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Material Manager. North Eastern Railway. Gorakhpur. and g pehalf 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**.

ltem 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/Gorakhi				

About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955

#### "DO NOT TRAVEL WITH INFLAMMABLE ARTICLE IN TRAIN" **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 Providing LHS alongwith bridge no. 77 at km. 50/9-51/0 Name of 22-A between PT-JSKA stations by providing LHS (size 4.0x4.0 m. work with its on DEE-RE section under ADEN/DEE location 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 o fabrication and erection of FOB or PF shelter or industrial shed or steel/composite girder bridge or Microwave/HT tower o 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 fabrication and erection of FOB or PF shelter or industrial shed or steel/composite girder bridge or Microwave/HT tower o channel Sleepers. 2 Approx. 22-A Rs. 33610436.45 Costof 22-B Rs. 2711741.54 work 22-D Rs. 39875798.72 1-F Rs. 8986888.11 (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only Earnest Money 31.08.2016) 22-A Rs. 318100.00 22-B Rs. 54200.00 22-D Rs. 349400.00 21-F Rs. 179700.00 22-A 6 Months 22-B 4 Months

#### Note: - FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated Deposit 4 Completion period of Work 22-D 6 Months 21-F 6 Months Upto 15.00 hrs on 22.11.2022 Opening of Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender tender at 15.00 hrs. On 22.11.2022 Website particulars notice board Above tender available on IREPS site i.e location complete details of tender www.ireps.gov.in can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. No. 128-W/280/OET/2021-22/W-V/NIT-22-A, B, D & 21-F-2022-23-W-V Dated 28.10.2022 2887/2022 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

#### 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 inform deceased may kindly inform to following address or Telephone Nu	the undersigned on the
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 Bv Order Bhuiali.

Metropolitan Magistrate-01(NI Act) Room No. 201, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

#### **PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE** APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

DP/2172/N/2022

(Court Notice)

#### (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, DP/2275/NE/2022

Room No. 19. Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

omputers for Dept. of Textile and Apparel Des Purchase of One Electric Meat Mincer for the College of Fisheries Science

For detail information and e-tendering schedule, please visit the website 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: 1. 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.
  - 2. 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

ice of The Executive Engineer (Civil-I), Lakhwar Multipurpose Projec Dakpathar (Distri-Dehradun) invites sealed and separate tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below:

Tender No.(1)- 04/EE (Civil-I)/LMP/2022-23, (2)- 05/EE (Civil-I)/LMP/ 2022-23 & (3)-06/EE (Civil-I)/LMP/2022-23

Name of work-1- "Repair/Reconstruction of Left Bank Project approach Road of Lakhwar MPP"

2- "Repair/Reconstruction of Project Links Roads and other miscellaneous works of Lakhwar MPP"

3-"Special Repair and Maintenance of temporary residential building a Lakhwar Project"3

Estimated Cost- 1)- Rs.1,55,47,326.00 excluding GST, 2)- Rs. 83,47,002.00 excluding GST 3)-Rs. 33,89,669.00 excluding GST

Date & Time of availability of bid document on website-29-10-2022, from 17:00 Hrs Last Date for submission of tender on website-21-11-2022.up to 16:00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement porta http://uktenders.gov.in" Executive Engineer (Civil-I)

#### "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

#### झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, मधुपुर

#### <u> शुद्धि-पत्र</u>

इस कार्यालय का आमंत्रित निविदा सं0-07/2022-23/DWSD/MDP, दिनांक:-14.10.2022 जिसका पी0 आर0 संख्या 280105 (22–23) है, में निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया जाता है। शेष नियम व शर्त्त यथावत रहेंगी।

क0 सं0	विवरणी	पूर्व में प्रकाशित	संशोधित			
1	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 27.10.2022, 4.30 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक 03.11.2022, 4.30 बजे अपराहन तक।			
2	प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 02.11.2022 को 3.30 बजे अपराह्न	दिनांक 09.11.2022 को 3.30 बजे अपराहन			
		दिनांक 10.11.2022 को अपराहन 5.00 बजे				
4	बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा	दिनांक 13.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराहन तक।	दिनांक 18.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।			
	करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय					
5	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 17.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न ।	दिनांक 19.11.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न।			
	कार्यपालक अभियंता,					

PR.NO.281060 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, मधुपुर।

#### TENDER NOTICE : SHOPS/VENTURES

Air Officer Commanding, AF Stn Palam New Delhi - 10 invites sealed tenders from war widows/widows of defence personnel killed while on duty, disabled soldiers/Ex-servicemen and spouses/widows of Ex-servicemen having sound financial status in order to run following shops at this station for a period of five years.

SI. No.	Type of shops	Minimum Reserve Price (Monthly Rebate)	Reservation				
(a)	Barber Shop RV Area	₹ 5000	For Ex				
(b)	Sweet Shop RV Area	₹ 10000	servicemen and				
(c)	Dry Cleaner Shop RV Area	₹ 5000	other categories				
(d)	Fast Food Shop Old Pinto Park	₹ 4000	i.e. war widows/widows				
(e)	Restaurant Old Pinto Park	₹ 15000	of defence				
(f)	Mobile Repair & Accessories Shop Old Pinto Park	₹ 1000	personnel killed				
(g)	Three shops at Old Pinto Park (Open offer for opening any type of business except Bakery, Cloth & Garment, Provision, Stationery, Electrical & Electronics shop, Fruit & Veg shop, Sweet shop, Barber shop, Gents Tailor Shop)		while on duty, disabled soldiers/ and spouses/				
(h)	Cable TV Services	₹ 35,000	widows of Ex-				
(j)	Internet broadband services	₹ 15,000	servicemen				
(k)							

2. Tender forms can be obtained from SI Office, AFS Palam from Monday to Friday between 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs wef 31 Oct 22 to 14 Nov 22 on cash payment of Rs 100/- (Non refundable) (In case of any query, contact on following mobile numbers between 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs Monday to Friday: 9650658881, 9667412305, 8527765380)

Sd/ (B Bondyapadhyay) Gp Capt OIC SI Fund AF Stn Palam

#### SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE FOR **MISCELLANEOUS WORK** Tender No.TRD-BSP-154-22-23 Date: 19.10.2022

Work: Modification of PND/TSS in connection with East West Rai corridor in between Gevra Road-PND Road section. Tender Value : Rs 61,60,339.00/-, EMD: Rs 1,23,200.00/, Submission of Tender: up to 15:00 Hrs. on 18.11.2022

For further details/ purchase of Tende document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above works please contract Office of the Sr. DEE TRD/SECR/Bilaspur or refer/ download ender document which is available o our website www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divi. Elect. Engg. (TRD) S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspu South East Central Railway 📳@secrail

#### WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

#### PROVISION OF AVAILABILITY BASED TARIFF (ABT) ENERGY METER

Tenders for and on behalf of The Preside of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical Tr.D) Wester Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the following works. Sr. No.1: Tende No. EL/TRD/Tender/22-23/04, Name of Work: Provision of Availability Based Tariff (ABT) Energy meter for Bharuch Anand, Mehamdabad, Samlaya, Godhra Dabhoi, Lakodra and Makarpura Tractior Substation in Surat-Godhra and Vadodara-Ahmedabad sections Vadodara division. Approximate Cost of the work (In Rs.): ₹ 67,08,000/- Bid security (In Rs.): ₹ 1,34,200/-Completion period: 09 months. Tende scheduled on: Tender closing date 29 11-2022 and time of closing at 15:00 hrs on the same date. Web page particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & address of the office and clarification: Website @ www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical Tr.D), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 BRC-15

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## Classifieds

#### PERSONAL

I.Kanika Sharma.W/O Mohit Bhardwaj,R/O A-299,Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Kanika Bhardwaj.

#### 0040638321-3

It is for the general information that I.Susheela Dashiwal.W/o Sh.Mukesh Kumar.R/o-A-3,Tower-3,House-Type-4, East-Kidwai-Nagar,New-Delhi-110023.declare that name of my-husband has been wrongly-written as Mr Mukesh in my service-records the actual-name of my-husband is Mukesh Kumar respectively, which may be amended-accordingly.

#### 0040638341-7

I, hitherto known as Rashmi Kumari, D/o Nand Kumar Singh,W/o-Sanjeev Yadav, residing at, K-89B.Gali.No.-25.West Ghonda, Delhi-110053, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rashmi Yadav.

#### 0040638332-11 I,Zeba Zafar D/o Zafar Saeed

R/o 1959/1 Baradari Kucha Chellan Darya Ganj Delhi-110002 changed my name to Zeba.

#### 0040638314-4

I,Wasifa W/o Merajuddin R/o 305,Street No.17,Jafrabad Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Washifa. 0040638349-3

#### I,Vishvas S/o Jug Lal Yadav,R/o H.No.259,Nangloi,Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Vishwas Yadav, for all purposes.

0040638332-9

#### I,Vasundhra,D/o Vishwas Yadav,W/o Naveen Kumar, H.No.1248, Sector-10A, Gurgaon(Harvana)-122001, have changed my name to Vasundhra Yadav,for all purposes.

0040638332-10 I,Smitha Mary John,W/o Binu

#### Thomas R/o B-94B Janta Flats Shivaii-Enclave New-Delhi, have changed my name to Smitha Binu

0040638321-4 I.Shiv Agarwal.S/O-Jagdish Prasad Agarwal R/O,H.No-69, Inder Enclave Paschim Vihar.Delhi-110087.have changed my name to Shiv Bhagwan Agarwal

#### 0040638332-6

I,Shashank Agrawal S/o Mahesh Agrawal 92 Kailash-Hills,East of Kailash Delhi,have changed my name to Shashank Mahesh Agrawal.

#### 0040638321-6

I,Saroj W/o Raghu Raj Singh R/o WZ-206A, Street, No.6, Lajwanti Garden, New Delhi-110046, have changed my name to Saroj Rao for all 0040638314-3 purposes. I,Sanya D/o Raghuraj Singh R/o

WZ-206A, Street, No.6, Lajwanti Garden, New Delhi-110046 have changed my name to Sanya Rao for all purposes. Nathani

I,Parul Jain D/o Sanjeev Jain,R/o H.No.T-275, Gali-No.6,Shivaji I, Deepak, S/o Raj Kumar Tulsani, R/o 3139, Sangat Nagar, Narela, Delhi 110040, have changed my name 110055, have changed my to Pavni Jain. name to Deepak Tulsani.

#### 0040638349-1 I,NAVEEN GOEL S/O SAT

NARAYAN GOYAL R/O D-

CHANGED MY NAME TO

NAVEEN GOYAL

, Bansi Madaan / Bansi Lal Madaan s/o Sunder Dass r/o 25.HAKIKAT RAI ROAD ADARSH WZ-64/6, Gali No.-4, Meenakshi Garden, Delhi-NAGAR.DELHI-110033.HAVE 110018 have changed my name to BANSI LAL for all future purposes. 0040638332-2

2022.

purposes

#### I.Md. Meerajuddin S/o Faimuddin R/o 305, Street No.17, Jafrabad Delhi-110053 have changed my name to

Meraiuddin. 0040638349-2 I,Madhu Bala W/o Naresh Kumar R/o 14-A G&JU Block Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my

#### name to Madhu 0040638314-1 I,MOHD MUSHRAF,S/O MOHD USMAN6788, GALI BERRY WALLAHATA KIDARA BARA, HINDU RAO, DELHI-

110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD MUSHARRAF, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040638321-1

#### I,Krishan Kanta,w/o-Vijay Kumar sharma.R/o-B-

1559, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052 declare, that Kanta Devi.and Krishan Kanta.both name, are one and, same person, shall hereafter be known,as Krishan Kanta 0040638321-8

I.Kawalieet Kaur Sobti.W/o Kamaldeep Singh, R/o 17, Priyadarshini Vihar, Part-1, Delhi-110009, have changed

#### my name to Kawaljeet Kaur. 0040638321-2

I,KUMARI MALINA MADHUSUDAN MANDAL,W/O-BADSHAH MALIK R/O C-130A FLAT.NO.3 S/F,DURGA APTT, VIJAY-VIHAR PHASE-2.ROHINI.DELHI-110085, CHANGED MY NAME TOMALINA MALIK

#### 0040638332-5 I,Jasbir Kaur,W/o Jasvinder Singh, R/o R-18 R-Extn. Vikas

Vihar Uttam-Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Jasbeer Kaur 0040638321-5

#### I,Japinder Singh Oberoi,s/o, Mohinder singh oberoi, r/o,H-455, first-floor, vikaspuri, New-

Delhi-110018, have changed my name to japinder oberoi for all future-purposes 0040638341-4

#### I,Hitherto known as Atul,S/o-Jitender Pal R/o-9/3721,Gali.No.6,Old Dharampura,Gandhi Nagar, East-Delhi-110031.have changed my name and shall

hereafter be known as Atul Sharma. 0040638321-7 I,Harshit S/o Naresh Kumar R/o 14-A G&JU Block Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Harshit Goel.

I.Ghanshayam Dass Nathani S/o Lachman Das Nathani R/o-34,Smart Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034.have changed my name to Ghanshyam Dass

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Rashan Gali, Pahar Gani, Delhi-

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0040638257-5

Whereas.

Date : 2

Place : E

I have changed my name from

'Varsha' to 'Varsha Halder' as

par Affidavit dated October 28,

I Giyan Parkash S/o-Om

Parkash Aggarwal R/o-873, Block-E, Saraswati Vihar,

changed my name to Gian

Parkash Aggarwal for all

Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have

NUPUR VARMA (old NAME) to

be known by the name NUPUR

GALI NO.-2C, SURENDER

MAJRAA, DELHI-84.

LAL DAWAR R/O

HNO.1/48,NIRANKARI

CHANGED MY NAME TO

GAGAN KUMAR DAWAR.

COLONY PART-1, JHARODA

I,GAGAN KUMAR S/O KRISHAN

COLONY, DELHI-110009. HAVE

LOST & FOUND

I Sunil Bansal S/o Shri Naresh

Mangal Apartment, Plot No

Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd's Original Share

Certificate Membership No-

Please contact 9953026575

Prakash Gupta R/o H.No.45.

Karawal Nagar, North East

changed my name to Pawan

Kumar Gupta for all purposes.

Harcharan Singh Kohli W/o Sh

Sumit Gupta R/o S-59. Greater

110048 have changed my name

Lost and Found

Lost and Found I Rahul Juneja S/o Shiri N.C Juneja R/o R/o House No.35, Lane W-10 Sainik Farms, New Delhi-110062, has lost my Sale deed vide Doc No. 6054, in AddIbook No I, Volume no 7184, on Pages 53 to 68, on Dated I.8.09.1991 in respect of Portion of Basement (Lower Ground Floor) Pitot Bearing no 129, block no M, measuring 300 Sq.Yds, in the residential colony known as Greater Railash-II, situated at village Bahapur in the Union Territory of Delhi. Executed by M/s Shivalik Towers Private Limited in favour of M/s Jute Fabric Corporation. Finder may contact us on above address.

Kailash Part-2, New Delhi-

to Roshni Gupta for all

purposes.

Gali No.1, Bhagat Vihar,

Delhi, Delhi-110094 have

I Gurmeet Kaur Kohli alias

Roshni Gupta D/o Sh.

Pawan Gupta S/o Late Sh. Ram

440 in the Name of Sh.

