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Action against Jharkhand CM: Governor hints at 'atom bomb'

ABHISHEK ANGAD & DAMINI NATH
RANCHI, NEW DELHI, OCT 27

YET TO make public a recommendation by the Election Commission on action to be taken against Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren over his ownership of a mining lease, more than two months after it was sent, Governor Ramesh Bais on Wednesday indicated action on the matter, saying in an interview that "atom bomb could explode any time in Jharkhand".

In the interview to Bharat 24-Vision of New India news channel at his hometown Raipur, Bais also said he had asked for "a second opinion" on the issue.

However, sources in both the Raj Bhavan at Ranchi and the Election Commission in Delhi said they had no information about any such opinion being sought or received.

In its opinion shared with the Governor on August 25, the EC is believed to have recommended Soren's disqualification over assigning a mining lease to himself.

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Deadline missed, Modi, Sunak discuss early conclusion of free trade pact

I am excited about what our two great democracies can achieve: British PM

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

IN THEIR first conversation since Rishi Sunak entered 10 Downing Street, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the new British Prime Minister Thursday and they agreed on the importance of early conclusion of a comprehensive and balanced Free Trade Agreement.

India and the UK were expected to sign on the FTA by Diwali but they missed the deadline due to lack of consensus and the transition in the UK political leadership.

After the call, Modi, in a Twitter post, said, "Glad to speak to Rishi Sunak today. Congratulated him on assuming charge as UK PM. We will work together to further strengthen our

**Modi, Sunak agree to deepen bilateral ties**

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. We also agreed on the importance of early conclusion of a comprehensive and balanced FTA."

Sunak expressed his gratitude to Modi and said he is "excited" about what the two "great democracies" can achieve as they deepen their ties.

Taking to Twitter, Sunak said, "Thank you Prime Minister

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HONOURING PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARD

President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony Thursday to present the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard, continuing the longstanding practice of honouring the Army's oldest regiment. *Renuka Puri*

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Tata and Airbus to make C-295MW transport aircraft for IAF in Vadodara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

MOVING TO achieve a milestone in the highly competitive aviation industry and boosting its Make-in-India defence programme, the government announced Thursday that a transport aircraft manufacturing facility for the Indian Air Force will come up in Vadodara.

To start with, 40 of the 56 C-295MW transport aircraft being procured from Airbus Defence and Space SA, Spain, will be manufactured at the new facility in Vadodara.

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Sale, export plans

THE C-295MW transport aircraft project is the first involving the manufacture of a military aircraft in India by a private company. Future plans involve sale of the aircraft to domestic operators — the aircraft can also be used for civilian purposes — and export to countries following government clearance.

SENDS PAK TOUGH MESSAGE

Rajnath: We are walking north, have to reach Gilgit, Baltistan

'PoK people innocent Indians, we feel their pain, Pak will pay for atrocities'

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

SENDING PAKISTAN a tough message over its "atrocities" on the people of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Thursday "we have only just begun walking north, our journey will be complete when we implement the resolution passed unanimously by the Indian Parliament on February 22, 1994 by reaching the remaining parts (of PoK), Gilgit and Baltistan."

Speaking at the Shaurya Diwas celebrations to mark 75

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years of the landing of Indian Army troops at Budgam airfield

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Some NGOs involved in religious conversion, Govt took action: Shah

Says crimes borderless, must fight together beyond boundaries

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
SURAJKUND (HARYANA), OCTOBER 27

BESIDES COMBATING terrorism and bringing down violence in conflict theatres, the Centre has also tightened the functioning of NGOs that were engaged in "anti-national activities" and "religious conversion", Union Home

SHAH SNUBS VIJ: 'NOT A PLACE FOR LONG SPEECHES'**PAGE 8**

Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday.

Delivering the inaugural address at the first "chintan shivir", or brainstorming session, of

home ministers and top police officers from all states, Shah also said that at a time when crimes have become "borderless" and many trans-border laws have been enacted, states must come together to fight crime. "It is our collective responsibility that we combat crimes together, beyond national, state or regional boundaries," he said.

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BCCI bats for pay parity, same match fees for women & men: 'New era of equality'

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

IN A significant decision, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Thursday announced a "pay equity policy", saying that its centrally-contracted men and women players would get the same match fees.

This means the women players will now get Rs 15 lakh per Test match, Rs 6 lakh for a One-Day International (ODI), and Rs 3 lakh for a T20 International. Till now, they were paid Rs 1 lakh for a white-ball match, and Rs 4 lakh for a Test.

The annual retainership for women cricketers remains the

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ATUL KULKARNI ON LAAL SINGH CHADHA, AAMIR KHAN'S PERFORMANCE AND FILM'S MESSAGING: 'DISRUPTIONS DUE TO RELIGION IN INDIA NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED'

Atul Kulkarni dissects the Aamir Khan and Kareena Kapoor starrer, which released theatrically in August.

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Former Apna Dal(S) leader says Anupriya and her husband sold Assembly poll tickets

Party demands apology from Hemant Chaudhary, says conspiracy to defame

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 27

NEARLY A fortnight after quitting Apna Dal (Sonelal), Hemant Chaudhary has accused party chief and Union minister Anupriya Patel and her husband, Ashish Singh Patel, of taking money from ticket seekers before the 2022 Assembly elections.

Accusing the couple of running the party like a "private limited firm", Hemant Chaudhary told *The Indian Express*: "Ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections, party leaders were asked to pay money if they wished to meet party president Anupriya Patel to request for ticket and touch her feet. Against that payment, they were given receipts of membership."

"Those who were in the party for five years and less had to pay Rs 1.01 lakh, whereas others who were in the party for more than five years, had to pay Rs 26,000. I also paid Rs 26,000 and I was assured of getting the ticket to contest from Shohratgarh seat in Siddharthnagar district. But ultimately, the ticket was given to an outsider," he added.

Chaudhary had made the same allegations at a meeting of his supporters in Basti district on Wednesday.

Chaudhary was Apna Dal's district unit president of Siddharthnagar since 2015. In 2017, he was appointed state president of the party's youth wing.

A senior party functionary claimed that Chaudhary was removed from his post last year af-

Delhi HC tells portal to remove 'defamatory' content on OYO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE DELHI High Court has directed Nine Network Pvt Ltd to immediately take down six "defamatory articles" published on its website, Inventiva, against hospitality startup OYO.

A single-judge bench of Justice Mini Pushkarna was hearing an application for interim injunction moved by Oravel Stays Ltd, which runs OYO



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Rajnath: We are walking north, have to reach Gilgit, Baltistan

to protect J&K from Pakistani raiders, Singh said some areas illegally occupied by Pakistan are still devoid of progress and rights. Describing the residents of PoK as "innocent Indians," he said Pakistan is "fully responsible" for the "atrocities" there. "In the times to come, Pakistan will bear the brunt... We feel their (PoK people's) pain. The regions of J&K and Ladakh are treading the path of development and touching new heights. This is just the beginning."

He said Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's dream of national unity will be realised when "the refugees of 1947 get justice and the land of their ancestors is returned to them"

He said the aim of full integration started by Syama Prasad Mookerjee reached its conclusion on August 5, 2019, "when Article 370 was abolished under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi."

"Despite being an integral part of India," the State of Jammu and Kashmir, he said, was deprived of development and peace for decades. "J&K was given a so-called 'special status' but far from being special, it was deprived of even basic rights," he said. "Earlier, some anti-India elements used to disturb peace and harmony in the name of religion, but now there is peace and tranquillity in J&K due to the persistent efforts by the government and the armed forces," he said.

In the name of "Kashmiriyat", he said, J&K witnessed the "tan-dav" of terrorism. "Because of this, innumerable lives have been lost and innumerable homes have been destroyed. There is no measure of how much blood has been spilled in the name of religion," he said.

He said many people tried to link terrorism to a religion, "but were the victims of terrorism limited to one religion?"

Taking a swipe at the "so-called intellectuals" of the coun-

Tata and Airbus to make C-295MW transport aircraft for IAF

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the Vadodara facility on October 30. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will be among those attending the function.

In September 2021, after the Cabinet Committee on Security approved the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft from Airbus Defence and Space SA, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract for acquisition of the aircraft with associated equipment.

Addressing a press conference Thursday, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar said that as part of the contract, 16 aircraft will be delivered in flyaway condition and 40 will be manufactured in India by the Indian aircraft contractor, Tata consortium of Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) led by TASL.

"The first 16 flyaway aircraft are scheduled to be received between September 2023 and August 2025. The first Made-in-India aircraft is expected in September 2026," Kumar said.

The aircraft will be able to operate from Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs) and even unprepared runways, and it can carry around 40-45 paratroopers or around 70 passengers.

"This is for the first time, the C-295 aircraft will be manufactured outside of Europe. This is very significant for the domestic aerospace sector," he said.

It is also the first project in

Action against Jharkhand CM: Governor hints at 'atom bomb'

while he headed the department himself. Bais is yet to make this opinion public, despite the ruling JMM repeatedly asking him to do so. The JMM-Congress coalition has claimed that the BJP is trying to put together numbers to topple its government, and hence buying time on the issue through the Governor.

A source in the Raj Bhavan said: "Neither has the decision by the EC sent to the panel again for a second view, nor to anyone else. It cannot be sent again to anyone."

A senior EC official said that the commission had not received any representation from the Jharkhand Governor for a second opinion. S K Mendiratta, a retired legal advisor with the EC, said he had not seen Bais's statement. "However, to my knowledge, no Governor has ever sent back any EC opinion or sought any second opinion. Under the Constitution, only the EC can give opinion on such references from a governor."

Former Chief Election Commissioner O P Rawat also said that there was no provision in the law for a second opinion. "The law is very clear that the opinion of the EC is binding on a governor or the President, whatever may be the case. The Supreme Court said in the case of (an appeal to disqualify) 12 BJP MLAs of Manipur that the governor 'shall' proceed accordingly after receiving the EC's opinion," Rawat said.

Asked in the interview by the channel about accusations of him doing "vendetta politics" and trying to "destabilise" the Jharkhand government, Bais said: "I could have taken a decision based on the recommendation of the Election Commission, if at all I had such intentions. But, I didn't want to take any action to defame anyone or with an intention of vendetta... I am holding a Constitutional post... No one should point fingers at me saying I have acted out of revenge. Therefore, I have asked for a second opinion."

Asked if a big decision could come after receiving the second opinion, the Governor said: "Bursting crackers is banned in Delhi but not in Jharkhand. Maybe one atom bomb could explode there."

Recently, addressing a press conference, CM Soren said this was a unique case in which "a criminal or an accused" is seeking punishment while the Constitutional authorities that should have pronounced the judgment are silent. "The prevalent situation is no less than a punishment to me. I have been saying that if I have committed a crime, how am I allowed to hold

Constitution gives the mandate of managing law and order to states, but, due to technological advancements, today several such laws have been brought that have no boundaries — neither state nor national boundaries. At a time when crimes have become border-less, we can combat them only when all states come together to reflect on them, make plans and strike unitedly," he said.

"It is our collective responsibility that we combat crimes together, beyond national, state or regional boundaries, rid the society of fear, and create an environment in which society engages itself with development at high speed," he said.

The two-day chintan shivir, to discuss issues of law and order and security, began on Thursday at Surajkund, in Haryana's Faridabad district. While chief ministers of 10 states, where CMs hold the Home portfolio, attended it, other states sent their deputy CMs, home ministers or top police officers.

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company. The total cost of the project is Rs 21,935 crore. The aircraft can be used for civilian purposes as well.

The C-295MW is a transport aircraft of 5-10 tonne capacity with contemporary technology that will replace the ageing Avro aircraft of the IAF. It has a rear ramp door for quick reaction and para dropping of troops and cargo. Its abilities include short takeoff and landing from semi-prepared surfaces.

In a statement, the Ministry of Defence said all 56 aircraft will be fitted with indigenous Electronic Warfare suite of Indian DPSUs, Bharat Electronics Ltd and Bharat Dynamics Limited. "After completion of delivery

a Constitutional post," he said.

Central to the controversy is a Letter of Intent given to Hemant Soren's firm for a stone chips mining lease in Ranchi's Argora area on June 26, 2021. On April 8 this year, Jharkhand Advocate General Rajiv Ranjan told the Jharkhand High Court that the state government had committed "a mistake" and the lease had been surrendered.

The BJP had approached Bais with a formal complaint on the matter, and he had sought the opinion of the EC. After this, the EC had issued a notice to Soren in May, seeking his response to the complaint that the CM had, prima facie, violated Section 9A of the Representation of the People Act, which prohibits elected representatives from entering into any contract with the government for "supply of goods" or "execution of any works undertaken" by it.

bringing down violence in J&K, the Northeast, Left Wing Extremism-affected districts and the war on drugs.

Stating that the Centre has taken effective steps against terrorism, Shah said, "Under the government's zero-tolerance policy (on terror), we have brought amendments to the NIA Act and UAPA (Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act), and given the NIA more powers. Recently, we banned the Popular Front of India. We have decided that by the end of 2024, every state will have a branch of NIA."

Stating that the country faces multiple challenges, Shah said, "Instead of a regional approach, we need to have a thematic approach. All states will have to coordinate among themselves and cooperate with each other. We need to neutralise inter-state gangs. All Central agencies will continue to cooperate with you (states)."

Shah said the government is working on the principle of "one data, one entry", under which the NIA has been given a national database related to terror cases.

Some NGOs involved in religious conversion, Govt took action: Shah

Shah said that by 2024-end, every state would have a branch of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

"We have brought reforms in the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act). Misusing the FCRA, some NGOs were openly engaging in anti-national activities, religious conversion, political opposition to development projects and putting roadblocks on the path of development. Taking a strong step, the government brought amendments to FCRA in 2020 and, through it, established an effective system of monitoring NGOs and stopping the misuse of foreign funding they receive," he said. "I am confident we will take this forward in the days to come."

Shah said the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) was working on reforms in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), Indian Penal Code (IPC) and FCRA, and their revised blueprint will be tabled in Parliament soon. In his address, Shah called for a united approach towards combating inter-state crimes. "The

live streaming of attacks. He is also due to meet Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar to discuss the latest on the 2030 Roadmap, the landmark commitment to boost co-operation between the UK and India over the next decade under a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

"Since it was launched last year, huge progress has been made, including the start of ambitious free trade negotiations, the expansion of our defence and security partnership, including through a visit to India last year by HMS Queen Elizabeth and the Carrier Strike Group (CSG), and joint exercises to enhance cyber security collaboration," the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office said.

Cleverly said, "Our relationship with India is hugely important to me; as the world's largest democracy, India is a natural partner for the UK in the Indo-Pacific. It is an economic and tech powerhouse. Our deeper ties will boost our economies and help to tackle global security challenges."

BCCI bats for pay parity

same — Rs 50 lakh for Grade A, Rs 30 lakh for Grade B and Rs 10 lakh for Grade C. The men, who play more games, are paid Rs 1-7 crore, depending on their grade.

The decision was taken at the BCCI Apex Council emergent meeting. "I am pleased to announce @BCCI's first step towards tackling discrimination. We are implementing a pay equity policy for our contracted @BCCIWomen cricketers. The match fees for both men and women cricketers will be the same as we move into a new era of gender equality in cricket," BCCI Secretary Jay Shah tweeted.

"In our Apex Council meeting today, we have made a marquee decision on pay equity for our women cricketers. Our women players will be paid the same match fees as men in international cricket. This decision sets the platform to grow and develop cricket. I believe this is a significant step forward for women's cricket and the game overall," BCCI president Roger Binny said in a statement.

With this, India has become the second country in international cricket to implement equal pay. Earlier this year, New Zealand Cricket had announced equal match fees for its women players.

Former India captain Diana Edulji, who played in an era when the game was run by the Women's Cricket Association of India, said she and her teammates had to pay from their pockets to play for the country, even at a World Cup, and match fees were unheard of.

Edulji, now 66, a former member of the Committee of Administrators, said the pay parity announced by the BCCI was a "Diwali gift" for women cricketers and the reward for their progress on the field.

With the first women's IPL set to be played in March next year, Edulji said it would encourage more girls to take up the game. "It is a boost, and more girls will come and play domestic cricket, and make a name for themselves. IPL (women's) is around the corner and everything is readymade for women's cricket to be a great career in India," she told *The Indian Express*. "The BCCI has taken a big step in recognising women cricketers and women's cricket," Edulji said.

Current India captain Harmanpreet Kaur tweeted: "Truly a red-letter day for women's cricket in India with pay parity announced for women and men".

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Edulji, who played for India from 1976 to 1993, recalled how there was no money in the women's game then and basic facilities were lacking. "We travelled in unreserved compartments. We could not help it, there was no money. It was only after the BCCI took over women's cricket in 2006 that things started looking better. I won't grudge anything. We paid from our pockets also, but we played for passion. Now they (the current team) have to play for passion and pride because they are representing the board and the country, which is very prestigious," she said.

"We didn't get match fees and we paid to play. When we went to Australia for the World Cup (1982), each girl was asked to pay Rs 10,000 to play for India, which was a lot of money. There were four of us from Maharashtra and we made an appeal to then Chief Minister A R Antulay. We said we did not have the money. He immediately gave us a cheque," she recalled.

"This is a really positive step for the game and for players in India. Following the recent announcement regarding the women's IPL, we hope it is yet another step towards gender equity across all areas of the game in India, and in more countries around the world," Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) CEO Tom Moffat said in a text message to The Indian Express.

Modi speaks to Sunak

Narendra Modi for your kind words as I get started in my new role. The UK and India share so much. I'm excited about what our two great democracies can achieve as we deepen our security, defence and economic partnership in the months & years ahead." In his previous role as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sunak had expressed support for the FTA as he saw enormous opportunities for both countries in the fintech and insurance sectors.

The phone conversation between the Prime Ministers came a day ahead of British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly's visit to India.

In Mumbai Friday, Cleverly will pay his respects to those who lost their lives in the terror attack at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in 2008.

On Saturday, he will travel to New Delhi to speak at the Special Meeting of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee. He will call upon countries to work together to fight online terrorism, including global terror recruitment campaigns and

THE PAY STRUCTURE FOR WOMEN

	Current	Revised
Test	₹4 lakh	₹15 lakh
ODI	₹1 lakh	₹6 lakh
T20I	₹1 lakh	₹3 lakh

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Current India captain Harmanpreet Kaur tweeted: "Truly a red-letter day for women's cricket in India with pay parity announced for women and men".

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Modi speaks to Sunak

Narendra Modi for your kind words as I get started in my new role. The UK and India share so much. I'm excited about what our two great democracies can achieve as we deepen our security, defence and economic partnership in the months & years ahead." In his previous role as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sunak had expressed support for the FTA as he saw enormous opportunities for both countries in the fintech and insurance sectors.

The phone conversation between the Prime Ministers came a day ahead of British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly's visit to India.

In Mumbai Friday, Cleverly will pay his respects to those who lost their lives in the terror attack at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in 2008.

On Saturday, he will travel to New Delhi to speak at the Special Meeting of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee. He will call upon countries to work together to fight online terrorism, including global terror recruitment campaigns and

New Delhi

3 ARRESTED

Pulled out of e-rickshaw, woman dies in snatching bid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A SNATCHING in Rohini turned lethal on Wednesday when a 56-year-old woman travelling in an e-rickshaw fell off it, receiving fatal head injuries. The victim, Sumitra Mittal, was going to pick up her sister at the time.

According to police, the snatchers pulled up to the e-rickshaw that Sumitra was travelling in and tried to snatch her purse. During the scuffle, Sumitra fell out of the vehicle, and her head hit the road.

Police have arrested three men, Raju (18), Rahul (24) and Rohan (20), in connection with the crime. Rahul has a criminal history of theft, said police.

According to Sumitra's nephew Arun Mittal, the post-mortem showed that she had suffered brain damage and a haemorrhage in the fall. "She had been going to meet her brother, who lives in Greater Kailash, and went to pick up her sister along the way. On the way, she lost her life in this incident."

Arun said this was the latest tragedy that had struck the family. "Her husband passed away some years ago. Then, both her sons died at a young age, despite being seemingly healthy. One passed away from heart failure, and the other from a brain haemorrhage."

Sumitra had been living with her younger son's wife and her grandson, and ran a small clothes shop out of the ground floor of the house to make a living.

DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said, "After the woman was injured, she was taken to Bhagwati



During the scuffle, Sumitra fell out of the vehicle, and her head hit the road

Hospital. She was declared dead after efforts to revive her were unsuccessful."

Police said 15 teams from the Prashant Vihar and KN Katju stations, Special Staff, Narcotics and Cyber Cell were dispatched to find the snatchers. After obtaining CCTV footage, ascertaining the location of the accused and inputs from local sources, the trio were arrested along with a two-wheeler stolen from Samaypur Badli. The victim's house keys and some money were recovered from them, along with the two-wheeler and clothes they wore at the time of the incident, said police.

The DCP noted that though Prashant Vihar was a snatching prone area, incidents had been declining of late.

According to police at Prashant Vihar station, while the snatchers had not directly struck Sumitra, the force with which she fell from the vehicle after they grabbed her bag had caused her death. A case has been registered under IPC sections 302 (murder), 34 (common intention) and 397 (robbery/dacoity with attempt to cause death/ grievous hurt).

Woman suffocates after fire breaks out in Gurgaon flat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 27

AN 85-YEAR-OLD woman suffocated while her husband and daughter were rescued after a fire broke out in their apartment on the ninth floor of a society in Gurgaon in the early hours of Thursday, fire department officials said, adding that a short circuit is suspected to be the cause of the fire.

According to fire department officials, a call was received regarding a fire in an apartment at Essel Towers on MG Road around 3.30 am, following which four fire tenders from Sector 29 fire station were rushed to the spot.

Gulshan Kalra, deputy director (technical) Haryana Fire Services, said, "The fire was controlled in over an hour. Three people were rescued from the house. A woman, who took shelter in the washroom to escape the excessive smoke, was found unconscious inside. She was rushed to a hospital, where she died."

Police said the deceased has been identified as Pushpa Gupta (85). She along with her husband, Amarnath Gupta (93), daughter Vinay Kumari Gupta and attendant Kailash were asleep in the house at the time of the incident.

A fire department officer said, "The fire is suspected to have been caused by a short circuit in LED lights. As the fire spread and smoke engulfed the house, three occupants went towards the balcony while the victim rushed to the bathroom, which had two doors. Meanwhile, security guards informed police and fire department and rescue efforts were initiated after teams reached the spot. Three people were rescued from the balcony. While fire-fighting was going on, we were informed that a woman is still trapped inside. Firefighters rushed inside to check. The outward door of the bathroom was



The fire broke out in the flat on the ninth floor of Essel Towers, Thursday

stuck, it was pushed open and she was found unconscious."

Police said the victim was declared dead at a hospital. "Prima facie, it appears that she died of suffocation. The body was handed over to the family after the post-mortem. The rescued persons are in stable condition," said a police officer.

No complaint has been received, said police.

Sanjay Jain, a relative, said, "At the time of the incident, my three relatives and an attendant were asleep. A short circuit occurred in one of the rooms and it was engulfed in fire while all the other rooms were filled with smoke. Vinay went to the kitchen balcony and her father and the attendant to another balcony on the room's side. The fire was on the opposite side... Pushpa rushed to the bathroom due to the smoke and could not come out."

He said his relatives communicated with other residents from the balcony and alerted them of the fire, following which the fire department and police were called. "I stay across from them in a tower and was woken up by other residents since they did not have the spare key to the house. We then rushed to help. Others were safely rescued... we have not filed any complaint as it was an accident," added Jain.



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- 24 Atal Tinkering labs/ Robotic labs set up in Higher Secondary Schools
- 18000 winter uniforms (blazers) distributed to students from KG till Class 8 under Samagra Shiksha
- Community Radio set up for educational purposes in all zones of Ladakh

MAKING YOUTH SKILLED

- Floriculture and Horticulture trade introduced in ITIs in 2022
- Youth trained in voice artist, mobile filmmaking, screen acting through FTIL
- Screenwriters Fair held to build capacities of filmmakers from Ladakh
- Youth trained as Assistant Hair Dressers & Stylists
- Infrastructure upgradated in ITIs and Polytechnic Colleges
- Ladakh Skill Development portal launched


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Enrolment in Schools	46,895	59,788
Enrolment in Higher Education	2,678	3,693
ICDS Beneficiaries	15,711	17,852





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- 1590 kanals of land bought under micro irrigation; solarised borewell & water lifting systems being incorporated.
- Apricot Processing Unit established to increase the income of the growers & to minimise wastage
- 2100 number of Vermi Compost units established
- Centre of Excellence for the golden berry sea buckthorn established

SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURS

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- 100% registration & tagging of entire cattle & yak population of Ladakh; FMD vaccination in full swing
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- 110 trout raceways & 2 trout hatcheries being constructed under PMMSY
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In conversation
with

The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China has confirmed Xi Jinping as General Secretary for a third five-year term. No leader of China since Mao Zedong has ruled for more than two terms.

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PROJECT DETAILS

1. Coloniser/Developer	Signatureglobal (India) Limited							
2. Project Approval	Additional Licence No. 40 of 2020 dated 11.12.2020 in addition to already granted Licence No. 69 of 2019 dated 26.06.2019. Revised Building Plan approved on 27.09.2021 Memo No. ZP-1336/AD(RA)/2021/24247. Amendment in the RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/374/106/2019/68 dated 14.11.2019 after additional area of 0.74375 acres of which registration approved vide agenda no RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/374/106/2019/68 dated 12.09.2022							
3. Location	Sector 63A, Gurugram, Haryana							
4. Provisions Project Area	103 no. of apartments available out of total 103 number of units in additional phase in addition to 714 units in Original Phase in the housing scheme spread over revised area of 6.4875 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.							
5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms								
Category (Type)	No of Units	Carpet Area sqm (approx)	Carpet Area sqft (approx)	Balcony Area sqm (approx)	Balcony Area sqft (approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking Amount 5%	On Allotment 20%
2BHK TYPE-1	25	53.29	573.54	8.42	90.59	2499458	120443.4	504421.1
2BHK TYPE-2	25	54.88	590.66	8.2	88.26	2569032	124038.6	518219.4
2BHK TYPE-3	21	53.71	578.13	7.1	76.42	2504566	121407.3	504734.2
2BHK TYPE-4	25	53.65	577.41	8.21	88.4	2513522	121256.1	507124.4
3BHK TYPE-5 (5 UNITS FORM QM)	7	59.97	645.46	9.43	101.53	2810932	135546.6	567186.4

*Rate mentioned above does not include GST and other charges such as Stamp Duty, Registration Fees etc.
Balance amount payable shall be equivalent to the amount payable as per the construction link payment plan of the project as applicable in terms of construction stage at relevant point of time

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	• Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & Oil Bound Distemper Above. • Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite • Wall: Oil Bond Distemper • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Apply Online at TCP website (https://edraw.tcpharyana.gov.in/tcp-dms/home) for submitting application for allotment of dwelling units by e-Draw, starting from date 21.10.2022. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 04.11.2022.

Eligibility: 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law.
2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats.
3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.
4. Supportive Affidavit and certificate suggesting eligibility are mandatory to be uploaded at TCP website while submitting application for allotment. Applicant shall also upload ID Proof & Address Proof i.e. Adhaar Card & Pan Card.
Allotment Criteria: 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.
2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Group Housing Policy 2013 vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcpharyana.gov.in).






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MISSING MAYOR

DURING HIS visit to Ayodhya for Deepotsav on October 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on dais at two places – Ram Katha Park, where he performed aarti, and Ram Ki Paidi, where he addressed a gathering. Ayodhya Mayor Rishikesh Upadhyay was missing from the dais at both programmes, although he was at the helipad at Saket College to greet the Prime Minister on his arrival to Ayodhya. Incidentally, Upadhyay was among the public functionaries named in the Ayodhya land deals investigated by *The Indian Express* last year. A day after the Deepotsav, city MLA Ved Prakash Gupta, who was also named in *The Indian Express* investigation, was rebuffed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. “*Aap peechhe rahiye... aapne bahut saari jameen kabja ki huyee hain* (Please stay away... you have occupied so much land parcels),” the Chief Minister told Gupta, when he tried to meet him. After the Ayodhya land deal investigation was published last December, Adityanath set up an inquiry committee, which submitted its report within a week. However, the report is yet to be made public and no action has been taken so far.

FOCUS GUJARAT

AMONG THE first states that new Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge would visit is Gujarat. He will be in Navsari later this week to address a tribal rally. The Congress had performed better than expected in tribal-dominated seats in the state in the previous elections in 2017. And the party is trying hard to improve its tally. Moreover, it is the party's Vansda MLA Anant Patel, who is leading the tribal protests against the Par-Tapi-Narmada river linking project. Vansda is in Navsari district. With Rahul Gandhi leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the party is planning to field many of its top leaders for the battle for Gujarat. So five of its top leaders – chief ministers Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel, Kamal Nath, Digvijaya Singh and Mukul Wasnik – are set to launch separate yatras from five different parts of the state from October 31.

POLL DUTIES

THE EXIGENCIES of electoral politics have forced two of the Bharat yatris to pull out of the walkathon. Pawan Khera, the head of the AICC media department, and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's aide Sandeep Singh have pulled out to focus attention on Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections. Khera will have to focus on the media efforts of the party in the two states. Singh had to pull out to coordinate Priyanka's Himachal visit. She is set to lead the party's campaign in the state holding rallies and road shows.

BJP dismisses bribery claim of TRS, says can't topple govt with 4 MLAs

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 27

A DAY after Telangana Police claimed arrest of three people for allegedly trying to bribe four MLAs of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), now renamed Bharat Rashtra Samithi, the BJP on Thursday denied having anything to do with the matter. “It is all staged. The entire script has been dictated from Pragathi Bhavan (the Chief Minister's residence). We demand a probe by a Supreme Court judge into this matter. We do not need to buy any MLAs,” Telangana BJP chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar said on Thursday.

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy said, “Do we need to indulge in such acts? We are confident BJP will come to power in Telangana in 2023. We do not have to indulge in horse-trading. All this is propaganda of a losing TRS. By getting a few TRS

MLAs on our side we cannot topple the KCR government, so why will BJP try it? There is no logic in all this.”

The three men were arrested on Wednesday night from TRS MLA from Tandur P. Rohith Reddy's farmhouse in Moinsabad. Police said Reddy had approached them with a complaint that a few men allegedly linked to BJP had tried to bribe him and MLAs G. Balraj, Harvardhan Reddy and R. Kantha Rao, to lure them into joining the saffron party. The plan was to topple the TRS government of K. Chandrababhi Reddy, according to Rohith Reddy.

State Labour and Employment Minister C. Malla Reddy said: “There are no Eknath Shindes in TRS. The BJP's efforts to buy our MLAs failed because we are not for sale.”

In Maharashtra, Shinde split the Shiv Sena to form a government in alliance with BJP.

PARTIES REPLY TO EC'S MODEL CODE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

BJP draws welfare-dole line, SAD backs EC, Cong-Left say overreach

MANOJ CG & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

IN THEIR response to the Election Commission (EC) on the poll panel's proposal to amend the Model Code of Conduct to guide political parties to disclose how they plan to finance promises made in election manifestos and assess the impact on fiscal sustainability, the Congress and most opposition parties, barring Akali Dal, have panned the move. They have called EC's proposal on electoral freebies an overreach.

The BJP, on the other hand, has drawn a distinction between freebies and welfare measures, pointing out that parties should place emphasis on voter empowerment and capacity building rather than making people more dependent on government measures.

Pointing out that BJP's response to EC was on the lines of what Prime Minister Narendra Modi had spelt out in public, a source familiar with the drafting of the response told *The Indian Express*, “You (have) heard the Prime Minister and his views on freebies. His views on macroeconomic stability are before us. He also talked about empowerment and sustainable growth. So it surmises our stand on freebies.”

Citing an instance, a party

WHAT PARTIES TOLD EC



BJP: Says main difference between a freebie and a welfare measure is that while the first is allurement to voters, the second is a policy intervention for an inclusive growth

AKALI DAL: Backs move, says EC should elaborate the mechanism it is going to adopt to check the “veracity” of figures given by parties

DMK: Opposes move on the ground of “jurisdiction”, as it is a “complete legislative function”

CPI(M): With matter of poll promises, freebies pending before SC, EC's initiative to amend model code...is “unwarranted”

CONGRESS: Says system isn't in need of a fix...this problem is a “contrived one”...parties need to be able to write manifestos in a language that best expresses their ideologies

leader said, “Reaching electricity to a poor household where power has not reached in 75 years is giving infrastructure. But waiving their electricity usage charge or giving them free electricity is a freebie.”

In its reply to EC, the Congress said that freebies are “part of the dialectics of a vibrant democratic system”. They are, the party said, “relatable to the give-and-take

thrust of politics (and) they depend on the wisdom, discernment and analysis of the electorate, which should never be taken to be less than acute.”

“It is really something which is to be decided, be it pre-election or post-election, be it by way of electoral punishment or electoral acceptance and reward, that the electorate decides the wisdom of such poll promises or campaign assur-

ances and equally decides their breach and non-compliance. Neither the Election Commission, nor the Government, nor indeed even the Courts, have jurisdiction to...regulate such issues. It would therefore be best for the Commission to desist from doing so,” party leader Jairam Ramesh stated in the letter to the poll panel.

It questioned the definition of freebies and asked how the amendment would be enforced. The EC's proposed amendment to limit campaign promises to only those that are “possible to be fulfilled”, it said, was a “wooly formulation”.

The CPI(M) and DMK also argued that the proposal is an “overstretch of EC's constitutional mandate.”

DMK Rajya Sabha member P. Wilson referred to the Directive Principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution and said, “It is a welfare measure fulfilling the Directive Principles of State Policy. Even courts don't have the power to go into this issue. The courts have clearly said that it can't give a direction to enforce Directive Principles of State Policy, nor can it prohibit a state enforcing it.”

Backing the EC move, the SAD said some parties “will try to mislead the electorate by quoting imaginary figures of raising additional resources”.



Participants of the chintan shivir greet Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the event in Surajkund, Haryana, on Thursday. PPT

Not a place for long speeches: Shah to Vij at chintan shivir

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 27

HARYANA HOME Minister Anil Vij on Thursday found himself in a rather unpleasant situation when Union Home Minister Amit Shah interrupted him four times during his speech and eventually forced him to cut it short during an event organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) at Surajkund in Haryana.

A two-day chintan shivir (brainstorming session) on internal security organised by the MHA kicked off at Surajkund in Faridabad on Thursday. The Chief Ministers of nine states and Home Ministers or top police officials of all states participated in the event, which will discuss matters of law and order and national security under the chairmanship of Shah. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the event on Friday.

Vij was scheduled to deliver a welcome address, followed by an address by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and the keynote speech by Shah.

However, as the session kicked off and Vij began speaking, he almost appeared to be making an election speech.

Shah, who was seated three chairs ahead of him on a horse-shoe table, listened intently but also looked visibly uncomfortable as the speech went on and on and the minister seemed to have lost track of time. Shah then sent a chit to the minister, asking him to cut short his speech.

Vij, however, seemed to have not paid much heed to it and continued speaking for another minute. At this, Shah switched on his mic and tapped it, signalling Vij to wrap up. Vij still did not seem to have got the message.

Shah then took the mic and spoke: “Anil ji, you were allotted

five minutes. You have already spoken for eight and a half minutes. Please finish your speech. This is not a place to make such long speeches. Keep it brief.”

At this, Vij requested Shah to give him a few seconds to wrap up as he had to make one more point. While Shah relented, Vij again launched into a long-drawn list of achievements. A visibly upset Shah now took the mic and spoke sternly: “*Anil ji, kripaya smapt karein. Aise nahi chal payega. Khatam karein* (Anil ji, please finish it. Things can't run like this. Finish it.)”

Vij, now trying to wrap up, tried to make some concluding remarks, when Shah interrupted and said: “*Ho gaya. Karyakram aage badhaya jaye*. (It's over. Let the programme move forward.)”

Vij's voice began petering out and the compere of the event took over, inviting the next speaker, Khattar.

After Akhilesh's claims of names being taken off voters' lists, EC asks him for proof

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE ELECTION Commission on Thursday wrote to Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, asking him to give proof of his allegation that around 20,000 electors from the Yadav and Muslim communities were struck off the electoral rolls in each of Uttar Pradesh's 403 constituencies, EC sources said.

The EC took cognizance of media reports on September 29 about Akhilesh's allegation and asked him to submit documentary proof to substantiate it. Akhilesh alleged that the electors' names were deleted from the rolls at the behest of the BJP.

An EC source said there was no provision in law for an electoral roll based on caste or religion.

“Since Akhilesh's statement regarding alleged mass deletion of names, that too of a particular group of voters from the electoral roll, is extremely serious and has far-reaching substantive and perceptual implications on the integrity of elections and thereby on democracy, the EC has asked him to submit documentary proof based on which he has made such a public statement about mass deletions,” the EC source said.

The EC has asked Akhilesh to



SP president Akhilesh Yadav

submit his response by November 10 “so that necessary action can be taken”, the source said. The former CM was asked to submit details of the Assembly-wise data of deletions, along with supporting documents. The EC source noted that the commission had not received any such complaint nor had any such issue cropped up during the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections earlier this year. There had been no allegation of deletion of names during the special summary revision of the electoral roll from November 1, 2021 till January 5, 2022 nor during the constant revision of the rolls since then, the source said.

“Only one complaint regarding deletion of a list of around 10,000 electors (from minority and Scheduled Caste) was made to a DEO (District Election Officer) by a candidate of the Samajwadi Party from Aliganj Assembly Constituency. On inquiry by the CEO (Chief Election Officer), Uttar Pradesh, the allegations were found to be baseless, unsubstantiated and factually incorrect,” the source said.

FARIDABAD RALLY

Shah says Hooda led ‘3D govt’ of Darbari, Damaad and Dealer, praises Khattar

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 27

IN A scathing attack on the previous Congress government in Haryana, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday said Bhupinder Singh Hooda led a “3D government” of “darbari, damaad and dealer” (courtiers, son-in-law and dealers) in the state.

“We see 3D films. But only Hoodaji showed a 3D government in the entire India. Ismein darbari the, damad the aur dealer bhi the. In place of Hooda's government, the BJP's development government was formed in Haryana under the leadership of PM Modi and Manohar Lalji (Khattar) became its chief minister,” said Shah during a Jan Uththan rally in Faridabad, where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of four projects worth Rs 6,629 crore, including the foundation stone of Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor project costing Rs 5,618 crore, inauguration of rail coach refurbishment factory in Sonapat worth Rs 590 crore and the country's first longest elevated railway track built in Rohtak at Rs 315.40 crore. He also inaugurated the Haryana Police Housing Complex in Bhandosi, built at a cost of Rs 106 crore.

Accusing the previous governments in the state of being corrupt and indulging in “goondagiri”, Shah said, “You recollect Haryana eight years ago. Ek sarkar banti thi toh bhrashtachari hota tha aur doosri sarkar aati thi toh goonda-

giri badti thi (when one government was formed, there was corruption and when another one came into power, the hooliganism increased).”

Heaping praise on Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's governance on the completion of eight years of the BJP rule in the state, Shah said, “The BJP government under Manohar Lal Khattar did not allow corruption and put an end to hooliganism, and worked hard to make Haryana secure...50 years of governments on one side and eight years of Manohar Lal's government on the other...palra hamara bhaari hai (the scale of balance is tipped on our side).”

Shah said that after independence, after a long time the whole of Haryana had got a chief minister. “Pehle mukhya mantri ya toh Sirsa ke hote thee ya Rohtak ke hote thee...Haryana ke nhi hote thee, but he is the chief minister of entire Haryana,” he added, indirectly criticising former CMs Om Prakash Chautala and Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

While Chautala hails from Sirsa district, Hooda is from Rohtak district in Haryana.

Calling Khattar a “gentleman” [*sajjan vyakti*], Shah said, “After we won the polls in 2014, he [Khattar] came to meet me. I asked him who should be the chief minister and he took names of 15 leaders for the post...he did not take his own name.”

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Swamy moves HC, says Centre failed to ensure security at his private residence

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FORMER RAJYA Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy has moved the Delhi High Court alleging that the Central Government had failed to ensure security arrangements at his private residence. The HC had last month directed Swamy to vacate his government accommodation in six weeks.

Appearing for Swamy, senior advocate Jayant Mehta mentioned the matter Thursday before a division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad, who listed the matter for



Ex-MP Subramanian Swamy

October 31.

Mehta submitted that Swamy had agreed to vacate the government accommodation by October 26 and the Centre had given an assurance that he will be provided with security arrangements at his private residence. However, no such arrangement had been made till date, Mehta said.

On September 14, while directing Swamy to vacate in six weeks the Lutyens' bungalow al-

lotted to him in 2016, a single judge bench of Justice Yashwant Varma had said the allotment had been made for five years and that the court was not shown any material that mandates government accommodation for those with Z-category security.

Swamy's tenure as MP ended in April this year. However, he continues to be a protected person with Z-category security. The former MP had approached the court saying he should be allowed to continue in the government accommodation as the facilities at his private house were not enough to accommodate so many security personnel.

The court, however, directed the authorities to “ensure that

adequate arrangements are made in the residential premises which the petitioner shall now occupy so that his security is safeguarded”.

Representing the Centre, Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain had told the court: “The Z-category security can be provided in his (Swamy's) accommodation. He has a palatial house in Nizamuddin East, located at a very nice location.”

Jain also said while the Public Premises Act has been pressed into service and Swamy has been declared an unauthorised occupant of the Lutyens' bungalow, steps for eviction have not been taken up as the matter was pending before the court.

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL
LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 27

TWO FORMER Congress ministers from Punjab are currently lodged in the same Patiala Central Jail — one an accused, the other a witness in his case.

The witness is former Punjab Congress president and an ex-minister in the previous Congress government, Navjot Singh Sidhu, who is in jail for the past five months in a road rage case. The accused is another former Congress minister and ex-MLA of Ludhiana West, Bharat Bhushan Ashu. For some time now, the case is stuck as Sidhu has refused to appear in court despite multiple summonses, for



Punjab Cong ex-chief Navjot Singh Sidhu

reasons from security to health.

While Ashu is imprisoned in an alleged foodgrains tender scam, Sidhu is a witness in another case filed against Ashu in a local Ludhiana court, by dismissed cop Balwinder Singh Sekhon. The former police official has alleged that Ashu had harassed and intimidated him during his inquiry into the CLU (change of land use) scam of Ludhiana.

Ashu is accused of helping a private builder get a CLU certifi-

cate, on the basis of forged documents, for a residential flat project worth over Rs 70 crore, as part of the Amarinder Singh Cabinet. Sidhu was the Local Bodies Minister at the time, and had ordered the probe. Sekhon had submitted a report to Sidhu's office in 2019 — he claims it indicted Ashu and others in the alleged scam. The file has now gone “missing” from the Local Bodies Department.

Sidhu was summoned as a witness after Sekhon told the court that he has a photocopy of the inquiry report, and Sidhu could prove its authenticity.

However, the former minister, known for his unpredictability, has refused to physically appear. While at first, he submitted

via his counsel that he should not be summoned as a witness at all, he later said he was ready to appear via video-conferencing, but only if the security cover, equivalent to the Z+ category cover he was provided earlier, was restored, considering a “threat to [his] life”.

From rapper Sidhu Moosewala's murder and a blast at the Ludhiana court, Sidhu has cited several reasons in his multiple applications to the court and the Patiala jail superintendent. Three such applications by him to the local court, a revision petition in the session court, and another plea in the High Court, have been dismissed.

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KARNATAKA

Launch of book on Imran Khan cancelled

Bengaluru: The launch of a Kannada book on the political and cricketing life of former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan was cancelled following protests by some pro-Hindutva outfits on Thursday. The book, titled *Imran Khan Ondu Jeevanta Danta Kathe* (Imran Khan, a living legend), authored by Sudhakar S B, was supposed to be launched on Thursday evening by retired High Court judge Justice H N Nagamohan Das in Bengaluru. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH

2 kids among 5 dead after having spiked tea

Prayagraj: Six people were killed and four injured when their SUV hit a pole and overturned on a highway in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj district on Thursday morning, police said. Prima facie, the driver fell asleep at the wheel, losing control of the vehicle, police added. The deceased have been identified as Rekha Devi (45), Krishna Devi (70), Savita (36), Rekha (32), Ojas (one-and-a-half-years old) and Niyasha (12), the police said. **PTI**

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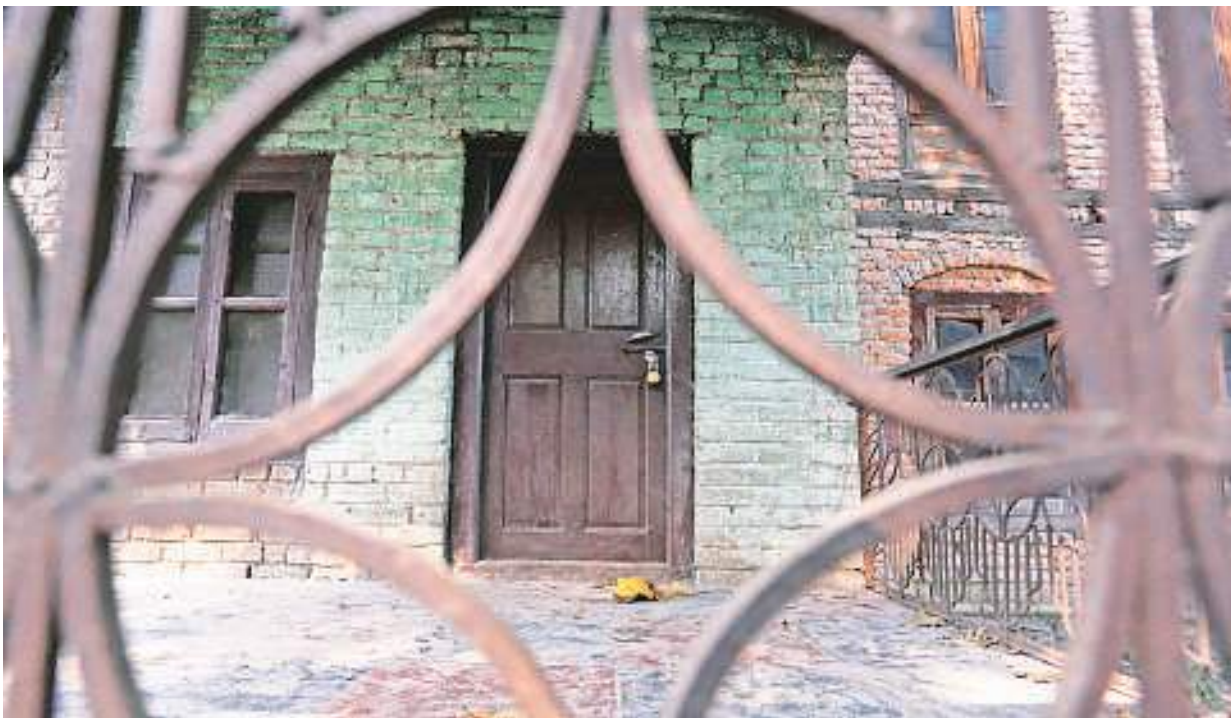
Case filed over humiliation of Dalit man

Patna: The Bihar Police Thursday registered a case against unknown persons for allegedly making a Dalit youth lick spit for having an inter-faith love affair in Samastipur district. An FIR was lodged on the basis of a viral video, the police said. Speaking to The Indian Express, Samastipur superintendent of police (SP) Hriday Kant said, "We have lodged a case under IPC Sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (provoking breach of faith) and 506 (criminal intimidation) against unknown persons. Prima facie, it appears to be a fallout of an inter-faith love affair." **ENS**

JHARKHAND

Gas tanker explodes, driver charred to death

Dumka: One person was killed and four others were injured as a gas tanker overturned after hitting a bus that was parked on the roadside in Jharkhand's Dumka district on Thursday afternoon, following which it exploded and caught fire, police said. "The driver of the tanker was charred to death while four others, including a child, were injured due to the fire," police said. **PTI**



A locked home of a Kashmiri Pandit family in Chowdhary Gund village of south Kashmir's Shopian district. *Shuaib Masoodi*

Kashmiri Pandits leave Shopian village, point to fear after killing

BASHAARAT MASOOD

CHOWDHARY GUND (SHOPIAN), OCTOBER 27

UNDER THE shade of huge Chinar and Walnut trees, Chowdhary Gund is a sleepy village with its 50-odd houses scattered along its slopes. A fleet of bulletproof vehicles and a large contingent of paramilitary personnel are stationed inside.

But for Abdul Salam, an 82-year-old villager, the security is meaningless now. The Kashmiri Hindus, who lived with their Muslim neighbours during the three decades of strife, have already left the village for Jammu, leaving behind their homes and harvest. "I don't know whose evil eye has struck our village," said Salam, as he tried to control his tears. "We have lived together for generations. I never imagined this would happen to us".

For decades, the Muslims and Kashmiri Hindus, locally known as Pandits, lived together in Chowdhary Gund. When militancy erupted in the Valley, only two of the 12 Hindu families in Chowdhary Gund left for Jammu. The others remained behind.

But, in the days since October 18, when suspected militants gunned down Puran Krishan



When militancy erupted, only two of the 12 Pandit families in the village had left. Others had stayed put. *Shuaib Masoodi*

Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit, outside his house in the village, the 10 families have all left for Jammu.

"They told us that they are living in fear and would leave for Jammu," said a villager, who didn't want to be named. "We wanted to stop them, but couldn't. We know it is not easy for them to live here under such circumstances. We hope they will return sometime later".

It is harvest time in Kashmir and the men are out in the orchards. The Kashmiri Pandit families have left, but they asked their Muslim neighbours to look after their orchards.

"They have left but the camaraderie between us is still there," said Salam. "Even today, the

Muslim neighbours are tending to their orchards. Some are harvesting their fruits, while others are pruning their trees. When they left, they entrusted this job to us," he said.

The Pandits too talk of this camaraderie. "Words can't describe the scene when we left the village. The men and women lined up outside our house, they were weeping," said Trilok Chand, who is among those who have moved to Jammu. "We left everything behind with our neighbours. We asked them to sell our (apple) produce," he said, speaking to The Indian Express on the phone from Jammu.

Paramilitary personnel deployed outside the village tem-

ple said the Hindu families left one after the other, over the last three days. "There was a lone woman staying here. She too left for Jammu this morning," said a security person.

The Shopian district administration has denied that the Hindu families left the Valley out of fear. "Many families migrate after harvesting is over, due to the onset of winter," it said in a statement on Wednesday.

But, Jawahar Lal, whose family has also moved to Jammu, said they left the village out of fear. "This (killing of Bhat) was the first such incident in our village in 32 years. It created a lot of fear. We didn't want to leave, but what else could we have done. We have reached Jammu and are putting up here and there," he said.

Trilok Chand too said they decided to leave after Bhat was killed. "We can't blame our neighbours, we lived with them like brothers. But there was fear after the killing. So we decided to leave. We hope to return soon," he said.

Their Muslim neighbours too blame the killing. "Some of them would leave for Jammu in winter, especially those who are old and weak. But the others would remain here. This time, they have all left the village," said a woman.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF J&K'S ACCESSION

BJP blames Nehru for Kashmir 'blunders', Congress hits back

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ON THE 75th anniversary of Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India, the ruling BJP slammed former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru for his alleged "blunders" in the region, and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "correcting" some of them by nullifying Article 370 of the Constitution, which had given special status to the region.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju listed "five Kashmir Blunders of Nehru" on his Twitter handle. According to him, these are: 1) Rejecting Maharaja Hari Singh's (the last king of the erstwhile princely state of Jammu and Kashmir) request for accession in July 1947 itself 2) Declaring the eventual accession as provisional 3) Approaching the UN under Article 35, which deals with disputed lands 4) Letting the myth perpetrate that UN mandated plebiscite was in any way an open question and 5) Institutionalising the separatist mindset by creating Article 370 of the Constitution.

Rijiju has also posted an article he wrote for CNN-News 18 in which he said: "A historical lie has been perpetrated for the past seven decades that Kashmir was also among the princely states that created problems, and Maharaja Hari Singh, the then ruler of the state, was dilly-dallying on joining India. As documents now reveal, it was Nehru who, in order to fulfil his personal agenda, created these problems and not the Maharaja."

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia also claimed that the country's first PM committed blunders regarding Kashmir. He hit out at the Congress, saying that if timely action was taken, a part of Jammu and Kashmir would not have been under Pakistan's occupation. "The Congress since then spread lies and suppressed the truth about the issue," he said, adding that Nehru then took an "internal issue" to the UN, making Pakistan a party. He criticised Nehru for floating the idea of a plebiscite, claiming there was no provision for it in the Independence Act under which hundreds of princely states merged with India. Special provisions were also granted to Jammu and Kashmir — now a Union Territory — under Article 370 of the Constitution and the country had to pay a heavy price for it, Bhatia said. He said PM Modi has corrected those blunders.

"The Congress should apologise for its blunders," Bhatia said.

The Congress hit back saying these "students of WhatsApp nursery" need to revisit their history classes.

"If all that they are saying is true, how is it that during the Manmohan Singh era targeted killings stopped and 75 per cent of the people would participate in the democratic process of elections in the state? We would be happy to get the answer to that," Congress spokesperson Pawan Khersa said.

Jairam Ramesh tweeted an article on J&K's accession, and said, "This should be read by pseudo-historians and peddlers of lies like Kiran Rijiju and his ilk". **WITH PTI INPUTS**



Soldiers re-enact the landing of Indian troops in Srinagar, at the Budgam airfield on Thursday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

7 KP govt staffers in Valley quit, others return to Jammu, keep up stir

ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

AMID A rise in incidents of targeted killing of minorities by militants over the last one year, at least seven people from migrant Kashmiri Pandit community employed in the Valley under the Prime Minister's employment package have recently quit, within a year of their appointment in the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, according to a letter from the department.

The seven — identified as Anshu Bhat, Ramesh Kumar Ganjoo, Chahat Bhat, Mahima, Shubam Koul, Puneet Razdan

and Nisha Bhat — were among 186 people appointed as Depot Assistants (Class-IV) under the PM's special package for migrant and non-migrant people in the department on October 23, 2021.

Since 2010, when the employment scheme under PM's special package was rolled out, nearly 5,800 people have been appointed in Kashmir Valley, most of them from the Kashmiri Pandit community. A sizeable number of them have returned to Jammu over the last few months amid a rise in targeted killings in Kashmir, especially after a Revenue Department employee, Rahul Bhat, was shot dead by militants this May.

Noting that "some people" had resigned over a period of time,

CENTRE'S SPECIAL JOBS PACKAGE FOR KPS

THE SPECIAL package of 6,000 posts for educated displaced Kashmiri Pandit youths was announced by then PM Manmohan Singh in 2008. Of these, the Centre was to fund the salary of 3,000 appointees and the remaining 3,000 were to be paid by the then Jammu and Kashmir government. After a while, though, as the latter expressed helplessness in the matter on account of funds crunch, Centre agreed to provide funds for all 6,000 posts.

a senior CAPD official, however, emphasised that it has nothing to do with the ongoing law and order situation in the Valley. The employees, including the seven who quit recently, left the department "since they have received better jobs elsewhere", the official said, adding that the resignations too

have not come at a time.

According to a letter dated October 19, 2022, from Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir, to Deputy Director, (E&S), office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, seven people appointed in the department under the

PM's Employment Package in October 2021 have resigned.

Another 37 candidates, appointed from time to time this year, did not join the department in the Valley. "The waiting list in respect of above 37 candidates who failed to join within a stipulated time period of 21 days stands operated/utilized by the department," the CAPD Joint Director mentioned in the letter.

There have been at least a dozen cases if targeted killings of minorities by militants over the last one year.

Besides migrant Kashmiri Pandit people appointed under PM's employment package who have returned to Jammu, most non-migrant Dogra employees

(non-KPs, reserved category employees) selected by the State Services Selection Board (SSSB) and posted in the Valley have also returned to Jammu over the months, most of them after a school teacher from Samba, Rajni Bala, was killed by militants in Kulgam in May this year.

Since then, migrant KP employees are sitting on dhama outside the office of Relief Commissioner (Migrants) in Jammu, while non-migrant employees are protesting at Jammu's Panama Chowk, both groups demanding relocation in Jammu.

Various departments have issued these protesting staffers notices to make them resume duty in the Valley.

AHEAD OF COP27, UNEP REPORT SAYS WORLD FALLING SHORT OF PARIS GOALS

Emissions in India, 6 other nations top pre-Covid levels

ESHA ROY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

AHEAD OF the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP27, scheduled to take place in the Egyptian city of Sharm El Sheikh next month, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said on Thursday that the world is falling short of the goals set forth in the Paris Climate Agreement adopted in 2015, and that no credible pathway is currently in place to restrict global warming to under 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

The UNEP report released on Thursday, titled 'Emissions Gap Report 2022: The Closing Window — Climate Crisis Calls For Rapid Transformation of Societies', has found that in India and six other top emitters, emissions have rebounded and increased after the pandemic.

"The top seven emitters (China, the EU27, India, Indonesia, Brazil, the Russian Federation and the United States of America) plus international transport accounted for 55 per cent of global GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions in 2020. Collectively, G20 members are responsible for 75 per cent of global GHG emissions," said the report.

The global average per capita GHG emissions was 6.3 tonnes of CO2 equivalent (tCO2e) in 2020. The US remains far above this level at 14 tCO2e, followed by Russia at 13 tCO2e, China at 9.7 tCO2e, Brazil and Indonesia at about 7.5 tCO2e, and the European Union at 7.2 tCO2e.

India remains far below the world average at 2.4 tCO2e.

"For most major emitters, including China, India, the Russian Federation, Brazil and Indonesia, GHG emissions (excluding land use and forestry sectors) rebounded in 2021, exceeding pre-



The UN report, however, says India's emission remains far below the world average at 2.4 tCO2e. *Express File*

pandemic 2019 levels," the report said.

UNEP said that the G20 countries have just started to work on meeting their new targets, and collectively, are expected to fall short of their promises for 2030.

"Policies currently in place, without further strengthening, suggest a 2.8°C hike... To get on

track to meet the Paris Agreement goal, the world needs to reduce greenhouse gases by unprecedented levels over the next eight years," the UNEP said.

Unconditional and conditional NDCs are estimated to reduce global emissions in 2030 by five and 10 per cent respectively, compared with emissions based

EXPLAINED
E On course to breach 2°C limit

THE PARIS Agreement defined 2°C above pre-industrial levels as the global warming limit, which if breached, can lead to extreme weather events such as extreme heat waves, droughts, water stress and others that can significantly impact lives. The UNEP report says that unless unprecedented action is taken, global warming is on course to breach this mark.

on policies currently in place. To get on a least-cost pathway to limiting global warming to 2°C or 1.5°C, these percentages must reach 30 per cent and 45 per cent respectively. Emissions must con-

tinue to decline rapidly after 2030 to avoid exhausting the remaining atmospheric carbon budget.

Reacting to the UNEP report, Ulka Kelkar, director of the Climate Programme at research organisation WRI India, said, "UNEP's emissions gap unfortunately also points out the lack of credible roadmaps that can take countries from actions planned for this decade to the actions needed by mid-century. A major barrier is the lack of finance which needs to increase 10-fold. Another crucial need is alternative technologies in heavy industry, to reverse the rise in carbon intensity of global steel production."

Aarti Khosla, director of Climate Trends, said: "It is encouraging to note that India continues sustained momentum on its renewables uptake and is emerging on PV technology. However, it will need to double down on non-fossil power to meet its targets."

Rajasthan govt gets NHRC notice over girls' 'auction'

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THE NHRC on Thursday issued a notice to the Rajasthan government over reports that girls are "being auctioned on stamp paper" in half a dozen districts of the state and the refusal thereof is resulting in the "rape of their mothers to settle financial disputes on the dictates of caste panchayats".

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of a media report, it said in a statement.

The Chief Secretary of Rajasthan and the state's Director General of Police (DGP) have been asked to respond to the commission within four weeks.

Citing a media report, the NHRC said that whenever there is a dispute between the two parties particularly involving financial transactions and loans, girls aged between eight years

US: 3 Indian students killed in road accident

YOSHITA SINGH

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 27

THREE STUDENTS from India died in a road accident after the car they were travelling in collided with another vehicle in western Massachusetts.

Prem Kumar Reddy Goda, 27, Pavani Gullapally, 22, and Sai Narasimha Patamsetti, 22, died on scene of the collision, Berkshire District Attorney's Office said in a statement on Thursday. Massachusetts state and local police are investigating the two-vehicle motor vehicle collision that killed the three students and hospitalised five other people.

At approximately 5:30 am, a northbound car and a south-bound vehicle collided. Four other occupants in the car — 23-year-old Manoj Reddy Donda, 22-year-old Siddhar Dondya Chinthakunta, 23-year-old Vijith Reddy Gummala, and 22-year-old Hima Ishwarya Siddireddy — were transported to Berkshire Medical Center for treatment.

Law enforcement authorities identified the occupants of the car as international college students, six studying at the University of New Haven and one at Sacred Heart University.

The State Police Detective Unit notified family members and/or designees of the decedents and the Consulate General of India, New York.

The Sheffield Police Department and the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office are investigating the circumstances of the collision. **PTI**

Arunachal PSC paper leak: CBI registers FIR

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THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered an FIR in connection with the alleged question paper leak of the assistant engineer exam conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission on August 26 and 27. Preliminary investigation has revealed the role of a deputy secretary of the commission in the question paper leak.

On September 10, the Arunachal Pradesh police registered an FIR against Akhilesh Yadav, a teacher at a coaching centre, Jeju Institute, in Itanagar, and unidentified officials of the public service commission in the alleged leakage of the question paper for the recruitment of assistant engineers (civil).

The FIR was re-registered by the CBI in accordance with the laid down procedure.

After registering the FIR, the state police had arrested Taket Jerang, Deputy Secretary, APPSC, in connection with the case on the allegation that he had made crores of rupees by leaking not only the examination for the assistant engineer but also earlier papers. "Jerang's role is under scanner and the agency will seek court's permission to question him in the prison where he is lodged under judicial custody," the official said.

Woman doing house work not like maid: HC quashes cruelty case against husband, in-laws

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

THE BOMBAY High Court’s Aurangabad bench recently observed that if a married woman is asked to do household work for family, the same cannot be equated with a “maid servant” and would not amount to cruelty towards her under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The bench quashed an FIR registered against the husband and in-laws of a woman for cruelty towards her, noting that the woman failed to give details for the same.

“If a married lady is asked to do household work definitely for the purpose of the family, it cannot be said that it is like a maid servant. If she had no wish to do her household activities, then she ought to have told it either prior to the marriage so that the bride-

groom can rethink about the marriage itself or if it is after marriage, then such a problem ought to have been sorted out earlier. Her FIR is also silent on the point as to whether there was a maid servant at her matrimonial home for washing utensils, washing clothes and sweeping etc, which is generally done by the maid servant,” observed a division bench of Justices Vibha V Kankanwadi and Rajesh S Patil.

The bench on October 21 passed an order in criminal application by the husband and in-laws of the woman, seeking to quash the FIR against them.

In December 2019, the woman alleged that after her marriage she was treated properly for about a month by the applicant, and thereafter, she was treated like a maid servant. The complainant said that the applicants had started demanding Rs

4 lakh from her for purchasing a four-wheeler, and when she told them that her father did not have enough money for the same, her husband harassed her physically and mentally. The woman also alleged that she was taken to a doctor for the purpose of giving birth to a son, however, after the doctor told them that her gestation period was not complete, her mother-in-law and sister-in-law assaulted and threatened her, claiming that she had defrauded them. Thereafter, they went to her parental house and told her father that his daughter would be allowed to cohabit with her husband and in-laws only if she could get Rs 4 lakh for them. The woman filed the complaint in September, 2020 only after she was assaulted on June 27, 2020. The husband was booked under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 498A

(punishment for domestic violence), 504 (intentional insult) and 506 (criminal intimidation). The husband, his mother, and elder sister then approached the Bombay High Court, seeking to quash the FIR through advocate Sagar Bhingare. They claimed that the FIR was a concocted version of the alleged events, and that the woman — the complainant — was earlier married to another man, and had filed similar complaints against him and his family members, and were acquitted by court. The bench, however, noted that previous complaints or litigations against the woman did not mean she was in a habit of levelling such allegations and extracting money, and that the husband had to prove his submissions.

Referring to the allegations made by the complainant against her husband and in-laws in pres-

ent case, the bench noted, “Mere use of the word harassment ‘mentally and physically’ is not sufficient to attract Section 498A of the IPC. Unless those acts are described, it cannot be concluded that whether those acts amounted to harassment or subjecting a person to cruelty.. The allegations made and the evidence collection are not sufficient, even prima facie, to attract the ingredients of offence punishable under Section 498A of the IPC,” the bench observed, adding that as far as other offences against the husband were concerned, “it would be futile to ask the petitioner to face a trial”.

The Bombay High Court has allowed the application by the husband, and quashed the FIR lodged by the Nanded Police against him and his family members, and also set aside criminal proceedings pending against them before the magistrate court.

Bihar man kills moneylender, gets lynched

Sasaram: A 35-year-old man was beaten to death by an irate mob in a Bihar village, where he shot dead a moneylender insisting on payment of dues, police said on Thursday. The incident took place in Rohtas District’s Dehri Mofussil police station area where Anil Yadav, a resident of Kanchanpur village, was caught by locals after he killed Satendra Singh, 50. According to Ashish Bharti, Rohtas Superintendent of Police, Yadav had borrowed a sum of Rs 4 lakh from Singh and the two picked up a quarrel over dues. Yadav, who was in possession of a country-made pistol, flew into rage and opened fire, and tried to run away. **PTI**



Fishermen burn their boat during a protest against Adani Groups port development project at Vizhinjam, Thursday. **PTI**

Six killed, four injured in UP road accident

Prayagraj: Six people were killed and four injured when their SUV hit a pole and overturned on a highway in Uttar Pradesh’s Prayagraj district on Thursday morning, police said.

Prima facie the driver fell asleep at the wheel, losing control of the vehicle, they said.

The deceased have been identified as Rekha Devi (45), Krishna Devi (70), Savita (36), Rekha (32), Ojas (one-and-a-half-years old) and Niyasha (12), the police said.

Five people died on the spot in the road accident that took place about 200 metres from the toll plaza on the national highway under the Handia police station area. A girl succumbed to injuries later in the hospital. **PTI**

Vizhinjam port construction: Fisherfolk storm project site on 100th day of protest

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 27

MARKING THE 100th day of their protest against the construction of the Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL) in Thiruvananthapuram, hundreds of fisherfolk stormed the project site via sea and road. They also set a fishing boat on fire.

Last month, the Kerala High Court had directed the government to provide police protection for resuming the construction of VISL, which had been suspended for more than three months. The court had also allowed the fish-

erfolk to continue their agitation without obstructing the work.

The protesters, who have been led by the Catholic Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram, have demanded the construction of the Rs 7,500-crore seaport be stopped. The protesting fisherfolk have alleged that the construction of the port, which began in 2015, had caused coastal erosion, leading to loss of livelihood and dwellings.

The state government has held a number of talks with the protesters, but the deadlock has continued.

Protesters have been alleging that the “unscientific” construction of groynes, the artificial sea walls that were built as part of

the port, was one of the reasons for increasing coastal erosion.

Earlier this month, the state government appointed a four-member committee to study whether there has been any coastal erosion as a result of the construction of the seaport. But the Church rejected the decision, saying the committee did not include a representative from their side, and that the exercise was meant to tailor a report in favour of the Adani Group, which is constructing the port.

As the protest turned stormy on its 100th day, Kerala Labour Minister V Sivankutty told the media that police have been maintaining utmost restraint.

“The government does not want to create a tense situation. The fisherfolk should not go ahead with the agitation as their demand is unacceptable,” he said.

Venganoor Gopakumar, the convener of the People’s Defence Committee which has been backing the pro-construction demonstrations, said that even though the project had led to the loss of employment in agriculture, coir and tourism sectors, it is expected to bring in development.

The Congress is set to launch an agitation in front of the state secretariat on Friday, demanding the intervention of the CM to end the agitation against the construction of the port.

HEARING IN KARNATAKA HIGH COURT

Under IT Act, govt must share blocking reasons: Twitter to HC

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TWITTER HAS told the Karnataka High Court on Thursday that a provision under the Information Technology Act, 2000, which empowers the government to order the blocking of access to online content, also necessitates that the reasons for the blocking order be communicated to users.

Twitter made the argument during the hearing of a petition against government orders that

cite national security concerns to block the handles of Twitter users. The social media giant has challenged 39 blocking orders issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in 2021.

On Thursday, senior advocate Ashok Haranahalli, appearing for Twitter, argued that Section 69A of the IT Act, apart from empowering the state to issue blocking orders, also states that the reasons for the orders must be recorded. The provision in the law for recording reasons indicates that the reasons for block-

ing must be communicated to users, he said.

He argued that there is no difference between a reasoned and speaking order and that both should contain reasons for the order so that the aggrieved persons can decide whether they need to challenge the order in the courts. Section 69 A of the IT Act grants the “power to issue directions for blocking for public access of any information through any computer resource”.

The section says that the central government or any of its authorised officers can order the

blocking of access by the public to any computer resource “in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognizable offense” with “reasons to be recorded in writing”.

The case was adjourned by Justice Krishna Dixit to a later date of hearing where the central government will give its response to the petition filed by Twitter.

Earlier, Twitter had questioned the confidentiality clause

in the rules applied by the Government of India for blocking Twitter accounts and posts — which does not allow Twitter to communicate to users the reasons for blocking their accounts.

Twitter has approached the Karnataka High Court, stating that the Centre’s move to block accounts of Twitter users on grounds of messages being against the interest of the country, without issuing notices to the users themselves, amounts to a violation of norms laid down by the Supreme Court and Section 69A of the IT Act.

Banking on probability technique, cops trace police exam cheats

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BENGALURU, OCTOBER 27

THE KARNATAKA Police have used a mathematical probability technique, usually used in banking exams, to identify those who allegedly cheated in the police sub-inspectors’ recruitment exam that was held in October last year.

The probability check was run during the initial stages of the police investigation with the help of the Institute for Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS). The check revealed that a few candidates — including three who were arrested on October 14 — had ticked the same wrong answers for 19 questions in the multiple choice question (MCQ) category of the exam, confirming a very high probability that they received help from outside. The MCQ section had 100 ques-

tions carrying 150 marks.

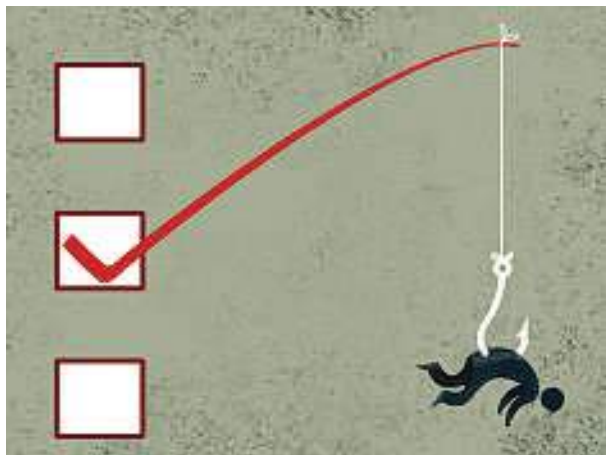
Over 54,000 candidates took the PSI exam on October 3 last year across 92 centres in Karnataka. So far, 52 out of 545 candidates who qualified the test have been arrested by the police, with 19 candidates found to have cheated by using Bluetooth devices and the rest accused of tampering their answer scripts with the help of officials of the police recruitment cell and staff at the examination centres.

The Karnataka CID, the agency probing the case, has also arrested 12 policemen, including the additional director general of police, Amrit Paul, who headed the police recruitment cell when the scam took place. With the latest arrests of three candidates on October 14, the total arrests in the case have touched 102.

The CID arrested three can-

didates — Lakappa, Shrisail Biradar, and Shrimant Satapur — on October 14 after it ran the probability check on the answer sheets and followed it up with an analysis of cell tower data at the examination centres on October 3 last year, the day of the exam, to corroborate findings that the three candidates received external help through Bluetooth devices they took into the exam halls. The probability check had revealed that Lakappa, Shrisail and Shrimant had given the same wrong answers to 19 questions despite having written the exam at separate centers in Bengaluru, Tumkur, and Dharwad, respectively.

“If several candidates marked the same wrong choice for the same questions, then there is a 99 percent probability that they received help from the same external source. This technique is used by the IBPS to spot



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any attempts of cheating in recruitment exams,” a police source said.

Lakappa took the exam at New Horizon College in east Bengaluru and secured the sixth rank after scoring 21.5 marks out of 50 in the essay section of the

exam and 135 out of 150 in the MCQ section.

Shrisail Biradar appeared for the exam at Siddalingeshwara Residential High School at Kyathasandra in Tumkur district and secured the 57th rank with 35.5 marks in the essay and

2019 CASE

Hate speech: Azam gets 3-year jail, granted bail

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 27

SENIOR SAMAJWADI Party leader and MLA Azam Khan was Thursday convicted in a hate speech case lodged in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and sentenced to three years in prison. Khan, who represents the Rampur Assembly constituency, was then granted bail by the Rampur MP/MLA court which convicted him.

Khan also sought eight days’ time to file an appeal in a higher court against the verdict, which the court granted. The MLA can file the appeal within a month, said Rampur Special Prosecution Officer S P Pandey.

Pandey, who argued on behalf of the government, told *The Indian Express*: “He (Khan) had given an inflammatory speech on April 7, 2019. He used objectionable language against the then District Magistrate who was also the election returning officer. There were five witnesses from the prosecution’s side and five from the defendant’s side. He has been given three years’ imprisonment and convicted under the three Sections he was booked under. He has also been slapped with a fine of Rs 2,000 each for the three offences.”

He added: “He was granted bail by the same court as the punishment for him was three years, and that is the rule...”

The verdict on Thursday was given by Additional Chief Judicial



SP leader Azam Khan will move a higher court against the verdict.

Magistrate-1 Nishant Mann.

While Khan faces more than 80 cases lodged since 2017, this is the first case where he has been convicted. The other cases are pending. The FIR against Khan was lodged on April 9, 2019 under IPC Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 505(1) (publishing or circulating any statement, rumour or report), as well as Section 125 (promoting enmity between classes in connection with elections) of the Representation of the People Act.

In the complaint lodged by election official Anil Kumar Chauhan, it was alleged that Khan in a speech in Milak Vidhan Sabha area had “used foul language for people in Constitutional posts, threatened them, and tried to flare a riot”.

“He sought votes from a community in the name of religion and tried to spread hatred which is against the Model Code of Conduct,” reads the complaint.

The speech was made during

the campaign for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when the Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party had contested in an alliance. Khan had fought the election from Rampur Lok Sabha and won against BJP’s actor candidate Jayaprada. Khan had secured 52.69 per cent of the votes while Nahata had got 42.33 per cent. Khan gave up his Lok Sabha membership after he was elected as an MLA in the state elections earlier this year.

As per the complaint, Khan had said in his election speech: “(PM Narendra) Modi ji has created an atmosphere in the country where it is difficult for Muslims to live... The Congress candidate should not just ask for Muslim votes, but should also seek votes from Hindu brothers. You are seeking the votes of Muslims so you can divide their votes and ensure a win for the BJP... Are you not seeing the kind of person who has been made Collector in Rampur who has brought three other officers with him... Within a month, this Collector has made Rampur hell and has left no stone unturned to rake up riots here... I appeal to you that you should not get your votes divided and should not vote for the Congress candidate who is here to ensure a win for the BJP... The Collector has become blind, and claims to be very idealistic... I have his report, and I know what kind of family he comes from. He is doing this on directions from the Chief Minister who is himself a criminal accused of 302 (the IPC Section for murder).”

COIMBATORE BLAST

NIA given probe, cops arrest sixth man, invoke UAPA

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 27

THE UNION Home Ministry on Thursday decided to hand over the investigation into the Coimbatore car blast case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The development came on a day Tamil Nadu police made the sixth arrest in the case.

K Afsar Khan (28), the sixth suspect in the case to be booked under UAPA, had been detained by the police on Wednesday. He was arrested today.

An electrician by profession, Khan is a cousin of Jamesha Mubin, who had died when an LPG cylinder in his vehicle exploded early Sunday, the police said. “In addition to being an electrician, Khan participated in purchase of explosive materials through e-commerce websites,” an officer said, noting that police had seized these “explosive material” from Mubin’s house after the blast. A father of two, Khan comes from Kottaimedu, close to Ukadam, where Mubin lived. Police said Khan appears to be closely connected to Mubin’s activities, as also in the alleged conspiracy plot.

Khan’s laptop has been seized, police said.

The officer said although the “seemingly self-radicalised group” may have had a sketchy plan to strike some targets, the investigation so far shows they were neither experts nor had enough resources. “There is no indication

of a specific immediate plan either, except that they were into problematic activities, were radicalised and intolerant to diverse faiths and beliefs,” the officer said.

On Thursday, the state police were busy summoning, interrogating, and searching multiple locations in Ukadam with the help of an NIA team camping in Coimbatore.

Sources in NIA said the team there has visited the crime scene and met all witnesses. “They have even examined some of the arrested persons and met with the local police,” a source said. “The local police have informed that they had recovered low-intensive explosive materials, including potassium nitrate, sulphur and charcoal from Mubin’s house. They also discussed the CCTV footage retrieved from a building near Mubin’s house, which showed four men lugging a large object out of his house in Ukadam at 11.25 pm on Saturday.”

The state government said the decision to recommend handing over the probe to the NIA came considering the possibility of factors extraneous to the state and chances of international links. The five suspects who were held on Tuesday, and had been booked under provisions of the UAPA and different IPC sections, are Muhammad Thalha (25), Muhammad Azharudheen (23), Muhammad Riyas (27), Firoz Ismail (27), and Muhammad Nawaz Ismail (27).

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Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister V Senthil Balaji **PTI**

State BJP chief targets ‘careless’ TN govt, DMK leader hits back

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 27

A WAR of words began on Thursday between BJP and DMK, which leads the ruling alliance in the state, over the blast and seizure of explosives. While state BJP president K Annamalai alleged that the state government was caught “napping” despite being given a “specific threat alert”, state minister and senior DMK leader Senthil Balaji wondered how Annamalai knew “details” of the incident even before the police had them. He said the BJP leader should be interrogated by NIA.

The BJP has called a dawn-to-dusk bandh in Coimbatore city on October 31 to protest what it calls is the state government’s careless in the probe.

In multiple tweets on Thursday, Annamalai posed several questions of the M K Stalin government: “There was a specific threat alert given by central intelligence agencies to TN Govt on Oct 18th, 2022. This is five days before the ‘suicide bombing’ incident. When the TN state intelligence and Coimbatore police were asked to monitor activities of the ‘suicide bomber’ & now deceased Mubin (after NIA’s Enquiry in 2019) and which the local police were doing initially but stopped after a while. Why was it stopped after DMK came to power? Is it because of political pressure not to monitor ‘certain’ individuals? Will our CM care to answer...”

Balaji said the explosion was not caused by a bomb placed in the vehicle. “Nails and cylinders in the car were all kept apart. Chemicals were also kept separate,” he said.

Recalling that deceased Mubin and others “examined” by NIA in 2019 for suspected ties to a terror group, he said, “However, they were released because there was no evidence. My request is to refrain from frantic attempt to generate news.”

Whatever occurred was unfortunate, the DMK leader said. “Even though the police investigation was successful, it was given to the NIA because the case is likely to have national and international connections... Unfortunately, one person (Annamalai) is using this incident for political gains. Why should a state party chief brief the media about case details? He ought to be questioned in that situation.”

Nutrition, not hunger

We should lose no more time over Global Hunger Index rankings. Instead, states should examine NFHS findings to improve poshan practices for most vulnerable



SHAILAJA CHANDRA

EVERY OCTOBER, THE Global Hunger Index (GHI) is released. It generally creates an up-roar, and with good reason. But this time it has gone overboard. The fountainhead is a 16-year-old German and Irish organisation, which measures and ranks countries on a hunger index at the global, regional, and national levels, but not at the sub-national level where some Indian states fare better. The GHI's stated aim is to reduce hunger around the world. But its methodology focuses disproportionately on less than five-year-olds. In common parlance, hunger and nutrition are two different things. Hunger is associated with food scarcity and starvation. It produces images of emaciated people holding empty food bowls. GHI uses childhood mortality and nutrition indicators. But its preamble states "communities, civil society organisations, small producers, farmers, and indigenous groups... shape how access to nutritious food is governed." This suggests that GHI sees hunger as a food production challenge when, according to the FAO, India is the world's largest producer and consumer of grain and the largest producer of milk; when the per capita intake of grain, vegetables and milk has increased manifold. It is, therefore, contentious and unacceptable to club India with countries facing serious food shortages, which is what GHI has done.

The sensational use of the word hunger is abhorrent given the facts. But there is no denying that in India, nutrition, particularly child nutrition, continues to be a problem. Unlike the GHI, the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) does a good job of providing comparative state-level data, including the main pointers that determine health and nutrition. NFHS provides estimates of underweight, (low weight for age), stunting (low height for age) and wasting (low weight for height). These conditions affect preschool children (those less than 6 years of age) disproportionately and compromise a child's physical and mental development while also increasing the vulnerability to infections. Moreover, undernourished mothers (attributable to social and cultural practices,) give birth to low-birth-weight babies that remain susceptible to infections, transporting their handicaps into childhood and adolescence.

The jury is divided on the causes and solutions. Leela Visaria, a noted sociologist, links the nutritional status of young children with the post-neonatal phase when children suffer from acute respiratory infections and diarrhoeal diseases. Sanitation and hygiene require much more work, she says. The Director of the Nutrition Foundation of India Prema Ramachandran says, "the Body Mass Index test is the best way of identifying both thin and overweight kids and the ongoing Poshan Abhiyaan envisages this." Professor V Subramanian at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health writes, "there is a need to de-clutter the current approaches to child undernutrition by keeping it simple. I advise against a disproportionate focus on anthropometry (body measurements); instead, the need is to have a direct engagement with actual diet and food intake."

The irony is that issues related to nutrition and their solutions, although they appear simple and cheap, need delving into individual homes. The first child nutrition challenge relates to breastfeeding. The WHO and UNICEF recommend that breastfeeding



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should be initiated within the first hour of birth and infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months. According to NFHS 5, in India, the percentage improvement of children who were exclusively breastfed when under six months, rose from 55 per cent in NFHS 4 to 64 per cent in NFHS 5. That is progress, but it is not enough. By not being breastfed, an infant is denied the benefits of acquiring antibodies against infections, allergies and even protection against several chronic conditions. NFHS says that only 42 per cent of infants are breastfed within one hour of birth, which is the recommended norm. Interestingly, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, and Haryana score above 70 per cent whereas the ones below 50 per cent include Bihar, Punjab, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. The others are in between.

The second issue relates to young child feeding practices. At root are widespread practices like not introducing semi-solid food after six months, prolonging breastfeeding well beyond the recommended six months and giving food lacking in nutritional diversity. NFHS 5 shows that the improvement has been marginal over the last two reports and surprisingly, states like Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Assam, UP and Gujarat are at the tail end.

The feedback from a 40-year-old NGO CHETNA (with whom the writer is associated), which works for women's and children's health and nutrition across three states (Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan) is revealing. The NGO echoes the findings on breastfeeding and young children's feeding practices, not through surveys, but by observing what goes on within the homes. Young children are allowed to run around while eating, exposing the food to flies, dust and heat. The NGO also found that children are weaned on watery liquid from cooked grain when they need energy and nutrition-dense food to develop. Even one teaspoon of ghee or oil added to semi-solid dal or khichri can provide adequate protein and calories. But mothers are ignorant of this. Equally, diversity in diet is important. Families start kitchen gardens and some

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even rear poultry once they are taught how nutrition can be improved.

The third issue is the outcome of poor nutrition. According to NFHS 5, the percentage of stunted, wasted and underweight children is 36 per cent, 19 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. It is worrisome that states like Bihar, UP and Jharkhand have fallen from their own levels five years ago. Overall, there has been an eight percentage point increase in children suffering from anaemia — from 59 per cent in NFHS 4 to 67 per cent in NFHS 5. This has a lot to do with the mistaken belief that manufactured snacks are "good food". Anecdotaly, there are reports that households in Dharavi, Asia's largest slum, spend up to Rs 30 per day on packaged snacks like chips, papad and other over-salted edibles. Parents allow the child to sleep on an undernourished (virtually empty) stomach. CHETNA found the same phenomenon in urban slums and in villages and lamented that the same Rs 5 spent on manufactured snacks would be better spent on buying one egg.

Almost one dozen nutrition programmes have been under implementation since 1975. Several more have been added of late, but most beneficiaries of these food distribution programmes are kids attending anganwadis or schools, adolescents, and pregnant and lactating mothers. This must continue but newborns, infants, and toddlers need attention too. Monitoring weight is an indicator, not a solution. India has successfully overcome much bigger problems — reduced maternal and child mortality, improved access to sanitation, clean drinking water and clean cooking fuel. We should lose no more time over the GHI rankings, which are distorted and irrelevant. Instead, states should be urged to examine the NFHS findings to steer a new course to improve the poshan practices for the youngest and the most vulnerable sections of society: Helping mothers to better the lives of their infants and toddlers right inside the home by measuring and demonstrating how much diet, food intake and child-rearing practices matter.

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THE FIRST INCOME Tax Act was introduced in India in 1860 by Sir James Wilson. The first post Independence IT Act was passed in 1961. And though it has witnessed several amendments since, it can be said that no amendment in the tax laws brought an end to the corruption within the tax department until the Narendra Modi government came to power and introduced the faceless tax regime.

As a practising tax consultant for the last 40 years, I feel that corruption in the tax department, which used to be a major cause of concern for every taxpayer who suffered at the hands of dishonest tax officials, has witnessed a significant change. It is no less than a miracle to see that a single decision of the Modi government has practically resolved this issue.

Earlier, I used to spend almost 60 per cent of my working hours in the tax department office. Today, I must admit that I have not visited their office for the last three years. As against around 40 notices that I used to receive for scrutiny assessment under section 143(3), under the faceless tax regime, it has come down to two. Now, there is no personal interaction with tax officers and I believe it

has significantly reduced instances of harassment. Data shows that even tax compliance has increased.

Under the faceless tax regime, information about high-value transactions of taxpayers is received by the tax department which is then used to issue notices under section 148 of the IT Act. Recently, thousands of such notices were issued and taxpayers had to pay tax, interest and penalty. This is set to enhance tax compliance as taxpayers will know that it is not possible to hide high-value transactions and they should disclose such transactions while filing their returns.

An important aspect of the faceless tax regime is that even the first appellate authority — the CIT appeal — is now faceless, leaving no room for corruption. In the past, dishonest taxpayers allegedly used to manage appellate orders through the CIT appeal.

The faceless tax assessment system has put everything online — from the filing of returns to the assessment orders. It has even done away with the need for heavy storage facilities for the records of taxpayers.

The only two departments that are re-

quired to physically interact with taxpayers are the investigation wing and international taxation. In the case of investigations, for summons issued under section 131, a personal hearing is a must. In international taxation, non-residents are required to approach the department for tax clearance on the sale of property under section 195/197. The procedure remains cumbersome, with individuals required to submit a long list of documents. This area needs to be addressed and the government should take steps to reduce the harassment of NRI taxpayers.

It is not only direct tax but indirect taxes that have seen a complete rationalisation. GST was introduced with the motive of "one nation one tax". Earlier traders and businessmen had to pay various indirect taxes — excise duty, VAT, sales tax, service tax, octroi — and were subjected to harassment, corruption and clearance issues at various tax departments. GST has resulted in more efficiency and has also reduced the time taken to transport goods. Monthly GST collections are hitting new highs and stood at Rs 1.47 lakh crore in September 2022, after hitting

an all-time high of Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022. Tax evasion has reduced significantly.

I, however, believe that some rationalisation of GST rates is needed. Also, there needs to be equitable treatment for various professions. While there is an 18 per cent GST on the fee charged by chartered accountants, there is no GST on fees of advocates and solicitors. If the 18 per cent tax rate for manufacturers and traders is reasonable, as they were earlier subject to multiple taxes, I feel that the 18 per cent tax rate for professionals is on the higher side.

If the faceless tax regime for direct taxes has resulted in significant benefits, the main drawback of GST is that it remains face-to-face. It is leading to the same old issue of corruption. While I believe that making GST proceedings faceless would be very difficult, the way corruption is increasing is a cause of concern.

So, while the faceless tax regime in the Income Tax Department has completely removed corruption from the system, corruption in the case of indirect taxes persists with GST.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The government has made it clear it is in no mood to call early elections, and it is uncertain how bringing protestors to the capital, no matter what their numbers, will change that. Only time will tell if Imran Khan actually has a plan or is just taking a swing in the dark."

— DAWN, PAKISTAN

The power of small

Mission LiFE stems from the thought that every little effort to protect the environment counts and the world can benefit from India's ideas



BHUPENDER YADAV

THE HUMAN RACE is plundering Planet Earth at a pace that far outstrips its capacity and ability to support life. A recent study says that if the current rate of consumption were to continue, by 2050, humans would need two more planets, in addition to the Earth, to continue to exist. This means that we could be staring at major climatic crises in the years to come and our future generations may never get to experience the beauty of nature, the glaciers, the oceans, the snow and the rivers, that we have been fortunate to see and experience.

In view of this danger lurking around, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 20 unveiled the action plan for Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), an India-led global mass movement that will nudge individuals and communities for action to protect and preserve the environment.

PM Modi had first given the mantra of LiFE to the world in 2021 at COP 26 in Glasgow. On October 20, 10 heads of states, including French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Liz Truss, Guyana President Irfan Ali, Argentina President Alberto Fernandez, Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina, Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Georgia Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili and Estonia Prime Minister Kaja Kallas extended support to the India-led LiFE movement.

Environment protection, as rightly stated by PM Modi, has for far too long been perceived as a policy issue by the general masses. There has been a perception that only national governments and international organisations can do something to protect the Earth and environment. But Mission LiFE makes environmental protection and conservation a participative process and recognises the importance of each effort — no matter how small or big — to save the environment both at the level of the individual and at the level of the community.

What threatens our existence more than anything else is the pace at which we are producing and consuming. The consumption pattern of the world is mindless and pays scant regard to the environment. Mission LiFE tries to remind the world that the mindset of "use and throw" must immediately be replaced by "reduce, reuse and recycle" so that our scarce resources are not overexploited and the world doesn't crumble under the weight of all the waste that it is generating by the second.

In India, the cultural ethos of limiting needs and treating the environment and its resources with reverence has produced

very visible results. We constitute 17 per cent of the world's population, but our contribution to global carbon emissions is only four per cent. Against the developed world's carbon footprint of four tonnes per head, the carbon footprint of an average Indian counts to only 1.5 tonnes.

Despite not being part of the problem, with numerous global initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance, the One Sun One World One Grid initiative, and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, India has taken the lead in presenting and building solutions for the world by bringing the global community together. The need to build these global alliances to fight climate change stems from the understanding that only collective action can save the world from the vagaries of climate change that are increasingly becoming a reality and are rising in ferocity.

Mission LiFE stems from the thought that every little effort to protect the environment counts and the world can benefit from India's ideas and experiences in this area. By working together with the United Nations in this regard, the prime minister has sought to ensure the message reaches far and wide. India-UN partnerships have already presented fruitful results for the world. An example of this, as the PM stated, has been seen in the celebration of International Yoga Day on June 21. The world is now benefiting from Yoga on an unprecedented scale. The decision to celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets marks another golden chapter in the India-UN partnership which has numerous positives for the world to reap from.

In the same sequence of India offering knowledge from its religious and cultural ethos to the world, Mission LiFE aims to pull the world away from a "mindless and destructive" consumerist approach towards a "mindful and deliberate utilisation" of resources. It is also, at the same time, an effort to prevent India from heading that way. India is already working towards building a circular economy and moving towards a stage where all our energy requirements are met through the use of renewables. Our policies are all aligned towards ensuring sustainable development, where nature is not disregarded for development but where the most marginalised are not left to their destiny by denying them development.

Mission LiFE is a philosophy which shows how this can be made possible. It shows the power of small efforts to make big impacts. It believes in the individual's capacity to change the world. It is the mantra to reverse historical and cultural wrongs wrecked upon the environment. Mission LiFE is the call to action for citizens and governments to save the planet.

Let us all join this movement by being thoughtful of nature and making the changes that help us prevent the exploitation of nature at our own levels. Let us adopt environmentally friendly lifestyles.

The writer is Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Labour & Employment

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RIGHT CALL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Check & play' (IE, October 27). The recent back-to-back orders of India's competition regulator against the IT giant, Google, are significant not just for the amount of penalty imposed but also for the drastic changes in business practices that it requires Google to undertake. The regulator's direction to Google to modify its conduct should be welcomed as it will restrict the power of the big IT platforms to shut out competition and, therefore, choice for the users. Mobile users need the freedom of real choice.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

LANGUAGE ISSUE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Don't speak of language' (IE, October 26). The question of the preferred language of instruction in medical colleges in the country isn't just about making room for non-English languages as mediums of instruction. It is a larger question of inclusivity, or rather, the lack of it, observed in medical colleges. There is a stark class difference between the people admitted into publicly-run medical colleges and people who access medical services. The overrepresentation of a certain class of people has been observed in the last two decades. The challenges in the system run deep and need addressal.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

A DISGRACE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A narrower Assam' (IE, October 27). The sealing of a private museum in Assam ded-

icated to the Bengali-origin Miya community marks yet another skirmish in the state's culture and identity wars. Every person has the right to practice their culture. To outlaw private celebration of the same only aggravates the issue. The future seems bleak.

SS Paul, Nadia

PLAYING VOTERS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Print Lakshmi, Ganesh images on currency notes, Kejriwal tells Centre' (IE, October 27). BJP criticised Kejriwal's demand for printing currency with images of Lord Ganesh and Goddess Lakshmi, as a ploy to build its Hindu image for the Gujarat Assembly election. But has the BJP not used Lord Ram to further its own political fortune? Both parties stand exposed for using religion to further political interests. It would be interesting to see how the Election Commission reacts to such appeals to influence voters.

L R Murmu, New Delhi

SUNAK'S TASK

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'PM Rishi Sunak' (IE, October 26). Rishi Sunak ought to learn from the mistakes of his predecessors. He is undoubtedly taking over the reins of his country at a pivotal time. Furthermore, it highlights the democratisation of politics now being followed in the UK. Having said that, India should not expect any preferential treatment on account of Rishi Sunak's Indian roots. Their diplomatic ties ought to be the same as they would have been with any other leader.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

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LETTERS OF CREDENCE - VIETNAM

The Ambassador-designate of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. Nguyen Thanh Hai, Ambassador of Vietnam presented his credentials to the President of India Droupadi Murmu amid a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 26 Oct.



LETTERS OF CREDENCE - UGANDA

The High Commissioner-designate of Uganda, H.E. Ms. Joyce Kakuramatsi Kikafunda, High Commissioner of Uganda presented her credentials to the President of India Droupadi Murmu amid a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 26 Oct.



LETTERS OF CREDENCE - SWEDEN

The Ambassador-designate of Sweden, H.E. Jan Thesleff, Ambassador of Sweden presented his credentials to the President of India Droupadi Murmu amid a special ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 26 October.



LETTERS OF CREDENCE - IRAN

The Ambassador-designate of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr Iradj Elahi, Ambassador of Iran presented his credentials to the President of India Droupadi Murmu amid a special ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 26 October.



LETTERS OF CREDENCE - BELGIUM

The Ambassador-designate of the Kingdom of Belgium, H.E. Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of Belgium presented his credentials to the President of India Droupadi Murmu amid a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 26 October.



FINAL DIVIDEND PAYOUT-HUDCO

H.S. Puri, Union MoHUA, Gol, received the final dividend cheque of Rs 336.24 crore for the year 2021-22, from Kamran Rizvi, Additional Secy., MoHUA & CMD HUDCO in the presence of officials from MoHUA & HUDCO.



CAMPAIGN -CWC

Central Warehousing Corporation is consistently performing in Swachhata Campaign 2.0, 2022, at Corporate Office, CWC, New Delhi & in its 437 field units throughout India. CWC is carrying out varied activities for creating awareness & cleanliness.



TENDER-EIL

Global Tender Enquiry was floated for NLCIL through Project Management Consultant EIL, for Gasification block (LEPC-1) of Lignite to Methanol Project in the presence of A.K. Jain, Secy. to Gol, Ministry of Coal & other officials from NLCIL & EIL.



FINANCIAL RESULTS - UNION BANK

The Board of Directors of Union Bank of India approved the accounts of the Bank for the Quarter ended Septeme. Net Profit of the Bank increased by 21.07% on YoY basis. Net interest income of Bank grew by 21.61% on YoY basis.



LOAN AGREEMENT - REC

REC Ltd. signed a loan agreement with MMRDA in Mumbai for nine metro projects being developed in MMR. The agreement was signed in the presence of Eknath Shinde, CM of Maharashtra & Devendra Fadnis, Deputy CM of Maharashtra.



CONCLAVE - IREDA

Pradipt Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, delivered a session address at the Workshop cum Conclave on Green Hydrogen Energy recently at IIT Delhi. He highlighted the overall journey of Renewable Energy in the country & significance of its financing.



INAUGURATION - MUTHOOT GROUP

Muthoot Finance has built & provided 20 Muthoot Aashiyana homes to the underprivileged at in addition to over 200 houses already built under Project Ashiyana. The occasion marked the inauguration ceremony of MG George Muthoot Tower-2 in ND.



AWARD

AK Mangotra (Retd IAS) received the Global Achiever Award for Best Administrative Services by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Global Foundation recently, for his outstanding ability to reach a new level of success through his dedication, hard work & confidence.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Tender Notice

APCPDCL on behalf of APDISCOM's invites bids on DEEP e-bidding platform for procurement of power under short term basis for the months of November 2022 to May 2023 vide tender event APPCC/ Short/22-23/ET/173, Dt: 06.10.2022. Details of the tender and Tender document are available- <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/>. Last date for submission of Bids is 02.11.2022, 17:30 Hrs.

Sd/- Chief General Manager,
Power Purchase/ APPCC

RO No.: 1325PP/CL/ADVT/11/2021-22

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF GROUP HOUSING COLONY UNDER 20% COMPONENT OF NET PLANNED AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL SECTOR IN VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE STATE UNDER POLICY DATED 10.11.2017 AND POLICIES 14.06.2012, 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018 (LEFT-OVER POCKET POLICY).

- The Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana has notified a policy dated 10.11.2017 for grant of license for setting up of those categories of colonies for which there is a cap on the Net Planned Area (NPA). This policy is available on the website of the department at https://tchpharyana.gov.in/Policy/PF-64Pawan%20Bhatia%20Notification.docx%2010_11_2017_4_20.pdf. The policy gives guidelines with respect to grant of licenses under the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder (Act 8 of 1975) for those categories of colonies which are allowed on limited area.
 - The Government has also notified the policy dated 14.06.2012 and amended on 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018 for the development of left-over land pockets through grant of license under the provisions of Act no. 8 of 1975. The said policy also prescribes grant of license for setting up of Group Housing Colonies in the Developed Sectors on the Left Over Land Pockets as per the area norms prescribed in the aforesaid policies. These policies are also available on the website of the Department i.e. www.tchpharyana.gov.in.
 - In view of provisions of the policies mentioned above, the online as well as hard copies of the applications are hereby invited for grant of license for setting up of Group Housing colonies (within 20% limit of Net Planned area of residential sectors) on the prescribed form LC-1 in accordance with Rule 3 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules- 1976, provisions of policy dated 10.11.2017 and zoning regulations of relevant Final Development Plans published under Section 5(7) of Act No. 41 of 1963, for the net planned area available for Group Housing Colony in the respective residential sector, which is hosted on the website of the Department. The hard copies of the applications are to be submitted in the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana. The link for submission of online license application is as follows: <https://ofa.tchpharyana.gov.in/>. No online application and hard copy on LC-1 form received after expiry of two months period will be entertained.
 - An opening window of two months from the date of publication of this notice is given to the persons/companies/firms/trusts etc. who are interested in seeking license permissions for the Group Housing colonies in accordance with the policies dated 10.11.2017, 14.06.2012, 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018.
 - The Final Development Plans of certain towns have been recently published as hosted on the website of the Department i.e. www.tchpharyana.gov.in, however, the Sectoral Plans/ revised Sectoral Plan of the respective sectors of these Development Plans are either at the stage of finalization or revision. The license applications in respect of such Development Plans are also invited, however, the license in such cases shall be considered as per the Sectoral Plan approved by the Competent Authority.
 - In case of any ambiguity/ dispute on the net planned area of any sector, the decision of Director shall be final.
 - The details of scrutiny fee and license fee to be submitted alongwith the application as well as the planning parameters are available on the website of the Department i.e. www.tchpharyana.gov.in.
 - For any queries regarding this public notice, the Senior Town Planner Gurugram (0124-2305872), Hisar (01662-231106), Rohtak (01262-266655), Panchkula (0172- 2560217) and Faridabad (0129-2220692) or District Town Planner (HQ) (0172- 2549349) may be contacted during working hours.
- Sd/-
(T.L. Satyaprakash, IAS)
Director General,
Town and Country Planning,
Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 13461/HRY

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

ON LINE OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO.: MC-FDSS-2022-23

The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway, Danapur is inviting sealed Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work:

Name of work with its location: Supply, Installation, commissioning & AMC of Automatic Fire Detection and Suppression System in Power Cars & Pantry Cars. Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 8,22,62,762.25/- (Eight crore twenty two Lakhs sixty two Thousand seven Hundred sixty two Rupees and twenty five Paise Only). Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 5,61,300/- (Five Lakh sixty one Thousand three hundred Only). Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender: On 17.11.2022 up to 12.00 hrs. & Opening at 12.30 hrs. Website particulars & Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen etc.: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Office of the Sr. DME (C & W)/ E.C. Rly., Danapur, D.R.M. Building, East Central Railway, Danapur. Details instruction is available in the Tender Document. Divnl. Railway Manager (Mech.) E.C. Railway, Danapur

PR/01331/DNR/MECH/TI/22-23/36

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office.: PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 9646118754)

Tender Enquiry No. 295/HPs/ED-II/ASHP-120 Dated: 21.10.2022

Dy. CE/ Hydrel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites For Design, Manufacturing and supply 24 No. Lower Guide Bearing & 24 No. Upper Guide bearing oil coolers along with accessories of Ganguwal & Nakkian Power Houses of ASHP.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 02.11.2022 onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) Selection of service provider for deploying e-cabs for the last-mile connectivity,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 73747.

Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
PRO/AAM(M)/116/2022 GENERAL MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE TIME	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPGCL	ENGAGEMENT OF AGENCY FOR LIFTING OF 6.00 LAC MT COAL FROM MINES OF BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED DHANBAD AND CENTRAL COALFIELDS LIMITED, RANCHI	21.10.2022 01.11.2022	80.40 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9316083453 xenu122.pki@hpgcl.org.in

13464/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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MADHYA PRADESH BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(An Agency of Govt. of M.P. Public Works Department)
16-A, CEDMAP Building, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)-462011
Telephone No. : 0755-4853297, Email : einc-mpbdc@mp.gov.in, ajay.nagaria@mp.gov.in
NIT No. : 501/GM/BDC/CMRISE/CW/22/NIT-13 Bhopal, Dated : 27.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

MPBDC Bhopal invites online tenders for the works construction of CM Rise school Buildings at following places :

S. No.	Package No./Place	PAC Excl. GST. (Rs. in LACs)
1.	008 Bhopal-2 At Gairatganj And Begamganj District Raisen (2nd Call)	5796.35
2.	031 Jabalpur At Pandurna District Chhindwara	2406.3
3.	032 Jabalpur At Sausar District Chhindwara	2541.76

Tender forms can be purchased online only from 31.10.2022 at 18:00 hrs. to 30.11.2022 at 15:30 hrs. the detailed NIT and other details can be seen on portal www.mptenders.gov.in. The Addendum/Corrigendum (if any) shall be published on above website only. The bidders have to submit the Bids online only. MPBDC reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

M.P. Madhyam/107053/2022

MANAGING DIRECTOR

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CE (DR) PROJECT-III
THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) DR-XII
MU BLOCK, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034
Ph. 011-27342465, E-mail: executiveengineerdr12@gmail.com

NIT No. 07/EE/C Dr XII/ 2022-23

S. No.	Name of Work Tender	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.)	Tender Fee	Date of release of Tender through e-Procurement Solution	Last date and Time of download and RTG through e-Procurement Solution
1	Providing House Sewer Connection from nearest DJB Manholes to individual house in colonies Budh Vihar Ph-I, Krishna Vihar, Vijay Vihar, Pooth Kalan Gram Sabha, Mange Ram Park etc. Tender ID- 2022_DJB_231492_1	18,74,72,639/-	Rs. 1500/- refundable	26.10.2022	16.11.2022 up to 3:00 PM

The tender has been uploaded on website <http://delhi.govtprocurement.com>.
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 385 (2022-23)

Sd/-
(Er. V.P. Sharma)
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division
P.W.D., Sawali Building Ganpat Jadhav Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 18.
e-mail : elcentralmumbai.ce@mahapwd.gov.in, Tel. No. 022-24924349

E-Tender Notice No. 19/2022-23 (1st Call)

ONLINE Percentage rates tenders in "B-1" form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, P.W.D., Worli, Mumbai for the following work from Electrical Licence Holder Contractor. B-1 e-Tender document can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of P.W.D., Government of Maharashtra <http://mahatenders.gov.in>, The Executive Engineer, CMED, Worli, Mumbai reserves right to accept or reject any tender. The conditional tender will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount
1	Est no D16025/2022-23 Providing renovation with addition and alteration to Electrical Installation with Computer LAN, Telephone wiring, Water Pump, Fire Alarm with Fire Fighting Arrangement, DG set, street lights, lifts etc. at various residential and non-residential buildings in Halfkine Institute for Training, Research & Testing premises at Acharya Donde Marg, Parcel, Mumbai - 400012	Rs. 11,49,57,066/-

1 Contractor Should quote Price Excluding G.S.T. G.S.T upto 18% will be paid Extra.
2 Download/Sale Period : Date : 28.10.2022 to 11.11.2022 upto 05.30 pm.
3 Pre Bid Meeting Date : 3.11.2022 at 3 pm at office of The Chief Engineer (Electrical) PWD Mumbai (via Online Video Conference)
4 Bid Opening Date : 15.11.2022 after 11.00 am. Superintending Engineer (Electrical) Mumbai Regional Elect. Circle P.W.D. Mumbai.

EE/CMED/TC/2583/2022
Date : 18.10.2022

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Central Mumbai Electrical Division
P.W.D. Worli Mumbai

DGIPR/2022-23/3617

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Limited
Registered office: Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodra 390 007.
Corporate office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Mumbai 400 051.

GOLD E-AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments. (Facility) availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an E-Auction of pledged gold ornaments on Nov 07, 2022 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove/accept/change the E-Auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online - <https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com> between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.

Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name
254605001936	Mukesh Kumar Singh	071005004660	Pankaj Kumar Singh	413505000511	Soni Karan Chandani
254605002008	Sunil Kumar Paswan	071005004674	Ranjana Kumar Singh	735405000259	Punam Kumari
062205004361	Amarendra Kumar Singh	257305001582	Deepak Kumar Sanjay Kumar	Branch Name: Patna - Meethapur	
Branch Name: Aurangabad - M.G. Road		257305001947	Suman	061605001781	Neeshu Anand
132505002762	Chandana Kumar Singh	Branch Name: Kahlgaon, Bihar		Branch Name: Patna Bypass - Patna Central School	
132505002767	Sonika Singh	370705001075	Boby Kumar	334205001149	Anand Mohan Ojha
132505002789	Surendra Singh	Branch Name: Kathar		Branch Name: Patna-Anisabad	
Branch Name: Banks, Bihar		132605001906	Vishal Verma	133305002837	Srisati Kumari
370605001188	Shashi Kumar Choudhary	132605002361	Gangadhar Prasad Satyarthi	Branch Name: Patna-Boringroad	
Branch Name: Barh		132605002367	Vishal Verma	040405009914	Gopal Mishra
230405001091	Rakesh Kumar	Branch Name: Kishanganj		Branch Name: Patna-Batfraserroad	
Branch Name: Bettiah		181005002184	Manoj Kumar	057905004280	Vishwakarma Kumar
071105004563	Prakash Yadav	181005002199	Zahid Ali	Branch Name: Patna-Fatua	
Branch Name: Bhagalpur - Kowail Chowk		Branch Name: Lakhisarai - Goharhat		251805000761	Rinkeo Kumari
747805000056	Niranjan Singh	132705005631	Praveen Kumar Singh	Branch Name: Patna-Rajabazar	
133105002507	Amit Kumar	Branch Name: Madhepura		061605001781	Neeshu Anand
133105002560	Amit Kumar	258405000959	Kishan Singh	Branch Name: Patna	
133105002766	Amit Kumar	Branch Name: Mokameh		071205002906	Pinkhi Devi
133105002803	Amit Kumar	415905000885	Rahul Kumar	071205002929	Alok Singh
Branch Name: Buxar		415905000884	Mira Devi	071205003898	Goutam Singh
048505001668	Haron Rasheed	415905000886	Amit Kumar	Branch Name: Raxaulbazar	
092405003208	Kishor Paswan	415905000888	Sanjay Kumar	162105004212	Jay Prakash Kumar
Branch Name: Darbhanga - Laharisaar		Branch Name: Motihari		162105004219	Rakesh Kumar
243705001449	Subham Kumar Jha	133405003778	Sunil Kumar	162105004226	Om Prakash Arya
Branch Name: Dehri		133405004964	Rahul Kumar	162105004237	Prakash Kumar
243905001715	Guddi Kumari	133405004968	Mira Devi	162105004244	Shivram Shankar Singh
Branch Name: Gaya		133405004987	Umashankar Thakur	162105004253	Rajkumar Baitha
048305005081	Ankit Kumar	133405005221	Awanshi Kumar Mishra	162105004569	Mohit Raj
Branch Name: Gaya - Sheheed Road		Branch Name: Muzaffargarh - Zero Mile		162105004914	Shyam Shankar Prasad
180905001566	Madhubala Madhubala	334505001812	Manish Madhukar	Branch Name: Sasaram	
Branch Name: Gaya-Tekari Road		334505002031	Rinku Kumar	133505003934	Rishabh Singh
248605001518	Anurita Kumari	334505002446	Murari Thakur	Branch Name: Sheikhpura	
248605001225	Prakash Kumar	Branch Name: Muzaffargarh - Gobarsahi		401805000443	Shubham Kumar
Branch Name: Gopalganj		334405002072	Abhishek Kaushik	133705002311	Tunai Kumar
071005003280	Raju Prasad	Branch Name: Patna		133705003070	Krishna Kumar
071005004668	Rishabh Kumar Sharma	625905001990	Sanjay Kumar Jha	133705004222	Jayashankar Kumar
071005004657	Husain Arah	Branch Name: Patna - Digba, Bihar		Branch Name: Siwan	
071005004650	Nasrin Jahan	248505001280	Amrajit Kumar	133805003195	Amrita Kumari
		248505000890	Kunal Kumar	Branch Name: Supaul	

Date : 28.10.2022
Place : Muzaffargarh, Paschim Champaran, Patna, Purbhi Champaran, Purnia, Rohtas, Sitamarhi, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Madhepura, Darbhanga, Buxar, Aurangabad, Kishanganj, Nalanda, Lakhisarai, Siwan, Araria, Banks, Bhojpur, Gopalganj, Jehanabad, Kathar, Sheikhpura, Supaul

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Alphabet, Microsoft have a cold, Indian IT could sneeze too



SANDEEP SINGH

SHARES OF Alphabet Inc (parent of Google) and Microsoft Corp fell sharply by 9.6 per cent and 7.7 per cent on Wednesday following weaker-than-expected earnings for the quarter ended September, and growing concerns over the economic slowdown in the US and other economies.

With inflation the biggest concern for the world economy and central banks including the US Federal Reserve raising rates over the past two to three quarters, growth outlook for companies and the broad investor sentiment has been dampened.

As the American tech giants face the heat, the Indian IT sector — which depends to a large extent on business and revenue from the US and other developed economies — is unlikely to go unscathed. North American and European markets account for over 80 per cent of revenues of TCS and Infosys.

What is hurting the IT sector?

High inflation and sharp rate hikes have weakened the growth outlook of the US economy and forced companies to reduce their IT

budgets amid talk of a coming recession. Rising prices and interest rates have increased the cost of capital for American companies and eaten into disposable incomes of individuals, forcing them to cut spending. This has directly impacted the tech companies in regard to their products, services, and ad revenues. An adverse macroeconomic situation in the US and Europe will keep order flows, business growth, and revenue and share prices of Indian IT majors on a leash.

How have Indian firms done?

TCS and Infosys, the two leading Indian IT companies, posted strong results for the quarter ended September. TCS announced a net profit of Rs 10,431 crore for the quarter, an 8.4 per cent year-on-year increase; Infosys

reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 6,021 crore, an 11 per cent jump.

However, analysts say that since the IT companies are largely dependent on the US and Europe for business and revenues, they are likely to face pressure. While India is seen as being relatively well placed amid the current global economic turmoil, the IT sector may be hit due to stronger global linkages.

How have IT stocks fared?

The stock market performance of the IT companies reflects these concerns. Between April 1 and October 27, the benchmark Sensex at the BSE has risen 2 per cent — however, the IT index has fallen 20 per cent during this period. TCS (–15%), Infosys (–20%), and HCL Technologies (–11.7%) shares have

taken a beating.

Over the last six months, mutual funds have significantly reduced their holding of software stocks. At the end of March, MFs had 13 per cent of their equity AUM in IT stocks; by September, this figure had been more than halved to 6.17 per cent.

In absolute terms, the MF holding of software stocks has come down from Rs 2,62,314 crore in March to Rs 1,27,492 crore in September.

TCS unveiled a Rs 18,000 crore share buyback in March; Infosys recently announced a buyback worth Rs 9,300 crore.

What is the sectoral outlook?

Valuations of IT and technology companies rose sharply during the Covid-19 pan-

demic, riding the all-round digital surge, and optimism about their growth. Many observers feel that their price-to-earnings ratio, which jumped from around 16 to 30 in 2021, is set to witness a correction.

“During Covid times there was an urgency to adopt digital, and that led to higher growth expectations, and valuations of IT companies rose sharply. Now growth is coming down and the risk is that if the US slows down and the rising cost of capital eats into companies’ profitability, the demand outlook will weaken and put valuations under further pressure,” a CIO of a leading mutual fund said.

Analysts feel that valuations could see corrections if companies see a decline in order bookings in any one quarter.

THIS WORD MEANS

HAWK air defence equipment

US to pull out of storage upgraded Vietnam war-era weapons to supply to Ukraine as Russia rains missiles

THE UNITED STATES is considering retrieving older HAWK air defence equipment from storage to send to Ukraine which is facing a heavy barrage of Russian drone-fired and cruise missiles, Reuters reported this week, quoting unnamed officials.

The report said it was unclear how many HAWK systems and missiles the United States had available to send to Ukraine. The White House declined to comment, it said.

HAWK after Stinger

The HAWK interceptor missiles would be an upgrade to the Stinger missile system, which is a smaller, shorter-range air defence system. The US sent the shoulder-fired anti-aircraft Stingers to Ukraine early on in the war, and then placed orders for more stocks of the missiles with Raytheon Technologies Corp. after they demonstrated great success in stopping Russian air assaults.

The US would likely initially send interceptor missiles for the HAWK system to Ukraine because it was unclear if enough US launchers — in storage for decades — were in good repair, a US official told Reuters.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has said that Spain intends to send four HAWK launchers, the report said.

PATRIOT predecessor

HAWK, short for ‘Homing All the Way Killer’, entered service with the US Army in 1959, during the Vietnam war. It underwent upgrades over the decades, including a major one in 1971 that produced the so-called I-HAWK (or improved HAWK), with a kill probability of 85%.

The HAWK system was the predecessor to the PATRIOT missile defence system that Raytheon built in the 1990s. US forces largely stopped using HAWK from the early years of the new century. PATRIOT remains off the table for Ukraine, the Reuters report said, quoting US officials.

Presidential authority

The Biden administration would use the Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA) to transfer the HAWK equipment,



Romanian soldiers with a HAWK ground-to-air missile launch pad during a joint exercise with the US in November 2016. Reuters File

Reuters said. According to the US Department of State, PDA allows for the “speedy delivery of defence articles and services from Department of Defence stocks to foreign countries and international organisations to respond to unforeseen emergencies”.

Military assistance under PDA does not require Congressional approval, and could “begin arriving within days — or even hours — of approval”. A PDA is being considered for later this week, US officials have said, Reuters reported.

Following the waves of aerial attacks that targeted civilians and knocked out vital infrastructure in Ukraine earlier this month, President Joe Biden pledged to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that the US would provide his country with advanced air systems.

Biden, who spoke by phone with Zelenskyy on October 10, assured him of continued US support against Russia’s “senseless attacks” on civilian targets. “President Biden pledged to continue providing Ukraine with the support needed to defend itself, including advanced air defense systems,” a White House statement on the phone call said.

The US has provided almost \$17 billion worth of security assistance to Ukraine since the launch of Russia’s invasion on February 24.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE



NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

ASEAN FOREIGN ministers were meeting in Jakarta on Thursday to discuss their options in Myanmar, where the military is using increasingly violent methods to suppress the armed resistance against its February 2021 takeover.

Twenty months on, the junta has not been able to establish full control over the country. Many of Myanmar’s ethnic armed organisations (EAOs) have joined armed civilian groups called People’s Defence Force (PDF), which are allied to the self-declared National Unity Government (NUG) in exile.

The meet is being held ahead of the ASEAN and East Asia Summits in Cambodia from November 10 to 13, amid unprecedented differences among members of the grouping on how to deal with the regional crisis that has affected all of them in one way or another.

Fires inside Myanmar

Much of the resistance by the civilian PDFs is in the Chin State and Sagaing Region, which share borders with Mizoram and Manipur. A fragile truce between some EAOs and the military dating back to 2018 has broken down. Many EAOs support the civilian rebellion, and the junta is fighting separate armed groups as well as the PDFs across the country.

On October 23, according to reports from Myanmar, over 60 people were killed in an airstrike by the Myanmar military in Kachin State, in an area famous for its jade mines some 400 km from Kohima as the crow flies.

The strike targeted an open air concert to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the founding of the Kachin Independence Organisation, whose military wing, the Kachin Independence Army, has been fighting a protracted battle against Myanmar’s rulers. The military has said all casualties were combatants.

While the Myanmar army has routinely used air power against the EAOs, in the months since the coup, it has not hesitated to strike at civilians as well. Attack helicopters have been deployed against PDFs in the Sagaing and Magway Regions.

In Rakhine State, the military is fighting the Arakan Army (AA), with the violence sometimes spilling over to Bangladesh. The

EXPLAINED DIPLOMACY, FOREIGN POLICY, STRATEGY

Myanmar’s violent chaos

Multiple battles are raging between the junta and the resistance. The West does not have the bandwidth for Myanmar, ASEAN has been ineffectual, India is treading a fine line. Russia and China have rushed in



Wooden structures destroyed by Myanmar military airstrikes in Kachin State on Monday. The attacks reportedly killed scores of people. AP

AA, which is fighting for the independence of Rakhine, has kept its distance from the PDFs and the NUG. While the AA is anti-Rohingya, the NUG, comprising parliamentarians who were elected in 2020, has appeared to take a more progressive view on the Rohingya people, officially declaring that they are entitled to citizenship in Myanmar. On the political front, Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy who was jailed after the coup, has been convicted in multiple cases and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

The fallout in India

India has walked a fine line between expressing concern at the “interruption” of democracy and brutal steps such as the gunning down of protesters and execution of four democracy activists in August, and engaging with the junta to protect its “vital interests”.

At some point however, India may have to consider if those vital interests are indeed being served. New Delhi’s main justification for engaging with the Myanmar military is that it ensures the security of India’s Northeast — it has persuaded the generals to deny safe havens to insurgent groups. But there are reports that some Northeastern groups, notably the Manipur PLA, have been roped in to put down the civilian uprising in Sagaing Region.

For India, the main concern is the influx of refugees into Mizoram. India’s 1,643-km border with Myanmar stretches from the India-Myanmar-China trijunction in Arunachal Pradesh to the India-Myanmar-Bangladesh trijunction in Mizoram. Border regulations have been formulated keeping in view ethnic and family ties across the international boundary. Under a Free Movement Regime (FMR), citi-

zens of the two countries living within 16 km on their sides of the border, can cross over with a permit and stay up to two weeks at a time.

The official number of registered refugees in Mizoram from Chin State is now 30,000, but many thousands have not been registered. The government of Chief Minister Zoramthanga — whose Mizo National Front is a constituent of the NDA — has openly differed with the Centre on the issue of refugees. India is not a signatory to the 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention or its 1962 Protocol, and does not have a domestic policy on refugees.

When people began pouring in from Chin State, the Home Ministry asked states in the region to act against “the illegal influx”. Zoramthanga declared solidarity with the people of Myanmar, and has continued to welcome the refugees. Their increasing numbers have, however, put strain on the state’s resources, and several NGOs, the church, and youth organisations have joined the effort. The Centre has so far not prevented the Mizoram government from helping the refugees.

The coup and resultant unrest have up-ended Indian projects in Myanmar such as the trilateral highway to Thailand, and the Kaladan waterway project. These projects were already well behind their deadlines, and their completion looks farther away now.

Russia, China, the West

Australia, Canada, the US, the UK and the EU have imposed sanctions against the junta, but with international attention divided between the war in Ukraine, the US-China standoff, and the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, no further ideas have emanated from the West on how to recover Myanmar from the military.

Despite ASEAN’s obvious failure, a “regional” solution is still believed to be the best bet. At Thursday’s meeting, the grouping’s foreign ministers called for “concrete, practical and time-bound actions” to strengthen the implementation of a five-point consensus reached in April last year to bring Myanmar back to the democratic path, the AP reported.

The consensus called for cessation of violence; dialogue among concerned parties; mediation by an ASEAN special envoy; provision of humanitarian aid; and a visit by the special envoy to meet all concerned parties.

The junta agreed, but ultimately ignored all points except for seeking humanitarian aid and allowing Cambodian Foreign Minister and ASEAN special envoy Prak Sokhonn to visit. But he did not meet Suu Kyi.

Meanwhile, Myanmar continues to depend on China and Russia for military hardware and oil supplies. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, head of the State Administrative Council, the name the regime has given itself, visited Russia in July and then in September for the Moscow-led Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, where he met President Vladimir Putin. Myanmar is awaiting the delivery of four Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft (two were delivered earlier this year) from Russia.

The regime has also set up a Russian Oil Purchasing Committee to oversee the buying, importing, and transport of fuel “at reasonable prices based on Myanmar’s needs”. During Min Aung’s visit, Myanmar and the Russian state-owned nuclear corporation Rosatom signed a roadmap for “further atomic energy cooperation”.

China has also stepped into the economic vacuum left by the west. During his visit to Myanmar in July, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing was ready to work with Myanmar to “cement the four pillars of mutual political trust, mutually beneficial cooperation, people-to-people bonds and mutual learning in culture and people-to-people exchanges, and continuously elevate the building of a China-Myanmar community with a shared future to new heights”.

The China-Myanmar Economic Corridor is going ahead despite local pushback at places. China is now a major cross-border supplier of electricity to Myanmar. Earlier this month, a Chinese-Myanmar joint venture 135 MW power plant was inaugurated in Kyaukphyu in Rakhine State, where a Chinese port project is underway. A new train service connecting western China to the Myanmar border is expected to speed up Beijing’s path to the Indian Ocean. China has also supplied JF-Thunder fighter aircraft to Myanmar and, according to *The Irrawaddy*, the junta has placed orders for Chinese FTC-2000G jets.

Why a full-time US envoy matters — and the cost of not having one

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE BIDEN Administration has named senior diplomat Elizabeth Jones, 74, as Chargé d’Affaires ad interim in its Embassy in India, the sixth interim envoy in the 19 months since January 2021. The appointment is considered to be a placeholder until a full-time Ambassador is confirmed by the US Congress.

“Ambassador Elizabeth Jones...will join our Embassy and Consulate interagency teams [in India] in advancing and expanding the partnership between our governments and people, a partnership that Secretary [Antony] Blinken has called one of the most consequential in the world,” the US State Department said in a statement on Tuesday.

A procession of appointments

Kenneth J Juster, a political appointee of the Trump Administration, who departed

after the Biden Administration was inaugurated on January 20, 2021, was followed by a procession of interim envoys at the US Embassy in New Delhi — Donald Heflin, Edgard Kagan, Daniel Bennett Smith, and Atul Keshap before the current Chargé d’Affaires Patricia A Lacina took over on September 9, 2021.

President Biden chose Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti for the India job in July last year, but the nomination has been stuck in the United States Senate.

It was initially blocked by Republican Senator Chuck Grassley over allegations of inappropriate behaviour by one of Garcetti’s senior staffers. That hold has since been lifted; however, the Democrats, with their razor-thin Senate majority, have been unwilling to put the nomination to vote for fear it may not pass.

The results of the mid-term elections scheduled for November 8 — 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate and all 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be contested — are expected to bring clarity on the Biden



Elizabeth Jones will be the new US interim envoy to India. US State Dept

Administration’s next steps on the appointment. Meanwhile, almost half of the President’s four-year term is already over.

In the absence of an envoy

While senior officials such as Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and Assistant Secretary Donald Lu have visited

New Delhi, the absence of a full-time Ambassador for so long has the potential to impact ties.

Comments by the State Department’s envoy on international religious freedom on human rights issues, especially on the rights of minorities in India, have riled New Delhi, which has reacted sharply to the criticism.

The role of NGOs and civil society activists in India, who have been under scrutiny for the last few years, has also been an important issue for the Democratic administration.

New Delhi’s discomfiture about Washington’s position on defence supplies to Pakistan, including the recent F-16 upgrade programme, is another prickly issue between the two “natural partners”.

The presence of a full-time Ambassador is helpful in handling complexities of this kind — which is done at senior levels of the government, and differences are ironed out behind closed doors without public articulation. This is the longest that the US has been without a full-time envoy in New

Delhi since 1950.

For New Delhi, a full-time US Ambassador is important to deliver key messages to Washington DC. From South Block’s perspective, the envoy must be able to get on the phone with someone in the corridors of power in the US capital — the higher the better.

Likewise for Washington — the presence of a full-time Ambassador opens access to top echelons of the Indian government and the ruling establishment in hierarchy-conscious New Delhi.

Stresses & the glue that binds

Bilateral ties have been facing a “stress test” over the last eight months, as the Russian invasion of Ukraine has put New Delhi and Washington on different sides of the aisle.

So far, the US has been very calibrated in its remarks on India’s position, and has acknowledged New Delhi’s concerns given the latter’s dependence on Russia for defence supplies.

Also, the two countries have joined hands in moving several proposals to list Pakistan-based terrorists at the UN Security Council (UNSC) over the last few months.

Even as they navigate the minor turbulence in the relationship due to the Ukraine war, both India and the US continue to see China as their biggest threat and rival. Despite differences, the two partners are determined to make the relationship work, as was evident in the US National Security Strategy published recently.

The absence of an Ambassador is often perceived as a slight or a downgrade in ties. The challenge for officials and the political leadership on both sides is to address this perception, and to strengthen their strategic communication.

