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उपग्रो राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण,
प्रशासनिक भवन, सेक्टर वी-3 ट्रस्ट्स दिल्ली सिविलिक रिडी,
एडीसी, गाजियाबाद E-mail: ed2@upsidc.com

ई-निविदा सूचना
एलटद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण को विभिन्न जमादारों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में विद्युत कार्य, विकास, अनुसंधान एवं रख-रखाव के कार्यों हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/विशेष/नगर निकायों में एजीक्यूट फंक्शन/उपेक्षादारी के सामान्य/अव्यवस्थित ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की लागत (लाख में)
1	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street light fitting at IA, Salempur Dist. Hahus	5.66
2	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street light fitting at IA, Sikandrabad Dist. Bulandshahar.	17.64

उपरोक्त निविदा दिनांक 30.09.2021 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 20.10.2021 को 18:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 21.10.2021 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात् खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शायद पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 25.10.2021 को 17:00 बजे तक पंजीकृत डाक/व्यक्तिगत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती हैं।
नोट: 1. निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर एवं जीएसटी/सीजीएस सहित दरें अंकित करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नहीं होगा।
2. विद्युत कार्य हेतु निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय "विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग" उपग्रो शासन, लखनऊ में 'क' श्रेणी, अनुमोदित लाइसेंस अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी [website:www.upsidc.com](https://www.upsidc.com) पर स्थापित लिंक सूचीपत्र की [website: https://tenderup.up.nic.in](https://tenderup.up.nic.in) पर देखी जा सकती है।

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R.O.No.722
e-Tender Notice
Dt 29-09-2021
Office of the (Executive Engineer, Generation, Dharasu Power House, Chhinnaisaur), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :-
Tender No. 20/EE (GEN)/MB-IV/2021-22, 21/EE (GEN)/MB-III/2021-22
Name of work : 1. Procurement of Miscellaneous Consumable Items for Generator Maintenance at MB-II, Dharasu Power House.
2. Procurement of Spares for 31 MVA, 11/245 KV Generating Transformer at MB-II, Dharasu Power House.
Estimated cost : Rs. 767500/-, Rs. 2796000/-, (GST Extra).
Date of availability of bid document on website : 30.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of tender : 21.10.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the eprocurement portal "<http://tenders.gov.in>"
Executive Engineer (Generation)
"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

**NORTHERN RAILWAY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sh. Harpal Singh, S/o Shri Onkar Singh, Hd.TE/NZM, is unauthorized absent from his duty w.e.f. 17.12.2016 to till date. He was issued a major penalty charge sheet dated 27.12.2019 which was not received by him, so the same has been Speed Post at his last known residing address, but he did not respond to that. Further Inquiry has been marked to IO on 14.02.2020 but again he did not turned up for enquiry on any fixed dates. Inquiry Officer submitted the report on 08.06.2021 which was again not received by him and the same has been speed post at his last residing address but still no response has been received from him. Therefore, Sh. Harpal Singh, S/o Shri Onkar Singh is hereby informed through this notice that if he desires to say anything in his defence regarding D&AR proceedings against him, he may do so **within 15 days**. If he requires any documents for this purpose, he may contact Security Cell/Comm. DRM Office, New Delhi for the same. If no response is received from him **within 15 days**, ex-parte decision will be taken by Disciplinary Authority against him on the basis of evidence on record. 2210/2021

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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Mandya Division, Mandya**
ID: eepwdmandya@gmail.com/ eemnd@kpwd.gov.in
**No. E.E. PWD.Mandya, Dn./AE-4/2021-2022/4178
Dated: 27.09.2021**

POSTPONEMENT OF NOTIFICATION
Subject:- Construction/ Improvements to road work – Postponement.
Reference:- This Office Tender Notification No. 08/2021-2022 dated: 25-08-2021
with reference to the above **Notification No. 08/2021-2022 dated: 25-08-2021** Sl.No. 1 is called, but due to delay of DTS as per the said **Sl.No. 1 for Rs. 180.00** Lakhs has been postponed. Last date of Submission on **11.10.2021 at 4.30 pm**, and opening of Technical Bid on **12.10.2021 at 5.00 pm** onwards. For any further details please contact to our office.
**Sd/-Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Mandya Division, Mandya**
DIPR/AD-MDY/MCA/20/2021-22

Moradabad Municipal Corporation
Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad - 244001 (U.P.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice
Ref. No. 95/Ex. Eng./Env, Eng/NNM/2021-22 Date: 28.09.2021
Tender reference : 95/Ex. Eng/Env, Eng/NNM/2021-22 Date: 28.09.2021
Pre-bid Meeting Date : 11/10/2021 at 12:00 PM
Place of Pre-Bid Meeting : Municipal Commissioner Pili kothi, civil Lanes, Moradabad-244001
Last date for receipt of tenders : 20.09.2021 at 5:00 PM
Name of Work/Description of Item : Bioremediation and biomining of deposited legacy waste (5.8 Lacs MT) at Rampur Road Trenching Ground, Moradabad
Cost of RFP : INR 11180.00 (Eleven Thousand One hundred Eighty Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (E.M.D) : 45.00 Lacs (Forty Five Lacs only) in form of D.D. in the form of D.D./FDR/DR/NEFT/RTGS of a Nationalized / Scheduled bank of India in favour of the 'Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Moradabad' payable at 'Moradabad'

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal <https://tender.up.nic.in> from 30.09.2021 at 11:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 19.10.2021 at 17:00 hours.
For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal.
NOTE:-
1.- All eligible/interested consultants are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement portal (<https://tender.up.nic.in>)
2.- Contractor can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System.

Sd/- (Rajeev Kumar Rath) Ex. Eng/Environment Engineer Nagar Nigam Moradabad

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE
ASSAM, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI- 781022**

No: AGR/PMU/E-BID/PPC/56/2021-22/69
NOTICE INVITING e-PROCUREMENT
The Director of Agriculture, Assam invites bids in Two-Bid System through e-Procurement from eligible Bidder (Manufactures) for supply of Plant Protection Chemicals for the year 2021-22 on rate contract basis. The important dates governing the e-bid are given below:
Date of release of e-Bid : 30/09/2021 at 5:00 p.m. document
Date of Pre-Bid meeting : 07/10/2021 at 3.00 p.m.
Last date and time for : 21/10/2021 upto 3:00 p.m. submission of e-Bid
Date & time of opening of : 21/10/2021 at 3:30 p.m. Technical e-Bid
Bidders may download the e-Bid document available at <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in>. Janasanyog No. 1532/21
Director of Agriculture, Assam
Khanapara, Guwahati - 22

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)			
Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	CE / MTS	004	1

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD			
2	SE / Transmission - 2	T-2214	1

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.in.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/niceplapp

DIPR/2791/Tender/2021

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
Tender Notice No.: T_21-22_LHB_ETL_NOTICE Coach MLR Workshop Jhansi
Date: 25.09.2021

E-TENDER NOTICE
Chief Workshop Manager, Coach MLR Workshop, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of Indian Inities open e-tender from reputed contractors for following work:-

Tender No.	T_21-22_LHB_ETL
Description of work	POH work of Non-AC LS & LWSCN LHB coaches as per scope of work at CMLR Workshop, Jhansi.
Qty.	One Work
Tender Cost	₹ 8228785.20 (Rs. Eighty Two Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five & Paise Twenty only)
Completion Period	24 Months
Earnest Money	₹ 0.00
Tender Doc. Cost	₹ 0.00

Note:- (1) Tender will be closed at 15:00 Hrs. on 28.10.2021 and is available on Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in. (2) For detailed information please visit Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in. 1039/21 (A)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRO NCR

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one female namely **Sunita W/o Laxman R/o H.No. 46, Jhanda Chowk, Narela, Delhi** has been missing since 02.09.2021 from her house the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 50-A Dated 08.09.2021** has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under :

Name : Sunita, Husband's Name : Laxman, Age : 35 years, Height : 5'2", Built : Strong, Face : Round, Complexion : Fair, Wearing : Top Black & Blue colour Jeans, and White colour sandal in feet.
If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1291/ON/2021

**SHO
P.S., Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27280435
7065036323**

Moradabad Municipal Corporation
Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad- 244001 (U.P.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice
Ref. No.: 94/ Ex. Eng./ Env, Eng/NNM/2021-22 Date 28.09.2021
"ENGINEERING, SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION COMMISSIONING AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF WASTE DISPOSAL PLANT OF 100 TON PER DAY CAPACITY AT SPECIFIED SITE OF MORADABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION USING PLASMA LOAD STONE INDUCED HEAT BASED PROCESS FOR TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE WITH 3 YEAR (EXTENDABLE TO 2 YEAR) WITH OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE OF THE PLANT ON TURNKEY BASIS"

Tender reference	: 73/Ex. Eng./ Env, Eng/NNM/2021-22 Date 28.09.2021
Date of publishing of tender	: 29.09.2021 at 10:00 AM
Last date for receipt of tender	: 07.10.2021 at 04:00 PM
Time and date for opening of technical bid	: 07.10.2021 at 04:30 PM
Place of opening of tender	: Municipal Commissioner Pili kothi, civil Lanes, Moradabad-244001
Address for communication	: Municipal Commissioner Pili kothi, civil Lanes, Moradabad-244001

MMC: Moradabad Municipal Corporation
Address : Nagar Nigam Jalkal Compound, Pili Kothi, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.) Mobile: 9105900529
Email. moradabadnagarinagam@gmail.com, cennm22@gmail.com
(Rajeev Kumar Rath)
Ex. Eng./ Environment Engineer
Nagar Nigam Moradabad

IMPORTANT NOTICE
This is notified for the information of rail passengers that the railways have decided to revise the time-table of following Special Trains at nominated stations as under:-

06793/06794 Rameswaram-Faizabad Jn.-Rameswaram SF Special					
Train No.: 06793 Rameswaram-Faizabad Jn. Superfast Special		STATIONS		Train No.: 06794 Faizabad Jn.-Rameswaram Superfast Special	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
12:50	13:10	Chennai Egmore	13:30	13:50	
No Change		Villupuram Jn.	16:15	16:20	
No Change		Tiruchchirappalli Jn.	21:50	22:00	
No Change		Manamadurai Jn.	00:35	00:40	
No Change		Rameswaram	03:10	—	

06787/06788 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Tairunelveli Jn.-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express Special

Train No.: 06787 Tirunelveli Jn.-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express Special		STATIONS		Train No.: 06788 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Tirunelveli Jn. Express Special	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
23:05	23:10	Tiruchchirappalli Jn.		No Change	
No Change		Dindigul Jn.	13:55	14:00	
21:18	21:20	Kodaikanal Road	14:23	14:25	
No Change		Madurai Jn.	15:15	15:20	
19:18	19:20	Virudunagar Jn.	16:03	16:05	
18:53	18:55	Satur	16:28	16:30	
No Change		Kovilpatti	16:58	17:00	
No Change		Maniyachchi Jn.	17:38	17:40	

06012 Hazarat Nizamuddin-Kanyakumari Express Special

Train No.: 06012 Hazarat Nizamuddin-Kanyakumari Exp. Spl.		STATIONS	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
Tambaram	16:43	16:45	
Chengalpattu	17:13	17:15	

06156 Hazarat Nizamuddin-Madurai Jn. Express Special

Train No.: 06156 Hazarat Nizamuddin-Madurai Jn. Exp. Spl.		STATIONS	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
Tambaram	16:43	16:45	
Chengalpattu	17:13	17:15	

02625 Trivandrum Central-New Delhi Express Special

Train No.: 02625 Trivandrum Central-New Delhi Express Special		STATION	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
Katpadi Jn.	02:55	03:00	

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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BASISHTHA CHARALI LAL MATI, 37, NATIONAL HIGHWAY BYPASS, GUWAHATI-781029 (ASSAM) Tel.: 0361-2302646, 2300994, 2300123, 2300840; Tele Fax: 0361-2300325/2305394

The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati invites sealed quotations in Two Bid System from eligible and qualified firms in India, for the Supply of various equipment and tools including commissioning at Common Facility Centre, Greater Imphal Jewellery Cluster, Imphal, Manipur. Date and Time for publishing, Downloading, Last Date of online submission of Tender with other documents and detailed terms & conditions of NIT are available on website: www.iie.gov.in and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>. Further, prospective bidders are requested to keep watching website www.iie.gov.in regularly for any subsequent information/ corrigendum to the advertisement. There will be no separate advertisement for the same. Sd/- Administrative Officer

TAMIL NADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Mondipatti, Manapparal Taluk, Trichy Dist. - 621306. Ph : 04332 - 265 102

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Description	Due Date
212223001330	Sodium Sulphate (In Jumbo Bags) for Soda Recovery Plant for TNPL Unit-I	12.10.2021
212223001331	Caustic Soda Lye for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit-II	12.10.2021
212223001332	Liquid Chlorine for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit-II	12.10.2021
212223001333	Hydrogen Peroxide 50 % for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit-I	12.10.2021
212223001257	Tender for design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of all Networking components required for setting up of Local Area Network at TNPL Unit-II, Mondapatti. Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website only	12.10.2021

E-mail : 212223001330,1331,1332 & 1333 - purchase.m2@tnpl.co.in
212223001257 - purchaseinst.u2@tnpl.co.in

Terms & Conditions, Tender Fee, EMD, Quantity etc are available in the Tender document at our Websites : www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
E-Procurement Tender Notice No.15/P- Date : 28.09.2021
69/2021-22/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj
OPEN TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedargani, Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:
(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on <http://ireps.gov.in> upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

Tender No.	TMC0762122
Brief Description	Abrasive Rail Cutter Machine With AMC. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document.
Quantity	As per Section IV of tender document
Tender Value	1,32,10,808/-
Earnest Money	2,64,300/-
Date of opening	28.10.2021

Note : 1. The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website <https://ireps.gov.in>. Up to 15:00 hrs. On the due date of tender opening. 2. Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt I Dated : 29.06.2017 "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved/sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". 3. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000 4. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 5. Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. 6. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 1043/21 (SP)
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

We invite applications from qualified Individuals for the following posts on outsourcing basis

SR No	Designation	Required Qualification and Experience	Resources	Salary per Month
1	State Program Coordinator	B.E/B.Tech and MBA. After completion of MBA, Experience of minimum 5 years	1	35,000/-
2	Assistant Program Manager (IT)	B.E/B.Tech (Software Engineer) After completion of Degree, Experience of minimum 5 years	2	25,000/-
3	Accounts Manager	B.Com with Excellent Accounting Skill, After completion of Graduation, Experience of minimum 5 years	1	25,000/-
4	Zonal Senior Office, Executive	Graduate in any subject with Excellent Computer Skills After completion of Graduation, Experience of minimum 3 years	4	20,000/-

It is be noted that no hardcopies are required to be submitted by hand or registered post, application will only be accepted via E-mail at vanrajvala2552@gmail.com. Applicants can upload maximum five documents up to file size of 5 MB. Applicants should sign each page of the Curriculum Vitae (Bio-Data) and all the all attached scanned documents should be self-attested. Candidates will be required to show their Original documents when they are called for an interview. The last date for receiving online applications is 11th October 2021. Applications after the due date will not be considered Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. For more details please contact Shri Vanraj Vala, Mobile number: +918200891868. INF/1168/21-22

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE
DIVISION No: 1st SULIMAN COMPLEX DALGATE SRINAGAR
GIST of E-NIT No: 15 of 2021-22**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. and other State / Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of work	Advt. Cost of Work (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Class of Contract	Time of Completion
1.	Laying / Construction of Sewerage Network at Daribal Area of Srinagar	237.05	2500/=	"AAY"	6 Months (Six Months)
2.	Laying of of RCC Pipe 300mm dia, 350mm dia, 400mm dia & 600mm dia Secondary Sewer & 200mm dia, 250mm dia lateral sewer incl. Manholes along with Dr All Jan Road & adjoining areas. Laying of 450mm dia Sewer at Vicharnagar and Making Connections of existing sewer line with main sewer of Pilot Sewerage Scheme of Khushalsar	215.36	2500/=	"AAY"	6 Months (Six Months)

IMPORTANT DATES:

1	Date of publishing	27-09-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	27-09-2021 to 18-10-2021 up-to 4:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	27-09-2021 from 4:00 PM
4	Bid submission End Date	18-10-2021 up-to 4:00 PM
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CRISIS OVER RESIGNATION BY PPCC CHIEF

Congress firefights in Punjab: Sidhu in no mood to relent, CM 'ready for talks'

Party central observer in Chandigarh, meets MLAs in touch with Sidhu

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

A DAY after Navjot Singh Sidhu resigned as PPCC chief and triggered a new crisis in the Punjab Congress, the party leadership launched an exercise to placate him but Sidhu appeared to be in no mood to relent.

The Congress sent its central observer Harish Chaudhary to Chandigarh Wednesday to speak to party leaders and sort out the crisis, but Sidhu did not come to Chandigarh. He remained in his Patiala residence the entire day. After his supporters' attempt to advise him, he did not withdraw his resignation.

Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi said he had called up Sidhu and invited him for a dialogue. "The party president is the head of the family. The head should discuss matters within the family. I have spoken to Sidhu Sahib today and invited him for talks. I have told him that party's ideology is supreme and a government follows that ideology. I have told him that if he has any issues, we can talk those

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out... I am fair and I have no ego hassles," he said.

After remaining mum Tuesday on his resignation, Sidhu tweeted a video Wednesday to say that he will not compromise on his ethics even if it meant sacrificing posts.

He raised the Bargari sacrilege

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**SACRILEGE CASE
BACK AT CENTRE OF
PUNJAB POLITICS**

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Captain arrives at Shah's residence in Delhi Wednesday. ANI

Punjab, exits give fuel to G-23: Sibal, Azad speak up

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE ONGOING Punjab crisis and the recent high-profile exits from the Congress prompted its Group of 23 (the group that wrote to Sonia Gandhi demanding sweeping changes in the party structure) to once again express concern over what they called was the continuing drift in the party.

Underlining that the

Congress needed to ask itself why leaders were leaving it, senior party leader Kapil Sibal said Wednesday: "In our party, at the moment, there is no president, so we don't know who is taking these decisions. We know and yet we don't know."

Sibal's press conference followed a letter to Sonia Gandhi by a fellow member of the Group of 23, Ghulam Nabi Azad. Both Azad and Sibal again demanded elections to the post of the party

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Captain meets Shah, stand on farm laws key to what next

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

JUST OVER a week after he resigned as Punjab Chief Minister, veteran Congress leader Captain Amarinder Singh met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the national capital on Wednesday, setting off speculation about the meeting and his next steps.

"Met Union Home Minister @AmitShah ji in Delhi. Discussed the prolonged farmers' agitation against #FarmLaws & urged him to resolve the crisis urgently with repeal of the laws & guarantee MSP, besides supporting Punjab in crop diversification," Singh tweeted after the almost hour-long meeting at Shah's residence.

While there were reports that Singh may also call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there was no official confirmation.

Sources said Singh, asked to quit by the high command after

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Mid-day meal scheme is now 'PM Poshan', pre-primary children will be covered

Minister says will formalise pre-school system, check leakages in system; Bengal says no change except name

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE MID-DAY meal scheme will now be known as PM POSHAN, with the Centre initiating a major political push pivoted around 'child nutrition', and announcing that around 24 lakh students receiving pre-primary education at government and government-aided schools will also be brought under the ambit of the scheme from next year.

Under the mid-day meal scheme, hot cooked food is provided currently to students from Classes 1 to 8 — around 11.80 crore children in all, in 11.20 lakh government and government-aided schools. Under PM Poshan

EXPLAINED
E More kids in fold

WHILE SEEKING to build on the gains of the midday meal scheme, PM Poshan, cleared by the Cabinet on Wednesday, seeks to broaden its ambit by bringing under its fold around 24 lakh pre-schoolers and fund targeted interventions to improve nutrition levels of children.

Shakti Nirman or PM POSHAN scheme, 24 lakh more children

in pre-primary classes, currently covered under the ICDS, will also be brought in. Last year, the government had opened pre-schools called Balvatikas attached to anganwadis.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said PM POSHAN, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday, will provide a new shape to the policy "to enhance the nutrition levels of schoolchildren".

PM POSHAN has been launched for an initial period of five years (2021-22 to 2025-26). The Centre will bear Rs 54,061 crore of the total estimated cost of Rs 1.3 lakh crore, with the

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2,990 KG HEROIN SEIZED BY DRI

Probe Mundra port role in import of heroin: Court to DRI

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

A SPECIAL court for Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) in Bhuj, Gujarat, has directed the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) to investigate if the "Mundra Adani Port, its management and its authority gained any benefits" from import of about 2,990 kilograms of heroin seized by the DRI on September 16. The heroin was found in two containers that landed at Mundra port from Afghanistan via Iran, in the name of Aashi Trading Company of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

An email query sent to the chief executive officer of Mundra Adani Port remained unanswered.

"It is required to be investigated that what is the role of authority and officers of Mundra

Adani Port while such consignment/ container was sent/ imported from foreign nation to India and landed at Mundra Adani Port and how management, authority and officer of Mundra Adani Port was completely under dark and oblivious about the fact of import of such consignment at Mundra Adani Port wherein contraband heroin of approximately 2,990 kgs was found and whether Mundra Adani Port, its management and its authority has gained any benefits from import of such consignment of NDPS substances in India," Additional District Judge C M Pawar said in an order passed on September 26.

The court was hearing the remand application of one of the key accused, Rajkumar P, a resident of Coimbatore and the key accused who allegedly used WhatsApp to broker the deal

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In brutal second wave mortality, vaccines made all the difference

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

REAFFIRMING THE critical role of Covid-19 vaccines in protection against death, health ministry data show that in the first seven weeks of the second wave of the pandemic, the 60-plus age group reported about 121 weekly deaths per million among the non-vaccinated, 2.6 weekly deaths per million among those who had received their first dose, and 1.76 weekly deaths per million among those

who were fully vaccinated.

The data, being collated for a vaccine tracker which is to be launched soon, is significant, especially in the backdrop of public health experts expressing concern over a possible surge in cases following the festival season in October. Moreover, about 24 per cent of the estimated 60-plus population, identified as the most vulnerable group, are still unvaccinated.

According to the latest data, 10.09 crore persons in the 60 years and above category have

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Murder case filed in UP hotel death, no arrests yet, wife writes to CM: 'Ensure we get justice'

Video shows family being persuaded by Gorakhpur DM, SP not to lodge case

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 29

A MURDER FIR was lodged in the early hours of Wednesday against three named and three unidentified policemen in connection with the late-night raid at a Gorakhpur hotel that resulted in the death of a 38-year-old property dealer from Kanpur.

All the policemen involved in the raid early on Tuesday have been suspended, though no arrests have been made so far.

A video recorded by Manish Gupta's family shows them being persuaded by Gorakhpur SP Vipin Tada and District Magistrate Vijay Kiran Anand to not lodge a case, with the promise that the probe will be "unbiased".

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Meenakshi with her husband Manish Gupta's body that was brought to their home in Kanpur on Wednesday. Express

FEWER DEATHS AMONG FULLY JABBED

	Avg weekly deaths per million in unvaccinated	Avg weekly deaths per million with single dose	Avg weekly deaths per million in fully vaccinated
60 years and above	65.4	1.3	0.8
45 - 59 years	20.6	0.4	0.2
18 - 44 years	2.8	0.2	0.09

*Average of 18 weeks (April 18- August 15)

Retd officers, judges, former police chiefs: Delhi Police pulls out security after audit

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ANCHORMAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

FOLLOWING AN audit of its security units which showed that as many as 535 of its personnel continued to be attached with former commissioners, retired officers and judges, as well as politicians, without a threat assessment, the Delhi Police has withdrawn or scaled down security of several and re-deployed them for law and order or policing duties.

These personnel continued to be diverted despite a shortage in the ranks of security units, including for the Prime Minister's deployment.

Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana had recently asked for an assessment of per-



Some of the retired officers were found to have 15 security personnel each. File

sonnel posted with security units. This followed a decision to provide security cover to judges of the Supreme Court and High Court after Dhanbad Additional Sessions Judge Uttam Anand was killed in suspect circumstances.

A senior police officer said the audit found that the security units had 5,465 personnel against the sanctioned strength of 6,828. "He was also informed

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Apple's Tim Millet and Bob Borchers speaks to The Indian Express on how the company creates a chip like the A15 Bionic that optimises every aspect of the iPhone and promises a superior user experience

How Mehmood and Amitabh Bachchan's relationship soured

The time has come to carry out Molecular Malaria Surveillance

According to official data available with *The Indian Express*, for PM POSHAN, the Centre's share has been pegged at Rs 10,233 crore in 2020-21, Rs 10,706 crore in 2022-23, Rs 10,871 crore in 2023-24, Rs 11,039 crore in 2024-25, and Rs 11,211 crore in 2025-26. The corresponding share of the states has been estimated at Rs 5,974 crore in 2021-22, Rs 6,277 crore in 2022-23, Rs 6,383 crore in 2023-24, Rs 6,492 crore in 2024-25, and Rs 6,604 crore in 2025-26.

Accused in Dalit girl's murder claim beaten inside van; they're safe, say jail authorities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

A DELHI court has disposed of an application filed by the four accused in the alleged rape and murder of a 9-year-old Dalit girl, after they asked for a separate jail claiming they had been assaulted inside a prison vehicle.

Additional Sessions Judge Ashutosh Kumar was informed by jail authorities that all the accused were completely safe and secure in prison.

"It is not possible to provide a separate van for their court production. As per the report, directions have been given by the Jail Superintendents to all the officials to ensure their safety during court production and in jail," the judge said.

The Delhi Police also sought 10 more days to file a supplementary chargesheet in the case. Police told the court that the FSL results will be filed by October 15 following which the supplementary chargesheet would be

filed. The court directed the FSL director to expedite the process and put up the matter for further hearing on October 21. The court also sought a reply from the investigating officer on an application seeking preservation of CCTV footage of the day of the incident and the day after.

The police, in their evidence filed against the accused, has stated that the girl died due to suffocation while being sexually assaulted.

Radhey Shyam (55), a priest at the cremation ground, and three other employees — Kuldeep Singh (63), Laxmi Narain (48) and Salim Ahmed (49) — were arrested in connection with her death, which took place on August 2.

The accused have maintained that the girl died of electrocution while fetching water from a cooler. The girl's family alleged that the suspects hurriedly cremated the body after raping her. Only her charred remains could be recovered from the funeral pyre.

For younger children, schools will open only after festive season

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

SCHOOLS IN the city may be allowed to reopen for nursery to class 8, but only after the festive season, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority has decided.

According to sources, it was decided in Wednesday's meeting that since cases have remained below the 100 mark for three months in the city, schools for junior classes can reopen, but only after the festive season ends. This would mean that classes for these students will continue exclusively online till at least November 4, when Diwali will be celebrated.

The meeting was chaired by L-G Anil Bajjal along with health minister Satyendra Jain, revenue minister Kailash Gahlot, Dr VK Paul, member, NITI Aayog, AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria, ICMR director general Balram



Educationists recommend reopening of schools

Bhargava, NCDC director Dr S K Singh, NDMA member Krishna Vatsa and Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Dev.

For students from classes 9, to 12, school had resumed on September 1 and a healthy turnout has been reported over the past two weeks.

Educationists have pushed for reopening of schools, arguing that the learning gap, especially in younger children, has widened since junior classes have not been conducted offline since March 2020.

Officials said Delhi's im-

proved situation was taken into account but caution was suggested. At gatherings during the festival season -- including Durga Pooja Navratri, Dussehra and Diwali -- Covid-appropriate behaviour will have to be followed. This means that standing crowds will not be allowed, separate entry and exit points will have to be set up, social distancing for seating will have to be maintained and no activities such as fairs, stalls, etc that attract crowds will be allowed, sources said. Only 50% of the seating capacity can be occupied. Discussions on a change in vaccine strategy to cover groups, such as government servants, health workers, school staff, auto/taxi drivers and delivery personnel, were also held, sources said. A decision to set up vaccination camps and mobile vans with ambulances to vaccinate the elderly, differently-abled, indisposed and domestic helps was also taken.

SDMC rolls back hiked property tax

New Delhi: The SDMC has decided to roll back the hiked property tax rates for commercially rented establishments, educational institutions and banquet halls. A senior official said tax had been raised based on recommendations of the Municipal Valuation Committee-3. ENS

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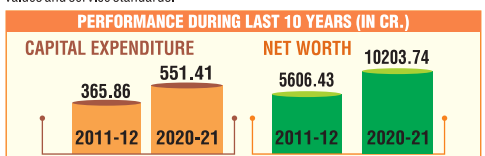
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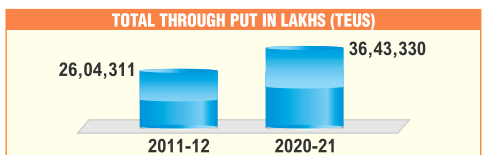
It is my pleasure to address you virtually once again in view of the ongoing pandemic. On behalf of entire Board and management, I thank you for joining this 33rd Annual General Meeting of your Company in this 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' year. I wish and pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. The events of the last few months have caused unimaginable grief for many who have lost family members, close friends and valued colleagues. Undoubtedly, it will take a while to heal the scars inflicted by the successive waves of the Covid-19 pandemic. As the pandemic is far from over and we continue to face the threat of new variants, all of us need to put our best efforts to overcome this difficult time. With the vaccination drive gaining momentum, let us hope that full normalcy gets restored within this year.

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The Annual Report including Directors' Report, Financial Statements, Auditors' Report, Comments of C&AG and other documents pertaining to the financial year 2020-21 and the AGM notice was made available in permitted modes and with your permission, I consider them as read. Now I would like to share brief performance highlights and achievements of your Company during the year 2020-21 along with the future outlook.

ECONOMIC SCENARIO:
As per report of International Monetary Fund (IMF), the global economy contracted by 3.2% during the year 2020, whereas the GDP of India in FY 2020-21 contracted by 7.3% and the global growth is projected at 6.0 percent in 2021. The Governments World over have taken various steps which include financial stimulus to support their economies in this tough time. In this direction, Government of India has announced a special economic and comprehensive package under Aatmanirbhar Bharat amounting to about Rs. 27.1 lakh crores.



Structural reforms have also been announced, which inter-alia included de-regulation of the agricultural sector, new PSU policy, commercialization of coal mining, higher FDI limits in defence and space sector, development of Industrial Land/ Land Bank, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme in many sectors, investments in creating infrastructure, etc. All these policies of the Government will provide much needed support to the industries at this hour.

The year 2020-21 was a turbulent year for the global economy, in which the trade restrictions among major economies in the world coupled with continuation of

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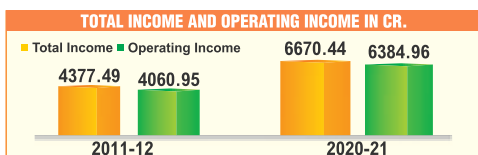
pandemic environment has disrupted the global supply chain. The gap between import and export has also widened. As a result of the above factors, logistic services for EXIM Trade in the Country has been adversely impacted.

SECTORAL PERFORMANCE:
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In value terms, during the year, the total exports and imports of the country were US\$ 290.63 billion and US\$ 389.18 billion, showing a decline of 7.26% and 18.02% respectively over previous year. During the year, there was a rise in export of commodities such as Aluminium Alloy, Rice and other Food Items. Yarn/ Cotton yarn Medicines, Machines, Non Hazardous Chemicals, Iron Artware while import of commodities such as Solar Modules, Electrical Goods, Wood pulp and polyethylene has increased.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS:
The year 2020-21 started with the lockdown in India and in many major economies of the World. The impact of pandemic continued during the first two quarters. However, with the relentless commitment and dedication of every member of team CONCOR, we could overcome the challenges and the second half of the year 2020-21 concluded with strong performance. In spite of the adverse environment, I am more than satisfied with the performance of your Company as it has done extremely well on all fronts. The performance parameters about volumes, financial, CAPEX, dividend, etc., which I would like to share, are as follows:

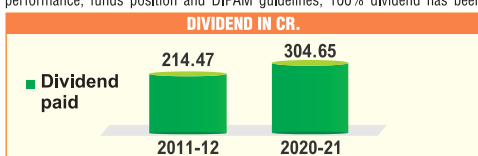
BUSINESS VOLUMES, TURNOVER & PROFITABILITY:
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Rs.6,670 crores and Rs.5,033 crores respectively. The net profit for the year was impacted due to increase in land license fee by Railways, one time provisioning for assets build on terminals handed over to Railways and impairment of investment in a subsidiary Company.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:
As the business outlook for the logistic sector in the long term is positive, your Company is expanding its infrastructure. For this purpose, during the year, Rs.550 crores were spent mainly on development/expansion of terminals, acquisition of wagons, handling equipments and IT infrastructure, etc. The areas such as Daje, Kandla/ Gandhinagar and Vapi have been identified for further strengthening the existing terminal network for providing efficient services to the customers. In order to strengthen and improve service levels, 2,925 Bogle Low Container (BLC) wagons were modified into Bogle Low Container Modified (BLCM) takes by increasing axle load capacity from 20.3T to 22T. Further, 8,810 twenty feet containers were added to the existing fleet. At the year end, the Company had a robust fleet of 15,656 wagons, 37,886 containers, 111 RSTs and 14 gantry cranes. Your Company has also taken initiative for procurement of 8,000 containers from Indigenous Manufacturers, which would reduce dependency on foreign sources for their procurement and will take India towards becoming a hub for container manufacturing.

