation condemned the execution of the army officers and called upon the people "to resist the de-

signs of anti-freedom forces".

SEPTEMBER RAINS

INCESSANT RAINS AND landslides claimed 17 lives in Bombay. Many others were injured in the deluge. Transport services were disrupted for most of the day. A family of three was wiped out in Bhandup and a woman and her two sons were injured when a huge boulder landed on the chawl. Three others were killed in a mishap in northwest Bombay. Such intense showers at the tail end of the monsoon season took Bombay by surprise. The Santa Cruz observatory recorded 30.6 cm of rain in 24 hours – a new record for September.

Delhi Power Crisis

DELHI CITIZENS WERE subjected to loadshedding for as long as five hours on September 23. Even essential services like airport, water supply and hospitals were affected. In Connaught Place, shopkeepers keep shutters down fearing pilferage.

ARMS RACE

PAKISTAN PRESIDENT GENERAL Zia-ul-Haq said his government would simply ignore the protests of India at the acquisition of arms by Pakistan. He said Pakistan had never raised any issue about India's piling of arms.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

The unicorn stampede

India is gaining at China's expense, but investors need to ask questions about long-term sustainability



BHASKAR CHAKRAVORTI

TIGER GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, a New York-based investment firm, has a reputation for tracking and hunting unicoms — startups with billion dollar-plus valuations. This year, if we were to track the Tiger's shifting gaze, we would catch sight of an interesting migratory phenomenon: Fewer unicorn sightings in China — ordinarily the biggest unicorn habitat outside the US — and the beginnings of a unicorn stampede in India. While the shifting of the Tiger's gaze cannot be good for China, I worry it may not be good for India either.

But, first, let me step back up and fill in the story. For this, we begin in China, where President Xi Jinping seems hellbent on kneecapping its most dynamic sector. I speak of China's tech industry that contributed over 38 per cent to the country's GDP last year, and was key to managing both Covid and the economy. Nevertheless, Beijing has decided to crack down on the industry, wiping out \$1.5 trillion in market value. The crackdown began with the abrupt suspension of the much-anticipated initial public offering (IPO) of Ant Group last November, while founder, Jack Ma, the very face of Chinese tech worldwide, mysteriously went underground. To add to the intrigue, pressures on Ant only continued to mount. It wasn't just the Ant Group in the government's crosshairs. China's regulators stopped the ride-hailing company, Didi Chuxing, from accepting new users, as soon as it went public on the New York Stock Exchange. Founders of companies, such as JD.com, TikTok and Pinduoduo seem to have been sufficiently spooked to seek early retirement.

Then there have been sweeping industry-wide changes, from anti-monopoly legislation to new rules governing data collection and use. The state's shadow extends well beyond restricting capital markets access and tightening regulations. Weekends and holiday tutoring by private tutors are off-limits. Video games, on the other hand, can only be played on Fridays and weekends. Financial bloggers, whose data does not agree with official statistics, are being scrubbed out of existence. Male digital idols considered too effeminate are out of favour, as are certain digital celebrities and influencers.

Needless to say, all of this has investors spooked as well. Of all the major hedge funds, Tiger Global Management topped the list in terms of greatest exposure to the risks created by China's tech crackdown. As you might expect, Tiger needed to turn elsewhere, which brings us to its gaze turning towards India. While not new to the Indian market, Tiger's interest in India has spiked, and, of course, this has not escaped the attention of other investors. China may have four times the number of unicorns as India, but this year India has far outstripped China in newly minted unicorns; thanks to Tiger and those following its lead, for the first time since 2013, the value of venture deals in India surpassed that of China. Tiger's investment in Innovaceer, for example, has given India its first health-tech unicorn.



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If this keeps up, India will experience a veritable blessing of unicorns - yes, "blessing" is the actual term for a herd of these mythical creatures — thanks not only to the fact that the money fleeing China needs refuge, but to many converging forces within India itself. India is the world's second largest digital market. The use of the United Payment Interface has made digital payments easier in a society that was — and still is — so tied to cash. The pandemic lockdowns have driven an unusually large proportion of that digital population to spend an unusually large amount of time and spend money online. This means that in a very short time, the need to serve this digital population has exploded. The Chinese crackdown could not have come at a more opportune time. Many startups are in a hurry to capitalise on the boom with many investors looking to capitalise them: Meesho will help you sell stuff on messaging apps; Razorpay can help with online payments; Chargebee can manage online subscriptions; ShareChat can get you into Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities over a vernacular social media platform.

While the emergence of a dynamic digital $ecosystem\,is\,indeed\,exciting, there\,is\,reason\,to$ worry about the speed of this emergence. When investors rush in to seek refuge because they are fleeing risk elsewhere, even if the refuge looks promising, they can contribute to a self-reinforcing cycle that ends up destroying the refuge. The early investors draw in others who fear they are missing out, and more investors rush in, perpetuating the cycle. The cascading tranches of money over-capitalise startups by giving more money than what's needed to get to necessary milestones. Eager to get a piece of the action, each investor may over-value a company, far exceeding what is justifiable based on market fundamentals. The stampede builds and soon you have the makings of a tech bubble.

Instead of reflexively chasing the next shiny startup in India, investors ought to ask a few questions: Do the startups and the markets they serve have the capacity to scale up and do they justify sticking with them for a long period? Can these startups, eager to win customers with rock-bottom pricing, ever discover a path to profits, especially with Indian

most plausible exit pathways for investors? Has the Indian initial public offerings market really proven itself? Does the experience of just one Zomato post-IPO tell us enough about the future of India's IPO potential? Are there enough large corporations that might buy these startups? Could the high initial valuations deter follow-up funding by future investors and acquirers? Have the risks of numerous regulatory uncertainties of India been adequately addressed? Will the still-rickety infrastructure, the poor track record of managing either Covid or the economy become obstacles for the startups, no matter how essential their services seem today? Can the under-investment in essentials, such as education, health and job market readiness, clog the talent pipeline? What happens to Indian digital habits in a post-Covid world, whenever that comes about? In a country that thrives on human contact, would people eventually take their eyes away from their screens and go back to the crowded shops, streets and buildings that are the very essence of India? Can the Indian government be trusted not to borrow a page from the government it would like to emulate - the Chinese state - and attempt a crackdown of its own?

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Don't get me wrong: It is exciting to see this huge interest in India's tech startups — even if it is at the expense of another country. But it would be wise for investors to take a deep breath and ask a few questions. India desperately needs patient capital, skilled talent and appropriate technology to solve the country's numerous fundamental problems laid bare by the pandemic. The last thing India can afford is a bubble that bursts and for all three to take flight and seek refuge in yet another country because no one — not even Tiger — wants to pick up the pieces of a popped bubble. Let's make sure that the blessing of unicorns does not end up saddling India with a curse.

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In Punjab, high command returns

"After unsuccessful military adventures in the Middle East and Central Asia, the Western bloc is looking to test the waters in East Asia and the Pacific Rim. Instead of flexing its military muscle, it needs to engage China — for once

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

sparked, an arms race will be difficult to contain."

Captain Amarinder Singh's gamble on a weak central leadership did not pay off. But the crisis within the party still simmers



ASHUTOSH KUMAR

THE RECENT EVENTS in the Punjab unit of the Congress recall the party high command's tradition of handling internal wrangling. As a dominant party in the "Nehruvian era", the Congress, as Rajni Kothari argued, played the dual role of the "ruling party" as well as the "party of opposition". The party then had powerful regional satraps from dominant land-holding communities, who enjoyed significant autonomy. The central leadership confined itself to a mediating role when a tussle among factional leaders would get out of control. This would change under Indira Gandhi, whose leadership style and norms were in stark contrast to Nehru. Her ascendance resulted in the Congress transitioning into a "centralist" party with the preeminence of "high command politics", the latter becoming a euphemism first for the leader and then the family.

The party chief ministers, nominated more on the basis of their loyalty than leadership skill or support base, would often have to go to Delhi to seek approval for even trivial issues related to the party or the government. The high command would tolerate or openly encourage factional leaders in the state units.

Captain Amarinder Singh is closer to a quintessential regional satrap of the Nehruvian era even though his political career commenced in the Indira-Rajiv era. Old ties with the family brought him to the party in 1980 and also allowed him to return in 1997. However, unlike other loyalists, Singh, a dominant Jat Sikh and a Patiala royal, succeeded in projecting himself as a leader who supported the cause of Sikhs and Punjabi Suba. His resignations first as a Congress MP in 1984 and then as an Akali Dal minister in 1986 over Operation Blue Star and Operation Black Thunder respectively strengthened this image. It was reinforced when he became the chief minister who helped pass the Punjab Termination of Agreements Bill in 2004, resulting in the annulment of the state's 1981 pact on the sharing of the Ravi and Beas river waters with Haryana and Rajasthan.

The Congress's wins against the Akali Dal-BJP combine in the 2002, 2017 and 2019 elections came under his leadership. Singh also showed considerable political skill to checkmate rival faction leaders, including former state presidents like Partap Singh Bajwa. Most importantly, in a state where religion, region, caste, kinship, language all play a role in influencing electoral choices, Singh, with his moderate secular nationalist image, was able to gain a state-wide support base, unlike his rivals.

It was this seemingly invincible leadership position that brought in him a fatal sense of complacency, especially after the win over Arun Jaitley in the 2014 elections in Amritsar. Defying the established rules of game, Singh threatened to break the party if not made the chief ministerial candidate in the 2017 elections. He was replaced by Bajwa as the state unit president after the 2012 electoral debacle, and had questioned the leadership ability of Rahul Gandhi.

In the last two years, he hardly visited Delhi, and defied the high command directive to bring back Navjot Sidhu, a protégé of the Gandhi siblings. Despite being called twice to Delhi and made to defend his poor record before the high command-appointed committee, which also passed on instructions to listen to dissident legislators' grievances, Singh failed to take visible corrective measures.

He also failed to fulfil the party's tall poll promises like generating employment, waiving farmers' debts, carrying out reforms in the power sector, bringing back industries, and ending the transport, sand, mining and land mafia raj. The refusal to change his laidback leadership style, depending heavily only on a few trusted bureaucrats and trusted courtiers finally proved to be his undoing. His inexplicable reluctance to catch and punish the bigwigs responsible for the drug menace, the failure to take swift action against those responsible for sacrilege and the subsequent firing over protesting Sikhs gave rise to the popular perception that he had a tacit understanding with the tainted Akali leadership. The predicament of the rival Akali Dal and the BJP over the three contentious farm laws, which have become the rallying point for the landholding Jat Sikh farmers, hardly assured the legislators facing anti-incumbency.

Amid all this turmoil, Singh apparently stuck to his belief that a much-weakened high command would not dare take punitive action against him, given that it had not acted when faced with dissidence in the state party units like in Rajasthan. His long-term loyalty to the family was another factor. It was evident in the high command's attempt to foist a reluctant Ambika Soni as a stop-gap chief minister. That quarrelling faction leaders accepted the high command's decision uncritically reminded one of the Indira-Rajiv era.

With the appointment of Charanjit Singh Channi as the first Dalit chief minister, the party high command has tried to keep the factional fighting under check and also reap an electoral dividend, given the state's demography. It is, however, obvious that the leadership crisis is far from over, given the rebellious stance of the slighted Singh and leaders waiting in the wings to fight another day. The visible hand of the "high command' in the whole saga, reminiscent of the Indira era, places greater electoral responsibility on it in the forthcoming elections, a tall order by all means.

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Gardens of plenty

Poshan Vatikas could bridge nutrition gap, help in livelihood generation

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Ananya Awasthi

IN THE BACKDROP of the month-long celebrations for Poshan Maah in September 2021, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been promoting the establishment of "Poshan Vatikas" across the country. Literally translating to nutri-gardens, the ministry plans to set up Poshan Vatikas across all anganwadi centres with the aim to provide a fresh supply of fruits, vegetables and even medicinal plants, especially in aspirational districts. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clarion call for "Atmanirbhar Bharat", the conceptual foundation of this programme builds on self-reliance and the adoption of sustainable food systems to address nutrition security amongst women and children. Nutri-gardens by themselves represent an exemplary global best practice which has the potential to address the multiple goals of diet diversity, nutrition security, agri-food cultivation, local livelihood generation and environmental sustainability.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) final guidelines, released in January 2021, give a sneak peek into the government's thinking behind the setting up of the Poshan Vatikas, with the launch of the Poshan 2.0 strategy shortly awaited. The guidelines state that the main objective of introducing Poshan Vatikas is to encourage community members to grow local food crops in their backyards and secure them with an inexpensive, regular and handy supply of fresh fruits and vegetables. This is directed towards addressing the micronutrient deficiencies through access to diverse and nutritious diets, coupled with the generation of economic activity for local cultivators

and village industries. The guidelines identify potential land spaces that can be utilised to set up the Vatikas, including anganwadi centres, panchayat areas, government schools, vacant lands or any other patch of community/government land available in the locality. Additionally, the guidelines also mandate retrofitting these gardens with backyard poultry and fishing as per the prevalent food culture, which can be particularly useful in addressing the protein requirements.

It is also hoped that the nutri-gardens may act as a demonstration site to educate children about the need for the consumption of fresh food produce and promote messaging for healthy dietary behaviours amongst women. Pointing towards the importance of multiministerial convergence, the guidelines emphasise the need for collective action by the Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Environmental Affairs, the MGNREGA scheme, Poshan Panchayats and mother groups. As an example, the government has been incentivising a drive for the plantation of moringa at all anganwadi centres. Moringa, also known as sehjan or drumstick, is a native Indian plant, rich in beta carotene, iron, vitamins A, B2, B6 and C5 and exhibits multiple health benefits, including antioxidant, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-cholesterol, anti-diabetic and

even anti-cancer properties.

Turning to scientific research, a review of global evidence demonstrates that setting up of nutri-gardens can significantly improve awareness about dietary diversity and a preference for the consumption of fresh food pro-

duce, especially in children. Experiences with school-yard gardens in the US have demonstrated an increased dietary intake of vegetables and fruits amongst children. Similarly, research from South Africa shows that the setting up of nutri-gardens can increase the likelihood of fresh food consumption. In Nepal, some trials were complemented with sensitisation modules on nutrition education and sustainable agriculture, though lack of parent involvement and access to fresh food produce were cited as key gaps that prevented the uptake of fresh food produce in children's diets.

In India, the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation has been at the forefront of demonstrating the impact of nutri-gardens on increased consumption of fruits and vegetables. Interventions included distribution of seed kits for growing green leafy vegetables, roots and saplings of fruit trees (for example lemon, papaya, guava and mango) and moringa. This was supplemented with awareness generation workshops and cooking demonstrations.

Interestingly, a systematic review of evidence from India and other South Asian countries highlights that while nutri-gardens have been able to scientifically demonstrate an increase in intermediate outcomes like dietary diversity which is critical for nutritional outcomes, evidence is lacking or inconclusive around the impact of nutri-gardens on the long-term nutritional parameters of women and children. In this context, a nation-wide launch of Poshan Vatikas presents the government and academia with an excellent oppor-

tunity to generate local evidence around the efficacy of nutri-gardens on the health and nutrition outcomes of women and children. Moreover, results from such implementation research can be extremely useful in informing the operational guidelines for setting up of Poshan Vatikas by anganwadi workers, especially given the unique context of India's food diversity, geography and culture.

Finally, the proof is in the pudding. Success of the national strategy depends on how the Poshan Vatika programme is implemented. Expected barriers for implementation may include access to cultivable land, availability of a water source, protection against grazing, bandwidth and skill sets of anganwadi workers, supply of seeds and inputs, and coordination between diverse stakeholders for the translation of technical know-how on setting up of nutri-gardens. At the same time, the ministry also has an opportunity to promote Poshan Vatikas as a platform to increase convergence between its agriculture and nutrition policy, build capacity of anganwadi workers, including raising compensation for their expected labour, bridge the gap between production and consumption of fresh fruits, vegetables and animal produce, disseminate messages on the importance of diet diversity and, ultimately, scale up a best practice that can contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WELL EXPRESSED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Not too hot' (IE, September 23). The theme — "too much comfort reduces the drive to survive" is beautifully expressed. This is one of the reasons why the paper remains "top of the pops".

Fali S Nariman, Delhi

DISTURBING ATTACK

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Draw the line' (IE, September 23). It's shameful to see a few goons aligned with a particular religious organisation attacking the house of Muslim MP from Hyderabad and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi in Lutyen's Delhi, which is otherwise supposed to be a highly secured area where most VVIPs reside. The Delhi Police, which reports directly to the Union Home Ministry, must act efficiently and quickly in nabbing the culprits. Otherwise, this incident will also be tagged as being sponsored by the central government or BJP. No individual or a group should dare to attack someone's house in broad daylight without fear of lawful agencies. The incident is certainly a matter of worry for the general public. If an MP is not safe in the most secure area of the national capital, then how can a common citizen expect to have safe and secure surroundings? To ensure the safety of its citizens, the concerned state police is entirely responsible and so, by bringing such antisocial elements to justice, the police can gain the confidence of the public. This will also prove that the police force can never afford to be biased against any religion or a political party.

Vandana, Chandigarh

BEYOND NEET

THIS REFERS TO the article. 'The case against NEET' (IE, September 22). There are a plethora of students sitting for the NEET and the number of seats is limited. The demand for doctors is evermore, especially in rural India. The reluctance of doctors from urban metropolises to work in rural areas makes the situation a perfect storm. Therefore, the government must set up more medical colleges catering to the demand for doctors in poverty-stricken areas, Also, an exam other than NEET must be conducted (just as there are multiple entrance exams to enter management institutes) so that the future of an individual does not hang on the performance of a single day.

Melvin Thomas, Bhopal

INDEPENDENT POLICY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'AF-Pak ambush' (IE, September 23). Pakistan's insistence to include the Taliban in the SAARC summit and India unequivocally turning this down is a reality check for Pakistan and its new protegee. Western countries may dither over granting legitimacy to the Taliban but India ought take an independent view, especially in terms of the US. The way things are unfolding, be it the UK's vaccine controversy or the non-inclusion of India in the newly-formed alliance AUKUS, thus making the QUAD feckless for all practical purposes, is a signal that the China-fear syndrome has clouded their thinking.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

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Patna City (038100)	Sri Rajeev Ranjan Kumar S/o Sri Yogeshwar Singh A/c No. 038100NC20040654 & 0381009900000068	Sri Rajeev Ranjan Kumar S/o Sri Yogeshwar Singh	EM of Land & Building vide Sale Deed No-914, dated 20.03.2009 situated at Mauza Mohammadpur Baratapur, P.SDidargani, Sub Registry Office-Patna city, Sadar Registry Office-Bankipur and Distt-Patna, Thana No-35, Present Touzi-Bihar Sarkar, Cadestral Survey Khesra No-688 (P), Khata No-67, Total Area 17 Dhur & 10 Dhurki, belongs to Sri Rajeev Ranjan Kumar S/o Sri Yougeshwar Singh. Boundary : North-Heirs of Late Rambaran Singh, South-Nij Lekhyakari, part of same Plot, East-Kailash Singh, West-Manoj Prasad	29.06.2021	18.09.2021	Rs. 20,81,652.40 (Rs. Twenty Lakh Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two and Paisa Forty Only) and Interest thereon.	Sri Bikash Kumar
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Patna City (038100)	Sri Satish Kumar A/c No. 0381009300046952	Sri Satish Kumar S/o Late Jang	EM of Land & Building vide Sale Deed No-1403, Dated 26.02.2015 situated at Mohalla/Mauza-Simli Nababganj, Patna city, Thana- Maalsalami, Sub Registry Office-Patna city, Sadar Registry City, Sada	30.06.2021	18.09.2021	Rs. 10,75,296.00 (Rs. Ten Lakh Seventy Five	Sri Bikash Kumar

		Bahadur Rai	Bankipur, Patna, Thana No-38, Ward 32/37 (Old)/57 (New) and as per new delimitation, ward No-71, Sheet No-281 Circle No-234, Municipal survey Plot No-96 (P). Total area is 04 dhur 05 dhurki (289.21 sq ft), pertaining Sri Satish Kumar S/o Late Jangabahadur Rai. Boundary : North-Sahayak Corporation Rasta, South-Kishor Thakur and Others (Heirs of Late Sachin Thakur), East- Niz lekhyakari part of said plot, West-Sri satish Kumar (Lekhyakari) part of Digar plot.		Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six Only) and Interest thereon.	
Patna City (038100)	M/S Jaiswal & Sons and Shiv Jyoti Enterprises (Prop Smt. Rita Jaiswal W/o Sri Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal & Amit Jaiswal S/o Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal A/c No.	Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal S/o Sri Dwarka Kumar Jaiswal	Registered Mortgage Land and Building vide Deed No-5306 Dated 22.06.2018 situated at Mauza - Bharatpur Simil, PS - Malsalami Sub Registry Office - Patna City and Sadar Registry Office - Patna, Distt Patna, Bearing Circle No 204, Holding No 95, at present 99/101, Ward No 30, Sheet No 264, M.S. Plot No 1000, Total area - 109 Karis Originally pertaining to Sri Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal S/o Sri Dwarka Kumar Jaiswal. Boundary: North - Gabra PMC Plot No 984, South - PMC Lane Plot No 1001, East - M.S. Plot No 998 and	30.06.2021	Rs. 52,65,501.60 (Rs. Fifty Two Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Five Hundred One and Paisa Sixty Only) and Interest thereon.	