Himanshu Gupta Finder

Kumar Bansal R/o C2-48,

16, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-110096 have lost Mangal

NUPURSHARMA (New Name)

client Sh. Mahendra Kumar Bhardwaj, S/o I Shri Ram Kumar Bhardwaj, R/o 1 Glenageary Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, C Dublin A96 E1W9, Ireland hereby declare his sound and disposing mind that he is tl absolute owner of the property bearing no 22, East of Kailash Community Centre, Ne 22. East of Kailash Community Centre, Ne Delhi-110065, measuring about 168.88 s yds. comprising of ground floor ar mezzanine floor. That no one else has ar inght, title, interest, claim or demar whatsoever on this property. That our clie has full right, absolute power and comple authority on this asse/property. That o client has not authorised authorized average to set ot authorised anyo roperty and any

NITIN KUMA Advoca En. No.- D/4964/203 rs Chambers, Block

PUBLIC NOTICE

## -303, Yamuna Apartments, Alaknand ew Delhi-110019 is the true owner oveo said residential Flat. That it has co ur Client's knowledge that a company n orext/x24 Private Limited and its Directo avrita Sunit Kalsarpe and Ms. Anita As' alade R/o Gali No.7, Indira Nagar

Valade R/o Gali No.7, Indira Nagar Nea Borwell, Nagur-440012 Mahrashtha, Also a Gali No.1, Near Gajanan Mandir, Kumbharoli Sibahudi, Nagur-440012, Mahrashthra along with Mr. Komal Ramdas Blsen, Practicing Chartered Accountant R/o Sal Nagar Maratoly, Near Gyan Pilli Shiahu. Mandi Komali.bisen19@gmail.com and Mobile No BogHe328bH au using the residential address BogHe328bH au using the residential address BogHe328bH au using the residential address ProstA24 Physika Limited without any authority and knowlevities of our Client The II is to Ib 0040638302-1 General public is informed that I have changed my name from Forext242 Private Limited without any authority ind knowledge of our Client. That it is to be informed that our client is not connected o index with the abovesaid company and it infractors in any manner of whatsoever nature and never authorized them to use hit esidential address for the working'running o const24 Private Limited. That regarding th dond before concerned Authorities. after marriage, In future I shall SHARMA W/OSRI RAM R/O 240

Mehak Kaira, Partner CHAMBER NO. 862, PATIALA HOUSE COURT, NEW DELHI - 110001



his is to inform the Public at arge that Smt. Renu Guliani W/o h. Virender Kumar Guliani bsolute owner Title Holder in ossession of Freehold DDA Flat lo. 58-B, First Floor, Situated at fasjid Moth, Phase-II, New elhi -110048, hereinafter eferred to as "Schedule Property" Demand cum Aldment Letter . Demand cum Allotment Lette ated 05.08.1980 2. Possession dated 05.08.1980 2. Possession Letter dated 26.12.1980 3. Possession Slip issued by DDA in favour of Smt. Raj Taneja, have been lost/ misplaced and are untraceable, in lieu of which FIR dated 23.12.1994 Police Station Dali Ganj, Lucknow, U.P. Large, i.e. any Person(s), Company(ies), Authority(ies), Society(ies), Organisation(s), Financial Institution(s), Bank(s), of the Schedule Property, may come forward with suporting documents, to be delivered to the undersigned within 10 days from ndersigned within 10 days from e date of this Publication, pos piration of which. any claim(s objection(s), if raised o ceived, shall be treated as nul id and such claims. Rahul Mishra, Advocate Mobile No. 7827702007



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The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA Ara, 1st Floor, Mahuli Kothi, Near Peer Baba More, Ara-802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred inder Section 13 read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand

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I,SHIVA KHATOON,W/O.SHAHE ALAM ADD-406 GARH ROAD, BAD WALI MAJID, BAD WALI MOHALLA, ATHSAINI DISTRICT HAPUR.U.P-245205, changed my name to SHEEBA KHATOON, for all, future Purposes.

#### 0040638341-2

I,SHEENAM BHOLA,W/O-AVTAR GROVER, A-44-E, GROUND-FLOOR, MAHENDRU-ENCLAVE, G.T-KARNAL ROAD, DELHI-33, HAVE CHANGED MY SURNAME FROM BHOLA TO GROVER AFTER-MARRIAGE.NOW I WILL BE **KNOWN as SHEENAM** GROVER, PERMANENTLY.

#### 0040638332-4

I,Shivani Sagar,W/o Vikas Chaudhary R/o A-2/183.Ground Floor.Safdariung Enclave, Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Shivani Chaudharv. 0040638341-5

I,SAMIKSHA GOEL,D/O NAVEEN GOYAL R/O D-25, HAKIKAT RAI ROAD.ADARSH NAGAR.DELHI-110033.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAMIKSHA GOYAL.

#### 0040638332-1

I,SAKSHI AGARWAL,w/o RAHUL SINGHAL.R/O-17.MEENAKSHI-PURAM KARMYOGI-ENCLAVE KAMLA-NAGAR AGRA, UTTAR-PRADESH-282005.Have Changed My Name To SAKSHI AGRAWAL, For All Purpose.

#### 0040638341-3

I,Rinki Suresh Kumar,D/o-Suresh Kumar, R/o.16/703, Military Road.street No.12.Bapa-Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name, From Rinki to Rinki Suresh Kumar, for all 0040638341-1 purposes.

I,RAM KUMAR,S/O MANGAT RAM (ALIAS MANGAT RAM ASHRA)R/O A-41, ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-2, DELHI-110052, have changed my name to RAM KUMAR ASHRA.

#### 0040638332-8

I,Praveen Kumar Sharma,s/o-Vijay Kumar sharma,R/o· B1559,Shastri Nagar,Delhi-110052, declare that Praveen Sharma, and Praveen Kumar Sharma.both name.are one, and same person, shall hereafter, be known, as Praveen Kumar Sharma 0040638321-9 I,Akshita D/o Raghuraj Singh R/o WZ-206A, Street,No.6,Lajwanti Garden, New Delhi-110046, have changed my name to Akshita Rao for all purposes.

#### I,ARCHANA BHARDWAJ W/O

SUSHIL SHARMA, R/o B-1244, SHASTRI NAGAR DELHI-110052, have changed my name to ARCHANA, for all purposes.

**I,** Pramod Kumar Sahu, S/o Virender Pal R/o D-6 40 Foot Road, Chanakaya Palace, New Delhi - 110059, have changed my name to Pramod Kumar.

I, Parveen Kumar, S/o Tilak Raj purposes

I, Pankaj Bhagat S/o Chandra Mani Bhagat R/o Flat No.6Him Vihar Apartments-8, I.P. Extention, Delhi-110092 havechanged my name Pankaj Bhagat S/o C.M. Bhagat to PankajBhagat S/o Chandra Mani Bhagat for all future purposes.

I, P K Yadav, F/o Vanya Yadav, R/o PPC-103, Omaxe Palm Greens, Sector MU, Greater Noida, G.B.Nagar, UP-201310, have changed my name to

#### 0070810319-1

I, Mohin Thapliyal, S/o Sohan Lal Thapliyal, R/o H.No-1/10A, Block-E, Jai Vihar Phase-1, all future purposes.

#### 0070810317-1

Mohammad Avub R/o L-I,14/738,Band Road,Sangam Vihar,New Delhi-110062,have changed my name to Mohammad Samad.

I, Mahima W/o Mukesh Kumar Srivastava R/o Flat No. 903, Tower-5, Bestech Park View delight, Sector-7, Dharuhera-Rewari, Hr.-123106, have changed my name to Mahima Srivastava.

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#### 0070810314-1

Jhatta,R/o-A-114, Ground Floor, Shivaji Vihar, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Parveen Kumar Jhatta.for all 0040638321-10

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Pradeep Yadav.

#### Najafgarh, Delhi, have changed my name to Mohit Thapliyal for

I, Mohammad shamed S/o



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be known to all that my client PAWAN KUI IGH SON OF SH. D.D. SINGH RESIDENT OT NO. 51, POCKET B-7, SECTOR-5, ROI LHI-110085 purchaser of PLOT NO. CKIEd For OPAGENIC A STORAGEN CONCUMENT CALL AND A STORAGEN AND A STORAGEN AND A CALL AND A STORAGEN AND A STORAGEN I STORAGEN AND A STORAGEN AND pplied for conversion of the atoresaid pro-lase hold to free hold in DDA. Original e. Allotment Letter, Possession L erpetual Lease Deed has been lost. A R No. 929510/2022 dated 29-10-2022 | P.S. Crime Branch Delhi for loss of d t with rom the date of pr ng any ngnt, in to this property to Dy. Director an. INA. New Del

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आम–सूचना गं प्रमोद कुमार लोहिया पुत्र श्री रणवीर सिंह एव रेरी पत्नी स्ंतोष कुमारी, निवासी म.नं. 715, ) फ्लोर, सेक्टर-9ए गरुग्राम हरियाणा द्वार गभी आमजन को सूचित किया जाता है कि समा आमजन का सूचित किया जाता हू कि इमारा पुत्र दिनेश कुमार लोहिया हमारे कहने पुनने में नहीं है। वह अपने पिता-माता ( प्रमोद कुमार लोहिया-संतोष कुमारी )को मान-सम्मान ने के बजाय अप्शब्द कहकर अपमानित करत है एवं हमारी कोई बात नहीं मानता है। उसके दुर्व्यव्यवहार से दुखी होकर हम अपने पुत्र दिनेश कुमार लोहिया को अपनी समस्त चल व अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल् करते हैं एवं हमारे द्वारा जो

कुछ सम्पत्ति अपने पुत्र को दी गई उसे वापिस कुछ सम्पति जर्भने कुम का दा गई उस पायिस किया जाए। दिनांक 29.10.2022 के बाद से हमारा दिनेश कुमार लोहिया से किसी प्रकार का 0040638349-4 कोई ताल्लक/वास्ता/सम्बन्ध नहीं रहा है के द्वारा भविष्य में समस्त प्रकार के लेन-दे-वसाय कार्य एवं अपराध का वह स्वयं ( दिनेश कमार लोहिया ) जिम्मेदार व उत्तरदायी होगा. प्रसरे प्रमोद कुमार लोहिया-संतोष कुमारी पिता-माता ) व किसी भी परिवारजन का कोई गंबंध नहीं होगा। सूचित हो। 0040638341-6



The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of owers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 25th day of October, 2022.

Fhe borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank of <u>Rs.</u> 28,21,687 80 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven and Paisa Eighty only) as on 30.09.2022 along with future interest and expenses from 01.10.2022 until

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect to time available to redeem the secured assets

#### **Description of Immovable Property**

All that part and parcel of the property situated at: Mauza- Kateya, Thana No. 149, Khata No. 267 Plot No. 3156 PS & Anchal Bihiya, District Bhojpur. Area- 7.5 Decimal. Owned/Mortgaged by Sh. Laxman Ojha S/O Sh Tarkeshwar Ojha, Bounded: North- Ramraj Upadhyay, South- Rasta, East-Partner Awadhesh Ojha & Others, West-Baidar Shobha Ojha.

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BO: Exhibition Road, Pandey Plaza (023110), Patna-800001

#### **NOTICE TO LOCKER HOLDERS**

The under noted locker holders have overdue locker rent. In spite of several reminder issued to them they have neither paid the arrear rent nor surrendered the locker key. The bank has now decided to break open the undernoted lockers. These locker holders or any person who has interest in the contents of locker are finally advised through this public notice to renew the hiring/surrender the key by paying the arrear rent within 15 days hereof, otherwise these lockers will be broken open with the help of manufactures at their cost and resposibility

#### Locker Rent arrear as on 30.09.2022 BO: Exhibition Road, Pandey Plaza, Patna (023110)

SI No.	Name of the Branch	Name of Locker Holder	Recorded Address of the Locker Holder	Locker No.	Locker Rent Due	Date of Registere Reminder Notice
1.	Exhibition Road Patna	SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH	SBI, BSRB, Red Cross Building, Patna-800004	BB96	11505.00	26.05.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
2.	Exhibition Road Patna	BALESHWAR PRASAD	Hidayatpur, Salimpur Ahra, Patel Bhawan, Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001		17700.00	26.05.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
	Exhibition Road Patna	DR ASHOK KUMAR SINHA & PIYUSH KUMAR SINHA	B-138, Buddha Colony, Patna-800001	CC163	27435.00	31.05.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
4.	Exhibition Road Patna	BHARAT KUMAR	Plot No.870, Road No.21, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001	CC205	14160.00	31.05.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
5.	Exhibition Road Patna	SWETA BHARDWAJ	Rajiv Nagar, New Patliputra Colony, Patna-800024	CC225	11418.19	15.06.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
	Exhibition Road Patna	ALISHA PARVEEN	D/O Md Salauddin, Darji Tola, Sabjibagh, Patna-800004	DD285	14160.00	03.06.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
7.	Exhibition Road Patna	JAIPRAKASH NARAIN SINGH	Rajiv Nagar, PO-Keshri Nagar, Patna-800024	DD290	15930.00	03.06.22, 01.08.22, 25.08.22
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संख्याः 70/01/विविध/ई-05/2022-23 दिनॉक = 29 अक्टूबर, 2022 विङ्गपित

एतदद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा समूह-'र के अन्तर्गत ''राजस्व उप निरीक्षक (पटवारी/लेखपाल) परीक्षा-2022'' एवं चत्तराखण्ड वन विमाग के अन्तर्गत "वन आरक्षी परीक्षा-2022" के प्रकाशित विज्ञावनों कमश: दिनांक 14.50.2022 व 21.10.2022 के कम में भूतपूर्व सैनिव बेणी के अभ्ययियों की सैविक अर्हता में समकवता/फुट हेतु निर्मत सासनादेश संत-38(1)/XXX(2)/2021-30(21)/2018, दिनांक 18.02.2021 के आलोक मे आयोग द्वारा सम्यक् विमारोपरान्त ऐसे भूतपूर्व सैनिक अम्पक्षिंवी को शैक्षिक अर्डता में स्नातक की समकक्षता सम्बन्धी छुट प्रदान किये जाने का निर्णय लिया गया है।

जवत के दुष्टिगत ''सजस्व उप निरीक्षक (पटवारी / लेखपाल) परीक्षा~2022' के सम्बन्ध में प्रकाशित विज्ञापन विनांक 14.10.2022 के कम में ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार किये जाने की अन्तिम शिषि को दिनांक 10.11.2022 तक विस्तास्ति किया गया है।

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October 30, 2022

New Delhi





possible hacking for illegal DU admission

#### MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE DELHI Police has reached out to the Ministry of Education and the National Testing Agency (NTA) after it came to light that the Delhi University website had allegedly been "hacked" to help a candidate get admission unfairly, it is learnt.

Admissions to undergraduate courses in DU are currently underway, and in a first, are being held via the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) instead of Class XII marks. While there are around 70,000 undergraduate seats on offer, around 60,000 aspirants have taken ad-

mission so far. After a candidate registers on the DU's admission portal, the university receives the CUET marks from NTA, based on which admission is granted.

A senior police officer from Delhi Police headquarters told The Sunday Express that police came to know of the matter through their sources a few days ago.

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## Police red-flag Ahead of elections, **Gujarat announces** plan to bring in uniform civil code

Union Minister Rupala thanks CM for 'taking next step on old demand of BJP'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 29

WITH GUIARAT headed to Code (UCC) in the state.

ruled state after Uttarakhand to backed the UCC proposal.

Assembly elections and awaiting the release of the poll schedule, state Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi announced Saturday that the cabinet had decided to form a committee for implementation of the Uniform Civil

Addressing a press confer-ence in Gandhinagar, Union



Gujarat is the second BJP-

constitute a committee of experts on the UCC. Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Assam, also ruled by the BJP, too have

Minister Parshottam Rupala said, "From the days of our youth, we have been making demands... for Ram Janmabhoomi, for (abrogation of) Article 370, for UCC... I want to congratulate and express my gratitude to Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel... he

A chorus, and debate THERE'S A growing chorus, and a debate, on the need to review personal laws and have a UCC. BIPruled Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Himachal

Pradesh, Assam are pressing for the UCC. The Centre has told the Supreme Court that the matter will now be placed before the 22nd Law Commission

has taken the next step towards fulfilling an old demand of the

**AAP HAS GOT THE BJP'S ATTENTION IN** 



**HIGHLIGHTED: CRYPTO, SOCIAL MEDIA, DRONES** At UN counter-terror meet, the refrain: tech, web new tools of terror

**Ethos of open** societies used to attack freedom, says Jaishankar

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

UNDERLINING THAT "terrorism remains one of the gravest threats to humanity", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, echoing a refrain at the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee meeting here Saturday, flagged how new technology is re-shaping the contours of international terrorism and the response that this needed.

Indeed, this formed the basis **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6** 

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AT LEAST five delegates at the UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee meeting – including the US, the UK and the UN Human Rights envoy – Saturday

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brought up the issue of human

rights in the context of the use of

emerging technologies against

terrorism. At the meeting, the UN

Human Rights envoy, Ireland and

Norway were among those who

flagged the issue of surveillance

and privacy and how these could



Nadimarg Kashmiri Pandit massacre: Case in limbo for 11 years, HC orders swift trial

#### **BASHAARAT MASOOD** SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 29

MORE THAN 11 years after court proceedings in the 2003 massacre of 24 Kashmiri Pandits in Nadimarg in the Valley came to an abrupt halt, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Saturday allowed the prosecution's review petition and directed the trial court to ensure examination of witnesses through video conference and

Hearing in the case relating to the 2003 massacre stalled after the trial court refused to grant the prosecution more time to

produce witnesses in the case Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, in his judgement, said: "This revision petition is allowed and order dated 09.02.2011, passed by the court below is set-aside, and the application for issuance of commission for examination of witnesses moved by the prosecution-State/petitioner is allowed."

"The court below shall now take all the necessary measures for ensuring the examination of the witnesses concerned by issuing commission and/or recording their statement videoconferencing and shall ensure expeditious proceedings so as to CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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New Zealand's Glenn Phillips prepares to take off for a single in relay-runner fashion, staying in his crease until Sri Lanka's Lahiru Kumara delivers the ball, in a T20 World Cup match Saturday. The rules allow non-strikers to be run out if they move out of their ground 'until the instant the bowler would normally have been expected to release the ball'. New Zealand won by 65 runs, with Phillips scoring a century. Hotstar screengrabs MATCH REPORT, PAGE 22











#### **OPP SLAMS SHINDE-FADNAVIS**

## Tatas were in touch with Gujarat for Airbus plant even during MVA tenure

#### VALLABHOZARKAR MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

**OPPOSITION LEADERS from the** Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition in Maharashtra have attacked Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis for letting the Rs 21,935crore Tata-Airbus military transport aircraft manufacturing facility move to Gujarat. The Industries Minister in the previous MVA government, Shiv Sena

leader Subhash Desai, on Fridav claimed that the previous government had held at least three meetings with the Tatas and if the MVA would have been in power,

this would not have happened.