NET WORTH, DIVIDEND AND MARKET CAPITALIZATION:
The net worth and market capitalization of the Company as on 31.03.2021 was Rs.10,204 crores and Rs.36,436 crores respectively. Keeping in view the performance, funds position and DIPAM guidelines, 100% dividend has been



proposed for the year, which comprises of an interim dividend of Rs.3 per share (60%) already paid and a final dividend of Rs.2 per share (40%) on par value of equity shares of Rs.5/- each. The total dividend pay-out for the year will be amounting to Rs.304.65 crores, which is 61% of profit for the year.

STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES:
Your Company continues to be the market leader in multi-modal logistics in India with the largest available network of container terminals having presence in almost all container handling ports and major industrial hubs. It has a large fleet of rolling stock, containers, handling equipment. IT enabled operations with customers and customers interface enabling your Company to provide efficient and reliable value-added services.

Your Company is not only expanding its existing businesses but has also taken various initiatives to tap the opportunities available by expanding its bouquet of services. This include setting up of private freight terminals, expansion through setting up MMPLs on DFC network, increase in double stack haul, e-business, foray into Distribution Logistics, venturing internationally, bulk movement of Cargo in Containers, First Mile Last Mile services, agency business, using ice-battery technology for temperature sensitive cargo, coal transport agency for power companies, transportation through Rail-Sea-Rail (RSR) mode, liquid cargo and auto cars and other value added services like labelling, palletization, bar coding, KYOL cross-docking, wrapping, etc.

In the earlier years, your Company was paying Land License Fee (LLF) on the land taken on lease from Railways on the basis of number of Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) handled. However, w.e.f. 1st April 2020 Railways has decided to charge LLF @6% of the value of land which will be further increased by 7% annually. As this has impacted viability of some of the terminals built on Railway lands, seventeen such terminals were surrendered. In accordance with the above decision of Railways and as per the Company's assessment of same, an amount of Rs.517.89 crore was paid in FY 2020-21 towards LLF.

During the year, your Company has enhanced its international presence by transporting: i) 951 TEUs stuffed with Rice/Marble to Iran via Mundra Port; and ii) 1032 TEUs (21 trains) loaded export containers from CTKR/ SNF/ CTDI/ TKD to Benapole/Jessore/ Iswardi/ Khulna/ Noapara in Bangladesh.

In order to strengthen the last mile connectivity, CONCOR has created its own App based platform "FMLM App" wherein empanelled local transporters at respective terminal participate in bidding process for providing competitive, cost effective rates to our customers. Movement under FMLM Mobile arrangement has commenced at 48 terminals in which 1,33,260 TEUs were moved during the year. In the challenging environment, rising competition and trade imbalance, innovative freight rebate scheme on empty containers has been introduced. In this scheme for movement of empty containers from various gateway ports to CONCOR terminals, 50% rebate in rail freight is being given and this rebate will be 75% for offering 10,000 to 15,000 containers per month and 100% for offering more than 15,000 containers per month.

The movement of double stack trains between Mundra/Pipavay Ports and Khatwas (CMILK) has helped in managing the cost of empty running, enhancing joint ventures and subsidiaries. At present, it has four operating subsidiaries and ten joint venture companies. These entities are doing businesses in the field of cold chain, air cargo, port operations, container freight stations, first and last mile connectivity, creating rail infrastructure, running Multimodal Logistics Parks (MMPLs). Many of them are regularly distributing dividends and are directly and

indirectly contributing towards the success of CONCOR. The two subsidiaries namely SIDCUL CONCOR Infra Company Ltd. (SCICL) and Punjab Logistics Infrastructure Limited (PLIL) are also joint ventures, in which State Govt. entities of Uttarakhand and Punjab respectively are the partners.

In past, Fresh & Healthy Enterprises Ltd. (FHEL) could not do well and was unable to achieve its objective set initially. Due to changed business dynamics, it was decided to re-engineer its facility to develop it as a Agri-Logistics Centre (ALL) with changed business model of leading out chambers for storage of perishable goods. The re-engineering project is being implemented in two phases by equity infusion from CONCOR. An equity infusion of Rs.18.91 crores has already been done. Under Phase-I, 1/3rd of the facility (26 chambers) have been converted into Customs bonded warehouse which is one of the first-of-its kind in Delhi/NCR region. The facility, including the customs bonded warehouses, is now being used for storage of Apples, Kiwi, Dates, Malta, Fruit Syrup, Pears, Grapes, Almonds, Walnuts, etc. Construction work for the second phase has also started and is likely to be completed by December 2021. It is expected that this venture will give sustainable returns in the times to come.

Another wholly owned subsidiary of your Company is CONCOR Air Limited (CAL). It is working in the field of air cargo operations at Mumbai airport through a Concession Agreements with Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL). The Airline industry is among the worst hit sectors in the pandemic. CAL's business is directly related to Aircraft Operations and last year has been very tough for its business. With this vision, your Company has established itself in the field of air cargo operations and it is now looking at various opportunities emerging in this sector.

FIXED ASSETS
UP FROM
3503.78 Cr.
IN FY 2011-12

TO 7822.69 Cr.
IN FY 2020-21

SCICL and PLIL are running the multi-modal logistics parks in the respective States of Uttarakhand and Punjab respectively, where they are carrying out the activities of handling, transportation and warehousing of containerized cargo. They have facilitated the growth in the trade in the respective State of their presence and both these subsidiaries are EBTTDA positive.

During the year, the tenure of contract for operating ICD/ Birganj by M/s. Himalayan Terminals Private Limited, a joint venture company was over. The Board of your Company has also decided to explore the merger of SCICL, PLIL and CAL with CONCOR. Discussions are going on with the respective State Governments for SCICL and PLIL for their merger, as they are the partners in these companies. In case of CAL, the Scheme of merger was earlier approved by the Board and to move ahead on this matter, the amendments proposed in the concession agreement are under discussion with MIAL.

TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDISATION:
Your Company continuously strive to identify, respond and adapt to rapidly changing business environment by using the best available IT tools. This approach has helped it to adapt to working in disruptive times, when lockdowns/restriction on travel were imposed by Central/State Governments. Through usage of its IT infrastructure, it was ensured that team CONCOR continued to function from Home and access databases and applications through Company's own encrypted Virtual Private Network (VPN). I am very happy to state that despite the pandemic and the lockdown, no terminal of your company was closed down even for a single day. The Company has leveraged its existing digital assets and has undertaken further

IT INITIATIVES

Integration of Commercial, ERPs and Financial ERP

Investments in technology driven solutions to improve operational efficiencies with focus on providing quality services and customer satisfaction. In this direction, it has taken many initiatives like upgradation of VSAT based hybrid network with MPLS cloud which now covers 61 locations, eMB software application for billing and release of payments, integration of commercial applications with Oracle Financials ERP, electronic filing of documents on commercial systems, Know Your Customer Location (KYCL), providing continuous cargo visibility through mobile app, SMS alert, interactive website, e-office implementation, upgradation of HRMS system and Aadhar linked e-Signing facility for e-office files.

The adoption of new bill processing & payment platform has facilitated the vendors to access the system and submit their bills in digital mode. This has helped in faster vendor payments without human intervention and paper-less working. In order to provide single point of contact to customers by offering tailor made services of customs clearance, road transportation, etc., CONCOR has entered into new area of business solutions. Here, with the effective use of a platform, the customers will be getting competitive rates through the process of bidding (e-auction) among the empanelled vendors.

The mobile app for disseminating information in respect of public tariff, rail tariff, track & trace, etc. The app for Exim e-filing (covering ports of export) and the app for FMLM in EXIM segment have immensely benefitted the stakeholders.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:
Your Company is a reservoir of highly efficient and dedicated pool of human resources and due care is taken to retain the talent. The HR policies are aimed at meeting Company's future needs as well as the aspirations of its employees. Right placement and grooming of employees is given due emphasis and alignment of individual performance and goals with that of the organization is maintained. Meritocracy is recognized and rewarded and management supports development of executives through a structured approach of career progression.

Timely and effective steps were taken by the Company to combat Covid-19. This included regular sanitization of office premises and terminals and thermal scanning of all persons visiting company premises. Employees and their family members have been vaccinated. Informative webinars, seminars and lectures were organized to spread awareness among employees for fighting the virus effectively. In addition, counselling and expert advice was provided to the employees to deal with mental and physical health issues related to the pandemic. Provision of oxygen concentrators were also made for emergency need of employees or their families. Employees have also been provided smart watches to monitor their health parameters.

GOVERNANCE AND CSR:
Your Company is a Navratna undertaking and best Corporate Governance is the core to its continuous success. It has conducted its activities in an ethical and responsible manner towards sustainable value creation for its shareholders and the community at large.

CONCOR has always worked towards the social and economic development of the deprived and underprivileged sections of the society. Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives in 2020-21, the work with prime focus on health activities in terms of guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) and prevailing pandemic conditions were undertaken. Activities were also undertaken in the field of education, skill development, environment, sustainability,

sports, infrastructure development, etc. An amount of Rs.45.82 crores was utilized during the year on CSR. The activities undertaken inter-alia include:

- Infrastructure Development and maintenance of schools at Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Rajasthan and Delhi.
- Work in Aspirational Districts on education and health activities at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; Asifabad, Telangana; Chandauli and Shrivasthi, Uttar Pradesh.
- Cancer detection camps were organized at Delhi, Vishakhapatnam and Hyderabad benefiting around 850 persons.
- Skill development activities in Logistic and essential services at Chennai, Tamilnadu and Patiala, Punjab, benefiting around 700 youths and 1,000 women.
- Students from under-privileged sections of the society in Eastern Uttar Pradesh were supported for pursuing JEE and other competitive exams. Supported education of 300 school children at Delhi.
- Solar Electrification in villages in Gaya district of Bihar benefiting 320 families.
- Water shed development in 1,000 hectares area at Vishakhapatnam, which will help in water conservation and benefit thousands of villagers.
- Provided two refrigerated trucks for storage and transportation of Covid vaccine.
- Provided 186 oxygen concentrators, 5 ventilators and other medical equipment to hospitals at Delhi, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Jaipur, Balaqhat, etc.
- During lockdown, free distribution of ration and food packets to daily wagers and stranded labourers, which benefitted more than 10,000 persons.
- Contributed around 6,000 doses of Covid vaccine and vaccinated around 4,000 persons in Delhi Area.
- During the last two years, contributed Rs.30 crores to PM Cares fund. The employees have also contributed to this fund their one day salary for three months amounting Rs.1.05 crores.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:
During the year, many awards and accolades were conferred on your Company for its achievements and performance, some of which are:

- Ranked 207th on the "Fortune India 500" list of 2020.
- Export Excellence Award 2020 – Best Facilitation Organization by Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry.
- CII SCALE Award 2020 in the category "Container Logistics, ICDs, CFS, Rail and Logistics Park" for excellent contribution in the logistics sector and overall growth of economy.

WAY FORWARD:
There is no doubt that the ongoing pandemic has been the most disruptive event in the recent human history which has caused hardships for the entire global community. However, once the normalcy is restored, there will be an inevitable upsurge in the business eco-system. I am of the firm belief the logistics is going to be the sun-rise sector of the future. With this vision, CONCOR has been moving ahead and taking lot of business initiatives to tap the opportunities that will come on its way. The business opportunities and initiatives in the following areas are being considered by the Company:

- First Mile Last Mile connectivity and Distribution Logistics services
- Agency Business and Bulk Cargo movement which will create great opportunity and value addition to the trade.
- Coal transport agency for major power generation companies and providing the services of Coal transportation through Rail-Sea-Rail (RSR) mode on all rail routes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
I wish to convey my sincere regard and deep gratitude to our shareholders for their consistent unwavering support and trust, which is the guiding force and strength motivating us in the pursuit of excellence and achievement of our goals.

I thank all our customers, exporters/importers, liners, business associates and all the stakeholders for reposing faith in us. I convey my deepest gratitude to the Government Departments, especially Ministries of Railways, Shipping, Commerce and Industry, Finance and all regulatory authorities for their support and guidance. I acknowledge and appreciate the guidance and valuable support of colleagues on the Board, C&AG and our Auditors. I also extend my thanks to the electronic and print media for providing constructive coverage.

Last but not the least, I personally as well as on behalf of the Board, wish to appreciate the dedication, hard work and commitment of CONCOR employees, whose exemplary teamwork has helped the Company in marching ahead on the path of success.

Thank you once again, Ladies and Gentlemen.

29th September, 2021
New Delhi

V. Kalyana Rama
Chairman and Managing Director

Note: This does not purport to be a record of the proceedings of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Company.

HOSPITAL BEDS

ICU BEDS

HIS ASSAILANTS SHOT BY POLICE 22 TIMES

Gogi was shot 18 times in courtroom bloodbath, police question gang rival

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

DAYS AFTER two assailants killed gangster Jitender Maan alias Gogi inside a Rohini district courtroom before being gunned down, autopsy revealed that he was hit by 18 bullets fired by the attackers, while the assailants received 22 bullet injuries in gunfire by police personnel. On Wednesday evening, a team of the Crime Branch went to Mandoli jail, where they questioned Sunil alias Tillu Tajpuriya, the alleged mastermind behind

the incident, for around two hours. "Tillu has denied his involvement and claims that while he was in touch with his associates, he is not aware about any murder plot. In the coming days, we will move an application before a Delhi Court to get his police custody for further questioning," a senior police officer said. On Friday, the two attackers, Rahul Tyagi and Jagdeep Jagga, had posed as lawyers to enter the courtroom and fired multiple bullets at Gogi. Police personnel retaliated, killing the two on the spot. "The post-mortem was conducted by a medical

board of three doctors at Maulana Azad Medical College. They have found that Gogi had 18 bullet wounds in his body, while Rahul has 19 wounds and Jagdeep three," a senior police officer said. The Special Cell had Saturday arrested two men, Umang Yadav and Vinay Mota, and recovered a car used to drop the assailants to court. An FIR under the Arms Act has been registered at the Special Cell police station against Umang after police recovered an illegal weapon from his possession. "Umang told the police that Tillu had provided him with the

weapon to eliminate Gogi," the officer said. "After questioning the arrested two men, police found that the initial plan was for five men -- Rahul, Jagdeep, Umang, Vinay and an associate -- to enter the courtroom posing as lawyers, kill Gogi, and surrender before the judge. But their plan changed as Umang and the associate weren't wearing proper clothes. They sent Rahul and Jagdeep to the courtroom and stayed inside their car. CCTV footage, meanwhile, showed their associate, dressed in black, walking around the court. He will be arrested soon," an officer

said. "Both the attackers were present inside the room and their firearms -- a .38 bore pistol and another of .30 bore -- were cocked. They opened fire from two different directions when Gogi entered the courtroom to attend a hearing. Personnel of the Special Cell, Delhi Armed Police and Rohini district fired in retaliation. In total, eight rounds were fired by both the teams of the Special Cell, 13 by the commandos of the third battalion and two were fired by the special staff of Rohini district," an officer told *The Indian Express*.

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
AURANGABAD, PALWAL, SEPTEMBER 29

FIVE FAMILY members, including three minors, were found dead in village Aurangabad in Palwal district Wednesday morning.

Police said a preliminary probe suggests that a 35-year-old man, who owns the house, either poisoned his wife, son, daughter and niece or gave them sleep-inducing tablets before smothering them with a pillow. He then allegedly hanged himself, said police officials. The motive is still unknown, with officials probing whether disharmony at home was the reason.

The deceased have been identified as Naresh Kumar (35), his wife Aarti (32), their son Sanjay (11), daughter Varsha (9), and niece Ravita (9). The only surviving member of Naresh's family is his youngest daughter, Priya (7), who had been living with her aunt in Jhansi for the past two months. Police said their niece lived with them since the death of her parents.

Kumar, who was a farmer earlier, had opened a dhaba in Jhansi and had been living at his in-laws' house for the past six months. He made frequent visits to his house in Palwal. Police said that at around 12.30 pm on Tuesday, he had come to Palwal from Jhansi for a few days to be with his family.

His cousin Bhagat Singh (31) said he spoke to Kumar over the phone two days ago. "It is hard to believe he could do this. He was in a sound state of mind and did not have any rivalry with anyone. He did not have any debt or financial problems. He had told me of a minor argument with his wife last year, but that was a long time ago and a routine tiff," said Singh.

Police suspect that the incident took place late on Tuesday night. It was reported to the police at 7.30 am on Wednesday.

"As of now, we do not know



The room where the bodies were found had several pictures of gods, celebrities and a freestyle drawing of the national flag on its walls. *Express*

specific details, but it appears that he poisoned the food and served it to his wife and children or he slipped them sleep-inducing tablets. There are no injury marks or signs of struggle on the bodies of his wife and children. The probe has found that he smothered them with a pillow when they were unconscious and killed them. He then hanged himself. The only other person in the house, his father, was asleep at the time," said Sajjan Singh, the Hodal deputy superintendent of police.

Police said that so far, the probe does not suggest the role of an outsider. The bodies were taken to Palwal Civil Hospital for an autopsy, and the report is awaited, said police.

Kumar's father, Lakhi Ram (73), lodged a police complaint at Mundkati police station on Wednesday, stating in the complaint that he was "convinced" that his son had killed his family and then committed suicide. Based on the complaint, an FIR under IPC section 302 (murder) was lodged against Kumar.

Police said no sleep tablets or poison was found from the room. The room where the dead bodies were found had several pictures of gods, goddesses, celebrities and a freestyle drawing of the national flag on its walls. It had three cots. On one of the cots, an opened notebook had a school

exercise penned by one of the children, titled 'Sundar' — the dreamer and a school bag. Police officials went through the notebooks of children but did not find a suicide note.

A pall of gloom had descended on the village after the news was reported as people flocked to the house to pay their respects. Neighbours said they did not hear any noise or commotion from the house last night.

Sunder Singh, who lives nearby, said, "This is the first such incident in this village. He sat here yesterday evening and chatted with us. Everything seemed normal. If there was any argument or altercation during the night, neighbours would have heard something. But there was complete silence."

Naresh's sister-in-law, Pooja, however, alleged that Naresh's father had been troubling the couple, asking them for money. "Naresh had recently done a deal to sell his tractor for Rs 3 lakh. He had been demanding a share of the money," she claimed, adding that Naresh had moved to Jhansi to get away from the troubles at home.

DSP Sajjan Singh said they have not received any complaints about such allegations. "There could be a family feud related reason but the family has not provided any specific details. The probe is underway," added Singh.

BRIEFLY

Police pose as MCD officials, arrest five

New Delhi: In a special operation, a team of Delhi Police personnel posed as MCD employees and caught five burglars from Southeast Delhi's Kalkaji area. The accused stayed in a densely populated village in Ambedkar Colony. In order to not arouse any suspicion, the police impersonated government officials and held door-to-door checks of more than 60 houses to catch the culprits.

Sewage plants fail to meet effluent standards

New Delhi: With sewage treatment plants (STP) not meeting prescribed standards, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee has hauled up the Delhi Jal Board. The Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) was found to be offline in the case of six STPs and eight STPs were found not meeting prescribed standards. The DPCC has directed the DJB to ensure proper functioning of OCEMS and STPs and submit action taken reports in three days.

HC sets aside appointment of chairperson at JNU centre

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has set aside the appointment of the current chairperson of the Centre for Spanish, Portuguese, Italian & Latin American Studies (CSPILAS) at JNU, after a professor challenged it citing university statutes. Professor Rajiv Saxena from CSPILAS had filed a petition against Professor Mazhar Asif who teaches in the Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies. **ENS**



LAST MINUTE RUSH

A firecrackers shop in Old Delhi on Wednesday, a day after the Delhi Pollution Control Committee ordered a complete ban on sale and bursting of firecrackers in the national capital till January 1, 2022. *Praveen Khanna*

Delhi police officers refuse to pay toll, staff dial for help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 29

TRAFFIC CONGESTION was witnessed at Kherki Daula toll plaza on the Delhi-Gurgaon expressway after some officers of the Delhi Police blocked three service lanes over being denied free passage on Wednesday morning. Gurgaon police officials said their Delhi counterparts had refused to pay the toll claiming that they were exempt.

While toll plaza officials said traffic was held up for 40 minutes, Gurgaon police said the matter was resolved within 10 minutes after a team from Kherki Daula police station intervened.

The incident took place between 9 am and 9.45 am when three private cars, in which several Delhi police officials were travelling, reached the toll plaza.

A official from MCEPL, the concessionaire that manages the toll plaza, said, "The police officials parked their cars in lanes 26, 27 and 28 and blocked the traf-

fic. They claimed they were exempted from paying the toll. When we told them that police officials were not exempted from the toll in their private vehicles as per NHAI rules, they started arguing with the staff. They blocked the three lanes. We requested them to park their vehicles on the side while the matter was being discussed. This led to traffic congestion for 40 minutes. We informed the police control room and a team reached the spot."

Subhash Boken, the Gurgaon police spokesperson, said, "The matter was resolved within a few minutes after a local police team went to the spot. There was a minor argument between some Delhi police officials and toll staff over the issue of exemption of toll. There was not much traffic congestion. No complaint has been filed by the toll plaza staff. After police intervention, the three vehicles were removed from the lanes and parked on the side, allowing traffic movement to resume."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE AQUILA restaurant at Ansal Plaza, where a woman was allegedly denied entry as she was wearing saree, has been shut after being issued a closure notice by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation.

The notice makes no mention of the recent incident; rather the civic body has alleged the restaurant was operating without a health trade license, following which the owner was issued a notice and he shut operations.

A senior official of the South MCD said the restaurant shut on September 27.

The closure notice dated September 24 states that a public health inspector found, during a check on September 21, that the facility was allegedly running without a health trade licence and under unhygienic conditions. It also flagged alleged encroachment on public land.

"The public health inspector again inspected the site on September 24 and found that the

trade is running under the same condition. You are directed to close the trade within 48 hours of the receipt of this notice failing which suitable action including sealing will be taken without assigning further notice," the SDMC public health department notice issued to the restaurant owner stated.

The development came to light in the SDMC House meeting Wednesday when Congress councillor from Andrews Ganj, Abhishek Dutt, moved a proposal demanding a fine of Rs 5 lakh be imposed against any restaurant, bar or hotel that denies entry to a person wearing traditional Indian attire.

"The restaurant was running illegally without a licence. The notice was issued after I raised the issue. Now, authorities inform that the restaurant has been shut. It is a matter of probe how the restaurant was running without a licence," he said.

A video had gone viral last week, wherein a woman was allegedly not allowed to enter the restaurant as she was wearing a saree because it does not fall un-

der the category of "smart casual".

The National Commission for Women took cognizance and 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 an explanation.

As the clip went viral, the restaurant 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.

A staff, who didn't want to be identified, said: we have closed operations as of now, and have no clarity when it will resume and if it will resume. The livelihood of 50 families is at stake with this sudden closure order."



The butterfly park at Mandakini enclave. *Tashi Tobgyal*

tion between them. If we make forests into islands, the butterflies or any other species will be in jeopardy because we need genetic variation. To have that diversity, we need butterflies to travel across Delhi and not be kept in ecological islands."

The park at Mandakini Enclave, for instance, could help connect Jahanpanah city forest and the Asola Bhatti sanctuary, Madan explained. "By our observations, some butterflies like Common Emigrants and Pea Blues are long-distance migratory butterflies which will be using these corridors. When our data set grows, we'll be able to add

more species to this list," he said.

In South Delhi's Mandakini Enclave, 75-year-old Anil Kapur is at the local butterfly park nearly every day, watching, identifying, counting and photographing butterflies. "It used to be a space where garbage and muck were dumped. We cleared it up and planted saplings in 2019," Kapur said. He can reel off names of many butterflies that frolic around the plants — the Common Mormon, the Common Jay, the Castor butterfly, and the Common Grass Yellow. "We have counted around 20 species here," he said. The local residents' association

takes care of the butterfly park. No pesticides or insecticides are sprayed on plants, Kapur said. There are trees and smaller shrubs in the one-acre plot that houses 'host' plants such as milkweed, lantana, castor, and lemon. Sambhava Jain, a 23-year-old student of biotechnology, helped identify two butterfly habitats with the BNHS team. Both are animal shelters, one in Greater Noida and the other in Noida Sector 125. "Most people think butterflies come out of nowhere. Since the patches of forest in Delhi are fragmented by the human population, the butterfly corridor is significant," Jain said.

PROJECT TO CREATE 'CORRIDOR' FOR THEM

Waste dump, dog shelters now among 67 'butterfly habitats' in capital

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE BUTTERFLIES know they have a home here, said 42-year-old Bahadur Rana, pointing to a set of plants he has been carefully tending to for nearly two years.

The plants are 'hosts' for butterflies and Rana is the caretaker of a home in Faridabad, the front yard of which has been turned into a 'butterfly habitat' as part of the Bombay Natural History Society's (BNHS) project to create such habitats to develop a butterfly corridor in Delhi-NCR. The home in Faridabad, a former

waste dump in a housing society, and two dog shelters are among 67 such habitats that have been created since 2018.

Rana doesn't know the names of the butterflies but likes to observe them. "Keeping the saplings alive was a hard job for a year. They had to be watered regularly," he said about the *vajradanti* plants in the yard. "Then the butterflies started arriving to play around the flowers," Rana said. His sons, both studying, have also begun to take an interest in the plants and butterflies. "The butterflies are out in the morning and sometimes later in the evening. My father likes to watch them,"

said Vishnu, Rana's elder son. Ashraf Patel, whose family owns the house where the habitat lies, says that she would like to eventually open up the patch for children in the neighbourhood as a local learning space.

Sohail Madan, who heads the Conservation Education Centre of the BNHS at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, said, "In terms of ecological impact, what we are trying to achieve is local migration of butterflies. There are forests in the north of Delhi, the Yamuna in the East, the Asola Bhatti sanctuary in the South and the Ridge in the West — these are discreet forests with no connec-



Nadda during his virtual address to BJP workers in Uttarakhand. PTI

Workers of other parties loyal to individuals, BJP cadres to ideology: Nadda

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 29

WITH OPPOSITION parties promising freebies before the Assembly polls scheduled in the hill-state next year, BJP national president J P Nadda on Wednesday asked party workers to not let Uttarakhand's sacred land get polluted by "politics of lies and frauds".

He emphasised that while workers in other parties are "vyaktinishth (loyal to individuals)", the BJP cadre believes in "vicharnishth (loyalty to an ideology)" and "kartavyanisht (loyalty towards duty)".

In an online speech, addressing BJP's shakti-kendra conveners and in-charges of all 70 Assembly constituencies, Nadda said that left with no issues, other political parties have started "politics of lies and frauds". Without naming leaders from any party, he asked BJP workers to expose before the people those who go missing after making fake and alluring promises.

Maintaining that workers of other political parties are "vyaktinishth", he said these parties therefore undergo a downfall when a leader, party or a family becomes weak. He said: "Whether it is the Congress or the Left parties, the Samajwadi Party or regional parties, they have all split several times. Mamata Banerjee's TMC, Sharad Pawar's NCP, Jagannathan Reddy (of YSR Congress) — they have split from Congress."

The situation of the Left, he said, "is worse, as more than a dozen parties have split from them. Only the BJP did not split despite being in Opposition for decades. (Instead), it has consistently grown stronger."

Nadda said that a worker is an asset to the party and no one can stop her/him from rising if she/he has five qualities: eligibility, utility, acceptance, effectiveness and maturity.

In a counter to the Congress's attack on the BJP government's work on development issues, Nadda challenged the opposition party to take part in debates with BJP's booth workers on these issues.

He said the party's shakti-kendra conveners will make a foolproof strategy (for the polls) and execute them to win each booth and record a massive victory for BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Before Honorable Arbitration Tribunal, Sri K. V. Mohan Krishnan, Advocate, Jus Aegis, Arbitrators and Attorneys, Ayyanahole, Thrissur-680 003.

Case No.336/2013

Manappuram Finance Limited
Administrative Office: Valapad
Thrissur - 680567 -Petitioner

-Vs-

Mr. Shalendra Kumar Srivastava, R1
S/o Mr. Paramatma Sahai Srivastava,
#99 FF, Block B.E. Hari Nagar,
Vastava P.O.,
Delhi, Pin: 110064

Mr. Alka Srivastava, R2
W/o Mr. Shalendra Kumar Srivastava,
#99 FF, Block B.E. Hari Nagar,
Vastava P.O.,
Delhi, Pin: 110064

The above numbered case is posted on 01.10.2021 for hearing and appearance of the respondents. If the respondents have any objection in the matter can appear before the Hon'ble Arbitrator at 2.00 PM on the same day. Otherwise the Arbitrator will pass an ex parte award.

For Petitioner
Legal Manager

PM breaking relationships between Indians: Rahul

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MALAPPURAM, SEPTEMBER 29

CONGRESS MP from Wayanad Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of breaking relationships and "bridges" between people and claimed that this was leading to "shattering" of the idea of India.

Rahul Gandhi, in Kerala for a day, also alleged that it was "arrogance" on the part of the Prime Minister to claim that only he knows or understands India and no one else, especially when he was making the claims without finding out about the culture, language, way of life and problems of the people of the various states and religions.

The Congress leader, while speaking at the inauguration of a dialysis centre in Malappuram district of Kerala, said that India was not just a geographical territory, it was the people living here and the relationships they have with each other.

"My problem with the Prime Minister is that he is breaking these relationships. If he



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad, Kerala, on Wednesday. PTI

is breaking the relationships between people of India, then he is shattering the idea of India. That is why I oppose him," he said.

"When he (PM) breaks the relationships between Indians, it is my duty, my job, my commitment to repair the bridges between the people. Every time he uses hatred to break bridges, it is my duty to repair them with love and compassion," he added.

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Rule No. 712/191

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Description Roll :-

Name	: Dheeraj Kesar
S/O	: Late Dhanraj Kesar
Residence	: H.No. 19 Sector No. 03, Upper Jammu
Height	: About 5'6"
Age	: 27 years
Complexion	: Wheatish
Build	: Healthy

Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-

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3. PCR Jammu	: 0191-2542000
4. SP City South	: 0191-2433778
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For Sd. Superintendent of Police
Jammu

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10:13	---	DELHI SHAHDARA		---	17:30

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STATION	ARR.	DEP.
Darjeeling	---	16.30
Ghum	17.10	17.40
Darjeeling	18.20	---

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STATION	ARR.	DEP.
Darjeeling	---	16.10
Ghum	17.00	17.30
Darjeeling	18.10	---

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Ministry of Minority Affairs
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Ref.No.HC-02/04/2021 Dated: 28.09.2021

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Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

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3.	LAN: 2078651100000073 Borrower: Shri Sahab Singh Yadav Guarantor: 1. Shri Narsingh Yadav, 2. Shri Shiv Murat Singh (Mortgagor)	1) 20-09-2021 2) 24-09-2021 3) Rs.36,52,877/- (Rupees Thirty Six lakh fifty two thousand eight hundred seventy seven Only) as on 02.05.2019	All that piece and parcel of land comprised in and forming part of immovable properties situated at Khata No. 3, Plot No. 87, Location- Pakaswa Bajar, Thana No. 392, Mauza- Bahaur, P.O. & P.S. - Kudara, Distt - Kaimur, State Bihar 821109 measuring an area of 68 dismil (29615.36 sqft) and which is bounded as follows: On the East by: Road, On the West by: Kamla Devi, On the South by: Asha Kunwar, On the North by: Tarkeshwar Bind & Others.

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CALLING ON PRESIDENT

FOR THE second time in less than 10 days, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana called on President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhawan on Wednesday. The two meetings in a short span have raised eyebrows in legal circles, especially as they come at a time when the government is yet to act on the Collegium's record number of recommendations for appointment of judges to High Courts. The President's official handle tweeted that CJI Ramana met Kovind Wednesday evening. The last meeting was on September 21, when the CJI and Justice U U Lalit – the second senior-most Supreme Court judge – had called on the President. Justice Lalit, a member of the Collegium, is next in line to become the CJI when CJI Ramana retires in August next year.

GENTLE REMINDER

WHEN MPs from the Estimate Committee visited Manipur this week, they had a special meeting with Chief Minister N Biren Singh. As the BJP MPs, like other party leaders, showered praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his initiatives for the North-East region, BSP MP Danish Ali made it a point to remind all that the entire credit should not go to the current PM. Ali reminded fellow MPs and Chief Minister Singh that H D Deve Gowda, during his term as Prime Minister, had also taken a number of initiatives for the region. A close associate of the former PM who later joined the BSP with consent of JD(S) leaders, Ali said Deve Gowda also visited all seven states frequently and initiated many of the projects that are currently in place. But Ali added: "The present Prime Minister has shown more interest and added to Gowda's efforts for the development of the North East."

AT EASE

MEETING OF the Council of Ministers, which has now become a routine after the July 7 Cabinet expansion, is usually business-like, with at least two ministers making presentations about the programme implementation in their respective ministries. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has added a free-wheeling discussion to the programme, which is increasingly becoming interesting for the ministers apparently. During the discussion, junior ministers are given tips on every aspect of functioning of the ministries and departments and they can even ask questions. This week, it was the turn of Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Jagendra Shekhawat to make the presentations. Sources said everyone now has started looking forward to the discussions.