	W/O Sri Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal & Amit Jaiswal S/o Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal A/c No. 0381009300046925 & 0381008700011609		Bearing Circle No 204, Holding No 95, at present 99/101, Ward No 30, Sheet No 264, M.S. Plot No 1000, Total area - 109 Karis Originally pertaining to Sri Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal S/o Sri Dwarka Kumar Jaiswal. Boundary: North - Gabra PMC Plot No 984, South - PMC Lane Plot No 1001, East - M.S. Plot No 998 and 999, West - M. S. Plot No 1023.		Hundred One Hundred One and Paisa Sixty Only) and Interest thereon.	
Patna City (038100) Prasad and Smt. Savita Devi W/o Sri Sanjay Kumar A/c No. 038100NC20040584 Sri Sanjay Kumar S/o Sri Ram Lakhan Prasad and Smt. Savita Devi W/o		Kumar S/o Sri Ram Lakhan Prasad and Smt. Savita Devi W/o Sri Sanjay	EM of Land and Building Vide Deed No 1230 Dated - 18.02.2015 situated at Mohalla Pakki Goriya, Patna City, P.S Khajekalan, Circle No 122, Holding No 227/191/160 (Old) Holding No 226/1/190/159 (New), Ward No 22/28 (Old) And Ward No 47/65 (New), Sheet No 215, Municipal Survey Plot No. 2629(P), Total Area - 948 sqft in the name of Sri Sanjay Kumar S/o Sri Ram Lakhan Prasad and Smt. savita Devi W/o Sri Sanjay Kumar Boundary: North - Sri Suresh Prasad Urf Dipu Mahto, South - Sri Rajesh Kumar thereafter 8 feet wide common Road, East -Sri Uttam Prasad, Sri Tuntun Prasad and Laxmi Devi W/o Sri Upendra Mahto, West - 8 Feet Wide Common Road.		19,12,494/-	
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(038100)	Prabhakar) A/c No. 0381008700012653	S/o Late Bijul Prasad Yadav and Smt. Yatika Prabhakar W/o Ranjeet	Begum Ki Haveli, Thana - Khajekalan, Sub Registry Office Patna City, Sadar Registry Office, and Distt. Patna, Ward No 27/22 (Old), 49 (New) Circle Office No 136, Holding No 32/33, Sheet No 219, Municipal Survey Plot No 2403 (part) Area - 4801 Sqft in the name of Sri Ranjeet Prabhakar S/o Late Bijul Prasad Yadav and Smt. Yatika Prabhakar W/o Ranjeet Prabhakar. Boundary: North - Municipal Survey Plot No 2402, South - Municipal Survey Plot No 2409 Sri Ashok Yadav, East -Municipal Survey Plot No 2410 & 2411, West-Municipal Survey Plot No 2403	
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Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2020-21 was posted on the website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com and sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose e-mai addresses are registered with the Registrar and transfer agent in Depositories. Addendum to the Annual Report with respect to the Comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) under Section 143(6)(b) the Companies Act, 2013 on the Financia Statements (Standalone and Consolidated) of the Company for F.Y. 2020-21 had been sent to the members of the Company through e-mail and also available on the website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com. The same forms part of the Annua

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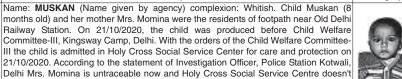
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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI 5TH FLOOR, ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, **NEW DELHI, DELHI 110006**

MISSING CHILDREN

Photograph Name: MUSKAN (Name given by agency) complexion: Whitish. Child Muskan (8 months old) and her mother Mrs. Momina were the residents of footpath near Old Delhi Railway Station. On 21/10/2020, the child was produced before Child Welfare Committee-III, Kingsway Camp, Delhi. With the orders of the Child Welfare Committee-



Name: PURNIMA. Complexion: Fair. On 27/07/2020, about 2 years old female child named Purnima was produced before CWC-III by Delhi Police from Kotwali Police Station. With the orders of Child Welfare Committee-III child is admitted in Holy Cross Social Service Center, for care and protection on 27/7/2020. According to the given report the child's mother Ms. Pinky is homeless and she is separated from her husband and she lives on alms. Now she is untraceable. At the time of admission the child was vearing white color frock with pink frills

have any information regarding her biological father and other relatives. At the time of

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Name: KAMINI (Name given by agency) complexion: Whitish.On 25th March 2021 Kamini about 1 year and 2 months old female child was found abandoned near Azadpur bus terminal by Delhi police from Police Station Adarsh Nagar and brought to Holy Cross Social Service Center for temporary shelter. On 26/03/2021 she was produced before Child Welfare Committee-III, Sewa Kutir Complex Kingsway camp, Delhi and with their orders the child was admitted in Holy Cross Social Service Center for care and protection. At the time of admission she was wearing pink color frock. DD No. 0130 A, Dated 25/03/2021, Police Station. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi



Name: Anusha@ Anushka: Complexion: Dark On 10th July 2021, Anusha Anushka, about 5 years old female child was found abandoned at SS Office, Old Delhi Railway Station by Childline Team, Salaam Balak Trust, ODRS, Delhi. When she was found she was wearing yellow color T- Shirt and sky blue color pyjama. On 10m July 2021 at 9.45 PM (Saturday) she was brought to Holy Cross Social Service Center for care and protection for short stay and on 12/07/2021 she was produced before Child Welfare Committee-III, Sewa Kutir Complex Kingsway camp, Delhi. According to the child Mr. Janu and Mrs. Amrita are her parents. DD No. 0030 A, Dated 10/07/2021



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Math to name Mahant Giri's successor if 'suicide note' is fake: Niranjani Akhara

AVANEESH MISHRA LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 23

SUSPECTING A conspiracy in the death of Mahant Narendra Giri, the head of the Niranjani Akhara and other saints on Thursday said the appointment of his successor as the mahant of Baghambari Gaddi Math and Bade Hanuman Mandir in Prayagraj will depend on the findings of the ongoing investigation. They said if the purported suicide note is deemed fake, the Math members will collectively name his successor.

Mahant Narendra Giri, who was also the secretary of Niranjani Akhara, was found hanging at Baghambari Math on Monday. Police said they found a sevenpage 'suicide note' in which the president of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad (ABAP) held his disciple and yoga guru Anand Giri, along with two others, responsible for his death. The note also mentioned that his disciple Balbeer Giri will be his successor.

Speaking to The Indian Express Thursday, Niranjani Peethadheeshwar Mahamandleshwar,

Kailashanand Giri said the state government has already recommended a CBI probe and they hope the Centre will agree to the same. He, however, termed the suicide note as a 'conspiracy'.

"We are shocked by the death of Mahant Narendra Giriji under suspicious circumstances. It is a great loss for us. The post of Baghambari Gaddi Mahant was a very personal one and Narendra Giriji mentioned Balbeer Giri as his successor in the purported suicide note. He also mentioned that there is also a registered will that he made, but we have not seen it yet. If the letter is found to be genuine then, it's all well and good. If it isn't, we all will sit together and appoint an able successor,' Acharya Kailashanand Giri said.

"It will all depend on the findings of the CBI probe. However, I wish to add that we believe that the purported suicide note is forged. Today, we were told that Mahant Narendra Giriji cleared his Class 10 exam, I knew him for over two decades and he always told me he was illiterate. I never saw him writing even two lines, and such a person penning eight pages seems impossible...' he added.

He added that there will be no issues around the appointment of Balbeer Giri as the successor if the 'suicide note' is determined to be genuine.

On Wednesday, the state recommended a CBI probe into Narendra Giri's death. The announcement came on a day, police arrested three people on the charge of abetment to suicide.

Judge was intentionally hit by auto, CBI tells Jharkhand HC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE CBI, which is probing the death of Dhanbad judge Uttam Anand, told the Jharkhand High Court on Thursday that the autorickshaw driver, who has been apprehended in this connection, intentionally hit him with his three-wheeler.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), during the hearing of the case on a virtual platform, said a probe is underway to find out who all are involved in the conspiracy.

The 49-year-old district judge was allegedly mowed down by a

out jogging near Randhir Verma Chowk in Dhanbad on the morning of July 28. CBI zonal joint director Sharad

heavy autorickshaw while he was

Agarwal submitted before the court that his death was not a case of accident. Agarwal appeared before the division bench of Chief Justice Ravi Ranjan and Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad and said that officers of the agency are working round the clock to uncover the truth behind the incident.

The bench observed that the case has shaken the morale of the judiciary. Time is the essence of this investigation, it said. The more time is spent, harder it will be to ascertain the truth, it stated.

Man stabs college student to death in TN, tries to kill self

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 23

A 19-YEAR-OLD college student was stabbed to death near the Tambaram railway station here on Thursday by a youth, who later attempted to kill himself, said police.

Passers by informed the police about the incident who rushed to the spot to find the college student in a pool of blood. Her assailant was found unconscious.

The police team immediately arranged for an ambulance and rushed the couple to the Government hospital at Chromepet, where the doctors declared the girl as 'brought dead', police said.

The attacker, who was later identified as Ramachandran, was hospitalised, a senior police official said and added that the motive is yet to be established.

"It appears that the man knew her. There was a conversation between the two and all of a sudden he whipped up a knife and stabbed her. Then, he tried to commit suicide by sitting his throat," the official said.

AIADMK coordinator O Panneerselvam condemned the murder of the girl and said incidents like these are "very distressing".

"Hearing the news of the student's murder in broad daylight has caused great anguish. It is distressing that rise in the incidents of murders has caused insecurity and apprehension among women," he said in a statement here.

Thursday's incident came as a reminder to local residents of the murder of a 24-year-old techie Swathi on the morning of June 24, 2016, at the Nungambakkam railway station here by Ramkumar from Tirunelveli. Days after he was arrested Ramkumar allegedly killed himself in prison.



BRIEFLY



Yogendra Vyas and wife Anjana Vyas.

GUJARAT

Ex-professor, his wife 'die by suicide'

Ahmedabad: A former professor of Gujarat University and his wife allegedly died by suicide in Ahmedabad Thursday. Police said the couple had been suffering from lifethreatening ailments, as per a note. Professor Yogendra Vyas (80), who retired as head of linguistic department of GU in Ahmedabad, and his wife Anjana (74), a homemaker, were found dead at their residence in Saraswatinagar area behind Azad Society in Ambawadi. A one-page note was recovered that said the "police should not harass their son and that they were ending their life wilfully" **ENS**

MANIPUR Abducted by militants, tribal leader dead

Imphal: Tension gripped Tamenglong district of Manipur after a tribe leader was found dead. He was allegedly abducted in broad daylight from the district headquarter on Wednesday. The incident comes in the wake of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's visit to the district to inaugurate several projects as part of the 'Go to Hills' campaign. The victim, Athuan Abonmai, was the former president of Zeliangrong Baudi, a tribe council. He was kidnapped while on his way to attend the programme. Reports in the local newspapers stated that the kidnappers were cadres of a hill-based militant outfit. No militant groups has claimed responsibility for the killing.

PUNJAB Anirudh Tewari appointed new chief secretary

Chandigarh: The Charanjit Singh Channi-led government in Punjab Thursday appointed Anirudh Tewari as Chief Secretary, replacing Vini Mahajan – the first woman to hold the post in state. Mahajan has now been posted as Special Chief Secretary. A 1990-batch IAS officer, Tewari Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture and Development. By appointing Tewari, who will retire in 2027, on the top bureaucratic post, the government has overlooked five IAS officers senior than him. They include Ravneet Kaur, Sanjay Kumar, Anjali Bhawra (on central deputation), Vijay Kumar Janjua, and Kripa Shankar Saroj.

Chhattisgarh teen attacked by leopard, dies

Raipur: A teenager was mauled to death by a leopard in Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari district on Thursday. The girl had gone to a reserved part of the forest near her village along with her parents to collect firewood, officials said.

According to forest officials, the incident occurred at Mukundpur range of forests in Nagri block of Dhamtari, 70 km from the district headquarters and 140 km from the state capital.

According to Satovisha Samaider, DFO Dhamtari, a leopard mauled Geetaniali Markam (13). "We have conducted the postmortem and it is an attack by a leopard. Presently our priority is to reduce the possibility of such incidents repeating, Samajder said.

JHARKHAND SCHOLARSHIP FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS TO STUDY IN UK

'I worked as a labourer to study... never dreamt my daughter would go abroad'

ABHISHEK ANGAD

RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 23

■ Dinesh Bhagat, 31, worked for seven years at his father's stationery shop in Ranchi, using his spare time to apply for scholarships in universities abroad.

■ Ĥercules Singh Munda, son of an Assistant Conservator of Forest, grew up listening to stories of how his father sold goats to be able to get an education. Inspired by his father, after his BTech, he worked as a researcher

at IIIT Hyderabad. ■ Anjana Pratima Dungdung, 21, a political science graduate, counts her father, a Block Welfare Officer who worked as a construction labourer in his early years, as her inspiration. WHAT BINDS them — together with Ajitesh Murmu, Akansha Mery and Priya Murmu — are their stories of struggle, along with a fierce determination to make the most of an opportunity that has opened up for them in the form of a Jharkhand government scholarship scheme.

All six, aged between 21 and 31, have been selected as the first

5 arrested for

fine on Dalit

family whose

child strayed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 23

THE POLICE in Karnataka's

Koppal district have arrested five

people who were involved in the

imposition of a penalty of Rs

25,000 on a Dalit family whose

three-year-old boy had wandered

September 4 in Miyapur village where the entry of Dalits into the

local temple is forbidden. Police

sources said the five people they

arrested are linked to the temple

had gone near the temple on the

occasion of the boy's birthday,

when he entered the temple. The

priest and other village elders

held a meeting on September 11 and imposed a fine of Rs 25,000

saying the temple had to be

cleansed and rituals conducted

after the Dalit boy entered," a po-

lice officer said. The family be-

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five arrested people are from the

tant to file a complaint as he

feared his family would face a

backlash from the village resi-

dents.Following a furore, a com-

plaint was filed by the Assistant

Director of the Karnataka Social

Welfare Department, S

Balachandra, on September 21.

case has been registered under

Indian Penal Code's Sections 504

(intentional insult) and 149 (unlawful assembly), and Sections

of the Scheduled Caste and

Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of

Atrocities) Act. 1989.

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The six students will head to universities in England and Ireland for their higher studies. Abhishek Angad

batch of Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholars, a government initiative for tribal students to pursue higher studies in uni-

versities in England and Ireland. Launched on December 29 last year, the scheme provides full financial support to 10 tribal students from Jharkhand to do a two-year Master's or a one-year MPhil course in 15 select universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The scholarship is named after Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda, one of Jharkhand's most famous names -- a tribal boy who

become an Imperial Civil Service officer and later, captain of the Indian hockey team that won gold in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games.

"On an average, Rs 30 lakh tuition fees will be incurred per student per year, along with around Rs 10 lakh in living expenses. We have a budget of Rs 10 crore for 10 students, but both the budget and the number of students are flexible," said Tribal Welfare Commissioner Naman Priyesh Lakra.

On the selection process, he said, those who have scored 55%

Former

with family income below Rs 12 lakh were encouraged to apply. The applications were vetted by a panel of professors chosen by the government from universities across the state, after which the selected candidates were called for an interview. The six scholars were chosen from among 22 candidates, Lakra said.

"I struggled for my education, worked as a daily-wage labourer... Hum sapne mein bhi nahi soche the ki wo videsh mein padhegi (Not even in my dreams did I think that my daughter would study in a foreign country)," says Surendra Bhagat, who works as a Block Welfare Officer. His daughter Anjana Pratima Dungdung, who belongs to the Kharia tribe, will pursue a Master's in International Relations from the University of Warwick. She says she aims to give a "voice to the voiceless" and plans to "definitely return to Jharkhand to give back to society".

Dinesh Bhagat, who is set to do a Master's in Climate Change from the University of Sussex, England, wants to "improve the lives of people living in mining areas" and find ways to reduce

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Jharkhand after he return home.

"In the past, I applied for the Commonwealth and Central government scholarships, but never got through. I got to know about this initiative and applied," he says.

Hercules Singh Munda will pursue a Master's in Linguistics from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies; Ajitesh Murmu will study architecture at the University College of London; Akanksha Mery has been selected for an MSc in Climate Science Change Management at Loughborough University; and Priva Murmu will study Creative Writing and the Writing Industries at Loughborough University.

On Thursday, speaking in Ranchi at the felicitation function for the six scholars, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said, "Tribals are considered weaker sections, but the time has come for us to stand on our feet...and dedicate ourselves to the state and society... Our scheme will help more and more tribal peo-

ple in the days to come."

The controversy had erupted

a couple of days ago when his

views were sought about de-

mands by BJP leaders here that

Ramayana be included in school

syllabus, following a similar

move by the saffron party's gov-

This evoked predictable out-

ernment in Madhya Pradesh.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE Union Health Secretary access" to Covid-19 vaccination.

disabled: Govt

Covid jabs at

home for the

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

ALMOST EIGHT months after it rolled out the Covid-19 vaccination drive across the country, the Centre on Thursday announced the introduction of home vaccination for the those with restricted mobility, disability and special needs.

Also, in its first official statement over the UK's new travel guidance not recognising Covid-19 vaccination certificates issued by India, the Union Health Ministry said that "both sides are in dialogue" and a "quick resolution" to the issue will be found.

Announcing the home vaccination provision, head of India's Covid-19 task force Dr V K Paul said, "I am pleased to inform you that we have made new provisions. For those persons, whose mobility is such that they cannot be moved out of the house for vaccination, or those who have a disability, or if someone has special needs that they cannot go to a vaccination centre, we have made new provisions.'

"For them, under supervision at home and by following SoPs, we will make provisions for vaccination at home. The orders and advisory have been issued," Dr Paul said

He said district-level immunisation officers will continue to follow the same SoPs for vaccination at home, including the critical aspect of monitoring adverse events following immunisation.

"We have confidence that our vaccines are safe. The arrangements we will make for home vaccination would be effective, safe, supportive, and nurturing. And it will follow all the SoPs. It is an important development. We will encourage teams at local level to participate and connect with this new system," Dr Paul said.

The decision to roll out vaccination at home in special cases comes at a time when India has completed administering first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to 66 per cent of the estimated adult

per cent of the eligible population.

Rajesh Bhushan emphasised that there has been "equitable

"A substantial proportion of vaccines has been administered at rural vaccination centres. In rural centres, 45.75 crore doses have been administered, while 25.42 crore doses have been administered in the urban centres," he said, adding that between May 1 and September 22, only 6 per cent of the total doses have been administered in private hospitals concentrated in urban centres.

On the issue of the UK travel guidance qualifying Covishield as an approved vaccine but not the Covid-19 vaccination certificates issued in India, Bhushan said, "On United Kingdom, let me reiterate what Ministry of External Affairs has already underlined."

"First, we believe that the dispensation that is proposed to be implemented from October is a discriminatory practice. Two, both the sides are in dialogue. We believe that a quick resolution will be found. Third, we do reserve the right to reciprocate in a similar manner."

On Thursday, after meeting National Health Authority CEO Dr R S Sharma, British High Commissioner to India Alex Ellis posted on Twitter that neither India nor UK raised technical concerns with the vaccination certification process.

"Excellent technical discussions with @rssharma3 @AyushmanNHA. Neither side raised technical concerns with each other's certification process. An important step forward in our joint aim to facilitate travel and fully protect public health of UK and India," Ellis tweeted.

"Echoing his excellency @AlexWEllis's views, this will be instrumental in resuming socioeconomic activities between India and UK. We also look forward to deepening ties between @AyushmanNHA and @NHSX as we collaborate to build a digital continuum of healthcare services," Sharma posted in reply.

tended to cattle, but went on to Temple entry fine: Manjhi attacks 'guardians of faith'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PATNA, SEPTEMBER 23

FORMER BIHAR Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi on Thursday lashed out at 'dharm ke thekedaar' (self-appointed guardians of faith) whom he squarely blamed for Dalits being deprived of a life of dignity.

Manjhi, whose Hindustani Awam Morcha is a part of the ruling alliance in the state, expressed his anguish on his Twitter handle, sharing the news

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 23

THE TECHNICAL advisory com-

mittee advising the Karnataka

government on the Covid-19

pandemic has asked the state to

ask the Centre to reduce the gap

between the two doses of the

the shortening of the span of

dosages from the current 84

days to around one month to

broaden the spread of vaccina-

tion as preparation for a possible

write to the Centre to reduce the

gap between the first and second

dose of Covishield. It is primarily

because the vaccine supplies are

good now and we have to keep

in mind a possible third wave if a

new variant emerges. It is safer

to have good vaccine coverage in

preparation for such a situation,"

committee chairman Dr M K

doses was only one month and

some groups of people like stu-

dents who had to travel abroad

were also vaccinated with

"Earlier the gap between

Sudarshan said.

"We told the government to

third wave of the virus.

The committee has

Covishield vaccine.



Karnataka Covid panel

shorter Covishield gap

tells govt: Push for

report of a Dalit couple in Karnataka being penalised after their two-year-old child inadvertently stepped into a temple. Incidentally, Karnataka is

ruled by the BJP, which is also the largest partner in the ruling coalition in Bihar.

one month." he said.

Fellow committee member

and nephrologist Dr Sudarshan

Ballal said the expert panel has

noted that an interval of four

weeks was "good enough for im-

munity to develop" among

Covishield beneficiaries, "With

the government aiming to vac-

cinate the maximum population

with both doses, it seems imper-

ative to accelerate the pace of

vaccination. Vaccination is the

key to keep the spread of Covid-

In Karnataka, 3.8 crore peo-

ple have received at least one

dose of the Covid vaccine out of

a total population of over 6 crore,

while 1.54 crore people have re-

ceived both doses of the vaccine.

The state government wants to

complete vaccinating the entire

eligible population in about 100

BBMP Dr B K Vijendra said the

spike in deaths was on account

of the addition of a backlog of

COvid deaths to the fatality list

in the last week. A total of 389

cases and eight deaths were re-

ported in the BBMP report is-

The chief health officer of the

19 in check as well," he said.

"I am giving voice to the pain

ligious works (dharmik kavya)," Manjhi had said he was very much in favour of the epic being Manjhi tweeted. His outcry came close on the taught in schools though he was of the view that "Lord Ram was heels of a barrage of insults from the BJP after he made a statenot a man who lived on this earth at any point of time".

ment suggesting that he believed Lord Ram was a fictional and not historical figure.

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

rage from the BJP.



DAILY DEATHS | TOTAL DEATHS | WEEKLY CFR 320 | 4,46,370 | 0.78%



WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.94% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.00%

OIME.	CASES	CASES	POSITIVITY	VACCINATION
■ Kerala	19,682	1,60,537	16.63%	3,44,33,220
■Maharashtra	3,320	39,191	2.06%	7,61,64,927
■ Tamil Nadu	1,745	17,121	1.08%	4,35,08,265
■Mizoram	1,294	14,954	16.96%	10,82,941
■ Andhra Pradesh	1,171	13,749	2.18%	3,85,34,639

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	152	24,270	0.55%	0.56%
■ Maharashtra	63	1,42,287	3.10%	2.19%
■ Tamil Nadu	27	35,427	1.42%	1.35%
■ Andhra Pradesh	15	37,683	1.75%	1.27%
■Odisha	12	18,703	1.78%	1.20%

Note: Data as on Sept 23; vaccination numbers as of Sept 22. Deaths include those from previous days.

Google moves Delhi HC against CCI report leak

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

IN A petition before the Delhi High Court, Google on Thursday alleged that a confidential interim fact-finding report prepared by Competition Commission of India's Director General — in relation to an ongoing probe into the company's Android smartphone agreements — has been leaked to the media.

Senior Advocate Abishek Manu Singhvi, representing Google, mentioned the case before Chief Justice DN Patel and requested an urgent hearing. The petition, otherwise listed by the court Registry for hearing on September 27, was then ordered to be listed for hearing on Friday.

Google has said that leakage of the report is a breach of confi-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE to defend itself and harms it and its partners. A Google spokesperson said that the company was deeply concerned that the report was leaked to the media "while in the CCI's custody".

"Protecting confidential information is fundamental to any governmental investigation, and we are pursuing our legal right to seek redress and prevent any further unlawful disclosures. We cooperated fully and maintained confidentiality throughout the investigative process, and we hope and expect the same level of confidentiality from the institutions we engage with," said the spokesperson.

Google said the DG's findings do not reflect the final decision of the CCI and the submission of the investigation report is an interim procedural step.

Superintending Engineer

Sold into marriage, Assam minor, now a mother, returns home from Rajasthan before the CWC in Barmer, she was left her home with a friend but was

days' time.

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 23

IN JANUARY last year, the family of a minor girl, then 14, got an FIR filed in Assam's Dhubri district after she

More than a year later, in September, the girl was rescued from Rajasthan's Barmer district, near the westernmost tip of the country. Sold into an abusive marriage, she began the 2,500-km journey home Wednesday along with her father and Assam Police officers - and her one-year-old child.

A phone call to her brother, whose number she had memorised, helped her family discover her location, reveals her statement to the Barmer Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

The girl's case is one of the thousands of instances of trafficking of women and children from North Eastern states such as Assam and Tripura to Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi and Haryana, where they are also often used as bonded

vener of the National Campaign Committee for Eradication of Bonded Labour.

on September 13 to the Barmer SP, the Assam police, and authorities in the two states about the whereabouts of the girl and her pleas to return home. He had been alerted by Assam-based advocate Anwar Ahmed Hussain, who was in touch with the girl's family.

The local police rescued the girl on the same night after the email from Gorana. She was presented before the Barmer CWC on September 14.

"When we were informed about the case on the night of September 13, we went to the house of the man in search of the girl. While the man was not found, after the girl came to know the police had arrived, she came running to us and told us about her ordeal, pleading with us to take her away," said Lalit Kishor, SHO of the police station in Barmer which mounted the rescue.

According to the girl's statement

labourers, said Nirmal Gorana, consold and forcibly married off to the Barmer man. He allegedly didn't let her return to her parents, saying he It was Gorana who sent an email had spent money to buy her. The girl

said she was physically abused and tortured. "When I speak on phone, he starts beating me, keeps me locked and would insert sticks between my fingers to hurt me and would say that if I went or spoke with someone, he would kill me," the girl said in her statement to the CWC.

The statement says that the man didn't let her speak with anyone for several months. It was only after the child was born that he let her use the

"The girl, who is a Muslim, told us that despite her refusal, she was threatened and forced to marry the man from Barmer as per Hindu rituals. Thereafter, a son was born to her. She managed to contact her brother

whose number she had memorised," said advocate Chetanram Saran. chairperson of the Barmer CWC. The girl told the CWC that she had drugged and brought to Delhi. There, she was left with strangers who threatened to kill her parents and forced her to marry the Barmer man.

"On Wednesday, she was handed over to her father and the Assam police who came to Barmer. She told us that she wants to take the child along with her." Saran said.

In an order passed on Wednesday, the Barmer CWC said that after taking into consideration that an FIR has been registered in Assam (under Section 366A, which deals with the procurement of a minor girl) and the fact that the girl is a victim of sexual violence, she is being transferred to the jurisdiction of the Dhubri CWC.

SHO Kishor said the Barmer man has not been arrested yet because action will be taken by the Assam police. "We will proceed as per the instructions of the Assam police because the FIR has been registered there. Since the girl is a minor, more sections related to offences under the POCSO Act and charges of rape can be added," said the SHO.



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

I Vipin Kumar Malik S/O, Mahender Singh Malik R/o 215/18. Gali No. 7, Model Town, Santosh Path Lab. Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, 124507 have changed my name to 0040585583-1

0040585551-1

I Pooja Verma Alias Shabnam W/o Late Suresh Chander Verma R/o B-10/9, Rana Pratan Bagh, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Shabnam 0070754910-1

I Nazia Tanweer W/o Ather Hussain R/o 3095 Kucha Tara Chand, SSA Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002 herby declare that my name Nazia Tanweer to be considered for all purposes. 0040585656-1

I Narinder W/o-Paramiit Singh R/o-G-1/53, Second Floor, Pocket-1, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Narinder Kaur for all 0040585578-

I Monalisha D/o Ramesh Kumar Keshav R/o H, No G-1244 Second Floor, Indra Enclave Sev.21DFaridabad, Haryana-121012 have changed my name to MAULI for all future 0040585585-1

I Meena Nanda W/o-Yogesh Chadha R/o-76-C, AD-Block, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Sakshi Chadha for all purposes.

0040585577-1

I Manju Bansal W/o Sh. Manohar Lal Bansal R/o 53, Pocket-9, Sector-24, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Manju Rani for all purposes.

0040585586-9

I Maanoj Naarang S/o Sh. Om Parkash R/o WZ-1477, Second Floor, Left Side, Rani Bagh, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034 have changed the name of my minor son from Divyam Narang to Dyvm Naarang for all purposes.

l Kiran Jyoti Kaur W/o Harpreet Singh Bhatti, R/o RZ-140, G/F.Saved Nangloi, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Kiranjot

Kaur. 0040585676-2 I Kanchan D/o Late Sh. Chunni Lal W/o Sh. Maanoj Naarang R/o WZ-1477, Second Floor, Left Side, Rani Bagh, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Anjalle Naarang for all

I Indu Mani W/O Nitin Joshi R/O House No. 287, S/F, Front Left Side, T-Block Extn., Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Indu Joshi 0050184521-1

purposes.

I Gudiya Devi W/O, Bikash

0040585586-7

Kumar Prasad R/o 17/8 Sthir Para Dakshin Pally, Modal Para, Jagatdal, North 24 Pargans 743127 have changed my name to Gudiya Kumari Prasad for all I Dikshil kemwal S/O Praveen Kumar R/O W7-416B GALLNO-

4A, SADH NAGAR-1, PALAM COLONY, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI 110045 have changed my name to DIKSHIL DHARMA for all purposes. I Bulbul Haque F/o SANIA

PARVIN Add. NOIDA Sec-80 PHASE-2 KAKRALA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301. Inform that mine and my wife name have been wrongly written in my daughter's documents as MD SALAUDDIN KHAN and SAVINA PARVIN instead of BULBUL **HAQUE and MEERA KUMARI** respectively.

I Rajeev Khatri S/O, Inder Sain R/o H.no.414, Ward No. 01 Jatwara, Sonipat-131001 have changed my name to Rajiv

I Aman Khan S/o Bulbul Hague. Add. NOIDA Sec-80. PHASE-2 KAKRALA KHAWASPUR GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR. UTTAR PRADESH-201301. Inform that my father and Mother name have been wrongly written in my documents as MD. SALAUDDIN KHAN and SAVINA PARVIN instead of BULBUL HAQUE and MEERA KUMARI respectively.

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I Aiav Rai S/o Indrasan Rai, R/O E-153 Gamma-1, Greater Noida, Kumar Rai for all future 0040585630-3 purposes.

KAMLA DEVI W/O Ram Murat R/O W 121 A 383 Y Block loha Mandi Naraina N.D. 110028 declare that I am also known as JYOTI. Both JYOTI and KAMLA DEVI are the same person.

0070754899-

I, Vinod Kumar Chauhan, S/O Lachhiram Chauhan, R/o-E-300, AASTHA KUNJ, SFS FLATS SECTOR-18, ROHINI, DELHI 110089, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Vinod Chauhan in my minor daughter Gauri aged-17-year in her 10th-class CBSE-Documents.The actual-name Chauhan. Which may be

amended accordingly. 0040585669-11 I,Urmilla Paswan,W/O-Shri Ranieet Paswan, R/O-C-33. Nahar Pur, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sharmila Devi.

I.Sunila.W/O Late Sh.Pal Singh Rana, R/O A-231, Pandav-Nagar, Patel-Nagar, New Delhi-110008, Have Changed my Minor son Name Deepak to Deepak Singh Rana, for all purposes.

0040585658-4

0040585664-4

I,Sonu Kohli S/o Rajender Kumar Kohli R/o.C-572,Saraswati-Vihar, Delhi-110034, Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name, From Aadhya Kohli to Aadhaya Kohli, For all, future 0040585671-10

I,Shama D/o Nazir Khan R/o-Z-123 Gali No.1 Welcome Seelampur Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Shama Khan, for all purposes.

0040585669-8

I.Sanjay Kumar,s/o Sh.Narvan Dass Pahuja R/o H-1002, JMD Gardens, Near-Subhash Chowk, Sohna-Road, Gurgaon Haryana-122001, have changed mv name to Sanjay Pahuja, for all, future purposes.

0040585658-11 I,Sanjay Kumar,S/o Sh.Naryan Dass Pahuja, R/o H-1002, JMD-Gardens, Near-Subhash Chowk, Sohna-Road, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Sanjay Pahuja, for all future purposes.

0040585676-1

I,Sakshi D/O Bhagwan Dass,R/O 2499/191,Onkar Nagar-A, Tri-Nagar Delhi-110035.have changed my name to Sakshi 0040585658-6 Manchanda.

I,SANDHYA W/O AJAY VAID R/O G-18/4.SECOND-FLOOR. SECTOR-15, ROHINI, DELHI-110089.CHANGED MY NAME TO SANDHYA VAID, FOR ALL

I,Ram S/o Late Bharosi Lal R/o-8/288 Block-8,Trilokpuri,Delhi-110091, have changed my name, from Ram to Ram Charan, for all purposes. Ram & Ram Charan is one and the

same person 0040585669-7 I,Rakesh Chand Sharma S/o-Ramesh Chand Sharma.R/o-C-148, Sector-72, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to Rakesh Sharma for

all, future purpose. 0040585664-2 I,Rajinder Kaur W/o Guljinder Singh Kalsi R/o.WZ-151, Plot. No.381 Chand-Nagar Tilak-Nagar Delhi, have changed my

name to Rajinder Kaur Kalsi. 0040585669-4

I, Amandeep Jaswal, W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O WZ-396D.Sri Nagar,Shakur Basti, Delhi Changed Name to Amandeep.

I,RAMESH SHOKEEN/RAMESH KUMAR SHOKEEN,S/O ATTAR SINGH.R/O A-121.POCKET-00. MIG.SECTOR-2.ROHINI. DEI HI 110085.CHANGED MY NAME TO RAMESH KUMAR.

0040585671-1

I,Pratima Tiwary,W/o-Shri Upendra Kumar Tiwary, R/O-Flat.no-307, Super Tech Avante Garde Sector-5 Vaishali. Ghaziabad, have changed name of my daugther, Samya Tiwary to Maanvi Tiwary, for all future purposes.

0040585664-5

I,Pooja Soni W/O Ranjit Singh R/O.H.No-50-B.Bharat Vihar, Chander Vihar Niloth Extension Delhi-110041,have changed my name to Simran 0040585658-5 Kaur.

I,Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Manohar Lal Chhabra, R/o 103A/3A,First-Floor, HIG DDA-Flats, Motia Khan, Paharganj, Swami Ram Tirth-Nagar,New-Delhi-110055 have changed my name Parveen Kumar Chhabra, for all purposes.Parveen Kumar Chhabra & Parveen Kumar is one and the same person. 0040585669-9

I,PURAN MAL,F/o Depanesh Meena, R/o brahmbad, Tehsilsikrai, Dist-dausa, Rajasthan, Have changed my minor son's name, from Depanesh meena Ankit to Deepansh meena.for all, future purposes.

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I.POONAM SHOKEEN / POONAM RANI W/O RAMESH KUMAR R/O A-121, POCKET-00, MIG, SECTOR-2, ROHINI, DELHI-110085.CHANGED MY NAME TO POONAM. 0040585671-5

I.Navieet Singh.S/o Guliinder Singh Kalsi R/o WZ-151, Plot.No.381, Chand-Nagar Tilak-Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Navjeet Singh Kalsi.

I,NEHA SOMAN / NEHA GARG, W/o-NITESH GARG, R/o-D 1003, THIRD-FLOOR PRASHANT-VIHAR.NORTH/WEST DELHI -110085.Changed my name to NEHA SOMAN GARG.

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I,NARESH KUMAR BANSAL,S/o Late.Ram Prasad Bansal. R/o.BC-28 Mianwali-Nagai Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-110087 I say Naresh Bansal written in pasport no.N7222679 both name are same and one person.

I.MANOJ KUMAR MISHRA, S/O.JAGADISH MISHRA ADD- G-215, M.B.ROAD LAL KUAN. SOUTH EAST/DELHI-110044 Changed my name to MANOJ MISHRA, permanently.

0040585658-9

I,Manjubala Mali,W/o Kishor Chandra Mali R/o-Raghunathpur Po:Palur PS-Rambha District-Ganjam, have changed my name to Sanju Mali. 0040585658-10

LMamta Rani W/o Suresh Rana. R/o.B-281, First-Floor Lok-Vihar Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Kanchan 0040585671-2

I.Madiya Parveen D/o-Mohd Zahid R/o-A-79, Basti-64, Khamba Mir Dard Road, Darya Gani.Delhi-110002.have changed my name to MADIHA.

0040585671-7

I,Lavjita Mehta W/o Vipin Mehta R/o-B-238, Sarita Vihar New Delhi-110076, have changed my name to Lavjit Mehta

0040585610-2

I,Kaushalya, Mother of-Sohana Raj, W/o-Raj Kumar, R/o-D-303 1st-Floor, Krishna Park, Devli Road, Khanpur, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Koshla, for all purposes.

0040585658-3

I,Harshit S/O Kuldeep Ralli R/O C-126, Millennium Appartment Sector-18, Rohini Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Harshit Ralli. 0040585664-

I,Indu Sharma W/o Shri Ram Kumar Sharma R/o-B-206, 2ndfloor,Back-Side DDU-Hospital, Hari Nagar,Delhi-110064,have changed my name to Indra

0040585610-3 I,Guljinder Singh,S/o Darshan Singh Kalsi R/o WZ-151 Plot. No.381, Chand-Nagar Tilak-Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Guljinder Singh Kalsi.

0040585669-3

I,Gaurav Sharma S/o-Rakesh Sharma R/o-C-148, Sector-72, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. have changed my,name to Gaurav Raj Sharma for all, future purpose.

0040585664-3 I,GUN GUN D/O-SUSHIL KUMAR CHAURASIYA, my WRONG-D.OB.IS-27-11-2206,ACTUAL-D.O.B IS-27-09-2004,R/O-1576,E-BLOCK.JAHANGIRPURI.DELHI-3 3, have changed my name to JYOTI CHAURASIYA.

0040585658-2 **I,GULSHAN** KUMAR,S/O HEM RAJ.R/O.FLAT.NO-132, PLOT.NO-13A.DIAMOND-SOUARE CGHS-LTD, SECTOR-6, DWARKA, DELHI-110075, have changed my name

to GULSHAN KUMAR MIGLANI, for all, future purpose. 0040585671-4

I,Furkan Khan,S/o-Margub Alam,R/o-C-8064KhambaBasti Mir Dard Road, DarvaGani Delhi-110002.have changed my name to Furgan Khan.

0040585671-8 I.BRIJESH KUMAR.S/O SHRI

BIRBAL KUMAR, R/O-B-607. GALI.NO.34, MAHAVIR-**ENCLAVE PART-2, D.K.MOHAN** GARDEN, WEST-DELHI, DELHI-110059, DECLARE THAT BIRBAL KUMAR CHUNNILAL AND **BIRBAL KUMAR BOTH NAMES** ARE THE SAME PERSON.

0040585664-9

LAsma Nazir.W/o Shahid Faridi,D/o Nazirul Haque Khan, R/o-Shaukat Villa Mahfooz Manzil-Compound, Laxmi-Bai Marg, Marris-Road, Koil, Aligarh-202001,Uttar-Pradesh

have changed my name from Asma Nazir to ASMA SHAHID, for all purposes. 0040585669-5 I,Ashwani Kumar Sharma,S/O Chander Bhan.R/O.A-37, DDA-

Colony Khyala Tilak Nagar,

name to Ashwani.

Delhi-110018 have changed my 0040585669-1

I.Arvind Preet Singh Makhija, S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O House No-7, First Floor, Kalyan Vihar Model Town-II Delhi-110009, Have Changed my Name to Arvind Preet Singh.

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LASHUS/O RAVINDRA SHARMA R/O K-1110.MANGOLPURI. DELHI-110083.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHU SHARMA FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040585671-6

L hitherto known as SUBRAT GUPTA S/o Shri Ajeet Kumar Gupta, R/o 3/1, Firoj Gandhi Nagar, B.S.N.L. Campus, Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh-229001. presently residing at A4-502, Panchsheel Greens-2, Sector 16. Near Ek Murti Chowk. Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh-201308 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANKUSH GUPTA

I, Urmila W/o Jai Kishan Tokas R/o D-211/3, Munirka Village, New Delhi-110067 have changed my name to Urmila 0040585593-1

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 changed my name Sumit Agarwal to Sumit Aggarwal for all future 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 changed my minor daughter name Gauri to Gauri Agarwal for all future purpose.

I, Shashi, W/o Rambir, R/o-1 Link-Road Bhati Chaupal Sector-36,Narsinghpur Gurgaon Haryana, have been changed my name to Shashi Bala.

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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 changed my minor daughter name Chhavi

purpose. 0040585551-3 I. Sweta Sharma D/o Late Bal Krishan Sharma R/o-C-3, Plot. No.306, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, UP-201010.have changed my name to SHWETA SHARMA for all future

purposes.

to Chhavi Agarwal for all future

I, Shyam Kishor Singh S/o Ram Lakhan Singh R/o-Kusdih Tendua, Halka, Palamu, Jharkhand-822131, presently at H.No.998, R.K.Puram, Sector-8 New Delhi-110022, have changed my daughter's name from Suwarna Singh @Prihasha Singh to Priyasha

Singh permanently 0040585630-2

0040585630-1

I, Shilpi Gupta, D/o Shri D.K. Gupta, R/o 2611 D2 Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070, have changed my name to Shilpi

mohammad Raza R/o-5-K/60-B 3rd floor, NIT faridabad, have changed my name to Shabeena 0040585610-1 Kausar **I,** Ram Lagan Father of Vikash Chaurasia, R/o B-21

Panchsheel Vihar, Malviya

changed my name to Ram

Nagar New Delhi-110017 has

I, Shabeen kausar W/o

0040585598-1

I. Rachna Kumari Parashar.D/o Raghubir Sharma, R/o A-2906, First-Floor, Front-Side, Greenfield Colony, Faridabad (Haryana)-121010, have changed my name to Rachna

0040585669-10 I. RAJBIR Son of MANOHAR SINGH R/O 8907, GALI NO 14/B,RAJA GALI, SHIDI PURA, KAROL BAGH, DELHI-110005 declare I sworn an Affidavit before The Learned NOTARY ATTESTED on date 09.09.2021 for change my Previous Name SURESH to my Present NAME RAJBIR. Henceforth, I recognized and known as RAJBIR instead of SURESH. That

and one identical

SURESH and RAJBIR is same

I, Pramod Kumar S/o Ram Chander Sharma R/o Qtr.692, Type3, New Tihar Complex. Janak Puri, Delhi-58. I declare that my name is wrongly mentiond as Pramod Mudgal instead of Pramod kumar and has been written in school records of my son Pratham Mudgal and Mayank Mudgal. My actual name in passport and Pan card is Pramod Kumar.