If the Democrats lose the Senate, it will most likely be curtains for Garcetti’s nomination — unless the Biden Administration is able to persuade the Republicans to sign off on his nomination. Otherwise, a Plan B candidate will have to be found for the remainder of Biden’s term.



NETHERLANDS
‘GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING’ TARGETED

Climate activists targeted Johannes Vermeer's masterpiece “Girl with a Pearl Earring” with glue and liquid on Thursday but one of the world's most iconic paintings was not damaged in the latest of such publicity-seeking stunts. “The condition of the painting has been investigated by our conservators. Fortunately, the glazed masterpiece was not damaged,” the museum said.

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The memoir is called ‘Spare’. Reuters

USA
Prince Harry's memoir to be out on Jan 10

New York: Prince Harry's memoir, an object of obsessive anticipation world-wide since first announced last year, is coming out on January 10. The book, “Spare”, is being billed by Penguin Random House, as an account told with “raw, unflinching honesty” and filled with “insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief.” In a statement on Thursday, Penguin Random House summarised memories of the death in 1997 of his mother Diana. “For Harry, this is his story at last.” The memoir's title is an apparent reference to Harry's being a royal “spare”, not the first in line to succession. William, Prince of Wales, is next in line. AP

‘WEST’S UNDIVIDED DOMINANCE OVER WORLD AFFAIRS COMING TO AN END’

Putin rules out nukes, warns West can target its commercial satellites

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MOSCOW, OCTOBER 27

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin on Thursday denied having any intentions of using nuclear weapons in Ukraine but described the conflict there as part of alleged efforts by the West to secure its global domination, which he insisted are doomed to fail.

Speaking at a conference of international foreign policy experts, Putin said it's pointless for Russia to strike Ukraine with nuclear weapons. “We see no need for that,” Putin said. “There is no point in that, neither political, nor military.”

Earlier, on Thursday, a senior Russian government official raised the possibility that Moscow could shoot down commercial Western satellites being used to help Ukraine's war effort, as Russia pressed ahead with its bombing campaign against Ukrainian infrastructure. If acted on, the threat would inevitably raise fears about spiralling escalation of the eight-month-old conflict and the risk of direct confrontation between Russia and the West.

“Quasi-civilian infrastructure may be a legitimate target for a retaliatory strike,” he told the United Nations First Committee,



An energy infrastructure facilities damaged by Russian drone strike on Thursday. Reuters

adding that the West's use of such satellites to support Ukraine was “provocative”.

The White House responded saying any action on US infrastructure will be met with a response. White House spokesman John Kirby, speaking to reporters, added that publicly available information shows Russians have been trying to pursue anti-satellite technologies.

Putin said an earlier warning of his readiness to use “all means available to protect Russia” didn't amount to nuclear saber-rattling but was merely a response to Western statements about

their possible use of nuclear weapons. He particularly mentioned Liz Truss saying in August that she would be ready to use nuclear weapons if she became Britain's PM, a remark which he said worried the Kremlin.

“The historical period of the West's undivided dominance over world affairs is coming to an end,” Putin told the Valdai Discussion Club, a gathering of Russian specialists. “We are standing at a historical frontier: Ahead is probably the most dangerous, unpredictable and, at the same time, important decade since the end of World War Two.”

Evacuations intensify in Kherson; power sites hit, says Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV, OCTOBER 27

TENS OF thousands of residents have been evacuated from an area around the strategic city of Kherson as heavy fighting and attacks on power infrastructure continue, Moscow-appointed authorities in southern Ukraine said Thursday.

Kherson governor Vladimir Saldo said over 70,000 residents from the area had been moved. Ukraine has pushed ahead with an offensive to reclaim Kherson that was captured by Russian forces during the first days of the conflict.

Members of the regional administration were included in the evacuation, deputy governor Kirill Stremousov said.

Fighting has intensified around Kherson, where Ukrainian forces are attacking Russia's foothold on the west of the Dnieper River that divides the country, as well as in parts of

the eastern Donetsk region, while Russian maintained attacks on energy infrastructure ahead of the winter.

A Russian drone attack early Thursday hit an energy facility, causing a fire, said Oleksiy Kuleba, governor of the Kyiv region. “The Russians are using drones and missiles to destroy Ukraine's energy system ahead of the winter and terrorise civilians,” Kuleba said in televised remarks.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy publicly thanked the country's power workers for maintaining the electricity supply and urged households to limit consumption. “I thank all the workers in the energy sector: our rescuers, repair crews, officials from local government, and private companies who work diligently to maintain our energy system despite all the threats,” Zelenskyy said in his nightly address late Wednesday.



LANKA PROTESTS GOVT CRACKDOWN

Thousands marched in Colombo on Thursday to urge the government to halt its crackdown on protests against an unprecedented economic crisis. Trade union, civil rights activists, university students and others condemned the government's moves to intimidate protesters and its failure to ease economic woes. AP

G20 ahead, Xi says ready to work with US for mutual benefit

REUTERS
BEIJING, OCTOBER 27

PRESIDENT XI Jinping said China is willing to work with the US to find ways to get along to the benefit of both, Chinese state television reported on Thursday, ahead of a possible G20 summit meeting with US President Joe Biden in Bali, Indonesia.

As major powers, China and the United States should strengthen communication and cooperation to help provide stability to the world, Xi said in a message to an event of the National Committee on US-China Relations on Wednesday.

Biden on Wednesday said “the United State does not seek conflict with China The US administration, following Xi's securing of his third term over the weekend, has stressed the importance of keeping lines of communication open with China.

Taiwan will return to China on time, says Putin's ally

Baku: One of Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest allies, oil chief Igor Sechin, on Thursday heaped praise on China's leaders, saying that Taiwan would return to its “native harbour” on time.

Sechin, the head of Russia's largest oil producer Rosneft, said decisions taken by the 20th CPC, would provide for a new level of development for the country.

“The position of (China's) leadership is respected, which calmly and openly, without false premises, sets out its positions, even on the most difficult issues, such as the problem of Taiwan,” Sechin said, adding that US attempts to create its own complex microchip industry showed that “Taiwan's return to its native harbour” was “on schedule”. REUTERS

Amid raging protests, Iran's Khamenei vows to avenge deadly attack on shrine

REUTERS & AP
DUBAI, OCTOBER 27

IRAN'S SUPREME Leader vowed on Thursday to retaliate against those threatening the country's security after the massacre of Shia pilgrims, an assault claimed by Islamic State which threatens to inflame tensions amid widespread anti-government protests.

In a statement read on state TV, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the assailants “will surely be punished” and called on Iranians to unite. “We all have a duty to



Islamic State claimed attack on a famous mosque. Reuters

deal with the enemy and its traitorous or ignorant agents,” said Khamenei a day after the attack killed 15 people.

Meanwhile on Thursday,

protests continued in Iran, particularly in the northwestern city of Mahabad, some 515 km from Tehran. There, online videos purported to show demonstrators at offices for the city's governors, with shots heard in the background. Others purported to show a building ablaze.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency later said “rioters” had damaged public property, including breaking the windows of some banks and a tax administration office. The protests appeared sparked by the death of a man from gunshot wounds overnight.

Family will never be normal again, say parents of murdered Purdue student

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WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 27

THE FAMILY will “never be normal again,” said the grieving parents of 20-year-old Indian-origin student who was stabbed to death by his Korean roommate in their dormitory at the prestigious Purdue University in the US.

Varun Manish Chheda, a senior majoring in data science, was stabbed multiple times in the head and neck by his roommate “Jimmy” Min Sha, a 22-year-old cybersecurity major from Seoul,

before he called authorities. Sha has been charged with murder in the killing of Varun, in what police called an unprovoked attack.

Opening up for the first time since the gruesome killing of their son, the parents of Varun said he was effusive, close with his family and wise beyond his years.

Although Varun was a busy college student, he always stayed in touch with his mom, dad and little sister. He'd call his mom between classes, share his Wordle score with her, and check in over text each morning and night, his mother, Seema Dedhiya, told

Bajwa given lucrative offer by Imran's govt amid turmoil: ISI chief

Imran never made unconstitutional demands during back door talks, says his party

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 27

PAKISTAN'S ISI chief Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum said on Thursday that Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa was given a “lucrative offer” in March by the then government amid political turmoil, as the top spy launched a veiled attack on ousted premier Imran Khan at an unprecedented press conference.

“I am aware that you are surprised by my presence,” Lt Gen Anjum told reporters in the first-ever media interaction by any ISI chief in Pakistan's history.

“As chief of this agency, I cannot remain silent when they are targeted for no reason,” he said, adding that, “When needed, I will bring those facts to light”. Lt Gen Anjum said in March there was “a lot of pressure” but the institution and the Army chief decided to limit the military to its constitutional role.

In March, Gen Bajwa was given a “lucrative offer” for an indefinite extension in his tenure, he said. “It was made in front of me. He (Gen Bajwa) rejected it because he wanted the institution to move forward from a controversial role to a constitutional role,” the ISI chief said, without naming Khan.

Crisis over Brexit pushes N Ireland to brink of polls; UK says it's avoidable

AGENCIES
LONDON, OCTOBER 27

THE NORTHERN Ireland Assembly failed to elect a speaker Thursday, setting the stage for an early election amid the impasse over border controls required following Britain's exit from the European Union.

The vote came after a last-ditch attempt Thursday to break the deadlock caused by disagreements over implementation of the Brexit deal, which have prevented the formation of a functioning government in Belfast since the last election in May.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesman said fresh elections to resolve a political impasse in Northern Ireland can still be avoided, urging political parties to restore the province's devolved government. “There is still time for the DUP (Democratic Unionist Party) and executives to get back to

Imran to hold rally today

Lahore: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan announced early this week that he would begin a protest march with his supporters from Lahore to Islamabad on Friday to call for early elections. “I have decided to launch the long march from Friday at 11.00 am from Liberty Square in Lahore to Islamabad,” Khan said, adding that, “I am marching to press the government to announce elections immediately.” REUTERS

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, meanwhile, rejected ISI chief Lt Gen Anjum's allegations saying the Khan never made any unconstitutional demands during “back door talks”. PTI leader Asad Umar, flanked by Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Fawad Chaudhry and Shireen Mazari, said Khan the matters discussed behind closed doors were no “secret” as Khan discussed them in rallies and press conferences. “The demands have been in front of the public since forever,” he said.

SUNAK TO NOT ATTEND COP27 CLIMATE MEET

London: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will not attend the COP27 climate summit that begins in Egypt next month, his office said on Thursday, with other senior ministers going instead to allow him to focus on domestic issues and a major fiscal statement. REUTERS

Stormont,” the spokesman said. “So we urge them to do so because the people of Northern Ireland deserve a fully functioning and locally elected executive, which can respond to the issues facing the communities there.”

The UK government had said it will call a new election for the assembly on Friday if a power-sharing government is not in place by midnight.



Kanye landed at Skecher's office unannounced. AP

Kanye kicked out of Skechers' California office

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MANHATTAN BEACH

THE RAPPER formerly known as Kanye West was escorted out of the California-based headquarters of athletic shoemaker Skechers after he showed up unannounced Wednesday, a day after Adidas ended its partnership with the artist following his antisemitic remarks.

The Grammy winner, who legally changed his name to Ye, “arrived unannounced and without invitation” at Skechers corporate headquarters in Manhattan Beach, southwest of Los Angeles, the company said.

“Considering Ye was engaged in unauthorised filming, two Skechers executives escorted him and his party from the building after a brief conversation,” according to a company statement. “Skechers is not considering and has no intention of working with West,” it said. “We condemn his recent divisive remarks and do not tolerate antisemitism or any other form of hate speech.”

CHINA HAS ACKNOWLEDGED ITS POPULATION IS ON THE BRINK OF SHRINKING

Chinese authorities ask: Dear newlywed, when's baby arriving?

FARAH MASTER
HONG KONG, OCTOBER 27

AN ONLINE post about a newlywed in China, who was rung up by her local government asking if she was pregnant, garnered tens of thousands of comments on Thursday before being removed, with many netizens saying they had experienced similar calls.

The debate comes on the heels of President Xi Jinping declaring at the Communist Party's 20th Congress last week that China would establish a policy to

boost birth rates and improve the country's population development strategy.

In the post on Weibo, a Twitter-like service, a user named ‘lost shuyushou’ described a colleague's experience in which the colleague answered a call from the Nanjing city government's women's health service.

The post quoted the colleague as saying she was told by an official that the local government “wants newlyweds to be pregnant within a year and their target is to make a phone call every quarter.”

The Nanjing municipal government and the National Health Commission did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment.

The post was taken down a few hours after it was posted along with all the comments.

Having imposed a one-child policy from 1980 to 2015, China has acknowledged its population is on the brink of shrinking—a potential crisis that will test its ability to pay and care for its elderly.

New births are set to drop below 10 million from last year's 10.6 million, a decline that will



Students at Ayi University, a training programme for domestic helpers, practice on baby dolls during a course teaching childcare in Beijing. Reuters

follow an 11.5% slide in 2020.

More recently, China's uncompromising “zero-Covid” policy of promptly stamping out any outbreaks with strict controls on people's lives may have caused profound, lasting damage to their desire to have children, demographers say.

Some experts and activists are also concerned by the government's ramping up of rhetoric about the value of women's traditional roles and setbacks to women's rights, such as new policies which discourage abortions that are not medically necessary.

One person who posted in the comment section of the original post on Thursday said she got married in August last year and had since been twice rung up by her local government, which she did not name.

The first time she was asked if she was taking folic acid and if she was preparing to conceive. The second time, she was asked if she was already pregnant. “You are married, why are you still not preparing for pregnancy? Take the time to have a baby,” she said she was told. REUTERS

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹51,024	₹82.48/\$	\$91.21	₹58,323

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 26

International market data till 1900 IST

MEITY PROPOSAL TO CREATE GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED APPELLATE BODIES

Grievance panels for social media: Govt to go ahead despite concerns

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has received final approval from the Department of Legal Affairs over its proposal to create government-appointed bodies that will be empowered to review and possibly reverse content moderation and user grievance decisions taken by social media companies like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The proposed changes, first introduced as part of draft amendments to the Information Technology Rules, 2021 (IT Rules) in June, are learnt to have been finalised with the final version expected to be notified within this week, official sources aware of the development said. The development comes amid criticism from civil society activists, who have raised concerns about the government's involvement in the appeals process, and even as the govern-

ment had initially said that it would be open to social media companies setting up a self-regulatory body among themselves provided that the government found the body's functioning satisfactory.

What the changes essentially mean is that in case a user is not satisfied with the content moderation decision taken by a social company's grievance officer, they can appeal that decision before the proposed government-appointed appeals committee. The government's initial proposal had stemmed from users' complaints about being deplatformed, or being removed from a social media site, without companies giving them an adequate avenue of hearing. According to a senior government official, the Centre will set up one or more grievance appellate committees (GACs) within three months of the final amendments being notified. Each GAC is slated to have a chairperson and two whole time members appointed by the Centre, one of which will be a government official. The GAC will

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also have two "independent members," the official said. The initial draft of the amendments had not made the exact composition of the GAC clear.

The final rules are also expected to allow the GAC to seek assistance from people who may have adequate expertise and experience in a subject matter while dealing with users' appeals. The GAC could adopt an "online dispute resolution mechanism" where the entire appeal process,

from its filing to the final decision, will be done online. Social media companies will also have to compile every order passed by the GAC and report them on their respective websites.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the grievance officer of a social media intermediary will be allowed to file an appeal to the GAC within a period of thirty days. The GAC is expected to deal with the appeal and resolve it within a month of the receipt of the appeal. Queries sent to MeitY did not elicit a response until publication.

The government's proposal to oversee content moderation and user grievance decisions taken by social media platforms had drawn the ire of civil society activists. For instance, the Delhi-based digital rights group Internet Freedom Foundation, in a submission to MeitY in July, had said that the provision could "make the Central Government (rather than an independent judicial or a regulatory body) the arbiter of permissible speech on the internet. It would

incentivise social media platforms to suppress any speech that may not be palatable to the government, public officials or those who can exert political pressure".

The government had previously kept the option open for social media platforms to create a self-regulatory body to handle user grievances, provided that the companies could prove their system was effective. Social media companies, along with industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), had chalked up contours of a self-regulatory mechanism in response to that. However, *The Indian Express* had earlier reported that while firms like Meta and Twitter had supported the self-regulatory body, Snap and Google had opposed certain contours of it, flagging concerns over the potential inability to legally challenge any final content moderation decisions of a self-governing body, in addition to the difference in the moderation policies of different platforms.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

RBI policy body set to meet on Nov 3 to explain missing inflation target

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GEORGE MATHEW
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AFTER THE 190-basis points hike in Repo rate in the last six months, the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will meet on November 3 to discuss the report to be submitted to the government on its failure to meet the inflation target for three quarters in a row.

With the retail inflation accelerating to 7.41 per cent in September, the RBI has missed maintaining the inflation target of four per cent within a band of plus or minus two per cent for three consecutive quarters — January to September 2022. Failure to meet the inflation target for three quarters requires the Reserve Bank to write a report to the government explaining the reasons for not achieving the target.

The six-member MPC will meet to discuss the reply, and after that, the RBI will send the report to the government. In the report, the Reserve Bank will explain the reasons for the failure to achieve the target under Clause 2, remedial actions proposed to be taken by the RBI and its estimate of the time period within which the target would be achieved pursuant to the timely implementation of the proposed remedial actions.

"In the report, RBI will write why they have missed the inflation target and what they plan to do. The possible reasons the RBI could mention for missing the inflation target for three consecutive quarters are higher global commodity prices, weak currency due to flight to safety and increase in food inflation because of adverse weather situations," said D K Pant, chief economist, India Ratings and Research. Under Section 45ZA of the RBI Act, the central government, in consultation with the RBI, determines the inflation target in terms of the consumer price index (CPI) once in five years and notifies it in the official gazette.

Accordingly, on August 5, 2016, the government notified in the gazette 4 per cent CPI inflation as the target for the period from

RBI REPORT TO GOVT

■ Failure to meet the inflation target for 3 quarters requires RBI to write a report to govt

■ RBI has hiked Repo rate by 190 basis points to 5.9%

■ RBI to explain the reasons for the failure to achieve the target, remedial actions

August 5, 2016 to March 31, 2021 with the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent and the lower tolerance limit of 2 per cent. On March 31, 2021, the government retained the inflation target and the tolerance band for the next 5-year period — April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026.

Although MPC is technically responsible for maintaining the inflation target, the report will be written by the RBI. However, MPC will be involved in writing the report, they said. "If I'm asked to give inputs, I will give it to the central bank," said a member of the MPC.

The RBI has one month's time from the date of release of September inflation data — i.e. October 12 — to send the report to the government, they added. The MPC may also discuss the liquidity situation which has dried up in the system and on the movement of the rupee, Pant added. After remaining in surplus mode for a long time, the liquidity situation in the banking system has become deficit. Between October 20 and October 26, the RBI has injected Rs 3.21 lakh crore of liquidity into the banking system.

The rupee has depreciated by over 11 per cent so far in 2022. It fell below the 83-mark for the first time on October 19. In the September monetary policy announcement, the RBI said the retail inflation to ease to 5.8 per cent, within its comfort zone, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022-23.

Last month, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the letter to the government is a 'privileged communication' and the RBI will

not be making it public. "It is (the letter) a privileged communication between the Reserve Bank and the Government. I cannot say whether it will be made public. From our side, we will not make it public because it is a privileged communication from the central bank to the Government," Das had said last month.

Minutes from the September rate review, where the RBI delivered a third successive 50 bps hike, was perceived as less hawkish and pointed to a lower terminal rate. "Views of the policy committee diverged along the lines of growth, inflation, and financial stability. External members suggested that the hike cycle is nearing its end as inflation fears are soon likely to be overtaken by growth considerations, whilst the central bank representatives were more confident on growth, allowing them to focus on inflation and as well as markets stability," said Radhika Rao, senior economist, DBS Bank.

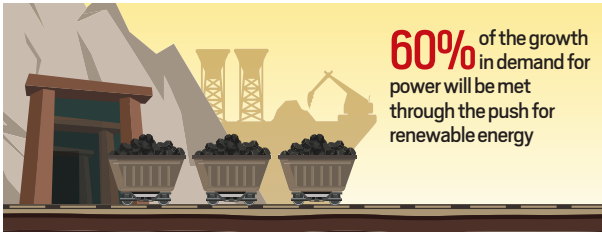
One of the external members implied that there was little room for further hikes, suggesting that the real interest rate should not be in excess of 1 per cent. Another previously hawkish MPC member, Jayanthi Varma called for the central bank to draw a pause to pre-serve growth impulses, after a cumulative 190 bps hikes in this cycle. "The only way to prevent 7 per cent inflation today would have been by aggressive tightening in the second half of 2021. Since we did not normalize interest rates till early 2022, we had already missed the bus when the Ukraine war started. Whatever we have done or may do in 2022 can only bring inflation down in mid-2023," Varma had told this paper.

Bankers are expecting more rate hikes to bring down the inflation level. "We expect 60 bps more hikes in this fiscal year, driven by the need for price stability, to anchor inflationary expectations, and backdrop rate differentials to support the currency. Into FY24, the policy committee is expected to draw a pause," Rao said.

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India to see biggest jump in energy demand globally: IEA

India is likely to see the world's biggest rise in energy demand this decade — climbing 3% annually — as per the World Energy Outlook by the International Energy Agency



Coal will continue to meet a third of overall energy demand by 2030 and another quarter will be met by oil

"India becomes the world's most populous country by 2025 and, combined with urbanisation and

industrialisation, this underpins rapid growth in energy demand, which rises by more than 3% per year in the Stated Policies Scenario from 2021 to 2030," IEA said

In India, coal meets a third of growth with demand rising above 770 million tonnes of coal equivalent (Mtce) by 2030

Oil demand meets a further quarter of the energy demand growth and rises to nearly 7 million barrels per day by 2030 from 4.7 million bpd in 2021

Coal generation is projected to expand in absolute terms

Source: World Energy Outlook/PTI

Renewables meet more than 60% of the growth in demand for power, and account for 35% of the electricity mix by 2030 — solar PV alone accounts for more than 15%

US growth rebounds in Q3

Washington: US economic growth rebounded strongly in the third quarter amid a shrinking trade deficit, but that overstates the economy's health as domestic demand was the weakest in two years because of the Federal Reserve's aggressive rate hikes.

The Commerce Department's advance third-quarter gross domestic product report

on Thursday also showed residential investment contracting for a sixth straight quarter as the housing market buckles under the weight of surging mortgage rates.

While overall inflation slowed substantially from the second quarter, price pressures continued to bubble. Gross domestic product increased at a 2.6 per cent annualised rate last

quarter after contracting at a 0.6 per cent pace in the second quarter. The trade deficit narrowed sharply in part as slowing demand curbed the import bill.

Final sales to private domestic purchasers, which exclude trade, inventories and government spending, edged up at a 0.1 per cent rate, a sign that higher borrowing cost were starting to erode demand. **REUTERS**

BRIEFLY

IRDAI panel

Mumbai: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 15-member committee for improving penetration of health insurance in the country. **ENS**

CBDT deadline

New Delhi: CBDT has extended deadline for filing quarterly TDS statement in Form 26Q for June quarter till November 30.

IHCL EV chargers

New Delhi: Indian Hotels Company has said that with Tata Power, it has installed 224 EV charging stations at 92 of its properties. **PTI**

Google Play

Brussels: European anti-trust regulators are probing Google Play Store, the company said in a regulatory filing. Separately, Google said it will appeal 4.1-billion-euro EU antitrust fine at Europe's top court. **REUTERS**

Meta fined

Seattle: A Washington state judge has fined Meta nearly \$25 million for repeatedly violating campaign finance disclosure law, in what is believed to be the largest campaign finance penalty. **AP**



Elon Musk enters Twitter headquarters carrying a sink through the lobby area on Wednesday. Twitter page of Elon Musk via AP/PTI

Musk wants Twitter to be 'most respected advertising platform'

REUTERS
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 27

ELON MUSK, who once tweeted "I hate advertising", said he wants Twitter Inc to be "the most respected advertising platform", in a bid to gain the trust of ad buyers ahead of the expected close of his \$44 billion deal for the social media firm.

Musk, Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey and investors in the deal had previously suggested moving away from advertising and seeking revenue from subscriptions and other means. Advertisers have also told *Reuters* they were apprehensive of the takeover. "There has been much speculation about why I bought Twitter and what I

think about advertising. Most of it has been wrong," Musk said in a tweet on Thursday. "Fundamentally, Twitter aspires to be the most respected advertising platform in the world that strengthens your brand grows your enterprise."

Twitter shares to be suspended on NYSE

Twitter Inc shares will be suspended from trading on Friday, the New York Stock Exchange's website showed, as billionaire Musk faces a court-ordered October 28 deadline to close his deal to buy the social media company.

Musk, the world's richest person, visited Twitter's headquarters in San Francisco on Wednesday and hinted he was the company's top boss after updating his profile bio to "Chief Twit".

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1.	Tender for the supply of Surgical Consumables to TNMSCLtd., under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	021(M/P)/SURGICAL/ TNMSCLtd., 2022, DL31.10.2022	5,725/-	31.10.2022 to 29.11.2022	30.11.2022 Upto 11:00 A.M.	30.11.2022 at 11:30 AM

The Tender Documents can be purchased from the Office of the Managing Director, TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., on any working days as per schedule indicated above on payment by way of Demand Draft in favor of TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai, payable at Chennai, either in person or by post. The tender documents are not transferable. Alternatively, the tender document can be downloaded from the websites of www.tnmsc.in.gov.in and www.tenders.in.gov.in on free of cost.

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INVITATION OF BIDS- TWO COVER -ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	12 / F.Dindigul Retro / JJM / SDO / CW / Dt.25.10.2022		
Funding Pattern	JJM Fund - 2022-23		
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)		
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai - 625 007		
Sale of Bid	29.10.2022 to 29.11.2022 upto 15.00 hours		
EMD Payable	1. Online Mode through E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in (OR) 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division, Dindigul		
Pre Bid meeting	16.11.2022 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee		
Bid Submission	29.11.2022 before 15.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in		
Bid opening	30.11.2022 at 15.30 hours at the office of Tender Invitee through E-Tender Portal		
Sl. No.	Name of work	Appx. value (Rs.in Crore including 18% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
1.	Jal Jeevan Mission - Retrofitting of Existing CWSS for Dindigul Corporation, 6 town panchayats and 636 rural habitations in Dindigul District with river Cauvery as source for the Construction Period of 18 months and operation and Maintenance for 60 months in MLD Basis.	116.00	75.00
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Online item rate bids are invited by Director, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals (LHMC), New Delhi through e-tendering from eligible contractors/ firms for Execution including Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of the following works at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi;

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Package-II	Surgical Operation Theatre Light	Rs. 4.61 Cr.	3 Months
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Package-IV	Kitchen	Rs. 2.10 Cr.	4 Months

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PERSONAL

I, CHANDA RANI GUPTA, W/o Ex-PO (Indian Navy) Late LACHHMAN DASS GUPTA, (No.82055), R/O PLOT NO.232, FIRST FLOOR, NITIKHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD-201014, U.P., has changed my name CHANDA RANI GUPTA to CHANDRANI L GUPTA and my date of birth from 14-07-1957 to 14-09-1957 vide affidavit dated 21-10-2022 at Ghaziabad.

0040637781-2

I, No.736263F SGT Sagar Kumar R/o, D-155, Pocket-C, Mayur Vihar Phase-2, Delhi-91, have changed my minor son's name, from Akshaya Kumar to Akshay Kumar vide affidavit dt.27.10.22, before, Delhi

0040638030-7

I, Anita Nagray W/o, No.736263F SGT Sagar Kumar R/o, D-155, Pocket-C, Mayur Vihar Phase-2, Delhi-91, have changed my name to Anita Nagra vide affidavit dt.27.10.22, before, Delhi.

0040638030-8

I, Vaishali W/o Luv Gupta, R/o B-7/120, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Vaishali Gupta.

0040638036-8

I, TALWINDER KAUR, daughter of, S.P. Bains & wife of Jaswinder Singh, Presently, residing at-22, Astha Enclave-II, Near-Dusshera Ground, Kharar, SAS-Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140301, have changed my name, from TALWINDER KAUR to TALWINDER J SINGH, Vide affidavit, Date-26-10-2022.

0040638053-8

I, Sunil Dahiya, S/o-Mahender Singh, R/o B-53, Upper ground floor, Vasant kunj, Enclave, near mother dairy, Vasant kunj, Delhi-110070, declare that my incorrect name is sunil in my 12th-Class marksheet. My correct name is Sunil Dahiya.

0040638057-4

I, Shanti Garg W/O Ajay Garg R/O-WZ-414/B, Sri-Nagar, Gali No.1, Shakur Basti, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Shalu Garg.

0040638063-3

I, Sakshi D/o-Ajay Aggarwal, R/O A-24, 2nd Floor, Gali, No.1, Mahendur-Enclave, Delhi-110009, have Changed my Name to Sakshi Aggarwal, for all, future purposes.

0040638036-2

I, Saba D/o-Jamil Ahmed R/O-H.No.C-5/386, Videcon Godown, JI Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Badli, Delhi-42, have changed my name to Shaba Praveen permanently.

0040638030-9

I, SUNNY, son of, Jaswinder Singh, Presently, residing at, 22, Astha Enclave-II, Near-Dusshera Ground, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140301, have changed my name from SUNNY to ANGAD J SINGH, Vide affidavit, Date-26-10-2022.

0040638053-7

I, SHUBHRAVATI SINGH, mother of, Saurabh Singh, Presently, residing at, 187/164, TNR, New-Bairahana, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh-211003, have changed my name from SHUBHRAVATI SINGH to SHUBHRAVATI DEVI, Vide affidavit, Date-26-10-2022.

0040638053-6

I, SHIV BEER SINGH, father of, Saurabh Singh, Presently, residing at, 187/164, TNR, New-Bairahana, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh-211003, have changed my name, from SHIV BEER SINGH to SHIVBEER SINGH, vide affidavit, dated-26-10-2022.

0040638053-5

I, SHELLY, D/o ANIL KUMAR, R/o.192, NAGIN LAKE APARTMENT, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI, 110087, have changed my name to SHELLY DABAS MITTAL, for all Purposes.

0040638040-5

I, SANDEEP S/O-DEVI LAL GODARA, R/O G-3063, INDIABULLS CENTRUM PARK, NEAR DAULTABAD, SECTOR-103, GURGAON-122006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANDEEP GODARA, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040638063-1

I, SAKEENA W/O-MOHAMMAD WASIF SIDDIQUI R/O 3244, GALI FARHATULAH KHAN, KUCHA PANDIT, LAL KUAN, DELHI-110065, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAKEENA W/O-MOHAMMAD WASIF SIDDIQUI R/O 3244, GALI FARHATULAH KHAN, KUCHA PANDIT, LAL KUAN, DELHI-110065, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VINOD KUMAR MAHESHWARI.

0040638053-1

I, Rashmi Verma, W/O Saurav Kumar R/O Village Jakheta, District, Bulandshar, UP Have Changed My Name To Rashmi Singh, For All Purposes.

0040638036-3

I, RANJANA GUJRAL, W/O VIKAS DHALL, R/O G-21/275, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to KARISHMA DHALL.

0040638057-2

I, RAJESH GOYAL, S/O NAND KISHORE GOEL, R/O-890/58, LEKHU NAGAR, TRINAGAR, DELHI-110035, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJESH GOEL.

0040638036-4

I, FLAVIA DASS, W/O ANDREW DASS, ADD-B-131/D1, PANCSHEEL-VIHAR MALVIYA-NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI-110017, Changed my name to FLAVIA ANDREW, For all, future Purposes.

0040638030-4

I, Purshottam S/o Gopi Ram R/o B-7/120, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Purshottam Gupta.

0040638036-9

I, Nisha W/o Pawan Kumar R/o B-3/22, B-Bolock, Model Town-I, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Nisha Wadhwa

0040638053-3

I, Niren Verma, S/o Satya Pal Verma, R/o 2/44, Rajendra Nagar, Sector-5, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, have changed my daughter's name, from Parinit Verma to Parineet Verma.

0040638036-7

I, Nagendra Prasad Yadav, S/o Shri. Baba Yadav, Ho. no. S-592, Shakur-Niwās, School-Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name Nagendra Prasad Yadav to Nagendra Yadav, for all, future purposes.

0040638030-2

I, NOORJAHAN AKHTAR, W/O. NIHAL AKHTAR, ADD-786, 2ND-FLR, GALI, NO-12, SHAHZAD-CHOWK ZAKIR-NAGAR JAMIA-NAGAR, OKHLA, SOUTH EAST DELHI-110025, changed my name to NOORJAHAN, for all, future Purposes.

0040638030-1

I, Mohd Sadeekin Malik, S/o Mohd Ashraf R/o 7/6, Sector-2, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to Mohd Sadekeen Malik.

0040638036-6

I, Mithlesh W/o Nareesh Garg R/o-26/12, East-Punjab Bagh, Main Ring-Road, N. Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Mithlesh Garg.

0040638040-4

I, Mayur S/o Brat Pal Gupta, Add, Tower-B Flat, No.2505, Ireo Victory Valley Sector-67 Gurgaon, Haryana, Have changed my name to Mayur Mahajan, For all, future Purposes.

0040638030-6

I, Manju W/o Purushottam R/o B-7/120, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Manju Gupta.

0040638036-10

I, Mamta Rani, W/o Lovlesh Mittal, R/O C-13/145, Ground-Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name Mamta Mittal, for all purposes.

0040638040-7

I, MOHD AZHAR, S/o MOHD IQBAL, R/O 5837, 1st-Floor, Plot, No-31, Basti Harphool Singh, Sadar-Bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to MOHD AZHAR QURESHI, for all, future purposes.

0040638036-1

I, Lovesh Mittal, S/o Ashok Kumar Mittal R/O C-13/145, Ground-Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name Lovesh Mittal, for all purposes.

0040638040-6

I, Kuldeep Krishan, S/o Brig Nath Raina R/o H.No.-59-60, Pocket-A-3, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name Kuldeep Krishan Raina, for all purposes.

0070809900-1

I, Kuldeep Krishan, S/o Brig Nath Raina R/o H.No.-59-60, Pocket-A-3, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name Kuldeep Krishan Raina, for all purposes.

0040638040-9

I, IMTIYAZ AHMAD S/O SHABEER AHMED R/O 11/391, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, have changed my name to IMTIYAZ AHMED.

0040638057-1

I, Jagdeep Singh Janjra S/o, Harbhajan Singh R/o, BE-289, Gali-No.6, Hari-Nagar, N. Delhi-64, that my father's name Haribhajan Singh and Harbhajan Singh both are one and same-person.

0040638040-2

I, Harish Agarwal, S/o Mahesh Chand Agarwal R/O.1092, Sec-19, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my minor son's name, from Aaryansh Agarwal to Riyansh Agarwal, Permanently.

0040638030-5

I, Harish Agarwal, S/o Mahesh Chand Agarwal R/O.1092, Sec-19, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my name, from Harish Mangla to Hariash Agarwal, Permanently.

0040638030-10

I, HINA KAPOOR W/O NITIN NAYYAR R/O PLOT, NO.224, SECOND FLOOR, BLOCK-AG, SHALIMAR BAGH, DELHI-110088, have changed my name to HEENA NAYYAR

0040638053-4

I, GOURAV GARG, S/O NARESH KUMAR GARG R/O S-453, First Floor, Greater Kailash-2, Delhi-110048, have changed my name to GAURAV GARG.

0040638057-3

I, Dinesh Kuchhal/Dinesh Kumar, S/o Chetan Swarup Kuchhal, R/o H.No-49, Sector-15, Sonipat, (Haryana)-131001, have changed my name Dinesh Kumar Kuchhal, for all purposes.

0040638040-8

I, Lipu Bariki Alias Adityanath Kumar, S/o Laxmidhar Barik, residing at Chandanpur, Vill-Danda, PO-Balipada, Balipada Puri, Balipada, Odisha-752014, have changed my name to Aditya Samantaray.

0070809893-1

I, Laxmi Narayan S/o Shri Ram R/o 480/6, Khail Bazar, Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name to Luxmi Narayan.

0040638040-1

I, Deepak Kumar Gupta, S/o Prakash Chand Gupta, R/o F-85, New Saraswati Apartment, Sector-09, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Deepak Gupta.

0070809893-1

I, Babil Kaur W/o Balvinder Singh R/O-WZ-50, Gali-No-6, Gurunanak Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Prabhjeet Kaur.

0040638040-3

I, Ashok Kumar, S/o Late Vijay, R/O D/2/222, Near-Central Market, Madangiri, Dr. Ambedkar-Nagar, South-Delhi, Delhi-110062, have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok, for all, future purposes

0040638036-5

I, Anushka D/o Shri. Sanjay Kumar Rai, R/O C-62, Flat No.9, 2nd-Floor, Devil-Road, Duggal Colony, South-Delhi, Delhi-110062, have changed my name from Anushka to Anushka Roy, for all, future purposes.

0040638053-2

I, Vishal S/O Devendra Sharma R/O-B-172, Gali No.6, Ashok Nagar Delhi-110093, Have Changed My Name To Vishal Sharma.

0040638036-4

I, Sunita, W/o Lt Col Dharam Pal Balyan (Retd), R/o Flat No.1479, Sec-B, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name Sunita to Sunita Balyan for all purposes in future.

0070809893-1

I, Shivendu S/o Kamal Kant Sharma R/o 105 Hindon Heights Vaishali Sec 4 Ghaziabad UP 201010 have changed my name to Shivendu Sharma for all purposes.

0040638050-1

I, Shivalika Agarwal, D/o Brij Kishor Agarwal, R/o 244, Bagh Nanda Hari, Dasna Gate, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001, that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as KM Shivalika Aggarwal, Brij Kishore Aggarwal and Suman Aggarwal respectively in my 10th and 12th Class Certificate cum Marksheet. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother is Shivalika Agarwal, Brij Kishor Agarwal and Suman Agarwal respectively.

0070809893-1

I, SC Gupta, S/o Rameshwar Dass, R/o House No.268, Urban Estate, Sector-13, Extension, Karnal (Rural), Haryana-132001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sat Narain Gupta.

0070809901-1

I, Abdul Razak S/o Abdulk Gaffur R/o 309, Block-9, Khichari Pur Delhi-91, have changed my name to Abdul Razzak for all purposes.

0040638005-1

I, Ranjana Jha W/o Sh. Durgesh Kumar Mishra R/o Flat No. B-708, Bulland Heights, Crossing Repubik, Ghaziabad, UP-201016 have changed my name from Ranjana Kumari to Ranjana Jha.

0040638006-1

I, Rahber Saifi, S/o Mohd Tahir, R/o 941-Mohalla, Shahchandani, Chandpur, Ward No.-1, Binjor, Uttar Pradesh-246725, declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Tahir Ahmad in my Educational Documents. The actual name of My Father is Mohd Tahir, which may be amended accordingly.

0070809900-1

I, R. Bansal, S/o Maman Chand Bansal, R/o Rasheed Bhawan, House No-5, Priti Nagar, Hisar, Haryana-125001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rameshwar Dass Bansal.

0070809902-1

I, Priti Garga, W/o Rajeev Goyal, R/o 31, New Vindyanagar Apartment, Plot No-41, Sector-13, Rohini Sector-7, North West Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Priti Goyal.

0070809899-1

I, Neeraj Kumar, S/o Om Prakash, R/o 36, Pokhaddaha, Sultanpur, Uttar Pardesh-228161, have changed my name to Lalaj Kumar Singh.

0070809894-1

I, Mohammad Shadab Siddiqui, R/O 1440, Zinnia, Gaur Saundaryam Apt., Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306 have changed my name to MOHAMMAD SHADAB SIDDIQUE.

0070809921-1

I, Bhupender, S/o Arvind Kumar, R/O H.No-3142, Gali No-71, E-2, Near M.C.D. School, Molarband Extension, Badarpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Bhupender Kumar.

0070809905-1

I, Arun S/o Brij Kishor R/O-T3/1075, Aastha Green 03/GH04, Sector-4, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301 have changed my name to ARUN SAINI for all future purposes.

0070809919-1

I, Arshdeep Singh S/o Narendra Singh R/o A84, 3rd Floor, Dayanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Arshdeep Singh Saggu, for all purposes.

0040638011-1

I, Amandeep Singh, R/o 3/64, 1st Floor, Sec-5, Rajendra Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, have changed my minor son name from Guransh Singh to Guransh Ap Singh.

0070809940-1

I, Aditi Uniyal, W/o Vineet Malasi, R/o C-702, Park View Apartment, Sector 61, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aditi Malasi.

0070809896-1

I, hitherto known as RACHNA BANSAL, W/O PREM PRAKASH BANSAL, R/O House No-49, Punjabi Pura, Delhi Road, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be know as ARCHNA BANSAL. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

0070809891-1

I, Dhruv, S/o Sudhakar Pandey, R/o D-7/323, Dilshad Colony, Jhilmil, East Delhi-110095, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dhruv Pandey.

0070809904-1

I have changed my name from Omdaat Kumar to Omdat Kumar for all future purposes. I shall be known-as Omdat Kumar S/o Vinod Kumar R/o vill.-1 Haldona Tugalpur, Alfa-1, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar.

0070809917-1

I, PREETI D/O.SATISH KUMAR, ADD-38-A BADI MORE SARAI RAILWAY COLONY, DELHI-110006, Changed my name to PREETI JAISWAL, for all, future Purposes.

0040638030-3

LOST & FOUND

I, Rajeev Kumar S/o Late Shri Bal Mukund have lost My Original Share certificate in respect of Society, Flat, No.C-10, Veer Pura CGHS Ltd Plot.No.22, Sector-13, Rohini Delhi-110085, finder Contact-9811071315.

0040638053-9

I, Sanjaya Kapoor W/o Rajiv Kapoor have lost my Original General Power of Attorney and Agreement to sell of property No.B-3/411, Sector-29, Rohini Delhi-110085, Finder Contact-9811955100

0040638053-10

Lost original Sale Deed, Naksha Najri, Kharsa Katsauni Etc. related to my Property Khata No.205, Kharsa No.346, (167-Sq.Mtr) at Sudhohwala, Tehsil-Vikas Nagar, Dist.-Dehradun (Uttarakhand). Finder may Contact-Mrs.Narendar W/o-Ram Nath Vohra-D-16/303-304, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85

0040638034-1

LOST AND FOUND

Shifted our residence from Krishna Nagar to Rajpur Khurd Ex. During the shifting we lost/misplaced CBSE Class 10th Mark Sheet 029436 Regn No D119/6567/10068, 12th Mark Sheet 0043550, Regn No D22/25109/0068 and Migration Certificate in the name of Shivani Jha daughter of Prakash Jha, DOB: 22.07.2002, Kailasham Apt 101 R/S C/48A KH 99 Rajpur Khurd Extn PO IGNOU Sector West Delhi 110068, shivani.jha2207@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client, Gaurav Kapoor is the owner of Entire Ground Floor having its covered area of 800 sq. feet approx. without roof/terrace rights ("Flat") on property bearing No.318, Block-D area measuring 286.1 Sq. feet Sector-11, DLF Model Town Faridabad, Haryana. That Mrs. Shobha Shukla and Mrs. Gurjun Kapoor were the joint owners of the said Flat by virtue of Sale Deed dated 28.09.2012 executed by Mrs. Rethemba Prabhakaran, Mr. PR. Kumar and Mrs. Renu Suthakar through Attorney Mr. Jagji Singh Nijjer. Further, Mrs. Shobha Shukla transferred her half undivided share to Mrs. Gurjun Kapoor through Transfer Deed on 18.02.2016 by virtue of which she became absolute owner of the said Flat. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 15 days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below. Failing to which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Mohd. Khairul Hussain, (Advocate) A-38 Kailash Colony, Khatian & Khatian New Delhi-110048, Mob.-9810391672

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to general public at large that my client RAJIV SHARMA and his wife NEELAM SHARMA both R/O T-141, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018, have severed their all relations and disowned their son DINESH SHARMA and his wife TIKKA KALIA from all their movable and immovable properties due to their misconduct and if they will do any sort of wrongful and illegal act in future then my clients and their other family members shall not be responsible for the same. If any person deal with them shall self responsible. Shashi Kant (Advocate) Ch. No. D-209, Karindooa Court, Delhi-32

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT ANIL KUMAR JAIN, R/O VIKAS PUR, NEW DELHI-110018, HAS PURCHASED THE SAID BUILT UP FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. C-48 AREA MEASURING 169.50 SQ. YEWAN PARK, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110068. MY CLIENT'S SAID PROPERTY SHRI RAJAL SINGH EXPIRED ON 10.12.1998 AFTER HIS DEATH, HER LEGAL HEIRS ARE SATISH KUMAR SINGH, SRI ANIL KUMAR JAIN SMT. RENU NAINI UNREINDEEMED RELEASED THEIR RIGHTS IN FAVOUR OF MOTHER SMT. KRISHNA WHO FURTHER SOLD THE SAID PROPERTY TO SMT. NEETI ARORA. IF ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD INFORM & GIVE INTIMATION TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE.

Sd/- SUBHASH GUPTA Advocate 125, FIRST FLOOR, ANAND NAGAR, INDORE, INDIA-461003

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Prabha Pare W/o Sh. N. K. Pare Contact: 9826077606, Email: pare.manish@gmail.com R/o LIG Flat No.-31-C, Second Floor, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi has applied for the conversation of aforesaid property. The documents like original D/OA Possession Letter has been lost. An application for the same has been lodged in Police Station on dated 28/07/2022. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact Deputy Director (LAB housing) D-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mr. Rajeev Sharma who claimed to be owners and in possession of Property Bearing No. C-H/2, area measuring 200 Sq.Yds, situated at Hari Nagar, Clock Tower, New Delhi-110064 by virtue of Surviving Member Certificate of Late Mr. Ram Prakash Bhardwaj & Registered Will dated 05.02.2004 now Mr. Rajeev Sharma has approached IDBI Bank Limited for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. We give this public notice that if any person having any claim/objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property or otherwise shall proceed in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any claim, if any, of such persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof.

For Juris NextGen Law Offices E-36, LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-I, New Delhi-110048

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that my client(s) is/are interested to buy Freehold Property Bearing Flat No.110, Situated at City Centre Ltd, known as City Centre, Phase-2, Vasantia Estate, Delhi-91, presently owned and possessed by Sh. Harbans Lal Gargia S/o Sh. Bhagwan Das Gargia, by virtue of Relinquishment Deed vide Regn No-7426, dt.07.02.2002, Sd/-Vil, New Delhi-110018 and as per owner version the

Middle-order maestros

Kohli, Yadav take T20 batting to another level in tandem as Dutch have no answer to their silken skills



AS SOON as Suryakumar Yadav's flick off the last ball of India's innings landed in the second tier of the Victor Trumper Stand, Virat Kohli rushed to his batting partner and hugged him. He then urged Yadav to celebrate before both gestured to the crowd to raise the decibel level. Soaking in the applause of the sold-out SCG, they strolled back to the dugout, chatting and chuckling like thick friends, having put on a 95-run stand in just 48 balls that took India to 179/2, a total the Dutch fell short of by 56 runs.

Together, they make India's middle order arguably the most powerful in the world. Most teams are packed with top-order heavyweights and down-the-order maulers, but with shallow middle orders. Pakistan and England are classic cases. Either they have robust hitters or run accumulators. None could combine the best of both worlds, none anywhere as classical a duo as Kohli and Yadav either. Both are excellent gap-manipulators, shrewd judges of runs, and excellent runners; their stroke-making is pure, there are few heaves and slogs, hacks and cracks. Batting from within the orthodox framework, they have expanded the scope and range of the shots to such a level that few others could imagine, let alone execute, those. Like Kohli's six on the rise against Haris Rauf, or Yadav's whiplash cut behind square.

They bring a full platter of skills — silk and steel, muscle and method, ambition and courage. So complete they are that they can play strokes all around the ground against all kinds of bowlers in all sorts of conditions, don all roles and adjust and adapt to any situation.

They enjoy batting together too. Rather both are in awe of each other. Yadav is a self-confessed Kohli fan. After Kohli's epic unbeaten 82 against Pakistan, he put a picture of Kohli on Twitter with the heading "Manlaa re Bhauuuuu" (roughly translated as hats off, brother) with an emoticon of fire. When Kohli broke his century-drought in Dubai, he had tweeted: "The king is back." In the interaction with the host broadcasters during the innings break at the SCG, Yadav said: "Virat has been doing amazing, has stuck to his routines and processes. I've enjoyed batting with him."



Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav put on a 95-run stand in just 48 balls that took India to 179/2 against The Netherlands. AP

Kohli too has been raving about Yadav in recent times. After Yadav's whirlwind 26-ball 68 against Hong Kong in the Asia Cup, Kohli bowed down at him. "I've seen so many innings when we play in the IPL. But this was my first experience of watching him very closely.

The Dutch would agree. Before the two had united at the crease, at 84/2 in 12 overs, they had done an admirable job of keeping the run rate at seven an over. In the first 10, they had conceded just 67. But all that was to change.

Taking turns

It was the well-set Kohli's turn to be the aggressor first. The first ball of the 12th over, he stepped out to Tim Pringle and thundered him down the ground. No boundaries arrived in the next six balls, but the eight runs they ran in that space showed the telepathic understanding between them. Two of the finest judges of runs and quickest runners between the wickets in the team, they would not bother calling out for runs, but just exchange a glance before setting off. Kohli, as he does with so many other players, does not need to yell or nudge for a quick brace. For, when he turns back for the second run, Yadav would have already teed off. Remarkably,

they consumed just five dot balls, a testament to their ball-manoeuvring skill, their understanding reminiscent of heyday MS Dhoni and Yuvraj Singh.

Yadav then took over the aggressor's mantle, cracking successive boundaries off Paul van Meekeren, before handing out the same treatment to Bas de Leede, and in between whipping Logan van Beek through midwicket. The duo struck just three sixes — two of them in the last over — yet they sustained a tempo of nearly 12 runs an over. Yadav cleared the rope just once, but still completed his half-century in 25 balls. Watching them was unalloyed fun.

In general, Yadav has infused a sense of fun when watching India bat. His contribution in making his team's batting lethal cannot be overemphasised. He has unburdened the top three as well as the lower-middle order. Rohit Sharma, Kohli and KL Rahul could take more time to get their innings going in the knowledge that Yadav could walk in at any time and accelerate the scoring. Just as Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik needn't worry about trying to hit every ball out of the ground from the first ball they face. He could don a variety of roles — from an anchor to a finisher and an enforcer to a destroyer. It's little exaggeration that, on current form, he is India's best T20 batsman, arguably the best in the

world. Yadav's body of work is jaw-dropping — 1,060 runs at an average of 37 and strike rate of 176, a fifty-plus score in every three innings. He is the supposed missing link who has become the main piece.

Yadav has been to this team what Yuvraj was to Dhoni's 2007 T20 World Cup batch. He unburdens fellow batters without over-burdening himself. And with him and Kohli in roaring form, India could well start dreaming of winning the World Cup.

SCORECARD
INDIA: KL Rahul lbw b van Meekeren 9, Rohit Sharma c Ackermann b Fred Klaassen 53, Virat Kohli not out 62, Suryakumar Yadav not out 51; **Extras:** (LB-1, W-3) 4; **Total:** (2 wks, 20 Overs) 179; **Fall of Wickets:** 11-1, 84-2; **Bowling:** Fred Klaassen 4-0-33-1, Tim Pringle 4-0-30-0, Paul van Meekeren 4-0-32-1, Bas de Leede 3-0-33-0, Logan van Beek 4-0-45-0, Shariz Ahmad 1-0-5-0
THE NETHERLANDS: Vikramjit Singh b Bhuvneshwar 1, Max O'Dowd b Axar 16, Bas de Leede c Hardik Pandya b Axar 16, Colin Ackermann c Axar b Ashwin 17, Tom Cooper c (sub) Deepak Hooda b Ashwin 9, Scott Edwards c (sub) Deepak Hooda b Bhuvneshwar 5, Tim Pringle c Kohli b Shami 20, Logan van Beek c Karthik b Arshdeep Singh 3, Shariz Ahmad not out 16, Fred Klaassen lbw b Arshdeep Singh 0, Paul van Meekeren not out 14; **Extras:** (LB-2, W-3, NB-1) 6; **Total:** (9 wks, 20 Overs) 123; **Fall of Wickets:** 11-1, 20-2, 47-3, 62-4, 63-5, 87-6, 89-7, 101-8, 101-9; **Bowling:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar 3-2-9-2, Arshdeep Singh 4-0-37-2, Mohammed Shami 4-0-27-1, Axar Patel 4-0-18-2, Hardik Pandya 1-0-9-0, Ravichandran Ashwin 4-0-21-2.

For the Dutch, playing India a fan-boy moment amidst hope for better media coverage

DEVENDRA PANDEY
SYDNEY, OCTOBER 27

THE NETHERLANDS were outclassed by India on Thursday but playing the Rohit Sharma-captained star-studded side in front of 40,000 people at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) in a T20 World Cup match was a surreal experience for the Dutch players.

For some like India-born Dutch opener Vikramjit Singh, whose family left Punjab to escape insurgency in the mid-1980s, seeing the adulation Virat Kohli received was like a fan-boy moment. Ahead of the game, the number of requests Singh received for pictures of Kohli outnumbered the good luck messages for him.

"I have been getting lots of messages today and most of them are about wishing 'hi' to Virat rather than wishing me well for the game. Everyone was watching back home and they all were excited as I was," Singh said after the game. Singh experienced a 'wow moment' when Kohli came out to bat at the SCG.

"It was like a fanboy moment for me and to see him getting cheered was an amazing experience. I was there looking around when 40,000 people were screaming Virat's name. There was a big smile on my face," Singh added.

Kohli scored his second successive unbeaten half-century as India made it two wins from two games with a 56-run victory over the Netherlands. Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav also scored fifties as India posted 179 for two before restricting the Dutch to 123 for nine.

Paul Van Meekeren, the experienced fast bowler, says facing the high-profile opponents led to wider media coverage of the team back home.

"Again, it's massive. The amount of media we got back home because we were playing India was immense. Getting photos and messages from people in Holland, from family, about just the articles and I said about something this is a day I'll tell to my grandkids about hopefully. That's what it is, playing against India," Meekeren said.

Meekeren dismissed KL Rahul in the game on Thursday. And the past 24 hours leading up to the game have been a blur.

"You watched these players on TV about 100 times, and just to be there is very special. I think at the moment. I probably didn't realise it as much, and it will probably sink in the next 24 hours," the medium pacer said.

The Netherlands players are far from superstars. Meekeren had tweeted about him delivering food via Uber Eats back home after T20 World Cup to be held in Australia



Paul van Meekeren took the wicket of KL Rahul on Thursday. AP

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PAUL VAN MEERKEREN
FAST BOWLER, THE NETHERLANDS

was postponed because of the pandemic.

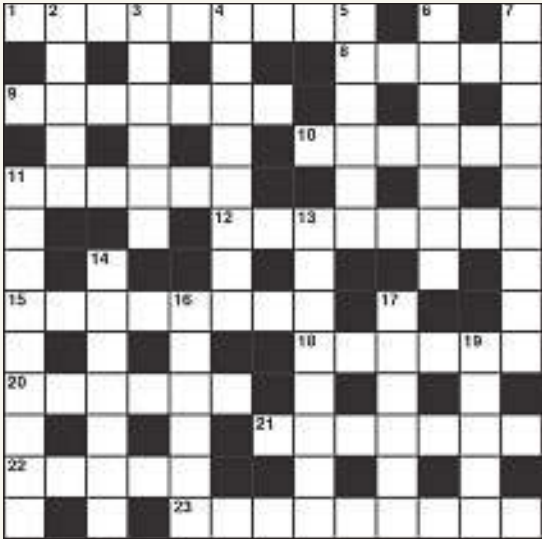
"We've got guys in the changing room who pay to go to their own training and only get paid when we go on tour and play games in Holland. But that's the level of difference against guys that can hit 1,000 balls every week, and guys who study, work, all those kind of things," Meekeren said.

The Netherlands dressing room is made up of players from different backgrounds. Players from South Africa, New Zealand and Australia also represent the team after having become eligible to play for the Dutch.

Interestingly, their captain Scott Edwards originally hails from Australia. The players are hoping for more exposure for the sport in a football-crazy country post the T20 World Cup.

"TV helps for sure. Maybe there will be more followers added after today's game. Hope things change and more people play this sport back home," Singh says.

CROSSWORD 4884



ACROSS

- 1 Disguised for example in beard and raincoat (9)
- 8 He sets sails (5)
- 9 Though versatile, takes only one part (7)
- 10 She turns in first class stuff (6)
- 11 Rat swallows a river insect (6)
- 12 Seeking to gain a monopoly even so? (5,3)
- 15 Incorrect kit means trouble (8)
- 18 Join a silent assembly (6)
- 20 Golfing or boxing circles? (6)
- 21 Fall of a Labour government is not included (4,3)
- 22 Steel or brass (5)
- 23 Not in the same class? (9)

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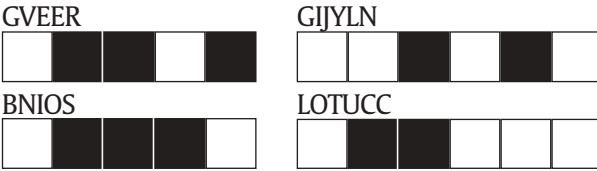
- 2 Maurice has a heart of gold (5)
- 3 Not a bit of it! (6)
- 4 Flinch because of a handicap (8)
- 5 Key to public property (6)
- 6 A Gallic disposition is exceptionally cold (7)
- 7 He is hostile letting out Alsatians (9)
- 11 Romans in a different land (3,6)
- 13 Unaware that one has the wrong key? (4-4)
- 14 Mouthful of water (7)
- 16 Confused theologian caught in crooked deal (6)
- 17 A top man in the building trade (6)
- 19 Show disdain for bad puns about the king (5)

Solutions Crossword 4883: Across: 1 Limpets, 4 Adieu, 7 Rose, 8 War paint, 10 Avalanches, 12 Dreads, 13 Hazard, 15 Adventures, 18 Amputate, 19 Game, 20 Ernes, 21 Sponsor, Down: 1 Lorna, 2 Mistaken, 3 Snatch, 4 Applecarts, 5 Iris, 6 Untried, 9 Candidates, 11 Fairways, 12 Disease, 14 Depths, 16 Sheer, 17 Upon.

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.

Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting _____ everybody. - Samuel Pepys (10)



SOLUTION: VERGE, BRISON, JINGLY, OCCULT. Answer: Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody. - Samuel Pepys

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5001

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 5000



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Although a general atmosphere of confusion is still obscuring the truth, don't procrastinate over important issues. By giving people the impression that you could jump one way or the other you will only make matters worse. If you really can't decide, then at least keep them up to date with your thinking.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You have worked too hard and sacrificed too much to allow anyone to get the upper hand or take you for a ride. Eventually, you will be in a position to persuade people of the truth of your cause, but first you've got to deal with your own lingering doubts.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon's relationship with your second solar house is a marvellous indication that your financial cycle is about to improve. It is especially auspicious that a one-year cycle and an eighteen-year pattern are now coinciding in a most delightful manner.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The Moon falls in a new sector of your solar chart, inaugurating a phase of dynamic optimism. At least, this is the most positive reading of your current celestial prospects. Just be prepared for the possibility that you'll have to do certain jobs yourself at work.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Spend a little time by yourself if possible. There is a great deal to be learnt from quiet contemplation and, in any case, you'll need to recharge your batteries. Your travel stars remain bright, but with an emphasis on visits to much-loved and familiar places.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There's a great temptation to spend more than you can afford. I'd like to remind you that now is not necessarily the best time to make speculative gains. Indeed, gamblers will almost certainly be losers. The best risks are those taken with a complete understanding of the odds.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

No experience is wasted, and you should try to realise that all the testing experiences you are undergoing are designed to sharpen up your act. You may have to accept that a partner is bound to criticise or accuse you unfairly, but let's hope they'll listen to reason in the end.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

At last there are signs that you're getting your own way. In fact, very soon you ought to be covering a lot of new ground. The Moon's benign alignments will eventually send you off in search of extra excitement and adventure but first you need to sort out a small cash complication.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

In your solar chart, the emotional sign of Cancer represents your reliance on money as a means of guaranteeing your future security. Today's lunar picture implies that all will be well in this department. It also advises you to turn to people you've known for a long time, and can trust totally, for the best advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Your very personal affairs seem to have been in a state of flux ever since Mars, planet of energy and anger, set the cat among the pigeons at home, stirring up strange emotions amongst people you live with. You have one important task to complete, and that is to come to a partner's aid.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

In the long-term you can and will derive lasting benefits, even from changes in your lifestyle. But the present phase of uncertainty is likely to continue until at least the beginning of next week. If you take a different perspective, then you'll see that when confusion reigns you have a chance to change your mind.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You're famously tolerant, yet you do have to become more broad-minded about intensely personal issues. On the lighter side, before long you can expect to hear from loved ones you haven't seen for some time: you should appreciate the fact that they've been thinking about you.

BRIEFLY

Rossouw, Nortje dazzle as SA defeat Bangladesh

Sydney: Rilee Roussouw's belligerent century was complemented by a fiery spell from Anrich Nortje (4/10) as South Africa trounced Bangladesh by 104-runs in T20 World Cup here on Thursday. Rossouw showcased his batting prowess, blasting the first century of the ongoing showpiece with a 56-ball 109, while Quinton de Kock struck a fifty to power South Africa to an imposing 205 for 5. Nortje then returned with his best T20 figures as the bowlers rallied to bowl out Bangladesh for 101 in 16.3 overs. **BRIEF SCORES:** South Africa: 205/5 in 20 overs (Rilee Rossouw 109, Quinton de Kock 63; Shakib Al Hasan 2/33) beat Bangladesh 101 all out in 16.3 overs (Liton Das 34; Anrich Nortje 4/10) by 104 runs. **PTI**

Barca, Atletico exit Champions League

Geneva: Barcelona was eliminated from the Champions League even before enduring yet another 3-0 beating by Bayern Munich. Atletico Madrid also went out following an extraordinary sequence around a penalty awarded by video review after the final whistle of its 2-2 draw with Bayer Leverkusen. Atletico's spot kick was saved before a frantic scramble in the goalmouth still could not bring the winning goal the Spanish club needed to prevent Porto advancing thanks to its 4-0 win earlier at group leader Club Brugge. Two Spanish powers who were part of the failed Super League launch last year will now miss out on the round of 16 of Europe's top competition. Liverpool's passage into the knockout stage with a game to spare was relatively calm in a 3-0 win at Ajax to join leader Napoli in advancing from free-scoring Group A, which has had 44 goals in 10 games. **AP**

FIH Pro League: India face NZ in opener

Bhubaneswar: The Indian men's hockey team will look to kick-start their World Cup preparations in right earnest when it takes on New Zealand in its opening game of the FIH Pro League's new season at the Kalinga Stadium here on Friday. After New Zealand, the Indians will take on Spain in their next game on Sunday, followed by return fixtures against New Zealand on November 4 and Spain on November 6. "It has been a busy couple of weeks preparing for the four games we will play in the Pro League and the five-matches against Australia in Adelaide in a Test Series next month," India's chief coach Graham Reid said. **PTI**

Bopanna-Middelkoop enter quarterfinals

Vienna: India's Rohan Bopanna and Dutch Matwe Middelkoop beat the Argentine pairing of Pedro Cachin and Diego Schwartzman in straight sets to progress to the quarterfinals of Erste Bank Open here. The Indo-Dutch combination defeated Cachin and Schwartzman 6-1 6-3 on Wednesday. Bopanna and Middelkoop will face Andres Molteni and Santiago Gonzalez next. The Argentine-Mexican pair of Malteni and Gonzalez defeated second seeds Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski 7-6(6) 7-5 in another match. **PTI**

“ There was a small clip sent to me this morning of Ricky Ponting having a small word . I thought that clip did a wonder so thanks very much to Ricky as well. ”

SIKANDAR RAZA, MAN OF THE MATCH

Zimbabwe tear up the script

Beat Pakistan by one run in a low-scoring thriller; Babar & Co's semifinal chances in serious jeopardy

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WHEN SHADAB Khan swung Sikandar Raza over a leaping long-on fielder, Pakistan needed just 43 runs to win off 39 deliveries with seven wickets in hand. They had huffed and puffed chasing only 131 on a pacy, bouncy track at Perth Stadium, but with Shan Masood's stabilising presence in the middle reviving them from 36 for 3, they seemed to be finally on their way to victory.

Then Shadab tried to make the equation even more comfortable, and attempted a second successive six off Raza. He picked out the man at long-off instead. New batsman Haider Ali played all around his first delivery to be struck on the pad plumb in front.

Even at 88 for 5, a collapse terrible enough to snatch defeat from the vicinity of victory appeared beyond even Pakistan's reach. Turns out, it wasn't. In their second heart-stopping last-ball result on the trot, after the Melbourne defeat to India, Pakistan went down by a single run to Zimbabwe, putting their hopes of making the T20 World Cup semi-finals in serious jeopardy.

Player of the Match Raza spoke about how he was extra-motivated for the match against the country of his birth after watching a video of Ricky Ponting. Raza would take a third, critical wicket in the space of four deliveries. Shan Masood, who'd made an unbeaten 52 off 42 balls against India, had again steered Pakistan out of trouble with a steady 44, soaking up the pressure of early wickets and landing the odd counter-punch.

Raza fired one down the legside, Masood missed the clip, losing his balance in the process, and Regis Chakabva pulled off a sharp stumping.

Pakistan still had some batting left, with Mohammad Nawaz the spin-bowling all-rounder and Mohammad Wasim the seam nearly-allrounder, whose selection ahead of Asif Ali had meant Nawaz hadn't been given the ball at all after his last-over meltdown against India.

But Zimbabwe's new-ball pair of Richard Ngarava and Blessing Muzarabani bowled three outstanding overs of high-quality pace, barring a high full toss from Ngarava that Nawaz mowed over long-leg for six. Bowling exactly what the pitch and the ground dimensions - massive square boundaries and shorter straight ones - demanded, they used the 'hard', shortish lengths liberally, sending delivery after rising delivery fizzing past furiously swishing blades. The slower ball and pitched-up lengths were used as change-ups; Wasim almost lobbed a catch off the splice as he was done in by the sudden lack of pace right after a heavy dimmer.

Even as the asking rate ballooned into double digits, Zimbabwe, not used to being in these situations where they are within sight of a historic upset, started panicking in the field. Fielders fumbled or overran the ball in the deep, allowing easy second runs. Throws came in wide and wild, even from within the inner circle. On one occasion, Chakabva ran forward to collect the ball and got in the path of what looked set to be an accurate throw that would have tested the batsman had he stayed adjacent to the stumps.

Heady climax

It came down to a not ungettable 11 off the last over, to be bowled by Brad Evans. Now Evans had already made a couple of major contributions in the game with bat and ball. He had struck 19 off 15 balls, the

PAKISTAN'S SLIM CHANCES

	P	W	L	NRR	N/R	PTS
India	2	2	0	1.425	0	4
South Africa	2	1	0	5.200	1	3
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	0.050	1	3
Bangladesh	2	1	1	-2.375	0	2
Pakistan	2	0	2	-0.050	0	0
Netherlands	2	0	2	-1.625	0	0

■ Pakistan's fate is out of their hands. Even if they win their remaining three group matches (against the Netherlands, South Africa and Bangladesh), Babar Azam's team will need other results to go their way. Their three wins have to be by big margins to take care of the net run rate. They are also in the unusual position of rooting for India, hoping that they beat South Africa and Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe needs to lose to either Bangladesh or the Netherlands for Pakistan to stay in contention. Apart from beating Bangladesh themselves, Pakistan will need Shakib Al Hasan's team to lose another match.

joint-second- highest score from a Zimbabwe batsman in the match, at No. 9, and then moved one away from Babar Azam to produce a leading edge to backward point and give Zimbabwe the first breakthrough in the fourth over.

But Evans began the final over in disastrous fashion. Going against all that had worked for Ngarava and Muzarabani, as also himself, so far in the game, he bowled full to Nawaz first ball with mid-off up and conceded three runs. Still going against the flow, he now tried a slower ball, pitching it up once more, Wasim steadied himself, waited for it to arrive and bashed it for four down the ground. Finally, on the third ball, he reverted to what had succeeded all evening - the shorter length. Wasim heaved hard but could only slap away a single.

Nawaz was on strike now. India had needed as many as 15 off the last four balls and Nawaz, the bowler, had failed to rein them in. Nawaz, the batsman, would fail again with a mere three needed off three.

Following a swing-and-miss to another lifter, he attempted to clear mid-off but a back-peddalling captain Craig Ervine judged the take nicely under pressure. Wasim slumped to the ground and sunk his head into his knees, helpless at the non-striker's end.

To Shaheen Shah Afridi, Evans went full for the last ball and the tall fast bowler swiped it down the ground. Who else but Raza to swoop down on the ball from long-on and fire in the throw at the correct end - to the wicketkeeper.

So far away was Afridi that Chakabva had enough time to recover after failing to collect the ball and taking it in the stomach instead, watching it roll away, lurching after it, picking it up and removing the bails. Even as Azam sat stunned in disbelief in the dugout, the overcome Zimbabwe players surged towards each other and fused into an emotional huddle.

BRIEF SCORES: Zimbabwe 130/8 (Williams 31; Wasim 4-24, Shadab 3-24) beat Pakistan 129/8 (Masood 44; Raza 3-25, Evans 2-25) by one run



Zimbabwe players celebrate a famous win over Pakistan at Perth on Thursday. **PTI**

Raza's sleight of hand and twists of fate

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BY THE time Sikandar Raza dragged his weary body to collect the man of the match award, he was both emotionally and physically drained. A riot of emotions had seized him. "I think I'm lost for words. My throat's dry, probably because of all the emotions," he would say.

The 38-year-old hoarded nine runs, a useful contribution in a match Zimbabwe snuck home by a run, picked up the wickets of top-scorer Shan Masood, Haider Ali and Shadab Khan with his "mystery spin" and effected the last-ball run-out.

He reminded his captain Craig Ervine of the latter's offer. "He had told me that if you become Man of the Match, pick any watch from the catalogue and I'll buy you. But if I win Man of the Match, then you're gonna buy me one. So I'm just reminding him that you now owe me three watches actually," he said chuckling. He then thanked Ricky Ponting, who had sent him a small video.

He then thanked luck and destiny. Growing up in Sialkot, he wanted to be a fighter pilot, because he was "thrilled by the speed and the jets."

He spent three years at the Pakistan Air Force boarding school in Lower Topa and cleared all the tests, but as fate had it, his dream never materialised. He had signed his papers to fly simulator jets but the paper never came, as he suffered from an eye con-



Sikandar Raza finished with 3 for 25. **PTI**

dition called bilentrical opacity, wherein you cannot see something that is coming at you when flying in high altitude.

He then decided to be a software engineer and enrolled at a college in Scotland, just around the time his parents had migrated to Zimbabwe at the stroke of this century. "For some reason, I started playing cricket in the college and club, though I never dreamt of being a professional cricketer. Then I went back to Zimbabwe, I started playing the game there as well," he had told this paper.

He completed the degree, but his destiny lay in cricket.

Then came the big turning point in his life. He was having a throwdown session with his club-mates when the chairman of Southern Rocks, a local club franchise in the Zimbabwe T20 league, told him to come to their nets form practice. A few weeks later, he was

opening the innings with Brian Lara. He polished off 93 runs in 40 balls. But destiny continued its strange play on him. He started out as an opening batsman, then evolved into the middle-order pillar of his franchise and Zimbabwe, scored a glorious Test hundred against Pakistan, and finally embraced off-spin bowling. Like his life story, he never wanted to be one, but ended up being one.

He began to take his bowling seriously just at the time Sunil Narine was a rage in franchise cricket. And so he modelled his action on the Trinidadian. Right down to holding the ball behind him as he jogs up. Perhaps just the action, though. He has none of the cryptic variations that Narine possesses.

"I just like to keep tight lines and lengths, stifle the batsmen and force a mistake out of them," he said recently. When he removed a malignant tumour after a bone marrow infection couple of years ago, he had to make a hard decision: to quit bowling or change his action. He sought help from Narine at the CPL and re-modelled his action.

Shan Masood was undone by a quicker ball down the leg-side to be stumped, Shadab Khan was snuffed out with a full, flat floater on middle stump and Haider Ali with a quicker ball on middle and off.

At first, some of his teammates and coaches would banter about his off-spin. But nothing stopped him. "I was never discouraged by their comments," he said. And it was the skill-set that shone the brightest on his sweetest night in international cricket.

How Zimbabwe tripped Pakistan with hard lengths in final over

EMOTIONAL
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HOW DID Zimbabwe win the last-over thriller against Pakistan? Hard lengths, hard lengths. After getting tonked for a three and a four with fuller balls (the second one a slower), **Brad Evans** adjusted to hit the hard length for three of the final 4 balls. The result? Zimbabweans were screaming their heads off and lying on the ground in joy.



The fourth was a rasping seamer that beat the bat. Dot ball. The fifth, another hard length, was weakly shovelled to mid-off by Nawaz, and Mohammad Wasim Jr sunk to the ground. He was not on strike, and probably knew the game was up. It was. The final ball was the surprise fuller one but Shaheen could only hit to mid-on. They ran hard, and there was

even a fumble by the wicketkeeper Regis Chakabva, who had already effected the stumping of the tournament with a quick leg-side work to take out Shan Masood, recovered to do the job. Up he hopped.

So did the rest of Zimbabweans. Babar Azam sunk his chin into his palms. The unthinkable had happened. Pakistan lost to Zimbabwe by just 1 run in a low-scoring thriller. Chasing 131 runs, it looked to be a cakewalk for the Babar

Azam-helmed team but losing wickets at regular intervals and a majestic turn by Sikandar Raza, who took 3 wickets for just 25 runs, turned the game in the African nation's favour.

After the match, Pakistan captain Babar

Shadab trolls his captain over a catch

WHEN BABAR Azam flung himself to his right at slip to take a blinder off Shadab Khan to dismiss Chakabva, no one seemed more surprised than the bowler. There was this wide-eyed laughter as he ran across to Babar, who had this sweet bemused expression at what he had just done.

At the end of the game, Shadab explained his on-field reaction. "Didn't expect it because nowadays he's missed chances a bit. That was a brilliant catch!"



Azam said, "Very disappointing batting my team. We were not up to the mark with batting. Unfortunately, we got out in the first six overs, and then, unfortunately, Shadab got out and then the back-to-back wickets and pressure built up."

Zimbabwe skipper Craig Ervine said, "We didn't want to end our tournament with

qualification. We wanted to come and do well against the top sides. After our batting performance, we thought we were 20 runs short. Our fast bowlers hit the strap. Raza came to the party as he always does and picked a few wickets. I think he has taken 3 man of the matches; I am going to be broke by the time I get home (laughs)"

Babar foxed again

Babar Azam was out trying to flick against India. He was trying to on-drive now against Zimbabwe. The right-arm seamer Brad Evan's delivery landed middle and off and straightened a touch. Babar wasn't looking to go too far across but more of a firm push to wide mid-on perhaps. But that straightening and the fact that he doesn't really move much after setting up the initial base, trusting his hands to do the work means he was going to get squared-up a touch.

Mohammad Rizwan followed him soon after. Muzarabani got one to jag back in decent pace and Rizwan tried to chop it behind point but ended up chopping on to his stumps. He was pretty angry, and almost started his bat-swing towards the stumps before he restrained himself. And when Iftiqar Ahmed feathered a catch down the leg side off Jongwe, Pakistan were 36 for 3 in 7.4 overs.

Wasim jr. proves his worth

Wasim Akram wanted him. So did Aquib Javed and Misbah-ul-Haq and we now know

why. Mohammad Wasim jr starred against Zimbabwe with a three-wicket haul. "He can bowl and can whack too," Wasim had told A Sports. He is from Waziristan, a barren mountainous region framed by the Kurram river in the north, Gumal river in the south and by Afghanistan in the West. His father, who worked in Dubai and Punjab, was away most of the time and initially didn't know that his son was interested in cricket.

"Every time I would call, I would ask him about his school and studies, I had no idea he was into cricket," the father Gul Mohammed once told the YouTube channel 'Discover Pakistan'. "It was his uncle Shah Nawaz who supported his cricket."

"I was very happy when he was selected for Pakistan and would be really happy when he performs against India," the father would say with a smile. "I like him when he bowls fast and also when he hits sixes."

He didn't get to play the game against India but would star against Zimbabwe, and at one stage even had a shot at a hat-trick.

SRIRAM VEERA