Kerala govt to conduct survey for EBC persons among forward castes

SHAJUPHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
SEPTEMBER 29

THE KERALA Cabinet on Wednesday decided to conduct a socio-economic survey to identify economically backward persons among the forward castes in the state.

The survey would be conducted across all wards or divisions in three-tier local bodies in the state. Five economically backward families, from among forward castes, would be identified in a ward or a local body division. The survey would be assigned to Kudumbashree, the state women empowerment and poverty alleviation mission. The state has 21,865 wards/divisions in various local bodies.

Sanction was accorded to allot a total of Rs 75.67 lakh for collecting information for the same, it added.

In another significant move, the government decided to make police verification manda-

tory for appointments in government-aided private educational institutions, cooperative bodies, public sector undertakings and temple affairs (devaswom) boards in the state.

The cabinet directed the agencies concerned to complete the procedure within one month after the employee joining the office and the relevant institutions should make necessary amendments in this regard within three months, the statement added.

The decision comes in the backdrop of incidents in which persons with criminal antecedents got appointed to such institutions. In aided educational institutions, managements are the sole authority for appointments. The verification process should be completed within a month of the person taking up office.

At present, police verification is required only in direct government appointments in various departments.

WITH PTI INPUTS

Miffed Sidhu brings sacrilege issue back to the spotlight

MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

AFTER IT rocked the SAD-BJP government in October 2015, the Guru Granth Sahib sacrilege has once again been brought into focus by Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu.

In an emotional video address Wednesday morning, the first after resigning from the post of PPCC chief Tuesday, Sidhu said he was ready to sacrifice anything "to get justice for the Guru".

In an oblique reference to acting DGP IPS Sahota, who was given the additional charge of the state police chief despite Sidhu pitching for another DGP rank officer, S Chattopadhyaya, the cricketer-turned politician said how could he expect justice from those "who gave a clean chit to the Badals six years ago, and tortured young boys".

Sahota had headed the first SIT set up by the then Parkash Singh Badal-led government to probe both the incidents of sacrilege at Bargari in which torn pages of the holy Guru Granth Sahib were found outside the village shrine on October 12, 2015, and subsequent firing on protesters three days later at Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan in which two youths were killed. A week after the incident, Sahota arrested two brothers and blamed the sacrilege on their foreign handlers in



Sidhu in a video released on Wednesday. PTI

Australia and Dubai. But the case fell flat the very next day when media reports revealed those arrested were NRIs. Subsequently, the brothers were released, and the case handed over to CBI.

A spokesperson of the Punjab police clarified that the SIT headed by Sahota, which functioned for only 20 days, had not given a clean chit to Dera Sacha Saudhi chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim or any other person.

Sidhu also questioned the appointment of Advocate General APS Deol, who he alluded to as "those who have given blanket bails". Until recently, Deol was representing Sumedh Singh Saini, who was the Punjab Police chief at

the time of sacrilege, and had got him blanket bail in four cases filed by the state police until the polls in February next year.

The desecration of Guru Granth Sahib was one of the major issues that had led to the decimation of the SAD-BJP combine in the 2107 Assembly polls, relegating them to the third spot after the newbie AAP. It was on the issue of sacrilege that Sidhu had come out of his political hibernation in April this year soon after the Punjab and Haryana High Court quashed the SIT headed by IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap. Sidhu had slammed former CM Amarinder Singh for failing to do "justice" to the Guru, and with some Congress ministers, set in motion the events that led to the ouster of the Congress veteran.

But while his speech in April had resonated with people, his hasty exit just two days after CM Charanjit Singh Channi formed his Cabinet, isn't getting the same reaction. Bhai Gora Singh, priest of the gurdwara at Burj Jawahar Singh Wala, from where the holy Guru Granth Sahib was first stolen on June 1, 2015, and whose torn pages were found at Bargari, says: "I can understand the sentiments of Sidhu ji but all of us feel we should give some time to this government. When we gave four and half years to Captain saab, why not a few months to this one?"

In Chandigarh, leading Sikh historian and former IAS officer

IN SIDHU'S CROSSHAIRS

■ **ADVOCATE GENERAL APS DEOL:** Appeared for former DGP Sumedh Saini in the case linked to 2015 Kotakpura police firing.



■ **MINISTER RANA GURJIT SINGH:** Alleged to have been involved in a sand mining contract 'scam' during his first stint as minister in 2017.



■ **ACTING DGP IPS SAHOTA:** In 2015, as chief Punjab of the Bureau of Investigation, inaccurately claimed to have cracked the sacrilege case.

Navtej Singh said: "If Sidhu thinks the sacrilege issue can be resolved in a few months, he is living in a fool's paradise." He added, "I feel he should have tried to handle this matter in a better way instead of resigning and leaving people in the lurch."

Govt nod for rly line doubling in Gujarat, MP

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved doubling of the Rajkot-Kanals railway line in Gujarat and Nimach-Ratlam line in Madhya Pradesh. The project is estimated to cost Rs 1,080.58 crore and its escalated completion cost is Rs 1,168.13 crore, the government said in a statement. Total length of doubling of the tracks is 111.20 km and the project will be completed in four years. Speaking to reporters in Gujarat via video-conferencing from Delhi, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said doubling of 111-km track between Rajkot and Kanals will create new economic possibilities. **ENS**



PANCHAYAT POLLS IN BIHAR

People in Hajipur wait to cast their vote during the second phase of the Bihar panchayat elections on Wednesday. PTI

Not giving up spl status demand for Bihar: CM

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday asserted that he was not giving up on the demand for special category status for the state, distancing himself from a cabinet colleague who had recently said that the ruling dispensation here was "tired" of making requests to the Centre.

Kumar said this in reply to questions from journalists about the remarks of Vijendra Yadav, a senior minister and a former state president of the JD(U).

"The minister may have made an off-the-cuff remark. Special status for Bihar has been demanded by us in view of its developmental needs. Though we might not have made any headway, but we are not giving up," said Kumar who has been tirelessly raising the demand ever since Jharkhand was carved out in 2000. **PTI**



During 2019 executive meeting. File

national executive team. One should ask the national leadership why there is no national executive meeting," said a leader.

This assumes significance as it comes in the context of BJP's national leadership facing criticism of "centralisation" of pow-

ers – a handful of leaders taking decisions without wider consultation – and that it does not allow the regional leaders to emerge with a strong image.

The BJP's constitution says, "National Executive and State Executive – Once every three months." In 2010, the party had strengthened its national executive by increasing the number of members from 80 to 120 while providing 33 per cent reservation for women in it.

Incidentally, the state executives of a number of key states have already met. BJP national president J P Nadda had earlier directed all state unit chiefs to

hold the meetings from June 21. Although the national leadership has given the option of virtual meetings, a number of state units held it physically.

The two-day state executive meeting of Assam BJP was held on September 22-23 with CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal attending it. Assam in-charge and BJP national vice-president Bajajant Panda was also present at the meeting in Guwahati.

The state executive of Uttar Pradesh met in July with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and former Union minister and UP in-charge Radha Mohan Singh

SC: Even law can't take away power to punish for contempt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

SUPREME COURT on Wednesday said that its power to punish for contempt under Article 129 is a constitutional power, which cannot be done away with even by any law.

"The power to punish for contempt is a constitutional power vested in this court which cannot be abridged or taken away even by legislative enactment," said a bench of Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh while holding Rajiv Daiya, chairperson of the NGO Suraz India Trust, guilty of contempt of court.

"We are of the view that the contemnor is clearly guilty of contempt of this court. His actions to scandalise the court cannot be countenanced. He continues with his contumacious behaviour. The apologies submitted by him are only endeavours to get out of the consequences again followed by another set of allegations, thus, a charade... There is... no remorse on the part of the contemnor which we find in the present case," said the bench.

Daiya had on behalf of the trust filed as many as 12 PILs before the apex court. Finding them "thoughtless and frivolous", the court had earlier asked him to consider giving a voluntary statement that he will not file PILs anymore.

However, he shot off a "dis-apraging communication" to the residential offices of the judges and "sought to make representations to the President of India and the Prime Minister". His communication had remarks against the Supreme Court judges and Rajasthan High Court judges.

The apex court eventually imposed exemplary cost of Rs 25 lakh on him on May 1, 2017 and barred him from filing PILs in any court.

Locked up in house again, claims Mufti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29

FORMER JAMMU and Kashmir chief minister and PDP chief said that she was planning to visit south Kashmir on Wednesday but the police stopped her from leaving home.

Mufti said she wanted to visit the family whose house was ransacked, allegedly by the Army, in south Kashmir's Tral. The Army has denied the allegation.

"Locked up in my house today yet again for attempting to visit the village in Tral allegedly ransacked by (the) army. This is the real picture of Kashmir that visiting dignitaries must be shown instead of Gol's sanitised and guided picnic tours," Mufti tweeted, posting a picture of a paramilitary vehicle blocking the gate of her house.

On Tuesday, a family from Seer Jagir village in Tral had alleged that Army personnel ransacked their house Monday night and beat the family members. They alleged that the soldiers dragged their daughter out of the house and tore her clothes.

On Wednesday, the Army denied the allegations. It stated that "necessary complaints are being filed with J-K Police against people who are spreading rumours

Daiya thereafter prayed that he be pardoned and the fine be waived. He also prayed that the judgment be not enforced as he had moved the President seeking sanction for prosecution of the judges.

When this application was dismissed, he again sought permission to tender unconditional apology but also sought consent from the Attorney General to prosecute some of the court officials as well as some judges, including the then CJI J S Khehar, for contempt. The AG, however, refused to give consent.

His antics went on for a while at the end of which the court found him guilty of contempt.

On Wednesday, the bench said, "In fact, if Mr. Daiya had just merely expressed his inability to pay the amount as per his affidavit, the matter could have been left at that, with, of course, the natural consequences as contained in the order dated 01.05.2017 which disabled him from filing public interest litigations. After all, there cannot be a birthright to file public interest litigations..."

The court said Daiya appeared to be throwing mud at all in the belief that they would back off. "We refuse to back off and are clear in our view that we must take it to its logical conclusion," it said.

Dwelling on the importance of contempt, the bench said, "The raison d'etre of contempt jurisdiction is to maintain the dignity of the institution of judicial forums. It is not a vindictive exercise nor are inappropriate statements by themselves capable of lowering the dignity of a judge. These are often ignored but where despite all latitude a perennial litigant seeks to justify his existence by throwing mud at all and sundry, the court has to step in."

The court asked Daiya to appear before it for the hearing on sentence on October 7.



Mehbooba Mufti

and feeding false information".

"No search of any house or mishandling of anyone was carried out by Army at Seer on the night of 27/28 September," the Defence spokesperson said in a release. "In the evening of 27 September, an Army night-dominating party had gone to village Seer. While moving near Arapal nallah, which passes through the village, they spotted two persons sitting next to the nallah. The two were called and when they were being questioned, an individual named Ali Mohamamd Chopan and his family members came out of their house, which was nearby.

"As soon as they came out of the house, Ishrat Jaan, daughter of Ali Mohamamd Chopan, feigned fainting and the family members started shouting..."

Mufti had tweeted Tuesday, "Army from Yagwani camp in Tral ransacked homes and ruthlessly thrashed a family last night. The daughter owing to her serious injuries was admitted to hospital. Not the first time that civilians from this village have been beaten up by (the) army in this area."

No word yet on BJP national executive meet, last held over 2 years ago

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ALTHOUGH THE national executive meet is considered to be the BJP's constitutional mechanism for internal democracy, and at least five states have held their state executive meetings physically with national leaders attending them, the last time the ruling party called a full-fledged national executive conclave was more than two years ago—in January 2019.

There is no word yet on the next such meet. In fact, the national leadership has not yet figured out the composition of the

national executive.

At least three senior BJP leaders *The Indian Express* spoke to tried to downplay the delay. "Things are moving very efficiently in the organisation and not holding the national executive has not created any hurdles to the functioning so far," said one of them.

However, a section in the BJP, which includes some senior leaders, blamed the current party leadership for the delay. They said pandemic restrictions have been given as an "excuse" for deferring the meeting. "The party leadership has not been able to even constitute the new



Agriculture: Backbone of the Indian Economy

Tech, sustainability can boost farm sector



RIGHT from the onset of the pandemic a couple of years ago, all we have heard about is how different industries have been succumbing to its pressure and collapsing left, right and center. Therefore, it is no less than a wonder that the Indian agriculture sector is not just doing well but also thriving. It's true that the contribution of agriculture to India's GDP has diminished to less than 20 percent. Still, the share of agriculture in the GDP for the year 2020-21 has risen to 19.9 per cent compared to 17.8 per cent in 2019-2020. In addition to this, the production in the agriculture sector has also been showing an upward trend. India's total production of foodgrains is estimated to be around 308.65 million tonnes in the crop year 2020-21, which is a record in itself. Today, India is the world's largest producer of tea, pulses, spices, jute and cashews. So, we have come a long way.

But our job is not only to focus on the pretty picture. We also have to face harsh facts. To start with, the average productivity of several crops in India is still extremely low. Even though agricultural production is growing, the demand for foodgrains is also increasing. According to the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, the demand for foodgrains is estimated to be around 345 million tonnes by the year 2030.

Besides the rising Indian population, the other factors responsible for the surging demand are the growing average income of Indians and the effects of globalisation. So the pressure on the land and farmers is increasing. It is also a fact that many farmers are still finding it difficult to make their ends meet as they are still struggling with poor produce and meagre returns. It is, therefore, quite a challenge to feed the population of a nation that is likely to become the biggest population in the world in the near future.


Needless to say that we have to revolutionise the agricultural sector to meet these new realities. And that is already happening. Our previous governments, as well as the present one led by Mr Narendra Modi along with other stakeholders, have made several efforts to deal with agricul-



ture-related problems. These include resolving issues concerning the small holdings of the farmers, supply chain, primary and secondary processing and providing infrastructure to allow the best use of resources among others.

Certain improvements have been witnessed in the form of efforts towards privatisation in the development of markets. Private investments have been allowed in agricultural research and development while other efforts are being made to solve the problem of limited produce. The young and educated generation has also been taking a keen interest in the agriculture sector, using technology to boost yields, and several agricultural start-ups have come up in recent times.

Even if there are complexities involved in getting the desired productivity and returns, there is a huge potential in the agriculture sector in India. This brings us to what all the stakeholders, including the government, companies and individuals, need to do to make our agriculture sector worthy of single-handedly feeding the second-largest population in the world.



When we talk about future developments, the first term that comes to our mind is technology. It is probably the most important aspect in the growth of the Indian agriculture sector that has the potential to make a huge impact on production. Efforts are being made to take modern technology to even the small and marginal farmers. A few technological advancements that can help improve the status of the farmers and make agriculture profitable, convenient and eco-friendly are:

- Use of GPS technology and drones in agriculture
- Nanotechnology to improve the quality of food, maintain its safety and reduce the wastage of chemicals
- Improved digital connectivity to make the markets more accessible to farmers

Even though India has come a long way in terms of the application of modern technology in agriculture, there is still a need for cost-effective applications that



are easily accessible, usable and are capable of protecting and enhancing natural resources.

Another important aspect necessary for increasing agriculture production in India involves using high-quality fertilisers to enhance the yield through effective soil nutrition management. The nutrient value of the soil is enhanced and supplemented with fertilisers that are also absorbed by growing crops. If suitable fertilisers are not used, then agricultural productivity will fall. Therefore, it is imperative to replace the nutrients in the soil that are consumed in order to maintain yields and meet the growing food demand in the country. The best way of ensuring good produce is to maintain a healthy and balanced level of soil nutrients that is not below or above the required limit. Every crop that is planted and grows in the soil uses these reserves. So, the nutrients need to be replaced through fertilisers every single year and after every single crop.

India has taken a huge leap when it comes to the use of fertilisers for better produce. Before the mid-1960s, the usage

of fertilisers was less than a million tonnes (0.78 million tonnes). By 1991-92, it had reached 12.73 million tonnes. As per the information provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, the consumption of chemical fertilisers in India is estimated to be 33.85 million tonnes in 2020-21. The Government data says that the usage of chemical fertilisers in India has risen by around 16 per cent between the years 2015-16 and 2020-21.

In this regard, the companies engaged in the production of quality fertilisers are contributing to the agriculture and food production of the country. Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd is one of the leading producers in the Indian fertilisers industry and is responsible for around 33 per cent of the total urea production in the country. The company has achieved this feat through its three plants with an annual production capacity of 3.4 million MT of urea. This amount of urea is enough to form a major chunk of the total amount consumed in major agricultural states in the northern, eastern, central and western regions of India.

It is the leading supplier of fertilisers in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana. The company has been empowering the farmers for two decades by meeting their various product demands through a "single window." The dealers of the company provide urea and other agri-inputs such as DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate), MOP (Muriate of Potash), SSP (Single Super Phosphate) and pesticides.

For India to reach the desired level of agricultural production, every company needs to take its efforts beyond production. Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd is one of the forerunners in making efforts to promote sustainable farming practices in India through a well-structured advisory programme that includes crop seminars, product and field demonstrations as well as farmer meetings.

The company also supports the farmers through a website called "uttamkrishi.com" that provides valuable information about the weather, suitable cropping techniques and markets in Hindi for easy understanding. Its "Hello Uttam" toll-free telephonic helpline guides the farmers on getting better yields by answering all their queries. It also trains youth in modern farming techniques in order to provide services to farmers in the capacity of "Uttam Krishi Salhakars."

The consistent efforts of Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd to ensure food security in India has resulted in the company winning several honours and awards, including the "Sword of Honour" from the British Safety Council, for two consecutive years. It has also been awarded ISO 14001 (Environment Management System Standard), ISO 9001 (Quality Management System Standard), and OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Management System Standard) certifications.

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SC seeks reply of Tirupati temple management on plea over rituals

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SUPREME COURT on Wednesday sought the Tirupati temple management's reply to a devotee's plea that "wrongful and irregular procedure" was being followed in the daily puja rituals at the famed shrine.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana was initially reluctant to entertain the matter and said, "This is a Constitutional court and not a 'kuchehri' (lower court) where you can say anything... can we interfere into it as to when and how puja has to be conducted?"

The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, subsequently, however, gave the counsel for the temple management one week time to inform what had happened to a representation made by petitioner Srivari Daadaa to the temple authorities.

"Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent [Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanam] prays for and is granted one week's time to get instructions about the representation dated March 18, 2020 sent by the petitioner in person to the respondent. List the matter after one week," the bench said.

Gujarat police nabs gangster wanted in UP from Mumbai

Ahmedabad: The Ahmedabad Police's Detection of Crime Branch (DCB) arrested a gangster wanted in Uttar Pradesh who has a reward of Rs 50,000 on him from Mumbai for his alleged involvement in murders, looting and dacoity incidents.

According to police, Manish Singh (37) alias Raju alias Chotu, a native of Varanasi in UP and a member of UP-based Subhash Singh Thakur gang, was nabbed by a DCB team on September 27 from Rashmi Garden residential society in Vasai of Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Police said Singh was wanted for his alleged involvement in four murders, four attempted murders and several cases of firing, loot, extortion and dacoity in UP, Gujarat and Maharashtra. After Singh fled UP police custody in 2009 on his way to a local court, a reward of Rs 50,000 was announced for his capture. Singh had evaded arrest since then, police said. **ENS**

KARNATAKA

HC asks state to reconsider shared status of Bababudangiri shrine for ceremonies

Bengaluru: Karnataka High Court has quashed a March 19, 2018 order of the state government entrusting religious ceremonies at a shrine shared by Hindus and Muslims in Chikamagalur district to a Muslim Mujawar.

The court has asked the state to "reconsider the matter afresh" keeping in mind the shared customs at the Datta Peetha shrine in the Bababudangiri Hills.

In an order issued on Tuesday

Two arrested from Bengaluru three years after Kerala biker's death in Jaisalmer

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THREE YEARS after the death of a biker, who was said to have died due to thirst and hunger after being lost in the desert area near Jaisalmer district, the Rajasthan Police have arrested two of his friends, revealing a sinister plot of conspiracy and murder involving the man's wife and friends.

In August 2018, Sumera Parvez, the wife of biker Asbak Mon had told the Jaisalmer po-

lice that Mon, who was in his early thirties, had come to the district to take part in the India Baja rally and she had later come to know from the organisers that her husband had gone missing after going to a desert area to practice, said the Jaisalmer police in a statement.

In her statement to the police, Parvez had said that she reached Jaisalmer following the disappearance of her husband and he was later found dead in the remote Shahgarh desert area. She had then said that she did not suspect anyone for her

husband's death.

After Mon's family submitted a formal complaint alleging that he was murdered, the Jaisalmer police started investigating the murder angle, officials said.

"A case of unnatural death was registered and the case was about to be closed, when the SP Jaisalmer looked into it and directed further investigation into the matter after finding discrepancies. Thereafter, in December 2020, a case of murder was registered. One of the biggest clues we found was that contrary to the statement of Parvez that

Mon had died of hunger and thirst, we found semi-digested food in his body. A person can't die of starvation in such a scenario," said deputy superintendent of police Bhawani Singh, who investigated the case.

He added that police also suspected that Parvez was involved in the murder because she was in Bengaluru at the time of Mon's death and yet she could say that he had died of starvation. "Investigation revealed that the biker's neck was broken which can't happen if a man dies of starvation. Thereafter, we re-

alised that he was murdered after his neck was twisted. We have arrested two of his friends — Sanjay Kumar and Vishwas SD for the murder of Mon.

The two accused were arrested from Bengaluru. Investigation suggests that there were several motives of murder including personal enmity and monetary transactions," said DSP Singh.

He added that Mon's wife Parvez is also an accused in the case after she was found to be a part of the conspiracy. She is presently absconding.

Former Goa CM Faleiro inducted into Trinamool Congress

MAYURA JANWALKAR & ATRI MITRA
PANAI, KOLKATA, SEPT 29

FORMER GOA chief minister Luizinho Faleiro was inducted into the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, the former Congress leader met Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the state secretariat. TMC leaders Abhishek Banerjee, Subrata Mukherjee and Sougata Roy were present at the induction ceremony.

Faleiro, who had been a Congressman for 40 years, is a seven-time MLA from South Goa's Navelim.

Abhishek Banerjee, the TMC's National General Secretary, meanwhile said the party will not enter into a pre-poll alliance ahead of the Goa election expected early next year.

"TMC will fight it out alone. I hope that will put all speculation to rest," he said. He was asked about the possibility of a tie-up with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

TMC president and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted: "It's a matter of great pride for me to welcome former Goa CM, 7-time MLA and stalwart Goan leader Shri @luizinhofaleiro to the Trinamool Congress family. Together we will stand up for every Goan, fight divisive forces and work towards ushering in a NEW DAWN for Goa."

On Wednesday, Faleiro spoke of uniting the "fragmented Congress family".

"Today when I am joining the



Luizinho Faleiro with West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Wednesday. *Express*

TMC my dream is to bring the Congress family together. Today the Congress family fragmented with TMC, YSR Congress and Indira Congress. I will try to ensure the Congress family is once again consolidated. My main mission today is to defeat the BJP and its divisive policies, culture of intolerance, hatred, and vengeance," said Faleiro.

He said he would not speak against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, but added that a "new national leadership" was needed to fight the BJP.

Abhishek Banerjee said the Goa polls may be just a few months away, but time would not be a factor that would affect the TMC's prospects in the state. "The party will put its full weight behind the Goa unit," he said.

Besides Faleiro, nine others joined the TMC Wednesday.

Meanwhile, AICC Goa Desk in-charge Dinesh Gundu Rao said Wednesday that "some small-time people" had joined Faleiro in the TMC. He said that nobody had expected the TMC to enter the political race to the legislative Assembly polls early next year.

In an interview to *PTI*, Chowdhury said Banerjee was an "untrustworthy ally", trying to grow nationally at the cost of the Congress.

"Mamata Banerjee has always tried to bite the hand that fed her. She should be kept out of the efforts to form Opposition unity. She is the Trojan horse of the BJP, who can never be trusted in the fight against the BJP," he said.

"She is desperately trying to please Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP to protect her family and party leaders from the clutches of the CBI and ED. In return, she is helping the BJP achieve its target of Congress-mukt Bharat (Congress-free India). The TMC is trying to sabo-

to offer puja contrary to his faith". The Datta Peetha shrine issue has been a controversial one for years with right wing activists viewing it as the Babri of the South. The controversy tends to peak around December when annual religious ceremonies are conducted to mark Datta Jayanti.

Dattatreya Devaru Temple and Baba Budan Dargah are located in the cave in Bababudangiri Hills. **ENS**



BHABANIPUR VOTES TODAY

Officials carrying voting material leave for election duty amid rain in Kolkata on Wednesday, on the eve of the by-election for Bhabhanipur constituency. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is the TMC candidate from the seat, her main rivals being BJP's Priyanka Tibrewal and CPI(M)'s Srijib Biswas. Bypolls to Jangipur and Samserganj seats in Murshidabad district will also be held on Thursday. *PTI*

Mamata is BJP's Trojan horse, must be kept out of Opp platform: Adhir

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WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is the BJP's "Trojan horse" should be kept out of all efforts to cobble up an Opposition platform ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury alleged on Wednesday.

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Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury

tage Opposition unity," claimed Chowdhury, the state president of the Congress. He said that TMC has always grown at the cost of Congress.

"First, they did it in Bengal, and now they are trying to do it nationally. The TMC is known for backstabbing its allies," he claimed.

"Mamata Banerjee is dreaming of becoming the next prime minister of the country, and Congress seems to be their biggest roadblock. As long as the Congress is there, she can never be the leader of the Opposition front, and that is why she is trying to tarnish the image of the Congress and undermine its leadership," Chowdhury said.

"Rahul Gandhi has been the most consistent opposition voice against the BJP and the RSS. Congress still commands a 20 per cent vote share in the country. Apart from BJP, can you name any other party with such a vote share? The answer is no," he said.

TMC mouthpiece targets Cong, says those who want to join are welcome

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THE MOUTHPIECE of the ruling Trinamool Congress, 'Jago Bangla', has published an editorial hitting out at the Congress. The article says the Congress has been engaging in 'needless criticism' of the Trinamool after the switchover of former Goa chief minister and Congress leader Luizinho Faleiro, adding that it won't allow the BJP to gain strength while the grand old party 'sits idle'.

The editorial further read, "At a time when the Trinamool Congress is trying to bring all forces, which want to defeat the BJP, on one platform, the Congress is criticising them."

A similar editorial that the mouthpiece ran last week read, "The flag of the Congress heritage is today in the hands of the Trinamool. The Congress of today is unsuccessful, disoriented. The days of resting on the laurels of history are over. Whoever is still with the Congress is welcome in Trinamool."

"The Congress has failed to create an impression that the BJP can be defeated at the national level," the piece read.

MUNDRA PORT

Drug seizure: How Customs tracked 'suspicious' cargo

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

BEHIND THE recent Rs 20,000 crore heroin seizure by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) from the Mundra Port, is a small team of officials of the Directorate General of Analytics and Risk Management at the National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC) in Mumbai who analysed and crunched data for over a month to identify the two containers that were found to be carrying about 2,990 kg of heroin in the guise of talcum powder.

NCTC is the wing of Customs that is responsible for risk analysis and targeting of risky cargo and passengers crossing the borders. It uses machine learning and advanced analytics in indirect taxation to identify risky entities/transactions.

On September 16, the DRI Ahmedabad seized heroin from two containers at Mundra Port, which were declared as containing talc powder or "semi-processed talc stones", originating in Afghanistan and loaded at Iran's Bandar Abbas port. The containers, sources said, were imported by Aashi Trading Company, registered in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada, from a firm called Hasan Husain Ltd. Nine persons have been arrested so far, including the proprietors of Aashi Trading.

According to sources, the NCTC team used several parameters such as the country of origin of imported goods, nature of goods, frequency of imports and registration details of the importer among others to identify the suspicious cargo.

"Among other things, what

aroused suspicion was that a company from Vijayawada was using Mundra port to bring in goods instead of the nearest port at Visakhapatnam, and the goods were declared as talc stones originating from Afghanistan when it is known that the top two talc stones producers are China and Brazil," said a source.

"In this case, after the NCTC officials identified the suspicious imports, it did an informal check on the importer and its registered office, a house at Satyanarayanapuram in Vijayawada. The visit to Aashi Trading's office confirmed the doubts of the Customs and an officer of the NCTC flew to Ahmedabad to oversee the search and seizure of the containers by the DRI," the official said.

Sources said the probe so far indicated that India could be a transit destination, and the heroin was to be shipped out in smaller batches, allegedly to European countries.

In July, the same team of NCTC had identified two containers at the Nhava Sheva Port in Mumbai declared as containing talc stones, following which the DRI seized 293 kg of heroin worth Rs 2,000 crore hidden in six gunny bags among other cargo in the containers. The DRI later arrested the importer, based in Tarn Taran, Punjab. The agency is also looking into the role of a politician in the case.

Since the beginning of the year, the NCTC has detected and helped in seizures of over 90 lakh smuggled cigarettes at Ludhiana and Mumbai; 2 kg of high grade marijuana in Delhi; and several trucks full of imported tyres and photocopy machines in Kolkata and Mundra respectively.

On Punjab tour, Kejriwal targets Cong by raising issues that also rankle Sidhu

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

AS CONGRESS battled its fresh crisis arising out Navjot Singh Sidhu's resignation as state Congress chief, AAP national convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal attacked the ruling party for reducing the state to a "tamasha (spectacle)".

Kejriwal, who landed at Chandigarh airport to kickstart his two-day Punjab visit, pointedly raised those very points which reportedly caused a rift between Sidhu and the Congress brass.

"Only AAP can give a honest government in Punjab. Congress has reduced government to spectacle. I congratulate Charanjit Singh Channi on becoming CM. But people of Punjab want five things to be done. There are allegations that tainted ministers have been inducted in the cabinet. I would request him to remove tainted Ministers, MLAs and offi-



Delhi CM and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal in Ludhiana on Wednesday. *Gurmeet Singh*

cials. FIRs should be registered against them immediately," said Kejriwal.

The Delhi CM added that the people of Punjab are also upset that nothing has been done in Guru Granth Sahib sacrilege case of Bargari. "The mastermind in the sacrilege incidents have not been punished till now... The culprits can be arrested within 24 hours. Please do it," he said. Kejriwal also demanded that the government cancel all power purchase agreements signed with private power producers immediately.

DMK govt retrieves encroached temple land worth Rs 1,000 cr in 4 months, more to follow

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE DMK government in Tamil Nadu has retrieved encroached temple land worth Rs 1,000 crore in the past four months. And more such land will be retrieved in the coming days as the issue has remained one of the focus areas of the government ever since it came to power in May this year.

Disclosing this, state Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister P K Sekar Babu, whose department has been on a campaign to mark and retrieve such temple land across the state, told The Indian Express on Wednesday, "Even today, we completed procedures to retrieve a prime property worth

over Rs 300 crore in Chennai city."

The latest retrieval was a land belonging to Kancheepuram Ekambareswarar Temple, spread over 49 grounds on Chennai's Poonamallee high road. A committee of experts would look into the scope of using some existing structures on the land. The department has also sought Rs 12 crore arrears from the encroachers.

Along with the land retrieval mission, Babu said his officers were also busy with another project of digitising temple property documents and assets across the state. The plan is to keep temple land property details in public domain.

Tamil Nadu has around 44,000 temples, which are being covered by the digitisation and



State Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister P K Sekar Babu

GIS mapping project.

The special interest of the DMK government in retrieving temple lands also assumes political significance as there has been a sustained campaign by Hindutva groups after the Sabarimala issue in Kerala, and more recently by Sadhguru Jagadish Vasudev, to free temples from government control on

grounds of alleged neglect and misappropriation.

A major controversy that erupted after the poll victory of DMK was also on the temple issue — after state Finance Minister P Thiaga Rajan called Vasudev a "commercial operator" and "publicity hound". The minister was responding to Vasudev's demand to free temples from government control and hand them over to devotees. The government's ongoing mission has helped DMK to silence Hindutva groups as well as receive appreciation from BJP leaders.

Senior BJP leader H Raja, who is a staunch critic of Dravidian politics, thanked the government when it retrieved 9.58 acre land belonging to Sri Gowri Vinayagar Temple in Sivaganga. Although it was a poll prom-

ise of the DMK to retrieve temple lands, the success of the ongoing mission came with some nudging from the Madras HC.

In one of the many interventions it made, the High Court asked the government in June about the fate of 47,000 acres of temple lands that went missing from records. The court was referring to the difference between two accounts — 5.25 lakh acres recorded in 1984-85 and 4.78 lakh acres recorded in 2019-20.

While hearing petitions on temple land encroachments a week ago, the court said that the government should issue a public notification demanding encroachers to voluntarily surrender the land within a stipulated time and those who fail to follow the order should be detained under the Goondas Act.

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

INDIA AND the UK are likely to announce a joint declaration on "one sun, one world, one grid" — or OSOWOG, a concept New Delhi has been pushing through its International Solar Alliance — at the upcoming COP26.

Both countries have been working towards achieving this concept, and the joint venture will be signed by energy ministers of the two nations in the presence of the two Prime Ministers, according to sources.

"We expect Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the conference. His UK counterpart, Boris Johnson, has personally invited the PM," a source said.