Records reviewed by The Sunday Express show that the Tatas were looking at Gujarat as

early as December 2021 – when the MVA was in power. In fact, submissions made by

Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), in March 2022, with the Gujarat Authority for Advance Ruling (GAAR), show that TASL had shortlisted four locations in Gujarat for setting up the unit.

The company approached GAAR on December 24, 2021 to seek clarity on whether the supply under the contract between TASL and Airbus will qualify as "supply of goods or supply of service" and on the rate of tax, among other issues. In its

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Coimbatore man killed in blast 'self-radicalised', was 'on way to target'

Wrote about other Gods in diary; slate with ISIS symbol among items seized

#### **ARUN JANARDHANAN** COIMBATORE, OCTOBER 29

A FLOWCHART with names of Gods from other religions, entries on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the hijab row in Karnataka, and notes on Muslims as "second-class citizens" - these are among the handwritten entries in Tamil in at least four diaries recovered by the Tamil Nadu police from the home of Jamesha Mubeen, who died in the Coimbatore car blast last week

Mubeen, a 29-year-old engineering graduate, was killed when his car, loaded with two gas cylinders, exploded near a temple in Coimbatore. Police have so far arrested six people in the case, including his alleged associates, Muhammed Azharuddin and K Afsar Khan. On Thursday, the Centre, on the recommendation of the state government, handed over the case to the National

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## Music video, VIP sessions, devotees throng: Ashram as usual for Ram Rahim on parole

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#### **AMIT SHARMA** BARNAVA (BAGHPAT) OCTOBER 29

"Bahaaron phool barsao, mera mehboob aaya hai." The tune of the Mohammed Rafi song rings out from loudspeakers seconds before Dera Sacha Sauda chief Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim arrives on the stage at his ashram at Barnawa in Baghpat on the Meerut-Baraut state highway.



In Baghpat on parole, Dera Sacha Sauda chief talks to devotees about staying away from alcohol, meat and infidelity. YouTube

Sentenced to life on two separate counts of rape and murder and jailed in Haryana's Sunaria prison, Rahim is out on parole coinciding with another round of elections in the state, this time an Adampur bypoll and coming panchavat polls. However, that makes little difference to his followers, men, women and children, around 600 of whom are at the ashram to listen to his sermon and bhajan, sitting on white sheets, in separate pavilions.

Every few metres are stationed personnel of the Dera's own security team, keeping a CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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#### **EXPRESS NETWORK** 6

## The Indian EXPRESS



### FROM PAGEONE FULL REPORTS ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM At UN meet, the refrain: tech, web new tools of terror groups, their ideological fellow-

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 15member 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 Statefunded 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. tive, he said, was to "starve terror-

Speaking at the Special Meeting of the Counterterrorism

#### 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

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

of terror groups.

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

work. "...the Member States must ensure that any measures taken messages seeking a comment. A highly placed NTA source to counter terrorism, including the said Delhi Police did get in touch use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes, rewith the agency over a case of alleged hacking of servers, related to spect the Charter of the United one CUET (undergraduate) aspi-Nations and comply with their obrant. "But we told the police that ligations under international law, including international human our servers were not hacked. The records have not been tampered rights law international humaniwith. 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

Committee, attended by the UN technologies".

Security Council Members, the UAE's Minister of State for External Affairs Minister pitched International Cooperation Reem for global efforts to stop possible Ebrahim Al-Hashimy reinforced misuse of encrypted messaging this. "Terrorist groups are exploitand crypto-currency by "non-state ing advances in commercial drone actors" and cautioned that social technology to carry out deadlier media platforms have turned into and stealthier attacks," she said. potent instruments in the "toolkit"

Al-Hashimy said: "Extremist content remains on the internet This found an echo in British with algorithms that promote the Foreign Secretary James Cleverly: search for new audiences, making "Within the space of two decades, terror activity so appealing... hate terrorists have gone from circulatspeech, terrorist narratives, exing crackly voice recordings from tremist language, disinformation, the depths of Tora Bora, to global misinformation campaigns, cononline recruitment and incitement tinue to undermine our social fabcampaigns, to live-streaming atric. We must find ways to fast track efforts and strengthen regulatory tacks." He added: "Online incitement has radicalised vulnerable and legislative frameworks to propeople in far off countries, who tect users, our communities and have gone on to use rental vans as our children." weapons of terror." The impera-

Representatives from all 15 member nations of the UN Security Council attended the secists of the finance and emerging

of counter-terrorism. The US,

meanwhile, condemned the shut-

ting down of communication

services through the "excuse" of

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 frame-

The Delhi Declaration on

counter-terrorism.

ond 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 con-

cerned." he said. "In recent years, terrorist

#### Must protect rights in terror crackdown, says Declaration

tion 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.

rorism and crime, such spyware

tools have frequently been used

for illegitimate and much broader

aims, including to clamp down on

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 in-

vestigation has revealed some of

the key aspects of the case.

"While often justified as havbeen deployed to combat ter-

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

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 un-

manned aerial platforms for nefar-

ories," he 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 Ccommittee 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."

veillance. Ireland's representative

said: "Often, counter-terrorism

measures violate human rights.

Human rights violations carried

necting one to another. Incidents

such as CAA, the hijab row, restric-

tions 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

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 ex-

press his views about the alleged

Balakrishnan said their probe

"oppression" faced by Muslims.

has revealed that Mubeen was

all in Tamil.

Coimbatore man killed in blast 'self-radicalised'

ious purposes by terrorist groups travellers, particularly in open and such as weapons and explosives liberal societies and 'lone wolf' atdelivery and targeted attacks have become an imminent danger."

tackers have significantly en-He recalled India's experience hanced their capabilities by gaining access to these technologies. of the 2008 Mumbai attacks They use technology and money, where technology of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) could be and most importantly, the ethos of open societies, to attack freedom, used for organizing and directing tolerance and progress. Internet the attack from beyond India's borand social media platforms have ders. He also said that a few turned into potent instruments in months ago, terrorists launched the toolkit of terrorist and militant cross-border drone attacks on the groups for spreading propaganda, UAE and Saudi Arabia targeting radicalization and conspiracy thecivilians and infrastructure, which led to loss of lives and injuries, in-Another add-on to the existing cluding 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.

#### • Gujarat announces UCC plan

told the Supreme Court that the "Like Ram Mandir and Kashmir, this issue (of UCC) has matter will now be placed before been passed by the Gujarat govthe 22nd Law Commission. ernment (in the cabinet)... A committee will be formed soon and based on the committee's report, matters of divorce, succession, inthe way for implementing this law heritance, adoption and guardian-

will open up in the state." "The committee will be constituted under the leadership of a retired judge of the High Court. The cabinet has given the Chief Minister the right to constitute the committee and it is expected to comprise three-four members. Its scope of work too will be decided. I believe when the committee is announced, the timeline too will be declared." Rupala said.

Responding to a question on how the Gujarat government plans to implement this given that there are just days left for the announcement of elections and imposition of the Model Code of Conduct, Rupala said, "That is what you believe, (but) the next government will be formed by us (BJP)." Gujarat minister and govern-

ment spokesperson Jitu Vaghani, in a Twitter post, said, "Uniform Civil Code means that all sections of the society irrespective of their religion shall be treated equally according to a common civil law, which shall be applicable to all uniformly... Development for all, equal rights for all, appeasement of none - the mantra of the double engine Government of Gujarat! UCC soon to be implemented in Gujarat! One Nation,

One Law and One Civil Code!". The UCC has long been a BJP promise. Since family and succession laws come under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Centre and states, a state government can bring in a state law. But a uniform law across the country can only be enacted by Parliament.

Earlier this month. th

Bringing up the issue of sur-

out in the guise of counter terrorism increase radicalisation.'

Norway echoed Ireland on protection of human rights and privacy. In July 2021, a global collabo-

rative 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

Ramana had said.

obligates the state to have a Uniform Civil Code for citizens. It said citizens belonging to different religions and denominations following different property and matrimonial laws "is an affront to the nation's unity". The government also told the

Supreme Court that no direction can be issued to the legislature to enact a particular legislation. "This is a matter of policy for the elected representatives of the people to decide... It is for the legislature to enact or not to enact a legislation," its affidavit stated. Article 44 of the Constitution -

Responding to petitions seek-

ing uniformity in laws governing

ship, the Centre, in an affidavit. un-

derlined that the Constitution

in Part IV which deals with Directive Principles of State Policy states: "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India."

Goa is the only state in India that has a uniform civil code regardless of religion, gender and cast. A former Portuguese colony. it inherited the Portuguese Civil Code, 1867 that is still applicable.

In other parts of the country, different personal laws are applicable to different religious communities. For instance, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 is applicable to Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 is applicable to matters related to Parsis, the Indian Christian Marriage Act. 1872 for Christians and the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 is applicable to Muslims in personal

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

have the marks given to us by NTA

Reached for comment on the issue, DU Registrar Dr Vikas Gupta said, "Based on the inputs of DUCC (DUComputer 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-



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tarian law and international refugee law, as applicable," a key paragraph said. At another point, the declara-

#### Nadimarg

conclude the matter at the earli-Investigation Agency (NIA), which est," he said. filed an FIR on Friday.

On the evening of March 23, 2003, gunmen wearing militarystyle 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

of Nadimarg.

ship in Pakistan.

Mustafa.

Yaripora village of Kulgam and

said they were associates of

In October 2003, the Shopian

court framed charges in the case

against 11 people including 7 po-

licemen charged with derelic-

tion of duty. While three of the

accused militants had already

been killed, the court observed

there is "some material against

Mustafa which justifies charging

as the prosecution found it hard

Pakistani militant Zia Mustafa,

died in custody in October last

year. Police said Mustafa was

taken to identify a militant hide-

The trial in the case dragged on

The main accused, the

him with murder".

out in Poonch.

to get witnesses to court.

According to a top source who is aware of evidence recovered infants. Before killing the Pandits, during the investigation, the dithe gunmen overpowered the poaries were allegedly part of the litlicemen guarding the village, took erature, including books and readtheir weapons and locked them ing materials, recovered from up. While most Kashmiri Pandits Mubeen's home in Ukkadam. a lohad left the Valley when militancy cality in Coimbatore. began in 1989, the Pandits of "Mubeen's diary entries largely Nadimarg had stayed back. The reveal his take on other religions, massacre led to another Pandit ex-

particularly Hinduism and Christianity. He had cited the odus, among them the survivors names of Gods of those religions, In April 2003, police said they and depicted them on a handwrithad arrested a Pakistani militant ten flowchart with arrows con-Zia Mustafa, that he, along with

#### other Lashkar-e-Toiba militants, Ashram as usual for Ram Rahim on parole had carried out the massacre on the directions of the LeT leader-

close watch. Mobile phones are a A week later, police arrested strict no-no, to be deposited at the three Pakistani militants in 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 Karnal 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 Raniit 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 Babaii while he is on parole. Had these been normal times, there would have been huge crowds," Kaur says.

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 checkpost 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 "self-radicalised", his opinion was officer who is part of the probe.

Ram Rahim starts by asking his

devotees to guard against alcohol,

meat and infidelity. "Before I start

perity and happiness," he says.

42 lakh viewers in a day.

any law," Kaur said.

#### "not cooperated" with the panel, • Tatas were in touch with Gujarat then Chief Justice of India N V

matters.

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 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 MoDin 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.

today's guru mantra, I will appeal to you to take three yows - for ab-"For this purpose, the stinence from alcohol, and for Company is in discussions with marital fidelity and vegetarianism. the relevant authorities to get the Without incorporating this in your requisite clearances and regulalifestyle, you cannot attain prostory/statutory approvals. The location will be finalised based on ob-The 3.52-second music video the taining necessary released by the Dera Sacha Sauda authorisations/approvals from the chief on parole, written, comregulatory agencies," TASL had posed and directed by him, came submitted. It further said that once out on the night of Diwali on the location is finalised, the same YouTube and had been viewed by will be declared as an additional place of business of the Applicant Sandeep Kaur says they are in the State of Gujarat. The activivery strict about who visits Ram ties under the contract will then be executed in the State of Gujarat.

Rahim. "No political leader has come to meet Babaji during the The ruling BJP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction have present parole. We are strictly following conditions attached to the come under sharp attack from parole and do not want to violate 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 Üdav 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.





## **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 the revised GRAP schedule that is in five days a week. This restriction will 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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of the same tower and fell to his

death. His friend said the two had

not spoken to each other since July

and that he did not have his phone

number. They earlier studied in

son had gone to a friend's house

tance from that society. A few

minutes later, my wife got a call

from the society that our son was

unwell. We rushed there and saw

my son's body lying on the

ground and blood oozing from

his head... I do not know under

what circumstances he reached

the eighth floor or if someone

took him there. I suspect some-

one pushed and killed him... He

was such an intelligent kid... he

would not do this. His slippers

and phone were found on the

eighth floor," alleged his father.

police, he alleged his son was

murdered. "He was bright in

studies and a school topper. He

had been selected to represent

Haryana state's football team

and next year, he was supposed

to go to a club in Germany to play

football on a professional level,'

has collected evidence. So far, we

have not found evidence to sug-

gest he was pushed. But, if there

is any such possibility, we are

conducting the investigation

from all angles. We are checking

CCTV footage of the society to

see if there was entry/move-

ment of any other person. A

complaint has been received. No

case has been registered so far.'

On the family's allegations, the ACP said, "The forensic team

his father said.

In a written complaint to the

to study.

The victim's father said his

"Our house is at walking dis-

the same school," said the ACP.



#### **BRIEFLY** —

#### **Tea startup** to change trademark after Chaayos moves HC

New Delhi: A Ghaziabadbased tea startup has agreed to change its name and mark after leading chai cafe chain 'CHAAYOS' moved the Delhi High Court against the former in a trademark infringement suit. A single judge bench of Justice Prathiba Singh was hearing Sunshine Teahouse Private Limited, the company which runs tea cafes under the 'CHAAYOS' mark, in a suit "permanently restraining" MTRM Global Pvt Ltd, which sells tea products through a cafe under the name 'CHAIOPS'.

#### Panel formed to probe fire at Sohna flat

Gurgaon: Days after a flat in a society in Sohna was gutted in a fire, which the owner has termed "negligence on part of the builder", Gurgaon Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav Friday formed a committee that would be visiting the spot. It will look into the claims and submit a report. ENS

#### Man arrested for killing his co-worker

New Delhi: A 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing his coworker over a financial dispute, police said. CCTV footage near the spot showed the accused kicking, punching and beating the victim with a stick, police said. PTI

## **AIIMS HOLDS DISCUSSION WITH SEVERAL CENTRAL, STATE GOVT HOSPITALS** In the pipeline, a referral policy for patients across hospitals in capital

#### **ANKITA UPADHYAY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE ALL India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) along with other central and state government-run hospitals is planning a reverse and forward referral policy for patients. Under this, patients coming to bigger institutes will be sent to smaller hospitals for treatment after being stabilised at the emergency department and will be forwarded to tertiary care and other bigger institutes when needed.

As per sources, a dashboard is also likely to be introduced which will provide real-time information about availability of beds in hospitals across the city.

The meeting conducted Saturday was called by AIIMS Director Dr M Srinivas and included medical directors and superintendents of various central and state government hospitals

such as Safdarjung, Lok Nayak, RML, LHMC, SVBP, DDU, Indira Gandhi Hospital, ILBS, NDMC, IHBAS, Madan Mohan Malviya Hospital, Acharya Shree Bhikshu Hospital, Charak Palika. A discussion was held on the formal referral mechanism between gov-

ernment hospitals of Delhi for

stable patients and patients fac-

ing inconvenience in having to

move from one hospital to an-

these were the points discussed:

need for real-time emergency

bed availability of all hospitals;

integrated unified dashboard of

bed status: human network to

communicate between hospi-

tals before referrals; two-way re-

ferral of critical and non-critical

cases; training programme to

tem be formulated for reverse

referrals and forward referrals of

patients across Delhi," said an of-

"It was discussed that a sys-

develop expertise.

According to AIIMS officials,

other in search of a bed.

AIIMS emergency dept currently handles around 600 patients a day. Archive

ficial at the meeting. "There are plans that nodal officers will also be appointed in every hospital to coordinate among hospitals for availability of beds," said a senior official who attended the meeting.

AIIMS officials said the emergency department of the institute currently handles around 600 patients a day which has both critical and non-critical cases. AlIMS



UNDER THE reverse referral system, after stabilising patients, they can be shifted to smaller hospitals and under forward referrals, patients can be shifted to a higher institute from a smaller hospital and mohalla clinic

also receives referrals of critical tended the meeting. patients from government hospitals which they are not able to specialists and surgeons who handle either due to lack of supercan go to smaller hospitals for speciality departments or due to the same," he added. constraints of beds.

According to official sources, a discussion also took place on how AIIMS can send its manpower and equipment to Delhi government hospitals such as Indira Gandhi Super Speciality



#### **PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA** GURGAON, OCTOBER 29

Hospital till the time they procure their own staff and equipment. AN 18-YEAR-OLD student of "There are many such hospitals in Delhi Public School (DPS) in the outskirts and suburbs in Delhi Gurgaon fell to his death from where beds are lying vacant due the eighth floor of a society in Sector 45. Police said they are into shortage of manpower and equipment and due to shortage vestigating whether it is a case of of doctors; patients are then suicide or if foul play is involved. shifted to institutes like AIIMS, as alleged by his family. Safdarjung and Lok Nayak.

According to police, at 1.02 pm During the meeting, it was dison Saturday, information was recussed how such patients can be ceived that someone had fallen treated at those hospitals itself by from the eighth floor of a tower at sending manpower from bigger a society, following which police teams reached the spot. Police hospitals and institutes such as said the victim was found lying in a pool of blood and was rushed to "We can also have a pool of a private hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

Dr Kavita, assistant commissioner of police (ACP), east, said Praising the initiative, a senpreliminary probe has found that the boy had gone to a society ior official said it's a step in the right direction: "We all were near his house to meet a friend and former schoolmate to borwaiting for it as it will help a lot of patients. No one should lose row a book.

"The victim first went to the friend's house, where the guard connected him via intercom... and his friend's family told him he was asleep. Around 15 minutes later, at 12.53 pm, he again went to the friend's house on the fourth floor. His friend told us they had a brief conversation, of 2-3 minutes, during which he told him he did not have the said book. The friend said he went

back to his house and he saw the victim take the lift," said the ACP. Police said over the next 5-6 minutes, the victim went to the ground floor and then returned in the lift, exiting again at the fourth floor. "The circumstances of the next few minutes are not clear -

17-year-old stabbed to death after he objected to sister being harassed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was stabbed to death allegedly by two boys after he objected to them harassing his younger sister. The incident took place in Central Delhi Friday night. Police have appre-

he was taking the victim to the hospital, he revealed that the two boys were earlier harassing his sister. The victim had warned them and slapped one of the boys. We

suspect the two juveniles stabbed him multiple times in revenge." Police said the juveniles had

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allegedly harassed the victim's sister but the family didn't lodge

The father alleged, "... There

were three boys and they had

planned it; they followed him



### IN REMEMBRANCE

Family members pay tribute to victims of the 2005 Delhi serial blasts at Sarojini Nagar, Saturday. Prem Nath Pandey

### Woman claims baby Yelled at by BJP MP Verma, swapped at GTB, DNA test shows otherwise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE your head?)" In the video, Verma

DJB official files complaint a dip in the water. I'll pour this over Yamuna," his complaint stated. He added in his complaint that

L-G vs govt on 'red light on, gaadi off' campaign

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

AIIMS," said an official who at-

his or her life due to shortage of

beds or being denied admission."

L-G VK Saxena Saturday asked Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to reconsider the 'Red light on, Gaadi off campaign, saying there is no proof that such "ad hoc" measures have proven to be effective against air pollution. He also said these campaigns only put civil defence volunteers (CDVs) at "severe health and physical risk". The campaign involves deploying 2,500 volunteers at around 100 intersections to get people to turn off their engines at red lights in a bid to cut vehicular emissions.

This is the latest in the tussle over the campaign between the Delhi government and L-G. On Thursday, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said the campaign was being postponed since a file was waiting for approval from the L-G, which was sent on October 21.

#### **ANKITA UPADHYAY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

GURU TEG Bahadur (GTB) Hospital witnessed drama after a couple who had gone for the delivery of their child there alleged hospital staff had "replaced" their boy child with a girl. This forced the hospital to conduct a DNA test on the mother and child, which proved the girl child was, indeed, the couple's. The baby was Thursday handed over to the couple in the presence of police.

The husband, a salesman living in Delhi, claimed his wife had given birth to a boy a few weeks ago at GTB hospital but the staff later told them it was a girl. "We asked them why they said something different earlier, but they said there was confusion as

According to hospital officials, as the mother had refused to accept the girl child as her own, she did not breastfeed her. She stayed in the hospital till the DNA test report confirmed that

the girl was hers. The 28-year-old man, originally from Rajasthan, also filed a police complaint against the done from outside.

hospital staff. He said he "does not believe" the hospital's DNA test and will get another one GTB's Medical Director Dr Subhash Giri, meanwhile, said

there may have been a communication gap because of the rush, but the confusion was sorted out later. "We have discharged the mother and handed over the child through police officials," he said.

niee-iour deliveries napp NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29 at the time," he claimed.

A DAY after a video emerged of West Delhi BJP MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma yelling at an official of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) over the spraying of a defoamer in the Yamuna near the Okhla barrage ahead of Chhath Puja, the latter has filed a police complaint against the MP and Delhi BJP leader Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga for "obstructing discharge of official

duty and criminal intimidation". On video. Verma was heard telling the official, Sanjay Sharma, Director, Treatment and Quality Control, DJB, "Tere sar pe daal doon yeh chemical? Tum yahan pe chemical daal do paani mein aur yahan pe log lagayenge dubki, veh main tere sar par daal doon? (You will

spray the chemical in the water here and people will come to take are poisoning the water of River

also near a calling the off verma's act has a "besharam, ghatiya aadmi".

Sharma was then seen explaining that the chemical is approved by US FDA and that spraying was also approved by the National Mission for Clean Ganga.

Sharma's complaint, dated October 28, said he was on official duty at Bhola Ghat. downstream of Okhla barrage, supervising spraying of "anti-foaming substance" in the river. "Mr Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma, who is a Member of Parliament, along with Mr Tajinder Singh Bagga and some of his associates stopped me from performing my official duty. He intimidated and threatened me. He used very foul language and misbehaved with me. He is also spreading false propaganda that I along with officers of the DJB

scared" him and his colleagues. On Friday, Sharma had told The Indian Express: "He (Verma) came there. I was showing him NMCG minutes, but he was not listening to me. It (the chemical

demoralised and

being sprayed) is not poisonous." Verma had said Friday: "DJB officials were spraying a chemical. I asked if they have an order. They said they have it, but were not able to show it ... I told them, they are spraying a chemical and tomorrow people will take a dip in the river. I told them not to do it, as it could lead to problems...'

DJB began spraying the chemical ahead of Chhath puja in an attempt to get rid of the foam that develops on the river's surface. Delhi Police officials said the

complaint was received. An FIR has not yet been filed.

lowever, the L-G house denied the claims and said Rai lied about the launch date as the file sent to them mentioned October 31 instead of October 28

According to officials, the L-G pointed out the "inhuman and exploitative" use of CDVs at extremely polluted traffic intersections and highlighted that "the basic premise of the campaign which seeks to risk the health of few individuals on the assumption of protecting the health of many is faulty...'

Rai said, "L-G Sahab has resent the file, he is trying to stop the campaign somehow, but we will answer all questions... and submit the file again. He has been doing politics over several matters of Delhi government, but we hope he'll approve the file... and not do politics over the health of public."

nended the two juveniles in volved in the crime.

According to police, the victim was returning home after tuition and was near his house when the incident occurred. Purported CCTV footage from the crime scene shows the victim being attacked by the boys. He is seen fighting with one of them but is stabbed in the back. He tries to switch on his phone and call for elp but falls to the ground.

A PCR call was made around 9.22 pm. DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan said. "We received information about the incident and rushed to the spot. The boy was taken to a hospital where he was declared dead on arrival."

The boy's father lodged a complaint against the two boys who are known to the victim. The DCP said: "The father told us that while

and stabbed him multiple times. The tuition class is hardly 100 metres from our home. These boys had earlier harassed my daughter and her friends. My son had promised my daughter he would take care of the matter. He was upset... and slapped them. They then threatened my son."

His uncle added, "... He would go to computer classes every day... he was hardworking. These boys must be punished."

The family also staged a protest, alleging such incidents have happened in the area before and demanded police increase security and take strict action against the assailants. Police said they're investigating the claims.

## HISTORY OF VARSITY TIED TO PARTITION Kirori Mal College journey — from 'stinking tract of land' to theatre hub

#### SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

MANY OF the familiar names among Delhi University colleges began taking shape after Partition, when the changing demographic in the city necessitated new educational institutions for young people from displaced families. Among them was Kirori Mal College, though it was yet to be named so.

There are at least two slightly differing narratives of the early history of the college, but both tie it to the Partition. According to the history the college management itself has put forward on its website and other forums. it dates back to 1951 when it was established by American Jesuits as Nirmala College. It functioned out of an evacuee building, which also doubled up as a place of shelter for displaced families. in Old Delhi's Qutub Road, a

bustling commercial area.

Basu has traced a longer and more complex journey leading to Nirmala College. In her essay, The Foundation and Early migrated to Delhi.

"Panjab University began what was then called Camp College, employing the staff displaced from Colleges in West Panjab and North West Frontier Province and located for almost a decade in a number of buildings on Mandir Marg. Postgraduate classes from here were taken over by Delhi University as an evening

However, historian Aparna

History of Delhi University, in the volume Delhi Through The Ages edited by R E Frykenberg, Basu wrote of an early college employing displaced teachers who

college and located in the Arts Faculty Building, while undergraduate classes were shifted to Central College which was taken over by a Christian

Mission and called Nirmala College. This was subsequently taken over by the Kirori Mal Trust and renamed Kirori Mal College in 1954," she wrote.

In 1954, the college was taken over by Delhi University and handed over to the Seth Kirori Mal Charitable Trust, a philanthropic organisation from Bhiwani, Haryana. It was also allotted land on the periphery of the University Enclave, its current location, which the college website described was a "wild, stinking, hitherto uninhabitable tract of land". And so the institute's first full-fledged academic session as Kirori Mal College in the buildings designed by architects Anand Apte and Jhabvala started in 1956-57.

With principal Sarup Singh "scouting" for talent between 1956 to 1965, the college drew teachers who went on to become institutions, such as K M Ashraf, Frank Thakurdas, Arun



The institute's first full-fledged academic session as Kirori Mal College in the buildings designed by architects Anand Apte and Jhabvala started in 1956-57. Archive

college's financial troubles. Bose and O P Grewal, but by the 1970s, the college was dealing in 1982, Delhi University took with a few issues. A couple of viover the management of the coltal changes took place in the late lege and it became a complete 70s and early 80s. After an ap-University-run institution. peal to Delhi University by then

Renowned theatre artist Principal N S Pradhan over the Keval Arora was a student of the college from 1973 to 1976 and became a faculty member in 1980 till his retirement this year. According to him, another major change took place around that time under Pradhan's leadership: the removal of wrestling from the college's sports agenda.

"Kirori Mal was a 'tough' college. One was terrified being a student inside the college. Outside the college, you didn't want to mess with some-

one who was from Kirori Mal. So many of the people who represented India in wrestling events came from Kirori Mal College. The sport had a season when the wrestling students would be in the Chandgiram Akhara. When they didn't have anything to do, they would walk around the college being very tough. If you were in the hostel, you might have the

added charm of being picked on. When Pradhan came in, he said we won't support this sport anymore. Obviously, the then DPE was very upset, the college was on the national map for wrestling. But it was a vital change that happened, and brought about a

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big change in the student demographic," he said, adding that the college used to be known as 'the Jat col-

lege' But the enduring image of KMC is as a college with a rich cultural life, particularly in theatre. Arora places the formation of its famous theatre society, The Players, in 1957 under the stewardship of Frank Thakurdas – a Partition migrant from Lahore and brother of Miranda House's first principal Veda Thakurdas.

Something distinctive that he recalls as nourishing the cultural life of the college is the "climate of cultural consumption".

"As a student performing in the college, there is of course hands-on support that, say, Frank Thakurdas would give. But there was also the support system of faculty as spectators. I can't tell you how important that is. When you do perform, your front benches have faculty sitting there, who are not there by compulsion. They are there because they want to be there, they stay for the entire length of the programme and after that they come to discuss what you did. That sense of being cradled and enveloped and looked after. It's something that is lost now," he said. He added that KMC was one of the first colleges to admit a few students through theatre auditions under the till-then

dormant provision for ECA ad-

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Telangana bypoll: Minister barred from campaigning for 48 hours

#### **EXPRESS NEWS 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. Chandrashekar Rao 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 Kapilavai 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.

#### **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

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 calls Gujarat's recruitment** 

policy transparent, praises CM

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

Kejriwal has been coming to

dow now, with the BJP

also picking cues from

where it is fighting rebel-

dropped sitting MLAs.

The BJP has also de-

ployed every weapon in

its arsenal – from Prime

Minister Narendra Modi

its to the state to launch projects,

Union Home Minister Amit Shah

Pradesh.

rising from

Gaurav Yatra.

currently held by the Congress.

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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 subinspectors and Lok Rakhshak 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 Panchavat 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

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** VADODARA, OCTOBER 29

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will kick-start his threeday 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 Oaudience. 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 ing freebies and, recently, hosting

a yatra across the constituencies where it is electorally challenged. **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Some ministers who were CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29 part of the replaced Vijay Rupani

government, earlier seen as unlikely to get a ticket, and had won NOWHERE CLOSE to the winby margins lower than 1,000 votes ning mark in Gujarat, unlike in in 2017, are now back in their con-Punjab, AAP supremo Arvind stituencies, campaigning. The BJP Keiriwal is nonetheless repeatensured that every party funcing a tactic in the western state tionary, including new entrants that the party performed with such as Hardik Patel, played a part much flourish in the Assembly in the recently concluded Gujarat elections here in the north.

On Saturday, addressing a Among those hoping for a press conference in Surat. ticket is Hardik, who was younger Gujarat, Kejriwal announced a than the age limit to contest last phone number and an email actime. He has lately begun spendcount, and asked people to send ing most of his time in Viramgam, in suggestions for names for chief minister candidates, via his hometown and a constituency SMS, WhatsApp, voice mail, or As one of the ministers e-mail. The winner, or the party's CM candidate, would be de-

dropped in the wholesale change of the Rupani government with a clared on November 4, he said. completely new Cabinet said: " "During the Puniab elections



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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 "IB 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 Guiarat. 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 BIP's playbook.

#### eveing to become the main oppopolls.

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 ho had

completed three terms, and not fielding family members of political functionaries – which ostensibly worked in the local making frequent and longer viselections. In October 2021, Paatil had even declared at a party

sition in Gujarat, like it did in Surat in the February 2021 local body Even as the BJP leaders claim

If winning the coming elections seems distant, AAP is clearly

meeting that the Assembly elections would see more than 100 new faces as contestants. That seems to have gone of the win-

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talking to party workers in person, the Bhupendra Patel government clearing long-pending demands from various quarters, announcwill remain a criterion."

am hopeful of getting a ticket. And we asked people as to who why not? Amitbhai (Amit Shah) should be the next CM. People has announced that winnability named Bhagwant Mann by a huge majority," he said.



## 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 saving 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 postgraduate degree.

According to Sada's 2020



one; he was among eight

state legislators. Express

sets worth Rs 70,000. The RJD leader said he studied till Class 10 and was always good at making speeches. The RID. 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 Ianata 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 2000 Assembly polls.

#### Procedure, Schedule, Fees, Registration Process etc., visit JAC Delhi vebsit www.jacdelhi.admissions.nic.in Chairman .JACDelhi-202 Chairman, JACDelhi-2022 डी पन प फिंगरपिंटिंग पतं निटान केन्द्र डा एन १९२१ राजा ८२ । एव । गयान ४७२) जैव बीबोगिकी विमाग, विज्ञान एवं बीबीगिकी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार का स्वायत्त संस्थान) इन्हर रिगरोड, उपपल, हैदराबाद - S00039, तेलंगाना, भारत दुरभाष : +91-40-2721 6014 / 6091 केक्स : +91-40-2721 6006, वेबसाईट: http://www.cdfd.org.in CENTRE FOR DNA FINGERPRINTING AND DIAGNOSTICS nous Institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry o cience & Technology, Govt. of India) Inner Ring Road, Uppal, Hyderabad-500039. +91-40-2721 6014 / 6091, Fax: +91-40-2721 6006 elangana, India Tel:

#### ite http://www.cdfd.org.in Admission for Research Scholars Program – I – 2023 (RSP – I – 2023)

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#### Eligibility Criteria:

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- To be eligible a candidate must have:
- 1. A Master's degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture from a recognized University/Institute OR MBBS.
- 2. Qualified for a Junior Research Fellowship from CSIR / UGC / DBT/ICMR / INSPIRE/JEST/UGC - RGNF or any other similar examination with fellowship.
- Candidates having qualified for Project-JRF under the ICMR funded project Scheme [which is only for a period of two years] OR DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. [Biotechnology] degree OR DBT JRF NET under DBT-B category list OR LS-NET qualification only in CSIR-UGC (NET) examination are **NOT** eligible to apply.

#### Selection Procedure:

Admission to the CDFD-Research Scholars program will be based on an interview via video conference scheduled to be held in late January early February, 2023. The candidates should be available for more than one round of interviews, spread over a week, if needed.

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- FEE STRUCTURE : Approximately Rs. 1,98,900/- per annum [Inclusive of lodging, boarding, uniform and other deposit]. Kit and clothing items will be charged extra.
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- RESERVATION : Two seats each are reserved for candidates coming under Kittur Hobli, Defence Personnel Dependent and maximum three seats from National Bravery Award Winners quota.
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Sale of Prospectus cum Application form : D.D. for Rs. 2,000/- for General Category candidates and Rs. 1,600/- for SC/ST candidates [by producing authentic Caste Certificate]. Sale of Prospectus cum Application forms will start from November 3rd 2022 to December 20th 2022, Prospectus cum Application form can also be obtained after December 21st up to January 5th 2023 on payment of Rs. 2,000/- and additional penalty of Rs. 500/-(Total 2500/-). Application can be collected by hand from the office on payment through D.D.

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[A] International Education/Exchange Programme for Staff and Students : Under the Trilatera Memorandum of Understanding between College of Education, Saginaw Valley State University [SVSU], USA & Carrollton Public School, Michigan, USA including visit to USA by selected Staff as well as Students, and reciprocal visit by the staff as well as students of these USA based Institutions to Kittur on year to year basis : Dr. David Cline, is the Co-oridinator - SVSU / KRCRSSG Programme , University Center, Michigan - 48710, USA, [B] Special Coaching Classes : Regular and rigorous coaching is organized for students appearing for JEE / NEET etc by experts in the field through Educational Partnership with Hanchinmani Classes, Dharwad, [C] NCC Training, [D] Guides for Girls, [E] Horse Riding, Swimming and other sports activities including Yoga and Meditation / Prayer, [F] NDA Training

NOTE : School authority reserves the right to change the pattern of examination, admission criteria and contents of the question papers. E School is not responsible for non-receipt / delayed receipt of communications [Prospectus, Hall Tickets and Results etc]. Hall Tickets will be sent by Ordinary Post only Submission of Caste & Category, Kittur Hobli and Defence Certificates [attested photo copies] of the candidate, if applicable, shall be attached to the filled application form, failing which the candidate shall be considered under General Category. under any circumstance. E False Income / Caste Certificate may lead to rejection of candidature Latest Caste / Category and other certificate need to be submitted

#### Office Hours: School office functions between 9-00 A.M. to 1-30 P.M. and 3-00 P.M. to 5-30 P.M. from Tuesdavs to Saturdavs and between 9.30A.M. to 1.30P.M on Mondavs



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head office in Delhi and 18 branch offices across the country. On

Thursday, while addressing the

first "chintan shivir". or brain-

storming session, of home minis-

ters 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 govern-

ment's zero-tolerance policy (on

terror), we have brought amend-

ments to the NIA Act and UAPA

(Unlawful Activities (Prevention)

Act), and given the NIA more pow-

ers. 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 work-

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The NIA, constituted in 2008,

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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

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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

is in India to participate in the

After meeting Cleverly, who

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29



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

Indo-Pacific, Ukraine

with UK foreign secy

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 in-

ternet by terror groups. On the threat from cryptocurrencies, the Delhi

Declarartion called on member states to "consider and assess risks associated with... prepaid

cards, virtual assets and .... crowdfunding platforms, and implement risk-based antimoney-laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing(CFT) 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.'

He said that he also wanted to

However, Vyas, who was min-

tweeted saying he got a call from

## 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 Octoberend. 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



ular audit.

#### Jaishankar discusses BJP's Vyas meets Gehlot to discuss 'Narmada, Covid'

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 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. Vvas. 75. who was former

health minister in the Modi cabi-Tuesday. It is learnt that the two net, and has held portfolios of sides also took stock of the on-Narmada and water resources, going negotiations for the protold The Indian Express that he posed Indo-UK free trade agreesought 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 understand Rajasthan's Covid seat in Patan district, which is his management. hometown, from where he has contested seven times, winning ister from 2007 to 2012, is known four times. However, Vvas could to be unhappy in the BJP. In June not retain the seat in 2017. "In the 2021, when Vyas was recuperating after a heart surgery, he

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

BJP headquarters Kamalam to attend a meeting. He wrote, "...In past if u were slight unwell, senior most party bosses would ask acres of land with 0.5 MAF share of about your health or drop in. I am in a hospital with by pass surgery Narmada waters and was told it was largely because of the drip irthe entire world knows except the Kamalam kid ! Party has definitely rigation technology, which I feel Gujarat should also employ.' changed!!"

Counter Terrorish Conference, Jaishankar said, "Delighted to welcome UK Secretary Foreign @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 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 Indianorigin prime minister on

**DAMININATH** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

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the month set as the official

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Housing and Urban Affairs

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layed due to the war in Ukraine,

while supply of network

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years behind schedule. The of-

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to the possibility of zeroing in

Ministry said.

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

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**Foreign Minister also** 

over the phone

spoke with US Secretary

of State Antony Blinken

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 22million pounds investment by the UK-backed Neev II Fund into Hygenco, 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.

HARDEEP PURI SAYS 'WORK IN FULL SWING'

## 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 UP as well, there has LAINED Environment Ministry, been a reduction in the Haryana and UP have number of farm fires

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

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

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.

the entire NCR region.

CAQM chairperson M M Kuttv 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.

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

#### **OMPRAKASHTHAKUR** 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 community, 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 Hattees are concentrated, with the Dalits opposed to the move

vowing to vote against the BJP.

Apart from Sirmaur's ve constituencies, the Hattees 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.

turning against them.

panchavat pradhans, or block district committee and zila parishad members, he says. The convenor of the Anusuchit Jati Adhikar Sanrakshan Samiti, Anil Manghet, says the BIP is fooling both them and the Hattees, pointing out that the tribal status promise remains still a proposal.

Vikas Sangathan, Sirmaur, Birbal

says that the biggest fear among

the Dalit population is that once

the Hattees have ST status, thte

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.

would also mean that panchavat

seats will stop being alternatively reserved for SCs and others. SC

candidates may never become

A tribal status for the area

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

Himachal's numbers as per the 2011 Census. FULL REPORT ON

The convenor of the Dalit

they had nothing to worry from

Hattees being given tribal status,

and that their rights would be pro-

tected. However, organisations

like the Dalit Shoshan Mukti

#### are apprehensive of the Dalits At a rally held in Sataun in Sirmaur district recently, Home Minister Amit Shah made it a point to reassure the Dalits that

are not convinced.

Manch and Dalit Vikas Sangathan





Hattee Samiti canvasses openly for the BJP, even local party leaders

a given, he calls it the first phase.

Dalits make up 25.22% of www.indianexpress.com

**Multimedia systems** delayed due to Ukraine war, supply of network PROCUREMENT OF some foreign products for the new switches running 2 yrs Parliament building, including behind schedule: official multi-media systems to make

> 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 Fwitter 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/@HardeepSPuri





Product delay shadow on new Parliament building deadline

## **EXPRESS NETWORK**

### 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 groundplus 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)

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

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE 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, Dhrubajyoti Sen resigned on October 19, but students were informed about the development at an open house convened by IIT director VKTiwari 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.

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."

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU. OCTOBER 29

A ICB operator was killed and around half-a-dozen people were injured on Saturday following landslides at an underconstruction 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 ICB operator was clearing the road at the site of the project the 850 mega watt Ratle

the accused showed "inhumane

behaviour" by not taking the girl

to hospital and instead uploaded

her videos on social media that re-

"The investigation in the case

The FIR was registered against

and 505-2 (Statements creating

or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-

will between classes), said a po-

According to the police, the

girl stepped out of her residence

on October 23 morning to visit a

nearby market. After she did not

return home, her family started

searching for her. Later in the day,

lice officer.

#### Hydroelectric Project on the river Chenab – after some boulders had fallen on the road from a hill. Then, a landslide occurred, trapping the ICB and its driver under debris.

1 killed, several injured in J&K landslides

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

## **'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

vealed her identity," police said. social media where a group of people are seen taking photohas begun and we are in process graphs of an injured, teenaged girl of identifying those involved in and not coming forward to help shooting the videos and clicking photographs of the victim," said her, the Kannauj police on Friday registered a fresh FIR against 20 the in-charge of the police staunidentified persons on several tion concerned. charges, including disclosing the identity of a minor, by uploading 20 unidentified persons under IPC the videos on social media. Police sections 228-A (Disclosure of said the girl is undergoing treatidentity of the victim of certain ofment at a hospital in Kanpur and fences etc), 354-C (voyeurism)

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

Kannauj district. 'The informer also said that several people had gathered at the

she was spotted lying in the spot and were shooting videos bushes with injuries. "While scanning CCTV footage of the and clicking photographs while the girl was in pain and seeking market area, police spotted a help. The complainant reached youth approaching the girl and talking to her on October 23 the spot and stopped the people from taking photographs and morning," said a police officer. shooting videos. He took the girl The prime accused, who is in 20s, to a hospital for treatment. The has been identified and a search sub-inspector said in the FIR that is on for him, added the officer.

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

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PATNA, OCTOBER 29

ATLEAST 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

was critical. Police said, "Though the exact reason of fire is yet to be ascertained, prima facie, cylinder blast looks to be the reaclinics. Condition of 10 people son behind the fire.

## **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

ple 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 re-

Sarkar and Samarjit Acharya

The CBI said, the 10 other peo-

vealed 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...

## 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 'droughthit'. 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.

Agriculture Director Nisha Oraon said that traditionally the period in the monsoon till August 15 is seen as a standard to determine the extent of sowing of kharif crops. "Based on this, as per the drought manual 2016, two triggers-rainfall deviation (dry spells); and vegetation cover hydrology)-were taken into consideration and 243 blocks across 24 districts were identified as drought hit," he said.

The department is also focussing on a contingent plan for promoting crop diversification to manage the risk of low production. The department is promoting late kharif crops such as kulthi, niger, urad and madua. The department is also focussing on early rabi to bring cultivation of toria, rapeseed, mustard, gram, lentil, pea, fodder and forage crops such as berseem and barley under more area



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## **EXPRESS NETWORK**

#### German tourists detained over 'missionary activity' in Assam

#### **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

three serial blasts at Dadar, Zaveri

Bazaar and Opera House. The

prosecution has cited over 700

#### SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

they are "overburdened"

their years in incarceration even

the 2011 Mumbai triple blasts, not just the accused, even the

In one of the cases related to

before they are found guilty.

after the terror attacks

witnesses. Charges were framed TWO OF the special courts in against the accused in separate Mumbai designated to hear cases proceedings from 2019-2021 but under the Unlawful Activities the trial is yet to commence. (Prevention)Act(UAPA) have said

On the plea by both the ATS and accused Nadeem Akhtar. One court, in a recent order, seeking daily hearing in the case, said it had 72 cases with 255 acthe judge said his predecessor had cused in jail. The pending cases passed an order on a similar plea before these courts include multithat it is "difficult" to conduct dayple cases where trial is yet to beto-day hearing as the court is "algin even after over 10 years. The ready obliged with hearing other accused in these cases have filed time-bound and old matters". The court pulled up Akhtar stating that bail applications citing delay in trial. In some cases, they have he had been filing applications on every date of the case and that he sought to plead guilty citing among grounds the long time it had "some hidden intention". It may take for trials to begin and also rejected the ATS plea. eventually conclude, adding to

"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.

Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism In 2019, the Bombay High Squad (ATS), the investigating Court had rejected the bail appliagency, filed an application in cation of accused Haroon Naik, August, seeking day-to-day hearobserving that there was prima facie evidence against him while diing as the trial against the 11 accused is yet to commence 11 years recting the trial to be concluded expeditiously. The bail applica-On July 13, 2011, 27 people had tions of the accused, including died and over 100 were injured in 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.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

## 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).

Malviva 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 as 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 meet-

ing of the Eastern Zonal Council

has been postponed, a senior state

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

government official said Saturday. Eastern Zonal Council has been have not been given another date postponed for now. It will now for the meeting yet," he said. take place on a different date. Apart from Bengal Chief Union Home Minister Amit Shah Minister Mamata Baneriee, 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 official said.

> Passenger who was injured due to turbulence in SpiceJet flight dead, says airline

#### ENS&PTI

KOLKATA, MUMBAI, OCT 29

AKBAR ANSARI, a passenger who was injured due to turbulence in a SpiceJet flight in May, died last month, the airline said in a statement issued on Saturday. Family members of Ansari, who was 48, said he was on ventilator support for more than a month before succumbing on September 26. The family members alleged that Ansari did not receive proper treatment. He hailed from Giridih region of Iharkhand.

According to the death certificate issued by the Mission Hospital in Durgapur, West Bengal on September 2 Akbar Ansari died of "sepsis in shock'

caused by polytrauma with spinal injury." SpiceJet on





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

who is the chairman of the council, was scheduled to meet her counterparts from Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Sikkim, the



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

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#### **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 intimated the Western Railway control room and Valsad railway

Saturday said "a passenger who was injured during the severe turbulence encountered by authorities about the incident. SpiceJet flight on May 1, 2022 The engineering staff from sadly passed away last month." Valsad railway station along The company "extended" all possible assistance including with RPF and GRP officials reached the spot. With the help taking care of the passenger's medical and hospital expenses, of local residents, the carcass of the cattle was removed from the it stated in the statement and added that "the compensation is tracks. After a 26-minute halt for the repair work, the train later being paid as per norms." resumed the journey towards

Two of the injured passengers – one with a head injury and another with a spinal injury - were admitted to the ICU ward of a hospital in Durgapur, aviation safety regulator DGCA said in a statement in May. This is reportedly the second death of a passenger in India due to severe flight turbulence.

In 1980, an Indian Airlines flight experienced severe turbulence in West Bengal's Rampurhat, killing two out of 132 people, as per reports.

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

"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 sta-

tion Gracious Fernandes.

#### 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.

der 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 for-

est office said, regular patrolling



An Amur falcon female with

and awareness programmes

have been started as the migra-

tory birds reportedly began ar-

riving in the first week of

the bird arrives mainly in Manipur

and Nagaland on its southbound

migration from breeding grounds

in north China, eastern Mongolia

Locally known as Akhuipuina,

a grasshopper catch

October this time.

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 fivemember team of scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India tagged five Amur falcons in collaboration with the department and locals.

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Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore. Only 23

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Cause and Association for

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have legally challenged the

scheme that was started in 2018.

They, along with several other

critics, have been alleging that

the introduction of EBs is "dis-

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scheme, the principle of

anonymity of the bond donor en-

shrined in the Electoral Bond

Scheme, 2018 must be done

away with. "All political parties

which receive donations through

Electoral Bonds should declare in

their Contributions Reports the

total amount of such donations

received in the given financial

year, along with the detailed par-

ticulars of the donors as against

each bond; the amount of each

such bond and the full particu-

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According to the ADR, in the

torting democracy" in India.

Non-governmental organi-

demption of electoral bonds.

#### CRUDE WATCH **OIL EASES AS CHINA WIDENS CURBS**

New York: Oil prices eased about 1% on Friday after China widened its Covid-19 curbs, though the crude benchmarks Brent and WTI were up 2% and 3%, respectively, ror the week on supply concerns and surprisingly strong US economic data. REUTERS

## CHANDRASEKAR ON GRIEVANCE APPELLATE PANELS: DOING RELUCTANTLY If plaints not addressed, social media cos may be penalised

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**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 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



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," Chandrasekhar said at a press briefing. Chandrasekhar 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

proaching grievance redresssal".

Changes in IT Rules

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 me-

dia 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 ac-

with the large volumes of user cess to their 'safe harbour' status complaints, the minister said the on not complying with IT rules. panels were, in fact, a disincentive Currently under Section 79 of IT Act 2000, intermediaries are proto intermediaries not to continue the "status quo, casual way of aptected from any legal prosecution related to content on their platforms. If they lose the status, they "One scenario is that 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

## 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

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.

**TOTAL:** ₹10.791 crore

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.

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Interestingly, major political

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



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

CO.

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

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

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

Source:

Mckinsey

& Co/PTI

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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.

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Date: 19/10/2022

Dated: 29.10.2022

( परियोजना प्रभारी )

राष्ट्रीय कृषि उच्चतर शिक्षा परियोजना

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**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 Pivush Goval

said."...the fact that we 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

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

#### BRIEFLY — NTPCQ2 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

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Musk said,"To be super clear, we have

not yet made any changes to twitter's

Meanwhile, General Motors Co said late on Friday it had temporarily

The largest US automaker said it

Twitter did not immediately re-

GM said "as is normal course of

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GM halts ADs

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

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## THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, OCTOBER 30, 2022 **14** THE WORLD



#### SWISS COMPANY CLAIMS RECORD World's Longest Passenger Train

A Swiss railway company claimed the record for the world's longest passenger train Saturday with a trip on one of the most spectacular tracks through the Alps. The Rhaetian Railway company ran the 1.9-kilometer-long (1.2-mile-long) train composed of 100 coaches along the Albula/Bernina route from Preda to Berguen.



#### 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

#### 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

## WORLD - 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

**RUNOFF VOTE TODAY Bolsonaro vs Lula:** Brazil faces choice with huge stakes

#### 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 DDy CIN I. IVIOST POIIS Suggest Luia is the slight favourite to come back, capping a remarkable political return after his jailing on graft



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

Hotel, a major party spot in Seoul. treat the injured. The National More than 800 emergency Fire Agency separately said in a workers and police officers from statement that officials were still around the nation, including all trying to determine the exact available personnel in Seoul, number of emergency patients. TV footage and photos were deployed to the streets to

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

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 pre-

mier 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

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tion 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.

No hotels for

Islamabad: In an unusual

move, Islamabad police on

Saturday barred hotels and

guesthouses in the capital

from providing accommoda-

protesters

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.

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

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

#### 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 peninsular 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

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**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

#### What was the deal

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

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 equipthe Russian government than it does about the West." **REUTERS** 

Moscow says UK Navy blew up Nord Stream

London: Russia's defence ministry said on Saturday that British Navy personnel blew up the Nord Stream gas pipelines last month, a claim that London said was false and designed to distract from Russian military failures in Ukraine.

The Russian ministry said that "British specialists" from the same unit directed Ukrainian drone attacks on ships of Russian Black Sea fleet in Crimea earlier on Saturday. "According to available information, representatives of this unit of the British Navy took part in the planning, provision and implementation of a terrorist attack in the Baltic Sea on September 26 this year - blowing up the Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2, the ministry said. Britain denied the claim. "To detract from their disastrous handling of the illegal invasion. the Russian Ministry is resorting to peddling false claims," it said. "This invented story, says more about arguments going on inside

#### 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

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-Oaeda-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

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ple," Stéphane Dujarric, the was signed in July and ended a spokesman for António Guterres, the UN secretary general, said. Ukraine's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, said his govern-

imperii 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 peoment from Pentagon inventories.

#### **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. Iranians 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 Saqez. 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 semiofficial Fars and Tasnim news agencies.

## 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

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.

and shut down by authorities,

forcing the mainly Asian and

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. Some men had not been able to return in time to collect their belongings. "We don't have anywhere to

go," one man told Reuters the

A Qatari government official said the evictions are unrelated to the World Cup and were designed "in line with ongoing comprehen-

sive and long-term plans to re-organise areas of Doha." World soccer's governing body FIFA did not respond to a request for comment and Qatar's World Cup organisers directed inquiries to the government.

around 10 other men.

next day as he prepared to sleep

out for a second night with

REUTERS

SAIFULLAH PARACHA WAS ACCUSED OF BEING AL-QAEDA SYMPATHISER AND WAS HELD FOR TWO DECADES US releases Guantanamo's oldest prisoner—75-yr-old from Pak

#### NYT&AP

GUANTANAMO BAY, OCT 29

THE UNITED States has released the US military's oldest prisoner of the war on terror, a 75-year-old businessman who was held for nearly two decades as a suspected sympathiser of al-Qaeda but was never charged with a crime.

The man, Saifullah Paracha, a former legal resident of New York, was one of Guantanamo's most unusual and better known "forever prisoners." Military prosecutors never sought to put him on trial, but review panels considered him too dangerous to release until last year.

#### tary mission that the Pakistani government disclosed on Saturday, culminated months of negotiations to arrange his return. The Pentagon declined to comment. Biden administration officials have declined to say whether security restrictions were imposed on Paracha, but US national security officials have typically

His transfer, in a secret mili-

sought monitoring of former military prisoners and restrictions on their travel for at least two years.

Paracha arrived at Guantanamo in the early days of detention operations, when hundreds of young men captured abroad filled cellblocks at the seafront compound.

Just before he left, the 21st commander of prison operations, a National Guard general from Michigan, had taken charge and the detainee population had dwindled to three dozen. Of them, 21 have been approved for transfer to the custody of another country with security arrangements that satisfy the secretary of defence; for example, participation in a rehabilitation programme.

At Guantanamo, Paracha stood out among the predominantly younger Muslim men, most of whom were captured in their teens and 20s by Afghan or Pakistani militias and turned over to the US as presumptive foot soldiers of al-Qaeda or the Taliban.



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

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 special-

ists 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.





He was captured in July 2003 at age 56 in an FBI sting operation

## THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, OCTOBER 30, 2022 15 SUNDAY STORY

## 'It's ok, not all dreams come true'

HEY WANTED to become doctors, surgeons and super-specialists. They had dreamt of saving lives, of sitting in airconditioned 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 secondyear 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

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

#### **NUMBER PLATE**

Indians in Ukraine

### 18,000

INDIAN STUDENTS enrolled in Ukrainian universities, the Ministry of External Affairs said in Parliament in Iune 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)

wanted to see me as a doctor and not a nurse, I didn't have a choice," he said.

ANAND A, 21

• Had enrolled at

nursing

Bukovinian State Medical University in Chernivtsi

Now plans to study

• Took a loan of Rs 15 lakh

Like Anand, his classmate Melvin Shaji Jose, who is from the municipal town of Changanassery in Kerala's Kottayam district, has also decided to enrol for a graduate degree in nursing despite clearing NEET and qualifying for a seat in dentistry.

"I wanted to become a doctor and treat sick people. I don't see myself cleaning teeth and doing root canals." he said.

## SATNAM SINGH, 20

- Had enrolled at **Bukovinian University** 
  - Plans to enrol for a
  - counselling course in Canada

along with tickets, food and stay, would have worked out to Rs 30 lakh in Ukraine."

"Their standard of teaching is also good. But by the time I returned, my family had spent around Rs 9 lakh, including visa and ticket charges, education fee, etc. Though students from my batch have gone to other countries, I didn't opt for it because the standard of education there is very low. When I checked the National Medical Council (of India) website, there was not a single student  Now plans to study nursing

repay the loan he had taken for his studies in Ukraine.

"It is not just tuition fees. We paid for flights, visas, local stay, food, personal expenses, including extra expenses due to the war. The banks are not ready to waive it off," he said. Santosh has chosen not to return to Ukraine even if the war comes to an end and the situation improves.

"Today even if I decide to return to Ukraine, what is the guarantee that the situ-

returning to Ukraine or enrolling for a course n India was fraught with risks and challenges.

• Had enrolled at Bukovinian State Medical

• Spent close to Rs 8 lakh

• Has enrolled for a BSc

University

degree

A resident of Patiala's Marori village and the only child in his family, Satnam recalls the trauma his mother went through when he was stuck in the war zone.

"At Chernivtsi in Ukraine, to support myself, I used to work in a restaurant after attending classes. When the war broke out, buses full of medical students arrived from Ternopil and they said they hadn't eaten for two days. The restaurant owner, who was a Punjabi, told me that we must do 'seva'. I used to cook 10 kg of rice and dal every day for the students. A couple of days later, someone called from my village saying that my mother was so worried for me that she hadn't eaten for days. That's when I decided to go back and became one of the last 50 students to be evacuated from my college. My mother is so scared of losing me that she will

not allow me to return to Ukraine," he said. Satnam said his father, a farmer, had taken a loan against his crop from private

money lenders to fund his education. "My family has supported me a lot. I studied in a government school in my village till Class 10 where English was not taught. At the college in Patiala, where my parents sent me to study science, I used to feel embarrassed in front of students who spoke fluent English. So, my father engaged an English tutor, Later, I took the NEET twice but scored less. My parents risked everything and chose to send me abroad to study medicine since they knew it was my dream. Now, for their sake, I need to take strong decisions. I have decided to take up a course on 'recreational counselling' in Canada. I have relatives in Canada who will help me. Becoming a doctor is my dream, but I need to be pragmatic too. Between MBBS and life, I chose life," Satnam said.



r studying in Okraine, "ne said Anand has now enrolled in a nursing col-

lege 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 eli-

gible to practise in India. I don't want my mother to work for that long. She is dependent on medicines for survival. Though she

Sefore he chose to go to Ukraine. Melvin had cleared the NEET twice, but with a score of 450, he was eligible for admission to only the deemed private medical colleges where the cost of education far exceeds the fees charged by universities in Ukraine.

Saying that he did a lot of research before deciding to take up medical studies in Ukraine, Melvin added, "I was eligible for a deemed college in India but the fee was Rs 14 lakh a year. My entire cost of education,

from these countries who had cleared the FMGE entrance in the last six years, which is mandatory for foreign medical graduates before they start practising here," Melvin said.

Santosh Yaday, who hails from Himmat Nagar in Nanded, held on to hope until last month when he finally gave up and enrolled in a BSc course.

Santosh, whose parents are farmers, was stuck in Ukraine hoping for evacuation after the war broke out. He is now struggling to

ation will not worsen? The Indian govern ment might say then that we had warned the students. I cannot take this risk. My family does not have the money to spare. Also, I don't have a family business to fall back on if my degree doesn't work out. I need a job to survive so I decided to let go of my dream to become a doctor and took admission in the BSc course. It's okay, not all dreams come true." he said.

For Satnam Singh, 20, the choice of either

## 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 daughterin-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.

#### **A LETTER FROM KHARGONE**

MADHYA PRADESH



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 twomember 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 "loophole" — 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 Igbal 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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## Dpinion

#### Across **THE AISLE**



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The tone of the September review is self-congratulatory. The last sentence sums up the tone and the approach: "As is the case with batting in swinging conditions, balls well-left (policy errors avoided) will be as important as balls played well (policy decisions taken)." What the authors have omitted to mention are the dot balls (clueless against external threats) and the balls that almost got a wicket (rupee

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

## Head buried in the sand

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

The tone of the report is self-congratulatory. The last sentence sums up the tone and the approach: "As is the case with batting in swinging conditions, balls well-left (policy errors avoided) will be as important as balls played well (policy decisions taken)." What the authors have omitted to mention are the dot balls (clueless against external threats) and the balls that almost got a wicket (rupee depreciation).

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 <u>fiscal position</u> 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.

<u>Credit demand</u>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 percent of GDP - a prediction that flies in the face of other estimates that CAD may expand upto 3.4 percent.

#### 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 Jingping, 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?

# depreciation)

## Ambedkar and his idea of the caste of land



"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: kaseltyanchijamin, naseltyanchekaay (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 B R 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.



FOR YEARS now, the end-of-season prizemoney 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 PV 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.

## Pay parity? Shuttlers smashed it long ago

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



## 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 PV 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

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

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 broaching pay parity. Throughout the pandemic, the women barely played any cricket, while mountains were moved to ensure men got their T20 gig.

Badminton has always known pay

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

parity, given the prize kitty gets

equally split.

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 headstart on pay-parity, while not raising the issue of pay-paucity and its low base of Edinburgh to watch the Indian women play the CWG 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.

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.



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

## Ladies right to get tight

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 ir 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, focusing 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,

have been persecuted for consuming liquor. Women were executed for drinking wine in Roman times, the presumption being it unshackled inhibitions and threatened their chasteness. In the Middle Ages women who brewed beer were accused of witchcraft. India's moral universe is still so complicated and visuals of girls' drinking are loaded with primitive symbolism.

Going by Hindi cinema, till the 1970s only the vamps held glasses and swayed to cabaret numbers. It took till 2007 for the Supreme Court to throw out the rule in Delhi that banned women bartenders, on the flimsy grounds that they needed to be protected from lecherous, intoxicated men. Let's raise our glasses to the end of tedious hypocrisy - women may drink, serve, get high just as much as men. And cheers to that. The writer is director, Hutkay Films



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## WHO'S THE BOSS?

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



**Rinku** Ghosh

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workhorse, which will gallop that extra mile without any gain. In short, Gen Z, or the future workforce, 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 employees' psyche and work out a few fundamental changes in the way they have to be engaged. Remote and hybrid got normalised ing COVID and

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about adequate. Much of this gained currency with Netflix's revolutionary HR policy, which changed the contours of the employer-emtionshin This global mantra. As its chief talent officer Patty Mc Cord 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

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-fromhome 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 disciplinarian rigour and realised that he could devote more time to himself without the job devote more units -consuming him. He decided to settle down, get married and is now, a new father. But since sive 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

ing 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 no-

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ticed because of it. Often, it is a stopgap before the They want instant gratification. big resignation. According

to American analytics and advisorv company Gallup's poll this year, quiet quitters make up at least 50 per cent of the US workforce, forcing corporations to revise their con-- Zainab Patel, Diversity, Inclusion and tractual rules. Europe is already testing the fourday 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

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 Sandhva 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 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 worklife 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-fromhome 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 in-

vesting 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. Homegrown 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

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 em-

ployment 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, emplovers 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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## Morning's Twenty

The winged neighbours one meets on morning walks

HEN 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 shikra 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

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

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-tooi?" 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.

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 saptaparni trees and hear the soft jingling of the white-eyes, those goggle-eyed yellow and offwhite 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!



## Farming on Fallow Land

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



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N 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

ving 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 go-

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,

#### 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.

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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 im-Imagine if schools could be portantly, ask questions and sustain a sense of agency. Where they spaces where children were could question everything from why we divide ourselves accordallowed to think, be ing to religion, gender, class, and caste, to deconstructing the idea curious, be unconventional, of "success", to what is consent or sex. I would go one step ahead and and, most importantly, ask say that we should make bold questions and sustain a 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?

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

ing 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,

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

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

sense of agency

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## **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

HIRTY-FOUR YEAR-old Mumbaibased 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 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



#### LOUD AND CLEAR

Members of Bombay Brass

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, Pyaar 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 [].

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 loggers 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.







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# Telling the old old story

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

#### Dipanita Nath

N 2013, an award-winning playwright from Bengaluru, Abhishek Majumdar, began to investigate one of the biggest protests that took place in Tibet against Chinese rule. It was led by hundreds of monks and started in March 2008, a few months before the Olympic Games in Beijing. There were reports of protesters clashing with the police, vehicles being burnt, looting and violence. Then, on February 27, 2009, a young monk named Tapey set himself on fire in Ngawa the first instance of self-immolation as a way of resistance in Tibet.

Majumdar's probe resulted in a searing fictional play, Pah-La (meaning father in Tibetan). The plot revolves around Deshar, a feisty Tibetan nun in her 20s, Deng, a Chinese commander, and an act of defiance by



LOVE IS THE ANSWER (Clockwise from top) A scene from the play Pah-La; Lhakpa Tsering; Harry Fuhrmann

for the Tibetan movement. "I just lit up. I did not burn," says Deshar. UK-based theatre director Debbie



Deshar that has far-reaching consequences

Hannan presented Pah-La at the Royal Court in London in 2019 and drew international attention to it. Two other theatre directors -Lhakpa Tsering from Dharamshala-based Tibet Theatre group and Harry Fuhrmann from Germany - have now adapted the play in Tibetan and, with a Tibetan cast, and are taking the story of the community's struggle across the country. The name of the new production is Pah-Lak for greater allegiance to the Tibetan pronunciation. It has been made with cooperation with the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) in Mcleodganj. Pah-Lak opened at TIPA in October and, after shows in several cities, will play in Mumbai's Prithvi Theatre on November 9.

"I found the script unique because it is not a Tibet-versus China propaganda play that provokes youngsters of one country against another. The message is of peace as we try to bring true stories about the Tibetan struggle to the people through theatre. There are wars being fought around the world. As a small country struggling with a big one, we know that the solution lies in compassion because war leads to more destruction and

violence," says Lhakpa, who was born in a village in Tibet near the Arunachal Pradesh border and came to India to escape his abusive stepfather in the early 1990s.

Lhakpa grew up in the Tibetan Children's Village in Dharamshala, and studied political science. In 2006, when former Chinese premier Hu Jintao was visiting India, Lhakpa turned the focus on Tibet by setting himself on fire in Mumbai. He spent eight months in hospital. "The story of Deshar is linked to the lives of millions of Tibetans like me," he says. As part of Tibet Theatre, Lhakpa has been trying to preserve Tibetan culture by creating plays on their life and society.

It was Fuhrmann, a regular visitor to Dharamshala, where he has worked with TIPA and conducted workshops, who handled the major details of making the play, such as auditioning and training actors. Before this, he had made Deportation Cast (2022) in Germany, about a refugee family that is being sent back to Kosovo after living more than 10 years in Germany. With Pah-Lak, Fuhrmann was motivated to make people think about "the costs of living in a capitalist world that is neither democratic nor humane".

Fuhrmann first met Tibetans in India in 2005-2006 when he and a group of 15 other artists had let out their apartments in Europe and were on the road in India and Nepal, performing on the streets and in villages and towns on the Himalayas. "After an acrobatic workshop with Tibetan children, I asked what they wanted to do as adults. Each one said that they wanted to give back to the community. Their replies touched my heart because I don't know if a lot of European children would say this," says Fuhrmann, who is in his fifties.

Pah-Lak also became an opportunity for the directors to inform a new generation of Tibetans and Indians about Tibet. "Many Tibetan children have little idea of their past and their rich culture," says Fuhrmann. "Even among Indians, most people don't know about Tibet although we have been here for 63 years as refugees. They will always say we are Nepali. Sometimes, we are Chinese,"adds Lhakpa.

The set features a large Tibetan gate, symbolic of a piece of the Tibetan culture that is being destroyed inside Tibet. There are few props but the play incorporates a lot of Tibetan music with traditional instruments. The attempt has been to make a strong, contemporary story about an old civilisation. "It was my dream to do a powerful play about Tibet that would travel the world. Sometimes, dreams take a long time to come true. But, if you don't stop dreaming, they come true at some point," says Fuhrmann.

## Reflections about Life

Upcoming Marathi director Akshay Indikar on exploring his roots through cinema and his new project



**ROOTED TO CULTURE** A still from Akshay Indikar's debut feature Trijya (Radius) which traces a young poet's struggle in a big city

#### Alaka Sahani

ELF-TAUGHT director Akshay Indikar believes that the process of making films is "not rocket science anymore" since technology has now become accessible to all. What's more crucial for him is to protect his "voice" as a storyteller. "My films should be an honest representation of my life and community. Otherwise, it becomes an outsider's gaze. It's a challenge to protect it," says the 32-year-old.

In his writer-director kitty is a documentary, Udaharnarth Nemade (2016), and two feature films, Trijya (Radius, 2019) and Sthalpuran (2020). When he made his feature debut with Trijya, at the age of 27, he borrowed heavily from his experience of migrating from his village to Pune. "My ancestors belonged to a nomadic folk tribe of Indi village in Karnataka. We used to travel to different rural areas and sing the praises of goddesses," says Indikar. Udaharnarth Nemade and



#### NATIVE SONGS

Writer-director Akshay Indikar found cinema to be the most effective medium to tell his stories

of residence. We could not get a place to live because of our surname, Gondhali, which is also our caste," says the filmmaker, who shifted to Mumbai earlier this year "When I moved to Pune for the first time at the age of 15 for higher studies, I was judged because of my accent,' recalls Indikar. He enjoyed taking part in theatre activities,

"My ancestors didn't own

study mass communication at Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, which proved to be fruitful phase. It's here that he read the writings of Padma Shri-recipient Bhalchandra Nemade. "His novel Kosala (Cocoon) and his idea of 'nativism' had a deep impact. He also became the subject of my first documentary," he says. For this Marathi

Trijya are streaming on MUBI in the New Voices section. any property or have any proof

and years later, he went on to



The success of Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan: 1 spotlights the significance of historical fiction in films

#### Arushi Bhaskar

RIGHT AFTER watching Mani Ratnam's latest Tamil film Ponniyin Selvan: 1, Chennai-based commerce graduate Anjali called it an "ode to 35 years ago. This shows that images related to our history, mythology and culture have a long shelf life and continue to impact audiences.

According to Gorvika Rao, assistant professor, department of English, Miranda



**FEMME POWER** Trisha Krishnan as

attention is paid to her."

Kundhavai is often seen as a mentor figure to her vounger brother Rajaraja Chola I. and his successor Rajendra Chola I, thereby contributing to the elevation of the Chola empire as one of the greatest in Indian history. Her decision to not leave the Chola kingdom even after marriage to Vallavaraiyan Vandiyadevan, a member of the Bana dynasty, is seen as inspirational even today.

"She is someone that her father, Sundara Chola, and her elder brother, Aditha Karikalan looked up to and trusted with major decisions of the kingdom. Even the ene-

book lovers". A history buff, she has read Kalki Krishnamurthy's five-volume magnum opus Ponniyin Selvan (written in the 1950s), which presents the role of women in influencing kings and running a kingdom. She says that this cinematic adaptation, co-written by Ratnam, Elango Kumaravel and B Jeyamohan, not only stays true to the source material, but elevates it.

The success of the film has generated discussions on historical fiction, and how it functions as a way of reimagining and reviving narratives. Stories in this genre is usually set in an era at least 50 years before its time of writing, and may or may not have characters based on real life.

For Indian audiences, historical fiction has been a major source of entertainment. Recently, a video, which had a woman fall at actor Arun Govil's feet at an airport, went viral. Govil had played the role of Lord Ram in Ramanand Sagar's TV show Ramayan House, Delhi University, historical fiction plays a big role in pop culture due to its ability to capture our imagination. "History is conventionally seen as boring, but it is also something that gives people a sense of identity, especially with respect to nations and cultures," she says.

Historian Robert Lacey, who consults for the Netflix period drama The Crown (which chronicles British Queen Elizabeth II's reign), calls historical fiction an "imagination inspired by the past.'

The joy of reading these books also comes with the love for strong women characters. "Historically, women are located in stories either as villains or as saints, without exploring their complexities," says Bengalurubased product marketer Henna Husain, another avid historical fiction reader, "We do not know a lot about what women achievers in our own country compared to the men in positions of power and prominence."



the Chola princess Kundavai in Ponniyin Selvan: 1; Kalki Krishnamurthy's book cover (above)

Parul Bhardwaj, associate professor, department of English, Miranda House, believes that women characters are prominent in historical stories because of their marginalised status. The story, then, becomes "a challenging and interesting literary endeavour, with its own entertaining aspects as well," she says.

This is also one of the reasons why women across generations in Tamil Nadu have found the novel Ponniyin Selvan an engrossing read. "Kundhavai (the Chola princess) was a real woman but she never appears in academic texts," says Anjali, "She influenced an entire dynasty, but so little mies plotting against the Cholas and were wary of her intelligence. Her administration skills, her ability to stand up to men and not be cowed down, is taken into proper consideration in the books," says Anjali.

Our urban schooling introduced us to royalty through Amar Chitra Katha comics. "With it came an unquestioning acceptance of grandeur, to the point where we don't even concern ourselves with facts and accuracy," says Rao.

For instance, with Saniav Leela Bhansali's Padmaavat (2018) which was based on Malik Muhammad Jayasi's epic Padmavat (1540), and Chandraprakash Dwivedi's Samrat Prithviraj (2022), based on Chand Bardai's epic Prithviraj Raso, audiences had forgotten these were fictional stories.

"People actually believe that Alauddin Khilji looked and acted like Ranveer Singh. That's how powerful images are in our society," says Rao.

docu-fiction Udaharnarth Nemade, Indikar had to borrow cameras from a wedding videographer.

Down the line, at NFDC's (National Film Development Corporation of India) Film Bazaar, its Co-Production Market, he found a producer for Trijya. This film eventually premiered at the Shanghai International Film Festival in 2019. His second feature, Sthalpuran, premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival in 2020.

Currently, Indikar is one of the directors for a Dharma Productions love-story anthology, and is doing the sound design for an upcoming Anurag Kashyap film. He is also finalising the draft for his third feature, Construction. While he believes that making movies has become easier, their distribution remains an uphill task.

The filmmaker, however, is aware that "cinema is a privilege" for youngsters in rural areas who are not exposed to the art. "Under my new initiative 'Phirta Cinema' in 2017, I would like to show Majid Majidi (Iranian filmmaker) and Charlie Chaplin movies to people in villages. So far, I have conducted five online 'cinema labs' to train aspiring filmmakers. We have one more coming up in December," he says.

## Imprints on Clay

A ceramic exhibition in the Capital brings traditional pottery and conceptual art together in a dialogue through space and time

#### Shiny Varghese

THE WELL-KNOWN English ceramicist Gordon Baldwin often speaks of how clay allows him to think and make connections with other parts of his life. The ability to cast, coil, slip, dip, glaze, throw, fire, before something emerges that has the stamp of memory and purpose are journeys that clay affords. That's why for Chennai-based K Gukan Raj working with clay feels like a process of a lifetime. His search for new techniques and methods in ceramic took him to UK sculptors such as Sandy Brown and Micki Schloessingk, through a Charles Wallace India Trust (CWIT) grant in 2013. And though he attended many workshops with potters from different nationalities, returning to watch people from Tamil Nadu using their hands to build with clay, became a visceral learning experience. It proved to him that clay was a tough master. His large glazed stoneware collection is part of the exhibition "Journeys of Clay and Fire", curated by Delhi-based sculptor Kristine Michael,

showing at the British Council, New Delhi, till November 29. This group show on ceramics, presented by CWIT in collaboration with the British Council, presents a varied offering of contemporary ceramics and spotlights the revival of artisanal pottery to sustain communities.

With Raj are ceramicists from different parts of India, including Abhay B Pandit and Neha Kudchadkar, from Mumbai; Ela Mukherjee and Shruti Bansal from New Delhi; Shitanshu G Maurya from Kolkata and Shirley Bhatnagar from Dehradun. Each of them has been recipients of the CWIT grant, which allowed them collaborations with UKbased potters and makers. "The India/UK Together Season of Culture marks India's 75th anniversary of Independence. Over the next eight or nine months, there will be close to 40 partnerships between India and across the UK. This exhibition is an important part of that story. We wanted to look at the impact of COVID-19 on artists in India and in the UK, besides explore wider values around equality, diversity and inclusion, and global challenges around environment," says



Jonathan Kennedy, director arts, British Council, India.

Abhay B Pandit's exhibits, inspired by the sea, are in ocean colours of blue, white and grey. "I use a lot of lines in my pottery. Over the years, these lines are getting blurred and reaching abstract forms," says Pandit.



**FIRED UP** 

(Left) Ceramic

installation by Ela

Mukherjee; Abhay B

Pandit's work

inspired by the ocean

For Mukherjee, however, the exhibits are about memory. Her fire-and-glazed ceramic pieces, Tribute to a Shared Past series, show stairs, niches, and thresholds that are a salute to architectural elements of time gone by. "A lot of my work is from autobiographical memory. I'm constantly excavating stories from myself," she says. Of particular mention at this exhibition is her large installation of concentric circles made from small terracotta oval bowls, almost like a mandala formation, that presents a play of scale and patterns.

Kudchadkar's video projections are experiments in space, where the body becomes the object. Her work Weightlifter, which is part of her project "Auto Ethnography Through Objects", shows her lying on the floor with boulder-like clay sculptures.

"Weightlifter documents a difficult moment in time, made heavy by grief and helplessness. It records the guilt and struggle of breathing as the world collapses around me," she writes in her exhibition note.

"Journeys of Clay and Fire" presents the effects of clay on our urban and rural landscape, with all its history, influences and scope for dialogue. A second part to this group show is "Crafting Futures", which looks at traditional potter communities in India. Two projects have been presented, one, by Design Innovation and Craft Resource Centre (DICRC), CEPT University Ahmedabad, in collaboration with British Ceramics Biennale, and the other, by Indian Institute of Craft and Design (IICD), Jaipur, in collaboration with West Dean College of Arts and Conservation. "Crafting Futures creates opportunities for artisans to attract new markets... through the development of materials and techniques, as well as networking and sales," says Michael.

While the IICD project, in its nascent stage, looks at improvising the kiln technology of the potters of Baswa, near Jaipur, students at DICRC, CEPT University, have been working with their professors, Jay Thakkar and Rishav Jain, on studying terracotta crafts in Gundiyali, in Kutch, Gujarat, since 2014. "This community is an enterprising one, open to collaboration and growth. They only needed a catalyst, an internal initiative, for each craftsperson to realise his/her potential," says Jain.

## SPORT/CALENDAR 20

## Satwik-Chirag revel in attack

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

#### **SHIVANI NAIK** OCTOBER 29

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 fullblooded 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 medallists at World's, the Indians continued their love affair with Paris - something they will hope will 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 op-

ponents from the vantage. The Danes tend to be tall and play the

power game, but most Asian pairs have a height On Saturday, the differential - with the smaller statured one manning front-court duties. at a decent speed, 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 unsheathed 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

In the second, the Indians settled into a neat semicircle rotation and split duties. He

> 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 sec-

struggle to match the firepower of the Indian attack which wasn't holding back needed them to hunker down. The attack would

> 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, Sundays would wrap it up with Chirag

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

#### **SHIVANI NAIK** OCTOBER 29

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 Panitchapon Teeraratsakul 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 prequarters 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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**ARAVINDAN SAMIAPPAN** 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 6 am 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 Englands, 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 NORTH ♠ 652 WEST NORTH EAST







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

to erase all the Odense growls.

might have the extra second manning the backcourt, but Satwik too

Koreans who operate though play a monochrome and mono-

tone game, would ond set was all about two towering shuttlers leaping as if on trampolines, finding a release to all the tactical gameplans that have

swell and soar and roar. At 18-12, Chirag

the Indians who don't lose too many on

thwacking one aimed at the Korean legs. On Sunday aiming to go the distance, the



**•**Q3

AQ72

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. Easthas 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?

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Pass

The West hand: S-KJ874H-K8765D-4C-85 The South hand: S-A03 H-D-K.110983 C-A062 The outmaint of the transformer 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, end-ing 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 is a tainted trick. After winning it West gets an unpleasant su prise. 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 (or ten or nine etc) of hearts. South can ruff it, of course, but East still his ace and can stop South's endplay.

#### Dealer: North Vulnerable: North/South

JUMBLED WORDS

the answer for the given guip

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GEOID

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Pass	Pass	Pass				

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 diond should East play?

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

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

AEMRDN

AELTMY

Answer: Lack of money is no obstacle. Lack of an idea is an obstacle. - Ken Hakuta

SOLUTION: PEACE, DOGIE, REMAND, TAMELY

#### 12. Coastal birds (4) 13. Vacated (7,3) 15. Denotes normal vision (6-6)

- 18. Full of initiative?(12) 21. Assertion made without proof (10)
- 22. Grime(4)
- 24. Cried or lamented over (8)
- 25. A teacher at a college or university
- 26. A form of black carbon (8) 27. Hoarded (6)

#### DOWN

- Snakes (8) Novice (8)
- Sudden attack (4)
- Let the buyer beware (6,6)
- 6. Having a common center
  - (10)
  - Newspaper chief (6)
- 8. Huge (6)
- Abuse, harm or injury (3-9) 14. Write in shorthand (10)
- 16. Pertaining to two lines (8)
- 17. Perturbed(8)
- 19. Talkative person (sl.).(6)
- 20. Woman graduate(6)23. Jar(4)
- CRYPTIC CLUES
- ACROSS Escape the consequence of the
- much train travel (3,3) 4. Going into the matter of death at
- last(8) 9. Part of one's capital required for the
- church(6) 10. Girl backed a net dress with
- sequins (8)
- 12. Chip log and start to weaken could it be perspiration?(4) 13. Sir Henry has an involuntary
  - movement coupling with conditions between ranks (10)
- 15. Nice weather, lately (6,6) 18. Distorted opinion the rooster has of
  - life?(4-4,4)
- 21. His coroner turned out to be a beast (10)
- 22. Sort of silencer that's getting one in senile dotage (4)

- 24. Almost becoming alarmed, say, in small vessel(8) 25. Fashionable greeting, but overaffected(6) 26. General place for great changes in the pig-pen(8) 27. Greyhound?(3,3)
  - (6)20. A fixer in the London suburbs (6) 23. Zeus's mummy is quite a bird (4)

language(8)

19. Great apes eat stolen fruit

#### Solutions to 2396

17. Inform about erosion, using strong

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Proclivity, 6 Ammo, 9 Gratuitous, 10 Glee, 12 Debilitating, 15 Doorway, 16 Echelon, 17 Plateau, 19 Chateau, 20 Aristocratic, 23 lons, 24 Horizontal, 25 Node, 26 Skillfully. Down: 1 Pegs, 2 Odas, 3 Laurel wreath, 4 Vitrify, 5 Taurine, 7 Multiplied, 8 Oleaginous, 11 Rachmaninoff, 13 Adaptation, 14 Nonaligned, 18 Uncloak, 19 Cranial, 21 Html, 22 Slay. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Sketchbook, 6 Form, 9 Unbeatable, 10 Zion, 12 Epithalamium 15 Economy,16 Pitfall,17 Canasta,19 Reefers,20 Putting it off,23 Eves,24 Brandished, 25 Task, 26 Adult sides. own: 1 Saul, 2 Elbe, 3 Championshi Beastly, 5 Oil lamp, 7 Originated, 8 Minimalist, 11 Battle of wits, 13 Percipient, 14 Sonneteers, 18 Angered, 19 Retinal, 21 Shod, 22 Ida's.

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 excitable moment and you may be frustrated by restrictions which you take for granted. You'll be broadening your horizons over the coming year, tackling rning fresh skills.

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You'll become verv much necessary to get your juices more insistent about asserting your rights after Wednesday, and Thursday and Friday could see you taking the right steps, at last.

on your side,

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)

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You can't afford to be depressed for circumstances are longer than five minutes. You have too much to achieve to waste because home is the place to be this week, deep in any time, and the roots you put the bosom of your family. Even down at work, in love and at home will set you off on a new cycle of experience

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.

> being pushed forward by leaps

and bounds. You might

even discover that a loved

up with just the idea you

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

lifetime and reform your

setting yourself on a

back your desires with

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

suitable amounts of cash.

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)

entire approach to money,

prosperous course. Even love

affairs may stumble unless you

While the month

emphasises work.

this week's stars

promote changes

If you only do one

that it is to break

thing this week, see

with the habits of a

need to break the bank

and set yourself up

for life.

**22)** Probably the most GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) useful days for The promise of your achieving your romantic ends are Monday horoscope is now and Thursday, and, if you are so inclined, a spot of emotional blackmail may be permissible! At the end of the one or younger relation comes week, the intervention of planets aligned with your house of pleasure suggests you can now let your hair down.

lasting anything up to eighteen months.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec

#### 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

You should be aware that partners might be in a difficult mood

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.

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 500 nine vertical columns. in IDOKU rows and in each of the nine boxes. SU **Difficulty Level** 

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard: 5s = Very Hard: 6s = Genius

**Difficulty Level 4s** Instructions 6

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6. Vague insinuation, we hear, of

letting sound die (10) 7. What's in your nature that got you to the hotel before you were fed

8. Country is rendered fat it seems

11. Living expenses when light usually

- 1. Come to terms with golf pro's instruction (3,1,4) 2. Fool of a cat with some childish hero(3-5) "The dossier!" you rasp (4)
   Hawke, skinny and toothless, is a what-you-may-call-it(12)

DOWN



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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.

First state in the country

Implemented Rajasthan Contractual

### to implement OPS

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

### 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 given1.21 lakh government recruitments under process1 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

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## THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, OCTOBER 30, 2022 22 SPORT ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2022

#### **PLAYING TODAY**

T20 WORLD CUP 8.30am: Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe 12.30pm: Netherlands vs Pakistan 4:30pm: India vs South Africa Live on Star Sports Network

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#### BRIEFLY —

#### India claim Sultan of Johor Cup: beat Aus in shootout

Kuala Lumpur: Two-time champions India defeated Australia 5-4 in a nailbiting penalty shootout to reclaim the Sultan of Johor Cup crown, breaking their five-year-old title jinx on Saturday. The teams were level at 1-1 after regulation time in the title encounter. In the shootout, both teams ended with 3-3 scoreline, forcing the match into sudden death. As many as nine penalty shots were needed to decide the winner. Both sides gave it their all earlier in regulation time, but weren't able to find the winner. The Indians have won the age group tournament twice -- 2013 and 2014 -- and finished second best four times in 2012, 2015, 2018 and the last edition of the event in 2019. The tournament was not held in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic. PTI

#### De Bruyne free-kick fires City to win

Leicester: A stunning free kick from Kevin De Bruyne earned Manchester City a 1-0 victory at Leicester City on Saturday, a win that moved the champions back to the top of the Premier League. With top goalscorer Erling Haaland missing a Premier League game for the first time since arriving at City through injury, the visitors lacked a cutting edge in the first half, with Leicester containing them with ease. It was clear it would take something special to unlock the determined hosts, with Belgian midfielder De Bruyne stepping up, firing an unstoppable free kick into the net four minutes after the break to put City in front. REUTERS

#### FIH Pro League: India look to beat Spain

Bhubaneswar: An upbeat Indian men's hockey team will aim for a disciplined effort and avoid unnecessary cards when it takes on Spain in the FIH Pro League here on Sunday. The Indians produced a great fight?-back in the opener against New Zealand on Friday, rallying from 1-3 deficit to eke out a close 4-3 win at the Kalinga Stadium. The hosts will be eager to carry forward the momentum. Down 1-3, skipper Harmanpreet Singh (42nd) and Mandeep Singh (52nd, 57th) found the net to hand India a morale-boosting win. Mandeep Mor (14th) was the other goal scorer for the hosts.

#### **ATK Mohun Bagan** take Kolkata derby



#### **EXPRESS IN PERTH**

#### **DEVENDRA PANDEY**

AS TIGHT as the game against Pakistan was, India's first serious test of batting technique would come on Perth pitch against South Africans on Sunday. It required a touch of genius from Virat Kohli to make the Pakistani pacers bleed, but the pitch at MCG doesn't give the kind of bounce Perth has

South Africa is also loaded with skillful pacers to exploit the steep tennis ball bounce. With names like Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Dwaine Pretorius and Wayne Parnell in the squad, South Africa will be looking forward to the trip to Perth.

All these pacers are capable of bowling hard lengths - the theme of the tournament so far. As is the case with the T20 leagues around the world, run-making hasn't been easy, particularly against the speedster hitting the right length.

Consider this statistic: Out of the 389.3 overs bowled in the Super 12 thus far, there have been 157.1 overs of dot balls. 943 balls of either tuk-tuk or beaten or left alone.

Sachin Tendulkar had warned against disregarding singles and being thwarted in the ambition of big hits.

"Arre yaar, lagta toh jaata tha (Had it connected, it would have flown), the batsmen would say after getting out, going for big shots. But nahi lagta, tabhi toh you get out; lagta doesn't matter. Be smarter! There would be some lateral movement. There is a bit of unknown there (playing cricket in Australia in October)." Tendulkar would tell this newspaper about the possible pitfalls for batsmen on the eve of the tournament.

So far, he has been proven right. The Powerplay scores have dipped to 30s. The dot balls have risen. Bhuvneshwar Kumar has kept the batsmen mute 31 balls, Sikandar Raza 39 times and Mark Wood 27 times. The boundary count hasn't been mind-boggling: 171 sixes and 461 fours but that mind you includes the qualification rounds.

Even the specialist coach for big power hitting Julian Wood had told this newspaper about one factor he would keenly track: "There would be loopy tennis ball bounce on fresh drop-in pitches and big boundaries; how would the big hitters adapt is the key," Wood had said.

#### Hard length trend

"Take that Zimbabwe versus Pakistan game. Zimbabwe bowlers were absolutely sensational. Good hard Test match lengths and kept it tight with pace." - Brad Hogg Brad Hogg the former Australian spinn

## **Beware: Bounce ahead**

Enough in the pitch for pacers, spinners if they know how to make use of tennis ball-like bounce, says Western Aus veteran Brad Hogg



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#### Drift, drop, and over-spin it 'Consider how Marcus Stoinis hit the Sri Lankan spinners. It was a lot easier for him to hit through the line, once he picked up the line and length earlier as there was no drift and drop or bounce.

Just not pace, there is a way, Hogg believes, for the spinners to thrive here at Perth, and elsewhere in Australia. Over-spin it, and get the drift and the drop right, he says.

"Again, the Zimbabwe bowlers like Sikandar Raza showed the way: they were up and over, so was Pakistan's Shadab Khan. Others like Mohammad Nawaz weren't; they were flatter and quicker. When I say up and over, I mean, a bit of flight and over-spin the ball to use the bounce. That bounce, even if you don't get much turn, can defeat the batsmen's big hits or make them mistime them. There is that fizz in the air when the ball drifts and drops on a good length. You can bowl a bit quicker if you wish but you have to get that drift and drop. Without them, you have ets that can b

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lengths, urging their pacers not to go too full or attempt too many slower balls. When Pakistan lost to India, Akram perked up on A Sports. "They bowled nine slower balls in that final phase. And the mistake Haris Rauf did with the fifth ball of the 19th over (that Kohli walloped over straight boundary for an inearthly six) was he bowled the s (that allowed Kohli to rock back and flatpunch it).' Unsurprisingly, Hogg agrees with the two Ws. "Definitely. I don't think you can afford to be full here at Perth Stadium. Someone like Anrich Nortje whom India are going to face on Sunday, I'd expect him to be bowling more balls at high pace. The only time he would go to a slower ball is if the batsman's footwork is a little bit uncertain, not moving his feet. Then a full slower one makes the batsman just bob it up to the infield catchers," Hogg

hard length, taking it across the right handers.

#### What about backlift "If you're new to the particular surface, lower your back lift down a bit and focus on timing."

Hogg, who has played much of his cricket at Western Australia, points out another vital aspect of the batting technique: how high should the bat's back-lift be at Perth?

"I have observed that the batsmen still come here with a bigger backlift of the bat (in stance). If you're new to the particular surface, lower your back lift down a bit and focus on timing. So that means that you've got to have good footwork, good balance and just hit through the line of the ball. If you do that, I think you're going to survive a lot more and you're going to have high strike rates."

And as ever, a big heart. "The other night I was speaking to Ibrahim Zadran after he faced England's Mark Wood and he really enjoyed the contest and it was the quickest he's ever faced and the bounciest he's ever faced, but he really enjoyed it and he took it on the chin and "Hogg tells this news

### **NET STORY** Why Pant wanted to bat for five hours



Rishabh Pant has yet to play a delivery at this T20 World Cup.

"I WILL bat for five hours today," joked Rishabh Pant as he hit the nets ahead of India's T20 World Cup Super 12 match South Afric Amidst the usual selfie requests at the net session outside the Optus Stadium came a wish. "Bhai opening kar lo India ke kismat badal jayegi," says a fan to Pant. The 25-year-old hasn't played a single delivery at this T20 World Cup. But that wasn't reason enough for him to not polish his batting touches on Saturday. Pant, along with Dinesh Karthik, Shardul Thakur and Deepak Hooda, were the only India batters who took guard in the optional training session.

Kolkata: ATK Mohun Bagan once again grabbed the bragging right as it beat arch-rivals East Bengal 2-0 to register its fifth successive win in the Kolkata Derby in the Indian Super League here on Saturday. The Mariners drew first blood in the 56th minute when Boumous found himself open in the midfield and tried his luck from range and it paid off. The ball bounced right in front of Kamaljit Singh and landed in the back of the net. Bagan doubled their advantage just ten minutes later. Dimitri Petratos' effort found its way through to Manvir. The striker's goal-bound shot picked up a slight deflection off Jerry Lalrinzuala's boot and beat Kamaljit at the near-post. PTI

**ABHISHEK PUROHIT** 

antics and acrobatics.

for 102 in response.

WHEN HE is not scything balls through the off-

side, keeping wicket or bowling part-time off-

spin, Glenn Phillips is a livewire in the field,

plucking catches while airborne and then flip-

ping around to face the crowd and breaking

into showman celebrations. "I look to enter-

tain as much as possible," he said on Saturday

He also conducted some serious business

along the way, reviving New Zealand from 15

for 3 to 167 for 7 against Sri Lanka on a spongy

pitch with his second T20I century - also the

second hundred of this T20 World Cup - an in-

nings that turned the game around so stun-

ningly that a shocked Sri Lanka were shot out

Nissanka off Wanindu Hasaranga – and 45 – a

tougher chance floored by skipper Dasun

Shanaka off Chamika Karunaratne – Phillips

made Sri Lanka pay for their generally disap-

Having built his way to a fifty in 39 balls, he

took just 22 more to reach his hundred, smok-

pointing fielding performance.

Dropped on 12 – a sitter by Pathum

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who played his cricket in Perth in Western Australia, too has been surprised at the lack of preparation of some teams.

"I was a little bit surprised. There hasn't been much swing here at Perth stadium either, especially in the first innings. And that surprises me as well, because the BBL team Perth Scorchers generally get the ball to move around. Also, when you're bowling second, there just seems to be a little bit more seam movement off a length. But I don't know whether that's because the team bowling second has realized that if you go full, it's going to be easy to get driven. So they do go for that hard length a lot earlier than the first team." Hogg tells The Indian Express.

Hogg also agreed with Tendulkar on the dot-balls pile-up and put it in context with a match example.

"Take that Zimbabwe versus Pakistan

men in flight."

Hogg drops another example. "Consider how Marcus Stoinis hit the Sri Lankan spinners. It was a lot easier for him to hit through the line, once he picked up the line and length earlier as there was no drift and drop or bounce.

#### Slower balls flop

Phillips' century leads New Zealand to Sri Lanka rout

"The mistake Haris Rauf did with the fifth ball of the 19th over (that Kohli walloped over straight boundary for an unearthly six) was he bowled the slower ball (that allowed Kohli to rock back and flat-punch

The success of hard lengths has led to near-disappearance of the T20 staples: slower ones

Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis have been repeatedly stressing about the hard

Something that the tall Zimbabwean Blessing Muzarbani did.

"At one point, he bowled three slower balls in a row and since the Pakistanis were lining up for the big hit, it worked. So you have to be smart as a bowler. We saw (Richard) Nagarva was brilliant, hitting that

Hogg has one final advice for the bowlers to bowl at the bouncy Perth pitch: Don't get too excited and bowl too short.

"Everyone feels Perth is like a red-carpet for pacers. Hard length is not very short one. Some get a little excited that they have to just go and bowl much shorter than what they should be.

"That's where I loved Zimbabwe the other night. They hit the same length as they ball on any other surface around the world. That basically doesn't have to change much from there. There is a double header as well, so there will be more cricket on this particular surface.' With his natural penchant for back of lengths, Mohammad Shami can be India's main weapon. "Shami will be the key against South Africa because he hits that seam well," Hogg says. "If India bowl second, the ball will seam around under lights. Shami can exploit it."

"On a pitch like that, it was a little difficult

Way above par, it was to prove. Tim Southee

to hit slower balls, but at the end, we were a lit-

and Trent Boult needed to be nothing more

than persistent and accurate on that awkward

tle bit ahead of par," Phillips would say.

#### Kohli takes his spot

With two wins in two games, the Group 2 toppers embarked on their preparation for the big contest in Group 2. having arrived from Sydney to the western Australia city on Friday after their win over Netherlands on Thursday. South Africa, who beat Bangladesh by a comprehensive 104 runs on Thursday, took to the nets first as dark clouds loomed large over the Optus.

With their leading run scorer at the World Cup, Virat Kohli, seated in the front of the team bus just as Sachin Tendulkar once used to, the men in blue arrived at the venue for an optional training session on Saturday afternoon.

#### Karthik's keeping training

Dinesh Karthik was the first one to hit the nets alongside India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey while the captain-coach duo of Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid arrived together. The latter would have an intimate pep talk with the net bowlers before turning his attention to the 15member India squad.

Designated as the finisher in India's XI, Karthik also had an elaborate keeping session that included fielding coach T Dilip feeding him low throw downs on a ramp with a towel in between to hide the release of the ball. There was a bit of a scare as the wicketkeeper went down, holding his finger in pain following an attempted catch but it wasn't a serious blow as Karthik continued through his session with more catches afterwards. India's net session was stopped briefly because of a drizzle.

After two crucial Group 1 fixtures were washed out at the MCG on Friday, the forecast for Sunday in Perth would come as a relief with only 20 percent chances of precipi-**DEVENDRA PANDEY** tation.

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Glenn Phillips celebrates after scoring a century against Sri Lanka.

ing 10 fours and four sixes. And this on a pitch where the ball was holding up and climbing tennis-ball-like even from a good length, on which even the usually solid Kane Williamson had succumbed cheaply.

The captain's fall had compounded New Zealand's problems after their openers had fallen to the early spin salvo from Sri Lanka. Young Finn Allen was done in by a lovely in-

swinging, thumb-back-spun delivery from Maheesh Theekshana in the first over, and lefthander Devon Conway was bowled more conventionally by the flighted, drifting off-spin of Dhananjaya de Silva from round the stumps in the third.

This wasn't a surface to launch into an immediate counter-attack, despite two overs remaining in the Powerplay, so Daryl Mitchell and Phillips dug in; in fact, it wouldn't until the 14th over that New Zealand's run rate ticked past a run a ball. But Phillips has not developed his reputation for being a very effective batsman through the middle overs for nothing. Given the slightest of width, he flays the ball in the arc between extra cover and backward point with immense power.

So although he got only one four between the end of the Powerplay and the start of the 14th over, Phillips kept the Sri Lankan deep fielders busy and under pressure. They employed a deep backward point in addition to the conventional sweeper for him, but he still placed several twos in that region, even running three on one occasion despite the shorter square boundaries at the SCG.

Change of tempo On 41 off 36, he suddenly shifted gears, tak-

ing 18 off the 14th over bowled by Karunaratne after being dropped a second time. There was the typical scythe for four in front of square, but there was also a slogged four and another one placed deftly to the left of deep backward point.

Now he began to hit outrageous strokes. The straight boundary at the SCG is monstrously long, but Phillips comfortably dumped Lahiru Kumara over long-on, incredibly, off a slower ball. Successive shortish balls from Theekshana sat up without any pace on them, and Phillips rocked back, lurching across the turf with the effort as he flat-batted both over the straight boundary again.

He roared and roared in an utterly un-Kiwi manner after mowing Theekshana to deep square leg to bring up his hundred. He missed the odd slower one in between, and threatened to throw his bat away in frustration once, ending up staring hard at the pitch. Just before holing out in the last over, he crouched in relay-runner mode inside the non-striker's crease, and dashed across in no time for a single.

His idiosyncrasies make him stand out, as does the fact that his innings was so far out in front of everyone else - the next highest score from any of his teammates was Mitchell's 22.

good length, as Sri Lanka imploded. Nissanka went leg-before to Southee in the first over. