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**TATA Group
Welcomes
Shri Narendrabhai Modi**
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
for
**Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony
of
Tata – Airbus C295
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AEROSPACE EXHIBITION

VENUE : ANASUYA GROUND, AJWA ROAD, VADODARA, GUJARAT

Open to public from
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday, 30th October 2022 &
10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday, 31st October 2022

VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, ODISHA-768018

EMPAANELMENT OF CIVIL CONTRACTOR

VSSUT/C.Maint./

Dated:

Sealed Application are invited by the undersigned from eligible "D" & "C" - Class Contractor registered with State Government of Odisha having up to date Income Tax clearance, GST Clearance for the "Empanelment of contractor for civil works in VSSUT, Burla to participate in different tender works called by the under signed for execution of various maintenance work in the University Campus.", as per the details given in University website on or before Dated 15.11.2022 application received after the due date are liable to be rejected. The application format can be downloaded from the University website www.vssut.ac.in from dated 01.11.2022.

The downloaded documents duly filled in with Security deposit of Rs. 5000/-to be deposited in the VSSUT Cash Counter) and photo copies of the same, photo copy of license, VAT clearance certificate/TIN No. & PAN No. are to be submitted with self attested as mentioned in terms and condition.

The sealed Tenders mentioning the name of work on the top of the envelope will be received up to 4.00 P.M. on dated 15.11.2022 by speed post/regd post only.

The Authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-

Registrar

OIPR- 14702/11/0018/2223

Tender Notice No.40 for 2022-23

Tender is invited by Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Dr. Rajendraprasad Road, Kashi Vishwanath Plot, Rajkot, Ph.No.0281 2446605 as under. Tender Documents are available on web site rnb.nprocure.com and tender can be filled online only.

Sr. No.	Name of work	(1) Estd.Cost. (2) EMD (3) Tender Fee (4) Category
1.	Construction of Trumpet Interchange for Hirasar International Airport Intersection with Ahmedabad Rajkot Highway (NH-27) Between Ch. KM 205/5 - 207/3 on EPC mode in the State of Gujarat	(1) 44,89,12,945/- (2) 45,00,000/- (3) 18000/- (4) AA & Special Category-I (Bridge)

Tender Documents & Time table of E-Tendering will be available on above web site from 28-10-2022. Any modification/correction will be displayed on website only.

INF/Raj/1149/22

Timber e-Auction

Forest Department, Gujarat State

This is to inform all the traders who are interested to participate in the e-auction. For purchase of Teak/non-teak Timber and Fuel wood to be held in Dang North/South and Valsad North/South division of Valsad Circle from 15/11/2022 to 28/11/2022. All interested traders are requested to participate in the e-auction.

The procedure for participation in e-Auction and the details of lots of Teak/ non-teak timber and fuel wood is available on the website <http://forestauction.nprocure.com>

Sd/-

Dy. Conservator of forests

North Division, Dang Ahwa

No.INFO/DANG/211/2022

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE NO.: SR. DEE/LMG/14 OF 2022-23

DATED: 14-10-2022

Cancellation against Tender No. ELJLM/22-23/12. Due to administrative reasons the above tender has been cancelled. For details please visit website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DEE, Lumding

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum No. 01 to Open Tender NIT No. 05/2022-23

Open Tender invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/N. Railway/Ambala Cantt for & on behalf of the President of India against NIT No. 05/2022-23 (i.e. OT-08/2022-23) which was scheduled to be opened on 14-11-2022 but due to change in NIT completion period of the work will be 30 days.

No: SW-Sig/UMB/NIT-05/Corrigendum-01/22-23

Dated: 29.10.2022

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TRACK RENEWAL WORKS AT MALIGAON

E-Tender Notice No. 20 of 2022 Dated 27-10-2022. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work:

Tender No. GHY-18-2022. Name of Work & Location: New Guwahati goods shed yard-Through Track Renewal (CB&MS)-43 sets (18.5) (Re-Tender).

Tender Value: ₹ 73,75,00,851.31/-

Earnes-Money: ₹ 37,75,00. Date & Time of closing/opening of tender: 13.00 hrs. of 18-11-2022. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ord. Maligaon

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

DISPLAY OF ADVERTISEMENT THROUGH VIDEO WALL AT DARJEELING STATION

Auction Catalogue No. C-ADVT-Darjeeling. Seq. No. AA/1. Lot No.: ADVT-KIR-DJ-OSN-157-22-1

Description: Display of advertisement through video wall at Darjeeling station outside building wall. Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee. Trps/Days: 1068

Seq. No. AB/1. Lot No.: ADVT-KIR-DJ-OSN-157-22-1. Description: Awarding of advertisement contract for display through Kiosk at Darjeeling station premises. Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee. Trps/Days: 1068

Auction Start Date & Time: 10.00 hrs. of 14-11-2022. Auction Close Date & Time: 10.40 hrs. of 14-11-2022. Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

DRM (C), Katihar

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Dudhsagar Dairy

India's Largest Co-operative Dairy

Mehsana District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd

Post Box No.1, Highway, Mehans-384012 Phone: 02742-251204. Fax: 253422

Website: <http://www.dudhsagardairy.coop.tender>

E-Tender with Reverse Auction Notice

E-Tender ID	Work Description	Last Date
662257	Supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of BKL capacity Cream storage tank at OSD Palan plant of Dudhsagar Dairy, Mehans, Gujarat.	11/11/2022
560698	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning job for re-wiring work for milk butter milk cold rooms of PUF insulation, doors/windows, ancillary items, air cooling units with all accessories, controls, air/PVC strip curtains, lighting, electric control panels & complete labor job as Turnkey project at Dudhvidhyasagar Dairy, Kadi.	11/11/2022
562265	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing And Commissioning Of Crute Conveying System, Capacity: Suitable; Qty: 02 Set As Turnkey Project Re-wiring Of Packing Section Of Dudhmotsagar Dairy, Dharuhera.	11/11/2022
562262	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of single head, FFS pouch packing machine bulk pack (5 liter 2 liter pack size), capacity: 12-14 for 6 liter pouches/ min machine and 20-22 for 2 liter pouches/ min machine; qty: 01 set as Turnkey project basis of Dudhmotsagar Dairy, Dharuhera.	11/11/2022
562473	Re-Tender of Supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of 2 sets of 10KLPH capacity Milk Pasteurizers with accessories at OSD, Palan (1 set) and DVSD, Kadi Plant (1 set) of Dudhsagar Dairy, Mehans, Gujarat.	11/11/2022
562474	Re-tender of Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of SS Can washer 900 cans per hour capacity with complete accessories, at RMHD Section Palan Plant of Dudhsagar Dairy, Mehans.	11/11/2022

E-Tender Website: www.nprocure.com

For details refer tender document available on e-tender website. We regularly publish e-tender on above website.

Date: 29/10/2022

IC Managing Director

North Central Railway

No.: AGC-EL-C-T-05R-2022-23

Dated: 28.10.2022

Office of the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.) North Central Railway, Agra

TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Tender No.	AGC-EL-C-T-05R-2022-23
Name of work with its location	Electrification of Mansingh ka Pura in BAH - UDI More section by converting D class station into B class station and Achnera - Bypass line connecting Parkham (Mathura-Achhera route) to Chikana (Agra Fort-Bandikui route) of Agra Division of NC Railway.
Approx Cost of the work	₹ 43,22,289.45
Completion Period	12 Months from the date of Issue of acceptance letter including monsoon period.
Bid Security	₹ 86,500/-
Tender closing Date & Time	21.11.2022 upto 15.00 hrs.
Validity of offer	60 days from the date of tender opening.

Tenders can only submit their offer through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs on 21.11.2022. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in.

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North central railways | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in | ncr@northcentralrailway | www.ireps.gov.in

North Eastern Railway

TENDER NOTICE No. 37 DATED 28.10.2022

Website www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in Fax No.: 0551-2200721

Email: cos@ner.railnet.gov.in

Invitation of tenders through e-Procurement system

Principal Chief Material Manager, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, and on behalf of The President of India, invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items. Complete description of the item and other condition are available on website www.ireps.gov.in.

Item No.	Tender Number	Due On	Brief Description of Stores	Reserved to be procured from
1	28220976A	30.11.22	Soft blanket grey shade etc.	--
2	32221071A	28.11.22	Journal Bearing Assembly etc.	BLW
3	30221050B	17.11.22	Journal Bearing Assembly etc.	--
4	29225161B	15.11.22	Signalling Cable 19 Core etc.	RDSO
5	29225167B	11.11.22	Signalling Cable 12 Core etc.	RDSO
6	30220372D	10.11.22	120 AH VRLA Battery etc.	--
7	29225165B	10.11.22	Cable 24 Core etc.	RDSO

CPRO/S-53 Principal Chief Material Manager/Gorakhpur

About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T.No.	S.N.	22-A, B, D & 21-F-2022-23-W-V
1	Name of work with its location	22-A Providing LHS alongwith bridge no. 77 at km. 50/9-51/0 between PT-JSKA stations by providing LHS (size 4.0x4.0 m.) on DEE-RE section under ADEN/DEE
		Similar nature of work: Construction of bridges/ Limited high subway with box pushing/pipe pushing method.
	22-B	Development of green belt at Delhi area under Sr.DEN-V/DLI.
	22-D	Provision of additional passenger shelter to fill open area gaps on all platforms i.e. platform 1,2-3,4-5, and 6-7 at HNZM station under ADEN/HNZM.
		Similar nature of work: Any work of steel fabrication or fabrication and erection of FOB or PF shelter or industrial shed or steel/composite girder bridge or Microwave/HT tower of channel Sleepers.
	21-F	Improvements at sick-line complex including elimination of makeshift shelters & other structures etc.
		Similar nature of work: Any work of steel fabrication or fabrication and erection of FOB or PF shelter or industrial shed or steel/composite girder bridge or Microwave/HT tower of channel Sleepers.
2	Approx. Cost of work	22-A Rs. 33610436.45 22-B Rs. 2711741.54 22-D Rs. 39875798.72 21-F Rs. 8966888.11
3	Earnest Money Deposit	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note: FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 201025/CE-4/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
		22-A Rs. 318100.00 22-B Rs. 54200.00 22-D Rs. 349400.00 21-F Rs. 179700.00
4	Completion period of Work	22-A 6 Months 22-B 4 Months 22-D 6 Months 21-F 6 Months
5	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 22.11.2022 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 22.11.2022
6	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/280/OET/2021-22-W-V/NIT-22-A, B, D & 21-F-2022-23-W-V Dated: 28.10.2022

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ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Under the Department of Science & Technology Government of Odisha

(ISO 9001: 2008 / ISO 14001: 2004)

S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Website: www.oredaorissa.com E-mail: ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E=Tender call notice No. 2798 /Dated 28-10-2022 /

ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY invites short sealed e-tender in two part bidding system from manufacture for supply, installation, commissioning including warranty and comprehensive maintenance contract for a period of five years of RTS. Details are given below.

1	Date of publication of RFP on E-procurement website and OREDA website	28-10-2022
2	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	07-11-2022 up to 5.00 PM
3	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only	07-11-2022 up to 5.00 PM
4	Due date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies and hard copies, except price bid.	09-11-2022 up to 3.30 PM
5	Due date and time for the opening of online price bid applicable only for the bidders whose Technical bids shall be responsive.	11-11-2022 up to 3.30 PM

Interested prospective bidder may visit OREDA website www.oredaorissa.com and www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA for details relating bidding process and all other terms and conditions. The bidder can view the tender documents from WWW.oredaorissa.com website on free of cost.

Sd/-28-10-2022

Chief Executive.

OIPR-04065/11/0009/2223

उपग्रह राज्य ओद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

एकेएस सिटी, गाजियाबाद | E-Mail: ed2@upsidc.com

अल्पकालीन/सामान्य ई-निविदा सूचना

क्रम	कार्य का नाम	प्रति रु लाख	सर्वोच्च रु (लाख)
1.	Providing and fixing of 11 kv overhead line network allotted Industrial plots no. D-38, 38/1, 38/2, 38/3, 38/4, 38/5 and 38/6 in Surajpur Site-B Industrial Area.	अल्पकालीन	7.94
2.	Supply & Installation of LED High Mast Lighting System at I.A. Sikandarabad under Atal Industrial Infrastructure Mission.	सामान्य	50.18

कमकम 1. से सम्बंधित निविदा दिनांक 31.10.2022 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 08.11.2022 को 18:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 08.11.2022 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा तथा कमकम 2. से संबंधित निविदा दिनांक 31.10.2022 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 21.11.2022 को 18:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 21.11.2022 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा सेवा पत्रों की मूल प्रतिनिधि निविदा खोलने के बाद 03 कार्य दिवस में मशीन/व्हाट्सएप/यूटिलिटी न्यू से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है। नोट:- निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में सरसकत रूप ऑनलाइन/ऑफलाइन सहित दूध अंकित करें। अलग से कोई कार देय नहीं होगा। 2. विद्युत कार्य हेतु, निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय "विद्युत सूचना विभाग" उद्योग शासन, लखनऊ में "क" श्रेणी, अनुमोदित लाइसेंस अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा सम्बंधी विस्तृत जानकारी website: www.upsidc.com पर स्थापित लिंक यूटिलिटी की website: <https://etender.upn.ic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक, उपग्रहऔद्योगिक, गाजियाबाद

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown** residence & family is **Unknown** has been found dead at Ashok Vihar T-Point, Near ACT Pocket, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi in the area of PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi on **22.07.2022 at 11.30 am**. In this regard a DD No. **58-A**, Dated **22.07.2022** has been lodged at **PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** About 40 yrs., **Height:** 5' 6" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Black pent & check shirt.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers:-

SHO

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **PS: Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph.: 011-27495198, 27491779**

Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.: 8750870226**

Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/2322/NW/2022**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ram Karan Prop/Authorised Signatory M/s Phool Trading and Sons D-5, Harpool Vihar, Gali No. 10, Baprola Road, Najafgarh, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC. No. 12567/17 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ram Karan** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ram Karan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ram Karan of CC. No. 12567/17 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 02.12.2022

By Order

Bhujali,

Metropolitan Magistrate-01(NI Act),

Room No. 201, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2172/N/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Faraz S/o Mohd. Siraj R/o N-160, Sunder Nagri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 267/2018 dated 15.04.2018, U/s 379/34 IPC** registered at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Faraz** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Faraz** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Faraz** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.12.2022.

By Order

Sh. Animesh Bhaskar Mani Tripathi,

Metropolitan Magistrate-03,

Room No. 19,

Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/2275/NE/2022

(Court Notice)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T.No.	25/22-23/WE
Name of work with its location	(A) AMC for two years of Commercial RO 3000 Ltr/hr. at RPSF Block A, Electric workshop Printing Press and 2 Nos. 500 Ltr/Hr. capacity at RPF & RPSF and other different capacity RO in the S/o SSE/W/PB under ADEN/E-II.
Approx cost of work	(A) 4999975.72
EMD amount	(A) 1000000
Completion period of work	(A) 24 Months
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Closing date of tender on 22.11.2022 at 15:00 hrs.
Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on website www.ireps.gov.in
128-W/269/OET/22-23/WE/NIT/25 Dated : 28.10.2022	2888/2022

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CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar

(Established by Parliament Act 16 of 1970)

Tender Notice

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is inviting Tenders for the purchase of following equipments/items :-

- Work & Material Supply for commissioning of paddy straw based Dry Digester for the Innovation Centre for Agriwaste Management.
- Purchase of Plant Growth Chamber for the Dept. of MBB, COB
- Purchase of Padding Mangle with accessories for the Dept. of Textile and Apparel Designing
- Purchase of 86"4K Interactive Panel with OPS for Dept. of Textile and Apparel Designing
- Purchase of Desktop Computers for Dept. of Textile and Apparel Designing
- Purchase of One Electric Meat Mincer for the College of Fisheries Science.

For detail information and e-tendering schedule, please visit the web-site <http://etenders.hry.nic.in> and University website <http://hau.ac.in>.

Date of start of bid preparation and submission on 31.10.2022 (09:00 hours) and Closing on 20.11.2022 upto 17:00 hours. Opening of Technical Bid on 21.11.2022 at 10:00 A.M. Opening of Financial Bid on 23.11.2022 at 10:00 AM.

Note:

- All updates, amendments, Corrigenda etc. (if any) will be posted only on the **CCS HAU Website/Tender website**. There will not be any publication of the same through Newspapers or any other media.
- Interested bidders are advised to deposit bid security/EMD on or before 48:00 hrs of expiring date and time of bid online so as to get the payment verified.

Sd/-

Director (Store & Purchase)

CCSHAU, Hisar

झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यालय का अभियंता का कार्यालय

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, मधुपुर

शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय का आमंत्रित निविदा सं०-07/2022-23/DWSD/MDP, दिनांक:-14.10.2022 जिसका पीठ आर० संख्या - 280105 (22-23) है, में निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया जाता है। शेष नियम व शर्तें सथावत रहेंगी।

क्र० सं०	विवरणी	पूर्व में प्रकाशित	संशोधित
1	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 27.10.2022, 4.30 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक 03.11.2022, 4.30 बजे अपराह्न तक।
2	प्रो बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 02.11.2022 को 3.30 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक 09.11.2022 को 3.30 बजे अपराह्न तक।
3	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 10.11.2022 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे	दिनांक 17.11.2022 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे
4	बैंक गारंटी एवं परिसम विवरण का मूल्य जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 13.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक 18.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
5	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 17.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक 19.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

कार्यालय का अभियंता,
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PR.NO.281060 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)-D

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At UN meet, the refrain: tech, web new tools of terror

of the Delhi Declaration — on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes — adopted at the end of the two-day meeting of the 15-member UNSC in Mumbai and New Delhi.

In a thinly veiled reference to Pakistan, Jaishankar said that the UN Security Council's counter-terrorism sanctions regime has been "very effective in putting those countries on notice that had turned terrorism into a State-funded enterprise."

He announced that India will make a voluntary contribution of \$0.5 million to the UN Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism this year to augment the efforts of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UN-OCT) and provide capacity-building support to member states.

Speaking at the Special Meeting of the Counterterrorism

Committee, attended by the UN Security Council Members, the External Affairs Minister pitched for global efforts to stop possible misuse of encrypted messaging and crypto-currency by "non-state actors" and cautioned that social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the "toolkit" of terror groups.

This found an echo in British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly: "Within the space of two decades, terrorists have gone from circulating crackly voice recordings from the depths of Tora Bora, to global online recruitment and incitement campaigns, to live-streaming attacks." He added: "Online incitement has radicalised vulnerable people in far off countries, who have gone on to use rental vans as weapons of terror." The imperative, he said, was to "starve terrorists of the finance and emerging

technologies".

UAE's Minister of State for International Cooperation Reem Ebrahim Al-Hashimy reinforced this. "Terrorist groups are exploiting advances in commercial drone technology to carry out deadlier and stealthier attacks," she said.

Al-Hashimy said: "Extremist content remains on the internet with algorithms that promote the search for new audiences, making terror activity so appealing... hate speech, terrorist narratives, extremist language, disinformation, misinformation campaigns, continue to undermine our social fabric. We must find ways to fast track efforts and strengthen regulatory and legislative frameworks to protect users, our communities and our children."

Representatives from all 15 member nations of the UN Security Council attended the second day's meeting that is taking place in Delhi. The first day's events were held in Mumbai.

Despite the UN's successes in putting certain countries on notice, Jaishankar said, the threat of terrorism is only growing and expanding, particularly in Asia and Africa. He said that technological innovations and breakthroughs of the past two decades have been transformative in the way the world functions but have also reshaped terror. "These new and emerging technologies — from virtual private networks, and encrypted messaging services to blockchain and virtual currencies — offer a very promising future for a wide array of economic and social benefits for humankind. However, there is a flip side especially where terrorism is concerned," he said.

"In recent years, terrorist

groups, their ideological fellow-travellers, particularly in open and liberal societies and 'lone wolf' attackers have significantly enhanced their capabilities by gaining access to these technologies. They use technology and money, and most importantly, the ethos of open societies, to attack freedom, tolerance and progress. Internet and social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the toolkit of terrorist and militant groups for spreading propaganda, radicalization and conspiracy theories," he said.

Another add-on to the existing worries for governments around the world is the use of unmanned aerial systems by terrorist groups and organized criminal networks, he said. "Being a relatively low-cost option and with an increasing ease of accessibility, misuse of these unmanned aerial platforms for nefarious purposes by terrorist groups such as weapons and explosives delivery and targeted attacks have become an imminent danger."

He recalled India's experience of the 2008 Mumbai attacks where technology of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) could be used for organizing and directing the attack from beyond India's borders. He also said that a few months ago, terrorists launched cross-border drone attacks on the UAE and Saudi Arabia targeting civilians and infrastructure, which led to loss of lives and injuries, including to Indian nationals.

The visiting ministers and officials from UNSC member countries and the UN met President Droupadi Murmu Saturday. She said India, as the world's largest democracy, with one of the most diverse societies in the world, has been a terror victim for decades.

• DU admission

"We have informed the Ministry and the NTA to examine all the facts. We are waiting for their response before taking any legal action," he said.

The *Sunday Express* has also learnt from a senior official in DU that admissions of some students were "cancelled" after certain discrepancies came to light.

"There are 3-4 admissions which we have cancelled because of mistakes in marks, although I am not sure which colleges these are in. We are not sure exactly how, but we marked changes in some CUET marks the NTA had given us; there seemed to have been some increase. We are trying to understand what this is but the discrepancy came to our notice. We only have the marks given to us by NTA but the candidates would know the marks they were given in their score cards. If there was some increase in marks and they just accepted it, it would mean that either they are party to this or are taking advantage of some mistake, so the first thing that was done was that admissions were cancelled," the official said.

Reached for comment on the issue, DU Registrar Dr Vikas Gupta said, "Based on the inputs of DUCC (DU Computer Centre), the university performs validation of each admission after every allocation round. In case there is a mismatch in allocation of seat to any candidate based on programme eligibil-

• Must protect rights in terror crackdown, says Declaration

ity and merit criteria, such cases are flagged by the system for correction. During validation process, admissions of seven candidates were reallocated to the programme and college as per their preference and order of merit. Admissions of six candidates were cancelled. Analysis is being made to ascertain the possible reasons for systematic error or otherwise."

NTA Director General Vineet Joshi did not respond to calls or messages seeking a comment.

A highly placed NTA source said Delhi Police did get in touch with the agency over a case of alleged hacking of servers, related to one CUET (undergraduate) aspirant. "But we told the police that our servers were not hacked. The records have not been tampered with. The offline records maintained by the NTA and the records on the servers of the agency are similar," the source said.

Police sources said the incident came to light after the cyber cell of north district police received information that a student had allegedly got admission unfairly, and they also received two different sets of marks as evidence.

"Delhi Police Commissioner was informed by the district police and he apprised the departments concerned. Details of the student were also shared and police have also identified a suspect," a police source said. **WITH INPUTS FROM SOURAV ROY BARMAN**

of counter-terrorism. The US, meanwhile, condemned the shutting down of communication services through the "excuse" of counter-terrorism.

The Delhi Declaration on Saturday mentioned "human rights" at least eight times and "fundamental freedoms" twice. It called for anchoring the use of counter-terrorism technologies within the human rights framework. "...the Member States must ensure that any measures taken to counter terrorism, including the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes, respect the Charter of the United Nations and comply with their obligations under international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law, as applicable," a key paragraph said.

At another point, the declaration said it recognises the efforts of the UN-affiliated Tech Against Terrorism initiative to foster collaboration with representatives of the technology industry, civil society, academia and government to disrupt terrorists' ability to use the internet in furtherance of terrorist purposes, "while also respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms".

Scott Campbell, Human Rights and Digital Technology Team Leader at the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, raised the issue of "surveillance" and "spyware" tools being used by law-enforcement authorities against dissenting voices in the name of countering terrorism.

"While often justified as having been deployed to combat terrorism and crime, such spyware tools have frequently been used for illegitimate and much broader aims, including to clamp down on

critical or dissenting views and on those who express them", Campbell said.

Mass surveillance, often depicted as a necessary counter-terrorism measure, seems to be expanding through indiscriminate video and facial recognition surveillance, he said.

The US representative at the Counter-Terrorism Committee said that the US remains proactive in combatting terrorist use of the internet while "respecting freedom of expression...".

The British representative, too, talked about human rights: "...we must also... look at the underlying drivers of terrorism. This means we must uphold human rights, good governance, and rule of law."

Bringing up the issue of surveillance, Ireland's representative said: "Often, counter-terrorism measures violate human rights. Human rights violations carried out in the guise of counter terrorism increase radicalisation." Norway echoed Ireland on protection of human rights and privacy.

In July 2021, a global collaborative investigative project revealed that the Pegasus spyware may have been used to potentially target mobile phones of individuals in several countries including India.

In August this year, the Supreme Court took on record the report of the committee appointed by it to investigate allegations that personal communication devices of a range of people were targeted illegally using Pegasus. The apex court committee found no conclusive evidence on the use of the spyware in phones it had examined but noted that the Central Government had "not cooperated" with the panel, then Chief Justice of India N V Ramana had said.

• Tatas were in touch with Gujarat

submission, TASL said it had already held discussions with local authorities and had conducted site surveys in Gujarat.

"The company hereby states that it conducted site surveys, discussed with the local authorities, and shortlisted four locations in the State of Gujarat for setting up the unit," said TASL to GAAR in a letter dated March 24, 2022. The submissions are part of the Advance Ruling by GAAR dated May 11, 2022.

The company added: "We, Tata Advanced Systems Limited ('Applicant' or 'Company') have filed the captioned application for Advance Ruling. The application is filed in respect of manufacture and supply of 40 aircraft proposed to be undertaken by the Applicant with vide contract dated 29-10-21 (the contract) entered with Airbus Defence and Space, S.A.U., Spain under the C295 aircraft programme of the Ministry of Defence (MoD)."

It further said that the project involved final assembly of aircraft which need to be ultimately delivered to the MoD in a fly-away condition at the project location. Hence, the project land needs to be co-located with an airport with all available air-side infrastructure.

"For this purpose, the Company is in discussions with the relevant authorities to get the requisite clearances and regulatory/statutory approvals. The location will be finalised based on obtaining the necessary authorisations/approvals from the regulatory agencies," TASL had submitted. It further said that once the location is finalised, the same will be declared as an additional place of business of the Applicant in the State of Gujarat. The activities under the contract will then be executed in the State of Gujarat.

The ruling BJP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction have come under sharp attack from Opposition parties after Gujarat — facing Assembly elections within the next few months — walked away with at least two mega projects in as many months: Vedanta-Foxconn on September 13, and now, Tata-Airbus.

On Thursday, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar had announced that Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus Defence and Space will manufacture C-295 transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force in Vadodara in Gujarat.

When *The Sunday Express* asked Industries minister Uday Samant about the claims of three meetings by Desai during the MVA government, he said: "They could have held informal meetings and discussed. But there should be something on record officially. There is not a single paper, letter, proposal or communication with the state of any meeting between the department and Tata Group or Airbus with regards to the Tata-Airbus project. I can say with responsibility there is not a single official mention or correspondence regarding the same at the government level with Tata and Airbus regarding the (aircraft) facility."

On Saturday, Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray called for Fadnavis's resignation. "No industrialist believes in this government and they don't know for how many days this government will run. Had I been deputy CM, I would have taken back support from this government. Since his (Devendra Fadnavis) name is also being tarnished, he should resign and opt for the fresh elections."

Several attempts Saturday to reach Desai and Aaditya Thackeray seeking comment on details of their meetings with TASL and Airbus, failed to elicit a response.

On September 15, Samant had told a TV channel that the state would try to get the Tata-Airbus project for Maharashtra. His statement came two days after Vedanta-Foxconn had signed an MoU with Gujarat to set up its Rs 1,50,000-crore semiconductor facility.

• Nadimarg

conclude the matter at the earliest," he said.

On the evening of March 23, 2003, gunmen wearing military-style clothing showed up in the remote Nadimarg village of Shopian and asked the Kashmiri Pandits there to assemble outside. The gunmen lined up the Pandits and then opened fire, killing 24 Pandits including several women and two infants. Before killing the Pandits, the gunmen overpowered the policemen guarding the village, took their weapons and locked them up. While most Kashmiri Pandits had left the Valley when militancy began in 1989, the Pandits of Nadimarg had stayed back. The massacre led to another Pandit exodus, among them the survivors of Nadimarg.

In April 2003, police said they had arrested a Pakistani militant Zia Mustafa, that he, along with other Lashkar-e-Toiba militants, had carried out the massacre on the directions of the LeT leadership in Pakistan.

A week later, police arrested three Pakistani militants in Yaripora village of Kulgam and said they were associates of Mustafa.

In October 2003, the Shopian court framed charges in the case against 11 people including 7 policemen charged with dereliction of duty. While three of the accused militants had already been killed, the court observed there is "some material against Mustafa which justifies charging him with murder".

The trial in the case dragged on as the prosecution found it hard to get witnesses to court.

The main accused, the Pakistani militant Zia Mustafa, died in custody in October last year. Police said Mustafa was taken to identify a militant hide-out in Poonch.

• Coimbatore man killed in blast 'self-radicalised'

Investigation Agency (NIA), which filed an FIR on Friday.

Talking to *The Sunday Express*, senior investigators attached to the Tamil Nadu police, who are in the process of officially handing over the probe to the NIA, said their investigation has revealed some of the key aspects of the case.

According to a top source who is aware of evidence recovered during the investigation, the diaries were allegedly part of the literature, including books and reading materials, recovered from Mubeen's home in Ukkadam, a locality in Coimbatore.

"Mubeen's diary entries largely reveal his take on other religions, particularly Hinduism and Christianity. He had cited the names of Gods of those religions, and depicted them on a handwritten flowchart with arrows connecting one to another. Incidents such as CAA, the hijab row, restrictions on food, and killings over beef were mentioned as problems faced by Indian Muslims, who, he wrote, were becoming second-class citizens. He also wondered how these problems could be overcome," the source said, adding that the religious literature were all in Tamil.

Speaking to *The Sunday Express*, Coimbatore City Police Commissioner V Balakrishnan said Mubeen's alleged associates Azharuddin and Afsar, who are among the six people arrested in the case, had during questioning admitted that he would often express his views about the alleged "oppression" faced by Muslims.

Balakrishnan said their probe has revealed that Mubeen was "self-radicalised", his opinion was

mostly derived from books and the Internet, and that he had no sophisticated bomb-making skills.

Talking about the blast that Mubeen was allegedly involved in, Balakrishnan said, "On Saturday night (October 22), after loading the gas cylinders and other materials into his car, Mubeen drove to a nearby road and parked there for few hours before he started the final journey before the blast. We believe he was on his way to a target, which is not known yet, and detonated himself outside the temple when he saw a police checkpoint nearby."

A key piece of evidence police recovered from Mubeen's house was a slate with a green frame with an ISIS symbol drawn on it. "So far, there is no evidence of him getting help from outside," said an officer who is part of the probe.

• Ashram as usual for Ram Rahim on parole

close watch. Mobile phones are a strict no-no, to be deposited at the entrance.


While on parole, Ram Rahim has been holding online sessions, including with Haryana BJP leaders Ranbir Gangwa (the Assembly Deputy Speaker), Renu Bala Gupta (the Kamal Mayor) and Himachal minister Bikram Thakur, and has recorded and released a music video. Every evening, his daily sermons are put up on Facebook.

As per Haryana Prison rules, a convict is entitled to parole of 90 days every year, subject to clearances on his conduct and security clearances from the district administration where he or she would be staying during the parole period. Haryana Prisons Minister Ranjit Singh earlier told *The Sunday Express* it is "the legal right of any convict to be released from the prison on parole or fur-


lough, provided the convict has completed a requisite number of months of the imprisonment".

The Barnawa ashram was established by Ram Rahim's "guru" Shah Satnam Singh in 1980. The first Dera Sacha Sauda ashram in UP, it is spread over 100-odd acres. Granted 40-day parole on October 14, Ram Rahim is expected to stay here till the end of the period, i.e. November 24.

Sandeep Kaur, who works with the Dera Sacha Sauda's media cell, says the devotee numbers would have been much higher. "Around 500 to 800 of his followers come daily for the bhajans and sermons by Babaji. The numbers are low as the Dera has sent a message to its followers not to come for a darshan of Babaji while he is on parole. Had these been normal times, there would have been huge crowds," Kaur says.



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Air quality inches to ‘severe’ in city, GRAP phase 3 kicks in

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WITH THE AQI edging closer to the ‘severe’ category in Delhi, the third phase of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has been invoked with immediate effect. This includes a ban on construction and demolition activities in the NCR with exemptions for certain projects.

As per the Central Pollution Control Board’s 4 pm bulletin on Saturday, the AQI in Delhi was 397. Many air quality monitoring stations recorded 24-hour average AQI in the ‘severe’ category at 6 pm on Saturday. This includes Alipur, Anand Vihar, ITO, Jahangirpuri, Sonia Vihar, Nehru Nagar, Punjabi Bagh, Mundka, Patparganj and Shadipur. AQI between 301 and 400 is considered to be ‘very poor’ and between 401 and 500 is categorised as ‘severe’.

A communication issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management Saturday said that “due to unfavourable meteorologi-



On Saturday, the AQI in Delhi was 397. Gajendra Yadav

cal conditions with slower wind speed and sudden spike in farm fire incidents”, it was considered necessary to implement stage 3 of GRAP. Restrictions that will kick in under this stage include a ban on construction and demolition activities except for services related to railways, metro, airports, “projects of national importance”, hospitals, water supply and sanitation projects, and linear public projects like roads, flyovers, bridges, highways and pipelines.

In industrial areas in the NCR that do not have PNG supply, industries not running on approved fuels

are to operate only for a maximum of five days a week. This restriction will not apply to units manufacturing medical equipment and drugs, and dairy units. Stage 3 also makes a provision for state governments in the NCR to impose restrictions on plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel four-wheelers. Measures also include intensifying public transport and “introducing differential rates to encourage off peak travel”.

Stage 3 is supposed to kick in three days ahead of the AQI reaching the ‘severe’ level, according to

the revised GRAP schedule that is in place this year.

According to a forecast issued by the Air Quality Early Warning System Saturday, the AQI is set to remain in the ‘very poor’ to ‘severe’ category on October 30, and in ‘severe’ category on October 31 and November 1. With wind direction being favourable, contribution of stubble burning smoke to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi increased to 21% on Saturday – the highest contribution so far this season. This contribution on Friday was around 7%.



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POLL CODE VIOLATION

Telangana
bypoll: Minister
barred from
campaigning
for 48 hours

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE ELECTION Commission on Sunday barred Telangana Energy Minister G. Jagadish Reddy from campaigning in the Munugode Assembly bypoll for 48 hours after finding him in violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

The EC had issued Reddy a notice on Saturday over his speech asking voters to support Chief Minister K. Chandrababhu Naidu if they wanted certain welfare schemes to continue, or support Prime Minister Narendra Modi if they did not. The EC had received a complaint from BJP leader Kapilavasi Dileep Kumar alleging that Reddy had said welfare schemes would be stopped if voters did not vote for the TRS candidate.

In its order, the EC said Reddy had responded to the notice saying that he had not made any speech saying that all welfare schemes would be stopped if people did not vote for the candidate. He added the statement did not come under the definition of "corrupt practices". The EC barred Reddy from holding public meetings, processions, rallies, interviews and public utterances in the media in connection with the November 3 bypoll from Sunday pm onwards.

PM calls Gujarat's recruitment policy transparent, praises CM

Says model will be studied by other states, implemented across country

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 29

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Saturday praised the "transparent" recruitment model of the Gujarat government and expressed belief that states across the country would study the model of Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) and implement it.

"The recruitm ent model crafted by Gujarat Lok Seva Aayog (Gujarat Public Service Commission) is well-planned and I believe 100 per cent that this model will be studied by all states as per their need and a good system will be implemented across the country," PM Modi said congratulating "Bhupendra Patel and his team" in a video message aired at an event held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar where Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel was also present.

In his address in Gujarati, PM Modi also appreciated the portals and mobile applications created by the Gujarat government for recruitment process. The PM's comments come at a time when the recruitment boards of the state government has been facing severe criticism from political rivals for a number of paper leaks during recruitment ex-



PM's video message was aired at the Rozgar Mela organised by the Gujarat government . PTI

ams. In February 2022, Asit Vora, chairman of Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection Board (GSSSB) had quit after a series of paper leaks in recruitment exams conducted by the Board.

Praising the Online Job Application System (OJAS), Modi said, "Using technology, the Gujarat government has created a digital platform OJAS to recruit class 3 and 4 personnel. The interview process has been done away with. Recruitment process has been made easy and transparent."

The PM also praised the "Anubandham" mobile application and web portal of the government and said it has "brought in transparency and easy access". "This platform has made it

easier for those looking for jobs and those who need manpower and skills," he added.

Appreciating Chief minister Bhupendra Patel for the new Industrial Policy, Modi said, "Today thousands of sons and daughters of the state will get appointment letters and selection letters for jobs in various departments of the state government." The PM added that more than 5,000 persons were getting these appointment letters as part of Gujarat Panchayat Service Selection Board. "Similarly, selection letters were being given to more than 8,000 police sub-inspectors and Lok Rakshak Dal (LRD) jawans," PM Modi said adding that the recruitments were in addition to recent 10,000 people who were absorbed in the state government. "The target set for recruiting 35,000 persons (in Gujarat), has largely been completed," he added.

CM Patel said, "Naresh Shah is the heading the Gujarat Panchayat Service Selection Board since 2014 and examinations after he assumed office were conducted transparently."

Adding that Shah is reluctant to continue in office, the CM said, "He has given in writing that he does not want to continue in the post. There are very few people who will say so... We have asked him to think about it."

PM to lay stone for Tata's aircraft plant in Vadodara today

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, OCTOBER 29

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will kick-start his three-day visit to the poll-bound Gujarat Sunday from Vadodara, where he will lay the foundation stone of a C-295 transport aircraft manufacturing plant by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in consortium with Airbus. In preparation for Modi's roadshow and visit to Vadodara, the city administration on Saturday went into overdrive to repair road patches and beautify the road dividers. The city police commissioner has also declared the city as a no-drone zone.

At the venue of Leprosy ground in Vadodara, Modi will address businessmen and industrialists, who will be part of the audience. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia will also be present at the event along with Tata and Sons chief Ratan Tata.

On phone or email, AAP asks people to pick CM candidate

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

NOWHERE CLOSE to the winning mark in Gujarat, unlike in Punjab, AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal is nonetheless repeating a tactic in the western state that the party performed with much flourish in the Assembly elections here in the north.

On Saturday, addressing a press conference in Surat, Gujarat, Kejriwal announced a phone number and an email account, and asked people to send in suggestions for names for chief minister candidates, via SMS, WhatsApp, voice mail, or e-mail. The winner, or the party's CM candidate, would be declared on November 4, he said.

"During the Punjab elections, we asked people as to who should be the next CM. People named Bhagwant Mann by a huge majority," he said.

In Gujarat, AAP may be more sound than action, but it has got BJP's attention

LEENA MISRA
AHMEDABAD, OCTOTBER 29

IT WAS IN March that a senior functionary of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) told this paper, "We will give a tough fight (to the BJP)." From April to now, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal has been coming to Gujarat almost every week, announcing guarantees, claiming "JB reports" that talk of AAP forming the government, and on Saturday, announced a phone number where people could suggest their names for a CM candidate for the party.

When his deputy Manish Sisodia was being questioned by the CBI in Delhi, he spoke about it in Gujarat. He has promised free rides to the Ram mandir at Ayodhya and now he has proposed Hindu gods on currency notes, an idea straight out of the BJP's playbook.

If winning the coming elections seems distant, AAP is clearly

eyeing to become the main opposition in Gujarat, like it did in Surat in the February 2021 local body polls.

Even as the BJP leaders claim confidence, there is a growing nervousness within the party. It is clear in the fact that it has given up the attitude of watching AAP from a distance and not engaging with it, to seeing it as the party it has to take on as much as the Congress.

Accordingly, there have been other changes. BJP state chief C R Paatil apparently wanted to continue the strategy of not repeating a ticket to anyone he had completed three terms, and not fielding family members of political functionaries – which ostensibly worked in the local elections. In October 2021, Paatil had even declared at a party meeting that the Assembly elections would see more than 100 new faces as contestants. That seems to have gone of the win-



Kejriwal has been coming to Gujarat almost every week



dow now, with the BJP also picking cues from Himachal Pradesh, where it is fighting rebellions rising from dropped sitting MLAs. The BJP has also deployed every weapon in its arsenal – from Prime Minister Narendra Modi making frequent and longer visits to the state to launch projects, Union Home Minister Amit Shah talking to party workers in person, the Bhupendra Patel government clearing long-pending demands from various quarters, announc-



A house for Mr Sada: Bihar's poorest MLA left emotional by new govt home

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, OCTOBER 29

THE POOREST MLA in the Bihar Assembly, first-time Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) legislator Ramvriksh Sada still lives in a two-room home in his village Raun in Khagaria district that was built under the Indira Awas Yojana in 2004. Now, a video of Sada getting visibly emotional on receiving the keys to his new government-built home in Patna has gone viral online.

The Alauli MLA who belongs to the Scheduled Caste (SC) Mushahar community now has the keys to the three-storey accommodation at Patna's Bir Chand Patel Path, which is close to the Bihar legislature. On October 26 (Wednesday), Chief Minister Nitish Kumar gave Sada the keys. He was among the eight lucky MLAs who received possession of their houses as part of the state government's housing project for legislators.

At the event, a grateful Sada was seen touching the CM's feet and saying that a poor person getting a house was "no less than Diwali". The video went viral the

following day. Sada told *The Indian Express* on Friday, "I became emotional after getting the keys to the government house in the heart of the state capital because I never dreamt of living in such a house. I meant it when I said that every time a poor person gets something beyond his expectation it is Diwali for him."

The 47-year-old MLA, who has five sons and a daughter, said he still cannot believe that he now had the seven-room government house at his disposal whereas all these years he and his joint family of 12 members were living in their cramped village home.

"I decided to join politics in 1995. At the time, I worked at a brick kiln. I went to see Lalu Prasad (RJD president) during an election campaign event. I contested unsuccessfully on an RJD ticket against Pashupati Kumar Paras in 2000 and 2005 and finally made it in 2020," Sada said, adding that he ensured that all his children received a good education. The MLA proudly said that his eldest son had a post-graduate degree.

According to Sada's 2020



Ramvriksh Sada outside his new house (left) and the old one; he was among eight MLAs who got possession as part of a housing project for state legislators. Express

election affidavit, his assets are valued at Rs 70,000, of which Rs 25,000 is cash and Rs 5,000 cash belongs to his wife. His home in Raun, according to the affidavit, is worth only Rs 30,000 while an agriculture plot is valued at Rs 10,000. As per a voluntary disclosure that legislators are supposed to make, this year Sada again declared that he owns assets worth Rs 70,000.

The RJD leader said he studied till Class 10 and was always good at making speeches. The RJD, Sada said, backed him since 2000 when he contested for the first time. He finally made it in his third attempt in 2020 when he defeated Sadhana Devi of the Janata Dal (United). Following his victory, he renovated his home. Sada's victory is significant as Alauli is the constituency from where the late Ram Vilas Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party made his electoral debut in 1969. Paswan's younger brother and current Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras, who heads the National Lok Janshakti Party, also made his electoral debut from Alauli in the October 2020 Assembly polls.

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UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE MEETING

Nations flag use of drones, cryptocurrency

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE THREAT posed by drones, terror funding through cryptocurrency and the use of internet by terrorist outfits were among the key concerns raised Saturday at the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) meeting in New Delhi.

Government representatives and experts from multiple countries expressed their views on the use of emerging technologies by terrorists. At the end of the two-day meeting, the Delhi Declaration of the CTC took note of the threats and called on members to take measures to combat them.

The declaration expressed "deep concern that terrorism... has become more diffuse... aided by terrorists' adaptation to, and the use emerging technologies... while recognising that innovations in technology may offer significant counter-terrorism opportunities."

It noted with "additional concern, the increasing global misuse of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) by terrorists to conduct attacks against, and incursions into critical infrastructure and soft targets or public places, and to traffic drugs and arms".

Expressing concern over the access that groups such as the Islamic State and Al Qaeda have to drones, the declaration called



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Gabonese Foreign Minister Michael Moussa-Adamo, UN Under Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism Vladimir Voronkov, UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, Permanent Representative of India to the UN Ruchira Kamboj and other delegates during the meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

on member states "to develop a comprehensive understanding of the risks posed by terrorist use of UAS and of specific terrorist groups' systems for acquiring UAS and their components".

Representatives from countries such as China, Russia and France argued for a united approach against the drone threat and demanded a regulatory framework that could be adopted by member states.

The US said there has been a global uptick over the past year in attacks involving weaponised aerial systems. "Terrorists and other non-state actors have used UAS to attack critical infrastructure and military and diplomatic

facilities. We should continue sharing best practices building on existing efforts... to counter terrorist use of UAS," the US representative said. The UAE said the global community needed to set up a mechanism to prevent procurement of UAS components by terrorist groups, systems for deterrence, tracking and neutralisation of drones and prosecution of perpetrators.

China, too, flagged the challenges of UAVs and the use of internet by terror groups.

On the threat from cryptocurrencies, the Delhi Declaration called on member states to "consider and assess risks associated with... prepaid

cards, virtual assets and... crowdfunding platforms, and implement risk-based anti-money-laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CTF) regulations, monitoring, and supervision to providers of relevant services".

The declaration acknowledged the "essential" role of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in this regard. It asked member states to enhance the traceability and transparency of financial transactions.

FATF Vice President Elisa de Anda Madrazo rued the lack of legislation on cryptocurrencies in many countries and called for urgent action.

US, UK, France call for end to Ukraine war, Russia says West is supplying arms to Kyiv

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

AS THE Russian invasion of Ukraine entered ninth month, the conflict resonated in the UN Security Council Counter Terrorism Committee meet in Delhi on Saturday. While France, the US and the UK attacked Russia for its violent invasion of Ukraine, Russia accused them of supplying Kyiv weapons, which, it claimed, were going into the hands of terrorist organisations.

During the session on 'Interventions from CTC members', the representative from France attacked Russia over use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) by state actors. "On the battlefield, state actors and also states are using drones and unmanned aerial vehicles indiscriminately, violating international law. France will continue to carry the values of multilateralism, democracy and international law in our common fight against terrorism," he said.

The Russian representative blamed France and the UK for supplying weapons to Ukraine

and held the UK responsible for Saturday's attack on Crimean port city of Sevastopol. The Russian Black Sea Fleet was allegedly attacked on Saturday through drones, damaging one of Russian warships.

"We share the concern over UAS being used in different regions. We know that Kyiv regime is supplied by those instruments by Western regimes, including Great Britain and France..." the Russian representative said.

The US representative countered: "I must respond to the false claims made by the Russian Federation which seek to deflect their own wrongdoing. Its aggression against Ukraine is illegal and it must end."

The UK, too, joined the chorus with its representative saying, "Russia has made claims here today about the UK and the US. But what cannot be denied and disputed is that the violence in Ukraine is the result of an illegal invasion by Russia and a clear violation of the UN charter. We call on Russia to end these illegal acts that have caused so much suffering in Ukraine and worldwide."

Jaishankar discusses Indo-Pacific, Ukraine with UK foreign secy

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar and visiting British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly met on Saturday and discussed the ongoing Ukraine conflict and the situation in the Indo-Pacific.

After meeting Cleverly, who is in India to participate in the UNSC Counter Terrorism Conference, Jaishankar said, "Delighted to welcome UK Foreign Secretary @JamesCleverly on his first India visit; shortly after our meeting in New York last month... Noted the progress in our Roadmap 2030. Also discussed the Ukraine conflict and the situation in the Indo-Pacific."

In the evening, Jaishankar also spoke to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on telephone and discussed the Ukraine conflict. After the phone conversation with Blinken, Jaishankar said, "Good to speak to US Secretary of State @SecBlinken. Thanked him for his strong and clear message yesterday on counter-terrorism and 26/11 accountability. Discussed the Ukraine conflict and other regional issues."

Cleverly's is the first visit by a top-ranking official from Britain after Rishi Sunak took charge as the UK's first Indian-origin prime minister on

Foreign Minister also spoke with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken over the phone

Tuesday. It is learnt that the two sides also took stock of the ongoing negotiations for the proposed Indo-UK free trade agreement.

During the visit, the British Foreign Secretary announced further collaboration between the UK and India through British International Investment.

This included 11-million pounds of UK funding invested in Kinara Capital, a woman-led fintech company, according to the British High Commission. British International Investment is designed to strengthen trade ties with the UK's partners and generate economic growth.

The High Commission said Cleverly also announced a 22-million pounds investment by the UK-backed Neev II Fund into Hygenic, which will help India's green energy transition by pioneering green hydrogen.

On the sidelines of the UN meeting, Jaishankar also met UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation Reem Al Hashimy and Albania Deputy foreign Minister Albania Megi Fino.

BJP's Vyas meets Gehlot to discuss 'Narmada, Covid'

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AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 29

SENIOR BJP leader and former minister when Narendra Modi was Gujarat chief minister, Jaynarayan Vyas, met Rajasthan Chief Minister and senior observer in charge of Gujarat, Ashok Gehlot in Ahmedabad on Saturday, creating a buzz in the political circles.

Vyas, 75, who was former health minister in the Modi cabinet, and has held portfolios of Narmada and water resources, told The Indian Express that he sought an appointment with

Gehlot "about a month ago" to discuss their success with the harnessing of Narmada waters and Covid-19 management that had won praises from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Gehlot, who is camping in Gujarat, called him up Saturday morning to meet, said Vyas.

Asked about the possibility of him joining the Congress, Vyas said, "I have staked claim to contest from my former seat in Sidhpur, and now it is up to the parliamentary board to decide... I trust my party where I have spent almost three decades..."

According to Vyas, many sur-

veys had shown him as the most popular candidate for the Sidhpur seat in Patan district, which is his hometown, from where he has contested seven times, winning four times. However, Vyas could not retain the seat in 2017. "In the end, one must listen to one's inner voice," the former minister who is an IITian, told this paper.

Vyas said, "I met Gehlot to basically understand how Rajasthan had successfully irrigated 2.5 lakh acres of land with 0.5 MAF share of Narmada waters and was told it was largely because of the drip irrigation technology, which I feel Gujarat should also employ."

He said that he also wanted to understand Rajasthan's Covid management.

However, Vyas, who was minister from 2007 to 2012, is known to be unhappy in the BJP. In June 2021, when Vyas was recuperating after a heart surgery, he tweeted saying he got a call from BJP Headquarters Kamalam to attend a meeting. He wrote, "...In past if I were slight unwell, senior most party bosses would ask about your health or drop in. I am in a hospital with by pass surgery the entire world knows except the Kamalam kid! Party has definitely changed!!"

NCR air quality hits severe mark; farm fires in Punjab 33% more than last year

ESHAROY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

EVEN AS air quality hit the 'severe' mark in the Delhi-NCR region, sources in the Environment Ministry said paddy residue burning in Punjab saw 33.5% rise in last one month compared to the same period last year.

As per the Standard ISRO Protocol, for the period between September 15 and October 28, a total of 10,214 crop residue burning instances were reported in Punjab, compared to 7,648 for the same period last year. Of the 10,214 stubble burning cases so far, 7,100, or 69% of the total, were reported in the past week alone.

The Commission for Air

Haryana, UP fare better

ACCORDING TO the Environment Ministry, Haryana and UP have fared well in checking farm fires. Haryana has brought down the stubble fires to 1,701 (September 15 to October 28) compared to 2,252 instances in the same period last year — a drop of 24.5%. In the NCR districts of

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UP as well, there has been a reduction in the number of farm fires from 43 in 2021 to 30 during the same period in 2022. The Ministry had termed the three days around Diwali this year the best in the past seven years, which experts attributed to the favourable wind condition.

Quality Management (CAQM) held an emergency meeting on Saturday and announced the implementation of Stage III Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in

the entire NCR region.

CAQM chairperson MM Kutty has also written to the Punjab Chief Secretary, requesting immediate action to curb farm fires and

an action-taken report in all reported cases. Ineffective implementation of statutory directions is a matter of concern, Kutty said. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav may also take up the matter with Punjab.

The ministry has revealed that up to October 24, crop on only about 45-50% of the sown area has been harvested in Punjab. "The contribution of stubble burning to the adverse air quality scenario in Delhi-NCR is currently at 18-20% and is likely to increase," said sources.

About 71% of farm fires in Punjab this paddy season have been reported from seven — Amritsar, Sangrur, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Kapurthala, Patiala and Tarn Taran — districts alone.

Wanted by NIA: CA firms to assist in terror funding investigations

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) has decided to empanel professional chartered accountancy (CA) firms to help it carry out forensic audits, analysis of financial data and interpretation of financial statements.

"In view of the increased complexities of investigation, especially in terror funding cases, senior officials have realised the importance of professional chartered accountants to do forensic audit and data analysis," an NIA official told *The Indian Express*.

The CA firms will be engaged on a case-to-case basis and empaneled for five years, a period which can be extended, said this official.

The NIA floated a tender in this regard last month, giving applicants time to reply by October-end. In the tender application, the agency has explained that the role of the CA firms "would be that of a domain expert and specialist to assist the investigation units". According to the tender document, "their role will be supporting and supplementary. The nature of services to be provided by CA firms would, inter-alia, include forensic audit, analysis of financial data, and interpretation of financial statements etc," *The Indian Express* has learnt.

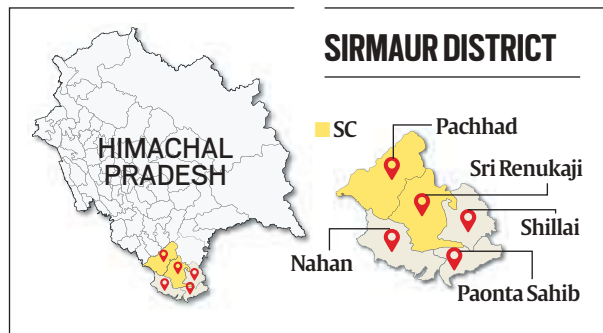
The NIA has asked applicants for an undertaking that their firm or any partner of the firm has not been debarred by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) or disqualified by any regulatory body or court.

The tender document states: "The decision of empanelment of the CA firms would be taken by

the competent authority on a comparative assessment and the general reputation of the firm will also be taken into account. The panel of CA firms will be valid for a period of five years and the period can be extended, further subject to satisfactory performance."

The NIA, constituted in 2008, investigates and prosecutes offences affecting the security and integrity of the country. It has a head office in Delhi and 18 branch offices across the country. On Thursday, while addressing the first "chintan shivir", or brainstorming session, of home ministers and top police officers from all states, Home Minister Amit Shah had said that by 2024-end, every state would have a branch of the NIA. "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 the NIA. 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," he had said.

The agency has set a number of other criteria for empanelment, including these: CA firms should have been in practice for at least the last ten years; the average professional receipts from audits for the last three years should be Rs 1 crore or more; staff strength should be at least 10, which should include a minimum of four CAs; preference will be given to firms with experience of at least five years in forensic audit in addition to regular audit.



As Hatties bank on Centre's tribal status promise, rising Dalit fears in Sirmaur dist

OMPRAKASH THAKUR

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 29

IN THE days leading up to the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, the Modi government cleared a Bill to grant tribal status to the state's Hattee constituency, a demand pending for 50 years. While that Bill is yet to be passed, the repercussions of it are playing out across the five constituencies of Sirmaur district where the Hatties are concentrated, with the Dalits opposed to the move vowing to vote against the BJP.

Apart from Sirmaur's five constituencies, the Hatties can influence results in four seats of Shimla district too — a factor that would have been part of the BJP's calculations in a state where it is facing a tough challenge from the Congress.

However, as the Kendriya Hattee Samiti canvasses openly for the BJP even local party leaders are apprehensive of the Dalits turning against them.

At a rally held in Sataun in Sirmaur district recently, Home Minister Amit Shah made it a point to reassure the Dalits that they had nothing to worry from Hatties being given tribal status, and that their rights would be protected. However, organisations like the Dalit Shoshan Mukti Manch and Dalit Vikas Sangathan are not convinced.

The convenor of the Dalit

Vikas Sangathan, Sirmaur, Birbal says that the biggest fear among the Dalit population is that once the Hatties have ST status, the area too would get tribal status (classifying all the people in the region as tribals), which would weaken the force of the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act here. A tribal status for the area would also mean that panchayat seats will stop being alternatively reserved for SCs and others. SC candidates may never become panchayat pradhans, or block district committee and zila parishad members, he says.

The convenor of the Anusuchit Jati Adhikar Sanrakshan Samiti, Anil Manghet, says the BJP is fooling both them and the Hatties, pointing out that the tribal status promise remains still a proposal.

Manghet, who is an advocate, says, "To grant tribal status, the government has to first amend provisions of the Constitution. Is there any such change made? Where are those papers?" Manghet says, adding that the BJP should also explain how it plans to protect Dalit rights if the area too gets tribal status.

The convenor of the Kendriya Hatti Samiti, Ami Chand, denies there is any confusion. Asserting that the tribal status approval was a given, he calls it the first phase.

Dalits make up 25.22% of Himachal's numbers as per the 2011 Census. **FULL REPORT ON**

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HARDEEP PURI SAYS 'WORK IN FULL SWING'

Product delay shadow on new Parliament building deadline

DAMINI NATH

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

PROCUREMENT OF some foreign products for the new Parliament building, including multi-media systems to make it paper-less and network switches, was running behind schedule even as November — the month set as the official deadline for the completion of the building — begins in two days, sources in the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said.

A ministry official said multimedia systems had been delayed due to the war in Ukraine, while supply of network switches was running two years behind schedule. The official said the delay gives way to the possibility of zeroing in

Multimedia systems delayed due to Ukraine war, supply of network switches running 2yrs behind schedule: official

on local options to meet the deadline.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who visited the site along with ministry officials on Saturday said construction was in full swing. On the exact date for the opening of the new Parliament, Puri said: "We will make a determination on the precise date."

Puri tweeted: "Another visit today to review the work at the temple of democracy — Independent India's very own

new Parliament building. Construction in full swing. Architectural elements & traditional motifs drawn from India's rich cultural heritage taking shape." He also shared photos of the under-construction Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and ministerial offices in the new Parliament building on his Twitter handle.

The construction of the triangular building next to the existing Parliament House began in January 2021 and was scheduled to be completed by November this year, in time for the Winter Session. In response to a question in the Lok Sabha on August 4, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore had said the new building was "70%" complete and the targeted date of completion was "November 2022".



Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri at the construction site, Saturday. Twitter/@HardeepPuri

Mumbai: playing outside, boy dies as balcony collapses

PRATIP ACHARYA
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy died while he was playing below a ground-plus two-storey residential building, part of which collapsed in Trombay on Saturday. Two others sustained injuries in the incident that took place at Datt Nagar slum in Cheeta Camp around 7.15 pm. Pranav Ashok Mane was declared brought dead at Shatabdi hospital at Govandi. The injured, identified Prince Ashish Kolji (8)

and Jafar Mandal (45), are in a stable condition at the hospital, said BMC. Civic officials and local residents said the building was an old and dilapidated structure and was built on collector's land. "A portion of the second floor balcony collapsed. While no one stays in the top two floors, some workers and local residents lived on the ground floor," said Mahendra Ubale, assistant municipal commissioner from M East ward. "This building was in a poor condition. We have started pulling down some dangerous portions."

DEATH IN INSTITUTE IIT-Kharagpur dean quits as students carry on protests

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KOLKATA, OCTOBER 29

THE DEAN of student affairs at IIT-Kharagpur has resigned from his post following the ongoing agitation by students over the institute's "lackadaisical" response after the death of third-year mechanical engineering student Faizan Ahmed. According to sources, Dhruvaji Sen resigned on October 19, but students were informed about the development at an open house convened by IIT director VK Tiwari on Friday. A large number of students gathered at the session raised slogans against the director and demanded his resignation over handling of the situation following the student's death, sources said. Tiwari reportedly fell ill. "The director was admitted to a hospital in Kolkata this (Saturday) morning. He is stable," IIT-Kharagpur registrar Tamal Nath told reporters. It has been learnt that Faizan's mother, Rehana Ahmed, on Saturday wrote to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, alleging that her son was "murdered". A copy of the letter was also sent to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

'VIRAL' VIDEO OF INJURED KANNAUJ GIRL FIR against 20 for disclosing minor's identity via video

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 29

A WEEK after a video surfaced on social media where a group of people are seen taking photographs of an injured, teenaged girl and not coming forward to help her, the Kanauj police on Friday registered a fresh FIR against 20 unidentified persons on several charges, including disclosing the identity of a minor, by uploading the videos on social media. Police said the girl is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kanpur and doctors said she was stable. The FIR was registered after a police sub-inspector filed a complaint. In the complaint, the S-I alleged that on October 23 he was alerted by an informer that a minor girl was lying injured in the bushes near a guest house in Kanauj district. "The informer also said that several people had gathered at the spot and were shooting videos and clicking photographs while the girl was in pain and seeking help. The complainant reached the spot and stopped the people from taking photographs and shooting videos. He took the girl to a hospital for treatment. The sub-inspector said in the FIR that

1 killed, several injured in J&K landslides

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 29

A JCB operator was killed and around half-a-dozen people were injured on Saturday following landslides at an under-construction hydroelectric project at Drabshalla in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. Rescue operations are underway and four-five people remain trapped, officials said. Sources said that at around 5 pm, the JCB operator was clearing the road at the site of the project — the 850 mega watt Ratle

Hydroelectric Project on the river Chenab — after some boulders had fallen on the road from a hill. Then, a landslide occurred, trapping the JCB and its driver under debris. Others at the project site, as well as some police personnel from a nearby police station rushed to spot. However, several of them were also trapped when another landslide hit the spot. More rescuers and local residents then arrived and pulled out seven people, including a police constable, from under the debris and rushed them to hospital, where the JCB driver was declared dead.



Rescue operation underway at Ratle Power Project site in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday. PTI

30 injured after fire engulfs cluster of houses in Bihar's Aurangabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, OCTOBER 29

AT LEAST 30 people were injured, 10 of them critically, after a cluster of houses caught fire Saturday morning at Shahganj in Bihar's Aurangabad. According to preliminary probe, the fire was triggered by a cylinder blast. The injured include some policemen who were helping the fire brigade in extinguishing the flames. Police said the fire broke out when an LPG cylinder exploded at the home of Anil Goswami at 2.30 am when the family was engaged in cooking 'prasad' for the four-day Chhath festival which began Friday. The fire soon spread to the adjacent houses. Initially the residents tried to douse the flames, but were unsuccessful. Several residents of the area were



A firefighter douses fire that broke out at a house in Aurangabad district during Chhath Puja on Saturday. PTI

injured as most of them were sleeping at the time of the fire. The injured were admitted to the Sadar Hospital and other clinics. Condition of 10 people

was critical. Police said, "Though the exact reason of fire is yet to be ascertained, prima facie, cylinder blast looks to be the reason behind the fire."

224 blocks in 22 Jharkhand dists declared 'drought-hit'

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, OCTOBER 29

THE JHARKHAND government Saturday declared 226 blocks in 22 of the total districts as 'drought-hit' and announced a relief package to lakhs of farmers, according to a release by the Chief Minister's Office. Simdega and East Singhbhum districts have been left out. The government will pay Rs

3,500 each to more than 30 lakh farmers, bearing an expenditure of around ₹1,200 crore. The government said it will also write to the Centre seeking assistance. Chief Minister Hemant Soren said: "A total of 226 blocks in Jharkhand have been 'drought-hit'. In this situation it is the moral responsibility of the State to give drought relief to the affected farmers. We will spend Rs 1,200 crore and more than 30 lakh

farmers will be benefited. We have already asked the officials to send a consolidated report to the Centre seeking assistance." According to the IMD data from June 1 to August 15, 18 districts received 'deficient' rains. The Agriculture Department's assessment said paddy was sown in 5.4 lakh hectares of land till August 15 this year compared to last season's 16.3 lakh hectares (91% of the total area) for the same period.

AGENCY FILES CHARGE SHEET

CBI: Partha is 'mastermind' of school jobs scam

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 29

THE CBI on Saturday filed a chargesheet in connection with alleged irregularities in Group-C and Group-D recruitment in the West Bengal School Services Commission (SSC) and said that former education minister Partha Chatterjee was the "mastermind" of the scam. The chargesheet also named some people who got jobs "fraudulently." However, the CBI added that the agency was awaiting permission from the state government for prosecution of the accused. Earlier, the Enforcement Directorate had filed chargesheet against Partha and others in connection with the scam. The CBI chargesheet has been filed in connection with an FIR registered on May 20 this year after the Calcutta HC ordered a CBI inquiry. The central agency filed the chargesheet under section IPC 120B, 417, 465, 468, 34 and section 7 of PC Act, 1988 (as amended vide PC (Amendment) Act 2018). The chargesheet names 16 people, six of whom have been arrested. They are Partha Chatterjee, S P Sinha, Ashok Kr Saha, Kalyanmoy Ganguly, Soumitra

Sarkar and Samarjit Acharya. The CBI said, the 10 other people are "unqualified" candidates who entered into a "criminal conspiracy" with the other accused and joined in the post of clerk at schools affiliated to West Bengal government using "fake appointment letters issued based on forged recommendation letters." The CBI has claimed in the chargesheet, "Investigation revealed that the accused, Partha Chatterjee, being the mastermind of this alleged recruitment scam, played a dubious role in the appointment of accused Dr Santi Prasad Sinha as adviser at West Bengal Central School Service Commission in order to ensure that the entire alleged recruitment scam could be effected..." The chargesheet reads, "Investigation further revealed that pursuant to the aforesaid criminal conspiracy, Partha Chatterjee without proper justification and against the statutory rule of the SSC, removed Dr Sharmila Mitra from the post of chairperson of West Bengal Central School Service Commission, in order to ensure that the accused Dr. Santi Prasad Sinha could carry out his fraudulent activities in connection with alleged illegalities pertaining to illegal recruitment at SSC..."

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German tourists
detained over
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DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, OCTOBER 29

TWO DAYS after detaining three Swedish nationals for allegedly trying to convert people, the Assam Police Friday detained seven German tourists for allegedly violating their visa rules and getting involved in religious missionary activities from Golaghat district.

The move comes shortly after three Swedish nationals were detained from Naharkatia area of Dibrugarh on October 26 on similar charges of proselytization.

The detained German nationals were later identified by authorities as Michael Erich Schaper, Christian Friedrich Reiser, Merten Asmus, Cornelia Von Oheimb, Hinrich Luppen Von Oheimb, Cheista Dorothea Olearius and Lisa Aimee Bloem.

Golaghat SP Ramandeep Kaur told *The Indian Express* that the Germans were "on their way" to be deported to their country of origin from Delhi. The deportation process started this morning.

"They were detained for violation of visa norms. They came on tourist visa and engaged in activities that were beyond the right of their visa. As per law of the country, they are being deported back," the SP said.

The official also said the detained foreign nationals were found visiting many churches and preaching, which was contrary to their rights.

UAPA CASES: COURTS 'OVERBURDENED'

In Mumbai courts, trials yet to begin in cases filed over 10 years ago

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

TWO OF the special courts in Mumbai designated to hear cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) have said they are "overburdened".

One court, in a recent order, said it had 72 cases with 255 accused in jail. The pending cases before these courts include multiple cases where trial is yet to begin even after over 10 years. The accused in these cases have filed bail applications citing delay in trial. In some cases, they have sought to plead guilty citing among grounds the long time it may take for trials to begin and eventually conclude, adding to their years in incarceration even before they are found guilty.

In one of the cases related to the 2011 Mumbai triple blasts, not just the accused, even the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), the investigating agency, filed an application in August, seeking day-to-day hearing as the trial against the 11 accused is yet to commence 11 years after the terror attacks.

On July 13, 2011, 27 people had died and over 100 were injured in

three serial blasts at Dadar, Zaveri Bazaar and Opera House. The prosecution has cited over 700 witnesses. Charges were framed against the accused in separate proceedings from 2019-2021 but the trial is yet to commence.

On the plea by both the ATS and accused Nadeem Akhtar, seeking daily hearing in the case, the judge said his predecessor had passed an order on a similar plea that it is "difficult" to conduct day-to-day hearing as the court is "already obliged with hearing other time-bound and old matters". The court pulled up Akhtar stating that he had been filing applications on every date of the case and that he had "some hidden intention". It also rejected the ATS plea.

"From the present application filed by the prosecution, it reveals that each one (is) trying to save their own skin. No substantive steps taken to proceed with the trial," the court said.

In 2019, the Bombay High Court had rejected the bail application of accused Haroon Naik, observing that there was prima facie evidence against him while directing the trial to be concluded expeditiously. The bail applications of the accused, including Akhtar, are pending before the HC.

In another case dating back nearly 10 years, the trial is also yet to begin. On August 1, 2012, five low-intensity blasts had occurred at J M Road in Pune. Nine men were booked under charges including UAPA. The accused face allegations including attempt to murder, conspiracy under the Indian Penal Code and relevant sections of UAPA and Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act.

Last month, one of the accused, Munib Memon, filed for bail before the HC, citing among grounds the delay in commencement of trial. The HC said that considering the gravity of the offence and the role of the accused, his plea for bail on grounds of delay cannot be considered.

"However, at the same time, we cannot be oblivious to the right of the appellant to an expeditious trial guaranteed to him under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Charges in this case were framed on 25th May 2022. Accordingly, we expedite the trial of the appellant and direct the learned Special Judge to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible, and in any event by December 2023," the HC said.

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FIR filed against The Wire, its editors on complaint by BJP's IT cell chief

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

DELHI POLICE has registered an FIR against news portal *The Wire*, its founder and editors in connection with its report, subsequently retracted, that BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya used his special privileges at social media giant Meta to take down over 700 posts.

On Friday, Malviya had submitted a complaint to the Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) against *The Wire* for alleged cheating, forgery and criminal intimidation.

Police have registered an FIR against its founder Siddharth Vardajaran, along with editors Siddharth Bhatia, M K Venu and Jahnavi Sen.

The journalists have been booked under IPC Sections 420 (cheating), 468 (forgery with the purpose of cheating), 469 (forgery for harming reputation), 471 (using forged document), 500 (defamation), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 (common intention).

Malviya had on Friday said *The Wire's* apology (in connection with the reports) did not mention his name despite "tarnishing" his image. "It is clear that *The Wire* and some unknown persons entered into a criminal conspiracy with the intent to malign and tarnish my reputation, deliberately inserted my name into a story, and fabricated evidence to implicate me... Consequently, I am left with no option other than to seek appropriate legal remedies against *The Wire* and its management/reporters," Malviya said in a statement on Friday.

In his complaint, Malviya stated: "I am filing the present complaint for the offences of cheating, forgery for the purpose of cheating, forgery for the purpose of harming reputation, using a genuine a forged document or electronic record and defamation amongst other provisions of IPC."

"It is pertinent to mention here that the Instagram account of @cringearchivist, the account whose post I have allegedly reported, is a private account which the Complainant (Malviya) does

not follow... Further, it is pertinent to note that none of the Accused cross-checked whether I followed the said private account on Instagram so as to access the post in the first place. This clearly indicates that the accused persons have with common intention conspired to maliciously defame the Complainant and the BJP by spreading false news to the public at large," the complaint stated.

It stated: "Shockingly, until date the accused persons have refrained from issuing an apology addressed to me. This is even despite the fact that their reports and fabricated material have maligned and tarnished my reputation. Further on 28.10.2022 *The Wire* on its Twitter handle admitted that they had been running a false and fabricated story."

"The above forged reports of the accused person have caused serious harm to my professional career and reputation... [the] false, fabricated and malicious reports have also tarnished the image of BJP in the eyes of the public at large. The BJP, currently having a majority in Parliament and many

states, has suffered a huge reputational loss," he stated.

A statement released by *The Wire* on Friday read: "Journalists rely on sources for stories and do their best to verify material they receive. Technological evidence is more complicated and the usual due diligence may not always reveal the fraud perpetrated upon a publication. This is what happened to us. In the life of any publication, an occasion may come when it is misinformed... Whether the person who brought all the material to *The Wire* deceived us at anyone else's behest or acted on his own is a matter that will be subjected to judicial process in due course. The malintent to discredit *The Wire* is obvious."

When contacted on Saturday, Venu said: "The statement of *The Wire* issued yesterday is very clear that fraudulent information was brought to us by a member of the *Wire* team. So *The Wire* has duly filed a police complaint against the person for wilfully and knowingly committing a fraud and an act of deception with us."

Shah's West Bengal visit postponed, says official

ENS & PTI
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 29

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah's proposed visit to West Bengal on November 5 for a meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council has been postponed, a senior state

government official said Saturday.

The official said a letter received from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), apprising the state government of the development, had no mention of any fresh date. He added that the reason behind the postponement was not clear. "The proposed meeting of the

Eastern Zonal Council has been postponed for now. It will now take place on a different date. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will not be visiting the city next week. We have no idea why it was postponed," the bureaucrat told PTI, when contacted, referring to the MHA communication. "We

have not been given another date for the meeting yet," he said.

Apart from Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Shah, who is the chairman of the council, was scheduled to meet her counterparts from Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Sikkim, the official said.

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

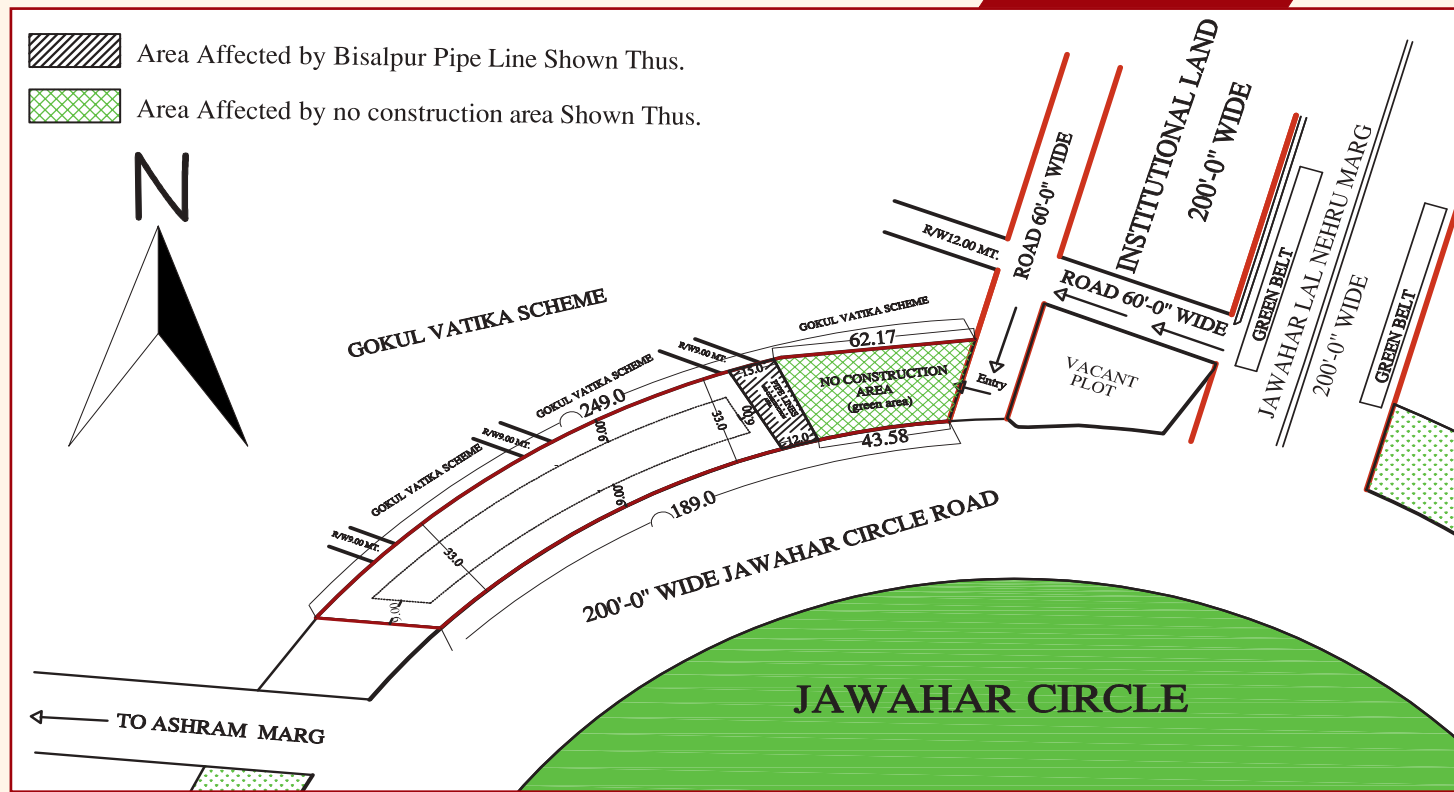
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(In front of Jawahar Circle Main Gate,
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Commercial Plot No. 1, Kh.No. 93 & 94, Village Chainpura (JDA Land), (In front of Jawahar Circle Main Gate, Near JLN Marg), Jaipur	7100.00	2.00 Std.	40%	36 Meter*	1,43,42,000.00	1,01,000.00	15.11.2022 11:00 AM	16.11.2022 12:30 PM

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A Vande Bharat train being repaired in Mumbai, Saturday. PTI

Vande Bharat train hits bull in Valsad, 3rd such incident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, OCTOBER 29

THE VANDE Bharat Express train hit a bull near Atul Railway station in Valsad Saturday. This is the third such incident of cattle hit by the Vande Bharat Express train since its launch on September 30.

According to railway officials, the incident happened around 8.17 am Saturday when the train was heading to Ahmedabad from Mumbai Central.

On the way, near Atul railway station, the semi-high-speed train hit a bull, as a result of which the cone-shaped structure below the driver's cabin got damaged. The driver immediately put the train to a halt and intimidated the Western Railway control room and Valsad railway

authorities about the incident.

The engineering staff from Valsad railway station along with RPF and GRP officials reached the spot. With the help of local residents, the carcass of the cattle was removed from the tracks. After a 26-minute halt for the repair work, the train later resumed the journey towards Ahmedabad.

"The incident took place at the end of Atul Railway station at level crossing gate number 94. Gateman Eknath Chaudhary spotted the bull walking on the tracks a minute before the train arrived and he tried his level best to get the cattle out of the tracks and was successful. But the bull returned to the tracks which led to the incident," said RPF police inspector of Valsad Railway station Gracious Fernandes.

Pit stop in Northeast: Manipur district bans airguns as migratory birds arrive

JIMMY LEIVON
IMPHAL, OCTOBER 29

WITH THE arrival of the Amur falcon, the longest-flying migratory bird, Tamenglong district administration in Manipur has banned airguns and directed them to be deposited with village authorities. Hunting, catching, killing and selling the bird are prohibited.

The district magistrate's order issued on Friday said the period was crucial in the life cycle of the Amur falcon, "as the migratory bird usually arrives in many parts of the Northeast, including Tamenglong, in the second week of October and is likely to roost till the end of November 2022".

Officials from the district forest office said, regular patrolling



An Amur falcon female with a grasshopper catch

and awareness programmes have been started as the migratory birds reportedly began arriving in the first week of October this time.

Locally known as Akhuipuina, the bird arrives mainly in Manipur and Nagaland on its southbound migration from breeding grounds in north China, eastern Mongolia

and far-east Russia en route to its wintering grounds in South Africa. They spend three or four weeks in many parts of Manipur to build fat reserves by preying on termites.

An official of the district forest division said the migratory bird is protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and is included under its Schedule IV. Hunting of the birds or possessing its meat is punishable with imprisonment up to three years or a fine up to Rs 5,000.

In 2018, the forest department started a conservation programme by radio-tagging the birds to study their migratory route. The following year, a five-member team of scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India tagged five Amur falcons in collaboration with the department and locals.

13 ECONOMY

CHANDRASEKAR ON GRIEVANCE APPELLATE PANELS: DOING RELUCTANTLY

If complaints not addressed, social media cos may be penalised

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

MINISTER OF State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekar on Saturday said the government may consider penalising social media companies, if needed, for not addressing user grievances and shying away from accountability to make the internet a safe and trusted place.

The comments come a day after the government's amendment to the IT Rules 2021, which included setting up of grievance appellate committees (GAC) to look into complaints by users of social media. These committees will adjudicate complaints by users relating to blocking of content or accounts, after the complaints are not addressed or the users get an unsatisfactory response from the redressal officers of the social media firms concerned. However, the user will have the right to seek judicial remedy at any time.

He said the 'broken' grievance redressal mechanism currently being offered by social media platforms and lakhs of messages flagging users' concerns around unresolved complaints had forced its hand. "Grievance Appellate

EXPLAINED Changes in IT Rules

COMMENTS COME a day after amendment to the IT Rules 2021, which included setting up of grievance appellate panels to look into complaints by social media users.

Committee will be an important institution in the coming days for internet and intermediaries. We will soon make an announcement about its structure, constitution, scope, and terms of reference," Chandrasekar said at a press briefing. Chandrasekar emphasised that the new panels—a couple to start with—will not substitute the civil court system, and their decision can be challenged.

Asked about massive capacities that would be needed to deal with the large volumes of user complaints, the minister said the panels were, in fact, a disincentive to intermediaries not to continue the "status quo, casual way of approaching grievance redressal".

"One scenario is that they

(platforms) address through grievance redressal mechanism, they create more capacity. If they don't, then Grievance Appellate Committee creates capacity. It is not an area the government is keen to get into, we are doing it reluctantly. We are doing it because we have an obligation and duty to 'digital nagriks' (digital citizens) that their grievances should be heard," the minister said.

He also said while social media norms require platforms to remove illegal content within 72 hours of it being flagged, he feels the timelines are "too long" and platforms should take down such content "as fast as possible". He said the IT ministry was keen on prescribing a 24-hour timeline for removal of illegal content (as specified under rules) given that "virality and velocity" of misinformation tends to be much higher, but then finally settled for 72 hours after wide consultations.

The minister also said social media companies could lose access to their 'safe harbour' status on not complying with IT rules. Currently under Section 79 of IT Act 2000, intermediaries are protected from any legal prosecution related to content on their platforms. If they lose the status, they

will lose that legal immunity for content posted on their platforms.

Protection of users

Meanwhile, Minister of Communications and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw has said the latest amendment of intermediary guidelines is focused on protection of online users. The 3-member Grievance Appellate Committee(s) will be set in three months, according to the gazette notification.

Soon after the tweaks in IT rules were notified on Friday, Vaishnaw said, "The focus of the amendment of intermediary guidelines is on the protection of online users... Intermediary to ensure accessibility of its services to all users and respect their rights under the Constitution of India," he noted. According to the amendments, the committees will be able to review content moderation and other decisions of social media companies. "The central government shall, by notification, establish one or more grievance appellate committees within three months from the date of commencement of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2022," the notification said. **FE & PTI**

'India can accelerate green investments to \$12.1 tn by 2050'

India can accelerate green investments to \$12.1 trillion by 2050 and reap a host of benefits, Mckinsey & Co said



The consultancy firm said over 80 per cent of India of 2070 is yet to be built, and underlined an urgency to act in the ongoing decade for the right kind of investments to come in 2030s and 2040s for an orderly transition

11.8 gigatons of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2070 from the 2.9 gigatons in 2019: India's net Green House Gas (GHG) emissions is likely to rise to, with the ongoing rate

However, India has the potential to create 287 gigatons of carbon space for the world if it accelerates its efforts to fight climate change, the report said, adding that this amounts to almost half of the global carbon budget for an even chance at limiting warming to 1.5 degree celsius

India has committed to net zero emissions by 2070. As per earlier estimates, the shift to net zero by

2070 will require \$10 trillion worth investments

Mckinsey said there are tailwinds which would be of help to a country like India, including reducing costs of renewables, electric vehicles and progressive policies

However, there are challenges as well, including renewable capacity addition of 10 GW increasing to 40-50 GW per year, and the reduction needed in battery and hydrogen costs, it added

The firm suggested a ten-point agenda for accelerating the decarbonisation, starting with laying out a medium-term plan

It said India can cumulatively have \$1.7 trillion forex savings till 2070 from reduced energy imports of crude oil and coking coal if it transitions well

Source: Mckinsey & Co/PTI

Parties get ₹545 cr through electoral bonds ahead of HP, Gujarat elections

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

AHEAD OF the Assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat in the next two months, political parties received Rs 545 crore in the 22nd sale of anonymous Electoral Bonds (EBs) conducted between October 1 and 10, according to data available from State Bank of India (SBI).

The total amount collected by parties has gone up to Rs 10,791 crore from various anonymous donors in 22 phases since 2018 when the Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced. Political parties received EBs worth Rs 389.50 crore from donors in the previous sale in July this year.

As many as 738 EBs worth Rs 542.25 crore were redeemed by parties in the latest phase, SBI, the only bank authorised to sell these bonds, said in its reply to the RTI application filed by Commodore Lokesh K Batra (Retd.). Significantly, this amount has been collected by the political parties as Assembly elections in HP are scheduled in November 2022 and Gujarat by December.

According to the provisions of the EB Scheme, only the political parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and have secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or the Legislative

YEAR-WISE SALES

2022:	₹2,797 crore
2021:	₹1,502.29 crore
2020:	₹363.96 crore
2019:	₹5,071.99 crore
2018:	₹1,056.73 crore
TOTAL:	₹10,791 crore

Assembly, as the case may be, are eligible to receive electoral bonds. The Supreme Court has adjourned the hearing of a pending plea challenging the EB scheme to December 6. The petitions were filed in 2017 challenging the provisions of Finance Act 2017 which paved the way for these anonymous bonds.

SBI data shows that in the October phase, as much as Rs 67 crore worth EBs was encashed at the Hyderabad main branch, Rs 285 crore at New Delhi main branch and Rs 143 crore at the Kolkata main branch of SBI.

However, SBI data reveals that EBs worth Rs 117 crore purchased from the Hyderabad main branch of SBI and Rs 115 crore from the Chennai branch. Although donors shelled out Rs 40 crore at the Mumbai main branch, not a single EB was encashed here. As much as 96 per cent of the EBs sold were of the face value of Rs one crore each.

The total amount collected by parties has gone up to Rs 10,791 crore from various anonymous donors in 22 phases since 2018 when the electoral bond scheme was introduced

Interestingly, major political parties have not disclosed the amount they received through Electoral Bonds. Further, as the bonds are sold through a public sector bank, the government would come to know who is funding which political party, sources said.

On Saturday, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot alleged that one political party got as much as 95 per cent of the Electoral Bonds issued so far.

Donors gave Rs 1,056.73 crore in 2018, Rs 5,071.99 crore in 2019 and Rs 363.96 crore in 2020, Rs 1502.29 crore in 2021 and Rs 2,797 crore in 2022, SBI had said.

Electoral Bonds are purchased anonymously by donors and are valid for 15 days from the date of issue. A debt instrument, these can be bought by donors from a bank, and the political party can

'Valuation of startup ecosystem nearly ₹3 L cr'

Hyderabad: The valuation of the startup ecosystem in the country is nearly Rs 3 lakh crore, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said. "...the fact that they are probably 110-plus unicorns, about 75 or so soonicorns which are on their way to become unicorns, is truly a remarkable achievement. The last time we did a valuation of our startup ecosystem, it came to about \$368 billion..." he said. **PTI**

Musk to provide choice in different versions of Twitter

REUTERS
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 29

TWITTER USERS could in future choose a version of the social media platform they like by providing ratings on their tweets, Elon Musk, the new owner of the company, said in a tweet on Saturday.

"Being able to select which version of Twitter you want is probably better, much as it would be for a movie maturity rating," he said.

"The rating of the tweet itself could be self-selected, then modified by user feedback," he added. Musk tweeted on Friday that Twitter will form a content moderation council "with widely diverse viewpoints." No major content decisions or account reinstatements will happen before the council convenes, he added. In another tweet

Musk said, "To be super clear, we have not yet made any changes to Twitter's content moderation policies".

GM halts ADS

Meanwhile, General Motors Co said late on Friday it had temporarily halted paid advertising on Twitter after Musk completed his takeover of the social media company.

The largest US automaker said it was "engaging with Twitter to understand the direction of the platform under their new ownership."

Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

GM said "as is normal course of business with a significant change in a media platform, we have temporarily paused our paid advertising." The Detroit automaker added its "customer care interactions on Twitter will continue."

BRIEFLY NTPC Q2 net

New Delhi: NTPC Ltd on Saturday reported an over 7 per cent dip in its consolidated net profit at Rs 3,417.67 crore for the September quarter, mainly due to higher expenses. The consolidated net profit of the company stood at Rs 3,690.95 crore in the quarter ended September 30, 2021.

IOC loss

New Delhi: Indian Oil Corporation reported a net loss of Rs 272.35 crore for July-September despite booking over Rs 10,800 crore of LPG subsidy. **PTI**

FM: Tech helped plug leakage in benefit transfer

Visakhapatnam: Technology adoption by the government for the benefit transfer to targeted people has plugged leakages and ensured good governance, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Delivering the NT Rama Rao Memorial Lecture on Friday, she said, "What Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi has done is by adopting technology he has contained the leaky bucket process. There are no leaks, the beneficiary who must get that money gets it".