I, Neeraj Kumar S/o Shispal Singh R/o-122, Khwajpur, Jewar, GautamBudh Nagar, U.P. declare that in my son's (Shikhar Chaudhary) education documents my name is wrongly mentioned-as

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name is Neeraj Kumar. I, NUZHAT YASMEEN D/O MOHD IRFAN R/o,1028 RAJAN STREET FARASH KHANA DELHI-110006,

NUZHAT YASMIN

Neeraj Chaudhary instead of

Neeraj Kumar. My correct

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I, Jai Kishan S/o Rati Ram Tokas R/o D-211/3, Munirka Village, New Delhi-110067 have changed my name to Jai Kishan

I, Ishan Yashraj Rege@ Ishan Rege, R/o 712 A, Mahagun Manor, F-30, Sec-50, Noida-201301, U.P. have changed my name to Ishan Rege for all future purposes.

I, Harshita Negi W/o Shri Harish Singh Negi R/o H.No. C-118/1, Street No.8, West Vinod Nagar Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Hema Negi for all future purposes.

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I, Bal Krishan Singh S/o Shri Chhotey Singh R/o SMQ-59, Air force Station Hindan. Ghaziabad U. P. 201004 & Permanent resident of 59, Vill Sihawal, PO Jigna, Distt Mirzapur, U.P. 231313 wish to inform that the name of my father has been wrongly mentioned as CHHOTE SINGH in my passport, however the correct name is CHHOTEY 0070754897-1

I, Rahim Uddin R/o 3203, 2nd Floor, Kucha Tara Chand, Darya Gani, New Delhi-110002 have changed minor son's name Raahim to Raahim Noor

0040585656-2

I, Avadhesh Kumar S/o Sh. Sher Singh R/o Flat No. JAC-8/12, Jacaranda Road, Shipra Sun City, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014 have changed thename of my minor son Aryan Kumar aged 14 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Aryan Kumar Arora. 0040585588-1 I, Asma w/o Farhan Ahmed, R/o

5770/73, Basti Harphool Singh, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name from Asma to ASHMA for all purposes

I, Arti Gupta D/o Suresh Prasad Gupta spouse of Pramod Kumar R/o SMQ 502/4, Air Force Station Naliva, Ta Abdasa, Dist-Kutch(Gujarat), Pin-370655, have changed my name from Aarti Gupta to Arti Gupta for, all future purposes.

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bearing property no G-411 Gama-2 Greater Noida following Documents are Missing 1 Allotment Letter 2 Possession Letter 3 Lease Deed 4 GPA (General Power of attorney) 5 Gift Deed 6 All Transfer Letter, Anyone found Pawan Kasana Mob 9313888059

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Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 from Aug 2021. Finder,

0050184507-1 **Lost** my all original Property Documents of H.No.11A,Block-A, Reghubir Nagar, Delhi-110027, Finder pls contact; L.R. Chouhan S/o-Late Sh. G.L.Chouhan, H.No.11A, Block-A,Reghubir Nagar, Delhi-

Lost all original property papers

nls contact Hema Devi w/o

Nandan Singh Chauhan on

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of Shop No. 31, LSC Market, M-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE HEREBY INFORM THE GENERAL, PUBLIC THAT MY GRAND FATHER SHRISHESS-CHAND SUD WAS THE OWNER OF ENTIRE BUILT UP PLOY NO. 2-A, BLOCK-N RAJOURI GARDEN, DELH, HE HAD SOLD ENTIRE BUILTUP PROPERTY IN PORTIONS (FLOOR WISE) TO DIFFERENT PARTIES, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO TRACE OUT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINS TO ENTIRE PLOY DUE TO SUDDEN DEMISE OF MY FATHER, WHO USED TO MANAGE THE DOCUMENTS AND THE PORTION OF MY GRAND CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT ON MY CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT ON MY CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT OF MY MY CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT ON MY CONTRACT OF MY CONTRACT OF MY M

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PUBLIC NOTICE p it known to all that my Client SI HHOTE LAL S/O SH. RAJA RAM & SM RMILA W/O SH. CHHOTE LAL, R/O 45, KISHAN VIHAR, SULTANPURI, LOCK, NORTH WEST, DELIH-11008 ve severed, debarred and disowne n SH. AMIT KUMAR S/O SH. CH

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Sd- MANISH K. SING
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139-140, B-6, SECTORROHINI, DELHI-11008

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nown to all the concerned that n 5h. Rajinder Singh Dua S/o S Singh and his wife Mrs Sudersh the Yo. J-9/17A, Rajouri Garden, Ne 10027, have severed all the s and disowned and disinherith n Simran Pal Singh Dua & his wi p Kaur Dua and their Children fro movable and immovable properti

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PUBLIC NOTICE Purchase a Part of Property No. A-338, area measuring 50 Sq.Yds., built on Old Plot No. 34, Situated at Shastri Nagar, Delhi-52 from its owner Smt., Kulwant Kaur Wyo Late Sh. Gurcharan Singh. Any person/ Bank/ Financial Institute having or claiming any rights, title or interest of any kind whatsoever, may contact to me immediately and/or maximum within 15 days from the may contact to me immediately and/o maximum within 15 days from the issuance of this notice falling which may client will go ahead with the dea & no objection of any kind whatsoeve shall be entertained after the expin of aforesaid stipulated period. Ashok Kumar (Advocate

MY CLIENT, AND IF ANYBODY DEALS WITH HER, MY CLIENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IN ANY MANNER

PUBLIC NOTICE That my client Sh. Chanderkan Aggarwal S/o Late Sh. Nathu Lal, R/b. 0-67, Block-D, Near Durga Mandir Preet Vihar, Delhi- 110092, has lost his carry bag near/somewhere BarfKhana Delhi, containing certain documents including 7 signed cheques bearing no 737971, 986684-89, issued in hit favour, invoices/bills of goods of his shop and some cash of Rs. 12,500/ (approx), while travelling on his Scoot lowards his residence on 20,09.2021 a (approx), while travelling on his Scool (approx), while travelling on his Scool towards his residence on 20.09.2021 a around 1:45 pm. If found please retur him at above address or feel free 1 contact on 9811530561. Sd/- VIKASH KUMAR (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE Mohan Garden, Uttam Naga New Dehi (Plot No. 27, Bloc L2, area of Village Hastsal no Colony known as Mohan Garde mentioned in GPA) belongs to Late Mrs. Rubby Rai is for Sail may contact at these number +91-9671806582, +91-798258925 within period of 15 days.

Chamber to 315 Dwarks Court/New Selfe-TS

is brought to the holice of the public. Arge through this Public Notice that m lient SMT. KANTA RANI wife of Late N.K dakkar resident of 4/50, Nehru Naga lew Delhi had already debarred my so amely Inderjeet Makkar son of Late Sh namely inderjeet markar son of Late M.K. Makkar from all my movable an immovable properties, assets and thing due to his disobedient behavior, through, Public. Notice published in The India Express (English News Paper) date 20.08.2020 and Jansatta (Hindi New Paper) dated 20.08.2020 and now I hav revoked/cancelled/withdrawn th

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Ajay Kumar Giri, Advocatir Gi

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Kumar Malhotra Sio Sh. K. I. Malhotra, ir respect of Property i.e DDA built up MIC Flat bearing no. 40-A on Ground Floor Docket-GG1, Vikas Puri, New Delhi 110018. Any person possessing the above said lost documents and using them in any manner will do so at his/her own cost are legally liable. My client shall not be responsible for the said documents in any manner a any point of time. If Any person corporation hank etc. has any claim to worn the above said Relevant properly, the same should be lodged to me and also with the above stated branch of state bank of India karkardooma within 15 days from the date of this publication, post cexpiration of what ny daim, right, tile, interest or objection, i resected of received shall be treated as and and void and shall be treated as a walled.

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I, Arun Kumar Kaushik, advocate on behalf my clients namely 5h. Kanhaya Lal, aged about 72 years Sio Sh. Megha Ram & Smt. Kanta Devi, aged about 66 years Wio Sh. Kanhaya Lal both Rio H. No.36-37, Gali No. 15. Indra Park, Chander Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, caused this notice to the General Public that my above said clients have debarred and disowned their only son namely Sh. Sunil Kumar, aged about 45 years & his wife namely Smt. Anju Bala @ Taruna, aged about 45 years and their daughters namely Hisha@ Naina aged about 42 pears and their daughters namely Hisha@ Naina aged about 42 pears and their daughters namely Hisha@ Naina aged about 45 years and their Gali No. 15, Indra Park, Chander Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, from all their imovable and immovable assets/properties throughout India because of their act(s) and conduct(s) and now my above said clients have no concern with their aforesaid daughters in any manner whatsoever. If any person deals with my aforesaid daughters, in any way, in that case he/she/they would be doing so at their own cost & risk and my clients shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.

Arun Kumar Kaushik Advocate

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stood allotted in the joint names of Sh J.D. Arora S/o. Late Shri Wasanda Ram R/o. H. No. D-111, 1st Floor Rajesh Arora S/o. Shri J.D. Arora R/o A-13, Krishna Market, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110 019. The company received a letter on 31.08.2021 from Shr about the sad demise of his father, Sh J.D. Arora, one of the joint allottees of above Plot No. 16.05.2021 and further requested the company in substitut 1/2 Shree of his late father in his favou on the basis of nomination as well a Anyone having any objection in the substitution of 1/2 share of late Shi J.D. Arora in the above plot in favour o Shri Rajesh Arora late Shri J.D. Aror submit their objection within 30 days Connaught Place, New Delhi, INDIA KAMAL SINGH

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NARENDRA KUMAR, ADVOCATE
CHAMBER NO. F321, 3rd Floo
DISTRICT COURT KARKARDOOM PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Sh. Om Prakash Chopra S/O Sh. Suraj Bhan, Resident of Flat No. 3, Metro View Apartment, Sector 13, Pocket B, Dwarka New Delhi-11078 Is exclusive owner, Sector 13, Pocket B, Dwarka New Delhi-11078 Is exclusive owner, occupier and in physical possession of the plot no 334 measuring 250 sq. Yrds plot size 45 x 50, out of Khasra no, 14.11 min, situated in the area of Village Kakrola, Delhi state, Delhi colony known as Patel Garden Extension, New Delhi. It is INFORMED to the general public that as on date my above stated client has neither entered into any agreement to sell or executed any other document himself nor authorised any other person to do sa on date. General public is advised not to deal with any other person than my above said client with respect to above said property. If any person deals with any other person than my client with respect to above stated property will do so on his own risk & responsibility. In case any person has any claim, he may submit the same with proof, to the undersigned within 15 days of publishing this notice.

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Arun Kumar Kaushik Advocat Office: WZ-191, Shakarpur,

Plot No. 1091 (Old No. BA-06)

3 MILITANTS KILLED TRYING TO CROSS LOC IN URI

Infiltration attempt foiled, Valley's top Army officer blames Pakistan

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 23

TWO DAYS after he said there has been no ceasefire violation or instigation from Pakistan on the Line of Control (LoC) following the ceasefire pact in February this year, Army's top officer in the Valley Lt Gen D P Pandey on Thursday said a lot of activity is being witnessed at the militantlaunching pads across the border and it is "not possible without the complicity and connivance" of

Pakistan's Army. Lt Gen Pandey, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Srinagar-based 15 Corps, was addressing reporters after three militants were killed in a gunfight on the LoC while trying to infiltrate into north Kashmir's Uri sector

Thursday morning. The Army said the three militants were part of a heavily armed five-member group. "Our troops deployed on the LoC spotted three individuals crossing over to our side followed by two more who were slightly behind. All were challenged. There was a firefight in which three terrorists were neutralised," a senior officer said. Five automatic rifles, seven pistols, 24 UBGL grenades, 38 Chinese grenades and seven Pakistani hand grenades were recovered.

tants sneaked in. But it was called off after three days after the militants could not be tracked. Addressing reporters along with IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar after the gunfight, Lt Gen Pandey

said: "It is just not possible that

such number of activities can take

This is the second infiltration

attempt in Uri sector this week. An

operation was launched on

Sunday after a group of six mili-

connivance of local Pak army

commanders.' On the recent infiltration attempts, he said there has "defi-

nitely been a change of behavior in the past one month". Lt Gen Pandey said they were anticipating infiltration attempts before the onset of winter as the launch pads across the border

were being "filled up" over the past months. "We anticipated that before the winter months there would concerted efforts to push in terrorists," he said. "In past few weeks, we have been getting credible inputs of lot of activities in the launch pad areas and plans to carry out infiltration, the manifes-

tation of which we saw in Uri and

the second one this morning." "The current level of peace and stability, the tourist footfall, in fact the visit of large number of ministers to the Valley... is rankling across," Lt Gen Pandey said. "And the intent of sending the small weapons in terms of pistols and grenades is to ensure that you are arming the so-called hybrid terrorist, the youth who are studying in the day and in the evening they are given a task to hit..."

Lt Gen Pandey declined to link the increase in infiltration attempts with the rise of Taliban in Afghanistan. "We had anticipated the possibility of this change in behavior starting September and October, which has started to manifest on ground," he said. "We will not like to link it with any other geopolitical situation."

IGP Kumar said that since the start of this year, police have recovered 97 pistols so far.: It shows that Pakistan's agenda is to send maximum number of pistols and hand grenades here." he said.

SC panel flags clearance to road in Rajaji reserve, seeks clarification

SHIVNARAYAN

RAJPUROHIT NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 23

A SUPREME Court-appointed committee has questioned relaxations given for upgrade of a 4.7km road in the buffer zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve and sought replies from the Centre and Uttarakand government.

The Central Empowered Committee (CEC) asked the state government and ADG (Wildlife) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) why the length of an elevated road for movement of animals was reduced to 400 metres from 1,410 metres — the latter was suggested by an expert committee with members from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife

Institute of India (WII). The height of the passage was also revised down to 6 metres

from 8 metres. The state government and MoEFCC have to reply to CEC's questions within 15 days

"While NTCA has recom-

mended elevated road length of 710M the report later jointly prepared by NTCA & WII has proposed 1410M elevated road," according to minutes of a meeting, held on September 16 and attended by CEC members and officials. "The Scientist from WII present in the meeting stated that as per guidelines approved by NBWL, the length of free passage (Permeability) should be mini-

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mum of 30% of the total length of the road, which works out to 1410

"The reasons for NBWL rejecting the recommendation of the joint committee to construct 1410 M long elevated road may please be given," the minutes, published on September 21, read. The standing committee of the

National Board for Wildlife

(NBWL), the apex agency to clear

projects in and around protected

areas, had given its approval to Laldhang-Chillarkhal road in its meeting on June 11, with mitigation measures watered down. The committee also sought to know why the elevated stretch has been reduced to just 400 metres, when the entire 4.7 km

should be elevated as part of mit-

igation steps. The panel took exception to the revised width of the underconstruction or constructed bridges on the road. "Considering that the road width on the bridges constructed /under construction is kept at 7 M while the road is developed with a width of only 3 M is not understood..." according to the minutes. The NBWL had given clearance for a 3-metre-wide road with 1.5 metres of paved shoulders

either side. The panel also questioned NBWL for choosing the wrong sitefor inspection before approval.

The state authorities were

 $asked \, to \, explain \, if \, forest \, clearance$ under the Forest Conservation Act was required for the project. NOD FOR ORDINANCE TO

RESTORE OBC QUOTA IN RURAL LOCAL BODIES Mumbai: Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Thursday approved an ordinance

to restore OBC reservation in rural local bodies. The approval comes a day after the state Cabinet sent a revised proposal to the Governor's office after he raised issues over its previous proposal. "We are grateful to the Governor for approving the or-

dinance sent by the Cabinet," minister Chhagan Bhujbal said.

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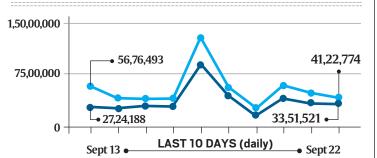
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Note: The Sept 22 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 23 $\,$ Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, undated at 11 pm on September 23

Winged microchip is 'smallest human-made flying structure'

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The microflier does not have a motor on engine, but catches flight on the wind. Northwestern University

NORTHWESTERN University engineers have created an electronic microchip with the capability of flight. About the size of a grain of sand, the new flying microchip (or "microflier") does not have a motor or engine. Instead, it catches flight on the wind much like a maple tree's propeller seed – and spins like a

helicopter through the air toward the ground.

release Northwestern University described these microflier as the "smallestever human-made flying structures". The research has been published in Nature and is featured on the cover of the journal.

By studying maple trees and other types of wind-dispersed seeds,

the engineers optimised the microflier's aerodynamics to ensure that it — when dropped at a high elevation - falls at a slow velocity in a controlled manner. This behaviour stabilizes its flight, ensures dispersal over a broad area and increases the amount of time it interacts with the air, making it ideal for monitoring air pollution and airborne disease. These microfliers also

can be packed with ultra-miniaturised technology, including sensors, power sources, antennas for wireless communication and embedded memory to store data, the release said.

"Our goal was to add winged flight to small-scale electronic systems, with the idea that these capabilities would

allow us to distribute highly functional, miniaturized electronic devices to sense the environment for contamination monitoring, population surveillance or disease tracking," the release quoted John A Rogers, who led the device's development, as saying.

The team designed and built many different types of microfliers, in-

cluding one with three wings, optimised to similar shapes and angles as the wings on a tristellateia seed. To pinpoint the most ideal structure, they led full-scale computational modeling of how the air flows around the device to mimic the tristellateia seed's slow, controlled rotation. Based on this modelling, the team then built

and tested structures in the lab. Source: Northwestern University

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Fed stance and India

US central bank's statement reiterating that it would maintain an 'accommodative stance' until inflation and employment targets had been met, boosted markets in India on Thursday.



SANDEEP SINGH & GEORGE MATHEW

STOCK EXCHANGES that were nervous ahead of the Federal Reserve's meeting on Wednesday cheered the US central bank's statement reiterating that it would maintain an 'accommodative stance' until inflation and employment targets had been met.

Indications that rates may be raised towards the end of 2022, and that the tapering of the Fed's bond purchase programme would be gradual and spread into the middle of next year, have brought comfort to market participants.

The Sensex at the Bombay Stock Exchange on Thursday jumped 958 points (1.6 per cent), closing at a new high of 59,885. The broader Nifty at the National Stock Exchange rose by 1.57 per cent, to close at 17,882. The markets have also reflected the waning of concerns over possible default on debt repayment by the Chinese real estate giant Evergrande.

What did the Federal Reserve say?

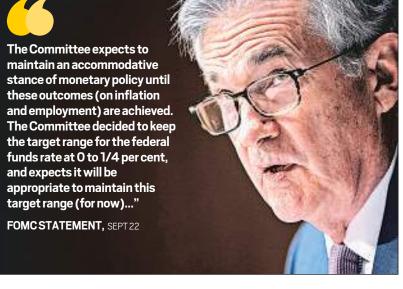
Even as it outlined the risks to economic outlook in line with the course of the coronavirus, the Federal Reserve, in its statement issued on Wednesday, said it would continue to "maintain an accommodative stance of monetary policy" until it achieves an inflation moderately above 2 per cent. The Federal Open Market Committee

(FOMC), which sets US monetary policy, has decided to keep the target range for the federal funds rate at 0 to 1/4 per cent. It "expects it will be appropriate to maintain this target range until labour market conditions have reached levels consistent with the Committee's assessments of maximum emplovment and inflation has risen to 2 per cent, and is on track to moderately exceed 2 per cent for some time".

What did the Fed say on the infusion of liquidity?

The Fed had said earlier that it would moderate the pace of asset purchases; it said on Wednesday that if progress in the economy continues, moderation in the pace of asset purchase "may soon be warranted".

Markets expect the Fed to start the tapering process from November, which may lead to a slowing of the flow of liquidity. Markets



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INTO INDIAN EQUITIES

19,473

25,787

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IN 2021

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September

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February

Jerome Powell, Chair of the US Federal Reserve. NYT Archive

have risen significantly on account of excess liquidity worldwide, which has been channelled into equity markets; a slowing of the bond-buying programme will reduce its availability, and diversion into the markets.

The Fed currently purchases treasury securities of at least \$80 billion, and mortgagebacked securities of at least \$40 billion per

What does the Fed's decision mean?

Asset purchases could decline by \$15 billion per month, and an end to asset purchases mid-2022 will strengthen the case for raising rates in 2023. The updated Summary of **Economic Projections** now implies three rate hikes by 25 basis points in 2023, and the Fed is split over delivering the first increase in 2022.

Inflation of over 2% is firmly signalled for the entire forecast horizon that had been extended until 2024. "We expect the Federal Reserve to act on the dovish side of the median of the new projection, as Chairman Powell most likely favours hiking rates in 2023. The more hawkish outcome of the FOMC meeting is seen as a sign of strength

of the economy is on the right path. The indicated more aggressive interest-rate path is supportive for the US dollar in the short term," David Kohl, chief economist at Julius Baer, said.

that the US economic recovery and reflation

Analysts say the tapering is likely to be calibrated, and non-disruptive for financial markets which means foreign investors are unlikely to suddenly exit India. The RBI's monetary policy and unwinding measures will likely be in line with the US tapering decision. Why did the markets

rise on Thursday?

That had more to do with the Fed's statement on raising interest rates - the markets derived comfort from the continuation of the accommodative monetary policy stance for now.

Market participants believe that interest rate hikes are still some time away — which is good for Indian equities. Low interest rates in the US will ensure continued fund flows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) into Indian equities, while existing investments will likely stay put for now. FPI flows into Indian equities amounted to Rs 2,083 crore in August; it has risen sharply in September, and stood at a net of Rs 12,921 crore on

In its last policy statement, the Fed delinked tapering and rate hikes; on Wednesday, it put stringent conditions with respect to inflation and employment for a rate increase. Many feel it may be some time before employment targets are achieved there is, thus, hope that a rate hike could be 12-15 months away.

"The comfort came from Fed's indication that tapering will not be sudden when it starts in November and will continue till Iune 2022, and also from the fact that the committee has laid down stringent conditions for a rate hike. I think that the rate hike will only start towards the end of calendar 2022," Pankaj Pandey, head of research at ICICIdirect.com, said.

Improving domestic economic conditions, the rising pace of vaccination, and the reduction of concern around Evergrande, also boosted the markets.

Where are markets headed now? There is a consensus among participants

that domestic markets will ride more on local factors going forward. There is hope that faster vaccination will result in a milder third wave of Covid if it strikes, and that the economy will witness further reopening and faster consumption-driven growth.

The head of a leading global financial services firm said consumption is expected to increase closer to Diwali, and credit growth will see a pick-up over the next two months. Over the last couple of weeks, banks and housing finance companies have announced cuts in home loan rates in anticipation of increased demand in the housing sec $tor.\,If\,the\,RBI's\,liquidity\,unwinding\,comes\,in$ 2022-23, fund flow into markets is will also likely come down.

While markets are expected to remain strong, it is important to note that high valuations will keep participants on the edge, and any adverse news may lead to sharp reactions.

"This bull market has been an almost one-way street for almost 18 months now. More importantly, this is almost a global phenomenon with China, Hong Kong, and a few other countries being the only exceptions," V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Earlier this week, fears of Evergrande defaulting spooked markets worldwide. While the markets recovered over the next couple of sessions, retail investors should either invest through mutual funds, or go with fundamentally strong, big companies. They should also not get carried away by daily news flows; long-term investors need not lose sleep over intra-day or weekly market movements.

What new WHO pollution norms mean for India

AMITABH SINHA

PUNE. SEPTEMBER 23

NEW AIR quality norms released by the World Health Organization on Wednesday are likely to ignite a fresh round of discussion on air pollution in India. These norms would make India appear worse than it already looked under the existing norms. Considering the current situation, even the older WHO norms were beyond India's reach in the foreseeable future. The new standards are unlikely to be achieved for several years.

Beyond that, the revised standards are an acknowledgment of the mounting scientific evidence that points to a much higher risk to human health from air pollution than was earlier known. The appropriate response, therefore, would be a more focused effort to mitigate these risks and prevent the

No quick fixes

There is unlikely to be any dramatic im-

provement in India's air quality, even if a concerted effort was initiated immediately. The quality of air is dependent on a variety of activities and needs to be tackled at source. For example, one cannot expect clean air, when the surroundings are filthy, or the quality of roads are not good.

Also, the effort to improve air quality comes in direct conflict with some other objectives, such as the need to ensure that our industry remains competitive in the short term. That is the reason why we have seen repeated relaxations, or extensions of deadlines, in implementing more stringent emission norms for certain industries.

But there are also several areas where clean air comes out as collateral benefit. Several flagship government programmes -Swachch Bharat, Namami Gange and other river and lake cleaning projects, Smart City Mission, building of highways and expressways, the push for electric vehicles - would all lead to a significant improvement in air quality, not just in big metros which remain the focus of all debates on air pollution, but across the country.

The Ujjwala scheme would probably have already started making a difference in the households where traditional cooking fuel has been permanently replaced by LPG in the last few years. The health impacts of indoor air pollution are not very well appreciated even now, but study after study has shown that it is as big a killer as outdoor air

The faster India moves ahead on these projects, the quicker it is likely to see improvements in air quality. The fallout of these projects on air quality is expected to be far greater than any fancy ideas like artificial rain or an odd-even scheme for private

Low hanging fruit

The improvement is likely to be slow even if sustained push is maintained on all these projects. This realisation is reflected in India's National Clean Air Programme as well. The targets set for the selected cities are quite modest and would take several years to be

But there are a number of rather lowhanging fruits that can deliver appreciable benefits within a short span of time. Unfortunately, not enough attention is paid to these, even though these are easy and cost-effective to implement. Plenty of construction is happening all across the country houses, roads, commercial centres, airports - and this is likely to continue for a couple of decades.

India still does this construction in a very unclean manner. The construction site is not covered or segregated, construction material or debris are kept in the open, and transported in open trucks. Almost all construction sites are dust bowls.

India's roads don't conform to basic construction sites. The corners of the roads are not properly paved, leading to the release of lots of very harmful particles. The sidewalks and road dividers are major sources of dust. It is easy to fix these if the local municipal

bodies want to. And there are significant gains to be achieved in terms of air quality.

Maharashtra civic polls: how multi-member ward system works

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

 $THE\,MAHA\,Vikas\,Aghadi\,(MVA)\,government$ in Maharashtra on Wednesday took a decision to reintroduce the multi-member ward system for all municipal councils and corporations barring the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), instead of the existing single-member ward system. The decision comes ahead of municipal council and corporation elections to be held later this year and early next year.

What is the multi-member ward system?

There will be a three-member ward system in municipal corporations and a twomember ward system in municipal councils. In other words, municipal seats will be demarcated together to create a three- and two-member ward system in corporations and councils respectively. There will be no change in the number of wards or corporators; the wards will be bunched together only for the purpose of the election.

Those contesting from the same party or alliance across the designated multi-member ward will campaign across the two or three wards, although they will file their nomination from individual wards. If elected, each will represent the individual ward only. Voters, however, will be able to select candidates in their own ward as well as in the other wards clubbed together in the multi-member ward.

Although candidates from the same party/alliance in a multi-member ward will be called a "panel", a voter does not really se-

lect a panel, but individual candidates, who can be from the same party or from different parties. A voter is also entitled to select just one candidate. But for this, the voter has to make a written submission to the presiding officer of the booth. This is to ensure documentary proof in case a party or candidate goes to court questioning how a candidate got fewer votes than others.

When has the system been tried before? A three-member ward system in mu-

nicipal corporations was introduced in 2001 by then Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh. It was scrapped in 2006. In 2011, Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan introduced a two-member ward system for municipal corporations and a four-member system for councils. In 2016, Chief Minister M Devendra Fadnavis changed it to a fourmember system for corporations and a three-member system for councils.

In December 2019, the MVA government decided to scrap it and revert to the single-member ward system. But with several upcoming municipal corporation and council polls, the NCP and Congress preference for the multi-member ward system has prevailed.

What is the rationale?

The reason for the non-partisan support to this scheme is that it appears to help a party or alliance maximise its seats. A party can offset weak candidates with strong ones in a multi-member ward. The hope is that the strongest of the candidates will carry the day for the others in the "panel", even though this is not guaranteed.

The state Urban Development

Department notifies rules for the manner of allotment and rotation of reservation of seats of corporators in wards. Subsequently, the State Election Commission undertakes an exercise for the allotment for seats for the reserved category and rotating them, said

This decision will help field one woman as well as OBC and open category candidates in the panel and there would be no injustice to anybody. Nobody will be impacted due to reservation in any particular ward. All sections will get justice in forming a three-member panel," said Nawab Malik, NCP minister, adding that it would also help the three allies to jointly field candidates wherever possible.

Will it cause a delay in holding the polls? There was speculation that the MVA has

New Delhi

done this to delay polls in order to win time to bring back the OBC quota, scrapped by the Supreme Court in March, in local bodies. But State Election Commission sources said the multi-member ward system will come into effect the day the government amends the law either through an ordinance or a Bill but it will not lead to deferring the polls.

"We have already started the process of drafting ward boundaries of municipal corporations. We can make changes, as it is not a huge exercise. So, it will not lead to deferring of local bodies polls," said a senior SEC official. An ordinance has to be promulgated, and

sent to the Governor for approval. Why has the BMC been left out?

Sources said the single-member ward system is maintained in BMC due to the population and huge size of wards in BMC.



MEANWHILE

NOBEL CEREMONIES TO BE CURTAILED AGAIN

The Nobel Prize ceremonies will be reined in and scaled-down for the second year in a row due to the coronavirus pandemic, the foundation behind the coveted prizes said. The winners of this year's prizes in chemistry, literature, physics, medicine and economics, as well as the Nobel Peace Prize, are set to be announced between Oct 4 and Oct 11.



Heidi Crowter arrives at the High Court in London, Thursday. AP

BRITAIN

Woman with Down syndrome loses abortion law challenge

A WOMAN with Down syndrome lost a court challenge against the British government Thursday over a law allowing the abortion up until birth of a fetus with the condition. Heidi Crowter, 26, and two others took the Department of Health and Social Care to court, arguing that part of the Abortion Act is discriminatory. Abortions in Britain are allowed up till 24 weeks of pregnancy. But the law states that terminations can be allowed up until birth if there's "a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped," which includes Down syndrome. Crowter has said that she found the legislation "offensive" and disrespectful. AP

Carmakers, Intel, Apple to attend White House meet on chip shortage

INTEL CHIEF Executive Pat Gelsinger plans to attend a virtual White House meeting on the global chip shortage on Thursday, along with representatives from companies including Apple, Microsoft. Samsung Electronics, GM and Ford, sources said. The meeting will be hosted by US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and National Economic Council Director Brian Deese. Topics will include the impact of ant on chip supplies and how to better coordinate between chip producers and consumers. **REUTERS**

ISRAEL

Custody case opens over boy, 6, sole survivor of cable car disaster

ATELAviv family court held its first hearing on Thursday in a custody battle over a six-year-old boy, the sole survivor of an Italian cable car disaster, who was taken to Israel by his grandfather without permission of family in Italy. Family members based in the two countries dispute who should look after Eitan Biran, whose parents, younger brother and 11 other people all died when a gondola plunged to the ground in northern Italy in May. **REUTERS**

'WHAT WOULD IT BECOME? JAUKUS? JAIAUKUS?': WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECY

US rules out adding India or Japan to security alliance with Australia, UK

LALITKJHA

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 23

THE US has ruled out adding India or Japan to the new Indo-Pacific trilateral security partnership with Australia and Britain.

On September 15, US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson jointly announced the formation of the trilateral security alliance AUKUS, under which Australia would get a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines for the first time.

'The announcement of AUKUS last week was not meant to be an indication, and I think this is the message the President also sent to (French President Emmanuel) Macron, that there is no one else who will be involved in security in the Indo-Pacific," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters at her daily news conference on Wednesday.

Psaki was responding to a question if countries like India and Japan whose leaders would be in Washington this week for the first in-person Quad Summit



US President Joe Biden with UK Minister Boris Johnson in the Oval Office of the White House on Tuesday. AP

would be made part of the new security alliance.

The Ouad comprises India. the US, Japan and Australia. US President Joe Biden is hosting the first in-person Quad summit at the White House on September 24.

"On Friday you'll have the Australians there (for the Quad summit). But then you also have India and Japan. Would you envision for them a similar kind of military role that you've now defined for with the Australians?" a journalist asked.

"AUKUS? What would it be-

come? JAUKUS? JAIAUKUS?' Psaki said in lighter moments before giving answer to the question.

The trilateral security alliance AUKUS, seen as an effort to counter China in the Indo-Pacific, will allow the US and the UK to provide Australia with the technology to develop nuclear-powered submarines for the first time

China has sharply criticised the trilateral alliance, saying such exclusive grouping has no future and will gravely undermine regional stability and aggravate the arms race and hurt international non-proliferation efforts. PTI

MATTHEW DALY

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 23

IN WHAT officials call a key step

to combat climate change, the US

Environmental Protection Agency

is sharply limiting domestic pro-

duction and use of hydrofluoro-

carbons, highly potent green-

house gases commonly used in

refrigerators and air conditioners

Thursday follows through on a

law Congress passed last year

and is intended to decrease US

production and use of HFCs by

85% over the next 15 years, part

of a global phaseout designed to

taking steps to crack down on

imports of HFCs, greenhouse

gases that are thousands of

times more powerful than car-

bon dioxide. President Joe Biden

has pledged to embrace a 2016

The administration also is

slow global warming.

The new rule announced

Tensions growing as Washington, allies deepen **Indo-Pacific involvement**

DAVID RISING

BANGKOK, SEPTEMBER 23

WITH INCREASINGLY strong talk in support of Taiwan, a new deal to supply Australia with nuclear submarines, and the launch of a European strategy for greater engagement in the Indo-Pacific, the US and its allies are becoming more assertive in their approach toward a rising China.

China has bristled at the moves, and the growing tensions Beijing Washington prompted UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the weekend to implore US President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping to repair their "completely dysfunctional" relationship, warning they risk dividing the world.

But the underlying issues have not changed, with China building up its military outposts

Hydrofluorocarbons are

refrigerators and ACs. AP

global agreement to greatly re-

Gina McCarthy, a former EPA ad-

ministrator, said the new rule was

"a win on climate and a win on

iobs and American competitive-

ness."The rule is set to take effect

EPA Administrator Michae

Regan said the phasedown is

backed by a coalition of industry

White House climate adviser

commonly used in

duce HFCs by 2036.

in late October.

One to charge them all: EU

as it presses its maritime claims over critical sea lanes, and the US and its allies growing louder in their support of Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory, and deepening military cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

On Thursday, China sent 24 fighter jets toward Taiwan in a large display of force after the island announced its intention to join a Pacific trade group, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, that China has also applied to join.

On Friday, Biden hosts the leaders of Japan, India and Australia for an in-person Ouadrilateral Security Dialogue.

It comes a week after the dramatic announcement that Australia would be dropping a contract for conventional French submarines in favor of an Anglo-American offer for nuclear-pow-

New US EPA rule sharply limits

Significant

groups that see it as an opportunity to "supercharge" American leadership on domestic manu-

HFCs, gases used as refrigerants

HYDROFLUOROCARBONS (HFCs) are considered a major driver of global warming, and are much more powerful greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide. The new rule to restrict their use is expected to reduce harmful emissions by the equivalent of 4.5 billion metric tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2050, according to officials. This is reportedly similar to three years of emissions from the US power sector.

facturing and production of alternative refrigerants.

metric tons of electronic waste

thrown out every year by

strict punishment, executions will return

Taliban official says

KATHY GANNON KABUL, SEPTEMBER 23

ONE OF the founders of the Taliban and the chief enforcer of its harsh interpretation of Islamic law when they last ruled Afghanistan said the hard-line movement will once again carry out executions and amputations of hands, though perhaps not in public.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Mullah Nooruddin Turabi dismissed outrage over the Taliban's executions in the past, which sometimes took place in front of crowds at a stadium, and he warned the world against interfering with Afghanistan's new rulers.

"Everyone criticised us for the punishments in the stadium. but we have never said anything about their laws and their punishments," Turabi said, speaking in Kabul. "No one will tell us what our laws should be. We will follow Islam and we will make our laws on the Quran.'

Since the Taliban overran Kabul on Aug 15 and seized control of the country, Afghans and the world have been watching to see whether they will recreate their harsh rule of the late 1990s. Turabi's comments pointed to how the group's leaders remain entrenched in a deeply conservative, hard-line worldview, even if they are embracing technological changes, like video and cellphones.

Turabi, now in his early 60s, was justice minister and head of the so-called Ministry of Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice — effectively, the religious police – during the Taliban's previous rule. At the time, executions of con-

victed murderers were usually by a single shot to the head. For con-



Mullah Nooruddin Turabi

TALIBAN UNLIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN UNGA; **DIPLOMATS OF OLD GOVT STILL IN OFFICE**

United Nations: The Taliban,

who rule Afghanistan after overthrowing the government of President Ashraf Ghani, are unlikely to represent their country at the highlevel United Nations General Assembly session as representatives of the ousted dispensation still occupy the office at the UN, a Pakistan's Dawn newspaper said on Thursday. Afghanistan is scheduled to address the ongoing UN General Assembly session on Sept 27. On Sept 20, the Taliban-controlled government had sent a letter to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, saying it wanted to participate in the 76th UNGA session in New York.

victed thieves, the punishment was amputation of a hand.

Turabi said the same punishments would be revived.

"Cutting off of hands is very necessary for security," he said, saying it had a deterrent effect. He said the Cabinet was studying whether to do punishments in public and will "develop a policy".

Be patient, engage, don't isolate: Pak's Qureshi details Taliban plan

EDITH M LEDERER UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 23

BE REALISTIC. Show patience. Engage. And above all, don't isolate. Those are the pillars of an approach emerging in Pakistar to deal with the fledgling government that is suddenly running the country next door once again - Afghanistan's resurgent,

often-volatile Taliban. Pakistan's government is proposing that the international community develop a road map that leads to diplomatic recognition of the Taliban - with incentives if they fulfill its requirements — and then sit down face to face and talk it out with the militia's leaders.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi outlined the idea Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly's meeting of world leaders. "If they live up to those expectations, they would make it easier for themselves, they will get acceptability, which is required for recognition," Qureshi told the AP. "At the same time, the international community has to realize: What's the alternative? What are the options? This is the reality, and can they turn away from this reality?'



nity" in wanting to see a peaceful, stable Afghanistan with no space for terrorist elements to increase their foothold, and for the Taliban to ensure "that Afghan soil is never used again against any country."

"But we are saying, be more realistic in your approach," Qureshi said. "Try an innovative way of engaging with them. The way that they were being dealt with has not worked."

He urged the US, the IMF and other countries that have frozen Afghan government funds to immediately release the money so it can be used "for promoting normalcy in Afghanistan." And he pledged that Pakistan is ready to play a "constructive, positive" role in opening communications channels with the Taliban because it, too, benefits from peace and stability.

Haitian deportees arriving to the airport in Port-au-Prince

US special envoy to Haiti quits over 'inhumane' migrant deportations

DAINA BETH SOLOMON & HUMEYRA PAMUK

CIUDAD ACUNA. WASHINGTON.

THE US special envoy to Haiti resigned in protest in a letter that blasted the Biden administration for deporting hundreds of migrants back to the crisisengulfed Caribbean nation from a camp on the US-Mexican border in recent days.

Daniel Foote, a career diplomat named to his post in July, said conditions in Haiti were so bad that US officials were confined to secure compounds. He said the "collapsed state" was unable to support the infusion of

returning migrants. "I will not be associated with the United States' inhumane, counterproductive decision to deport thousands of Haitian refugees and illegal immigrants," Foote said in a letter addressed to Secretary of State Antony Blinken that circulated publicly on Thursday.

Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, has gone through profound instability in recent weeks, including a presidential assassination, gang violence and a major earthquake

The US has returned more than 1,400 migrants from the camp in Del Rio, Texas to Haiti – including families — and moved over 3,200 people for processing away from the encampment, Department of Homeland Security officials said on Thursday. At its peak on Sept. 18 there were some 15,000 people there.

The population has been reduced to around 4,000 by expulsion flights, detentions and releases. Others have left the dusty riverbank for Mexico to avoid be-

Filippo Grandi, the head of the UN refugee agency, warned that this week the US expulsions to Haiti might violate interna-

Foote submitted his resignation to Blinken Wednesday, a State Department spokesperson said, adding that Washington was committed to the long-term well being of Haiti, as well as offering help to returning migrants.

The resignation follows growing pressure on the administration of US President Joe Biden from the United Nations and his fellow Democrats over the treatment of Haitians in the sprawling impromptu migrant camp.

REUTERS



LONDON, SEPTEMBER 23

THE EUROPEAN Union unveiled plans Thursday that would require smartphone makers to adopt a single charging method for mobile devices. The EU Commission pro-

posed legislation Thursday that would mandate USB-C cables for charging, technology that many device makers have already adopted. The main holdout is Apple, which has resisted the bloc's efforts for a unified standard. iPhones come with the company's own Lightning charging port, though the newest models come with ca-



EU proposed legislation that would mandate USB-C cables for charging

bles that can be plugged into a USB-C socket.

The push by the EU will certainly be cheered by the millions of people who have searched through a drawer full of cables for the right charger. But the EU also wants to cut down on the 11,000

The commission said the typical person living in the EU owns

Europeans.

at least three chargers, and use two regularly, but 38% of people report not being able to charge their phones at least once because they couldn't find a compatible charger. Some 420 million mobile phones or portable electronic devices were sold in the EU last year. "Chargers power all our most essential electronic devices. With more and more devices, more and more chargers are sold that are not interchangeable or not necessary. We are putting an end to that," Thierry Breton, the EU's internal market commissioner, said.

FRANCE'S QUANDARY: HOW TO ACT AS AN INDEPENDENT POWER WHILE DEPENDING ON ALLIES

France, which is striving for global power, is still struggling to get it convinced the French that they the U.S.-led push to contain it,

MAX FISHER SEPTEMBER 23

FOR FRANCE, the recent geopolitical drama — its nixed submarine sale to Australia, and its furious response to the United States' jumping the deal — encapsulates a problem the once-mighty nation has struggled with for decades: how to assert itself as an independent power, which French leaders see as essential, while maintaining the alliances on which they know France relies.

Reconciling that dilemma between independence and reliance has animated and bedeviled French strategy ever since World

War II left most of Europe subjugated to foreign superpowers.

Although Americans sometimes see French willfulness as animated by vanity or a desire to reclaim long-lost imperial pride, French leaders are keenly aware that they lead a medium-sized power in a world dominated by larger ones.

The planned submarine sale follows a long line of moves calibrated to project French power, maintaining the country's ability to steer its own fate, while aligning with the allies whose help Paris knows it needs, paradoxically, to stand on its own.

But losing the contract highlighted the difficulty of achieving both. So did France's response. Recalling its ambassador to Washington was meant to show that it was not afraid to stand up even to allies. At the same time, in seeking European support against the perceived US betrayal, Paris demonstrated that it feels compelled to seek outside support even in this.

"For the French, independence has always meant autonomy," said Bruno Tertrais, deputy director of the Foundation for Strategic Research in Paris.

"But that has never been 100% independent. What matters is that it's 99% independent," he said, but he added that this brings "fundamental tensions" that cannot



French leaders feel they must try

anyway, and the challenges they

have faced ever since, both un-

derscore why the recent events

which left Europe divided be-

tween US and Soviet forces and

The war and its aftermath,

so infuriated Paris.

saw Washington exerting new pressure on its now-junior allies, many of which it also militarily occupied, convinced the French

that accepting a future as one of many in a US-led alliance, as the British and West Germans had. would mean subjugation. The arrival of the nuclear era,

French President

Macron ahead of

an official event.

Emmanuel

with its threat of total annihilation,

would have to secure their own way in the world, even if it would sometimes upset the allies whose help they would need to do it.

Charles de Gaulle, president from 1959 to 1969, sought Washington's help in unifying Western Europe against the Soviets. But he also undermined US influence at every turn, the better to assert French leadership instead.

He oversaw France's emergence as a nuclear power, ejected US troops from France, withdrew from NATO and tried to persuade West Germany to loosen its ties to that same alliance.

"The fact that he did this

while expecting continued protection of the NATO alliance only added to the Americans' exasperation," historian John Lewis Gaddis wrote.

As the era of nuclear standoffs has faded, France has shifted to more contemporary tools. It leverages its UN Security Council seat to act as diplomatic peer to the major powers. It sends peacekeepers to global hot spots. And it sells sophisticated weapons abroad.

President Emmanuel Macron of France has sought a more supportive approach than de Gaulle. Although he signed on to an EU trade deal with China, he has otherwise aligned with exerting pressure within Europe and supply arms to like-minded countries abroad. But Macron has maintained that independent streak, push-

ing for the European Union, for example, to take over regional military duties Washington-led NATO It highlights the challenge in his 21st-century update on

Gaullism: cultivating a unified Europe that can stand as peer to the United States or China. This was supposed to bring France, as informal leader, a vehicle for its ambitions and, for all Europe, escape from American dominance.

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CORPORATE WATCH -

IL&FS TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS LTD

NFRA finds lapses in ITNL audit: FY18 losses 'understated by at least ₹2,021 cr'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE NATIONAL Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) has found major lapses in the audit of IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd (ITNL) for FY18, conducted by EY network firm SRBC and Co LLP.

The audit quality report found that ITNL's losses for FY18 were understated by at least Rs 2.021 crore and that its financial statements did not appropriately value the Rs 3,346-crore exposure to its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures. The report also found that the appointment of SRBC&Co as statutory auditor of ITNL was illegal, as firms related to the auditor had provided management and other non-audit services that they are prohibited from providing to their clients to ITNL in the

"The initial appointment of SRBC & Co LLP, and the continuation of SRBC & Co LLP. as statutory auditor of ITNL, was prima facie illegal and void," the NFRA said. It has also previously given an audit quality report on the statutory audit of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) by KPMG network firm BSR & Co, finding similar violations of rules on the provision of non-audit services by statutory auditory and even debarred a former Deloitte India partner for his role as statutory auditor of IFIN

Defaults by the IL&FS Group, including ITNL, in 2018 had led to a severe liquidity crunch for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and triggered the government to move to supersede the board of directors of the group.

"The company's losses during 2017-18 were understated by at least Rs 2021 crore versal of Expected Credit Loss

"The company's losses during 2017-18 were understated by at least Rs 2021 crore on account of unjustified reversal of Expected **Credit Loss on loans** given to the SPV and on trade receivables, and due to incorrect impairment valuation"

NATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING AUTHORITY IN AUDIT QUALITY REPORT

(ECL) on loans given to the SPV and on trade receivables, and due to incorrect impairment valuation." the NFRA said in its audit quality report.

The regulator noted that there was a "clear attempt to obscure material information in the financial statements" regarding the ECL reversal.

"We are disappointed with the conclusions in the Audit Quality Review report of ITNL for FY2017-18. SRBC & Co LLP (SRBC) had performed the audit as per the applicable standards and highlighted the issue relating to going concern in our limited review report for the June 2018 quarter," a spokesperson for SRBC & Co said, adding the firm had fully cooperated with the NFRA over its twoyear enquiry and provided all requested information.

The NFRA noted that the audit firm had failed to appropriately "evaluate the use of the going concern basis of accounting" by management and failed to note implications of this in its report.

The regulator also concluded that SRBC and Co's engagement quality control partner "failed to report material misstatements known to him" and that he did not exercise due diligence in obtaining information to evaluate judgenents made by the fir gagement team.

ASK FOR CLARITY ON FORM IN WHICH BONDS SHOULD BE HELD

G-Sec Retail Direct: Mkt players seek easy KYC, interoperability

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

FOR EFFECTIVE implementation of the RBI Retail Direct platform for Government Securities (G-secs), market participants are pushing for tweaks in the rules, seeking relaxation in KYC norms, interoperability for buyers and a clarity on whether bonds bought through the retail direct platform must be held in demat form. Investments done directly by retail investors in G-sec may also not reflect in the single record of all financial assets, as being envisaged under the account aggregator guidelines, sources said.

The Reserve Bank of India in July unveiled a scheme allowing retail investors to directly participate in the G-sec market. They can open and maintain a 'Retail Direct Gilt Account' (RDG Account) with the RBI through a portal, which will also provide access to primary issuance of G-Secs and the secondary market as well. G-Secs held in demat mode are reflected in the CSGL or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger (SGL) account of the depositories.

TN CM releases book on journey of Srinivasan Services Trust

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

TAMIL NADU Chief Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday released a book A Silent Revolution that traces the 25-year journey of Srinivasan Services Trust, the social arm of TVS Motor Company and Sundaram-Clayton.

The book, which marks Srinivasan Services Trust's work in rural development, was penned by Snigdha Parupudi and published by HarperCollins India. "Twenty five years ago when we set up SST, we were not quite sure how our social workwill shape up. Our premise was centred around group's gui-Srinivasan Services Trust managing trustee Venu Srinivasan said.

is the scheme

> THE PRESENT scheme announced by RBI enables individual investors to directly open on-line Retail Direct Gilts account with the central bank, Now, a retail investor can place a direct bid on NDS-OM as well as trade in the secondary market.

"If a demat account holder in CDSL sells the G-Sec to a buyer whose demat account is with NSDL then transfer between these accounts is not online; it entails pre approval from the Public Debt Office (of the RBI) and hence not seamless. This is in sharp contrast to the transfer of other securities between these two Depositories. whose systems are interoperable...The PDO is the depository for G-Secs and is outside the ambit of the Depositories Act." a source in the debt market said.

Sources said this lack of interoperability may create liquidity is-

For the full year, overall online

touch \$49-52 billion, which is

around 37 per cent higher than

aross GMV is expected to

last year (\$38.2 billion),

driven by strong consumer

funnel expansion and high

Gross GMV refers to total

value of goods sold on

cancellation or return

the accelerated online

adoption which has been

adoption of online shopping

post-Covid across categories

platform prior to subtracting

Growth will be mostly driven by

'E-comm cos to log 23% rise in

gross GMV during festive sale'

E-commerce platforms are expected to clock over \$9-bn gross

Gross Merchandise Value during the festive season this year

as against \$7.4 billion last year, growth of 23%, RedSeer said

market in a stock exchange, as settlement has to be done on T+2 (transaction plus two days) basis.

In 2005, RBI created its online platform, Negotiated Dealing System (NDS-OM), operated by the Clearing Corporation and Indian Ltd (CCIL), for issue of G-Secs. At present, the RBI's Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber), trading platform (NDS-OM), depository system (PDO/SGL) and clearing and settlement by CCIL, together provide a comprehensive, seamless and end-to-end platform for trading and settlement of G-Secs for banks and select institutional investors on T+1 basis with settlement guarantee.

The present scheme announced by RBI enables individual investors to directly open online Retail Direct Gilts account (account) with the central bank. Now, a retail investor can place a direct bid on NDS-OM as well as trade in the secondary market. So far, only institutional players like banks, primary dealers, insurance companies, mutual funds, foreign portfolio investors and high net worth individuals had direct access to this platform. Gilts are normally traded on NDS-OM in lots of have been allowed to trade with a minimum investment of Rs

Sources said fresh mandate on KYC with the RBI should not be mandatory as bank already have KYC on the investors and can also $use \, the \, common \, KYC \, mechanism$ being used across financial service providers. "The scheme is also silent on whether G-Secs held in this retail account in SGL mode can be demated. Moreover, as RBI is not a Financial Information Provider under its Account Aggregator Directions, the investment held in this account will not reflect in the single record of all financial assets. These issues need to be addressed," a market participant said.

Some industry executives feel that G-secs should be held preferably on the stock market's depository platform instead of the SGL system for convenience of investors. "Slightly over 50 per cent of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB) are held in demat mode. Although SGBs are available for subscription in SGL mode also, retail investors prefer demat mode. We believe this can be made the preferred mode for G-secs also," they said.

Digital cos data hegemony may lead to attention economy: CCI Chairperson

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

COMPETITION COMMISSION of India Chairperson Ashok Kumar Gupta on Thursday, while addressing a conference by Assocham, flagged that data hegemony by some digital firms may lead to "attention economy" in which big tech players work to capture user attention. build profiles of their choices and sell those to advertisers.

While noting rapid changes are happening in markets, which are increasingly shifting to a digital platform-centric configuration, he their very nature "winner-takes-all or winner-takes-most". WITH PTI

markets continued to scale new highs on the back of abundant liquidity and strong global cues, with Sensex almost on the verge of hit-

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DRIVEN BY retail investors, stock

MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 23

ting the 60,000 level. Led by realty, banking and capital goods shares, the Sensex jumped 958 points, or 1.63 per cent, to 59,885.36 and the NSE Nifty Index shot up 276 points, or 1.57 per cent, to 17,822.95 as retail investors continued their buying frenzy despite valuations balloon-

ing to high levels. The upsurge was on the back of impressive gains in realty stocks on the back of economic recovery. US markets are leading the bull rally from the front, ignoring even tapering indications from the US Federal Reserve. All previous bull markets in India — 1992-92, 1994 1998-2000 and 2003-07 – were

BoE split over QE widens

London: The Bank of England said inflation would rise above 4 per cent later this year, and two policymakers called for an early end to its quantitative easing programme. It kept its interest rate unchanged at 0.1 per cent on Thursday and stuck to its 895 billion pound asset purchase target. REUTERS

followed by corrections of 5 per cent, 10 per cent and even 20 per cent. "But this will change and the market will correct, perhaps soon, since valuations are hard to justify," said V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services. Meanwhile, the rupee re-

bounded 23 paise to close at 73.64.

Private bank deposit share rises to 30.5% at the cost of PSBs: RBI

SHARE OF private sector banks in

about half of the deposits of financial and non-financial corporations as well as rest of the world sectors, the RBI said. Out of total Rs 154.43 lakh crore deposits, private banks account for Rs 46.23 lakh crore as of March 2021. While there were 21.13 lakh bank accounts, private banks had 3.35 lakh accounts and PSU banks 14.68 lakh accounts.

the interest rates on term deposits, the share of term deposits carryingless than 6 per cent interest rate surged to 69.0 per cent in March 2021 from 21.3 per cent a year ago," the RBI said. The interest rate bracket '5 to less than 6 per cent had highest concentration (36.8

of term deposits were originally

64.1%

categories, the household sector held 64.1 per cent share in total deposits.

contracted for 'one year to less than three years' maturity. The share of short-term deposits (original maturity of less than one-year) rose to 32.8 per cent (25.4 per cent a year ago); in terms of residual maturity, 75.7 per cent of the term deposits were due for maturity within one year. Among institutional categories, the household sector held 64.1 per cent share in total deposits. Individuals -- including Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) -- were the major constituent of the household sector and contributed 55.8 per cent in aggregate deposits, the RBI said.

Bank deposits of non-financial corporations surged by 18.8 perrent during 2020-21 and their share in total deposits increased to 16.2 percent in March-2021, it said.

BRIEFLY -

AGMs get time New Delhi: Companies will

get an additional time of two months beyond September to conduct their annual general meetings for the fiscal year ended March 2021.

'Job recovery' New Delhi: Recovery in em-

ployment after Covid disruptions has been uneven, said CMIE. Employment in August was 5.7 million lower than it was in 2019-20.

Amazon jobs New Delhi: Amazon India on

Thursday said it has created more than 1.1 lakh seasonal job opportunities. Separately, it said it has infused Rs 450 crore into Amazon Pay.

'Bottomed out'

New Delhi: The economy has bottomed out and the formal sector is likely to get back to pre-Covid levels by the end of this year, ex-Deputy Chairman of erstwhile Planning Commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia said.

OYOIPO

New Delhi: OYO is planning to raise up to \$1.2 billion via an IPO and is expected to file draft red herring prospectus next week, sources said. PTI

Antitrust probe

Brussels: Google is seeking to settle an EU antitrust investigation into its digital advertising business, a person familiar with the matter said. **REUTERS**



Taigun Launched

Brand director of Volkswagen Passenger Cars India Ashish Gupta launching the Taigun. The vehicle, priced at a range of Rs 10.49-17.49 lakh, is the brand's first product offering in the mid-size SUV segment. Credit: Company

Most states to submit discom project report by Oct 31, says Singh

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

POWER MINISTER RK Singh said on Thursday all states were working on preparing proposals to reduce losses and modernise state power distribution companies to avail of funds under the Centre's Rs 3.03-lakh-crore discom reform scheme.

"All states are preparing their schemes (reports)... In my meetings most states said they will be able to submit their schemes by October 31," he added.

Singh said most states would be able to submit detailed project reports on efforts to cut losses under the scheme, which was later extended to December 31. The Minister added the government had also agreed to extend the time frame for state governments to pay subsidy arrears to discoms to four years from three years after discussions with state governments keeping in mind the stress on state finances due to the pandemic. He noted that a recent spike

in power demand had prompted him and the Coal Minister to speak with the Environment Minister about coal mines where production had not vet been started as they were still awaiting clearances

Some users facing 'difficulties', will 'streamline' I-T portal: Infy knowledges the difficulties some

During the first week of the

platforms are expected to

register 30 per cent year-on-

year growth in gross GMV to

Source: Redseer/PTI

festive season, online

\$4.8 billion

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

INFOSYS ON Thursday acknowledged that some users continue to experience difficulties in accessing the income tax portal and assured that it is working expeditiously, in collaboration with the Income Tax Department, to further stream-

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line end-user experience.

The Bengaluru-based company said the portal has seen steady increase in usage over the last few weeks, and more than three crore taxpayers have logged into it and successfully completed various transactions.

"Even as the portal makes sustained progress with crores of taxpayers successfully performing transactions, the company ac-

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is working expeditiously, in collaboration with the I-T Department, to further streamline end-user experience," Infosys said in a statement. It added that over the last few

users continue to experience and

weeks, the portal has seen steady increase in usage with "taxpayers' concerns being progressively addressed".

RailTel

Dt. 23.09.2021 RailTel/E.Region invites E-Tender from eligible bidders for "Hiring of dark fibre in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.'s Area in Jharkhand State for RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.,

Eastern Region." Tender Notice & Tender Document are available on www.railtelindia.com and https://www.ireps.gov.in. Addendum corrigendum will be uploaded in RailTe website only.



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Notice Inviting Bids for Procurement of Power on Short Term basis Bids are invited by "Noida Power Company Limited having its registered office at Electric Sub-station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida – 201310 (U.P.)" for procurement of up to 160 MW power during 11.10.2021 to 31.03.2022 as per the Guidelines of Ministry of Power, Gol dated 30.03.2016. Bid Document is

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New Delhi

HOUSEHOLD SECTOR ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

total bank deposits continued to rise "at the cost of public sector banks" and stood at 30.5 per cent as against 29.5 per cent a year ago, according to the Reserve Bank of India data. Private banks account for

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जनशक्ति सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए बोलियों का आमंत्रण Invitation of Bids for providing manpower

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Read Office: PSEB Head Office. The Mall. (Patiala) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number: 96461-18754)

Tender Enquiry No. 274/HPs/ED-I/S-413 Dated: 21.09.2021 SE/Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL Patiala invites E-Tender for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection Testing and Commissioning of 4 sets of Microprocessor based Station Excitation Equipment along with accessories (including dismantling of existing Panels, Equipment, Cables etc.) for 4x15 MW Machine of Shanan Power House, PSPCL, Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi (HP). For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to

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For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in, No. 377/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Superintending Engineer No. 377/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II) Dated: 22/09/2021

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website www.bbmb.gov.in and www.bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com Dy. Chief Engineer, Bhakra Power Houses Circle, BBMB (PW), Nangal 829-PR-Generation-8 For your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

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General public is hereby informed that one male Namely Chater Singh S/o Late. Sh. Mam Chand R/o H.No.187, Amra Mohalla, Dera Village, New Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the jurisdiction of PS Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi since 12.09.2021. In this regard, a case DD No. 22-A dated 13.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Fatehpur Beri, Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under.



Sd/- SHO

Age: 46 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'10', Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: T-Shirt and Half Pant. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the kidnapped/missing male 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 Fax No. 011-24368639

DP/710/SD/2021

Fatehpur Beri, Delhi PH. 011-26659511



Notice Inviting Tender for

Tender Notice No (Online): 04/GNN/TTP/2021-22 Dt. 21-09-2021 Tenders are invited for the works online on http://etender.up.nic.ln from Government approved

ontractors with following schedule. Name of Work Total Estimated cost of Tender(Rs.) Tender for Public Private Partnership (PPP)-Hybrid Annuity Rs. 239.93,47,848,09/-Model (HAM) to set up 40 MLD net output Tertiary Treatment plant to treat secondary treated water from 56 MLD Indirapuram Sewage Treatment Plant to supply Industria rade Water to Sahibabad Industrial Estate, Ghaziabad fo Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam.

The tender shall be made available on website http://etender.up.nic.in.from 28/09/2021 General Manager (JAL), Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam, Ghazia

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No.: MC-9-ST-CAMC-HRE-HW-21 Date: 15.09.202 Sr. DME acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender agains Tender No. MC-9-ST-CAMC-HRE-HW-21 Closing Date/Time 08.10.2021, 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and me only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manua offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available o vebsite www.ireps.gov.in.

Department	C&W	Tender No.	MC-9-ST-CAMC-HRE-HW-21
Name of Work	Hydraulic Re-rai		nance Contract (CAMC) of C&W depot Haridwar for three ugh OEM.
Tender type	Single	Bidding system	Single Packet System
Tender closing	Date & Time	08.10.2021, 15:00) hrs.
Advertised Rs. 37,12,339/- Value (Rs.)		Validity of Offer (Days)	45 Days
	•	•	2071/2021

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G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) Kosi-Katarmal, Almora - 263 643, Uttarakhand

TENDER NOTICE No. - GBPNIHE/2021-22/06

Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora Uttarakhand invites sealed Tenders for auction of Institute vehicle UK-01-7669. The date of receipt of the sealed tenders is 18.10.2021 by only Registered / Speed Post / Courier and the tender will be opened on 20.10.2021 at 3.00 P.M. The vehicle may be seen in any working day from 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. up to 13.10.2021 at Institute premises.

The full details of tender are available in the Institute Website http://gbpihed.gov.in.

Office Superintendent (Store) Email: Store@gbpihed.nic.in

OSBI

Digital & Transaction Banking- Products & Operations Department Corporate Centre, 1st floor, 'C' Wing, Mittal Tower, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021. **E-mail**: dgmprojects.dtb@sbi.co.in **Website:** https://bank.sbi/, https://www.sbi.co.in

CORRIGENDUM-I

RFP No.: D&TB/PS/RFP/METRO/2021-22/001 Dated: 04.09.2021 lease refer the Corrigendum available for RFP No: D&TB/PS/RFP/METRO/2021-22/001 Dated: 04.09.2021 available unde Procurement News" at Banks website: https://bank.sbi/, https://www.sbi.co.in, https://etender.sbi/

Date: 24.09.2021 Digital & Transaction Banking - P&O Department

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e-Procurement TENDER NOTICE

The APTRANSCO invites bids online for the works with Spec No. APT-e-64/21-22 for "Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220 KV Parawada DC line (1.5KM) by making LfLO of 220 KV Kakinada-VSS along with 2 No 220 KV Bays at 220/132/33 KV Parawada SS in Visakhapatnan district" on turniley basis. Available on e-procurement site from 24.09.2021 at 5.00PM. Note: office inviting bids CE/Zone/Visakhapatnam. further details can be seen at http://apeprocurement.gov.in.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, APTRANSCO, Visakhapatnam Zone DIPR No.388PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt:23/09/2021

INVITATION FOR BID

The Nodal Officer, NHP-Assam, Guwahati invites Bids from eligible bidders for "Setting up of Silt Laboratory in Cachar Investigation W.R. Division, Badarpur Under NHP-Assam (2lots) at AWRMI Basistha, Guwahati-29 under NHP-Assam".

RFQ No. NHP-2021-2022-As-824462 details online https://assamtenders.gov.in

Janasanyog No. 5837/21

उ०प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि० **ई--निविदा तिथि विस्तार सूचना** अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा सूचना सं0 ETC/MU/T 76/2021-22 जिसको दिनांक 01.10.202⁻ को खोला जाना प्रस्तावित है, के निविद प्रपत्र निर्माण न होने पर ई-पोर्टल पर अपलोड नही हो पाया है जिसके कारण उक्त अल्पकालिक ई—निविदा की देय तिथि 08.10.2021 की जाती है। कृपय www.etender.up.nic.in पर विस्तार से सभी सूचना, विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन/विस्तार हेतू निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें शेष अन्य नियम व शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें" पत्रांक/ No वि0पा0म0(ETC) 2396 / मु0नगर(MZN) / दिनांक / DATED

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRD North Western Railway, Bikaner for & or

ehalf of the President of India, invite tenders for the following work: 1 complete details of tenders can be seer on Website No.: http://www.ireps.gov.in . Date & time of closing of e-tenders 18.10.2021 at 15.00 hours. 3. Date 8 time of opening of e-tenders: After 15.00 Hrs on 18.10.2021. Tender Notice No. 05-TRD-BKN-E-Tender-2020-21 2R Name or Work: TRD work in connectio vith provision of shunting neck and extension of sick line at Hisar washing ne to facilitate shunting movement in Hisar yard of Bikaner Division Approx cost of the work: 4340932.00 EMD/SD (Rupees): 00.00

PARADIP PORT TRUST Corrigendum-IV
To e-Tender Call Notice No. EM/WS-29/2021 for the work: "Grant of license for Installation, Operation & Maintenance of 04 nos. of 100Ton capacity HMC for a period of 05 years extendable to another 01 year".

The last date of 8 id Submission and

The last date of Bid Submission and opening of the bid for the above e-Tende Call Notice are hereby extended as follows Last date and time of Bid Submission 11.10.2021 up to 18:00 Hrs. 2. Opening of Technical Bid : 12.10.2021 at 11:00 Hrs. A other terms and conditions of the original tender, Addendum-I and Addendum-II will remain unchanged. Executive Engineer(M)
Workshop Division-PPT/PR/113/21-22 Dated: 23.09.202

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL S.M.S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & CONTROLLER OF THE ATTACHED HOSPITALS, JAIPUR

Notice Inviting Bid

509-SR/21

Bid for Supply & installation below mentioned items are invited from interested bidder's upto 11-10-2021 at 04.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, <a href=" UBN:- SMS2122GLOB00275 To SMS2122GLRC00283

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Notice of Invitation Tender

ivisional Railway Manager, N.W. Rly

Bikaner for and on behalf of President of

India invites sealed open tender for the

following works on the date shown a

pelow: Tender No. S&T/BKN/ET 209

Name of Work with its Location: "Annua

Maintenance contract at 18 stations of

Electronic interlocking system of Hitach

stations), BNW-ROK section (03 stations

CUR, HSR, SDRA stations over Bikane

Divisions.", Approx Cost of Work

24495192.00, Date & Time for

submission of Tender & opening of

ender: Up to 15.00 Hrs of 14.10.2021

Website from which complete Tende

details can be seen & download

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice behalf of President

Principal Chief Engineer, Head Quarters

Office, North Western Railway nea

Jawahar Circle, Jagatpura, Jaipur

302017 (Rajasthan), invites e-tender or

www.ireps.gov.in website for following

1. Tender No. STMNWR2122-07

Description of stores: Supply o

CONTINUOUS RAIL THERMOMETER

as per RDSO specification No. TM-TL

19, Tender Value: Rs. 6,44,280.00

Earnest money: NIL, 2. Tender No. STMNWR2122-08, Description of

stores: Supply of Magnetic Base Type

Rail Thermometer as per RDSC

specification No. TM/67 , **Tender Value**

Rs. 2.14.453.20, Earnest money: NIL

3. Tender No. STMNWR2122-09

Description of stores: Supply o

HYDRAULIC RAIL TENSOR (NON-INFRINGING) 70T Cap, as per RDSO

Spec. No.- TM/SM/32, Tender Value

Rs. 6,14,190.00, Earnest money: NIL

Date & time of Tender Closing

14.10.2021 (15.30hrs), Note: Th

details of tender & conditions may be

seen on Railway website

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice Nater Vending Vending Machine allotment contract

Dated 21-09-2021

N.W.Rly. Jaipur on behalf of the Presider

of India invites Tender under two packe

system for the purpose of allotment of

Vater Vending Machines at 'D' & 'E

category stations under Cluster-II ove Jaipur Division for the period as mentioned

n the enclosed documents. The date of

submission and opening of Tender and

detail of the earnest money and Cost o

tender form are as under:-1. Name of the

work: Allotment of Water Vending

Divisional Commercial Manager

www.ireps.gov.in"

nake for 03 years in RE-SDLP section (12

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Raghunath Malik S/o Ranjeet R/o H.No.7/12, Gali No.8/9, I-Block, Batta Road, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi

Aged-27 Years has been reported missing since 04.08.2021 at around 9 AM from his residence vide DD No.95A Dated 06.08.2021 registered at Police Station Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as



Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'3", Face: Long, Built: Medium, Clothing: Green coloured shirt, Blue coloured pant and white coloured shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639 DP/1262/ON/2021

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RB/MKD/955

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SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi Tel.: 011-27811415 Mob.: 7065036327

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission

PUNJAB STATE SPORTS COUNCIL

(Punjab Govt. Undertaking)

Secure Online Submission of Tenders

BHARATI VIDYAPEETH'S EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX A-4, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63 Tel: 25275055 / 25278443 Websites: www.bvicam.ac.in / www.bvcoend.ac.in

All candidates seeking admission under 10% reserved Management Category seats for 2021-2022 at Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Applications and Management (BVICAM) and College of Engineering (BVCOE), New Delhi, shall apply in the form available in the office latest by Saturday, 16th October, 2021 up to 04:30 p.m. Admission will be done on merit as per the guidelines of

GGSIP University and Govt. of NCT Delhi. Further instructions for counseling and admissions will be available on the College Notice Boards and Websites.

Brief Item Description

FOR RENOVATION OF EXISTING CONTROL AND

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Telephone No.: +91 11 4920 7235 | E-mail: brpl.eauction@relia

RELAY PANELS IN BRPL, NEW DELHI, INDIA.

CMC/BR/21-22/ SUPPLY OF NUMERICAL RELAYS & ACCESSORIES

CMC/BR/21-22/ SCHEME NO: MN21EL2045 - E/O 821 HOUSES AT

CMC/BR/21-22/ RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF CONDUCTOR

FRANSFORMERS IN BRPL (FOR TWO YEARS)

For any query call on 011-49207235 or e-mail on Brpl.Eauction@relianceada.com

of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com

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Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/- (Including GST)

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, DELHI Case No.: OA No. 530/2020

M/s. Him Cylinders Limited & Ors.

- Plot No. 1-4, Industrial Area, Amb Distt., Una Himachal Pradesh-177203 E-mail- himgroups@gmail.com

E-mail: nimgroups:@gmail.com
Also At:
D-9, Udyog Nagar, Rohtak Road, Delhi-110041.
2. Sh. Ashok Raja
S/o. Late Sh. Raja Takhat Mal R/o. 42/72,
Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026.
3. Sh. Shanti Swaroop Raja
S/o. Late Sh. Raja Takhat Mal R/o. 42/72,
Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026.
4. Smt. Meena Raja
W/o. Sh. Ashok Raja R/o. 42/72,
Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026.
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs.23,24,79,989.517- (Rupees Twenty Three Crores Twenty Four Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine and Sixty Seven Paisa Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on 09.11.2021 at 10.30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT under the control of the control of

Phone Number: 011-23748473). Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence

ing Pandemic Situation, all the matter rill be taken up through Video Conferencing and) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the

"Cisco Webex" application/Software;
(iii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by 'Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. ""It now in" I winder the Dathic National Long Control of the India National "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011 23748473.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 18th September of 2021 By Order of the Tribunal

Assistant Reg

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi

Due Date &

15.10.2021

15:30 HRS

14.10.2021

15:30 HRS

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Head (Contracts & Materials

Opening of bidding Documents

14.10.2021

14.10.2021

03.00 PM

To be intimated later on.

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Sd/- Secretary

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Punjab State Sports Council

ion No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527

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of Bidding Documents

14.10.2021

14.10.2021

11.00 AM

Date : 18.09.2021 DRT-I. New Delhi

Date: 24.09.2021

Date & Time of Opening

15.10.2021

15:45 HRS

14.10.2021

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No.:- 3202

Dated:- 23.09.2021

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

E-TENDER No. 2021RSI8741TC

INDIAN RAILWAYS

Director, Railways Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government o India invites e-tender for procurement of 1.45.532 Nos. Low Torque Grease Seal to RDSO Specification No. WD-63-Misc-2020 of Oct 2020 or latest amendments, if any for AAR Standard Upgraded Class 'E' (6" x 11") Cartridge Tapered Roller bearing used in freight stock

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in fo details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender. 4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 28:10:2021.

Director, Rallway Stores (W) Ministry of Rallways, Rallway Board, New Delhl. for and on behalf of the President of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division, Deoghar

e-Procurement Tender Notice Tender Reference No. :- WRD/Irr. Div., Deoghar/F2-01/2021-22 Dt: 15.09.2021

1. Name of the work Construction of S.L.R. Bridge at ch. 678.00/677.50 & D.L.R. Bridge at ch. 630.00 of P.M.C. under Punasi Reservoir Scheme. Rs.1,42,14,029.91 (Rupees One 2. Estimated Cost (Rs.) Crore forty two lakhs fourteen thousand twenty nine and paise Ninty one) only 3. Time of Completion 270 days 16.10.2021 4. Last date & Time for receipt Up to 5:00 P.M 27.09.2021 5. Date of Publication of Tender 11:00 A.M. on website Name & address of office **Executive Engineer** Inviting tender Irrigation Division, Deoghar Contact no. of Procurement 09472709310 officer

06432-232477

Executive Engineer

PR 253738 (Irrigation) 21-22 (D) Irrigation Division, Deoghai Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun

8. Helpline number of e-

Procurement cell

Note: - Only E-Tender will be accepted

Ref. No. 1650 / I1-02(xvi)/ITCO/URRDA/21

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

e-Procurement Notice (First Call)

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

The General Manager (Project), BRIDCUL on behalf of URRDA Jttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system (First Call) for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Barkot (District-Uttarkashi) for 14 number o Package with estimated cost totaling to Rs 4023.16 Lakh including their naintenance for 5 year from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent*.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement 7-09-2021. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid

ocuments are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidde is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the nuthorized Certifying Authorities

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit correctness or formation furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with the Projects related to <u>Garhwal Mandal</u> at Office of <u>BRIDCUL HQ</u> Opp. Govt. ITI Majra, Niranjanpur, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun-248001 " on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No Physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids. Last Date / Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering: 18-10-2021

For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in

Chief Engineer URRDA, Dehradun Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate

authorities before signing the contract **Note:** For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2522941 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM in any office days.



The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE E-tender are re-invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 71584, (2) 71614, (3) 71657, (4) 71664 Note: For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in PRO/AAM(M)/65/2021

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

NOTICE Tender Notice No. Com/Lease/VP/Proposal/DNR/20/8

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, fo and on behalf of The President of India invites quotation, for temporary leasing space of 24 tonnes of LVPH on round trip basis on payment of lumpsum freight for loading of parcels in train no. 02393/02394 for a period of 30 days. It can be also seen on the website www.ecr.indianrailways.gov.in.

Reserve Price per round trip (in ₹) Sr. No. Train No. From-To-From 02393/02394 RJPB-NDLS-RJPB 2.16,499/-

ate, time and place for dropping of quotation documents in quotation box : 01.10.2021 11.00-12.00 hrs., Date and time of opening of quotation: 01.10.2021, 12.15 hrs. Dropping and Open at the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's office, Danapur. DRM (Commercial)/ECR/Danapur PR/0866/DNR/Comml./N/21-22/40

Government of Maharashtra

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NANDED

e-Tender Notice No. 50 for 2021-2022

e-Tenders for 02 works in B-1 form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Nanded (Phone No. 02462-253711) from the Registered Contractors in Appropriate Class of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra for the Improvement in Dist. Nanded.

1. The Tender costs of the above works are more than Rs. 1.00 Crores.

2. All information related to this tender is made available on the following website also. All changes will be made available on this website.

www.mahapwd.com https://mahatenders.gov.in

(dgipr/2021-2022/2054)

No.EE(GNR)/E-Proc)/005/2020-21

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

Date: 22.09.2021

FMD

(Rs. in lakh

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, Bashyam Park, South Central Street, Bengaluru- 560 020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (KW-4) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) The Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, invites tenders

from eligible Tenderers for the construction works detailed in the table below:

Name of Work

Providing CC Road and Footpath Culverts Drains works at Old Tharagupet Main Road and cross roads in Ward No. 109 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from: 08.10.2021 onwards. 2) Pre-Bid Meeting: 13.10.2021 at 16.00 Hrs. 3) Tenders must

be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before

16:00 Hrs. on: 18.10.2021. 4) Technical bids will be opened on

21.10.2021 at 12:30 Hrs. Further details can be accessed from

GoK e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-procurement helpdesk at: 080-22441076. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.



6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing

New Delhi



Machines at 'D' & 'E' category station under Two packet system under Cluster-I over Jaipur Division.. 2.Approximat cost of the work: Earning Contract 3.Period of completion: Five (05) years Reserve Price (in Rs.): 20,80,000/- (Rs. Twenty Lacs Eight housand only) for the period of five years Earnest money to be deposited: Rs ,04,000/- (Rs. One Lacs Four Thousand only) shall be accepted only online ne oanking or gateway payment facilitie only.. 6. Cost of tender documents (Nor Refundable): Rs. 6000/- (Rs. Siz thousand only) non-refundable, cost o tender) shall be accepted only online ne banking or payment gateway only, 7. Date & time of submission of tender 22/10/2021 (Up to 15.00 Hrs.) throug online <u>www.ireps.gov.</u> in only, **8. Authority** and place for submission of tender cos Tender Security (EMD), required documents (if any) and seeking clarifications on tender documents Through online <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> only, **9** Website particulars: <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>

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Bhubaneswar to host 2021 **Junior Hockey World Cup**



India beat Belgium 2-1 to win the Junior Hockey World Cup in 2016, the country's first title since the 2001 edition. File

Odisha was on Thursday named the host of this year's FIH men's hockey Junior World Cup in November-December

The event will be staged at Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Stadium from November 24 to December 5

Odisha and Uttar Pradesh had both expressed interest in hosting the marquee event but the former was picked for being the national team's title sponsor as well. Lucknow had hosted the tournament's last edition in which India claimed the top honours in 2016.

Odisha has earlier hosted the senior World Cup in 2018, the FIH World League in 2017 and the Champions Trophy in 2014.

The 16 teams competing are hosts India, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, South

Man Utd lose 1-0 at home to West Ham in League Cup third round

Manchester United were knocked out in the third round of the League Cup by West Ham United on Wednesday.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team came up with a 1-0 defeat after Argentine midfielder Manuel Lanzini scored the only goal in the match from a Ryan Fredericks cutback.

This was West Ham manager David Moyes' first victory in management at Old Trafford in seven years after he was sacked as United coach.

The Hammers will next play Manchester City, the reigning four-time champions of the cpmpetition, as they chase their first domestic title

since winning the 1980 FA Cup. The United lineup had a completely different look to the one that beat West Ham 2-1 in their Premier League meeting earlier this week. Cristiano Ronaldo was among the players that had been given a rest for this clash.

This was United's second loss this month after they came up short in a Champions League 2-1 away loss to Swiss team Young Boys. They next play Aston Villa on Saturday.

Africa, Egypt, Belgium, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, USA, Canada, Chile and Argentina.

Australia has opted out due to travel restrictions because of the ongoing Covid-19 pan-

Odisha is also set to host the 2023 FIH senior men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. "It is short notice for making the arrangements for such an event, especially during the pandemic period. However, since the country's prestige is at stake, we have readily agreed to host it," Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik said during a programme to announce the host city. "I hope the reigning Indian team will take advantage of the home condition and emerge victorious again," he added.

Brazil football fed asks govt for

Brazil's soccer confederation has requested

quarantine waivers from their government

so England-based players can play in a World

Cup qualifying match in Manaus next

month, starting with the tie against Uruguay

Brazil's squad for three World Cup qualifiers,

including the Uruguay game and matches at

Venezuela and Colombia, will be announced

The request includes a quarantine waiver for

Uruguay and Manchester United striker

Edinson Cavani, who is also expected to play

Britain and Brazil are on each other's red lists

for coronavirus risk, meaning that players

arriving from the United Kingdom to the

South American nation have to quarantine

Uruguay is also on Britain's red list, causing

Cavani to miss the qualifiers earlier this

month because he would have faced 10 days

of hotel quarantine on his return.

player quarantine waivers

on October 14.

in Manaus.

for 14 days.

per week, which WR are looking to reduce.

Will it be implemented?

While not mandatory, the guidelines are expected to be adopted at all levels by WR. "It would certainly be our intention to write it into the terms of participation for future Rugby World Cups," Mark Harrington, World Rugby director of technical services was quoted by Sport 24, hinting at the rules being enforced in the leadup to the 2023 World Cup qualifiers. "It is a soft guideline for the minute, but I think over time it will gain some

How was the study conducted?

World Rugby combined with top tier clubs

How World Rugby plans to tackle concussions and dementia

The world body plans to limit full-body contact training time per week

SHIVANI NAIK

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

GNARLED, CRACKED and poetically scarred they might have been in the past, Rugby Union is now dealing with the pile-up of concussions and early-onset dementia. World Rugby was compelled to reckon with this reality of the bleeding obvious and the nonbleeding unseen trauma last December, when former England hooker Steve Thompson led a group of retired players in a landmark legal case against WR, the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh Rugby Union after being diagnosed. On Thursday, WR unveiled new guidelines that limit full-blooded contact training to 15 minutes a week to help reduce impact injuries in training.

What do the fresh guidelines mandate?

The game's governing body, along with International Rugby Players (IRP), announced a six-point checklist. It recommended restricting midweek contact training to two days, broken down into three categories: 15 minutes per week of full-contact training during which players may go full throttle and operate at high speed in body-to-body collisions, 40 minutes of controlled contact utilising tackle shields and pads, running at reduced speeds, and 30 minutes of live set-piece training with lineouts,

EXPLAINE

The 600 players surveyed had said elite pros averaged 19 minutes of full contact training

scrums and mauls at a high in-

Leinster, Clermont Auvergne and Benetton Treviso to assess the mechanism, incidence and intensity of head impact events using mouth-guard technology and video analysis according to The42. The Prevent



England's 2003 World Cup winner Steve Thompson led a group of players to file a lawsuit against World Rugby last year for negligence in promoting safety. Reuters

Biometrics technology recorded the largest ever comparable head impact database in the sport. Four contact elements were studied: volume of full-contact in minutes, intensity of collisions, density of the impacts within the timeframe, and the unpredictability of the hits.

> Are there similar trends in other sports?

There are parallels with the NFL which limited full-contact training back in 2011. The Guardian quoted Éanna Falvey, WR's chief medical officer, as saying "this is not a neat com-

parison as the NFL is contested by 32 teams that are more easily regulated. Furthermore, 70 to 80% of NFL player injuries occur during training compared to 30 to 40% in rugby.' Independent studies conducted at the University of South Wales found rugby players were harmed by repetitive blows. Reduction in blood flow to the brain and cognitive function could result from cumulative effects and not one-off incidents of concussion, all pointing to the necessity of reduction in full-contact training where possible. Headers in football and bouncers in cricket have blipped on the scanner, but talk of policing both faces scorn and resistance.

Is everyone welcoming it in Rugby Union? Somewhat. Australia coach Dave Rennie, while stating that these measures were nec-

essary, aired some concerns, telling Sydney Morning Herald: "35 to 40 percent of injuries happen at training, that means 60-65 percent happen in games. "We're making sure we're getting conditioning load and contact load into them so that they can deal with it on game day, and they've got the technique reauired."

He sought clarity on 'full contact' including when players donned full body padded suits, a staple in modern rugby training.

"We suit our boys up a bit. I guess they would still have that full contact, bone on bone. But they're often in three or fourminute hits. I understand the importance of looking after the athlete, but we also need to understand that they need to be trained, appropriately, to deal with the physical nature of our game."

What about the 15-minute claim? All Blacks coach Ian Foster asked for expand-

pacts" in the game.

ing the 15-minute rule, though by 'his 'gut feel,"15 minutes felt about right. The Otago University in New Zealand is undertaking parallel research on understanding the "nature and frequency of head im-

Rennie though had a bemused bite at the 15 minutes diktat. "Who's timing it? I'm sure there has been a lot of work that has gone on to come up with these numbers. They're talking at every level. Are they going to have 1st XV coaches with a stopwatch? I'm not certain how that will pan out."

HC asks Centre to start inquiry into **Batra allegations**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

STAYING THE Table Tennis Federation of India's (TTFI) Rules and Regulations for a National Camp, the Delhi High Court on Thursday said that it was appalled with the conduct of TTFI and asked the Centre to conduct an inquiry into the complaint filed by Manika Batra, who is a top-ranked player in

The court at the outset of the proceedings took exception to TTFI's decision to reconstitute the committee, which was looking into Batra's complaint, soon after the first hearing of her petition on September 20 and said it was anguished with the conduct of TTFI in the matter.

"If this is the way the national sports federations are going to function, then the government might as well takeover all these federations," said Justice Rekha Palli while hearing the petition filed by Batra against the TTFI's decision to not include her in the contingent being sent for the upcoming Asian Table Tennis Championship in Doha.

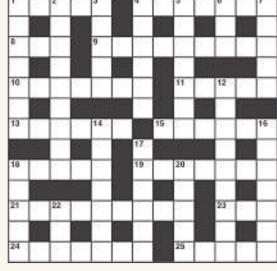
Batra, in the petition has also sought quashing of the Rules and Regulations for National Camp dated August 4 which make it mandatory for the players to join a national coaching camp and an enquiry into the management of TTFI, particularly the conduct of national coach Soumyadeep Roy - whom she accused of asking her to lose an Olympic qualifier match in March in favor of one of his trainees at his private academy. During the hearing on Thursday, Batra gave up the prayer for including her name in the contingent.

Additional Solicitor General Chetan harma on Thursday told the court that there was nothing in the sports code that permitted the TTFI to bar a candidate for not attending a camp and that they will be conducting an independent inquiry in the matter. Batra's counsel told the court that she decided to take private coaching as she had an apprehension that she will not be fairly treated by the national coach due to the past

The court said that the rule mandating compulsory attendance at the national camp has been enforced at a point when there was a complaint pending against the national coach and the argument that the rules were already in contemplation "does not inspire confidence". "I am of the view that the operation of the rules is required to be stayed till the next date," Justice Palli said.

Regarding the enquiry, the court said the Centre will proceed to hold the enquiry at the earliest in which the Roy may also place his stand. Granting four weeks for completion of the enquiry, the court listed it for hearing on October 28

CROSSWORD 4543



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- 4 How happy cowboys might be?(7) 8 Put on some salad dressing (3)
- Powered flight? (9) 10 Only a fraction may be claimed
- 11 Badly cared for timber
- 13 Raw recruit that is found at the castle(6)
- 15 Capital form of punishment (6) 18 Poses for money (5)
- 19 Troops didn't finish course (7)
- 21 Better value for money? How absurd! (9)
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- $the\,reverse\,(3)$ 24 A quick reply by one who is
- foiled(7) 25 It collapses when there's
- anarchy or Red revolution

- He keeps a lot to himself (7)
- it's farcical (9)

- hundred take it (7) Haul up the fishing line (3)
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- reduced by 10%(9) 14 How one may make progress
- on one's feet (7) 16 Seaside bank that may appear
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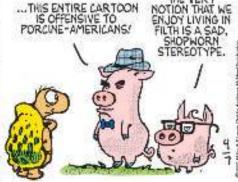
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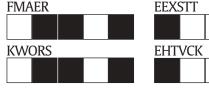






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Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given guip. What is pride? A___that emu



Answer: What is pride? A **rocket** that emulates the **stars**. - William Wordsworth SOLUTION: FRAME, WORKS, SEXTET, KVETCH

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) If you're a perfectionist, like so many members of your sign, you may be finding current pressures you are ready to take life as it comes, there'll be much to

completely new world. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

stimulate and entertain you

perhaps opening a window on a



partners and close friends. However, the present lull is but a temporary phase. While you're in it, it could feel as if it's lasting forever. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Delays are inevitable, but there's nothing to worry about. At such times, when life slows down. you must take the opportunity to reflect on the state of your life so far, and consider just where your current activities are

taking you. Do you really want

to be the centre of attention? If

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Discreet discussions are likely quite soon and if these involve vour work, the

not, alter your course now.

outcome will include welcome long-term benefits. An increasingly lively social life will provide the absolutely perfect counter-balance to your steadily accumulating responsibilities.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) The general impact of current planetary influences is to deepen your mental processes. The result will be a

mood of increasing seriousness combined with delays and. quite possibly, broken arrangements in your social life. But, then, you're getting used

Significant

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

discussions are becoming more intense and serious. now there's a hint that there is more to be settled before agreement is reached. Concentrate on getting your home affairs straight and establishing order in family arrangements, and if you have any doubts, let partners set

the pace.

BY PETER VIDAL LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

> This could be a critical time for all

money matters. You'd be well advised to get hold of more information, although you mus wait a little longer before deals are finalised to everyone's satisfaction. Romantic partners continue to make extra demands and I suspect you're

ready to deliver whatever they ask. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You should know by now that it's much better to let other people understand

what you're really feeling, otherwise you can't complain if you are misunderstood. Partners genuinely want to help, so put your suspicions to one side and welcome whatever assistance is offered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Certain proposals must be left on ice



partners have said and done. You must continue to discuss your plans and proposals in as much detail as is required. Never feel you have to make a final decision until you are ready.

Although you are often in an outgoing and sociable mood you have a tendency to go behind people's backs,

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

even if well-intentioned. Don't be surprised if friends are bemused by your behaviour. After all, you have been putting out confusing signals. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

It's an excellent time to broaden your

horizons and diversify your affairs. Not only is your career involved in this reassessment, but so is a whole range of leisure and social activities. But, first, you must finalise financial plans as soon as you can.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Why not live up to

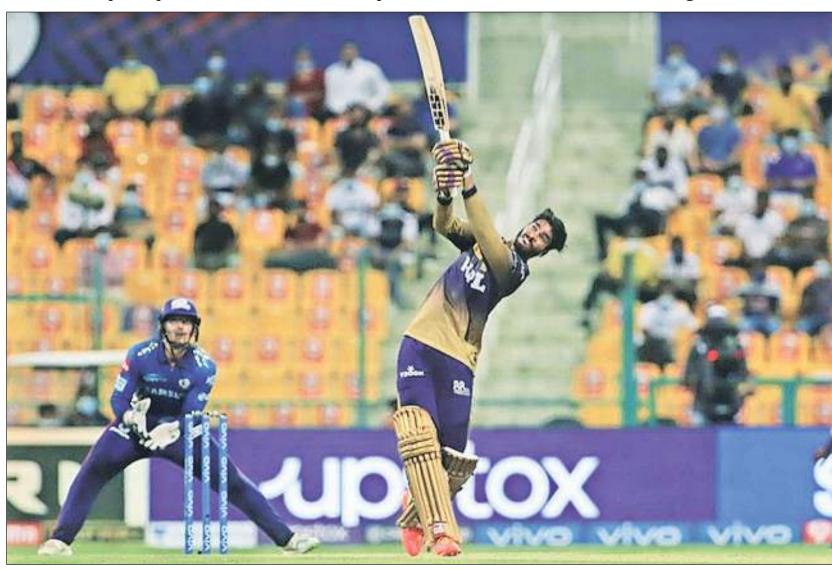


with your own high expectations than the reality of the current situation. In other words, you'll do yourself a power of good by being more realistic.

■ RCB vs CSK, Sharjah, 7:30 pm

KKR move into Iyer gear

Kolkata's impact opener smashes 53 off 30, Tripathi hits unbeaten 74 off 42 to make light work of chase



Venkatesh Iyer's knock at the top of the order contained four fours and three sixes. iplt20.com

SYNOPSIS: Iyer rocks, Tripathi dazzles after MI lose way

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

SEPTEMBER 23

 $THROUGHTHE\, unearthing\, of\, Venkatesh\, lyer$ and the pyrotechnics of Rahul Tripathi, Kolkata Knight Riders' upsurge continued. They came to the second phase of the IPL on just four points and playing serious catchup. Back-to-back hammering of Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians have now parachuted them to the top four.

MI's total, 155, was below par. But on a slow Zayed Cricket Stadium pitch in Abu Dhabi, they had a star-studded bowling lineup to defend it. Iyer and Tripathi, however, made the chase a walk in the park for KKR, breaking the MI hoodoo in the process. This was their first win against their bogey team in two years. More importantly, after a sevenwicket victory with 29 balls to spare, they command one of the healthiest net run-rates

Iver rocks

The beauty of the IPL is that it gives young players an outlet to get out of relative obscurity and come into prominence. Iyer is the latest on the list. Even four months ago, the 26year-old was a bench-warmer. As the left-hander revealed after the last game, it was KKR head coach Brendon McCullum's decision to include him in the playing eleven. Caught in the opening quagmire during the first phase, the team management acted in desperation. It is turning out to be a masterstroke.

His unbeaten 41 off 27 balls against RCB was impressive but without scoreboard pressure. Against MI, he faced a tougher chal-

POINTS TABLE

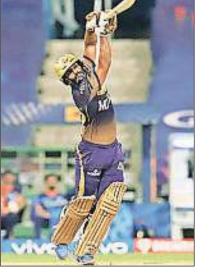
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CSK	8	6	2	+1.223	12
RCB	8	5	3	-0.706	10
KKR	9	4	5	+0.363	8
RR	8	4	4	-0.154	8
MI	9	4	5	-0.310	8
PK	9	3	6	-0.345	6
SRH	8	1	7	-0.689	2

lenge-they were chasing and he was up against arguably the most well-rounded attack in the league. He didn't flinch. He attacked Trent Boult and Adam Milne, two seasoned international bowlers, with disdain and wasn't afraid to use his feet against the spinners. He swung with gaiety, a six and four off Milne. He stood and walloped when Jasprit Bumrah missed his length by a few inches. He swept Rahul Chahar from outside the off-stump to deep midwicket-boundary. He shimmied down the track and hit a six off Krunal Pandya. Iyer reached his maiden IPL half-century off 25 balls and when eventually Bumrah castled him on 53, KKR were just 28 runs away from victory.

His backstory makes his rise even sweeter. Iyer traded a career in chartered accountancy and management to play cricket on his mother's insistence. He made his IPL debut six years after playing his first domestic T20 fixture for Madhya Pradesh. At this rate, he could be a millionaire in the open auction next year.

Tripathi dazzles

He is an IPL thoroughbred, but Tripathi didn't mind being overshadowed by his jun-



Rahul Tripathi hit eight fours and three sixes in a whirwind of a knock. iplt20.com

ior partner despite outscoring him. In notso-easy conditions, his 74 not out off 42 balls was superb. The pace of MI's fast bowlers worked to Tripathi's advantage. A case in point – when he tried to flick Bumrah and got a leading edge, the ball sailed over the third man boundary. Also, the radar didn't work for Boult and Milne, worsening matters for their team. When playing the spinners. Tripathi was proficient at picking them off the hand. Aided by greasy surface, thanks to evening dew, their match-winning 88-run partnership off 52 balls was the game's joie

MI lose way

The pitches at this venue usually wear a

greenish look with a decent covering of grass, but historically spinners have taken 40 per cent of wickets at this ground in limitedovers cricket. The reason is the slowness of the surface. Even for the fast bowlers, bounce is somewhat parabolic.

So KKR captain Eoin Morgan had no hesitation to insert MI and even less reluctance to start off with spin. He read the pitch perfectly, but his counterpart, Rohit Sharma, countered that with sheer class. Rohit's outsmarting of Varun Chakravarthy was the best piece of cricket in the second leg IPL yet.

Against the mystery spinner, the MI skipper stayed beside the line of the ball, gave the bowler a good look at the stumps, and induced him to bowl straight. Varun took the bait and was lofted-driven over mid-off for a

The spinner failed to preempt Rohit's next move. The latter decided to stay behind the line this time, outwitting the bowler. Varun vet again bowled straight, a tad leg-stumpish. ball. Rohit swept him in the cow corner for another four.

Ouinton de Kock was taking on the seamers at the other end and after nine overs the defending champions were 77 for no loss. Then KKR rallied, first through a vicious Sunil Narine leg-cutter that bounced a little more to have Rohit caught at long-on. A choke followed that saw MI lose two wickets for 16 runs in four overs.

Another phase towards the back-end had MI 28/2 in four overs. The game turned on its head, in favour of KKR.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai Indians: 155 for 6 in 20 overs (Quinton de Kock 55, Rohit Sharma 33; Lockie Ferguson 2/27, Prasidh Krishna 2/43) lost to **Kolkata Knight Riders:** 159 for three in 15.1 overs (Rahul Tripathi 74 not out, Venkatesh Iyer 53; Jasprit Bumrah

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER -

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Bizarre Pollard



21 off 15 was pedestrian going by Pollard's reputation. iplt20.com

Fourth ball of the 19th over, Kieron Pollard uncharacteristically hunkered down for what looked like a ramp shot (or was it a scoop?!), but had conveyed his design a tad too early for Andre Russell to slither in a leg-side yorker.
A surprised Pollard froze for a mo-

ment, before letting the ball through his legs, like a fancy little dummy in football, or as if he had suddenly spotted a snake beside his feet. Everyone around, including Pollard, could not resist laughing. It was not the first time in his bizarre knock that he left the ball.

He did it more conventionallyshouldering the arms-in Prasidh Krishna's last ball of the 18th over. He shaped to dab it fine through third man, but the ball ducked sharply into $his \, body, strangling \, him \, for \, room. \, So, at$ the last moment, he pulled out of the stroke. Not often do you see Pollard leave the ball once, to see him do twice in the space of two balls was bizarre. And the blow hot, blow cold knock ended bizarrely too-in a run out, of entirely his own fault, responding lazily to the striker's call.

Rohit's bat doesn't have nine lives

Sunil Narine has the wood on Rohit Sharma in IPL, and it wasn't surprising that he got his man for the ninth time. There was a rasping cutter that



seamed away like a leg cutter that comprehensively beat Sharma who was playing the line. With Quinton de Kock, who couldn't get going against spinners with a strike rate of 70+ against the tweakers at that point, it was left to Sharma to try up the ante. He went for the slog sweep but was unable to get under the ball or swing with the turn, it wasn't a surprise that he airlifted it straight to long-on. Narine's celebration was also muted. He turned around, waited for Shubman Gill to pouch it, clenched his right fist and slowly raised it up and down. There was no expression on the face; just that slow-mo pumping of the fist at getting his man again.

Prasidh finds his chirpy click

Prasidh Krishna wasn't himself in his opener when he came on to bowl the last over of the power play. Instead of his seam-up, back-spun deliver-



ies, especially as Quinton de Kock wasn't yet as fluent, he went for slower ones to start off with. One disappeared over long-off and he lost his line and tailed a couple on the pads which were smacked to the boundaries. He bled 16 runs that over and was out of action until the 13th over. Luckily, he started with his stock weapons this time and took out Suryakumar Yadav with a seaming delivery around the off stump that induced an edge. Needless to say, he was joyous and found his tongue too, saying something to Ishan Kishan who shouldered arms. Krishna is one of those young Indian bowlers who is never shy of having a word and he was

Mooku-mela raja and other Cheeka-isms!

To hear Krishnamachari Srikkanth on commentary for T20 games is almost like watching him bat. A non-stop stream-ofconsciousness jabber, utter delight in seeing big hits, a constant stream of advise to the batsmen or the bowler, and an unbridled use of colloquial Tamil. "Udaathara, Pottu Saathu machan!" (Don't let it go, slam 'em mate!) was his advice to Ishan Kishan. He has a host of typical Cheeka-isms: Mooku mela raja (On top of the nose, Raia!) Is a miscue that sends the ball straight up for a dolly of a catch to the fielder. Dil-ku-Duddu! (Cash for guts!) is his desperate plea to batsmen to not to muck around but to blast that white ball. Dil-ku-duddu machi .. adura-adura (hit hit). He takes the mickey off other commentators and also is sporting enough to



story from when he was a selector of Tamil Nadu Ranji team. He asks a debutant his batting strategy and the nervous batter told him that he will defend compactly and respect the attack. Srikkanth, so goes the story, wore an incredulous look and snorted "Defend ag? Dei! Poi adira! (Just go and whack)"!

How Warner's sluggish feet are impacting his form this season?

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years back.

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

DAVID WARNER resumed the IPL from where he had left off before the break-his form shattered, his morale tattered. Agonisingly for Sunrisers Hyderabad and Australia, Warner has not been himself for a while. After the slump in Ashes 2019, he bounced back with a triple century against Pakistan and enjoyed a profitable 2020, but this year, he seems to have reacquainted with the ghosts of two

In seven IPL games, either side of the five-month break, he laboured for 193 runs at a strike rate of 108, his worst in any season,

lost captaincy and was benched for a match. Even more worryingly, he has looked genuinely out of touch and found multiple ways to get out.

What was Warner's undoing against Delhi

South Africa tearaway Andre Nortje opened him up like a professional would an amateur, or like a can of cola.

The Australian opener shaped up for a predetermined get-away-from strike legside tap-in, only that he misjudged Nortje's lightning pace, steep bounce and the hint of away movement the Dubai surface offers for pacers in the first few overs. The short-oflength ball took the splice of his blade and bobbled towards the point fielder. Swing and seam movement have been his familiar nemesis, but pace and bounce rarely so. In his best of times, he relishes both pace and bounce, the ball coming on nicely

onto his bat. But he looks far from his best. The two previous balls illustrated

the depth of his woes. He missed a fast but full ball, which a peak Warner would have thundered through covers, before nervously defending a good-length ball just outside the

What is the trouble eating him?

One of his trusted allies seems to have deserted him. His quick feet, which usually bails him out of trouble, often compensating for his hard (but fast) hands. He doesn't make



David Warner's quick feet, which usually bail him out of trouble, have let him down so far.

The trouble is exaggerated when is facing really quick bowlers, like Nortje, Kagiso Rabada (who has nailed him four times in T20s alone) and Jasprit Bumrah, a telltale sign that his reactions are slowing down, bit by bit.

giant strides, backwards, sideways or forwards, but his feet movement are swift, precise and decisive from the first ball he faces But in all the three balls he faced against Delhi Capitals, his feet move sluggishly, a touch too late in responding to the synapses of his mind. A side-on frame of his dismissal captures the travails of his feet

As he makes contact with the ball, a touch early than he had anticipated, he is hopping, balancing just on his back-toe, front-leg in the air, and the bat-face pointed upwards rather than facing the ground.

The front-on view shows that he is on the

move, his head falling over, and not over the ball. Put simply, he got himself into a difficult position to play the shot, because his feet were not moving as fluently as they often do.

Was it an aberration?

Warner has played little cricket this year, a couple of Test matches in January, a clutch of Marsh Cup games, and seven IPL games. So maybe, he was rusty, not in peak matchform and fitness. Maybe, as the tournament progresses, he would rediscover the destructible Warner we know. But nigglingly, the same set of problems has haunted him throughout this IPL—feet not where he wants them to, head drooping, balance going offkilter and subsequently failing to time the ball. Not always could his raw power and hand-eye coordination rescue him.

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It's a larger concern because he normally plays (and flays) fast bowlers better than he would the spinners, especially in the subcontinent, where Ravi Ashwin, Shakib Al

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Hasan and Harbhajan Singh are among the top-five who have dismissed him the most in the IPL. So in the World Cup, to be played in the Emirates, it would be a trial by both pace and spin.

How bright are his comeback-to-form hopes before the T20 World Cup? He would get at least six games in the IPL,

considering that Sunrisers are short of batting firepower upfront. Jonny Bairstow's absence is a definite largesse for him-had the English batsman not stayed back, Warner would have continued to bench-warm. Moreover, Sunrisers have been patient with him, affording time to revive the form of one of their biggest match-winners and personalities. Warner, too, has looked to plough through the trough, channelling inner strength from the tough times he had endured in his life and career.

He's a tough character, and would not go down without fighting tooth and nail to dust

There's a kind run-in of fixtures-Sunrisers encounter Punjab Kings and Rajasthan Royals next. Both sides don't have the sort of bowlers that could torment them.

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