The UN Climate Change Conference, or COP26, is sched-

uled to be held between October 31 and November 12 in Scotland.

The concept of OSOWOG, which the British have called a green grid, has been personally guided and pushed by Modi and found mention in his Independence Day speech this year. The concept pitches the idea of a transnational solar grid, from which different countries can draw power.

"While the declaration will be made by India and the UK, other countries will also participate, including the ASEAN nations, the US, EU and African nations, a source said. "The idea is to scale up the proposal and involve as many countries as possible. Our aim is that by 2050, a single power grid of renewable energy be accessible across continents — with production in one continent and distribution of power in another."

The climate parliament secretariat is handling details of the proposal and more than 100 energy ministers from across the world will sign the proposal, the source said.

The government has been working on the concept of OSOWOG since 2015, engaging with other energy ministers. The idea was first floated by Modi in 2018 at the first meeting of International Solar Alliance, which will also take a lead on this venture. The climate secretariat will put a road map in place at COP26, on how to achieve this vision.

In June this year, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy came out with a request for proposal to hire consultants for converting this idea into a policy and its draft plan envisages connecting 140 countries through a common grid.

SC notice to cracker makers over report on use of banned chemicals

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WITH DIWALI, the festival of lights, just about a month away, the Supreme Court on Wednesday issued notice to fire-cracker manufacturers to show cause why they should not be charged with contempt of court and their licences cancelled for allegedly using chemicals banned by the court in the manufacturing process.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and AS Bopanna said that from a report submitted by the Joint Director of CBI, Chennai, it prima facie appears that there has been

a violation of the court's earlier orders, issuing a ban on use of barium/barium salts, as well as orders regarding labelling of fire-crackers.

The bench directed that a copy of the report be given to the manufacturers so that they can put forth their case and respond to the CBI's findings.

Hearing a plea by a student, Arjun Gopal, the court, by its order on October 23, 2018, had banned use of barium salts in making of firecrackers and had favoured green crackers.

Considering a fresh plea, also by the student, alleging violation of the court's earlier order prohibiting use of certain chemicals

in crackers, the bench had on March 3, 2020 asked the CBI's Chennai unit to look into the charges.

Taking it up on Wednesday, the bench observed, "We have to take a balanced view looking at the country, because every day there is some celebration in this country. But we have to consider other aspects too. We cannot let people suffer and die. There are people suffering from asthma and other diseases. Children are also suffering."

Perusing the preliminary report submitted by the agency, Justice Shah remarked that it shows a large quantity of barium was purchased by some of the

manufacturers last year. "If it is banned, how it was purchased? This is very serious," the court said.

The bench said the CBI had drawn up the report relying on chemical analysis reports by government laboratories.

The report, the court observed, had also found that labels of finished fireworks collected from the factories did not contain chemical composition of fireworks and the date of manufacturing. This was in violation of the Explosive Rules, 2008, and the court's orders, it said. The bench wondered why FIRs should not be registered against the manufacturers.

Survey: 39% workers repatriated from West Asia in 2020 faced non-payment of wages

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 29

A SURVEY conducted among migrant workers who were repatriated from the Middle East during the first wave of the pandemic shows that 39.1 per cent of them faced non-payment of wages.

The report on wage theft among Indian migrant workers was published by Migrant Forum in Asia, Centre for Indian Migrant Studies and International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD). It was authored by IIMAD chairman Prof S Irudaya Rajan and research fellow CS Akhil.

Wage theft consists of non-payment of a worker's remuneration, payment of salaries below the minimum wage and non-payment of overtime among others.

The survey was conducted among 2,252 migrant workers from Kerala and Tamil Nadu, who were repatriated during May 2020 and December 2020. These two states accounted for a significant share of the repatriated migrant workers. Among the respondents, 49.1 per cent returned from UAE and Saudi Arabia.

According to the survey, while 39.1 per cent of the workers faced non-payment of wages, 8.8 per cent worked during the pandemic without any wages and 18.2 per cent faced wage cuts.

Among the returnees, 45.5 per

cent chose repatriation due to job loss and 28.4 per cent returned due to fear of the Covid-19 virus.

Among those who lost jobs, most of the workers (30.18 per cent) were asked to resign. Notably, 18.7 per cent of the workers were advised to travel back home without payment of their salaries, and a few workers (2.6 per cent) were threatened with termination. Among these, only 12.79 per cent received a favorable option of returning to their home country with wages and dues.

Among the respondents, 32.2 per cent were employed in the industrial sector, while workers from construction and hospitality sectors constituted 15.1 per cent and 12.3 per cent, respectively.

According to the data, only 0.79 per cent of the total returnees are government employees. The low share of government returnees indicates that the private and informal sector in the Gulf suffered the most, a trend seen in other parts of the world.

According to the report, Indians filed 11 group cases of wage theft, comprising 741 workers. The UAE and Saudi Arabia received the highest number of grievances on wage theft from Indian workers (324 and 124 respectively).

The Kerala government's NORKA Department has so far received around 600 cases about wage theft, which have been taken up with the Indian mission in the Gulf.

Nipah antibodies detected in two bat species, says Kerala minister

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 29

KERALA'S HEALTH Minister Wednesday said the National Institute of Virology had found Nipah virus antibodies in samples collected from two fruit bat varieties in Kozhikode district. It is widely accepted that these mammals are the source of the virus and the finding reinforces this.

It was in Kozhikode district where the fatal virus had claimed the life of a boy earlier this month.

Minister Veena George said NIV, Pune, had collected samples from a region close to where the outbreak was reported.

The outbreak was reported at Chathamangalam panchayat. The samples of Pteropus (known as flying foxes) were collected from the nearby Kodyathur panchayat. Those of Rousettus Aegyptiacus (Egyptian fruit bat) were collected from Thamarassery panchayat, 15 km from Chathamangalam.

The minister said the results of 50-odd samples are yet to arrive. "We have to assume that fruit bats are the source of Nipah. More research has to be held to arrive at a final confirmation," she said.

One Nipah infection, that of the boy, was reported in Kozhikode on September 4. Prior to this, Kerala had seen two Nipah outbreaks, the first being in 2018. After the latest case, around 250 people, mainly primary contacts of the diseased boy and the health workers who had attended to him in various hospitals, were isolated.

The minister said the 21-day incubation period of the virus is over and no fresh case has been reported. The outbreak of the virus will be declared 'contained' after 42 days of the solitary case being confirmed. Until then, the vigil would continue, she said.

Seized explosives blow up police station in Odisha, cop suspended

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BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 29

A SUB-INSPECTOR of police attached with Balanga police station in Puri district was on Wednesday suspended after the police station was destroyed in an explosion, an Odisha police officer said.

Sub-Inspector Tapoi Nayak, who was in charge of the Malkhana (storeroom) of Balanga Police Station, has been suspended for dereliction of duty by Puri SP Kanwar Vishal Singh after the preliminary inquiry conducted by Puri Additional Superintendent of Police Purnachandra Pradhan.

"The investigation so far indicated that the explosive materials seized by police since 2018, were stored at the Malkhana instead of being defused immediately," Pradhan said.

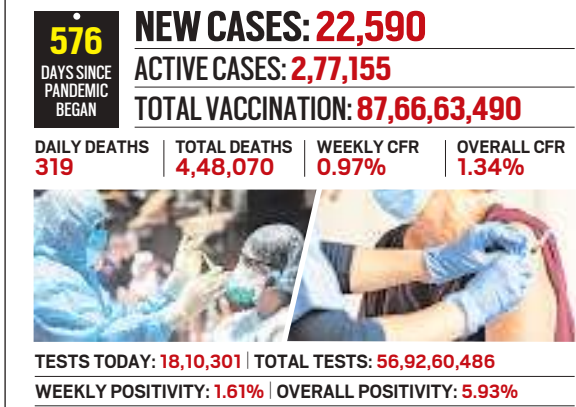
According to a senior police official, as per protocol, major explosives need to be defused immediately, but triggerless explosives, like crackers, are generally defused together.

The Malkhana's sentry, Saroj Behera, had a narrow escape as he ran out of the building immediately. No one else was present at the station at the time.

The blast also set off a war of words between the ruling BJP and BJP over the timing of the blast ahead of the bypolls in Pipili constituency. The police station caters to six gram panchayats in the constituency. "People in Balanga are in panic after the blasts in the police station. There is a suspicion among the people about their safety. If a police station is unsafe, what about common people," BJP leader and national spokesperson Sambit Patra asked.

BJD however dismissed the statements calling it baseless speculation. ₹

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE



Police to seek Interpol help to track suspect in DRDO espionage case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 29

IN FURTHER investigation related to the espionage case at DRDO's Integrated Test Range (ITR), the Odisha police will now seek Interpol's help to investigate the whereabouts of the woman who is alleged to have engaged the five contractual workers in leaking confidential information.

Additional DGP, Crime Branch, Odisha Police, Sanjeev Panda told reporters at a press conference on Wednesday that an image of the woman operative has been obtained along with footage of her from video calls with the accused.

"It is an established procedure that since the woman was using a UK number to get in touch with the accused, we will have to take help of the Interpol. The photographs and videos have matched the so we will begin probing further in the matter," Panda said.

Apart from contacting the accused, investigations have also re-

vealed that the woman had hacked into the mobile phone of one of the accused for eight months and stole information related to ITR Chandipur.

Earlier investigations into the case revealed that one of the five accused had received Rs 38,000 from Dubai in two installments. The police is yet to track down if the money was transferred by the woman suspect.

Police said the woman first befriended the accused via Facebook and lured them with marriage proposals.

She posed as a resident of Balasore and also video-called two of the accused, police said.

The accused are presently lodged at the Crime Branch headquarters in Cuttack. The five persons arrested in the case include Sachin Kumar, a driver at Chandipur DRDO, Basanta Behera, an AC operator, Hemanta Kumar Mistri, a diesel gen-set operator, Tapas Ranjan Nayak, an employee at ITR main gate and SK Musafir, an AC operator.

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Taliban regime writes to DGCA: Resume flights

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE AFGHANISTAN Civil Aviation Authority under the new Taliban regime has written to India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) seeking resumption of flights operated by its airlines, Kam Air and Ariana Afghan Airlines, to and from Delhi.

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, DGCA chief Arun Kumar confirmed receiving the letter and said the Ministry of Civil Aviation would take a call.

The Afghanistan airspace was declared "uncontrolled" and was effectively closed for civilian flights on August 16, following the Taliban takeover of the country.

Since then, the Taliban administration, with the help of Qatar, has managed to resume operations at several airports in

EXPLAINED

India yet to recognise Taliban govt

THE India-Afghanistan air transport mainly saw medical tourists, students and traders as passengers, and spices and dry fruits as cargo. A potential resumption of flights depends on India officially recognising the Taliban administration as the government of Afghanistan.

Kabul to Pakistan and Iran.

In the letter, dated September 7, addressed to Kumar, Afghanistan's Acting Minister for Civil Aviation and Transport, Alhaj Hamidullah Akhundzada, wrote: "The intention of this letter is to keep the smooth passenger movement between the two countries, based on the signed MoU and our national carriers (Ariana Afghan Airlines and Kam Air) aim to commence their scheduled flights. Therefore, Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority requests you to facilitate their commercial flights."

Prior to the Afghanistan crisis, Air India and low-cost airline SpiceJet operated flights between Delhi and Kabul. While Air India operated its last scheduled flight to Kabul on August 15, SpiceJet had suspended its flights last year during the pandemic.

UP: 3 women who wanted to meet PFI members held for 'fake' RT-PCR

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 29

THREE WOMEN from Kerala were arrested by Lucknow Police for allegedly submitting false Covid-19 (RT-PCR) test reports to Lucknow district jail to meet two members of the Popular Front of India (PFI).

PFI members Ansad Badruddin and Firoz Khan—both residents of Kerala—were arrested in February this year for allegedly planning blasts at a programme of Hindu organisations. Since then, they have been lodged in Lucknow district jail.

On Sunday, three women, including Badruddin's wife Nazeema, and a man visited Lucknow district jail seeking permission to meet Badruddin and Firoz. All the four submitted their

Aadhaar cards and their RT-PCR reports, purportedly from a Ghaziabad laboratory.

Since the UP Police had sent a letter to jail officials asking to be on high alert regarding the two inmates, the jail officials contacted the laboratory in Ghaziabad to verify the four RT-PCR reports.

"The laboratory staff informed us that the RT-PCR report of the man was issued by them, but denied issuing reports of the three women. I immediately informed the local police," said Ajay Rai, the jailor of Lucknow District jail, adding that due to the confusion, the man was also not allowed to enter the jail premises.

Police booked the three women—Nazeema, Badruddin's relative Mohsina, and Firoz's relative Funhalima, all aged between 20 and 30 years—for

cheating, forgery among other charges, and arrested them.

A court later sent them to judicial custody. During the inquiry, the allegations against the three women have been found true, said police.

On February 16, when the Special Task Force (STF) of UP Police had Badruddin and Firoz, it had claimed to have recovered a huge quantity of explosives and firearms from their possession. Police claimed that they were planning a series of blasts to target senior office-bearers of Hindu organisations and the main objective of the duo was to recruit youths and impart arms training.

A day after they were arrested, PFI had admitted that Badruddin and Firoz are members of the organisation but denied the allegations that they were planning a series of blasts.

Pak militant captured alive asks 'handlers across LoC' to take him home

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THE INDIAN Army Wednesday released a video that shows the teenage Pakistani militant captured during an encounter in J&K's Uri sector asking his "handlers in the neighbouring country" to take him back to his mother.

"I appeal to the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) area commander, the ISI and the Pakistan Army to take me back to my mother just like they sent me here (India)," Ali Babar Patra says in the video.

Patra was captured by the Army on September 26. He was said to have asked for his life to be spared. Another Pakistani infiltrator was killed in the nine-day operation that began September 18.

In the video message, Patra says the "Pakistan Army, the ISI and the LeT are spreading lies about the situation in Kashmir".

"We were told that the Indian Army is carrying out a blood-bath, but everything is peaceful here. I want to tell my mother that the Indian Army has taken good care of me," he says.

He says the behaviour of the officers and jawans of the Indian Army with the locals who visit the camp where he is lodged is "extremely good".

"I can hear the azaan (call for prayers) on the loudspeakers five times a day. The behaviour of the Indian Army is completely opposite to that of the Pakistan Army. This makes me feel that there is peace in Kashmir," Patra says.

Giving details of his initiation into militant ranks, Patra said he lost his father seven years ago and had to drop out of school due to financial constraints.

"I took a job in a garment factory in Sialkot where I met Anas who used to recruit people for the LeT. Due to my situation, I went with him. He paid me Rs 20,000 and promised to pay another Rs 30,000 later on," he is heard saying.

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NEVER CONFUSE MOVEMENT WITH ACTION.
— ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

KICKING THE CAN

Congress closes some doors, opens a few windows, amid growing irresolutions of its leadership

IN THE CONGRESS today, both the stirrings of change and the hurdles to it, of the party's own making, are simultaneously on display. After a long period of risk-averse politics, the party has made some sharp moves, potentially opening up to newer voices, more dynamic positions. Choosing a Dalit Chief Minister in Punjab, the first in a state with the largest share of the Dalit population, to replace Captain Amarinder Singh, was one such decision. It has the power to nudge the narrative in a state where the Congress government had, by all accounts, performed underwhelmingly and where its leadership had outlived its popularity. Then again, opening the doors of the party to two young leaders, Kanhaiya Kumar and Jignesh Mevani, could help pierce the same-old, by signalling that the party is reaching out to mobilisations in recent times it has been conspicuously left out of. Kumar and Mevani have been associated with movements of students and Dalits, respectively, in eye-catching ways. The year 2016 saw both rise to national prominence — Kumar, after he and fellow students were accused of "sedition" for slogans allegedly raised on campus at an event organised on the anniversary of the hanging of Afzal Guru, and Mevani, after he became a face of the Dalit pushback following the Una assault. Since then, Kumar, as a CPI candidate, has lost an election but staked out an articulate anti-BJP position. And Mevani has been trying to reshape Dalit mobilisation, from issues of identity and atrocity to include those like land-ownership, while sharing platforms with others like the Left. But that is only half the Congress story.

The other half can be told by the outsized role played by Navjot Singh Sidhu in Punjab, the free rein apparently given to him by the party high command, which now seems to be backfiring. First the high command, read the Gandhi family, took excessively long to see the need for change in a state where its own MLAs were increasingly restive about fighting the next election under the same leadership. It did not have its ear to the ground either, evidently didn't hear the rumblings of a mounting popular discontent. With only four months to go for polls, it acted, but reposed trust in someone who has refused to settle down to his job — Sidhu was made party president more than two months ago. His resignation now, his alleged insistence on having his way in appointments or else, is intransigence that might have been foreseen and forestalled by a leadership that took greater ownership of the party's crisis and its resolution. A similar story is playing out in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, where, too, the irresolutions of the high command are joining with factional politics to undermine Congress-led governments.

New political possibilities in the Congress, it seems, will bump up against an institutional impasse: A long pending vacancy at the top, and inert or paralysed structures of collective decision-making mean that decisions are taken in ways that seem opaque not just to observers, but also to Congress men and women. On this fundamental problem, the Congress will have to take an urgent call. It continues to kick this can down the road at its own peril.

NO MORE PUDDLING

Challenges like climate change call for farm research to take centre stage, just like during the Green Revolution

INDIAN AGRICULTURE'S MAJOR challenge in the initial decades after Independence was to increase crop production and yields at any cost. Today, it's about boosting farm incomes, while simultaneously ensuring production that is cost-competitive, resource-use efficient and climate-smart. The release of a new herbicide-tolerant rice variety by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) that can be directly sown, instead of requiring transplantation, is therefore welcome. Farmers transplant and grow paddy in flooded fields mainly to control weeds, which cannot emerge under water that acts as a natural herbicide. The IARI variety contains a mutated gene making the paddy plant "tolerant" to Imazethapyr, a herbicide effective against a wide range of weeds. This chemical when now sprayed will kill only the weeds, while the paddy can be cultivated without any nursery preparation, transplanting, puddling and flooding. Farmers would save about 30 per cent water, Rs 3,000-per-acre labour costs and 10-15 days' time from direct seeding, compared to conventional transplantation.

The IARI variety — there's a need for many more of these — highlights the importance of investing in public agricultural research. The first challenge that India confronted, of feeding its population and achieving a modicum of grain self-sufficiency, couldn't have been met without the high-yielding semi-dwarf varieties bred during the 1960s and 1970s. The same goes for today's challenges, especially from climate change. Average temperatures are rising, winters are getting shorter and the number of rainy days is falling even with overall "normal" monsoons. Growing crops and rearing animals under such circumstances — of extreme hot and cold or prolonged dry weather and intense downpours — is becoming increasingly tough, with farmers also facing problems of depleting water-tables, soaring energy costs and emergence of new pests and diseases. Coping with these stresses requires new breeding approaches (including gene modification and editing) and low-input, high-output agriculture technologies.

All this also means putting farm research centre stage just like during the Green Revolution. Agriculture and climate change are too important to be left only to generalist bureaucrats, economists and activists. Research, unlike subsidies and welfare schemes, may not yield political dividends or pay in the short run. But the returns from farm research — IARI varieties alone account for over 95 per cent of India's Rs 32,000-crore annual basmati rice exports and nearly half of its total wheat area — are more sustainable.

KISS OF LIFE

La bise returns to France. Is this the beginning of the end of the novel coronavirus?

WHAT'S MORE FRENCH than picking the perfect baguette, or the long lunch at a Parisian café? It's *la bise* — a kiss (sometimes more) on each cheek with which Frenchmen and women have greeted friends and loved ones for centuries. Until, that is, the arrival of the novel coronavirus. Around the world, Covid-19 has not only claimed millions of lives and flattened economies, it also marooned people on islands of self-isolation. It turned the small rituals of togetherness — the hug and the handshake, the small talk with strangers and the communal feast — into mortal hazards. In France, *la bise*, a sign of affection and even fraternity, became a casualty of the pandemic.

The vaccine is turning out to be a kiss of life. With over 70 per cent of France's population now inoculated, the French are returning to kiss and greet. Even President Emmanuel Macron, who had urged his countrymen to restrain their instinct to shake hands or kiss each other at the height of the pandemic, has been seen tossing an air-kiss or two. In India, where social hierarchies make touch a fraught thing, and where universal vaccination seems a long stretch away, all this fuss must seem like a first-world problem. We have found a way to restore our social life — whether it is the adda at the tea shop or the unhurried stroll at fish markets or the revenge tourism at hill stations — armed with nothing more than dangerous complacency and a mask on our chins.

But, as it turns out, like all habits upended by Covid-19, it is not easy to turn the clock back. Who is to blame if some French shudder at viral loads and exposure when drawn into *la bise*? Nevertheless, if the muah-muah is back, can our old lives be far behind?



SUHAS PALSHIKAR

IF ONE WANTS instances of callous treatment of the electorate and parliamentary democracy, there is no need to look far. The BJP and the Congress have been guilty of engineering such instances more recently, and that too, in a similar fashion: Both the parties (others are no exception) have taken recourse to the farcical instrument of "cabinet reshuffle", including a change of leadership. The BJP did it in Karnataka, Uttarakhand and UP besides going for a wholesale makeover in Gujarat, while the Congress has done this in Punjab. Some see these as smart moves to ward off the unpopularity of incumbents and clever use of the caste calculus. To be sure, that is how these developments are touted by the parties concerned.

The romanticising of the tactics of the two parties is one reason these moves are not read appropriately and discussed. But it is also possible that we have stopped worrying about matters of principle and long-term implications, and have become hardened realists who do not worry about norms and nuance. Nevertheless, it is worth noting some of the nagging issues these political moves involve.

One such issue is the relation between state units and the central leadership. Both the Congress and BJP have adopted a high-command structure of decision making. In the BJP's case, the authority of the high command stems from its ability to win elections. All office holders are obligated to the high command on account of this. Moreover, the BJP's high command resides outside of party headquarters — it would be a bit of a political comedy to believe that the party president and/or general secretaries constitute the high command. That de facto high command has created an aura of invincibility around itself. It has won not only two parliamentary elections in a row but a string of decent performances in state elections are also attributed to it. This has produced the centralisation of authority that the party imitates from the Congress of the Indira era. But as in the Yediyurappa episode, tensions between the high command and self-made state leaders are bound to become a problem for the party.

The case of the Congress is more pathetic. The party continues to adopt the formula of "high control despite a hollow high command". Ever since Sonia Gandhi assumed

Parties hope to win elections on contingent optics, and last-minute shows of course correction

leadership, the high command has been an enigma. Sonia has lacked the drive and authority of Indira and Rajiv Gandhi. Some leaders enjoyed high status in her name. Rahul Gandhi took the leadership mantle far too seriously and took on regional leaders. Both Sonia and Rahul, because of their limitations, had an excellent opportunity to federalise the party. But they have been inconsistent in their approach and have given mixed signals to ambitious state leaders. Long ago, this caused the exit of Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee. Rahul seems set on the same path.

The high command culture brings both the parties almost on par with many state parties that are indispensably dependent on one key leader. Apart from the centralisation of all-India organisations and the inevitable setback to federalisation of working of the party, this has implications for the long-standing issue of intra-party democracy. Trivendra Singh Rawat and Tirath Singh Rawat may have been less than popular just as Vijay Rupani in Gujarat and Amarinder Singh in Punjab. But barring the formality of the legislative party choosing a new leader, the legislative wings of the ruling parties have had no role to play in their appointment. No party seems to have the practice of regular meetings of legislators. In other words, elected members simply do not matter. The erosion of the institution called legislative party, along with the rejection of the cabinet form of government, has produced a monarchical office of the prime minister at the Centre and reduced chief ministers to functionaries occupying office during the pleasure of the party high command.

In the process, the formal and informal routes through which the organisation counterbalances leadership and the state units counterbalance the national leadership have all been lost. So, it is not only the high command culture but an effective violation of parliamentary norms that is on display. This is not to say that such deterioration is happening only now, but it is interesting that in the era of a second dominant-party system, both the newly dominant party and the erstwhile dominant party converge on this point of corroding internal democracy and parliamentary procedure.

The other issue that these developments have flagged is that of caste dynamics. At one

level, both parties seem to have surrendered to the gimmick of caste-based calculations. In each case, a clever caste motif has been invented and advertised. Replacing a Lingayat by a Lingayat, bringing in Patel power with a powerless Patel leader, ushering in a Dalit chief minister only for five months without a promise of giving the community the leadership of the state in future too, and suddenly engaging with caste arithmetic in a state that is touted as the best-governed state of the country, are all signs of cynical symbolism. It may be argued that politics is as much about tokens as it is about substance. But when tokens are all that the parties have to offer, tokenism smacks of empty promises and worse, instrumental use of party members belonging to various castes.

Here too, there are striking parallels between the two parties. Both are often confused about the stand to be taken on the caste question. The BJP (the RSS even more so) often decries caste calculations but since his 2014 campaign, Modi has unequivocally advertised that the party cares for the OBCs and that he himself personifies the party's concern and affection toward the backward classes. And yet, both in Karnataka and now in Gujarat, it has yielded to regionally dominant castes. While this signifies an interesting element of being alert to state-level compulsions despite the existence of the high and mighty as top leaders of the party, it also indicates the willingness of the party to use caste as a token. The Congress since Rajiv's time has been at a loss on the caste question and has failed to accommodate the aspirations of backward castes adequately. Now, in addition to the confusion over its Hindu identity, the party seems to have slipped further in the matter of balancing aspirations of various castes and communities.

Finally, all party tactics lead to electoral considerations. If these moves too are seen from that prism, they send a chillingly pessimistic message. They tell us that parties hope to win elections on contingent optics, tentative accommodations and last-minute shows of course correction rather than on the basis of policies, programmes or performance.

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THE RURAL DEBT TRAP

Inadequate access to affordable credit lies at the heart of rural distress

THE ALL-INDIA DEBT and Investment Surveys (AIDIS), carried out by the National Statistical Office are among the most important nationally representative data sources on the rural credit market in India. Easy, timely access to formal-sector credit enables households to invest in income-generating activities. In its absence, non-institutional sources help meet short-term consumption needs. The AIDIS report published this month reveals that non-institutional sources have a strong presence in the rural credit market, notwithstanding the high costs involved in borrowing from them.

According to the report, the average debt per household in rural India is Rs 59,748, nearly half the average debt per household in urban India. A key indicator of access to credit is the incidence of indebtedness (IOI) — the proportion of households having outstanding loans on June 30 of the year in which the survey is conducted (2019 in this case). As per the latest AIDIS report, the IOI is 35 per cent in rural India — 17.8 per cent of rural households are indebted to institutional credit agencies, 10.2 per cent to non-institutional agencies and 7 per cent to both. Dependence on institutional sources is often seen as a positive development, signifying broadening financial inclusion, while reliance on non-institutional sources denotes vulnerability and backwardness.

The share of debt from institutional credit agencies in total outstanding debt in rural India

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is 66 per cent as compared to 87 per cent in urban India. In non-institutionalised debt, professional and agricultural moneylenders remain the primary sources of credit. Continuing dependence on informal credit points to interlinkages between labour/input markets and the rural credit market. This is troubling, as the rate of interest charged on 45 per cent of institutional debt is between 10 and 15 per cent, whereas on 44 per cent of non-institutional debt it falls between 20 and 25 per cent.

To know how socio-economic inequality shapes household indebtedness, the purpose of borrowing must be examined. Institutional credit is taken mainly for farm business and housing in rural India. A significant portion of debt from non-institutional sources is used for other household expenditure. The data indicates that better-off households have greater access to formal-sector credit and use it for more income-generating purposes. The top 10 per cent rural households in terms of asset ownership spend almost two-thirds of their institutional debt and 40 per cent of non-institutional debt on farm/non-farm business, whereas the bottom 10 per cent spend half of their total debt on household expenditure.

Access to institutional credit is largely determined by the ability of households to furnish assets as collateral. The report shows that the top 10 per cent of asset-owning households have borrowed 80 per cent of their total debt

from institutional sources, whereas those in the bottom 50 per cent borrowed around 53 per cent of total debt from non-institutional sources. Moreover, the debt-asset ratio (DAR) of the bottom 10 per cent asset-owning households in rural India is 39, much higher than the DAR of 2.6 estimated for the top 10 per cent households. This, coupled with higher borrowing from non-institutional sources, acts as a debt trap for households with fewer assets.

Access to credit is complicated by the interplay of social identities. The average asset ownership of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe households in rural areas is one-third as compared to upper-caste households. The low asset ownership of marginalised social groups curtails their access to institutional credit.

Inadequate access to affordable credit lies at the heart of the rural distress. Lack of marketable collateral, credit demand for consumption purposes and informational constraints have been the primary reasons for a large proportion of the rural population being excluded from institutional finance. The credit policy needs to be revamped to accommodate the consumption needs of the rural poor and to find alternatives for collateral to bring the rural households within the network of institutional finance.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

IA PLANE HIJACKED

HIJACKERS OF THE Indian Airlines Boeing 737 set a deadline of 10.30 am on September 30 for the fulfillment of their demands, including release of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, suspect in the Jagat Narain murder case, and leaders of the Khalistan movement. They also demanded the repatriation of all imprisoned Sikh leaders to Pakistan. "We will announce our next step only after 10 am tomorrow," Gajinder Singh, leader of the hijackers, told the Indian ambassador to Pakistan, Natwar Singh. In a face-to-face meeting with Natwar Singh in the VIP lounge of the

Lahore Airport, the Dal Khalsa supreme panchayat member, sought a contribution of \$ 5 lakh for the Khalistani movement from the government of India.

ZIA'S ASSURANCE

THE HIJACKERS OF THE Indian Airlines plane to Lahore have asked the Pakistani president to recognise Khalistan. Besides asking for a rifle for themselves, they have also sought the intervention of the Pakistan government to secure a Sikh government. According to reports reaching Delhi, Pakistan president Zia-ul-Haq has rejected these demands. It's understood that the Pakistan president has

assured his Indian counterpart of full cooperation to resolve the issue. He told Sanjeeva Reddy that Pakistani troops have surrounded the aircraft.

CABINET TAKES STOCK

THE UNION CABINET met on Tuesday night to review the situation created by the hijacking of the Indian Airlines aircraft to Lahore. The cabinet was told about the demands of the hijackers. The meeting took place in the absence of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who is attending the Commonwealth Conference in Melbourne. She was kept informed of the situation.



New Delhi



Against rules of the game

Recent high court interim orders express a judicial consensus: New IT Rules conflict with and violate fundamental freedoms in clear ways



APAR GUPTA

MUCH DISTANCE HAS been covered since February 25, when the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 were notified. The IT Rules were promised as a panacea for the myriad harms caused by social media platforms, digital news media outlets and online video streaming providers. A joint press release issued on the same day by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting stated they are, “a fine blend of liberal touch with gentle self-regulatory framework”. Such claims did not amuse legal experts, policy professionals, industry bodies and even UN Special Rapporteurs as its provisions undermine the rights and freedoms of internet users. In the interest of brevity, an analysis of the IT Rules has been avoided as it has been published earlier (‘Accountability with a cost’, IE, February 26).

Many of the concerns expressed have, over the months, found their way to court. Today, there are more than 18 petitions challenging the constitutionality of the IT Rules in various high courts, with interim orders emerging in three cases. These judicial determinations contain a clear acknowledgement of the dangers posed by the IT Rules and merit a closer examination. The first order of significance was issued on March 10, 2021 by the Kerala High Court in a petition filed by *LiveLaw Media* which is an online publisher of legal news and analysis. It restrained any action against the petitioner. While a modest victory, the order effectively stays a regulation framed by the central government. Such protections by courts are not made ordinarily, preferred only in instances where a clear injury is evident.

A more extensive determination has been made by the High Court of Bombay in clubbed petitions filed by the entity operating the digital news media platform, *The Leaflet*, and by journalist Nikhil Wagle. By an order on August 14, 2021, the court has stayed two core provisions of the IT Rules that govern online news media platforms. The order neuters sub-rules (1) and (3) of Rule 9 that required compliance with a “code of ethics” that would be applied by a three-tiered structure presided over by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The order reads like an objective determination, fairly considering the submissions of the government as well as the doctrine of constitutionality for initially presuming the validity of the IT Rules. However, this is cast aside as the court finds that the provisions for media governance go far beyond the allowance permitted by the principal provisions of the Information Technology Act. The court reasons that the compliances under the “code of ethics” either lack the force of law, or have a distinct statutory framework such as under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act. Beyond such technicalities, the larger danger of the IT Rules glares through when the court observes that, “people



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would be starved of the liberty of thought and feel suffocated to exercise their right of freedom of speech and expression, if they are made to live in present times of content regulation on the internet with the Code of Ethics hanging over their head as the Sword of Damocles.”

This decision invited much deserved commendation not only from the public but also from the High Court of Madras. Passing an order on September 16, 2021 in the clubbed petitions filed by musician T M Krishna and the Digital News Publishers Association, the Madras High Court confirmed the pan-India effect of the earlier decision by the High Court of Bombay. Hence, today the IT Rules are broadly inapplicable to digital news media outlets. However, the scope of the petitions before the High Court of Madras is broader. They urge additional remedies for users of social media platforms which are classified as intermediaries. Here the court notes that, “there is substantial basis to the petitioners’ assertion that Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution may be infringed in how the Rules may be coercively applied to intermediaries.” It further observes, “there is a genuine apprehension, as the petitioners suggest, that a wink or a nod from appropriate quarters may result in the platform being inaccessible to a citizen”.

A collective reading of these three interim orders is an expression of judicial consensus. According to the courts, the IT Rules conflict

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with our constitutional freedoms in two clear ways. First, they lack statutory backing and second, they substantially harm the freedom of speech and expression of users of the internet. This has resulted in an effective restraint on the provisions against online news portals and there is a real possibility that a similar finding may emerge with respect to social media platforms. The outcomes which have resulted are particularly significant given that there is common cause between the interests of citizens and the government that requires us to look beyond litigation to rights-led and rights-based policy determinations. But it is unlikely this will happen.

Given the multiple challenges in high courts across India, the Union government has filed a transfer petition before the Supreme Court. This would effectively transfer and bundle all existing challenges without serving “transparency, accountability and rights of users” as claimed in the press release. To be candid, the IT Rules achieve the very opposite of such ostensible goals. Over the next few months, if not years, continuing litigation will be drawn out, taking away resources from the creation of urgently needed governance frameworks. While the best course is for a recall of the IT Rules, a more cynical yet predictable forecast is for lingering indeterminacy and regulatory stasis.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Supporting Afghans while doing the utmost to avoid bolstering the Taliban will be an extraordinarily difficult and painful process...it demands absolute realism on the need for and possibility of conditionality.”

— THE GUARDIAN

Finding freedom from hate

Assam video frames structural violence in society. The path out of this mire goes via truth and confession



SHAH ALAM KHAN

THE VIDEO footage of a photographer hired by the administration stomping on the body of a man during an eviction drive in Assam’s Darrang district was brutal enough to make one think it wasn’t real. Unfortunately, it was. Even more unfortunately, it was just one of the many videos of abject brutality that have emerged in the last few years from across the country.

I wasn’t surprised when the concerned photographer was hailed as a hero by many on social media platforms. Twitter handles rechristened themselves with the photographer’s name and a few even announced him as an alternative to the Prime Minister and the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister.

The hate that can drive a man to stomp on the dying or the dead body of another human being is beyond imagination. His actions suggest rage. Mad rage. But what was he angry about? Was the Muslim identity of the victim reason enough to be so angry? Or was there something else, which we are missing? Such barbaric violence is bred in hate and, hence, it is imperative to analyse this hatred. Having said this, hatred, of course, is different from anger. Aristotle believed that anger can be cured by time, but hatred cannot. Anger is accompanied by pain, hatred is not.

As a student of medicine, I was made to understand the psychological basis of hatred. Following the October 2018 shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, US, Jessica Henderson Daniel, the then president of the American Psychological Association, said: “Hate crimes are the most extreme expression of prejudice. Compared to other crimes, hate crimes have a more destructive impact on victims and communities because they target core aspects of our identity as human beings.” We can very well imagine the destructive impact of such crimes in our country where religion, caste, gender, region, race, culture or economics can be a reason for targeting a cohort of human beings. Interestingly, the word “hate crime” is minimally used in India both in social and traditional media.

The ethical criticism of such violence and hate needs to be placed within the presumed landscape of India’s historical reality. We have seen that in the last few years, incidences of collective hatred and hence collective violence have risen significantly. But our criticism has always maintained that the perpetrators of this violence belonged to a lunatic fringe. We kept asserting that we were the most non-violent country in the world. Sadly, this is far from true. As a society, we aren’t non-violent. We are violent and cowardly — a brutal combination that makes us vulnerable to propaganda, otherisation, hero worship and easy to manipulate by those in positions of power and privilege.

Violence breeds in our veins. Across centuries, we used violence as a potent tool to

rule. Violence has been central to our idea of power. The irreducible character of violence in Indian society is best depicted in the idea of the caste system. The spiritual legitimisation of something as discriminatory as caste is at the very heart of the structural violence that ails us as a society. The legitimisation of hate in India is thus a *sine qua non* of collective violence. If caste can thrive unabated for centuries in our society, so can the overarching scope for violence and hatred.

In her book *Political Violence in Ancient India*, historian Upinder Singh has used a plethora of evidence to show that state-sponsored violence had a unique, central position in the political discourse of early Indian history. She discusses at length kingship and violence as the basis for the sustenance of state structure. She rebutted attempts by modern historians at whitewashing the violent past of the country. Singh says that despite Gandhi’s understanding of the Bhagavad Gita as a manifesto for non-violence, most nationalist leaders were inspired by it as a text for an aggressive response to colonial rule. She writes that in Vinay Damodar Savarkar’s *Six Glorious Epochs of Indian History*, non-violence is an effete and negative value. Savarkar happens to be an inspiration and intellectual idologue for many in the current regime.

The current surge of hate-induced violence (mainly against Muslims and Dalits) is also the result of a guarantee of immunity for the perpetrators. In the last few years, the surety of justice for the victim has fallen flat in this country. Violence is inversely proportional to the surety of justice. Convicts of hate crimes and murders like Babu Bajrang, Maya Kodnani and the many perpetrators of the Khairlanji massacre have roamed free on flimsy pretexts. With collective hatred and violence, the responsibility of the individual is magically reduced. Endemic violence not only emboldens, it also guarantees a safe passage for the perpetrator. It “invisibilises” the victim.

Where do we go in this hazy mayhem that surrounds us today? Freedom from violence and hate should be a deeply cherished value. We need to learn from modern Germany, where not long ago the population was mesmerised by an evil man and his ideology of hate. The most important takeaway from the holocaust story is not the defeat of Hitler’s forces but the freedom of the common German from the murderous thoughts of hate and animosity against the Jews. Modern German society seems to have embraced cultural humility, something not many societies can do.

To believe that peace is achievable in this new India seems a silly thought at the moment. But peace is doable, as it was in Germany and Japan or perhaps even in the US, vis-à-vis the civil rights of African-Americans. To cleanse a society of violence and hatred, we need truth and confession from the highest levels of leadership. Hannah Arendt had once said, “When all are guilty, no one is; confessions of collective guilt are the best possible safeguard against the discovery of culprits, and the very magnitude of the crime the best excuse for doing nothing.” Nothing can be truer in India’s story of violence and hatred.

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GURJIT SINGH

Post-Merkel, a green turn

Green party must strike balance between climate agenda, coalition pragmatism

THE FEDERAL election in Germany, held on September 26, was among the most keenly contested in the country. It was held at a time of crises, including the retirement of Chancellor Angela Merkel, the impact of the pandemic and a downturn in the German economy. In July, floods demonstrated the impact of climate change. These were important issues in the minds of the nearly 60 million voters, 70 per cent of whom voted.

Coalitions are inherent to the German electoral system. Since 2005, when Angela Merkel took charge as Chancellor, all four of her governments have been coalitions. The second term was in partnership with the pro-market Free Democratic Party (FDP). The other three terms saw a “GroKo” or grand coalition between the CDU and the SPD.

In the current election, the SPD emerged as a marginal winner with 206 seats and 25.7 per cent of the vote, while the CDU vote share came down to a record low of 24.1 per cent and it could win only 196 seats. The Greens came in third with a 14.8 per cent vote share, a massive improvement over the 8.9 per cent in 2017. They have 118 seats, their highest tally ever. The FDP has 11.5 per cent and 92 seats. The Bundestag will be unusually large with 735 members in 2021. The focus is on the Greens and FDP. These two parties together have over 25 per cent of the vote and 210 seats. They will decide to back either the SPD or CDU. The mandate appears to be for the SPD and the three parties may try to replicate their “traffic light” government in Rhineland-Palatinate.

The Greens and FDP need to coordinate their policy preferences, keeping in view their relative strengths while negotiating a coalition. Learning from the experiences of 2017, when contradictions between the Greens and FDP led to a breakdown, the two parties have wisely decided to talk to each other before talking to a larger party.

The CDU and SPD have learned to cohabit. The smaller parties remain a problem. The last time the Greens were in power in Berlin was in 1998 with the SPD, when they had only a 5 per cent vote share. With a 15 per cent vote share, they must realise their responsibility is to run a government by adjusting their agenda.

Both the Greens and the FDP have successful partnerships with the CDU. The CDU supports the only Green-led regional government in Baden-Württemberg. The FDP is a partner of the CDU under their Chancellor-candidate Armin Laschet, in the largest state of North-Rhine Westphalia. The Greens are in coalition with the CDU in Schleswig-Holstein. The Greens are part of regional governments in 11 out of 16 states. The FDP is a partner in three. There is no particular pattern to these alliances. Therefore, predicting what they will do in Berlin now is not easy.

In the last few months, public support for the Greens has swung like a pendulum. In mid-2021, they had enough support to surpass the CDU in opinion polls. This was mainly because they moved ideologically to the centre and attracted voters from a diminished SPD and the post-Merkel CDU. This did not last long. The

Greens declared their own Chancellor candidate for the first time and produced their best performance. Their vote share, however, reflects a sharp drop in public support compared to four months ago. This should give them a sense of responsibility.

There is an expectation that neglected issues like infrastructure, digital economy, climate-friendly energy policies will be acted on, in addition to a higher minimum wage, better business prospects and faster approval of projects. Providing a sustainable future for young people with stable pensions for an ageing population is a clear challenge.

The Greens need to realise that the climate agenda is important in Germany, but is not the main agenda at the moment. They caused unease among German businesses. The Federation of German Industries said that the Greens don’t trust businessmen and favour a socialistic approach, which will curb German initiative and traditional business acumen. German business got used to Merkel, who spouted the rhetoric of values and did what was practical. Now, it is apprehensive about an SPD-Green coalition. This is where the FDP could play an important role to protect businesses. The party is wary of the Green agenda to expand public debt beyond set limits.

Normally, in German coalitions, the junior partner is assigned the foreign ministry. Hans-Dietrich Genscher of the FDP was FM for nine years under the SPD’s Schmidt. FDP’s Guido Westerwelle was FM under Merkel. Joschka

Fischer of the Greens had the ministry under the SPD between 1998 and 2005. If this trend continues and the Greens get the foreign ministry, they are likely to deviate from how Germany has overlooked China’s violation of democracy and human rights for business reasons. The Greens have a more value-based agenda, which could lead to problems with other developing country partners. The FDP can play a better role by supporting German businesses and encouraging overseas FDI in strategic markets like India.

India is looking to build a wider relationship with post-Merkel Germany. The biannual Intergovernmental Consultations Summit is scheduled for later this year. It will be held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the new German chancellor. The meet will be an opportunity to expand the Indo-German relationship, which has been exemplary so far — Germany supports India in the development of metros in several cities, the solar rooftop project, Namami Gange and skill development among other initiatives. However, Merkel was not able to persuade German businesses to focus on India. A strategic push to German business towards India, particularly on China+1 manufacturing hubs using the PLI scheme, would go a long way in fulfilling the potential of the Indo-German partnership.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RESISTANCE LESSONS

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Learning from the farmers’ (IE, September 29). It is true that farmers have become role models in their peaceful opposition to the NDA government’s hideous agenda to bulldoze their democratic rights. But at the same time, in the long run, they will have no option but to break new ground to make farming profitable. For this, the government will have to help farmers in every respect. It is also true that the wheat-paddy cycle cannot merit financial help from the government in the form of subsidies and minimum support prices forever.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

BEYOND SELF

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Celebrating aandolan jeevis’ (IE, September 28). It is time to reiterate the words of the legendary freedom fighter Bhagat Singh: “I am a man and all that affects mankind concerns me.” Instead of being indifferent about matters that don’t directly affect us at an individual level, we must take the lead on things that matter — be they of social, environmental or secular importance. People will have to work alongside the government to bring about a revolution of any kind.

Melvin Thomas, Bhopal

INCOMPLETE PICTURE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Learning from the farmers’ (IE, September 29). It’s been many months but with each passing day, the farmers’ protest against the three farm laws is enhancing its scope and significance and questioning the operation of the democratic process in India. Their coalition with other social groups is indeed innovative, and adaptive to sustain the agitation against the system that has used every strata to discredit and demonise them. The farmers’ ingenuity to develop their own media, and to simulate the functioning of “parliament” at Jantar Mantar has the contagious effect of “conscientisation” of the public, a term used by Paulo Freire for the critical consciousness to understand reality and make an intervention for radical change.

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Hemant Contractor, Pune

CAG: Transfer of Central funds to Gujarat agencies up by 350% since 2015

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 29

THE QUANTUM of funds directly transferred from the Centre to various implementing agencies in Gujarat, including private trusts, academic institutions and individuals, that did not reflect in the state's annual finance accounts, has increased 350 per cent since 2015, noted the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

In the State Finances Audit Report tabled in the Gujarat Assembly on Tuesday, the CAG noted, "With effect from April 1, 2014, Government of India decided to release all assistance for centrally sponsored schemes and additional central assistance to the state governments. In Gujarat, however, transfer of central funds directly to state implementing agencies continued even during 2019-20."

The quantum of funds transferred directly by the Central government rose by over 350 per cent to Rs 11,659 crore in 2019-20 from Rs 2,542 crore in 2015-

16, the CAG pointed out.

The report also noted how sizeable funds were also given directly by the Government of India to private sector companies (Rs 837 crore), private academic institutions (Rs 17 crore), trusts (Rs 79 crore), registered societies NGOs (Rs 18.35 crore) and individuals (Rs 1.56 crore) during 2019-20.

"The Central government has been transferring funds directly to state implementing agencies... for various schemes and programmes in social and economic sectors. As these funds were not routed through the state budget/state treasury system, the annual finance accounts did not capture flow of such funds. Thus, to that extent, the state's receipts and expenditure as well as other fiscal variables and parameters derived from them, did not present the complete picture," the CAG observed.

Some of the schemes where major transfers of central funds took place directly during 2019-20 include Rs 3,133 crore transferred as part of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, where farmers are given minimum income support of Rs 6,000 per year, and Rs 1,667 crore given to Metro-link Express for Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad, now known as the Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation, which is a 50:50 joint venture of the state and Central governments that is implementing metro

projects in Ahmedabad and Surat.

Funds to the tune of Rs 593 crore was transferred directly for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme that guarantees 100 days' employment to rural households in a year. Rs 182 crore for Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme and Rs 97 crore for Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, a maternity benefit programme.

Among the implementing agencies in Gujarat that received the bulk of the funds directly from the Centre during 2019-20, included state government institutions (Rs 3,406 crore), state government PSUs (Rs 3,389 crore), central government institutions (Rs 1,826 crore) and government and autonomous registered societies (Rs 1,069 crore).

On such direct fund transfers by GoI, Professor Y K Alagh, noted economist and professor emeritus at Ahmedabad-based Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, said, "The Centre does have the right to implement a Central project in a state. However, there are grey areas with regard to commercial projects such as a metro where there are arguments both in favour and against. The direct benefit transfers is a more serious issue where money is allocated to individuals based on certain criteria and the most deserving end up being deprived for not necessarily having all those criteria."

Karnataka HC lifts bar on execution of serial killer

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THE KARNATAKA High Court on Wednesday lifted the legal bar on the execution of serial killer and rapist Umesh Reddy alias B A Umesh by dismissing a petition he filed against the rejection of his mercy petition by the President of India in 2013.

Reddy, now 52, was sentenced to death in 2006 by a Sessions court in Bengaluru for the rape and murder of a woman in 1998.

Although Reddy was accused in over 21 cases of rape and murder, he was eventually convicted in the 1998 murder case on the basis of evidence provided by the victim's five-year-old son - who testified to seeing Reddy leave his house after the murder.

Reddy's death sentence was upheld by the Karnataka High Court in 2009 and the Supreme Court in 2011. The top court had ruled that Reddy could not be rehabilitated and that the 1998 murder was the "rarest of rare" cases.

Reddy had filed a mercy petition against the death sentence which was rejected by the Karnataka government in 2012 and by then President Pranab Mukherjee on May 12, 2013.

Reddy then approached the Karnataka High Court against the President's rejection of his mercy petition in 2016 and the case was pending over the last five years. On Wednesday, a division bench of the HC, comprising Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur, dismissed the Reddy's petition.

UP cops face murder charge in five cases filed this year

AVANEESH MISHRA & ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 29

THE CASE of six Gorakhpur policemen allegedly beating to death a 38-year-old property dealer from Kanpur on Tuesday is not the first instance this year in which Uttar Pradesh police officials have been accused of murder.

The Indian Express takes a look at five such cases.

■ **Jaunpur, February:** Earlier this month, the Allahabad High Court directed the CBI to take over the probe into the alleged custodial death of a 24-year-old man in Jaunpur in February, hinting that senior officers were involved in shielding the accused policemen and destroying evidence.

A team from Jaunpur's Buxa station had detained Krishna Yadav on February 11 for questioning in a case of looting. At the station, Yadav reportedly started suffering from "stomach pain" and was taken to a hospital that declared him dead on arrival.

Based on a complaint by Yadav's brother, an FIR charged nine policemen with murder. Later, a Jaunpur court issued arrest warrants against the accused policemen.

After taking over the probe, the CBI filed an FIR in the case, saying Yadav had been framed.

■ **Ambedkar Nagar, March:** Eight policemen, including the officer in charge of the district SWAT team, were charged with murder after the alleged custodial death of a 37-year-old man from Azamgarh. The SWAT team had allegedly detained Zia-uddin on March 24-25 while he was visiting his relatives.

The 37-year-old's family alleged that he died after policemen tortured him. The autopsy report, however, was inconclusive about the cause of death, as per the police. After protests, an FIR was filed at the Akbarpur police station in Ambedkar Nagar against Devendra Pal Singh, who was in charge of the SWAT team, and seven of his team members.

Ambedkar Nagar SP Alok Priyadarshi on Wednesday told The Indian Express that a magisterial inquiry by a Sub-Divisional Magistrate had been ordered, and it was almost complete. Asked about the police investigation into the FIR that alleged murder, the SP said the investigation had yet to be completed.

■ **Unnao, May:** Faisal Hussain, an 18-year-old vegetable vendor was found dead on May 21 soon after officials from the Bangarmau police station detained him for allegedly violating Covid-19 restrictions.

The autopsy report mentioned the cause of death was a head injury. CCTV footage obtained from the station showed some unidentified people dragging Faisal even as he struggled to stand.

Police initially claimed Faisal had prima facie died of a heart attack. After his family and local resident blocked a highway with his body, an FIR was filed. Constables Vijay Choudhary and Seemavat, and home guard Satya Prakash were charged with murder.

Asked about the case status, Bangarmau CO Ashutosh Kumar said Wednesday investigators had filed a chargesheet against the policemen. The murder charge (IPC Section 302) against the accused has been converted to a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder (Section 304).

■ **Sultanpur, June:** Four policemen, including the Kudwar SHO, were booked for murder after a 35-year-old man accused of kidnapping a minor girl died in police custody.

At the time, Sultanpur SP Vipin Mishra had identified the kidnapping accused as Rajesh Kori. He was found with the minor on June 3 and brought to the police station. The SP said that while the girl was sent home, Kori was kept in police custody.

After suffering serious injuries in the station, the accused was taken to a local community health centre where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Sultanpur Additional SP Vipul Kumar Srivastava told The Indian Express on Wednesday that the accused policemen had been booked for murder. The investigation in the case was now on in Musafirkhana in Amethi district, the senior officer added.

■ **Sant Kabir Nagar, July:** The police detained a 55-year-old man in the Bakhira police station area on July 24 after his son allegedly eloped with a girl from their village. The police reportedly detained Bahaichi to put pressure on his son Ashok to return to the village with the girl.

Bahaichi's family alleged he was assaulted during interrogation. When his health deteriorated, they took him to a hospital where he died, the family added.

Following his death, the accused police personnel allegedly fled the hospital. Bakhira SHO Manoj Kumar Singh was later suspended, SP Kaustubh said.

On Wednesday, police officials said an FIR had been registered against the SHO, some unidentified policemen, and six other accused.

BRIEFLY

MANIPUR Two killed after WW II-era bomb explodes

Imphal: Two brothers were killed after an explosive, believed to date back to World War II, exploded at Moreh town in Manipur's Tengnoupal district. The victims have been identified as Lalsangmuon and Lienkhogin Gangte. Police said the incident occurred around 4pm, when the two were digging a pit in their backyard. According to Rajeswhor Yumnam, president of WWII Imphal Campaign foundation, Moreh was the biggest depot of the British during the Burma Campaign. "As per our findings, the area where the bomb exploded was an artillery position of the British troops. We visited the site last year, when a large number of bombs were recovered," said Rajeswhor. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA

Cyclone set to emerge off Gujarat coast

Pune: The IMD on Wednesday said that another cyclone is brewing off India's coast but this storm may not affect the country. The new cyclone is most likely to develop in the north Arabian Sea by Thursday morning and will develop from the intensification of remnants of Cyclone Gulab, which had formed in the Bay of Bengal, officials said. The storm will then be identified as Cyclonee Shaheed, a name proposed by Qatar. It is expected to move away from India's west coast and headed towards Pakistan but fishermen from India and neighbouring Indian Ocean countries have been warned from venturing into the sea till October 2. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH

BSP launches its official Twitter handle

Lucknow: Ahead of the crucial 2022 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections, the BSP on Wednesday formally announced its Twitter account and requested people to follow it and strengthen the BSP movement. "Just to inform everyone that the official account of the Bahujan Samaj Party has been verified @bspindia. I would appeal to everyone to follow the official account of BSP and strengthen the movement," BSP national general secretary Satish Chandra Mishra said in a tweet. He tagged party supremo Mayawati and used the hashtags #JaiBhim and #JaiBharat. Mayawati joined Twitter on the eve of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls to interact with the media and masses. **PTI**

Teens paraded with blackened faces, 15 held

Basti: A teenage boy and a girl were paraded with a garland of footwear around their necks and faces blackened for apparently having an affair in a village in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh, police said on Wednesday. After a video of the incident that took place in the Gaur police station area on Tuesday went viral, police swung into action and arrested 15 people. Basti SP Ashish Srivastava said an FIR has been registered against 15 people under relevant sections of the IPC and the SC/ST Act on a complaint by the boy's mother. The police officer investigating the case said security has been provided to the families of the boy and the girl and that police personnel have been deployed in the village to prevent any flare-up. **PTI**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER
TENDER Notice No. 02/TRD/DNR/OT/21-22 The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway Danapur invites sealed open tender online (E-tendering) for the valid electrical contractors license from any state/Central Govt. licensing board and on behalf of the President of India for the following works. **Tender No. TRD/DNR/OT/04/21-22 SL.No. 1. Name of work with its location:** Modification of power line crossing through underground cables upto 33 KV in section of Danapur Division. **SL.No. 2. Approx cost of the work (NIT value):** Rs. 1,19,93,725/- **SL.No. 3. Earnest money to be deposited:** Rs. 0 **SL.No. 4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender:** The tender have to be submitted online on www.irops.gov.in upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 26.10.2021 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs.. **SL.No. 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc:** Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: <http://www.irops.gov.in> and full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE(TRD)/E.C. Railway/ Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website, if required.
Divinl. Railway Manager, E.C. Rly., Danapur. PR/898/DNR/ETRD/7121-22/40

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice
Dhanbad, dt. 28/09/2021
E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:-
SL.No. 1. E-Tender No. 98-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: Hiring of Truck for transportation of P.Way materials SSE/P.Way/BRKA under Assistant Engineer, E.C. Railway, Barkakana. 24 (Twenty Four) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 15,10,518.08
SL.No. 2. E-Tender No. 99-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: Dhanbad Division: TWR (MFBW)-41.80 Km. under AEN/2/ GWO. E. C. Railway. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 2,99,16,634.88
SL.No. 3. E-Tender No. 100-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: MHDA:-Track work for yard remodeling of Mahadiya yard for provision of two additional looplines, wharf & shunting necks under Asstt. Engineer, E.C. Railway, Chopan. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 1,43,14,002.17
SL.No. 4. E-Tender No. 101-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: TRR(P)-18.615 Km., TSR(P)-1.82 Km. & CTR(P)-3.111 Km. by track relaying train and other miscellaneous works under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/2/DHN, E.C. Railway. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 3,08,05,469.42
SL.No. 5. E-Tender No. 102-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: HZD:-Improvement of newly constructed RPF barrack by providing boundary wall, drain & earth filling etc. at HZD under ADEN/GJD. 04 (Four) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 58,57,851.28
SL.No. 6. E-Tender No. 103-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: Provision of Rail level platform at Dilwa, Baskatwa, Labagh, Nathganj, Yadugram & GAP UP PF under ADEN/GJD. 04 (Four) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 93,65,434.84
SL.No. 7. E-Tender No. 104-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: Improvement of road surface of different level crossing gate of GC Section under Sr. DEN/2/DHN. 04 (Four) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 63,47,470.59
SL.No. 8. E-Tender No. 105-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: Reconditioning/Resurfacing of Tongue Rail, Point & crossing in the section under Sr.DEN (Estate)/DHN. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 16,09,411.71
SL.No. 9. E-Tender No. 106-DHN-2021-22 Name of the work with its location & completion period: Improvement of water booths & Gutter of PF Shed at Dhanbad Station. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 26,65,936.26
• Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender: Date of closing of e-tender at 17:00 hours on 21.10.2021. Date of opening of e-tender from 12:00 hrs. on 22.10.2021. • Website particulars: <http://www.irops.gov.in>. No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering. Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), East Central Railway/Dhanbad. PR/0890/DHN/ENGG/7121-22/92

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Martyr of CISF on 30th September
HC /FIRE Y. V. SHETTY, CISF UNIT, VSP VIZAG 30-09-2000
CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life while saving the lives of employees of Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant during massive fire at Coal Chemical Plant. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest deed.

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RATE CONTRACT OFFER
Lt.No. TSAGROS/FMD/E-Tender/2021-22 (Through E-Tendering Mode) Dt. 29-09-2021
Sealed Rate Contract Offer (RCO) Applications are invited from the suppliers of "Agriculture Implements & Farm Machinery" for empanelment on Rate Contract Basis through e-Tendering Mode for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23. For downloading and submission of bids visit www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in Sd/- Vice Chairman and Managing Director
DIPR R.O. No.:24187-PP/CL/AGENCY/ADV/11/2021-22

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Tender Notice : 021/APSB/CTS 21/ dt 29 Sep 2021
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
On behalf of Chairman of the School tender, is invited from the high quality manufacturing firm for the work as mentioned below, as per the following terms and conditions:-

Job 1	Construction of Pre-Fabricated Shelter Construction of Pre-Fabricated Shelter for Atal Tinkering Lab / STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Lab	Last date & Time of Bid submission 11 Oct 2021 at 1300 hr.	Date & time of opening of Technical bid on 12 Oct 2021 at 1000 hr.
Job 2	Purchase of Hardware / Software Items for est Atal Tinkering Lab / STEM Lab.		
Job 3	Purchase of furniture for Atal Tinkering Lab / STEM Lab.		

1. Complete list of Items / stores for Job 1, 2 & 3 with its specification can be collected from School Office on any working day from 0900hr to 1500hr before 05 Oct 2021.
2. Tender document will be submitted to School Office in sealed bid duly marked with the name of Job from 1000hr to 1500hr on all working day on or before 11 Oct 2021.
Tender receipt thereafter will not be accepted.
Note: Out station vendors may obtain the details of items for Job 2 through school email ID before 05 Oct 2021 and tenders can also be submitted to School through email on or before 11 Oct 2021.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Khatima, District- Udham Singh Nagar
(E-mail: eeudkhatima@gmail.com) Telephone: 05943-253648

E-Tendering/Tender Notice
Letter No.1448/Nvisda/ 69 Date: 28/09/2021
Name of Work :- Rising Main (DI Pipe), Over Head Tank, Pump House cum attendant Room, Boundary wall and all other appurtenant works etc.

Name of Scheme	Estimated cost	Period of completion of work:
1 Saranya (MVS) W/S Scheme	Rs. 52.15 Lakh	06 months
2 Govind Nagar (MVS) W/S Scheme	Rs. 81.31 Lakh	06 months
3 Nimal Nagar (MVS) W/S Scheme	Rs. 65.42 Lakh	06 months

Key Dates-

1 Date of Online Publication	30.09.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
2 Document Download : Start Date	01.10.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
3 Document download : End Date	13.10.2021 at 17:30 hrs.
4 Pre Bid Meeting	06.10.2021 at 14:00 hrs.
5 Bid Submission : Start Date	01.10.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
6 Bid Submission : End Date	13.10.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
7 Offline Submission of Document (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	14.10.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
8 Date of Technical Bid Opening	16.10.2021 at 11:00 hrs.
9 Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be announced Later
10 Details of tender, corrigendum or cancellation etc. may be obtained at web site: www.uktenders.gov.in	Executive Engineer

KOLKATA FACES RAIN FURY

Rescue operations in progress after a building collapsed in Kolkata's Ahiritola Lane on Wednesday. At least three people were killed following incessant rainfall, triggered by cyclonic storm Gulab that crossed the state's coast as a deep depression. Partha Paul

Letter to CM against construction in Old Goa heritage precinct

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 29

SAVE OLD Goa Act Committee (SOGCA), a collective that has moved Supreme Court against permissions granted to construction of a bungalow in the World Heritage precinct in Old Goa, on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's office, alleging that various departments of the state government had given faulty permissions for construction of the bungalow.

The bungalow was being constructed in Ella village of Tiswadi taluka, and a part of the land was sold in 2015 to Mumbai-based developer Manish Munot, husband of Shaina N C, a BJP spokesperson.

On Wednesday, Munot said he had pulled out of the project. He refused to comment further.

In the letter, SOGAC stated that construction of the bungalow was being carried out on land that was divided into two parts, both owned by one Jose Maria De Gouveia Pinto. By sale deeds executed on May 8, 2015, 2,400 sq m of it was sold to one Suvarna Lotlikar, and another 9,500 sq m to Munot. The part sold to Munot had a *loja* (hut), used for storing coconuts on it, according to details.

The SOGCA wrote that Pinto had made an application for repair to ASI D-G in Delhi but ASI's Goa circle had said in its inspection report that Lotlikar had sought an NOC for repair and submitted a photograph of a ground-



The under-construction bungalow at Old Goa site.

Courtesy: SOGAC

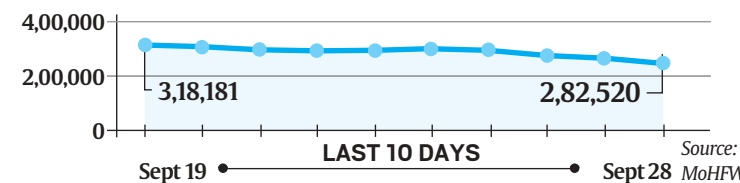
plus-one structure on the plot. ASI Goa officers found the structure in the photos existed in Pernem, and not at the Old Goa site. But, the letter stated, ASI-Delhi granted permission for repair before ASI Goa circle's report was submitted, stating that repair should be carried out in consultation with ASI Goa circle..

The letter stated that government departments such as the office of deputy collector, town and country planning department, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority all granted permissions for the construction, disregarding ASI.

SOGAC's Hugo Consalves said they have written to the CM and urged him to stop construction in the heritage precincts, which houses monuments protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

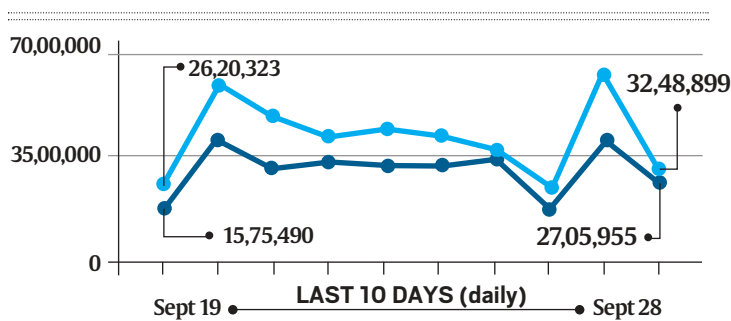
He said information availed under the RTI showed that the permissions were fraudulently obtained.





CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)
64,28,63,561



TOTAL DOSES
87,66,63,490

(Sputnik V's 9,43,136 doses not represented in pie)

COVISHIELD

88.4%

COVAXIN

11.5%

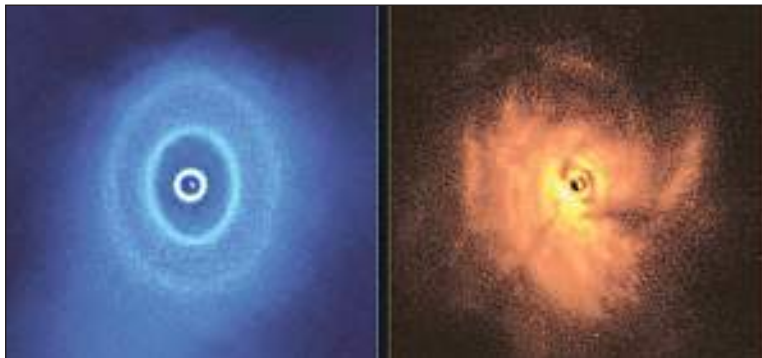
DOSES ON SEPT 28 59,54,854

SEPT 27: 1,05,49,625 (1ST DOSE: 63,98,376; 2ND: 41,51,249)

Note: The Sept 28 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 29
Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on September 29

THIS WORD MEANS CIRCUMTRIPLE PLANET

First planet that is possibly orbiting three stars at once



(Left) Image made by the ALMA telescope shows GW Ori disc's ringed structure, with the innermost ring separated from the rest of the disc; (right) the SPHERE observations show shadow of the innermost ring on the rest of the disc. ESO/L. Calçada, Exeter/Kraus et al.

GW ORI is a star system 1,300 light years from Earth in the constellation of Orion. It is surrounded by a huge disk of dust and gas, a common feature of young star systems that are forming planets. But fascinatingly, it is a system with not one star, but three.

As if that were not intriguing enough, GW Ori's disk is split in two, almost like Saturn's rings if they had a massive gap in between. And to make it even more bizarre, the outer ring is tilted at about 38 degrees.

Scientists have been trying to explain what is going on there. Some hypothesized that the gap in the disk could be the result of one or more planets forming in the system. If so, this would be the first known planet that orbits three stars at once, also known as a circumtriple planet.

Now the GW Ori system has been modelled in greater detail, and researchers say a planet — a gassy world as massive as Jupiter — is the best explanation for the gap in the dust cloud. Although the planet itself cannot be seen, astronomers may be witnessing it carve out its orbit in its first million years of its existence.

A paper on the finding was published this month in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. (GW Ori: circumtriple rings and planets, Jeremy L Smallwood and others)

The scientists say it disproves an alternative explanation — that the gravitational torque of the stars cleared the space in the disk. Their paper suggests there is not enough turbulence in the disk, known as its viscosity, for this explanation to suffice.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 29

THE ORDNANCE Factory Board (OFB), the first of whose industrial establishments was set up in 1801, will cease to exist from October 1, and the assets, staff, and operations of its 41 ordnance factories will be transferred to seven defence public sector units (DPSUs).

Also in the OFB tent are nine training institutes, three regional marketing centres, and five regional controllers of safety. The government has gone through with the corporatisation in the face of strong opposition from workers' federations, including the one affiliated to the RSS.

A large chunk of the weapons, ammunition, and supplies used by the armed forces, and paramilitary and police forces, come from OFB-run factories. Their products include civilian and military-grade arms and ammunition, explosives, propellants, and chemicals for missile systems, military vehicles, armoured vehicles, optical and electronic devices, parachutes, support equipment, troop clothing, and general store items for the armed forces.

For-against corporatisation

The restructuring of the Kolkata-headquartered OFB into corporate entities was recommended in one or the other form by at least three expert committees on defence reforms set up in the last two decades — the TKS Nair Committee (2000), Vijay Kelkar Committee (2005), and Vice Admiral Raman Puri Committee (2015). A fourth committee, constituted by former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar and chaired by Lt Gen D B Shekatkar, did not suggest corporatisation, but recommended regular audits of all ordnance units considering past performance.

The central argument has been that corporatisation, which will bring these entities under the purview of The Companies Act, would lead to improvements in efficiency, make products cost-competitive, and enhance their quality.

It has been argued that OFB's monopoly has led to innovation drying up, apart from low productivity, high costs of production, and lack



The protesting workers have said that corporatisation is the first step towards privatisation.
Deepak Joshi/Archive

of flexibility at the higher managerial levels.

Functioning directly under the Ministry of Defence, the OFB and its factories could not retain profits, and thus had no incentive to work towards increasing them, many have argued.

Discussions on restructuring with workers' federations had failed to produce results on several occasions previously. Employees argued that corporatisation was a "move towards privatisation". They expressed fears of job losses, and said a corporate entity would not be able to survive the unique market environment of defence products with its unstable demand-supply dynamics.

The federations have insisted the factories have been innovative, and have repeatedly proven their worth as a "war reserve". Many OFB products are exported, they have argued.

Ordinance about ordnance

Corporatisation was listed as one of the 167 "transformative ideas" to be implemented in the first 100 days of the second Narendra Modi government in 2019. In May 2020, giving details of the fourth tranche of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the decision to corporatise OFB for "improving autonomy, accountability and efficiency in ordnance suppliers".

On September 10 last year, the government appointed a consortium led by KPMG Advisory Services as a strategy and implementation consultant for the proposed corporatisation. The following day, an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) for Corporatisation was formed with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as chairman "to oversee and guide the entire process, including

transition support and redeployment plan of employees while safeguarding their wages and retirement benefits".

In October 2020, the government declared a proposed strike by workers' federations "invalid and illegal". Following talks between the three federations and ministry officials, the workers deferred their plan for an indefinite strike. But as no reconciliation could be reached, the government announced this June that the OFB would be split into seven DPSUs.

With the federations adamant, the government brought an Essential Defence Services Ordinance (EDSO) at the end of July, which aimed primarily to stop workers of ordnance factories from going on strike.

Protests from workers

The almost 75,000 workers at the 41 factories and their allied units are mainly affiliated to three federations: the All India Defence Employees' Federation (AIDEF), a federation of Left unions; the Indian National Defence Workers' Federation (INDWF), affiliated to the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) of the Congress; and the Bharatiya Pratiraksha Mazdoor Sangh (BPMS), which is the part of the RSS's Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS).

From the time the government first proposed corporatisation in 2019, the three federations had formed an unlikely joint front. In one of their first representations to the defence minister in 2019, they said that converting the ordnance factories into a corporation was commercially unviable, and that "the experience of the past two decades is that cor-

Faleiro in TMC, what are Didi's Goa plans?



Goa needs Mamata Banerjee, Faleiro said in Kolkata on Wednesday. Express

of the late Manohar Parrikar, Avertano Furtado.

The BJP's estranged ally GFP (3 MLAs) has repeatedly called for a "united opposition" against the BJP. Both GFP and NCP (1) are waiting for the Congress's answer on a pre-poll pact.

AAP had drawn a blank in 2017. Arvind Kejriwal has promised free electricity up to 300 units per month, 80% quota for locals in private sector jobs, and an employment allowance for the tourism and mining sectors. Kejriwal and MGP MLA Ramkrishna Dhavalikar have held some discussions as well.

Faleiro's gambit

The MLA from Navelim in South Goa re-

signed his seat on Monday, saying he would "lead a movement" that would bring a "new dawn" in Goa. The Congress which is now down to four MLAs, described the exit of Faleiro as a "blessing in disguise". But it expressed ignorance about the "real reason or intentions" of the TMC in "coming to Goa".

Faleiro — a 40-year veteran of the Congress and seven-time MLA who is still influential in South Goa with a sizable following among South Goa Christians — has not yet said whether he would lead the TMC's charge in Goa or contest the Assembly elections. It had been clear for some time that he was unhappy in the Goa Congress, and there has been speculation that he

is looking to enter Rajya Sabha on a TMC ticket — and that the TMC is in turn hoping to use his experience as AICC general secretary in charge of the Northeast for its own campaign in Tripura.

The TMC, which had unsuccessfully contested a single seat in 2012, has announced it is "very serious" this time. Political strategist Prashant Kishor's I-PAC, which has been working with the TMC, has been sniffing the ground in Goa for about three months, and the party is understood to be in talks with some leaders from the BJP and civil society as well.

TMC's national plans

From Kolkata, Faleiro's joining the TMC looks a part of the party's grand plan to project Mamata Banerjee as a national leader and the most credible face against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

Under national general secretary and Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee, the TMC has over the past few months, worked to strengthen its organisation in Tripura, and to find a foothold in Assam and Uttar Pradesh. It has taken Sushmita Dev from the Congress, two-term MP and former union minister Babul Supriyo from the BJP, and now, Faleiro.

Both Mamata and Abhishek have criticised the Congress for not being able to fight the BJP. The TMC mouthpiece, *Jago Bangla*, has attacked the Congress on several occasions, and announced that it is only Banerjee who has the credibility and charisma to lead an opposition coalition against the BJP.

How business cartels work, and how regulators seek to stop them

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

ANTITRUST REGULATOR Competition Commission of India (CCI) last week fined three breweries, the representative industry body, and 11 individuals Rs 873 crore for cartelisation in the supply and sales of beer in 10 states and UTs from 2009-18.

Of the three companies — United Breweries Ltd (makers of Kingfisher), Carlsberg India Pvt Ltd (Carlsberg, Tuborg), and Anheuser-Busch InBev India (Budweiser, Corona, Haywards 5000, Hoegaarden, etc.) — indicted by CCI, AB-InBev got a full penalty waiver for helping in the investigation.

The brewers blamed government rules that require them to seek approvals from state authorities for price revisions, as the main reason for forming a cartel.

What are cartels?

India's competition regulator says a cartel is an "association of producers, sellers, distributors, traders or service providers who, by agreement amongst themselves, limit, control or attempt to control the production, distribution, sale or price of, or trade in goods or provision of services".

The International Competition Network (ICN), the global body that coordinates the enforcement of competition laws, says that a cartel is an agreement, not necessarily formal or written but almost always involving conspiracies, between competitors to restrict competition. These competitors are most often "companies at the same level of the economy (manufacturers, distributors, or retailers) in direct competition with each other to sell goods or provide services", and the focus on restricting competition sets their agreement apart from "benign, ordinary...business agreements between firms".

How do they work?

According to ICN, four types of conduct are commonly seen across jurisdictions: price-fixing, output restrictions, market allocation, and bid-rigging.

"Participants in hardcore cartels agree to insulate themselves from the rigours of a competitive marketplace, substituting cooperation for competition", writes Bruce Wardhaugh, a professor of competition law at Durham University, in his book, *Cartels, Markets and Crime: A Normative Justification for the Criminalisation of Economic Collusion*. (2014)

How do cartels hurt?

Besides directly hurting consumers, they indirectly undermine overall economic efficiency and innovation. According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental forum to stimulate world trade and economic progress, "A successful cartel raises the price above the competitive level

and reduces output. Consumers choose either not to pay the higher price..., thus forgoing the product, or they pay the cartel price and thereby unknowingly transfer wealth to the cartel operators."

Thus, by artificially holding back supply or raising prices in a coordinated manner, cartels force some consumers out of the market, and earn profits that free competition would not have allowed.

Also, according to the OECD, because a cartel shelters its members from full exposure to market forces, there is less pressure to control costs and innovate. "All of these effects adversely affect efficiency in a market economy."

Are cartels worse than monopolies?

Monopolies are seen as bad for individual consumers as well as society at large. Monopolists often abuse their dominance of markets by charging higher-than-warranted prices and/or providing lower-than-

warranted goods or service quality.

According to Wardhaugh, cartels could be worse — because unlike a monopoly, which may be forced to undertake product innovation lest someone else figures out a more efficient way to deliver the good or service, "due to the explicit agreement of non-competition and profit guarantees among cartels, any incentive to improve one's product is removed".

Again, innovation requires spends on R&D, which, given the cartel-wide agreement on a 'stand-still' on innovation, would not be undertaken. "Thus...social costs of reduced product innovation may be greater with cartels."

How to check cartelisation?

Cartels aren't easy to detect; regulatory authorities, therefore, often focus on deterrence through strong punitive action when they do identify one. This typically takes the form of a monetary penalty that exceeds

the gains amassed by the cartel.

"If, for example, the chances that any given cartel would be discovered and punished were one in three, then a fine that would provide an adequate deterrent would have to be three times the actual gain realised by the cartel. Some believe that as few as one in six or seven cartels are detected and prosecuted, implying a multiple of at least six," states the OECD document quoted above.

But like the cartels themselves, the precise gains from cartelisation too, are difficult to pin down. The regime of stringent penalties is sometimes sought to be kept in place through leniency as a strategy — as was done in the beer case by giving AB-InBev India 100% relief from the CCI penalty. The idea is to incentivise whistleblowers exposing cartels and their functions.

(A LONGER VERSION APPEARED AS THE EXPLAINSPEAKING NEWSLETTER)

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WORLDNew PM Najla Bouden Romdhane. *Reuters*

TUNISIA

President picks first woman as PM amid crisis

Tunis: Tunisian President Kais Saied named Najla Bouden Romdhane, a little-known university engineer with World Bank experience, as prime minister on Wednesday nearly two months after he seized most powers in a move his foes call a coup. Romdhane, Tunisia's first woman prime minister, will take office at a moment of crisis, with the democratic gains won in a 2011 revolution in doubt and as a major threat looms to public finances. Saied dismissed the previous prime minister, suspended parliament and assumed wide executive powers in July and has been under growing domestic and international pressure to form a new government. **REUTERS**

NEPAL

Anti-corruption body raids CM's office

Kathmandu: The Commission of Inquiry Into Abuse of Authority — Nepal's anti-corruption body — on Wednesday raided the office of Province Two Chief Minister Lalbabu Raut over alleged large scale corruption and irregularities involved in the purchase of bicycles meant for girl students under the government's 'Beti Bachao, Beti Pado' scheme. Framing of charges against the CM may lead to the dismissal of the Janata Samajbadi Party leader. Recently, the Raut government had set up the post of Janalokpal to investigate corruption, though the CIAA is the exclusive constitutional authority as mandated by the constitution. **ENS**

UNITED STATES

Woodpecker variety, 22 more declared extinct

Billings: Death's come knocking a last time for the splendid ivory-billed woodpecker and 22 more birds, fish and other species: The US government on Wednesday declared them extinct. Around the globe, some 902 species have been documented as extinct. The actual number is thought to be much higher because some are never formally identified. **AP**

US military officials questioned over hasty Afghan withdrawal

Defense Secy admits collapse of Kabul govt surprised top US commanders

HELENE COOPER & ERIC SCHMITT
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 29

THE BIDEN administration's top military officials faced another congressional panel Wednesday to answer questions from lawmakers about the chaotic end of the war in Afghanistan, a day after a heated hearing in the Senate in which they acknowledged that their advice to President Joe Biden not to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan had gone unheeded.

Gen Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appeared before the House Armed Services Committee, along with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen Kenneth McKenzie, the head of the military's Central Command. They were expected to face similar questions about the discussions they had with the president ahead of a chaotic evacuation last month.

Indeed, partisan jousting was evident in senior lawmakers' opening remarks. "The president made the right call" to withdraw troops from Afghanistan, said Rep. Adam Smith, the committee's chairman and Democrat, who noted the evacuation was "rushed."

Rep Mike D Rogers, the

US Defense Secretary Lloyd J Austin (centre) with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Mark A Milley and Gen Kenneth F McKenzie, commander of US Central Command. *Reuters*

panel's top Republican, sharply criticized the administration's handling of the final withdrawal. "After this debacle, I don't think anyone can trust anything this president says about Afghanistan," he said.

During an at-times acrimonious Senate hearing Tuesday, Milley said military leaders had given their advice to Biden in the lead-up to the April decision to withdraw. Those views, the general said, had not changed since November, when he had recommended President Donald Trump keep US troops in Afghanistan.

But, the general added, "Decision makers are not required, in any manner, shape or

form, to follow that advice."

On Wednesday, Milley also defended his actions in the tumultuous last months of the Trump administration, insisting that calls to his Chinese counterpart and a meeting in which he told generals to alert him if the president tried to launch a nuclear weapon were part of his duties as the country's top military officer.

Several Republican senators took Milley to task both for his actions as described in the book *Peril* by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa of *The Washington Post*, and for talking about those actions to the authors.

Milley said he was directed by Mark T Esper, then the secre-

tary of defense, to call his Chinese counterpart October 30 because there was "intelligence which caused us to believe the Chinese were worried about an attack on them by the United States." He added that other senior US officials, including Mike Pompeo, then secretary of state, were aware of the calls.

"I know, I am certain that President Trump did not intend to attack the Chinese, and it was my directed responsibility by the secretary to convey that intent to the Chinese," he said.

Senators pressed the three men on why the Pentagon failed to predict the rapid collapse of the Afghan government and Afghan military, why the US did not start evacuating Americans and vulnerable Afghans sooner, and what the Pentagon was doing now to help the remaining Americans and Afghans who want to leave the country.

Austin, a retired four-star Army general who served in Afghanistan, conceded that the collapse of the Afghan army in the final weeks of the war — in many cases without the Taliban firing a shot — surprised top commanders.

"We failed to fully grasp that there was only so much for which — and for whom — many of the Afghan forces would fight," Austin said. **NYT**

Legislation in US Senate seeks report on Pak's role in Taliban offensive

LALIT K JHA & SAJJAD HUSSAIN
WASHINGTON, ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 29

A LEGISLATION has been introduced in the US Senate seeking a report from the Secretary of State about his assessment of Pakistan's role in the Taliban offensive that led to the toppling of the US-backed Afghan government and its support for Taliban offensive in Panjshir Valley, prompting Islamabad to term the move as "unwarranted".

Twenty-two Republican senators on Tuesday introduced the legislation in the Senate to impose sanctions on the Taliban in Afghanistan and on all the foreign governments that support it.

The 'Afghanistan Counterterrorism, Oversight and Accountability Act' also seeks a report from the Secretary of State about his assessment of Pakistan's role in supporting the Taliban from 2001-2020; in the offensive that led to the toppling of the Government of Afghanistan and the looking into the Pakistan support for Taliban offensive against Panjshir Valley and Afghan resistance.

On Wednesday, Pakistan said the reference made towards it in the legislation introduced in the US congress was "unwarranted", declaring the proposed legislative measures "uncalled for and counterproductive". **PTI**

Japan ex-diplomat Fumio Kishida to become new PM

MARI YAMAGUCHI
TOKYO, SEPTEMBER 29

JAPAN'S FORMER Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida won the governing party leadership election on Wednesday and is set to become the next prime minister, facing the imminent task of addressing a pandemic-hit economy and ensuring a strong alliance with Washington to counter growing regional security risks.

Kishida replaces outgoing party leader Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, who is stepping down after serving only one year since taking office last September.

Suga took office as a pinch hitter for Abe, who suddenly resigned over health problems, ending his nearly eight-year leadership, the longest in Japan's constitutional history.

As new leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, Kishida is certain to be elected the next prime minister on Monday in parliament, where his party and coalition partner control the house.

Kishida beat popular vaccinations minister Taro Kono in a runoff after finishing only one vote ahead of him in the first round where none of the four candidates, including two women, was able to win a majority.

Results showed Kishida had more support from party heavyweights who apparently chose stability over change advocated

As leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Kishida is certain to be elected PM Monday. *Reuters*

by Kono, who is known as something of a maverick.

Kishida is under pressure to change the party's high-handed reputation worsened by Suga, who angered the public over his handling of the coronavirus pandemic and insistence on holding the Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

The long-ruling conservative Liberal Democratic Party desperately needs to quickly turn around plunging public support ahead of lower house elections coming within two months.

Wednesday's vote was seen as a test of whether the party can move out of Abe's shadow. His influence has largely muzzled diverse views and shifted the party to the right.

Kishida is also seen as a choice who could prolong an era of unusual political stability amid fears that Japan could return to "revolving door" leadership. **AP**

China's Belt and Road plans losing momentum as debt mounts: study

DAVID STANWAY
SHANGHAI, SEPTEMBER 29

CHINA'S VAST Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is in danger of losing momentum as opposition in targeted countries rises and debts mount, paving the way for rival schemes to squeeze Beijing out, a new study showed on Wednesday.

President Xi Jinping launched BRI in 2013 to use China's strengths in financing and infrastructure construction to "build a broad community of shared interests" throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America.

But Xi's "project of the century" is now facing major chal-

lenges and significant backlashes abroad, according to a study by AidData, a research lab at the College of William and Mary in the United States.

"A growing number of policy makers in low- and middle-income countries are mothballing high profile BRI projects because of overpricing, corruption and debt sustainability concerns," said Brad Parks, one of the study's authors.

The study said an increasing number of China-backed projects have been suspended or cancelled since BRI's 2013 launch, with evidence of "buyer's remorse" in countries as far afield as Kazakhstan, Costa Rica and Cameroon.

Credit risks have also increased, with the exposure to Chinese debt now exceeding 10% of GDP in many low- and middle-income countries.

The survey found that 35% of Belt and Road projects were struggling with corruption, labour violations, environmental pollution and public protests.

China's foreign ministry said in a statement that "not all debts are unsustainable", adding that since its launch the BRI had "consistently upheld principles of shared consultation, shared contributions and shared benefits".

Many partner countries say the initiative has made a positive contribution to local economic development, it added. **REUTERS**

China unveils plan to curb Internet industry further

K J M VARMA
BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 29

CHINA ON Wednesday unveiled a three-year plan to bring the algorithms related to Internet information services of its fast-growing web industry under state control.

Chinese regulators will strengthen the management of algorithms related to Internet information services to foster "healthy" and "orderly" development of the industry, state-run *Xinhua* news agency reported.

A three-year campaign will seek to put in place a sound management mechanism and supervision system, and a standardised algorithm ecosystem,

according to new guidelines issued by nine ministries or departments including the Cyberspace Administration of China.

The guidelines urged enterprises to strengthen their sense of responsibility and set up responsibility systems for algorithm security and sci-tech ethical review systems.

Legal violations and malpractices related to algorithms will be severely punished, the report said, citing guidelines.

The guidelines also called for efforts to prevent the abuse of algorithms, prohibiting activities that use them to tamper with public opinion, attack competitors and infringe upon the rights and interests of Internet users. **PTI**

UK army to start driving tankers as queues for fuel still continue

REUTERS
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 29

BRITAIN ORDERED soldiers on Wednesday to start driving fuel tankers to replenish empty pumps, as motorists remained mired in queues after nearly a week of shortages, despite Prime Minister Boris Johnson saying the situation was improving.

Britain has been gripped by a rush of panic buying that has left pumps dry across major cities, after oil companies warned they did not have enough tanker drivers to move petrol and diesel from refineries to filling stations.

Opponents blame the crisis on government incompetence and its unyielding approach to Brexit,

A petrol station in Northwich, Britain on Wednesday. *Reuters*

which has blocked hauliers from hiring drivers from the EU since Britain abandoned the common market this year. London says the disruption is partly an unforeseen result of the pandemic.

Business minister Kwasi

Kwarteng said 150 soldiers would be driving tankers within a few days, and civilians would start shipments later on Wednesday using a government reserve fleet of around 80 vehicles. "The last few days have been difficult, we've seen large queues. But I think the situation is stabilising, we're getting petrol into the forecourts. I think we're going to see our way through this," Kwarteng said.

Johnson has sought to quell concerns, saying supplies were returning to normal while also urging people not to panic buy.

A shortage of around 100,000 drivers has sown chaos through supply chains and raised the spectre of empty shelves and price increases at Christmas.

Egypt forges plan to restore Cairo's historic heart

PATRICK WERR
CAIRO, SEPTEMBER 29

EGYPT IS pushing ahead with a new project to restore historic Cairo, a sprawling but now rapidly crumbling thousand-year-old world heritage site.

The plan aims to revitalise and promote Cairo as a tourist attraction while the government prepares to move to a futuristic new capital in the desert.

It gives fresh impetus to efforts by professional architects and restorers to also save old buildings which they feared were being lost because of bureaucracy, official corruption and legal constraints.

Low-rise apartments will be built on vacant lots in the historic district, where residents and workshops will relocate as dilap-

The public drinking fountain of al-Nafisa Bayda, outside a caravanserai in Historic Cairo targeted for restoration. *Reuters*

idated structures are reconstructed and restored, said lead coordinator Mohamed Elkhatib.

"For the first time the budget is not a problem," said Elkhatib, without giving an estimate.

"They (the government) told me that any budget for Historic Cairo will be approved."

Workers will soon start improving facades of older buildings — including those not offi-

cially listed as historic — to match the vernacular of previous centuries.

The plan also involves converting several of the city's wikalas or caravanserais, into boutique hotels, an idea proven successful elsewhere in the Middle East.

"We have actually begun working on pieces of land," said Elkhatib. "Negotiations with the residents have ended and we have begun."

The government intends to renovate about 10% of the area in an initial two-year phase and is studying proposals to create a single entity for historic Cairo's roughly 30 sq km, he said.

Much of the initial work will focus on restoring the districts around three grand gates built by Tunisia's Fatimid dynasty, which ruled for two centuries after its

army conquered Cairo in 969 AD.

Historic Cairo is dense with workshops, souks and dwellings, and crafts practiced on some streets can be traced back centuries. Some restorers and architects also worry about the complexity and cost of restoration, and the possibility it could lead to Disneyfication.

Elkhatib says the area's character will be preserved.

Alaa al-Habashi, an architect and restorer who specialises in Islamic architecture and was asked to help draw up the restoration plan, said the government was now taking into account residents, crafts, historic fabric and infrastructure, rather than focussing on monuments alone.

"The change is dramatic. It has been awaited a long time," Habashi said. **REUTERS**

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GOLD

₹45,123



RUPEE

₹74.14



OIL

\$77.65



SILVER

₹58,825

Crude oil (Indian basket) as of September 28

SENSEX: 59,413.27 ▼ 254.33 (-0.43%) NIFTY: 17,711.30 ▼ 37.30 (-0.21%) NIKKEI: 29,544.29 ▼ 639.67 HANG SENG: 24,663.50 ▲ 163.11 FTSE: 7,095.29 ▲ 67.19 DAX: 15,398.32 ▲ 149.76

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SECTOR WATCH
TECHApple chip team:
We anticipate
where apps will
be in a few yearsTim Millet and Bob Borchers
speak to *The Indian Express*NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

“SKATE TO where the puck is going rather than skate to where the pucks.”

Bob Borchers, vice-president, worldwide product marketing at Apple, gets a bit philosophical, though with an ice hockey quote, to explain how the company manages to design a processor that remains relevant even after so many years. He tells *indianexpress.com* they use this quote a lot “because it’s probably one of the most important parts of our job is to try and figure out where it’s going so we can anticipate and build the tools and capabilities to get there”.

Tim Millet, vice-president, hardware technologies, elaborates that at Apple they do their best to make sure that they are “not just provisioning the applications that are available to-day, but anticipating where applications are going to be in a couple of years”. As head of Apple’s Platform Architecture team, he would know this best.

“Sour best-in-class CPU is one of the most impactful ways that we can future-proof the device because we know that when we are improving year over year, we are going to provide more headroom for applications to migrate forward,” Millet explains to *indianexpress.com*.

Apple has launched its latest iPhone 13 series powered

NEW PROCESSOR

■ Apple has launched its latest iPhone 13 series powered by the new A15 Bionic processor

by the new A15 Bionic processor which powers a lot of the new features especially with the ProMotion adaptive screen refresh rate and intuitive Cinematic mode in the video camera even as it improves battery life over previous generations. On the A15 Bionic processor, Borchers underlines how people tend to get “lost in the specifications” and lose sight of the fact that it is this chip that is allowing Cinematic video, Centre Stage and such other new features. “Because we are so focused on Performance Per Watt and all these pieces working together in tandem, we can have these advanced capabilities that consumers can use and have great battery life and efficiency,” he says, adding that it all happens because they “work together as one team and design for a single product and we have a singular vision in mind”.

Millet takes this thinking to an extreme. “We are all about the product. I talked to my team about that. I said look we are not building chips to win benchmarks, we are building chips to enable capabilities.”

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

ANNUAL BULLETIN OF 2019-20 PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Women managers: Meghalaya tops list; Assam, Haryana last

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

SIKKIM, ANDHRA Pradesh and Punjab had the highest ratio of female workers as against male workers employed as legislators, senior officials and managers in 2019-20, the annual bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2019-20 showed. The report released by the National Statistical Office also showed that the ratio of female workers at senior- and middle-level management positions in rural areas was higher than urban areas in 2019-20, with some Northeastern states leading among all states and Union Territories (UTs) in the country.

States/UTs with the lowest ratio of female workers to total workers in managerial positions included Jammu & Kashmir (9.2 per cent), Andaman and Nicobar Island (9 per cent), Delhi (7.9 per cent), Haryana (7.5 per cent) and Assam (6.9 per cent). These states also ranked lower for the senior and middle management roles.

RATIO OF FEMALE WORKERS TO TOTAL WORKERS IN MANAGERIAL POSITIONS

TOP 3 Meghalaya (34.1%), Sikkim (33.5%), Mizoram (33.3%)

BOTTOM 3 Assam (6.9%), Haryana (7.5%), Delhi (7.9%)



RATIO OF FEMALE TO MALE WORKERS WORKING AS 'LEGISLATORS, SENIOR OFFICIALS, MANAGERS'

TOP 3 Manipur (51.8%), Meghalaya (51.7%), Sikkim (50.4%)

BOTTOM 3 Assam (6.2%), Haryana (7.7%), Delhi (9.2%)

Source: Annual Bulletin of Periodic Labour Force Survey (2019-20)

Meghalaya topped the list among all states/UTs in 2019-20 with 34.1 per cent ratio of female workers to total workers employed in senior and middle management positions. Sikkim followed next with a ratio of 33.5 per cent, Mizoram with 33.3 per cent, Andhra Pradesh with 32.3 per cent and Punjab with 32.1 per cent, the PLFS bulletin showed. The ratio of female workers to total workers employed in senior and middle

managerial positions stood at 21.5 per cent in 2019-20, which was higher than 16.5 per cent in urban areas. Overall (rural and urban) ratio of female workers in senior and middle management positions stood at 18.8 per cent in 2019-20.

Among the ratio of female workers to male workers working as legislators, senior officials, and managers, Sikkim had the highest share with 50.4 per cent, followed by 47.9 per cent in Andhra Pradesh

‘Housing sales jump over two-fold in Jul-Sept’

Housing sales have risen over two-fold in July-September to 62,800 units across seven major cities on better demand, property consultant Anarock said

Residential property sales: Sales of residential properties stood at 29,520 units in the year-ago period and 24,560 units in the previous quarter

Rising WFH influence: The ongoing WFH (work from home) culture continues to influence residential sentiment on two major fronts — overall housing demand and unit sizes

Key reasons: The jump in housing sales was attributed to improved job security and robust hiring in the IT/ITeS and financial sectors, along with record-low home loan interest rates and growing homeownership sentiment

Delhi-NCR sales are estimated to have risen 97% to 10,220 units in July-September from 5,200 units in year-ago period

Source: Anarock/PTI

Price appreciation:

HOUSING PRICES APPRECIATED BY 3% ACROSS THE SEVEN CITIES TO RS 5,760 PER SQUARE FEET IN Q3 OF 2021 CALENDAR YEAR FROM RS 5,600 PER SQUARE FEET IN Q3 2020



IOB out of PCA watchlist

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday removed Indian Overseas Bank from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework.

IOB was placed under the PCA framework in 2015.

The Board for Financial Supervision, after review of IOB's performance, on the basis of the published financial results for 2020-21 found that the bank was not in breach of the PCA parameter, the central banksaid in a statement. The bank also provided a written commitment that it would comply with the norms of Minimum Regulatory Capital, Net NPA and Leverage ratio on an ongoing basis, it added.

The lender has also apprised the RBI of the structural and systemic improvements that it has put in place, which would help the bank in continuing to meet these commitments.

“Taking all the above into consideration, it has been decided that Indian Overseas Bank is taken out of the PCA restrictions subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring,” the central bank added. PCA is triggered when banks breach certain regulatory requirements such as return on asset and quantum of NPA. WITH PTI

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF ZEEL

Invesco moves NCLT over EGM; impulsive, premature, says ZEEL

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

INVESCO DEVELOPING Markets Fund, a foreign portfolio investor in Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL), has moved the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in an ongoing tussle with the media firm. The move comes after ZEEL failed to hold an EGM to seek shareholders' nod to remove certain directors, including Punit Goenka.

At present, Goenka — son of Essel Group founder and chairman Subhash Chandra — is the chief executive and managing director at ZEEL. Further, the fund had sought induction of its nominees on ZEEL's board. The petition, which has been listed with the NCLT Mumbai bench, is slated to come up for hearing on Thursday.

A ZEEL spokesperson said: “The board of the company remains committed to act within the framework of law and is focused towards enhancing the company's growth and shareholder value. It is in the process of taking the required steps within the statutory period. The company does not

wish to comment on any impulsive or premature steps taken by Invesco Developing Markets Funds and OFI Global China Fund”.

Invesco (formerly Invesco Openheimer Developing Markets Fund) — which holds a 17.88 per cent stake in ZEEL together with its subsidiary OFI Global China Fund — earlier too asked ZEEL to convene an EGM. Apart from ouster of directors, whom Invesco said were in breach of corporate governance norms, the fund had sought a reconstitution of the present board.

In its earlier letters dated September 11 and September 23, Invesco had asked ZEEL to adhere to its fiduciary duties and statutory obligations and convene an EGM. A listed company has to announce an EGM date within three weeks of a request from an investor holding 10 per cent or more stake. In case of ZEEL failing to announce an EGM date within the stipulated time, Invesco can call for an EGM.

The move followed a board approval by ZEEL for merger with rival Sony Pictures Networks India, an arm of Japan's Sony Corp, to create India's largest media and entertainment company. FE

Cabinet clears ECGC listing, ₹4,400-crore infusion over 5 years

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

IN A bid to boost exports, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a capital infusion of Rs 4,400 crore in state-owned Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) over five years as well as plans to list the export insurer via an initial public offering (IPO).

It also cleared capital infusion of Rs 1,650 crore in the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) to boost project exports.

“The infusion of this Rs 4,400 crore will enable ECGC to write insurance policies covering exports of an additional Rs 88,000 crore,” Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said at a press briefing. He added the move would primarily benefit MSMEs which form 97 per cent of the client base of ECGC.

The state-run ECGC provides credit insurance services to exporters against non-payment risks by overseas buyers as well as insurance cover to banks against risks in lending to exporters.

Goyal said the government would immediately infuse Rs 500 crore in ECGC and another Rs 500 crore next fiscal, with the rest set to be made available as required. ECGC currently has an 85 per cent market share for export credit insurance in the country and provided support to exports worth Rs



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal at the press briefing. PTI

ECLGS scope widened

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry expanded the scope of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to support MSMEs with liquidity and extended its validity till March 31. PTI

6.02 lakh, or 28 per cent of merchandise exports, in FY21. The Rs 4,400-crore fund infusion could support additional exports of Rs 5.28 lakh crore over five years.

The Cabinet also approved a Rs 1,650-crore capital infusion to the NEIA trust over five years, a move that could support project exports of up to Rs 33,000 crore, help create 2.6 lakh new jobs and Rs 25,000 crore of additional turnover of domestically manufactured goods.

BRIEFLY

External debt up

New Delhi/Mumbai: The external debt rose 2.1 per cent year-on-year to \$570 billion as of March-end, the Finance Ministry said. Meanwhile, RBI data showed Indian companies' external commercial borrowings rose to over \$2.84 billion in August.

Swing pricing

New Delhi: Sebi has decided to introduce a swing pricing mechanism for open-ended debt mutual fund schemes.

Reliance board

New Delhi: RIL defended naming Saudi Aramco chairman Yasir Al-Rumayyan on its board, saying all criteria for his appointment as an independent director were met, pending shareholder nod.

CIL supply

New Delhi: Coal India (CIL) will boost fuel supply to power utilities to rein in the lowering coal stocks and build them to adequate levels.

‘Insider trading’

New Delhi: Sebi restrained an Infosys employee and his connected person, a Wipro employee, from the market till further orders in a matter related to alleged insider trading in Infosys shares. PTI

SJVN profit

New Delhi: State-run power company SJVN saw highest ever profit before tax of Rs 2,168.67 crore in FY21. ENS

OYO legal tussle

New Delhi: OYO Hotels and Rooms is facing a legal tussle with Zostel over a deal that fell apart six years ago. Zostel moved the Delhi High Court in August to stop OYO from changing its shareholder structure. REUTERS

DGCA drug test rules: Who will be checked?

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

STARTING JANUARY 31, flight crew members and air traffic controllers in India will be tested for psychoactive substances such as cannabis and cocaine, as per new rules notified by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Why has the DGCA brought in the new rules?

In its order, the DGCA noted that the worldwide spread of use of psychoactive substances, their general availability and the rising number of addicted users was a

“serious concern to aviation safety”. Last year, the DGCA had issued draft rules where it proposed diagnostic infrastructure set up by

EXPLAINED

Scheduled commercial airlines and air navigation service providers will have to carry out random drug-testing of at least 10 per cent of flight crew members and air traffic controllers employed each year, as per the rules. Commercial aircraft operators, maintenance and repair organisations, flying training organisations and air navigation service providers will have to carry out drug tests before employing any person or admitting a trainee pilot. These organisations will also have to test all aviation

personnel — at the first available opportunity — who have refused a drug test to a foreign regulator during flight operations to that country. If a personnel is found positive in a drug test, the DGCA is to be informed within 24 hours.

What happens if a person is found positive in a drug test?

If a test is “non-negative”, the employee will be immediately removed from duty till a confirmatory report. If the confirmatory test, being done for the first time, is also positive, the person will be referred to a de-addiction centre.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

What are the rules?

Had come close 3 or 4 times: Goyal on US trade deal

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

COMMERCE AND Industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday that India and the United States had come close to reaching trade agreements on three-four occasions but discussions got stuck in red tape and India was not

responsible for discussions falling through.

Goyal said that India and the US should aim for bilateral trade of \$1-trillion within 10 years and that India was happy to engage with the US to expand the economic partnership between the two countries.

“We had actually concluded discussions, maybe three or four times.

But (discussions) would always get stuck somewhere in red tape and for a change, India was not responsible,” said Goyal at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum's Leadership Summit. Bilateral merchandise trade between India and the US stood at \$80.5 billion in FY21.

The minister said that it was time for the two countries to “engage in a

much bigger way” so that all four members of the QUAD (India, US, Japan and Australia) would have very strong economic ties with each other.

India already has a free trade agreement (FTA) with Japan and is in negotiations for an FTA with Australia, with both the countries aiming to conclude an early harvest agreement on key areas by December.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
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(Energy Branch)

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For tender documents and more details, please visit <https://www.nabard.org/> and <https://nabard.eproc.in/>.

Date: 30-09-2021
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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, RAMA KANT PANDEY S/O JANANI DHAR PANDEY R/O C-1035, NANDGRAM, MARIAM NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, U.P.-201001 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as RAMA KANT and J D PANDEY in my Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are RAMA KANT PANDEY and JANANI DHAR PANDEY respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

0400586303-1

I,hitherto known as Vanita Suhasini alias Vanita Shrivastava,D/o Gauri Shanker Sahay and,W/o A K Shrivastava, Residing at,H.No.-B-5/6,4286, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi-110070, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vanita Suhasini.

0400586438-9

I,WAHEEDA MAJUMDAR, W/O JOYDEEP MAJUMDAR, R/o 4/11, WINDSOR,MOULSI-ROAD, SHIPRA SUN-CITY, INDIRAPURAM,GHAZIABAD, U.P. 201014, changed my name to WAHIDA MAJUMDAR.

0400586424-3

I,Surya Prakash,S/o-Ram Chandra,residing at-D-133A, Ganga Vihar, Gokulpuri,Delhi-110094, have changed the name of my minor son Saksham Aged-11Years and he shall hereafter be known as Saksham Agnihotri.

0400586414-10

I,Surya Prakash,S/o-Ram Chandra,residing at-D-133A, Ganga Vihar,Gokulpuri, Delhi-110094, have changed the name of my minor daughter Varnika Aged-13Years and she shall hereafter be known as Varnika Agnihotri

0400586414-9

I,Suresh Kumar,S/o Late.Tula Ram,R/o 45/18, First-Floor,Lake View-Apartment,East Patel Nagar, Central-Delhi, Delhi-110088, mother-name of the child is Mili Bharti,have changed the name of my minor son Joy to JOY ANAND and shall hereafter be known as JOY ANAND.

0400586401-7

I,Surender Dev S/o Madan Lal R/o A-2/143-C,Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Surender Dev Sharma for all future purposes.

0400586369-1

I,Sugreev Singh,s/o Shree Ram,R/o 602,Gali.no.7,Block-B,first-Jagmal Enclave Agwanpur-Faridabad,Shreya Singh is my real daughter date-of-birth 15.09.2007,wrongly written my late wife name Sathbama Singh correct-name is Satyabhama Singh.

0400586404-8

I,Saty Prakash Pandey alias Satya Prakash Pandey,S/o Surya Dev Pandey,R/o WP-438-C, 4th-Floor Wazirpur-Village, Delhi-52,have changed my name to Satya Prakash.

0400586404-6

I,SUDHA DEVI,wife of,MANBAR SINGH BISHT, mother of, RABINDRA BISHT,resident of,BISHT BHAVAN,P.O. ROAD, VILLAGE-SATPULI, DISTRICT-PAURI GARHWAL, UTTARAKHAND-246172,have changed my name,from SUDHA DEVI to SADEYI DEVI (as new Name).

0400586438-8

I, Shalini Prakash W/o Naveen Prakash R/o 196,Siddharth Niketan, Sector-14, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Shalini.

0400586438-7

I,SOURABH SINGH,S/O-BHAGAT SINGH CHAUHAN,R/O-F-81 GALL-NO.1,MOHAN BABA NAGAR TAJPUR-ROAD BADARPUR DELHI-110044, changed my name to SOURABH SINGH CHAUHAN.

0400586404-7

I,SABA NASEEM, W/O. ZAHEEN AHMED, ADD-2208, IIIRD-FLOOR BARKAT MANZIL RODGRAN-POLICE CHOWKI DELHI-110006, changed my name toSABA NAAZ,permanently.

0400586414-3

I,Rupesh Gairola R/o-54,C/B12-A,Dhawalgiri App.,Sector-34, Noida, District-Gautam Budh Nagar,Uttar Pradesh, have changed my son's,name from Vaibhav Gairola to Vaibhav Gairola for all,future purpose.

0400586409-6

I,Rosy W/o Vicky R/o H.No. 16/297-1,Gali.No.-2,Pyare Lal Road, Bapa Nagar, Delhi-5, have declare name,of mine has, been wrongly-written as Rozy in the, school-record of, my minor son Vasu aged-14 years.The actual name,of mine is Rosy.

0400586401-5

I,Rohit Kumar S/o Jai Bhagwan, R/o WZ-78,Tatarpur,Tagore Garden West-Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Rohit Tanwar.

0400586404-9

I,Rishika D/o Sachin Kumar R/o H.No.WZ-96, Dasghara Village, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012 have changed my name to Aadriti permanently.

0400586438-1

I,Rakesh Kumar S/o Maha Singh R/o-Amrapali Royal, U1-103, 2B Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 have changed my minor son's name from KUMAR PRIYANSH to PRIYANSH KUMAR for all future purposes.

0400586369-2

I,REEHAAN AHMED,S/O NOOR AHMED R/o-739,SHEESH MAHAL,AZAD MARKET, DELHI-110006,have changed my mother's name,from SHEHNAAZ PARVEEN to SHAHNAZ PARVEEN,for all purpose.

0400586404-5

I,Punam Kumari,W/o Azad Singh,R/O 97-B,Rajindra park Extn.,Nangloi West Delhi-110041,has been change name Punam to Punam Kumari,for all purpose.

0400586394-10

I,Parminder S Sethi S/O.Hardev Singh R/O-A-62, first-floor, Asha-park, jail-road, New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Parminder Singh,for all purposes.

0400586394-8

I,PRICHA MATHUR,W/O AKHILESHWAR CHANDRA MATHUR,ADD-319, SEC-15A, NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR,U.P-201301,changed my name to RRICHA MATHUR.

0400586404-2

I,POOJA SHIVHARE,W/O- ANSHUMAN, R/o-SKE-708, SHIPRA KRISHNA VISTA APARTMENT AHINSA KHAND-1 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD,UP-201014, Changed my name to POOJA.

0400586409-7

I,Nirmala Devi W/o,Anil Kumar R/o,Police Station,Sector-24, Noida, Distt. G.B.Nagar (UP), declare that Nirasha and Nirmala Devi both are, my name.My real and correct name is Nirmala Devi.

0400586404-10

I,Nikhil kumar,S/o-Ramesh kumar,R/o J-4/21-B,DDA Flats,Kalkaji, South Delhi,Delhi-110019, have changed the name of my minor son from Parth kumar to Parth kumar Kashyap for future.

0400586409-10

I,Neetu Rathore,w/o Naveen Kumar Rathore, R/O G-318A, HIG-Flat, sector-11, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad-201009,have changed my name to Nitu Singh Rathore.

0400586401-6

I,Naveen Prakash,R/o-196, Siddharth Niketan Sector-14, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, have changed my minor's son name Arjun Prakash Shastri to Arjun Prakash.

0400586438-5

I,Rupam Kumari,W/o Ranjit Kumar,R/o 826/1, Upper Ground-Floor Extended Lal dora burari Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Rupam Singh.

0400586394-1

I,Naveen Prakash,R/o 196, Siddharth Niketan Sector-14, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad,have changed my minor's son name Kabeer Prakash Shastri to Kabeer Prakash.

0400586438-6

I,Naveen Kumar, S/o, Jasraj Singh,R/o VPO-Narhara,Tehsil-Pataudi, Gurugram (Haryana)-122503,have changed my name to Naveen Chauhan.

0400586409-4

I,Mukesh Kumar,S/O Kishan Lal,R/O 185-186, Khyber-Pass Mess Civil-Lines Delhi-110054, have changed my minor Son name Pushp to Pushp Kumar.

0400586394-3

I,Mridul Khurana S/o Mr. Gulshan Khurana R/o C-156, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Mredul Khurana.

0400586438-2

I,Mohammad Noor Khan,S/o Mohammad Naim Khan,R/o-17/103 (East End Apartment) Mayur Vihar Extension Phase-1,Delhi-110096, Have Changed My Name To Noor Khan.

0400586414-7

I,Manju Kanojia,W/O Mukesh Kanojia,R/O-185-186, Khyber-Pass Mess Civil- Lines Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Manju.

0400586394-4

I,MUKHTIYAR SINGH S/O SEWA SINGH R/o B-420-21,JJ COLONY, CHOWKHANDY,TILAK NAGAR, DELHI-110018.CHANGED MY NAME TO MUKHTYAR SINGH.

0400586404-1

I,MOHD SHAFIQ SIDDIQI, S/O,MOHD SIDDIQI, R/02211, NAYA-MOHALLA GALI QASIM JAAN-BALLIMARAN DELHI-110006. Changed my name to MOHD SHAFIQUE SIDDIQI., Permanently.

0400586401-2

I,LAXMI D/o Sh.Rajendra Kumar Bhatia R/o H.No.-11111,Gali No.-2,Dorivalam, Karoli Bagh, New Delhi-110005,have changed my name to LAKSHMI BHATIA,for all future purposes.

0400586404-4

I,Jasleen Kaur,W/o Amarjeet singh R/o WZ-139,A-1,New Mahavir Nagar,Tilik Nagar, Delhi,have changed my name to Jagdeep Kaur.

0400586394-6

I,JC No.338769A, SUB RAJ KUMAR SINGH, R/o- VPO-Dehari, The Keraket, Distt- Jaunpur, UP-221242, have change my son's name from ADITYA SINGH to ADITYA RAJ SINGH,for all purposes.

0400586404-3

I,Hitherto known as Shabana@Shabana Khan,D/o Jameel Ahmed,W/o Mohd. Shakir,residing at, 4929F/4, Street.No.5, Sartaj Mohalla,East Seelampur, Krishna-Nagar,East Delhi-110031, have changed my name and shaki hereafter be known as Zainab.

0400586414-8

I,Himanshu Bisht S/o Jagdish Singh R/o H-282-A, Ward-2, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, inform that my father's name wrongly written in my school documents as Jagdish Bisht instead of Jagdish Singh.

0400586305-1

I,Himanshi Mittal,D/o Basant Mittal,DOB 13.10.1998,R/o B-46A, Old Roshanpura, Najafgarh,ND-43 have corrected my father's name from Sumit Mittal to Basant Mittal vide affidavit dt 28.9.21 verified at New Delhi

0050184852-1

I,Gurpreet K Sethi W/O, Parminder Singh R/O-A-62, first-floor, Asha-park, jail-road, New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur,for all purposes.

0400586394-9

I,Geeta Rani,W/O Jagdish Parsad Aggarwal R/O WZ-600-B, Rishi Nagar,Rani Bagh Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Geeta Aggarwal.

0400586414-4

I,Muskan D/o Raju Anand R/o 44,Tihar Camp,Ajay Enclave Extn, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Muskan Anand.

0400586424-1

I,GEETA DEVI SRIVASTAVA,W/o Brij pal,R/o Flat.no-190,3rd-floor janta-flat GTB-enclave, Delhi-110093, Infrom that my minor Daughter's her school-record my name and my daughter name has been mentioned as Geeta and Daiksyka Daisee.The correct-my-name is Geeta Devi srivastava and my daughter name is Dejika deji, for all future purposes.

0400586401-8

I,Deepak Kumar R/o-Kurri, Baghpat,Uttar Pradesh-250617,infrom that Aditya Duhoon and Aaditya Duhoon both name are same person.His correct name Aaditya Duhoon.

0400586409-5

I,Babil Sharma,W/o-Subhash Chand Sharma,R/O-638A, Pocket-F, GTB-Enclave,Delhi-93,declare that Babil Sharma, Babil Rani,Babita Sharma,are one and,same, person. In future I,will be known,as Babil Sharma,for all,purposes.

0400586414-5

I,BHARPU SINGH,S/O GURCHET SINGH residing of,VILLAGE DHANDRA, DIST-LUDHIANA, PUNJAB-141116,have changed my name to BHARPOOR SINGH, permanently.

0400586409-3

I,Abhiraj alias Abhi Raj S/o Balraj Singh R/o Qtr.No. 58,Type-3,Staff Qtr.Jai Vihar,Lajpat Nagar,Delhi-24,have changed my name to Abhi Raj.

0400586401-4

I,ANISH KUMAR V. S. S/O VASUDEVEN P. A, R/O 31-E, Pocket-B-7, Mayur vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110096, have changed my minor son's name from ADITH KUMAR A V to AADITH ANISH, for all purposes.

0400586308-1

I, Umesh Kumar Mendirattat natural guardian of Mast Yuvraj Mendirattat, R/o H.No. 1520,F.F., Sec-16, Faridabad, have changed my son name, from Yuvraj Mendirattat to Yuvraj Mendirattat, for all purposes.

0400586438-10

I,Shubhani Kaushish w/o Rohit Sharma R/o GG1/52A, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110016 have changed my name to SHUBHANI SHARMA.

0400586354-1

I, Rita Trilochan Singh W/o Trilochan Singh R/o-B-5/97, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029 have changed my name to Rita Singh,permanently.

0400586438-4

I, Raj Kanwar Yaduvanshi alias Raj Kanwaryaduvanshi,S/o Suresh Yadav R/o Farm-No.36, Haux Khas,Delhi-110007 changed my name to Tiger Yadav.

0400586409-1

I, Raj Bahadur S/o,Shri Shastri R/O-A-97, Gali-No.2, Sainik Enclave, Vikas Nagar,Uttam Nagar, N-Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Raj Bahadur Singh.

0400586438-3

I, Prbhawati Jain W/o Pushraj Jain R/O -B-17, Prashant Vihar Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Prabhawati Jain.

0400586414-2

I, Mukesh Kanojia S/O Kishan Lal R/O 185-186, Khyber-Pass Mess Civil-Lines Delhi-110054,have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar.

0400586394-2

I, Mohammad Ajhar S/o Mohmad Jahir, R/o 451, 10, milan vihar, burari, north delhi-110084. Have Changed my name to Mohmad Azhar

0070755587-1

I, Manish Kumar S/o Raj Singh R/o 104, Sadh wali Gali, Budhanpur Majza Dabas, Delhi-110081 have Changed my minor Son name Savya Singh Dabas to Shubhraansh Dabas for all purpose.

0400586301-1

I, Kritika Mudgal,D/o-Vijay Mudgal,R/o-8/46, Mehram Nagar, Delhi-Cantt, NewDelhi-110037, after marriage, with Mr. Rohit Sharma, I,have changed my name,from Kritika Mudgal to Kritika Sharma.

0400586414-6

I, Km Sapan Verma W/o Sat Narain R/O F-2/6-5-6 Right Side Second Floor Badli Vihar Phase-1 Delhi-110086,changed my name to Sapna.

0400586414-1

I, Kakali Mondal W/o Mr. Jayanto Mondal R/o 4289, Gali No-61, Raigar pura,Karol Bagh,New Delhi-110005 Have changed my name to Kakuli Mondal for all future purposes.

0400586304-1

I, KASHIF ALI S/O KAUSAR ALI R/O,975 GALI PAI WALI PUNJABI PHATAK BALLIMARAN CHANDNI CHOWK DELHI -110006, have changed my name to KASHIF ALI KHAN, Permanently. 0070755586-1

I, Geeta Devi W/o Anil Kumar R/o 60B, Village-Bhalswa, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Geeta Rani Permanently. 0070755595-1

I, FIRDAUS JAHAN, W/O. MOHD SHAFIQUE SIDDIQUI, R/o 2211, NAYA-MOHALLA GALI QASIM JAAN BALLIMARAN DELHI-110006, changed my name to FIRDOUS JAHAN, permanently. 0400586401-3

I, Ex. Naik Amar Singh Rathore (70477000) R/o 72, South Enclave, DDA Flats,Dakshinpuri Extension, New Delhi-110062 Have Changed my Wife Name Sohan Kanwar to Sohan Kanwar Rathore for all Purpose. 0400586300-1

I, Chhavi Setia alias Chhavi W/o Parhas Batheja R/O H.No.233, Sohna, Gurugram, Haryana changed my name to Chhavi. 0400586424-2

I, Akash S/o Manoj Kumar R/o H.No.383, Sector 38,Gurugram, Haryana-122001 changed my name to Akash Singh. 0400586409-2

I, ANJALI Nagpal,w/o/Rajeev Nagpal, R/O KU-56 pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Anjeli Nagpal. 0400586394-5

Ihitherto knows as Mohanan.VV. S/o Viswanadhan residing at RZ-2082, Gali No.-26, Flat NO.-S-2, Happy Apartment, Tughlakabad Extension, Ali, South Delhi, Delhi-110019 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mohanan Viswanadhan.

I have changed my name from "Lalit Kumar Garg" to "Lalit Garg". My address is CB-02, SECTOR-44, NEAR PEARLS GATEWAY TOWER, NOIDA. 201301 0400586349-1

IUMED,S/O ASHOK SINGH,R/O N 63/1 KHARAR KHURD BHIWANI HARYANA-127114,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO UMED RANA. 0400586394-7

I Timmi alias Tanu D/o Sh. Prem Chand R/o H.No.A-170, New Town Ship, NTPC Badarpur, Badarpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Tanu for all purposes.

I Sunita alias Sunita Nagpal D/o Late Sh.Hansraj Aneja W/o Sh.Devesh Nagpal R/O C G L-113, DLF Capital Greens, Near Karampura, Moti Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Sunita Nagpal for all purposes.

0400586299-5

I Nitin Singh s/o sh. Manoj singh kushwah R/o 2438 bada chippi wara dariwa kalan chandni chowk delhi-110006 have changed my name/surname to "Nitin singh kushwah". In future for all purpose.

0400586258-1

I Manoj Singh s/o sh. Arjun singh kushwah R/o 2438 bada chippi wara dariba kalan chandni chowk delhi-110006 have changed my name/ surname to "Manoj Singh Kushwah". In future for all purpose.

0400586262-1

I MEENU W/O SHRI RAMPAL R/O LEKHU NAGAR, TRINAGAR DELHI-110035, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RENU. 0400586338-1

I Anuj S/o Rajbahadur R/O Priya darshani vihar, road no-64, Tahirpur, Delhi 110095 changed my name to Anuj Bhandari 0070755545-1

I Kumari Arpana W/o Girijesh Kumar Singh R/o Kh-150-B, U/G/F Flat No.-16, Bhavishya Apartment Devili Nai Basti Road ND-110080 have changed my minor daughter name Swetakshi Singh to Sreeja Singh 0400586374-1

I Harminder Jeet Kaur W/o Inderjit Singh R/o B -139, Ram Enclave, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP -201011 have changed my name to Harminder Kaur 0070755568-1

I Bajrang Ram Bhawana S/o Shri Chandrika Ram R/o Village Muma Kala, P.O.Ketat, P.S. Rehla, Gurha Kalan, Palamu, Jharkhand-822124 is also known as Bajrang Ram. Both names are of one and the same person. 0400586299-6

I, SALMAN SHAFIQ SIDDIQI, S/O,MOHD SHAFIQUE SIDDIQUI, R/O 2211, NAYA-MOHALLA GALI QASIM JAAN BALLIMARAN, DELHI-110006. Changed my name to SALMAN SHAFIQUE SIDDIQI. Permanently. 0400586401-1

I, Sonia W/O Mohammad Akhtar R/O B-522 katpuli colony Pandav Nagar Patel Nagar New Delhi 110008,hereby declare that my Name is wrongly mentioned of my Daughter school record Soni Begum Her correct Name is Sonia,which may be amended Accordingly. 0400586060-4

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0400586438-11

LOST & FOUND

I.L.D Minocha had lost some documents of my Flat.No.1813 in AWHO Sector-29,Noida i.e. Allotment Letter dated-19.10.1993,Handing taking over certificate & Possession Certificate-28.10.1993, Please,Finder inform SBI RACPC-01, Sec-55,Noida.

0400586409-9

IT IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION THAT MY ORIGINAL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE OF MAIN SECONDARY EXAMINATION OF YEAR 1997 AND ROLL NO. 6115817 AND SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATION OF YEAR 1999 AND ROLL NO. 6213301 ISSUED BY CBSE HAS BEEN ACTUALLY LOST. CONT.-ASHIMA AMAR R/O D-12 2FLR LORD KRISHNA ROAD ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI-33 #9811057394

0400586268-1

It is notified for the information that Lost my original qualifying class 10th(Grade sheet cum certificate of performance, Roll.No-8196143,passing year-2016,issued by CBSE board, finder please contact. Candidate Name-Karuna Girdhar,D/O-Shri Surender Mohan 0400586409-8

PUBLIC NOTICE

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, SHRISHTI SISODIA D/O RAM SINGH R/O 1 GALI NO 9A BANK COLONY NAND NAGARI DELHI-110093 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SHRISHTI in my matriculation certificate and in my Driving License No. DJ-1320120119960. The actual name of mine is SHRISHTI SISODIA, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that my client Sh. Jagdish Kumar S/o Late Sh. Shri Singh R/o H. No. 1, Near Sakinaka Mandir, Barari, Delhi-110084 has severed all his relation for all purposes with his son namely Sh. Naveen Kumar, aged about 25 years and has disowned & debarred him from all his movable and immovable properties and assets, due to his disrespectful behavior, insulting attitude and humiliating nature. Any person dealing with said Sh. Naveen Kumar shall be doing so at his own risks and consequences and my client shall not be able & responsible for any of acts & omissions of said Sh. Naveen Kumar.

Sd/-
Sri: Vipin Verma (Advocate)
Seat No. 100, P.S. Rathi Block,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public and my client Rita Jaggi W/o Late Sh. Ajit Kumar P/O E-589, Raghubar Nagar, New Delhi, has cancelled the G.P.A. in respect of Property No. TC-6, area 12.5 Sq. Yds., Raghubar Nagar, New Delhi and also has disowned and debarred his daughter Ms. Priyanka Jaggi D/o Late Sh. Ajit Kumar from all her movable and immovable properties with immediate effect and severed all relations and connections with her, because she is out of control of my client and misbehave with her. Anybody dealing with her shall do so at his own risk and responsibilities thereto and my clients and her family shall be in no way responsible for any act, deeds and things done by her.

Sd/-
M.K. JHA (ADVOCATE)
G.R. S&L, Authority Building Distt. Center, Janki Puri, New Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE

Smt. Manju Aggarwal W/O Shri B.L. Aggarwal and Smt. Shashi Gupta W/O Shri Raju Gupta west unit no. 5, 1st floor, Block-8, new known as Krishna Apartment, measuring 58.53 sq.mtr., of built up property bearing no. 675, Khasra 675 B, mtr. situated in the within extended assd (Lal dora) of village Devli, New Delhi-80, to Smt. Kanta Rani W/O Shri Ram Sawroop R/O D-175, Krishna Park, Devli Road, Khempur, New Delhi-110090 by executed a GPA,duly attested by notary public dated 25/08/2020, New Delhi. In sentr GPA, ATS and will witness sign and details mentioned.

Sd/-
Brij Mohan
Advocate & Solicitor
Chamber No.-51, Saket Courts Complex,
Saket New Delhi -110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client VIDHA DEVI W/O SHRI RAM JAIN R/O C-13, GALI NO.12, C-BLOCK, EAST SAGAR PURI, NANGAL RAYA, NEW DELHI-110046, has disowned his son SHANDEEP JAIN S/O SHRI RAM JAIN R/O C-13, GALI NO.12, C-BLOCK, EAST SAGAR PURI, NANGAL RAYA, NEW DELHI-110046 and his wife SAMMA PARWEEN alias SALMA & from her all movable and immovable properties due to their misconduct, disrespectful behavior and out of control of my client. My client has also severed all her relations with them, if anybody deals with them the will do so at their own risk and cost and consequences my client shall not her responsible any manner of the same.

Sd/- CHANSHYAM DIVNEDEI
ADVOCATE
CHAMBER NO. 617, DWARKA COURT, NEW DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Sunila Devi W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o House No. C-174 Shiv Vihar Karali Delhi-110081, and his family members is disowned his Son Kunal and his wife Isha & Aashi and also debarred them from his movable and immovable properties. Hereinafter, my client shall not be responsible for any act of his son and his wife in any manner and if any person deals with them then they shall themselves be sole responsible for the same.

Sd/- VIBHASH MISHRA (Advocate)
Chamber No. 1220, Lawyers Chamber Block Rohini Court, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, YOOSEAF MANCODE S/O ABOOSAKER R/O 17, MEERA BABA POLYTECHNIC CAMPUS, MAHARANI BAGH, EAST OF KAILASH, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110065 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as YOUSUF M ABU in my minor son's MUHAMMED SHAHZAD YOUSUF aged 15 years School Records and Aadhar Card. The actual name of mine is YOOSEAF MANCODE, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Property No. UTN081, 8th Floor, The Ulima, DLF Garden City, Sector-81 Gurugram, Haryana was allotted to Mr. Kamal Bahi S/O Mr. P.K. Bahi and Mr. Lalit Bahi S/O Mr. Kamal Bahi Resident of C-142, 1st Floor, New Multan Nagar, New Delhi-110056. That Mr. Kamal Bahi R/o C-142, 1st Floor, New Multan Nagar, New Delhi-110056 who was expired on 19.05.2021 without leaving the Will and accordingly the name of Mr. Lalit Bahi is being noted in DLF's record in respect of the captioned property. If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach Ms/ DLF Ltd or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.

(KALASH KUMAR JONWAL)
Advocate,Enrl.no.-D-46/2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is Hereby informed that my clients Smt. Shanti Devi W/O Li Ramji Lal R/O H.No. 294A Ground floor, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi 110018 and her sons namely rajinder, Rajeev, Sanjeev, Shanti and Sandeep have disowned Ms. Varsha Aneja W/O Sh Parvash Aneja, R/O A-625-624, DDA Colony, Chaukhandi, Tilak Nagar, ND 18 and her family due their persistent misconduct and all of my clients have severed all personal ties and have debarred them from any share in their movable or immovable properties.

Sd/- SHANKAR WIG
Advocate
Chamber No. 510, 2nd Floor, Deep Plaza, Opposite District Court, Gurugram

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that my client Smt. Kavita Mehra who is the owner of residential Property bearing No. 486, area measuring 800 sq. yards on Raoult Court Road, Rajpur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi, by virtue of Regd. Will dated 07/09/2012 executed by Smt. Kamla Mehra, That Late Smt. Kamla Mehra had purchased the said property from Sh. Lajay Ram Kapur, Sh. Bhiku Ram Jain and Sh. Ajit Parshad Jain through Registered Sale Deed dated 25.12.1983.

If any persons have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property please contact us within 15 days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client i.e. Smt. Kavita Mehra shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Mohd. Khairul Hussain (Advocate)
Ch. No. 214, 2nd Floor Delhi High Court, New Delhi-110001, Mob.-8810391672

PUBLIC NOTICE

To know public at large that my clients Sh. Mohan Singh Parihar S/o Sh. Gajraj Singh Parihar & his wife Smt. Dropadi Parihar both R/o JA-25A, LG Flats, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 have debarred their son Dhruv Singh Parihar & daughter In law Pranita from our House/Property & Business. Now onwards they are solely responsible for their all the relating things loans, fights, police case, court case etc.

Advocate
Prateek Bharti
Tis Hazari Court Western Wing
Chamber No. W-225

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of the general public that Mrs. Pushpa Chopra (mother of my client Mr. Kittoo Chopra) was the recorded owner of Basement, G.F. II Floor, III Floor with entire Roof Rights, Two Servant Quarters and Drive Ways on the G.F. of Property No. H-5, Green Park Extension, New Delhi-110016. Mrs. Pushpa Chopra died on 09.08.2020. My client is co-owner of the aforesaid Property and has not authorized anyone to deal with his share in the said Property. Anyone entering into any transaction in respect of the said property or any part thereof shall be doing so at his risk and my client shall not be responsible for the same.

Anil K. Batra, Advocate
Ch. No. 140, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-01, M: 9810127096

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE ELEIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTEMENT/EMPANELMENT AS STATE QUALITY MONITORS (SQM) FOR INSPECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE EXECUTED BY PROJECTS IMPLMENTATION UNITS (PIUs) FOR THE PROJECTS UNDER PMGSY SCHEME. The application along with detail instructions terms & conditions is available on website <http://haryanapwd.gov.in>. LAST DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS 21-10-2021 UPTO 5.00 PM.

Executive Engineer (PMGSY)
Nirman Sadan, Sector- 33A, Chandigarh.

4995/HRY



महाराष्ट्र रेल इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
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Notice Inviting E- Tender

MRIDC is inviting E-bids from the eligible bidders for the works mentioned below:
E-Tender No. MRIDC/PROJ/e-TENDER/ROB/2021/136
(a) **Name of Work:** Construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) at 3 Locations (i.e. Pune-Miraj Section at LC No. 112- km 239/1-2, LC No. 119 - km 256/6-7 and LC No. 465 - km 764/5-6) in Lieu of LC Gates in Maharashtra area on Pune Division of Central Railway.
(b) **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 60,57,28,520/-
(c) **Completion Period:** 300 days.
(d) **Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid:** 20/10/2021 upto 15:00 Hrs.
E-Tender No. MRIDC/PROJ/e-TENDER/RUB-LHS/2021/137
(a) **Name of Work:** Construction of Road Under Bridges (RUB) and Limited Height Subway (LHS) at various locations across Railway Lines in Maharashtra area.
(b) **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 107,63,85,169/-
(c) **Completion Period:** 400 days.
(d) **Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid:** 20/10/2021 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Interested bidders who wish to participate should visit MRIDC's official website www.maharail.com or e-bidding portal www.tenderwizarad.in/MAHARAIL to bid their offer. Any Addendum / Corrigendum to this notice will be uploaded on the above-mentioned websites only.
MANAGING DIRECTOR



Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

(A)	S. No.	Job No. / Work Name	Amount
1.	175/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-21, M/o Parks (R/o Boundary wall, railing Main Gate Z Gate of park D-155 Sector-63) Noida	Cost Rs. 42.82 Lacs	
2.	179/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-21, M/o Parks (R/o Boundary wall, railing, main gate, z gate and footpath of Park in BR-10 Sector-63 A) Noida	Cost Rs. 42.87 Lacs	
3.	180/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-21, M/o Park (R/o Boundary wall, brick work new footpath railing and other work Sector-63 D-338) Noida	Cost Rs. 33.88 Lacs	
4.	181/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-21, M/o Parks (R/o Boundary wall, railing, main gate, z gate and Footpath of Park in front of C-30 Sector-7, F-19 Sector-8 and E-87, G-119 and E-40 Sector-9) Noida	Cost Rs. 30.50 Lacs	
5.	240/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Parks (P/F Coil Fencing work, Repairing, Painting & Other Civil work for different Location of Park A-Block, C-Block & D Block in Sita Vatika Green Belt in Sector-48, Noida)	Cost Rs. 33.34 Lacs	
6.	157/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (Repair of Boundary wall, Gate & Pathway in front of Shanti Niketan Sector-143B)	Cost Rs. 30.56 Lacs	
7.	153/ D(H)/DD(H)-III/20-21, Annual maintenance of park (Pathway gate) in different location Horticulture Division-III	Cost Rs. 4	

Pacquiao retires to focus on prez bid



Regarded as one of the greatest boxers of all time, Pacquiao has been serving as a senator since 2016. Reuters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

ON WEDNESDAY, Philippine icon Manny Pacquiao ended his 26-year, 72-fight career with 62 wins, eight losses and two draws. He won 12 world titles across eight weight divisions and remains the only boxer to hold world championships across four decades.

Pacquiao, whose journey began as a stowaway on a ship bound for Manila, experienced tremendous growth outside the ring as well. Going from pugilism to populism, the 42-year-old achieved the status of a national hero, climbed up the political ladder and is currently in the middle of a presidential bid.

Along the way, he has earned the reputation of being an 'absentee congressman', a friend-turned-foe relationship with the current president Rodrigo Duterte, and criticism for some of his beliefs.

Round one: House of Representatives

In 2007, Pacquiao announced his campaign for a seat in the House of Representatives. Then 28, Pacquiao was among several prominent celebrities, including movie stars, who contested the congressional and local elections, and lost.

Pacquiao was defeated by Darlene Antonino-Custodio of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC).

Antonino Custodio said, "He probably wasn't really prepared for politics, but more than anything, I think, people weren't prepared to lose him as their boxing icon either."

Pacquiao then enrolled in a certificate

course in Development, Legislation, and Governance, and in November 2009, contested again for a congressional seat at Sarangani province — his wife Jinkee's hometown. He earned a landslide win, ending the reign of one of the country's oldest political families: the Chiongians.

He was re-elected to the Congress of Philippines in 2013 when he ran unopposed, and wife Jinkee too was elected as vice-governor of Sarangani.

Round two: Senate

In October 2015, he announced his candidature for the position of senator, and won in May 2016, garnering over 16 million votes.

He was also the senate's top absentee, recording 12 absences from July 2018 to June 2019, according to data released by the Senate. He had the highest number of absences after Senator Leila de Lima, who failed to attend all 61 sessions due to detention.

Before becoming a senator, Pacquiao had earned the moniker of 'absentee congressman' for being the top absentee among lawmakers.

Round three: Presidential election

Senator since 2016, Pacquiao earlier this month announced his intention to run for president in the 2022 elections.

"To government officials who continue to rob government coffers, you will soon find others in jail," Pacquiao said on September 19 as he announced his candidacy. "Your time is up."

The constitution bars current President Rodrigo Duterte from seeking a second six-year term in the election next May.

Messi wins over PSG fans with a wonder strike in 2-0 win over Man City

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Lionel Messi scored his first Paris Saint-Germain goal and Luxembourg midfielder Sebastian Thill struck late for newcomer Sheriff Tiraspol to stun 13-time champions Real Madrid in the Champions League. Messi's brilliant strike capped a 2-0 win for PSG over fellow big spender Manchester City in what was a repeat of last season's semifinal. But the surprise of the second round was Moldovan club Sheriff's coup in Madrid, where the home team was repeatedly thwarted by Greek goalkeeper Giorgos Athanasiadis and missed a host of chances before Thill's last-minute goal secured a 2-1 win for the visitors on Tuesday. Luis Suarez also struck late as his injury-time penalty gave Atletico Madrid a 2-1 win at 10-man AC Milan, while Club Brugge and Liverpool also claimed away wins at Leipzig and Porto, respectively.

Messi magic

With all the attention on PSG's star attacking trio of Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe, it was unheralded midfielder Idrissa Gueye who opened the scoring in Paris with a powerful strike inside the top right corner in the eighth minute. But the home team was fortunate to be leading at the break as City's Raheem Sterling and Bernardo Silva both hit the crossbar in quick succession, the latter from just a couple of yards out with an empty net. Gianluigi Donnarumma also made his case for becoming PSG's No. 1 goalkeeper with a commanding performance to keep City out. Messi settled the issue in the 74th after playing a one-two with Mbappe, who returned the ball with his heel, and then dinking it over Ederson inside the far corner.

It was the Argentine star's first goal since his summer switch from Barcelona. City had been unbeaten in its previous 18 Champions League group-stage matches. In the other Group A game, Club Brugge won 2-1 at Leipzig. Christopher Nkunku's fifth-minute goal for Leipzig was ruled out for offside, but a VAR check gave the go-ahead for the home team's celebrations to resume a minute later. But Hans Vanaken equalized for the Belgian club in the 22nd minute, again after a long VAR check, and Mats Rits grabbed what proved to be winner in the 41st.

Sheriff Tiraspol stuns Real Madrid



Messi celebrates his first goal for PSG with former Barcelona teammate Neymar, as the French club beat Manchester City 2-0. AP

RESULTS

Shakhtar Donetsk	0	0	Inter Milan
Ajax	2	0	Besiktas
Real Madrid	1	2	Sheriff Tiraspol
AC Milan	1	2	Atletico Madrid
Borussia Dortmund	1	0	Sporting Lisbon
PSG	2	0	Manchester City
Porto	1	5	Liverpool
RB Leipzig	1	2	Club Brugge

Real Madrid was happy to be back playing in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, but the visitors appeared to feel right at home there, too.

Uzbek forward Jasurbek Yakhshiboev stunned the home fans by scoring with a header to Brazilian defender Cristiano's cross in the 25th minute. Madrid pushed and pushed for an equalizer before Karim Benzema finally scored with an expertly taken penalty in the 64th minute.

It ensured the France forward became the first player to score in 17 successive Champions League seasons. Messi became the second player to achieve the feat a short while later.

Thill's powerful late winner gave Sheriff an unexpected second win from two games to top Group D with six points - they had beaten Shakhtar Donetsk 2-0 in their first

round match on September 15. Madrid is second with three, ahead of Donetsk and Inter Milan who have one point each after drawing 0-0 in the early game.

Wins for Atletico, Liverpool

Spanish champions Atletico was second best for long periods at Group B rival Milan. Rafael Leao scored for Milan in the 20th minute after some fine work from Ibrahim Diaz to set him up, but the home team was dealt a severe blow nine minutes later when Franck Kessie was shown a second yellow card for catching Marcos Llorente. Still, the visitors had to wait until the 84th for Antoine Griezmann to equalize with his first goal for Atletico since he returned from Barcelona. Suarez, another former Barca forward, got the winner from the spot after a handball in the area.

It was the Uruguay star's first Champions League goal away from home since he scored for Barca at Roma in September 2015.

Meanwhile, braces from Mo Salah and Roberto Firmino, along with Sadio Mane's strike helped Liverpool sink Porto 5-1.

Haller strikes again

With Erling Haaland still out for Dortmund, it was up to Sebastian Haller to grab the headlines in Group C. The Ivory Coast forward's 43rd-minute goal gave Ajax a 2-0 win over Besiktas and took his tally to five goals in two Champions League games.

BRIEFLY

FC Goa through to Durand Cup final

Kolkata: Goa down Bengaluru in penalties FC Goa were stretched to the limit before they overcame Bengaluru FC 7-6 in sudden death to become the first Indian Super League side to enter the Durand Cup final here on Wednesday. Both teams were locked 2-2 after extra time. FC Goa will face local heavyweights Mohammedan Sporting in the summit clash at the same venue on Sunday. For the Goans, Aibambha Kupar Dohling, Sanson Pereira, Leander D Cunha and Edu Betia converted their chances, while Bengaluru goalkeeper Lara thwarted Redeem's strike in their second effort. Bengaluru matched Goa with each shot with Wungngayam Muirang, Ajay Chhetri, Parag Shrivastava, Namgyal Bhutia and captain Ajith Kumar scoring from the spot kicks, while Akashdeep's shot to the right was saved by Naveen. In the sudden death, Papaia and Makan Chothe and Christy Davis struck for the Gaurs, while Ajith Kumar and Bekey Oram scored for Bengaluru before Naveen provided the winning moment. for the Goan team. **PTI**

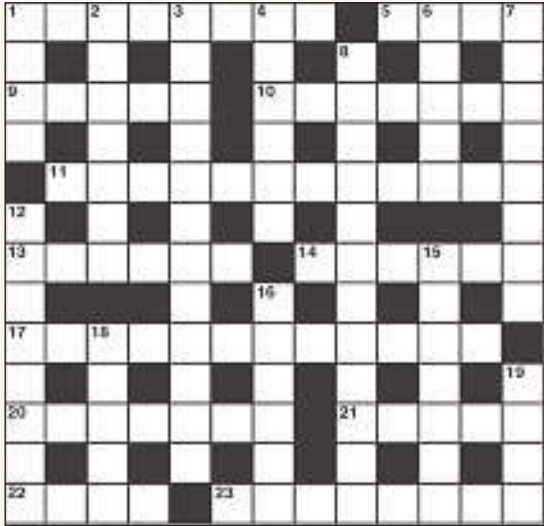
India assured first Asian TT medal

Doha: Making most of China's absence, India were on Wednesday assured of their maiden medal in the Asian Table Tennis Championships after beating Iran 3-1 in the quarter-finals here. India, who had made it to the Champions Division after their stellar showing in the last edition, were also handed a direct entry into the eight-team main draw of the ITTF-ATTU joint event. Achanta Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan put India in a 2-0 lead. Harmeet Desai lost the third match, but Sharath finished the tie after winning the reverse singles 11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 11-9. **PTI**

India beat Finland in Sudirman Cup

Vantaa: Already out of quarterfinal race, India beat Finland 4-1 in their inconsequential final group match of the Sudirman Cup badminton tournament. The mixed doubles pair of M R Arjun and Ashwini Ponnappa beat the Finnish duo of Anton Kaisti and Jenny Nyström 21-9, 21-14 before Kidambi Srikanth and Malvika Bansod won their men's and women's singles matches respectively. **PTI**

CROSSWORD 4548



- ACROSS**
1 Interior decoration pretty as can be (8)
5 Area of Israel (4)
9 One who controls runners in winter sports (5)
10 Angered about an explosive device (7)
11 Exemplary piece of instruction (6,6)
13 A note sent out by representatives (6)
14 A sailor told to go away (6)
17 One too careless for regular employment? (6,6)
20 Sailor with the mate a great deal (7)
21 Top gear for the duchess perhaps (5)
22 There's no approval for retreat (4)
23 He had a model mother (8)
- DOWN**
1 The job an idle person should be taken to (4)
2 Quietly bound to be compliant (7)
3 Wait to start a game of ping-pong? (5,2,5)
4 One is privileged to have them (6)
6 Degree students (5)
7 No end of time (8)
8 Makes a resounding comeback (12)
12 Vigilant horologist (8)
15 Globe in orbit (7)
16 Flicker of an electric light? (6)
18 Start to fight (3-2)
19 Just show (4)

Solutions Crossword 4547: Across: 1 Threesome, 8 Smart, 10 Divine, 11 Decamp, 12 Inclined, 15 Pentagon, 18 Velvet, 20 Raised, 21 Transit, 22 Tacit, 23 Stretcher. Down: 2 Heave, 3 Entrap, 4 Sleeping partner, 5 Espial, 6 Sallent, 7 Attendant, 11 Desperate, 13 Converse, 14 Antioch, 16 Agents, 17 Clinic, 19 Elite.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

A ___ finds a ___. - Orison Swett Marden (4,3,3)

RABID



JOYLL



ALMRWY

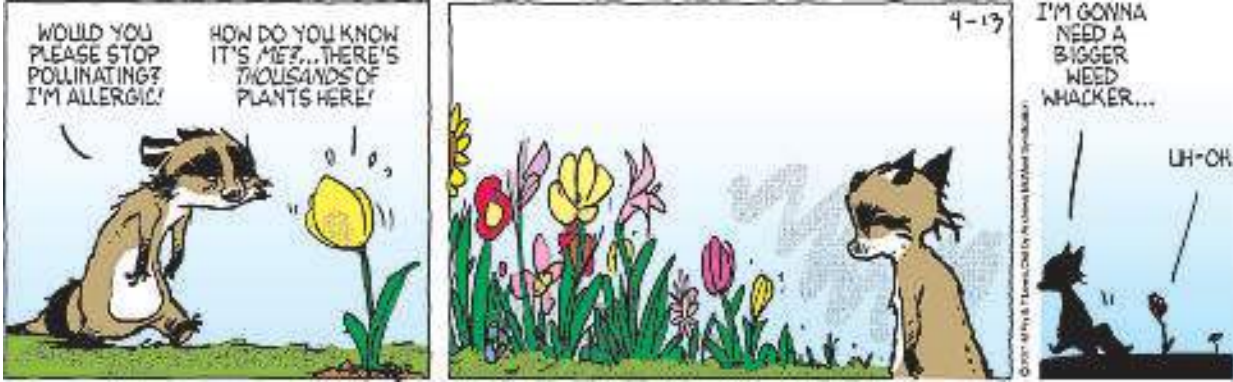


ACHKWT



SOLUTION: RABID, JOYLL, WARMLY, THWACK
Answer: A wolf finds a way. - Orison Swett Marden

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4610

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4609



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The important question of the moment is the degree to which you have been undervalued or taken for granted in the past. actually, you haven't, but you feel as if you have, and in astrology it's often feelings which matter more than what really happens.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The general mix of planetary aspects is somewhat contradictory, and there are positive romantic indications as well as risky ones. It's all a matter of maintaining your cool, and building up your inner confidence. If you be lieve in yourself, then it's more likely that others will take you seriously.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you're stuck for the answers, turn to your imagination. It may be that day-dreaming is actually one of the most productive of activities, for as your mind wanders, you'll see connections which have passed you by until now. Stay alert and keep your eyes open.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The social scene should be lively, and you should begin to see a few invitations coming in. One way or another, it is time to raise your head above the parapet and get in touch with people you have neglected or ignored. You never know, you might get the response you're looking for.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Mercury is lending you a fair degree of wit and a nice helping of wisdom, and you may imagine that your ideas are the best. However, you're now in a phase which could last until next week, and in which it will be instincts rather than facts which guide your actions.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

You may still be keeping certain thoughts to yourself, although you are being surprisingly open about your feelings. The best way to deal with partners is to compliment them at every turn, and do everything you can to make them feel good. You can only gain from performing a favour for a friend.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

The Moon is in a sympathetic relationship with your sign, so you should be able to glide through situations which would otherwise catch you out. Your expectations in all intimate relationships will be high, and you can but hope that they'll be met.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

It's an excellent day for looking beyond your own immediate concerns and building bridges to other people. Hold out the hand of friendship, even to those you've normally ignored, and you may be pleasantly surprised. If you do someone a favour you shouldn't expect thanks, now. That will come, but in its own good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

It's a changeable day, and although there might be moments when you imagine that you can do whatever you like, there'll be times when you remember that there's always a cost, sometimes an emotional one. You just have to work out whether the price is worth it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You have a great deal going for you, more than you might imagine. Best of all, time is on your side, and you can afford to let sleeping dogs lie for as long as you wish. Return to the fray only when you are ready. You need to make quite clear who is the boss.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Personal matters are likely to be more important than professional, so even if you're at work, your thoughts will be elsewhere. You may give children the chance to shine on their own, quite independently of what you think is right and proper. It might be better to set down guidelines rather than rules.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There are undoubtedly practical choices to be made, but you may now be running into a period of delay, so patience will be your greatest virtue. If you're in a hurry to recreate a social contact, you may have to wait up to six weeks, perhaps even longer.

Bangalore Royal Contenders

Royals collapse from a strong position as RCB win by seven wickets to strengthen Playoffs bid

SYNOPSIS: Maxwell's fifty seals win for RCB after Royals' middle-order implosion. Chahal impresses again

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
SEPTEMBER 29

ONCE RAJASTHAN Royals had failed to put up a competitive total, it was Royal Challengers Bangalore's game to lose. And after a 48-run opening partnership in five overs between Virat Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal, they were never going to fluff their lines. Unlike Royals, RCB embraced common sense batting on their way to a seven-wicket win with 17 balls to spare, chasing 150. Kohli's team is now on 14 points, on the cusp of the Playoffs.

The RCB captain looked to be in the mood until a brilliant Riyan Parag throw from backward point ran him out at the bowler's end. Padikkal capitalised on a dropped catch by Sanju Samson off Chetan Sakariya when he was on six. But RCB would be most happy with Glenn Maxwell's upturn in form at the business end of the tournament. After a Man-of-the-Match performance against Mumbai Indians, the Australian scored another unbeaten half-century, off 30 balls.

Maxwell's fifty

There has been a change. In back-to-back games, Maxwell never looked like trying to hit the cover off the ball. His knock against Royals had six fours and a six. All the while, he gave the impression of staying till the end and finishing the job. KS Bharat complemented Maxwell well with a 35-ball 44, playing some good horizontal-bat shots along the way. Royals' modest total followed by a rollicking start to RCB's innings meant that the duo was never under any scoreboard pressure.

Royals' middle-order implosion

They imploded from a prosperous position. Thanks to Evin Lewis' power-punch, Royals were 56 for no loss after the Powerplay. When Lewis' opening partner Yashasvi Jaiswal got out in the ninth over after a 77-run stand, they were still going at nine runs per over and looking set for a total close to 200.

Things turned on their head after Lewis departed for a 37-ball 58. Samson would be disappointed, for he let his side down with a poor shot. The Royals skipper had the leeway to bat at his own pace and given his team's iffy middle order, needed to bat deep. But he flattered to deceive.

Royals had just lost a wicket; Mahipal Lomror giving Yuzvendra Chahal a premeditated charge and getting stumped comfortably. Then, Samson fell prey to his bravado. Kohli had brought on spinners from both ends and it was Shahbaz Ahmed's first ball. The delivery drifted away a little, Samson came down the track, hardly got to the pitch of the ball but went through with the shot. Padikkal at sweeper cover didn't have to move an inch. Poor shot selection is a reason why Samson has failed to cement his place in the Indian T20 squad and he refuses to learn from his mistakes.

In the same over, Rahul Tewatia went for a sweep without riding the extra bounce. Padikkal took another catch, this time at deep backward square. Liam Livingstone came to the IPL with a big reputation. In England, however, he barely faces top-class spinners and Chahal in Asian conditions is a different kettle of fish. Livingstone swung at a flighted delivery and shook his head. The Royals' batting suffered from collective irresponsibility.

From 109/2 after 12 overs, they slumped to 129/6 after 16. Then, Harshal Patel dealt with the tail, taking the wickets of Parag and Chris Morris off consecutive deliveries followed by Sakariya's scalp to take his tournament tally to 25. Earlier, Lewis was taking on debutant RCB fast bowler George Garton and hitting mon-



Glenn Maxwell's fourth half-century of the season comprised six fours and a six. [iplt20.com](#)

POINTS TABLE					
	M	W	L	NRR	Pts
CSK	10	8	2	+1.069	16
DC	11	8	3	+0.562	16
RCB	11	7	4	-0.200	14
KKR	11	5	6	+0.363	10
MI	11	5	6	-0.453	10
PBKS	11	4	7	-0.288	8
RR	11	4	7	-0.468	8
SRH	10	2	8	-0.501	4

strous sixes. The latter eventually settled the score on the first ball of his second spell, inducing a top edge from the Royals opener. It was another short ball all right, but a touch slow. Kohli deserves credit for his bowling change.

Chahal impresses again

Poor batting from Royals notwithstanding, the two RCB spinners, Chahal and Ahmed, impressed. Chahal is regaining his form that had deserted him for the past one-and-a-half seasons, especially in international cricket. An elongated lean patch cost the leggie his place in India's T20 World Cup squad, but as squads could be amended until October 10, he has an outside chance.

Chahal was fantastic during his 3/11 against Mumbai Indians in the previous game. This Dubai pitch, however, was very good for batting and when he was brought into the attack, Royals were in complete control. Along with Ahmed, he stemmed the run-flow and triggered a middle-order collapse. Chahal is no longer bowling a defensive line and pushing his deliveries through, giving the ball air instead and getting his leg-break going. His figures of 2/18 from four overs earned him the Man-of-the-Match award.

Ahmed made an impact with a two-wicket over. He was well-protected by his skipper, as Kohli didn't bring him back at the death with Morris batting. The youngster had already done his job well.

BRIEF SCORES: RR: 149 for 9 in 20 overs (Lewis 58, Jaiswal 31; Patel 3/34, Chahal 2/18, Ahmed 2/10) lost to RCB: 153 for 3 in 17.1 overs (Maxwell 50 not out, Bharat 44; Rahman 2/20) by seven wickets

By backing Morgan, KKR hope for the return of Gambhir era

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EOIN MORGAN'S Kolkata Knight Riders have been enjoying an upsurge in form during the second phase of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Aggressive and fearless cricket have contributed to the improvement. Finally, Morgan is building a team in his own image, like Gautam Gambhir – he led KKR to the IPL title twice – did during his seven-year stint as the franchise skipper. Already in the top four, Morgan's side is looking good enough to be title contenders.

What's the reason for this turnaround?

In the first phase in India, KKR could secure only two wins. With Pat Cummins available, the team was arguably more formidable. During the ongoing second phase, the Kolkata-based franchise has played four games, winning three and losing to Chennai Super Kings in the final ball of the match. They are playing without the fear of failure. Examples are aplenty, the latest one being Shubman Gill's approach against Delhi Capitals. The Sharjah pitch was sticky, the ball wasn't coming on to the bat and Sunil Narine had spun a web around DC batsmen, so much so that there wasn't a single six in DC's innings. Gill, on the other hand, attacked Axar Patel, an India spinner, at the outset. He charged down the track and hit the first six of the match. KKR always had a strong squad, covering all the bases. Now they have belief, personified by Venkatesh Iyer.

Why Dinesh Karthik didn't click as a captain?

Despite being a cerebral cricketer, Karthik never had the leadership pedigree. He had to lead by example. Once his runs dried up during last season, he was under pressure. KKR management still gave Karthik a long rope. Even after the team finishing fifth in 2019 and Moran returning to the side next year, he was

retained as captain. But after just 108 runs from seven matches last year, his position became untenable.

What has worked to Morgan's advantage?

Unlike Karthik, he is not under pressure to perform with the bat to retain his control on the team. Leading England to their first-ever World Cup glory in 2019, three years after his team finished runners-up at the 2016 World T20, made Morgan a high-profile captain. Even in English cricket, his authority is immense, attested by the fact that unlike the Test squad, he barely allows rotation in the England white-ball squads. At KKR also, his authority remains unquestionable, a string of low scores notwithstanding.

Morgan so far has scored 107 runs in 11 matches at an average of 11.88. He was asked about his batting form at the toss before the DC game. "My form not really a concern. It goes around like a roller coaster. I try to ride it as I can," pat came the reply. After a natural bedding-in period, Morgan is now in the driver's seat.

Does Morgan's increased authority hint at a policy shift?

After an indifferent season in 2019, KKR didn't change their captain, revamping their coaching staff instead. Brendon McCullum replaced Jacques Kallis as head coach. "This time around we wanted a different profile, someone who brings fresh ideas and new energy. We are the youngest side in the IPL. We wanted someone who has proven leadership skills, able to work with young players and manage diversity," Knight Riders CEO Venky Mysore told this paper after the appointment.

KKR experimented with a set-up that featured a high-profile head coach and a low-profile captain in McCullum and Karthik respectively, which didn't work. So the management seemingly have gone back to Gambhir's time, with a strong captain in charge – a method that yielded success.

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Dead ball?



RCB wicketkeeper Bharat attempts to run out Yashasvi Jaiswal. [iplt20.com](#)

When does the ball become dead? We would have found out had the umpires got involved after RCB wicketkeeper Srikanth Bharat's attempted run out of Yashasvi Jaiswal. In the last ball of the third over bowled by Glenn Maxwell, Jaiswal had cut to the point fielder. Even as the throw came to Bharat, Jaiswal was in his own bubble, shadow-batting that cut shot again. Bharat spotted an opportunity and started to move his right glove, that held the ball, towards the stumps and waited for Jaiswal's foot to be lifted. The front foot was outside the

crease and the back was shuffling up and down. Bharat would then remove the balls at a rather interesting point and it would have perhaps needed slow-mo replays to conclusively say whether the foot was grounded or not. It's not clear whether he appealed (broadcasters only showed him taking off the balls). According to Law 20.1.1, the ball becomes dead when "it is finally settled in the hands of the wicket-keeper or of the bowler". Would the umpires have deemed the ball was dead by the time Bharat tried to give it a re-birth?

Hat-trick almost ball

What should be the hat-trick ball was the question **Harshal Patel** faced for the second successive match. In the last game, Patel had gone for a marvelous slow-dipping yorker. Here, the moment came in the last over after he had taken out Riyan Parag and Chris Morris. In a post-match chat with Yuzvendra Chahal after the last hat-trick, Patel had said, "Last time (when he found himself with the opportunity to take a hat-trick) I had bowled the same ball (the slow dipping yorker) but it just missed the leg stump by two inches. But I decided to try it again. This was the first hat-trick of my life at any level of the game." It was a no-brainer. He nailed the dipping-yorker too but Kartik Tyagi was ready, and managed to stab it away. Siraj was most relieved as Patel had jumped onto his feet celebrating last match. No matter, Chetan Sakariya would miscue another slower one two balls later to make it three wickets in five balls.



(Wide) Ball of the tournament

Ball of the tournament is passé. Bring on the (wide) ball of the tournament with a sponsor prefix. If so, Harshal Patel's first ball of his second over would not only be a contender but an outright winner. Bowling from round the stumps to the left-handed Evin Lewis from the edge of the crease, the ball landed somewhere on sixth stump—that is on the leg-side, drifted away and KS Bharat had to spread the full breadth of his wing-span to claw the ball inside his webbing, landing almost where a leg-slip would have been stationed. So wide a ball that even if Lewis had been right-handed the ball would have still been called a wide. The intended slower ball had slipped off Patel's greasy palms, and an ashen-faced Patel apologised gingerly to his teammates, especially Bharat, who was still catching his breath after the superman leap (was he a goalkeeper too in school?). The IPL has seen its share of wide balls, from ridiculous to bizarre, but this one would win the contest hands down.

Parag, the ball magnet

Sometimes, you are a ball magnet. Often in a negative sense, as when you have dropped a catch or let a boundary sieve through your palms, but the ball keeps chasing you. In the seventh over of RCB's chase, the ball just kept following **Riyan Parag**, as though it were obsessed with him. The first ball, Virat Kohli bunted a single into his hands, prowling backward point, and he effected a direct hit of little consequence. More of the showboating variety. The next time Kohli regained strike, he slapped the ball airily, again at Parag, who flung to his left and grassed the catch. A ball later, Kohli was again on strike, and he again found his favourite fielder and set off for a quick run. A smuggled run, rather, but he underestimated Parag's accuracy and power. It was iden-

tical to the catch, but this time the ball was hit along the ground. Parag leaped to his left and thwarted the ball, but the ricochet fell a few yards away from him, giving Kohli the leeway to run. But Parag had not lost sight of the ball. He sprang back to his feet, collected the ball in a trice, and thrashed out a tracer-tipped throw that had a searing Kohli stranded at the non-striker's end, much to the disbelief of the hunter and the hunted. Parag was a ball magnet but this time in a positive sense.



UNDER-23 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Once medical college aspirant, Sherin now long jump champion



Sherin Abdul Gaffoor bagged the long jump gold at the Under-23 Nationals with a leap of 6.45m. [Andrew Amsan](#)

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WHEN 20-YEAR-OLD Sherin Abdul Gaffoor took up long jump she didn't harbour dreams of making it big in the sport. She hoped medals would better her chances of getting admission in a medical college through the sports quota. But Sherin didn't know at that time her tryst with athletics would change the course of her future, including plans to become a doctor.

The Chennai jumper bagged gold at the Under 23 National Championship in Delhi on Tuesday with an impressive leap of 6.45m to finish ahead of Sandra Babu (6.29m) and Pooja Saini (6.22m).

"When I told my parents they were really unhappy. After lots of arguments they were finally okay with 'at least' an engineering degree," Sherin says.

But just one week into her engineering course, Sherin realised that she would have to make another course correction.

The packed college schedule hampered her training routine. Sherin's priorities were clear. The bright student decided to quit just one week into her course to take up sociology at M.O.P.Vaishnav College in Chennai. But her parents initially said 'nothing doing'.

"My parents wouldn't let me settle for an arts course. I had to literally beg. I am not kidding, my father is right there and you can ask (Father nods). I said please allow me to quit engineering and focus on my sport. It took a while but they realised how desperately I wanted this and finally agreed but reluctantly," Sherin says.

Sherin's parents have always had high expectations from her over-achieving daughter. Before finding her true love in athletics, at her parents' insistence, she tried her hand at the piano, drums, violin, guitar and even Bharatnatyam.

"Long jump is an emotion," Sherin puts it poetically. "When you stand at the start of the runway it's like a mental battle between you and the pit. During the jump I go into a

different zone, I forget about everything around me for a while. The feeling is surreal," Sherin says.

Long jump, which started off as a means to improve her higher education prospects, has turned into a passion. "I am not a great jumper right now. I have a lot of areas to improve on. The biggest hindrance at the moment is not having a full-time coach to guide me. It makes a lot of difference," she says.

Sherin used to train at an academy run by coach P Nagarajan, who is now arrested following sexual harassment allegations by some of his trainees.

Friends off the field

Sherin has been taking guidance from her seniors at the JLN Stadium in Chennai. For the Delhi meet she travelled with her friends and fellow trainees Nandhini and Aishwarya, who bagged the 100m hurdles silver and triple jump bronze respectively.

During Sherin's final, Nandhini and Aishwarya were sending jump-by-jump clips to their seniors in Chennai and relayed the feedback to their friend.

"Our seniors from Chennai told us what changes to make and then we explained it to Sherin, that helped her a lot," says Nandhini. On Wednesday, during Aishwarya's triple jump finals, Sherin took over the camera.

"We are really close and have each others' back all the time. We not only train together but also go to the same college," says Nandhini.

Sherin, who is also a talented dancer, was really pleased to see coach Robert Bobby George with his wards at the meet. But the youngster says she hasn't been able to muster the courage to go up and have a chat with Bobby who had coached Anju to the 2003 World Championships bronze medal.

"He's such a big coach, I feel very nervous to approach him. He has been on the circuit for so long and there is nothing that he doesn't know about jumps. I was just about to say hello to him but he got busy with something," Sherin says.

When Sherin was told Bobby had something to say about her, she was keen to know what he had said. "She's very consistent," Bobby had said. That was enough to bring a bright smile to Sherin's face.

Taranjeet wins 200m gold

New Delhi: Sprinter Taranjeet Kaur of Delhi and distance runner Komal Chandrakant Jagdale of Maharashtra completed double crowns on the final day of the inaugural National U-23 Athletics Championships here on Wednesday. Having emerged the fastest woman of the meet on Tuesday, Kaur added the women's 200m gold with another personal best time of 23.57 seconds to confirm her growing stature among Indian sprinters.

AT Daneshwari clocked her maiden sub-24 second in winning 200m silver behind the Delhi teenager. Jagdale, winner of the 5000m on the opening day, brought the curtains down on the meet with a facile victory in the 3000m steeplechase in 9:51.76.

In the morning, there was surprise in store as Tamil Nadu triple jumper Praveen Chithravel, who had finished on top of podium during the National Open earlier this month, failed to win gold. He had just one legal jump of 16.03m on his third attempt and that was good enough for a silver medal.

State-mate Gailey Venister Devasahayam won gold with a personal best jump of 16.20m. **PTI**