Technology has become a big instrument through which human folly and temptation are contained, she said at the Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM). **PTI**

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD INVITATION OF BIDS-TWO COVER-ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)			
IFB No.	13 & 14/F.CWSS to 867 habs/JJM/ SDO I/ CW/ Dt. 28.10.2022		
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	04.11.2022 to 06.12.2022 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, TWAD, RWS Division, Madurai		
Pre Bid meeting	21.11.2022 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee		
Bid Submission	06.12.2022 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	07.12.2022 at 15.30 hours at the office of Tender Invitee through E-Tender Portal		
IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. value (Rs.in Crore including 18% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
1.	Jal Jeevan Mission - Providing CWSS to 867 rural habitations in Alanganallur, Chellampatti, Kallikudi, Thirumangalam, Thirupparankundram, Usilampatti and Vadipattinam of Madurai District and SIPCOT Industries in Nilakottai with river Vaigai as source. (Construction Period : 18 months and paid Maintenance : 60 months)		
13	Package I	445.00	223.00
14	Package II	490.00	245.00
DIPR/ 4830 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai			
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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD INVITATION OF BIDS-TWO COVER-ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)			
IFB No.	47,48,49&50/F.CWSS to 980 habs/JJM/ SDO/CE-TNJ/2022/Dated.29.10.2022.		
Fund	JJM Fund - 2022-2023		
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)		
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road, Thanjavur- 613 403		
Sale of Bid	04.11.2022 to 06.12.2022 upto 15.00 hours (as per server time)		
EMD Payable	1. Online Mode through E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in (OR) 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Maintenance Dn, Nagapattinam		
Available website	E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in .		
Pre Bid meeting	21.11.2022 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee		
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IFB No.	Name of work	Value of work (Rs. in Crore including 18% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
	Jal Jeevan Mission - CWSS to Nagapattinam Mpty., Thittachery, Velankanni, Keelavai, Thalaingar 1TPs and 980 rural habitations in Nagapattinam, Thirumangai, Kilvelur, Keelavai, Thalaingar and Vedaranyam unions in Nagapattinam District under Jal Jeevan Mission fund (Construction Period : 18 months and paid Maintenance: 60 months)		
47	Package-I	88.53	66.40
48	Package-II	350.82	175.41
49	Package-III	349.92	174.96
50	Package-IV	444.81	222.41
DIPR/ 4834 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS Chief Engineer (IC), TWAD Board, Thanjavur.			
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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER	
(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement portal only)	
Tenders are invited from reputed companies/ persons having adequate knowledge, expertise and funds mobilisation capacity for Liaisoning, Movement, handling and delivery of upto 14.00 lakh MT of Raw Coal from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Talcher in Odisha to Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) in Karnataka by Rail-Sea-Rail route for a period of 7 months. Last date for receipt of the completed bids: 17.00 Hrs. on 14.11.2022. The tender document can be downloaded from the website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be had from The Superintending Engineer (Mines), KPCL, No. 82, Shakti Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Telefax: 080-22203894. E-mail: cefulsekp@karnataka.gov.in Website: www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in	

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd. (A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) (An ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company) Sankaramangalam, Chavara-691 583, Kollam, Kerala, India Phone: 91476-2686722 to 733 (12 Lines), Fax: 91-476-2680101. E-mail: contact@kmmil.com , URL: www.kmmil.com		
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2	2022_KMML_519858_1	For the supply of Support Roller Assembly for Roaster and Calciner-2s
3	2022_KMML_519016_1	For the supply, erection, commissioning and successful handover of Wonderware SCADA and Siemens Simatic S7 PLC software in Larox Pressure Filter and Spin Flash Dryer as per Scope of work attached
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4	2022_KMML_521113_1	AMC for Painting Jobs in IBP Area 2023-2025
5	2022_KMML_521146_1	AMC for Painting Jobs in PPP Area 2023-2025
6	2022_KMML_521167_1	AMC for Blasting Jobs in TP Unit of KMML 2023-2025
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(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-2 (Lakes) Division, BBMP invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Package-4 : Development works to Graveybhavipalya Lake.	600.00	9,00,000/-

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 05.11.2022. 2) Pre-bid Meeting : 15.11.2022. 3) Last date and time for receipt of tenders: 23.11.2022 upto 4:00 p.m. 4) Opening of Technical bids: 25.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m. Further details can be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Hannah Pick-Goslar was 93. *AP File*

NETHERLANDS Anne Frank's friend Hannah Pick-Goslar dies

The Hague: Hannah Pick-Goslar, one of Jewish diarist Anne Frank's best friends, has died at age 93, the foundation that runs the Anne Frank House museum said. The Anne Frank Foundation paid tribute to Pick-Goslar, who is mentioned in Anne's famous diary about her life in hiding from the Netherlands' Nazi occupiers, for helping to keep Anne's memory alive with stories about their youth. "Hannah Pick-Goslar meant a lot to the Anne Frank House, and we could always call on her," the foundation said. It did not give details or the cause of her death. Pick-Goslar grew up with Anne in Amsterdam after both their families moved there from Germany as Hitler's Nazi party rose to power. **AP**

120 killed, 100 injured as Halloween crowd surge turns deadly in Seoul

Crush happened after people rushed to a bar on learning of an unidentified celebrity's visit there

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SEOUL, OCTOBER 29

AT LEAST 120 people were killed and 100 more were injured as they were crushed by a large crowd pushing forward on a narrow street during Halloween festivities in the capital of Seoul, South Korean officials said.

Choi Seong-beom, chief of Seoul's Yongsan fire department, said the toll could rise and that an unspecified number among the injured were in critical conditions following the stampede in the leisure district of Itaewon Saturday night.

He said 74 of the dead have been sent to hospitals while the bodies of the remaining 46 who had been kept on the streets were being transported to a nearby gym so that workers could identify them.

Officials say people were crushed to death after a large crowd began pushing forward in a narrow alley near Hamilton



Rescue workers and firefighters at the scene of stampede in Seoul on Saturday. *AP*

Hotel, a major party spot in Seoul.

More than 800 emergency workers and police officers from around the nation, including all available personnel in Seoul, were deployed to the streets to

treat the injured. The National Fire Agency separately said in a statement that officials were still trying to determine the exact number of emergency patients.

TV footage and photos

showed ambulance vehicles lined up in streets amid a heavy police presence and emergency workers moving the injured in stretchers. Emergency workers and pedestrians were also seen performing

CPR on people lying in the streets.

In one section, paramedics were seen checking the status of a dozen or more people who lied motionless under blue blankets.

Police, which were restricting traffic in nearby areas to speed up the transportation of the injured to hospitals across the city, also confirmed that dozens of people were being given CPR on Itaewon streets. The Seoul Metropolitan Government issued emergency text messages urging people in the area to swiftly return home.

Some local media reports earlier said the crush happened after a large number of people rushed to an Itaewon bar after hearing an unidentified celebrity visited there. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol issued a statement calling for officials to ensure swift treatment for those injured and review the safety of the festivity sites. He also instructed the Health Ministry to swiftly deploy disaster medical assistance teams and secure beds in nearby hospital to treat the injured.



Imran Khan (centre) at a rally in Lahore on Saturday. *AP*

Day 2: Imran targets state; govt rules out talks over snap polls

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 29

IMRAN KHAN on Saturday again targeted the establishment, saying the people of Pakistan should not be treated like "goats and sheep", even as the coalition government ruled out any negotiations with the former PM on holding snap elections.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief addressed the participants of his long march on the Day 2 of his protest rally at Shahdara area of Lahore before leading them to Islamabad in a convoy of vehicles. Continuing his anti-establishment rhetoric, Khan, 70, made it apparent that he was talking about the leadership of the Army and the premier intelligence agency.

"Don't treat us like animals, that you first call them robbers and then impose them on us, and tell us *bhair bakrian* (goats and sheep) that now move in this direction," he said, alluding towards what apparently the establishment used to tell him about rulers before him.

"You first tell us that Nawaz Sharif was a robber and now he is clean. Previously Zardari was 'Mister 10 per cent' in the world, but now since 'we have decided, you also accept him'."

Khan also talked about the alleged torture of his party senator Azam Swati, who was ar-

No hotels for protesters

Islamabad: In an unusual move, Islamabad police on Saturday barred hotels and guesthouses in the capital from providing accommodation to the participants of the long march led by Imran Khan. The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority has also directed TV channels not to live telecast PTI leaders' speeches and the long march, according to its notification of October 28. **PTI**

rested earlier this month for a tweet against the Army chief and later released on bail. He told his supporters that he is there to tell them what freedom is.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on social media that elections would be held at the constitutional time and there is "no possibility of negotiations with Khan's party." "Negotiations and consensus among political forces on national issues is a part of the democratic mood," Asif tweeted. "There is no possibility of the negotiations that PTI is making noise about. Let Imran Khan play this." Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb also categorically ruled out any negotiations or talks with Khan. **PTI**

Today is last day of riots: Iran's Guards head warns protesters

REUTERS & AP
DUBAI, OCTOBER 29

THE HEAD of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guards warned protesters that Saturday would be their last day of taking to the streets, in a sign that security forces may intensify fierce crackdown on unrest sweeping the country.

"Do not come to the streets! Today is the last day of the riots," Guards commander Hossein Salami said in some of the toughest language used in the crisis, which Iran's clerical leadership blames on its foreign enemies including Israel and the US. "This sinister plan, is a plan hatched ... in the White House and the Zionist regime," Salami said.

Iransians have defied such warnings throughout the popular revolt in which women have played a prominent role. There were more reports of fresh bloodshed on Saturday.

Human rights group Hengaw reported security forces shooting students at a girl's school in the



Iranians during a funeral ceremony of people killed in the Shah Cheragh Shrine attack on Saturday. *Reuters*

city of Sajez. In another post it said security forces opened fire on students at Kurdistan University of Medical Science, in the Kurdistan provincial capital of Sanandaj.

Meanwhile, the gunman who killed 15 people at a major Shia holy site has died, Iranian media said on Saturday. Authorities have not disclosed details about the assailant, who died in a hospital in the southern city of Shiraz from injuries sustained during his arrest, according to Iran's semi-official Fars and Tasnim news agencies.

USA Man behind Pelosi husband attack charged

San Francisco: A man who clubbed US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband over the head with a hammer, shouting, "Where is Nancy?", faced charges of attempted murder and other felonies a day after the violent break-in at the couple's San Francisco home. Police initially declined to offer a motive for the attack on Paul Pelosi, 82, who according to his wife's office underwent surgery for a skull fracture and injuries to his right arm and hands, though doctors expect a full recovery. Police identified the man at the scene as David Depape, 42. He, too, was taken to a San Francisco hospital. **REUTERS**

UK Royal Navy probes claims of women abuse

London: The head of Britain's Royal Navy said he is "deeply disturbed" by allegations that women submariners were bullied and sexually harassed and has ordered an investigation. The *Daily Mail* carried claims on Saturday by former Navy Lt Sophie Brook that she faced "a constant campaign of sexual bullying" and physical assaults. She said male crew on submarines were "like vultures whenever a new woman would come in." The head of the navy, Adm. Ben Key, said "I have directed my team to investigate the allegations. Anyone found culpable will be held accountable regardless of rank". **AP**

POLAND US to build Poland's 1st nuclear plant

Warsaw: Poland says it has chosen the US and Westinghouse to build its first nuclear power plant, announcing an important step in its efforts to burn less coal and gain greater energy independence. PM Mateusz Morawiecki said late Friday that Poland's nuclear energy project will use the "reliable, safe technology" of Westinghouse Electric Company, saying a strong Poland-US alliance "guarantees the success of our joint initiatives." **AP**

Citing drone attack on Crimea, Russia halts Ukraine Black Sea grain exports

AGENCIES
RIO DE JANEIRO, OCTOBER 29

BRAZIL ON Sunday faces a crossroads. After months of pitches to voters, the nation will decide one of Latin America's most important elections in decades, picking between the two biggest names in modern Brazilian politics and their polar visions for the country.

The choice for Brazilians is whether to give President Jair Bolsonaro a second term, emboldening and empowering him to carry out a far-right mandate, or whether to bring back Lula and return Brazil to a leftist track. Yet the stakes are far higher than simply a contest between the left and the right.

Lula has 51.1% of the valid votes and Bolsonaro has 48.9%, a difference that is equal to the margin of error of the MDA poll commissioned by the transport sector lobby CNT. Most polls suggest Lula is the slight favourite to come back, capping a remarkable political return after his jailing on graft convictions that were overturned.

Two explosions rock Somalia's capital, killing 30

Mogadishu: Two car bombs exploded Saturday at a busy junction in Somalia's capital near key government offices, leaving "scores of civilian casualties" including children, national police said. One hospital worker counted at least 30 bodies.

The attack in Mogadishu occurred on a day when the President, PM and other officials were meeting to discuss combating violent extremism, especially by the al-Qaeda-affiliated al-Shabab group that often targets the capital. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre blamed al-Shabab by name. **AP**

AGENCIES
MOSCOW, OCTOBER 29

RUSSIA ON Saturday suspended participation in a UN-brokered Black Sea grain deal after what it said was a major Ukrainian drone attack on its fleet in Crimea, dealing a blow to attempts to ease the global food crisis.

Russia's defence ministry said Ukraine attacked the Black Sea Fleet near Sevastopol on the annexed Crimean peninsula with 16 drones in the early hours of Saturday, and that British Navy "specialists" had helped coordinate the "terrorist" attack.

Russia at first said that it had repulsed the attack by Ukrainian drones, but later backtracked and said at least one minesweeper had sustained damage. Given the attack, the statement from the defence ministry said, "Russian suspends its participation in the implementation of the agreements on the export of agricultural products from Ukraine."

The agreement, known as the Black Sea Grain Initiative, was signed in July and ended a five-month Russian blockade of Ukraine's ports. Brokered with Russia and Ukraine by the United Nations and Turkey, the deal was



Russian Black Sea fleet ships are anchored in one of the bays of Sevastopol, Crimea. *AP*

set to expire on November 19 and in recent weeks, its future had appeared uncertain.

The UN said Saturday that it was in touch with the Russian authorities regarding the reports that Russia was suspending participation in the initiative.

"It is vital that all parties refrain from any action that would imperil the Black Sea Grain Initiative, which is a critical humanitarian effort that is clearly having a positive impact on access to food for millions of people," Stéphane Dujarric, the spokesman for António Guterres, the UN secretary general, said.

Ukraine's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, said his govern-

EXPLAINED What was the deal

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ment had warned that Russia would try to upend the deal. "Now Moscow uses a false pretext to block the grain corridor which ensures food security for millions of people," he wrote on Twitter.

Russia on Friday said it had finished calling up reservists to fight in Ukraine, having drafted hundreds in a month and sending more than a quarter of them already to the battlefield. The US, meanwhile, announced it would send another \$275 million in military assistance to Ukraine, including arms, munitions and equipment from Pentagon inventories.

Qatar evicts thousands of workers, mostly Asian and African, ahead of World Cup

ANDREW MILLS
DOHA, OCTOBER 29

QATAR HAS emptied apartment blocks housing thousands of foreign workers in the same areas in the centre of the capital Doha where visiting soccer fans will stay during the World Cup, workers who were evicted from their homes told Reuters.

They said more than a dozen buildings had been evacuated

and shut down by authorities, forcing the mainly Asian and African workers to seek what shelter they could — including bedding down on the pavement outside one of their former homes. The move comes less than four weeks before the November 20 start of the global soccer tournament which has drawn intense international scrutiny of Qatar's treatment of foreign workers and its restrictive social laws.

At one building which residents said housed 1,200 people in Doha's Al Mansoura district, authorities told people at about 8 pm on Wednesday they had just two hours to leave.

Municipal officials returned around 10.30 pm, forced everyone out and locked the doors to the building, they said. Someone had not been able to return in time to collect their belongings.

"We don't have anywhere to go," one man told *Reuters* the

next day as he prepared to sleep out for a second night with about 10 other men.

A Qatari government official said the evictions are unrelated to the World Cup and were designed "in line with ongoing comprehensive and long-term plans to re-organise areas of Doha." World soccer's governing body FIFA had not responded to a request for comment and Qatar's World Cup organisers directed inquiries to the government. **REUTERS**



Saifullah Paracha was captured in July 2003 at age 56 in an FBI sting operation in Thailand. *AP file*

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in Thailand. Businessmen posing as Kmart representatives lured him from his home in Karachi, Pakistan, to Bangkok to discuss what turned out to be a bogus merchandising deal. Instead, intelligence agents seized, hooded and shackled him and flew him to Afghanistan.

Paracha was held first at a US military prison in Bagram, Afghanistan, where he had a heart attack, his lawyers said. Rather than send him to the secret prison network run by the CIA, where prisoners were tortured, the Bush administration moved him to Guantanamo in his 14th month of US detention. He became an early example of the challenge of hold-

ing aging and infirm prisoners at the remote US Navy base, which flies in military medical specialists from the United States.

"Saifullah should never have been in Guantanamo," said Clive Stafford Smith, a human rights lawyer who has been visiting him at the prison since 2005. "Because he was the oldest person there, I constantly feared he would have his fourth heart attack and die there. So I am so happy that he is finally going home."

At Guantánamo, inmates and some guards called him "*chacha*," a term of endearment that means uncle in Urdu. When the prison leadership allowed, he tutored younger prisoners in

English and finance. At times he brought cellblock complaints to the guards.

In Pakistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said it had completed an extensive inter-agency process to facilitate Paracha's repatriation. "We are glad that a Pakistani citizen detained abroad is finally reunited with his family," the ministry said.

His wife, whom he met and married in the United States, divorced him while he was in custody. He was expected to live with his youngest son, Mustafa, who said in an interview last year that the first order of business would be a family reunion, followed by comprehensive medical care.

‘It’s ok, not all dreams come true’

THEY WANTED to become doctors, surgeons and super-specialists. They had dreamt of saving lives, of sitting in air-conditioned cabins with their degrees hanging on the wall. There's very little left of these dreams and hopes now.

The war in Ukraine, now in its eighth month, not only forced Indian students studying medicine there to return home but also gutted their careers, leaving some of the students struggling with a pile of debt and the frustration of settling for less prestigious courses such as nursing.

The Sunday Express spoke to four second-year students of Bukovinian State Medical University in Chernivtsi, western Ukraine, who said they felt helpless after their return from Ukraine and have had to shift streams and enrol in courses such as BSc, BBA and nursing.

Anand A, who is from Kollam in Kerala, was in his second year at Bukovinian State Medical University when the war erupted, forcing him to flee the country with other Indian students. Anand had taken a student loan of Rs 15 lakh, which was meant to cover the six-year course fee in Ukraine.

“When I joined the university, I was asked to enroll for the semester starting in December 2020, but my flight got cancelled and I reached three days late. They refused to admit me and told me to join the next semester. It was not possible to return home, so I paid Rs 1.5 lakh extra for a foundation course. By the time I returned to India, I had spent Rs 3 lakh of my bank loan and Rs 5-6 lakh of my parents’ savings on flights, food, stay, etc.,” Anand said.

In the last week of February, as war broke out between Ukraine and Russia, thousands of Indian students enrolled in medical colleges there were evacuated to India. While first- and second-year students were advised to re-appear for NEET — the pre-medical test for students who aspired for a career in medicine -- and take fresh admissions, while the senior-year students were allowed to continue online classes. However, these students were later told that they would be allowed to continue online classes only for theoretical courses, not practical work, which meant that they had to return to Ukraine or take a transfer to another country for continuing medical studies.

“I was caught in a dilemma because my family did not have the money to send me to another country,” Anand said.

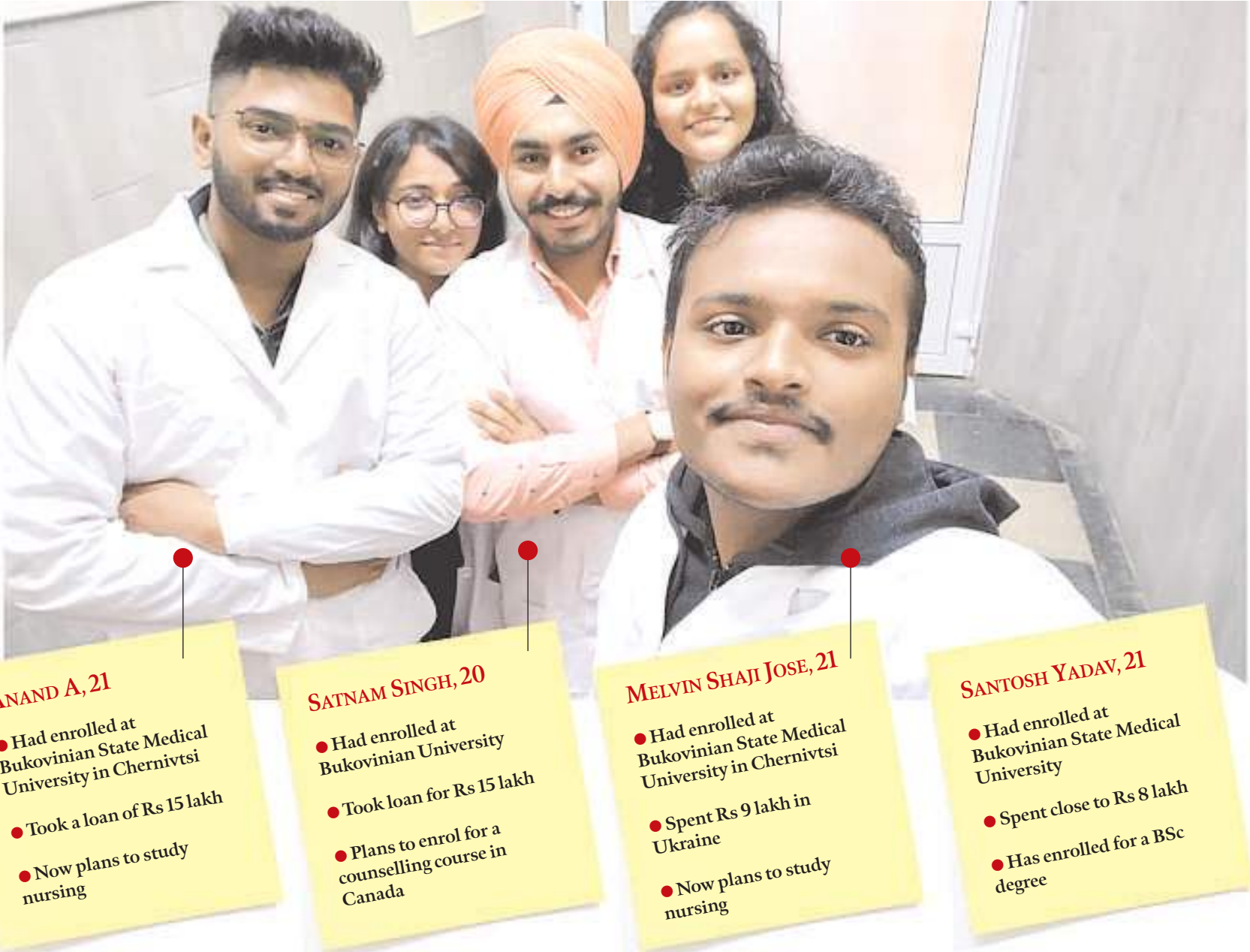
Anand’s father is retired and the family’s only earning member is his mother, a cancer survivor, who is working as a nurse in Saudi Arabia to fund her son’s education.

“I had to mortgage my mother’s gold to close the bank loan. I enquired about another loan for studying abroad, but the bank seemed reluctant because the loan amount was much higher than what I had borrowed for studying in Ukraine,” he said.

Anand has now enrolled in a nursing college in Bengaluru and hopes to find work abroad.

“It was not easy for me. I am 21. I would have had to repeat the second year and medical education takes a long time to complete. We also need to clear extra exams to be eligible to practise in India. I don’t want my mother to work for that long. She is dependent on medicines for survival. Though she

Scrubs and stethoscope, and the Dr prefix to their names — these were the stuff of dreams as they left for Ukraine. With the war forcing Indian medical students to return home and the road ahead uncertain, some are considering dropping out of medicine and picking alternative courses and careers. By ALIFIYA KHAN



ANAND A, 21

- Had enrolled at Bukovinian State Medical University in Chernivtsi
- Took a loan of Rs 15 lakh
- Now plans to study nursing

SATNAM SINGH, 20

- Had enrolled at Bukovinian University
- Took loan for Rs 15 lakh
- Plans to enrol for a counselling course in Canada

MELVIN SHAJI JOSE, 21

- Had enrolled at Bukovinian State Medical University in Chernivtsi
- Spent Rs 9 lakh in Ukraine
- Now plans to study nursing

SANTOSH YADAV, 21

- Had enrolled at Bukovinian State Medical University
- Spent close to Rs 8 lakh
- Has enrolled for a BSc degree

NUMBER PLATE

Indians in Ukraine

18,000

INDIAN STUDENTS enrolled in Ukrainian universities, the Ministry of External Affairs said in Parliament in June 2021

80,000

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS in Ukraine in 2019, according to an estimate by the Ukrainian government

29.9 %

or almost a quarter of Ukraine’s 80,000 international students in 2019 were Indians

MEDICINE IS PREFERRED COURSE

■ Of the 80,470 foreign nationals studying in Ukraine in 2019, 32.3% had signed up for degrees in medicine. At second place was medical practice with 7.7%, followed by dentistry at 6.3%. While there is no official data on the specific preferences of Indian students, the evacuation exercise revealed that most of them were pursuing MBBS in Ukraine

■ In 2015, there were 1,587 medical graduates from Ukraine who took the Foreign Graduates Medical Examination in India, which rose to 4,258 in 2020

₹ 16-18 lakh

The total cost of education in Ukraine for a six-year medical course (approx)

At Khargone claims tribunal, 12-year-old on trial in riots case

While the tribunal, set up to recover damages following the April 10 communal clash, has issued notices to the child and his family, the lawyer of the accused says the FIR doesn’t mention them

IRAM SIDDIQUE

AT HER one-room house in Khargone’s Anand Nagar, Surajbai Gangle, 70, talks of the April 10 night when she “hardly got any sleep” as communal clashes over a Ram Navmi procession tore through the town. Finally, she says, she got up from her bed to find two teenagers standing outside her home.

“I asked them what they were doing and the boys asked me to go inside, saying I might get injured in the stone pelting... I thought they were my grandsons. But my daughter-in-law Sunita later told me that they were children of our Muslim neighbours, Kalu Khan and Jabir Khan. She had seen them from behind as they were leaving and recognised them,” she says.

Minutes later, three houses belonging to the Gangles — Surajbai’s, her son Subhash’s and grandson Vickey’s — were attacked in the riots that spilled over to their locality.

This became the basis of separate claims, totalling Rs 13.2 lakh, filed by Surajbai, her son Subhash, and grandson Vickey in the Khargone claims tribunal — the first such under the Madhya Pradesh Prevention and Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Act that came into force in January this year.



While Surajbai’s son Subhash, who works with the fire department, has filed a claim of Rs 4.80 lakh accusing nine people of the Khan family, her grandson Vickey, who works as a driver, has filed claims totalling Rs 5.5 lakh accusing nine members of the Khan family. The Khans live about 250 metres from the Gangles.

But it is Surajbai’s claim that has attracted attention — she has filed claims of Rs 2.90 lakh, accusing eight people of looting her house, including Kalu Khan and his 12-year-old son.

The 34 claims cases, including that of the Gangles, taken up for hearing by a Khargone tribunal, which was set up to recover damages in the wake of the April 10 communal clash, offer a window into the workings of the special court — defined by summary trials and the lack of a criminal investigation process to arrive at culpability.

So far, the tribunal has sent notices to 270 accused and passed orders in six of the 34 cases.

Pointing to the lacunae in the law that allows juveniles to be tried for a civil offence when, according to the IPC, they can only be tried by a juvenile board, Ravindra Chhabra, a senior advocate practising at the Madhya Pradesh High court, said that while a minor can be tried as per the Code of Civil Procedure and a notice can be issued in the child’s name, “after the notice is issued, once it’s established that the defendant is a minor, the court should appoint a guardian or ad litem for the purpose of the litigation”.

Shivkumar Mishra, the retired district court judge who presides over the two-member tribunal bench, however, said, “While filing the claim, it cannot be made



At the claims tribunal in Khargone. The tribunal has taken up 34 cases for hearing and passed orders in six. Iram Siddique

mandatory for the claimant to specify the age of the accused as it might not always be possible to look at a person and determine his age.”

Sajid Pathan, who represented the accused in the tribunal, points to another “loop-hole” — while the FIR lodged by Surajbai in the aftermath of the rioting does not mention Kalu or his son, while deposing before the tribunal, Surajbai stated that she had seen the two, besides others, looting her house.

After the 12-year-old was issued a recovery notice of Rs 2.90 lakh based on Surajbai’s application, Kalu moved the Indore High Court for his son’s name to be dropped from the proceedings of the tribunal. The High Court, however, turned down their plea.

At their one-room house, Kalu’s wife, Ranu, says that when the police came to hand over notices to her family members, they were accompanied by Surajbai’s daughter-

in-law Sunita. “I told Sunita that my son and husband have nothing to do with the riots. She then told me, ‘Give us the names of those who did it and we will drop their names’.”

The other cases in the tribunal

Among the cases in which the tribunal has passed orders is the one in which it awarded Rs 50,000 for a burn injury to Sawant Mukesh, a resident of Anand Nagar in Khargone.

Mukesh had demanded a compensation of Rs 1 lakh while accusing his neighbours Iqbal and Nisar of attacking him. He also claimed Rs 10,000 for the damage allegedly done to two doors in his house.

Advocate Rajesh Joshi, who defended Iqbal and Nisar in the tribunal, said, “The claims tribunal was set up to decide on compensation for civil matters and especially damage to personal or public property and

not for physical injury. An injury is a criminal case that should be heard in a session court and not the claims tribunal.”

In the case of another applicant, Mukhtiyar Khan, the court had to drop the case against three of the 16 people he accused of damaging his house since they were “non-existing”.

Advocate Sudheer Kulkarni, who is contesting Mukhtiyar’s claim, held the court accountable for sending out notices to people who did not exist. “It’s laughable, but the court does not have the resources to scrutinise the claims before accepting them.”

“All cases related to the riots are now reaching the sessions court and are far from reaching any conclusion, but at the same time tribunal is deciding on the matter within three months, how are they equipped to do it?” said Rajendra Joshi, who is defending some of the Muslim accused in the tribunal.

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IF YOU are invited to write an essay on the current economic situation in India, what would be your top two subjects? Most people would pick the people’s top concerns: *unemployment and inflation*. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) publishes a Monthly Economic Review. I did not think that a bunch of six young and enthusiastic economists, asked by the MoF to write such an essay for the Review, would consciously avoid the word *unemployment* as well as words such as *malnutrition, hunger and poverty*. (I wonder if it was whispered in their ears that the Prime Minister *may* read the article). The group of economists knows but will not admit that the omission of unemployment, malnutrition, hunger and poverty is a grave dereliction of scholarly duty.

WHY A REVIEW?

The Monthly Economic Review is a valuable document. I expected that the 2022 September Review (released on October 22, 2022) would give an objective mid-year account of the current situation and the strengths and weaknesses of the economy; indicate the course that the economy is likely to take in the next 6-12 months; identify the headwinds that the economy may face; and capture the trends in the world economy, and their impact on the domestic economy. The September Review is a slim document — 33 pages of text dotted with graphs and charts and 3 pages of

data. The text is divided into six sections and signs off with a Conclusion and Outlook. The sections reveal the concerns of the government: 1) *Fiscal Position*, 2) *Industry*, 3) *Services*, 4) *Credit Demand*, 5) *Inflation* and 6) *External Sector*. The inference is that unemployment, malnutrition, hunger and poverty are not among the concerns of the government.

SELF-CONGRATULATORY

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Every conclusion is intended to sweep the reader off her feet. According to the Review, revenues are buoyant, capital expenditure is rising, the quality of expenditure has improved and the *fiscal position* was healthy — until August. There is a grudging admission that government borrowing may lead to a surge in public debt. On *industry*, the Review cites several indices such as the PMI Manufacturing, the S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Index, the Business Assessment Index and the Index of Industrial Production and concludes that overall business sentiment has im-

proved. On *services*, the Review is upbeat on inter-state trade, tourism, hotel industry, air passenger traffic, transportation and real estate and predicts that the sector is poised to emerge as a key growth driver.

Credit demand is growing at a healthy pace (16.4 per cent y-o-y) but tightening monetary policy and slowing economic growth may apply the brakes. On *inflation*, the Review has betrayed its evident bias. It absolves the government of any responsibility by throwing the blame on “geopolitical developments”. On *external sector*, the Review is a mix of self-congratulation (“stabilized exports”) and helplessness (“sustained imports”). It says that “the widening of CAD should also cease” and sticks to the estimate of 3 per cent of GDP — a prediction that flies in the face of other estimates that CAD may expand upto 3.4 per cent.

STRONG HEADWINDS

What has been said in the Review, though biased and self-congratulatory, may be forgiven because the document will be history in a few weeks. What is infuriating is the cynical and callous disregard of matters that concern millions of people. On the day he assumed the office of Prime Minister of U.K., Mr. Rishi Sunak warned of a “profound economic crisis”. Even an imperious President of China, Mr. Xi Jinping, characterized China’s economy cautiously as “resilient”.

The UNDP and the Oxford HDI have, in a report released on October 17, 2022, estimated that 228 million people in India were ‘poor’ in 2020 (which number worsened in the pandemic years). In the Global Hunger Index, India’s rank is 107 out of 121 countries, a score that has declined in the last eight years. 16.3 percent of all Indians are undernourished, meaning that they do not get enough food. 19.3 percent of children are wasted, 35.5 percent of children are stunted.

The unemployment rate is 8.02 per cent. Recently, 37 lakh candidates in Uttar Pradesh filled buses and trains to reach examination centres to compete for a few thousand Grade ‘C’ state government jobs, indicating the extent of unemployment among graduate youth in just one state. The only safety net for the poor (MGNREGS) could not provide a day’s work to 40 per cent of households seeking employment in 2020-21. The Review does not pay even lip sympathy to the issues of unemployment, malnutrition, hunger and poverty. Nor does it acknowledge the strong headwinds of global slowdown, de-globalization, protectionism, high interest rates, inflation and currency depreciation.

Last Saturday (October 22), the MoF warned on the economic situation and said that “this is no time for celebrations and complacency” but the Review took a contrary view. I wonder what changed between the morning and evening of October 22?

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A new Cong
President.
Really?

THE CONGRESS Party got a new president last week. The first after two decades whose surname is not Gandhi. And this caused me to get embroiled in a spat with Congress leaders and supporters that needs some explaining. This has become necessary because an official of the Congress Party wrote me a menacing letter that he put on Twitter as soon as he sent it to me. In legal language it said that I had “knowingly and deliberately charged the former Prime Minister of India and senior leader of the Indian National Congress party, Dr. Manmohan Singh, falsely of violating the Official Secrets Act, 1923 by sharing ‘secret’ government files during his tenure as Prime Minister”.

It was something of a revelation to discover for the first time that this law of official secrecy is a hundred years old. I accepted publicly that this antiquated law was not breached as soon as I learned what it was through Congress leaders and trolls who attacked me viciously on Twitter. The truth is I did not even mention the Prime Minister, leave alone charge him with treason. I was only trying to say that Sonia Gandhi was allowed access to government files without swearing an oath of secrecy. And that she was involved in making government policy.

Senior ministers in Dr. Manmohan Singh’s government have publicly admitted this. And her ardent admirers credit her with giving us MNREGA and the Food Security Act, so there is no question that the former Congress president did much, much more than deal with party affairs. Why should she not have since it was she who gave Dr. Manmohan Singh his job?

When he took office for the second time, one of the first things he declared publicly was that whenever Rahul Gandhi felt ready to lead India, he would happily vacate the Prime Minister’s Office. So clearly was he acting as regent and not prime minister that it surprised nobody when at a press conference Rahul tore up an ordinance passed by the UPA government. It is my considered opinion that had Dr Manmohan Singh been allowed to function properly as prime minister, it would have been much harder for Narendra Modi to win in 2014. It was no secret in government circles in Delhi during his second term that he could not take serious decisions or make policies without consulting his boss. This column has been an open admirer of the good doctor’s economic policies and I have said more than once here that I believe that the reforms he brought when he was Finance Minister under P V Narasimha Rao transformed India. I remain an unabashed admirer of Dr. Singh.

Not so much of Sonia Gandhi because I disapprove of political leaders who wield immense power without accountability. I believe that when she listened to her clever little ‘inner voice’ and turned down the prime minister’s job when she won the Congress Party the general election in 2004, she set an unhealthy precedent. One reason why Narendra Modi is admired as a ‘strong prime minister’ is because Indians are proud that he answers to the people of India and not the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party. There are those who say that he answers to the RSS chief, and they are wrong. He has shown twice that he is too popular in his own right to depend on RSS help to win an election. If he has appointed people in high positions who have been schooled in RSS ideas, it is because he went to the same university. This is no different at all to the Congress Party having appointed officials who believed in Nehruvian socialism.

It has been my experience that prime ministers who win more than two terms start behaving like autocrats, so I am eager for the Congress Party to become a real political party again instead of being a courtiers’ club. I do not believe this can happen if the party is run not by its elected president but by the family that turned the party of our freedom movement into a private limited company. There is no point in pretending that Mallikarjun Kharge did not win the election only because he was seen as the official candidate of the Dynasty. In his first speech as president, he said clearly that Sonia Gandhi would continue to be his ‘guiding light’.

Another revelation that came from my ugly spat with the Congress Party’s officials and admirers last week was that despite having lost two general elections and nearly every other election in the past eight years, Congress leaders have lost none of their arrogance. They continue to believe that it is the birthright of the Dynasty to rule India and that Modi is just a usurper who will be booted out as soon as Indian voters discover this inalienable truth.

My own view is that the more Congress leaders and Dynasty devotees behave this way, the fewer chances there are of the Congress ever being able to recover its former glory. When Congress Party spokesmen say that the Gandhi family is the ‘core’ of the party, do they understand what an insult this is to the values this party once represented? It remained in power for seventy years because it represented ideas and an ideology that were devoid of dangerous religiosity and violent hatred. That is the Congress we need today.

Ambedkar and his idea
of the caste of land

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“LAND TO the tiller” was a prominent promise of the independence movement. It made sense from an equity as well as efficiency paradigm and was considered a legitimate demand across different ideologies. From the early 1950s, the Ambedkarite Dalit land movement in Maharashtra raised a follow-up slogan: *kasetyanchijamin, nasetyanchekaa* (land to the tiller, but what about non-tillers or those without traditional rights over land?)”

Historically, Dalits were prohibited from holding productive and knowledge resources, especially land, because of their caste status. Land reforms failed except in a few states: the tenancy reforms primarily benefited the middle-castes but the distribution of ceiling-surplus land to the landless failed miserably. The National Sample Survey Office reveals that more than 58% of all rural Dalit households in India were landless in 2013. The list of top three states in this regard — Haryana (92%), Punjab (87%) and Bihar (86%) — suggests that Dalit landlessness remains unaffected by agricultural development (or the lack of it).

Dr BR Ambedkar’s perspective on agrarian problems are under-discussed in academic research or popular discourse. In fact, there is a tendency to diminish his large body of work on rural socio-economic transformation to his oft-quoted views on the regressive nature of the village.

In his framework, widespread poverty in India was due to the preponderance of uneconomic smallholdings that, along with the scarcity of capital, resulted in low levels of productivity and poor standards of life. Additionally, India’s village society was segregated on physical and social lines, wherein Dalits lived in the “ghettoes”. Dalits remained “economically dependent” on village society due to the latter’s almost complete monopoly over productive resources, especially land.

In Ambedkar’s own words, “a person holding land had a higher status than a person not holding land”. Naturally, he considered kisan a misnomer as it included the landlord as well as the landless. Think about the Punjab Land

Alienation Act, 1900, that prevented Dalits from buying farmland or even accessing village commons because they were considered “non-agriculturalist castes”. This was even though Dalits had always worked in agriculture as village servants, “bonded” and hired workers. Expectedly, the post-Independence land reforms, almost by design, meant to give land only to those recognised as traditional kisans.

Has the situation changed? Almost every Indian language has a name for Dalit caste ghettos: Mahar/Mangwada in Marathi or Beda in Punjabi. The recent farmer’s movement success comes with a lesser-known fact: during the COVID-19 pandemic, many villages in Punjab announced social boycotts of Dalit agricultural workers for demanding better wages.

In Ambedkar’s framework, therefore, landholding is not simply about individual asset-ownership but is constitutive of economic freedom and social dignity. Landholding determines who is recognised as a kisan and their access to village commons. Therefore, its fair distribution opens the doors to an inclusive village “public” and equal citizenship. But landownership without self-respect is undesirable as is evident in Ambedkar’s early legislative interventions for the abolition of Maharwatan land tenures that kept Mahars tied to compulsory village services. Similarly, not many people know of his sustained opposition to land reforms because it reinforced existing land inequality through the creation of peasant proprietors, but without much support to make these smallholdings sustainable.

According to Ambedkar, at the fundamental level, only the annihilation of caste could destroy the exploitative dependence that forced human beings to lead an undignified life, devoid of a common humanity. Alongside, he advocated the nationalization of land and collectivization of agriculture along with modern industrialisation. In the early 1950s, he led and inspired land movements in Maharashtra, as also Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh.

Despite high growth, industrialisation in India has failed to produce enough decent jobs. Thus, Ambedkar’s ideas for rural transformation are more relevant than ever. Land for Dalits can be a step in dislodging caste hegemony in villages and dignity and citizenship for Dalits.

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FOR YEARS now, the end-of-season prize-money lists published by Badzine, the diligent recorder of all developments in shuttle, has had a pinned entry of one or the other woman Chinese doubles shuttlers who top tournament earnings each year. This is by virtue of dominating women’s doubles, while attaining formidable results in mixed doubles, too, on the circuit.

Women top badminton earnings ahead of men, like an everyday fact of life: Sun rises; water is wet; women earn more.

Badminton has always known pay parity, given the prize kitty gets equally split over men’s singles, women’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles, who all play three sets.

The last decade, dubbed the golden generation of women’s singles — of which P V Sindhu and Saina Nehwal were a part and where Chinese domination was cut down by shuttlers from across the world, where crowds thronged stadiums to watch Tai Tzu Ying, Ratchanok Intanon, Carolina Marin, Nozomi Okuhara, Chen Yufei, Akane Yamaguchi and An Se Young play — further accentuated the belief in true parity of women’s sport.

Tournament Sundays were routinely headlined by women’s singles finals as the climax, with the men often playing on undercards, especially after the exit of Lee Chong Wei and Lin Dan. It was an obvious and unfussed call, taken on the basis of which final would crescendo spectator interest. People came and stayed to watch the generation’s finest women’s singles talent challenge each other to cap an evening at the arena.

It is against this backdrop of subtle acknowledgement that Indian cricket’s latest announcement of equal match fees for women — same as the top male internationals — carries a whiff of a sport simply catching up with evolved times.

It’s why tennis and cricket and their long struggle for something so fundamental always befuddles me, as someone accustomed to watching badminton, which didn’t announce its egalitarian cred in paying women as much as it paid men. The sport just halved the prize money fraction, and disbursed the funds as a matter of routine.

But the world outside badminton is different.

Serena Williams’ struggle to demand a Centre Court face-off stage was real.

Pay parity? Shuttlers
smashed it long ago



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Grand Slams had to be pushed and shamed into bringing parity to match winnings. Cricket, a late starter for women despite hosting the first Women’s World Cup in 1973 (men only hosted theirs in 1975), has needed the T20 rub-off and some blunt telling-offs of its crusty ways, to come up to speed on the issue of even broadcasting pay parity. Throughout the pandemic, the women barely played any cricket, while mountains were moved to ensure men got their T20 gig.

The BCCI has woken up — ahead of England and Australia, it must be said — to come up with their slightly muddled version of ‘pay parity’. The basic retainership of a Rohit Sharma would be Rs 7 crore, while Harmanpreet Kaur gets Rs 50 lakh as base, and then the newly introduced ‘equal match fees’, though she will play considerably fewer matches, and take home a commensurately lesser pay packet.

It’s why ‘pay parity’ — while admirable in intent and a good start — cannot be the goal pursued by women’s sport, though even getting there seems ambitious. The USA women’s soccer teams have won four FIFA World Cups — their men have won none — but have to be cited as an example, and even be grateful, for earning as much as the men.

A Tai Tzu Ying in women’s badminton is a considerably bigger draw in badminton than a Chou Tien Chen in men’s, yet shuttle must stay content in its head-start on pay-parity, while not raising the issue of pay-paucity and its low base of

potential earnings, for either sexes.

The Commonwealth Games women’s T20 final between India and Australia was a full-house at Edgbaston and yet, Harmanpreet and Smriti Mandhana must bide their time and hope the Women’s IPL takes off, before they are seen by their home board as an exciting game of cricket to watch for the family.

The broad contours of pay parity do not accommodate the badminton possibility — that some day, the women’s game might prove even more watchable than the men’s competition.

Any gymnastics venue will pay good gate money to watch Simone Biles execute her aeronautic skillset, and her return remains much anticipated in the sport. The women’s Euro final brought England to a standstill — and also got them the Cup, something their carping, whingeing men’s team hasn’t managed to nail down in many years.

Families with young, pigtailed school girls shyly face-painting the tricolour, drove down from London, Manchester and Edinburgh to watch the Indian women play the CWC finals at Birmingham. Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah got the Alexander Stadium on its feet and they queued up since noon to watch her have a go at her 100m — golden hair flowing and all. Those who watch sports don’t go in wearing a comparison lens.

USA’s Women’s NBA (WNBA) has pushed average salaries upward of the USD 200,000 mark. And what Indian cricket did this week was basic: a start, from where slightly bright marketing whizzes and cricket’s awakened administration can only build up a property that has remarkable potential in the T20 format to mint millions, exactly like the men’s game did. Turning women’s cricket into a money spinner for the board is a matter of when, not if. There’s revenue potential there, even if you don’t like the word ‘revolution’.

Women’s sport should not have to struggle for achieving pay parity. Or what passes off as the well-worded press release on pay parity. If you’ve watched female badminton players fill stadiums all these years, you’d know women’s sport, in a world craving inspirational role models, has been a marketeer’s miss. Pay parity doesn’t even begin to describe blazing ambition.

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WHILE EXITING a buzzing bar in Gurgaon recently I noticed something I’ve never seen in any security detail stationed at the entrance: a woman bouncer. Dressed in the same charcoal grey safari suit associated with intimidatingly muscular blokes working as professional guards, she was similarly inscrutable and kindly humoured my curiosity about her job — basically, to toss out misbehaving, drunk girls whose tribe it appears, is fast increasing. The unspoken etiquette of power dynamics demands only women may oust women. Besides, the inevitable altercations that arise at the doors of trendy nightclubs requires a female presence to restrict “entry” and assist in that

most inexact of sciences, deciding who has the right demeanor (and the fattest wallet), before letting them in. In this woke era, when denying someone access means risking loud cries of discrimination on Twitter, out-of-control female revelers have to be tackled delicately, and never by men.

Rowdy women are such an anomaly in Indian society that the slightest, unhinged behaviour would terrify the burliest of male bouncers. Typically, on weekends, one to two all-woman tables get particularly raucous but usually, just a stern (warning) look from her is enough to sober them up. Every now and then though, a heated, alcohol-fueled argument ensues. The club policy in such situations, she said, is that the male management steps back and the women, manager and bouncer, step in. Before I’m accused of being a traitor to my gender, fo-

cusing on that statistically minuscule number of Indian women privileged enough to act with reckless abandon — let me say that in a twisted way, boozing females defiantly doing their own thing is progress.

Men have been creating a ruckus and brawling in bars for centuries, women have been held back by frustrating societal expectations of ladylike, shrinking demureness.

Of course, it’s a frightening thought of where India is headed if the women are starting to behave like the men (not to worry, we still lag far behind) — 95% of road rage cases, murders, robberies and online frauds are committed by men but if we’re aspiring to gender equality, some catching up in crime should be expected too. It was Page 1 news in September when a woman, a college professor, was arrested for slapping and abusing a guard

at a Noida housing society. A man doing that is not news (and would be relegated to a footnote on the city page, if at all).

In our imaginations, beating up people, or a bust-up in a watering hole automatically signifies (toxic) masculinity. Women won’t wear this behaviour as a badge of honour but unlike a previous generation, they’re not afraid of occupying space and being combative when they have to.

One can sense changes in young attitudes from the fashion sections of www.myntra.com and www.flipkart.com, which are full of T-shirts spouting feminist quotes like ‘I choose my dress’, ‘No means no, yes means yes’. And my favorite, *chup kar*, a long overdue revolt against the national pastime of judgment, the bane of female existence in India.

Historically, women the world over,

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Farming on Fallow Land

Shelja Sen on what steps are we ready to take now that will invite children to resist arid, oppressive, dominant ideas?



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A play adaptation in Tibetan, with a Tibetan cast, explores a people's search for peace and freedom

WHO'S THE BOSS?

Work culture in India is seeing an attitudinal shift as millennials negotiate terms of engagement. But will it last?



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GURGAON-BASED Ayaan Arya picked up a job in the middle of 2020 and scored high, despite the pandemic-induced lull, with some out-of-the-box thinking and smart execution. At 32, he was quite content with the perks and work-from-home flexibility that his job with a global IT services major provided. During the lockdown, he learnt to compartmentalise his responsibilities at office and home with disciplinary rigour and realised that he could devote more time to himself without the job consuming him. He decided to settle down, get married and is now, a new father. But since offices globally are returning to old, aggressive ways, his included, and retracting some of the privileges, Arya has decided to bow out of the rat race. Not because he is less skilled or a slacker, in fact, he can deliver faster in less time, but has chosen to prioritise work-life balance and is content to do only as much as the job requires without going overboard with it.

"The last two years have shown that you need not be in office every day. Besides, is it really worthwhile to waste travel time, fuel and physical man hours in the office when you can be much more productive from home?" asks Arya. He doesn't mind losing out on a raise or prize project and is not averse to upskilling or taking up short-term consultancies, should he have to quit.

Like Arya, Delhi-based Sandeep Sharma, who takes his parenting responsibilities seriously, wants to spend more time with his eight-year-old child. He doesn't want his wife alone to make all the compromises as more and more women, like her, drop out of the workforce. "The last two years made me feel how much my daughter needs me and I have chosen not to go back to my crazy schedules," he says.

Both Arya and Sharma are representative of the "quiet quitting" movement where conscientious millennials have decided to disengage from an overwrought work culture because it consumes their personal time. They continue to be employed in their company but will only do this much and no further, the corner office be damned. Not only that, having harvested a slew of benefits, they have realised the measure of their talent and their strike rate. Therefore, they demand to be cared for and valued rather than be seen as a

workhorse, which will gallop that extra mile without any gain.

In short, Gen Z, or the future workforce, is laying out the cards on the table, renegotiating their terms of engagement, using their talent as a bargaining chip with their employers for working out terms favourable for themselves. They do not feel beholden to a top corporation as they are capable of making money in other ways. They want to be challenged creatively and be rewarded for it. As the World Economic Forum, in its September 2 article on its website, quotes Zaid Khan, a 24-year-old software engineer and musician in New York, whose quiet quitting video has gone viral on TikTok, "You're still performing your duties but you're no longer subscribing to the hustle culture mentality that work has to be your life."

This is different from the big resignation, where people chose to step out of the system altogether. The new rule is to stay within the system, not giving up their demarcated responsibility but demanding that they be noticed because of it. Often, it is a stopgap before the big resignation.

According to American analytics and advisory company Gallup's poll this year, quiet quitters make up at least 50 per cent of the US workforce, forcing corporations to revise their contractual rules. Europe is already testing the four-day work week for the same pay to hold on to talent, with Belgium, Iceland, Scotland and Wales leading the experiment. The results have been mixed. While the West struggles to come to terms with the evolution of a new work culture, its cascading effect is being felt among top corporates in India, too. Flexibility is now being seen as an enabler if companies want their employees to bring their "whole" selves back to work.

Zainab Patel, diversity, inclusion and equity leader at Pernod Ricard India, who herself did the big resignation and changed sectors, attributes the trend to a stagnancy brought about by burnouts. "Job switches are not just about a better-paying proposition, they are about doing something interesting, contributing creatively and doing justice to your talent. Some are using the extra time they previously put into their jobs to acquire new skills that allow them to take up newer projects or plan start-ups. Even those who have been laid off in badly-hit sectors, like retail, are choosing to wait it out. Across India, the attrition rate is around 20 to 30 per cent this year and contrary to popular belief, it is

the salary-paying companies that are losing staff. Anecdotally, about 50 per cent people do not want to go back to a full working week," says Patel.

Of course, not all can swim with the tide. It is mostly the younger employee pool who are opting for such an attitudinal change. It's a different landscape and a generational shift. "When I joined the workforce, perks felt good but never mattered as they do today. A salary hike was important to us but continuity and stability mattered more. My generation was far more reverential towards authority and would burn the midnight oil when asked. Today's skilled workforce can undoubtedly get what it wants in a vastly competitive space that we didn't have; we couldn't risk it. Also, we made conventional choices in savings and were not aggressive about investments. Youngsters are better market players and know how to grow their savings," says Arun Bakshi, 62, who retired from a traditional manufacturing company. Bakshi's daughter, 26-year-old Maya, likens his working life to "modern slavery." Now working in a not-for-profit organisation for child welfare, she is happy pursuing what she wanted all along and not "become an automaton."

Many millennials across sectors reflect Maya's attitude to work, media persons being the most noticeable. Take Sandhya Menon, 30, who works in a top publication and has adopted the quiet quitting mode over the last 10 months. "Media was once touted as the sunrise industry. Agreed, the pandemic hit it hard. But what does loyalty get you when the management hands you the pink slip without batting an eyelid after 20 plus years of service? I've seen committed seniors being offloaded for bottom lines. That hurts and makes this whole 'work is passion' meaningless. Each of us has lost a dear one to the pandemic. Wish we had spent more time with them instead. So why give it my all?" she asks.

Sharma's outlook is illustrative of a millennial world view. The young professional sits with his fund manager before he considers a job switch, assesses his investment options and sustainable returns. He has an upper hand and feels assured that his skills will always find a parking slot. Such confidence comes from a shortage of critical talent in the industry, particularly in sectors powering the new economy. "According to the Gartner INC survey done in February, over half of the chief human resources (HR) officers reported shortage of critical talent as the number one trend impacting organisations," says Arun Chawla, director-general, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Does this mean that companies are thinking about new ideas for workforce retention? "Social media is normalising this conversation. Companies need to understand their

employees' psyche and work out a few fundamental changes in the way they have to be engaged. Remote and hybrid got normalised during COVID, and, today, employees are looking for meaningful engagement at work, which will make their travel to the office 'worthwhile.' Companies are coming to terms with the fact that having a work-life balance does not diminish someone's commitment to the value they bring to the table," says Chawla.

The dropouts are not just choosing work-life balance. Courtesy the gig economy, they are finding an abundance of new opportunities. This has resulted in moonlighting (holding parallel jobs made easier by a work-from-home format) or a series of consultancies. "Apart from legal and behavioural aspects related to dual employment, this has certainly put tremendous pressure on business leaders to decode and reflect upon employee psyche, preferences and integrity," adds Chawla.

Patel senses a new trend where employees with high skill sets are leveraging perks by one company to get the second company to raise its bar or forget the hire. "Gen Z today wants instant gratification. Research shows 75 per cent of them are looking to be promoted within the first year of joining. Slow and steady wins the race, perhaps, is a thing of the past now," she says.

Appreciation is affirmation that your value is measured in the company and it is worth investing your working years in. Silence means nobody cares for your talent and expertise. Salary may honour your effort but perks celebrate individualism. "Instant feedback on the work coupled with praise helps young employees build confidence in themselves, enhances competence and, ultimately, betters productivity and engagement. Regular conversations with them about how their work is contributing to the larger picture of the company connects their purpose to the company," says Chawla.

The idea that the office is a part of an individual's extended family has been ingrained by monolithic companies in India. Home-grown conglomerates like the Tatas and the Birlas have used familial benevolence as a tool of workforce retention. Now, there is a serious shift in this work culture.

The "we are family" concept has been replaced by the idea of a "dream team", where brand power is about collecting strands of excellence and arranging them mathematically like an equation rather than forging a cohesive spirit among individuals who are just

about adequate. Much of this gained currency with Netflix's revolutionary HR policy, which changed the contours of the employer-employee relationship. This has now become a global mantra. As its chief talent officer Patty McCord wrote in the *Harvard Business Review* (January-February 2014): "Hire, reward and tolerate only fully formed adults. Ask workers to rely on logic and common sense instead of formal policies. Scrap formal reviews in favour of informal conversations. The best thing you can do for employees — a perk better than foosball or free sushi — is hire only 'A' players to work alongside them. Forget throwing parties and handing out T-shirts, make sure every employee understands what the company needs most and exactly what's meant by high performance."

But in the Indian context, there will be a different template for start-ups and new-age companies, who are offering the "work from anywhere" option, to traditional and service-oriented companies who are now making it mandatory for their employees to return to work. Besides, the skilled workforce may not have the openings it is entitled to.

"Be it the big resignation or quiet quitting, both apply to highly skilled professionals who are looking to sell themselves to the highest bidder, who will value their focussed contribution than office hours. There is still a genuine crisis of people looking out for jobs going by the employment data of the last six months. With a flat economy and a recession predicted in 2023, organisations are also looking at streamlining processes. Should they decide that the 'cost of quiet quitting' is negotiable, then what is being touted as a workplace revolution may end with a whimper. For many, livelihood is the only issue even today," says Manish Sabharwal, vice chairman, Team Lease.

Quiet quitting could be misread as laziness, lack of initiative, untrustworthiness, or misplaced arrogance. Aware of the risks, Sabharwal says, "There cannot be a Diet Coke approach to work, where you want all the goodies without the heavy-duty calories. So, though there may not be a radical shift in the overall hierarchical rules of engagement, employers will allow more diverse choices like flexibility of operations while not mainstreaming them."

But one thing is for sure. The terms of recruitment are no longer an imposition of authority but a negotiation of a customised package.

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DOWN IN JUNGLELAND

RANJIT LAL *Author, environmentalist and bird watcher*



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Morning’s Twenty

The winged neighbours one meets on morning walks

WHEN I step out of the house at around 5.30 am, it’s still dark and even the birds have not stirred. I wonder which will be the first to awaken this morning. Alas, the winner was a crow, who muttered a harsh caw as it flew from its roost, disgruntled, no doubt, at having to awaken so early. For many past mornings, the koels have been the first, rising with a hysterical bubbling call. A couple of mornings ago, treepies broke the silence with their musical, if throaty, calls, asking for “thocolate?” first thing in the morning. Idly, you wonder what sense their name makes and who on earth thought of calling them that and why? From high above the still dark sky, the hunting call of the shikras spells alarm and danger — it’s already up and looking for the early (and sleepy) bird, no doubt. Generations of shikras have nested in the Nicholson Cemetery next door, and now the musically trilling bee-eaters skating above better beware. The brown-faced barbets

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The treepies (pictured) broke the silence with their musical if throaty calls, asking for “thocolate?” to begin the day

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have already claimed some of the high positions on the tree tops and are declaring this to one another. As you make your way around the dew-drenched lawns, you are cheered by the raucous laughter of the big Alexandrine parakeets (who had been missing for a while). A little later, they are joined by the more common rose-ringed parakeets, green and sharp as chillies. Yet again, you wonder what’s happened to the lovely plum-headed parakeets that used to streak across, leaving shrill “tooi-too!” questions in their wake. They haven’t been around for a while and you wonder if they were bullied away by these two? Speaking of bullies, you can hear the blue rock doves shuffling noisily on the balcony awnings. Their smaller cousins, the laughing dove (also known as the mourning dove) are also up, though the beige-collared dove continues to be MIA. By now, the sky is a blush pink. You enter the larger of the two lawns and are amused to see the family of Indian mynas out on their morning “walk” on the

grass. The family comprises two adults and an adolescent. The latter is clearly a case of “failure to launch”! It can fly, but it prefers to chase its parents and beg for tidbits. They land in the lawn well after dawn, so they can keep an eye out for the cats that crouch under the benches. One morning, madam pussycat was flushed out by a heckling mob of jungle babblers that hunched and ruffled their plumage (to look larger and scarier) and bounced towards her threateningly. Frustrated, the cat charged at them but they flew away laughing, calling her all sorts of names. You walk past the saptarni trees and hear the soft jingling of the white-eyes, those goggle-eyed yellow and off-white birds that keep together, preferably hidden. The tiny-tot tailorbirds are also greeting the new morning with their cheerful if shrill, “towich, towich, towich” calls, as they hop around at the bottom of the hedges in search of chilled insects. Their handsome cousin, the ashy prinia, is yet another absentee.

The ringing laugh of the black-rumped flameback (nee golden-backed woodpecker) startles you and you quickly glance at the trunks of all the surrounding trees, hoping for a glimpse: but not this morning. What you do catch a glimpse of, however, is the flash of turquoise as the white-throated kingfisher, an old timer, flashes past, emitting its own raucous laugh. Then, from deep within a hedge, the misanthropic “chrrrr!” of the magpie-robin, apparently aggrieved at having to rise so early, but still managing a single long, sweet whistle alongside it, too. It has no performances to give (the season for romance is over) and, hopefully, its family has grown and flown. By now, the black kites are wheeling about in circles, mewling in their usual peevish manner and as always you admire — and are envious of — their ease of movement. Up on the terraces, the peafowl have lined up, chiefly the shawl-coloured peahens. In moments, they will bluster down onto the lawns honking dismally like lorries going downhill without brakes, before sneaking into your garden for breakfast. I normally don’t count the number of species I hear or see during my walks, but recently, I did and the tally was 20: Morning’s Twenty!



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Farming on Fallow Land

What steps are we ready to take now that will invite children to resist arid, oppressive, dominant ideas?

IMAGINE SHELJASEN



Narrative therapist, writer, co-founder of Children First Institute of Child & Adolescent Mental Health. Her latest book is Reclaim Your Life

IN THE PAST six months, how many children and youth have you met or heard of in your close circles who have struggled with mental-health problems? How many of them are living with self-harm, eating disorders, addictions, a sense of worthlessness or hopelessness? Have you recently wondered, perhaps with bewilderment and helplessness, as to what is happening to our children? A pre-pandemic World Health Organization study estimated that more than 50 million of our children in India are dealing with intense mental-health struggles, and recent figures indicate that the numbers might have doubled during the pandemic. In the past few months, almost every fortnight I hear of a young person having died of suicide! India was already recording one of the highest numbers of deaths by suicide among the youth even before the pandemic; my stomach churns to think about the numbers now. I have spoken vehemently (to the point of becoming hoarse) and written about the warped societal and political structures that affect our children’s mental health. I am going to revisit it again as there may not be a better time to collectively address these issues with urgent concern and commitment. Before we do that, it becomes important for us to expose the ruse on what is contributing to the fallowness in their lives and see it as a social phenomenon rather than pathologise them as being “weak-minded”. **Life as a race:** Seventeen-year-old Sanna shared with me that she felt that she was constantly in a race. “It is as if I have to keep running, otherwise I will be left behind. There is a constant guilt nagging me that I am not doing enough and even in my dreams I am desperately trying to speed up to keep up.” This is an experience echoed repeatedly — keep up with the competition to not be a “loser, lonely and less than others.” Little five-year-old Diya told me, “I do not have time to play as I have to grow up to be a doctor.” Shiv, a 15-year-old,

put it, “I feel invisible in school as if I am a ghost. Everybody looks through me. Nobody knows the real me. My life is all about getting good grades, SATs and ACT scores.” **Neuromarketing:** An insidious and persuasive narrative is being sold to us and we are not aware of the extent of its impact. Sanna felt that she “did not match up in any way” with what was being constantly pitched at her as a perfect future to aspire for. In our attention economy, where or what we focus on builds or brings down multi-trillion-dollar industries, our children’s minds are fertile territories to be colonised and harvested for craving trending fashion, the latest gaming device or gambling sites. Their profit goal is clear — make products that entertain, give instant gratification, that children constantly crave to use and never lose the appeal, never mind what it does to their mental health. **Dismissed diversity:** What happens to children and youth who are divergent? By divergence I mean, they do not fit the “one size fits all mould” that society demands from them or their families. They could be vulnerable children who are neurodivergent (being on the autism spectrum, ADHD, sensory or learning difficulties), sexually or gender divergent (belonging to the LGBTQIA+ spectrum), living with disability, or from a marginalised class, caste or religion. Sanna came from a sole-parent, Muslim, financially stretched family and was neurodivergent (ADHD and Dyslexia). The odds were stacked against her. Add the “speed up to keep up in the race” and a heavy dose of neuromarketing and we are left with a person who lives with nagging guilt and shame of “being an outcast,” and “not enough.” What do the young do with their sense of disconnection and despair? They try to respond to it with whatever they can find to numb the pain — gaming, drugs, pornography. Of course, we judge them and blame them for their “bad behaviour”, without reflecting on our complicity in reproducing this injustice. We are pushing them to farm on fallow lands and then blaming and shaming them when they hit zero harvest. Though the problem is complicated and multi-layered, the solution does not have to

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be complex at all. **Being subversive is the antidote!** I have observed that the turning point in therapy is when children and young people stop locating the problem in themselves and start questioning the role of the socio-cultural context in pushing them into these dark corners. Sanna had believed that she was “defective” as she had always felt different from others and ascribed the problem to the much touted and yet flimsy discourse of “chemical imbalance.” As she started understanding how she had been made to feel “less” by society’s stringent ideas of success, she could distance herself from the problem and make space for richer stories to take roots. Her mother joined her in this quest wholeheartedly and they started exploring alternate educational opportunities for her that would let her continue with her love for designing landscapes. Most schools are just buildings where children go to learn subjects, pass examinations and get “good results” so that they can get admission to “good colleges.” Imagine if schools could be spaces where children were allowed to think, be curious, be unconventional, and most importantly, ask questions and sustain a sense of agency. Where they could question everything from why we divide ourselves according to religion, gender, class, and caste, to deconstructing the idea of “success”, to what is consent or sex. I would go one step ahead and say that we should make bold conversations on mental health, all kinds of addictions (and what leads to it), power, privilege, social advantage and intersectionality the core part of the educational curriculum. On the other hand, acknowledge and celebrate neurodiversity, learning, building collectives and not equating their worth to high scores, competition and individualist strivings. If these are happening, rest assured education is taking place. If not, something else is happening but let’s not call it education. We have no idea what the fallow land will do to our children in the coming years if we do not do something different now. It is time we asked ourselves some hard questions. How are we complicit in this injustice that contributes to this fallowness? What steps are we ready to take now that will invite children to resist arid, oppressive, dominant ideas? What ecosystems can we build as legacy for our children to reclaim the richness of the territories they stand on?

Jazz by the Bay

Mumbai band Bombay Brass on their love of *baraats*, blending the city’s cosy jazz with a bunch of influences and working with Mira Nair

Suanshu Khurana

THIRTY-FOUR YEAR-old Mumbai-based saxophonist Rhys Sebastian knows how to throw a party. Frontman of Bombay Brass — a Mumbai-based 11-piece floating jazz outfit which has found inspirations in the varied sound of an Indian *baraat*, funk-and-soul legend Maceo Parker, Hindustani classical music, and noted composer duo Shankar-Jaikishan — Sebastian turns the band’s concerts into a riot of sorts, thanks to his slick showmanship. He dances in slo-mo, carries a tune while lying flat on his back, and walks in the aisles, asking the audience to intone and repeat some of the passages — including a few incredible originals, without a note out of sync. At the recently concluded 13th edition of Jodhpur Riff (Rajasthan International Folk Festival) at the majestic Mehrangarh Fort — Sebastian and his band segued into musical

splendour with their dexterous blend of groove, energetic musical filigrees, and charisma — the hallmarks of a good jazz show. Besides Sebastian on the alto sax, the band includes Ramon Ibrahim on the keys and trombone, Robin Fargose on the trumpet, ID Rao on tenor sax, Jarryd Rodrigues on soprano sax, Saurabh Suman on bass, Sanjeev Aguiar on electric guitar, JJ (Jehangir Jehangir) on the drums, Avadhoot Phadke on the flute, and Emmanuel Simon on percussions. While JJ and Sebastian went to college together and began making music early, the others — all musicians with solo careers and significant roles in other bands — came along gradually. “We spent a lot of time on the road performing with different bands. So coming together was easy,” says Sebastian, who is also the one working out the logistics of bringing 11 musicians with different schedules under one roof for rehearsals and recordings. An admirer of the New Orleans jazz that evolved with the colliding and intermingling



COURTESY: BOMBAY BRASS

LOUD AND CLEAR Members of Bombay Brass

of many different influences, Sebastian found it to share similarities with jazz in Mumbai, where he grew up and which was once a haunt for musicians from around the world, just like New Orleans. “I felt that it’d be nice to have brass as the frontman, turn it into our lead singer of sorts and revive that sound in our own way. There could be versatility in that. I felt it could be quite cathartic,” says Sebastian, both of whose parents were musicians and who himself has had extensive training in

Western classical music. His mother Merlin D’Souza often plays the keys at their concerts. Interestingly, Bombay Brass began its career with covers — funky interpretations of songs as far away from jazz as *Kisi disco mein jaaye* (1998, *Bade Miyan Chhote Miyan*), *O o jaane jaana* (1998, *Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya*) and *Kala chashma* (2016, *Baar Baar Dekho*). This was fabulously upgraded *baraat* music with influences of jazz harmonies. The band had a great time, the crowds lapped it up, it

was a win-win for all. But Sebastian and others were keen to go the extra mile, and focus on their own voices, which led to a number of originals. “Bombay also had the military bands playing besides the jazz bands. Bombay Brass is an attempt at the revival of that culture. Of course, they weren’t ripping guitar solos like we are but brass was the essence,” says JJ. So, if OP Nayyar’s composition, *Mera naam chin chin choo* (1958, *Howrah Bridge*), became a part of their repertoire, so did Badshah’s

Jugnu (2022). In between, there were also a bunch of original compositions, including *Joggers Park*, a piece based on raag *Jog*; *Goodbye Ravi* in raag *Bhairavi* and a fun piece titled *Prime Sinisters*. Sebastian says it is here that the individual talents of the members come to the fore. “For instance, it helps that Suman and Phadke are classically trained in Hindustani music because I am not. But I like to dabble in the permutations of the ragas that are suggested. It’s enriching to find new meanings for the music I know,” says Sebastian. When *Quegdevelim Sunset*, an ode to the rocky but peaceful beach in Goa, one of the two originals the band has created was spotted by musician Ankur Tiwari, it made way for an interesting collaboration. Tiwari was then the music supervisor for Mira Nair’s adaptation of Vikram Seth’s *A Suitable Boy* (2020). While Nair didn’t like the first recording, she approved the second one and used it as the backdrop to a soiree in a newly-Independent India in the mini-series. “Mira is extremely open as well as exacting. She was available in the recordings remotely and gave her inputs throughout. We stuck to the brief and the result’s been very interesting,” says Sebastian. When Sebastian created Bombay Brass, he was clear that as much as he loved the jazz standards, he didn’t want to get stuck in them. Which is why he decided to merge the music with electric guitars, synths and even a duffli. “You can choose to work only with jazz as a career or you can choose to amalgamate your experiences with it. I chose the latter. It allows me to think out of the box,” he says.

Satwik-Chirag revel in attack

Indian pair beats South Korea’s Gyu-Ho 21-18 21-14 to reach French Open final

SHIVANI NAIK
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FOR FAR too long, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty - badgered for their iffy defence - have had to learn to bend and weave and twist and lunge and dive.

For a pair of six-footers - even if they are professional doubles shuttlers - it's a physically challenging part of the game they've had to hunker down and learn and unlearn and relearn and reboot into their instinct. Their impressive attack is almost the Cinderella chucked out of the pumpkin carriage to return to a modest existence as the duo play a positional game, slicing the drops and tempering the smashes.

But like Iron Man told Hulk at some point in the Marvel jamboree: "You've been tiptoeing too long, Big Man, you need to strut."

On Saturday at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin in Paris, which loves Satwik-Chirag and a venue they love back, the two tall Indians finally got down to the towering Hulk's strut. Through the week they've been defending impressively on the lateral flanks, skulking low, crouching and diving with the racquet parallel to the ground. Against Koreans Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho, the Indians explored the third dimension - rising and flying in the vertical plane for full-blooded steep smashes.

Last week, coach Mathias Boe quite audibly told Shetty off for shrinking away from the shuttle flying his way and almost being scared of facing up to the frontcourt battle. Most don't appreciate the shrunk stance Shetty has been forced to adapt owing to being the set-up man, the soldier guarding the net and expected to intercept, deflect, reorient and toss it up for Satwik to boom down. It's serious bending, and also a creative sacrifice so to speak, for someone who is no mug with the full-throated jump smash.

But against the rejigged Koreans, Shetty didn't hold back and stayed crouched. He leapt the full altitude of his glorious jump every opportunity he got and sent them hurtling and hounding down to give wings to his restrained attack. It ended in a 21-18, 21-14 victory and their march into the finals of the Super 750 at Paris.

Winners at the India Open, Commonwealth Games, Thomas Cup and bronze medalists at World's, the Indians continued their love affair with Paris - something they will hope go on till 2024 when the Big Games happen. The duo play Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han of Chinese Taipei in the final on Sunday.

On Saturday, the Koreans who operate at a decent speed, though play a monochrome and monotone game, would struggle to match the firepower of the Indian attack which wasn't holding back. With their



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (foreground) and Chirag Shetty will face Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han of Chinese Taipei in the final of the French Open on Sunday. *File*

confidence rising as the week wore on, Satwik was loping about the backcourt and leaping high in the air to rain down steep hits. Taking off at 7-all in the opening set, the Indians wouldn't stop peppering their opponents from the vantage.

The Danes tend to be tall and play the power game, but most Asian pairs have a height differential - with the smaller statured one manning front-court duties. The Indians for whom their tall athleticism ought to be a massive advantage, have had to prop up their defensive repertoire and nuance the attack to keep up with top pairs. In the semis, they offered a glimpse of an un-sheathed gleaming smack of a sword, with the vertical assaults. Koreans never really stood a chance.

Yet, their rank 18 opponents would edge closer, sniffing a swipe at 19-16. What's changed since Denmark was visible in Shetty's wide-open eyes, as he pounced on the shuttle hungrily, shrugging off the reticence of last week. His eyes would light up in anticipation of the shuttle coming to him and he remained sharp to take set point.

At 20-18, Shetty would defend laterally, and Satwik would shape up on the backcourt for the big hit and send one scything. The Koreans scrambled, but the lift now was in Shetty's crosshairs. With an explosive hop

mirroring Satwik from the previous stroke, Shetty would now leap high and finish it off with a punch. Boe even smiled - a wide grin to erase all the Odense growls.

In the second, the Indians settled into a neat semicircle rotation and split duties. He might have the extra second manning the backcourt, but Satwik too has copped criticism in the past for his defence. He has put together a reasonably good one in the form of a squat defence and looks up to the task for shuttles hit at hip length in body attacks.

The latter half of the second set was all about two towering shuttlers leaping as if on trampolines, finding a release to all the tactical gameplans that have needed them to hunker down. The attack would swell and soar and roar. At 18-12, Chirag would even tell Satwik 'aage aage' to 'stay in front while he went for the shelling from the backcourt.

Making their second Tour final of the year, the Indians who don't lose too many on Sundays would wrap it up with Chirag thwacking one aimed at the Korean legs.

On Sunday aiming to go the distance, the Indians play Taiwanese Yang Po Han and Lu Ching Yao, ranked No 25. The Indians start as favourites to win and will hope they light up the Olympic venue two years from now and acclimatise to a winning feeling.

Force of defence: Muthusamy's relentless retrieving earns him a spot in Jr Worlds final

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WALL KNOCKS are badminton's most basic drill, and Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian was told by coach Aravindan Samiappan in Chennai to get on with hitting against the wall at age 6. It's when the tiny boy, barely 4 feet, and not even managing to swing the racquet around the shuttle, got started at the Fireball Academy at Annanagar.

"It's a basic drill, quite uninteresting. And kids often lose interest. But Sankar just did not waver. Everyone likes to attack, hit flat and fast, not him. He didn't look left or right for 30 minutes. How that small kid had that focus I still don't know," coach Aravindan recalls.

On Saturday, the 18-year-old defensive metronome reached the Junior Badminton World Championship final, where he will take on Chinese Taipei's Kuan Lin Kuo, after beating the most talked-about talent at Santander, Spain, Thailand's Panitchaporn Teeratsakul 21-13, 21-15. "He was the most feared because he had upset big names with big strokes. But the boy didn't have patience at all so we stuck to sound defence, made him move and Sankar floated it around knowing he won't last long," Aravindan clucked.

Those wall knocks had built reserves of patience that were in evidence in both pre-quarters and a 91-minute quarterfinal against a doughty Chinese on Friday. "Sankar loves playing rallies, always has. It's his mindset. Most kids don't like to defend because they get scared if 2-3 shuttles get retrieved. Sankar has a lot of trust in his defensive game," the coach adds.

Japanese Kento Momota's emergence internationally gave Sankar the reassurance that a rally game with good control could survive. "Many have said he won't survive. And I agree, just defence is inadequate. He doesn't have the smash power yet, but we're not hanging back and relying on defence. The attack will develop. He looks up to Momota for confidence though he's never doubted his style," Aravindan assures.

During the pandemic, and on his way to becoming junior World No 1, Sankar would return to wall knocks. "For 3, 4, 5 hours! I was stunned. If you keep hitting against the wall for even 45 minutes, the forearm can go numb. It's a basic, boring drill. But Sankar was undaunted," the coach added.

Against the Thai, Sankar would pick up every shuttle, forcing the attacking stroke maker to flee to hitting the lines. The errors would pile up with the shuttle straying wide or long, and very few winners per se from the Indian. But attack is not simply smashing power, Aravindan stresses. "It's also counters and increasing pace and it's Sankar's fast retrieving game that troubles opponents."

China's Hu Zhen wasn't as talented, but ready to grit it out. "Sankar had no clue till after one hour or the second half of the third



Sankar Muthusamy with his coach Aravindan Samiappan.

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SANKAR MUTHUSAMY'S COACH

game when he sensed the Chinese was tiring. It's when tenacity and adrenaline kicked in." Sankar is not as fit as many Indians his age, Aravindan concedes. "But everyone is fit in badminton! I believe technique and tactics are overrated. Only temperament matters in pressure situations. Sankar has that," he says. "You need both physical and mental strength. We inculcate mental strength."

The coach doesn't believe in waking up at 6am and training too hard. "Focus and intensity even if for 2 hours is important. I want every session to be fantastic and exciting even if gruelling. But we can do that at smaller academies. Big academies don't have the luxury to customise training according to players and need to follow a process." A boutique academy could cater to the 'defensive freak.'

Player-centric training

Sankar could nurture his defensive ways because the Chennai coach believed all training should be player-centric. "Most of my 30-40 players are taught the attacking game. But I knew this one needed different things."

Aravindan admits Sankar is difficult to coach, mostly because he has to stand there and feed a lakh shuttles each month, mostly to the 18-year-old. "He's restless and gets agitated if I'm late and demands commitment. I'm not saying he's not obedient but you can't

keep him quiet. 99 per cent time I want to stop because I have a leg stump and a bad shoulder. But I'm also a competitor so I tell him 'you have to bl***y die first. I won't stop feeding. Yesterday, both he and the Chinese were gone, but Sankar's mindset was to withstand pressure. I face it every day," he mock-sulks.

Aravindan played badminton 'only up to college state level.' "Look. I won only college level, but I'm a good player ok! I'm nothing as a player, but I played five years of cricket in the third-fourth division of TNCA (Tamil Nadu Cricket Association). I'm (a) multisport (player). I was never hardworking or disciplined, so I ensure Sankar does those things. But I teach well and understand the game and feed a lakh shuttles," he says.

Aravindan reckons 'Lin Dan and Lee Chong Wei will never become good coaches'. "They won't have motivation. Their big dreams are already fulfilled. If Gopichand had won 5-6 All England, he might not have the hunger to become a great coach I think. People like me who achieved nothing as players, we have that fire," he says.

Sankar, whose father is Aravindan's friend and retired from Port Trust to ferry him back and forth from the academy, feeds off that fire. He's a sucker for more knowledge. "After beating the Thai, he said 'what a talented player.' Sankar has great self-awareness, knows what he lacks and never shows off. Even if he wins tomorrow, he won't cut a cake or celebrate. He'll just say - what next? Move forward."

There's always the next match to be won. Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian from Chennai - which ain't Hyderabad or Bangalore - knows defence and rallying is a lifetime's meditative pursuit of every shuttle. Keep on keeping on, is his motto.

BRIDGE

Dealer: East Vulnerable: None

NORTH

♠ 652

♥ Q3

♦ AQ72

♣ KJ109

EAST

♠ 109

♥ AJ10942

♦ 65

♣ 743

WEST

2♣

5♥

Pass

NORTH

2♣

3♦

Pass

EAST

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Pass

East opened an aggressive weak two bid in hearts, a bid I would not object to since the hearts are so good. South bid 3D and West raised to 5H. West is up to something but whatever it is, North was not daunted. He bid 6D. East has no reason to do anything and passes to allow West to make the last decision. West passes and leads the six of hearts and dummy plays low. What happens next?

The West hand: S-KJ874H-K8765D-4C-8S
The South hand: S-AQ3 H-D-KJ10983C-AQ62

You can see all four hands now. Follow the play and make a note if you see something you do not approve of. What happened was that East played the ace of hearts and South ruffed it. Watch carefully what South does now. It may look like South has to lose two spades, but he has a trick up his sleeve. South draws two rounds of trumps and then plays four rounds of clubs, ending in the dummy. Now he leads the queen of hearts. Do you see what South's plan is yet?

South does not ruff the heart. He discards a spade. West gets his king of hearts but it's a tainted trick. After winning it West gets an unpleasant surprise. South shows him his hand and West recognizes that a spade lead is into the AQ and a heart lead gives South a sluff and a ruff. Making 6D. Do you see how the defense can beat 6D?

East erred at trick one. As is often the case, the result of the hand was determined by a play at trick one. Doing bad things at the first trick is not the sole right of declarers. Defenders do it too. All East had to do was play the jack (or ten or nine etc.) of hearts. South can ruff it, of course, but East still has his ace and can stop South's endplay.

Dealer: North Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH

♠ J75

♥ KJ

♦ 42

♣ AQJ1093

EAST

♠ 10983

♥ 97653

♦ QJ5

♣ K

WEST

1♣

Pass

NORTH

1♣

Pass

EAST

Pass

Pass

SOUTH

3NT

West led the seven of diamonds. That is a super lead from East's point of view because he has two helpful honors. If West has one high honor, the diamond suit may be a formidable defensive weapon. If West happens to have both high honors, the defenders may set 3NT before declarer can get in. Which diamond should East play?

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2397

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- A community near a large city (6)
- Frozen dessert (8)
- Recover (6)
- Expressing, manifesting or displaying (8)
- Coastal birds (4)
- Vacated (7,3)
- Denotes normal vision (6-6)
- Full of initiative ? (12)
- Assertion made without proof (10)
- Grime (4)
- Cried or lamented over (8)
- A teacher at a college or university (6)
- A form of black carbon (8)
- Hoarded (6)

DOWN

- Snakes (8)
- Novice (8)
- Sudden attack (4)
- Let the buyer beware (6,6)
- Having a common center (10)
- Newspaper chief (6)
- Huge (6)
- Abuse, harm or injury (3-9)
- Write in shorthand (10)
- Pertaining to two lines (8)
- Perturbed (8)
- Talkative person (sl.) (6)
- Woman graduate (6)
- Jar (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Escape the consequence of the much train travel (3,3)
- Going into the matter of death at last (8)
- Part of one's capital required for the church (6)
- Girls backed a net dress with sequins (8)
- Chip log and start to weaken - could it be perspiration? (4)
- Sir Henry has an involuntary movement coupling with conditions between ranks (10)
- Nice weather, lately (6,6)
- Distorted opinion the rooster has of life ? (4-4,4)
- His coroner turned out to be a beast (10)
- Sort of silence that's getting one in senile dotage (4)

- Almost becoming alarmed, say, in small vessel (8)
- Fashionable greeting, but over-affected (6)
- General place for great changes in the pig-pen (8)
- Greyhound ? (3,3)

- Inform about erosion, using strong language (8)
- Great apes eat stolen fruit (6)
- A fixer in the London suburbs (6)
- Zeus's mummy is quite a bird (4)

Solutions to 2396

QUICK CLUES ACROSS: 1 Proclivity, 6 Armo, 9 Gratuitous, 10 Glee, 12 Debilitating, 15 Doorway, 16 Echelon, 17 Plateau, 19 Chateau, 20 Aristocratic, 23 Ions, 24 Horizontal, 25 Node, 26 Skillfully, **DOWN:** 1 Pegs, 2 Odas, 3 Laurel wreath, 4 Vittrif, 5 Taurine, 7 Multiplied, 8 Oleaginuous, 11 Rachmaninoff, 13 Adaptation, 14 Nonaligned, 18 Uncloak, 19 Cranial, 21 Hm! 22 Slay, **CRYPTIC CLUES:** **ACROSS:** 1 Sketchbook, 6 Form, 9 Unbeatable, 10 Zion, 12 Epithelium, 15 Economy, 16 Pitfall, 17 Canasta, 19 Reefers, 20 Putting it off, 23 Eves, 24 Brandished, 25 Task, 26 Adult sides. **DOWN:** 1 Saul, 2 Elbe, 3 Championship, 4 Beastly, 5 Oillamp, 7 Originated, 8 Minimalist, 11 Battle of wits, 13 Percipient, 14 Sonnetreys, 18 Angered, 19 Retinal, 21 Shod, 22 Ida's.

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.

Lack of ___ is no obstacle. Lack of an ___ is an obstacle. - Ken Hakuta (5,...4)

CPAAEE

GEOID

AEMRDN

AELTMY

SOLUTION: PEACE, DOGIE, REMAND, TAMELY
answer: Lack of money is no obstacle. Lack of an idea is an obstacle. - Ken Hakuta

SUDOKU 5003

Difficulty Level 4s

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 5002

If it's your Birthday

Sunday October 30

Your coming year will bring a range of welcome developments, including some unexpectedly generous offers in about five months' time. Be prepared to flesh out your plans with some detail, though.

Monday October 31

It's a perfect day for lovers to whisper sweet nothings in each other's ears. Anyone who takes this route might hear some welcome words in reply.

Tuesday November 1

If you play your cards right, you can have it both ways. You can go off by yourself, but appreciate time with your partners.

Wednesday November 2

Think big seems to be the most important message. You should be scrambling up the slippery slope of success, encouraged by others.

Thursday November 3

Keep on the move and exploit all friendly contacts. Venus, the planet of personal relationships, is still active and linked to Mercury, the symbol of genius.

Friday November 4

When change is coming, you need to take the necessary steps. You must make an effort to see the world through other's eyes. You may go along with partners as you understood what is required.

Saturday November 5

It's an exciting moment and you may be frustrated by restrictions which you take for granted. You'll be broadening your horizons over the coming year, tackling new ventures and learning fresh skills.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The first half of the week could be an excellent time for travel, but you are also urged to sort out any lingering legal questions. You'll become very much more insistent about asserting your rights after Wednesday, and Thursday and Friday could see you taking the right steps, at last.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

I hope circumstances are on your side, because home is the place to be this week, deep in the bosom of your family. Even if you travel, as you may around the end of the week, the most attractive destinations will be places which have a homely feel about them.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The promise of your horoscope is now being pushed forward by leaps and bounds. You might even discover that a loved one or younger relation comes up with just the idea you need to break the bank and set yourself up for life.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

If you only do one thing this week, see that it is to break with the habits of a lifetime and reform your entire approach to money, setting yourself on a prosperous course. Even love affairs may stumble unless you back your desires with suitable amounts of cash.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

While the month emphasises work, this week's stars promote changes and you'll become steadily more concerned with personal questions. If you get as much as possible accomplished early on, you'll then have very much more time to throw yourself into the social whirl.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You should be aware that partners might be in a difficult mood around Wednesday to Friday but, in reality, they're challenging you to change your attitudes and preconceptions. It's time for a few experiments with your lifestyle.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Romance seems to be inseparable from travel, so a holiday affair may be revived, or you may find that a hint of far-away places is necessary to get your juices flowing. A deeper look at your chart also indicates that the religious side of your life requires a little attention.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You can't afford to be depressed for longer than five minutes. You have too much to achieve to waste any time, and the roots you put down at work, in love and at home will set you off on a new cycle of experience lasting anything up to eighteen months.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Probably the most useful days for achieving your romantic ends are Monday and Thursday, and, if you are so inclined, a spot of emotional blackmail may be permissible! At the end of the week, the intervention of planets aligned with your house of pleasure suggests you can now let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

To be brief, it's a period for organised fun and games, so enjoy the atmosphere and cast your cares aside. The only problem area could be work, where the storm clouds gather after the middle of the week, with possible flashes of lightning by Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You're a perfectionist by nature, and that's why you're always trying to make the world, or at least your corner of it, a better place. Much of your energy this week will be directed towards sorting out other people's little problems, if only because there's no other way you can feel settled.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

In relationships, two things count: your need for both emotional security and physical satisfaction. Hopefully, you'll find both in the same place. The beginning of the week looks set to be fairly bright and optimistic, especially on the social front.

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EMPLOYEES OUR ASSETS HUMANE APPROACH. WELFARE STEPS.



“Employees are an integral part of the state government and partners too. We have given the benefit of OPS from a humanitarian point of view. Decisions such as timely promotion of employees, the benefit of the 7th Pay Commission, timely payment of Dearness Allowance, regularization of 1.10 lakh contractual workers and implementation of health scheme (RGHS) show our commitment towards the welfare of the employees.”

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister

First state in the country to implement OPS

Old Pension Scheme (OPS) implemented for employees appointed on and after January 1, 2004

Implemented Rajasthan Contractual Hiring to Civil Post Rules, 2022

1.10 lakh contractual workers going to be regularised
Fulfilled long awaited demand

Timely Promotion

- Online Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR)
- Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting twice a year, if required
- DPC at the departmental level

New Recruitments

1.32 lakh government jobs given
1.21 lakh government recruitments under process
1 lakh recruitments proposed on additional posts

Cashless free medical facilities to employees, pensioners and dependents

Benefit of cashless free medical facility (RGHS) to employees, pensioners and dependents

Timely payment of Dearness Allowance

With the announcement of the Dearness Allowance by the Central Government, the Rajasthan Government is also paying DA with immediate effect

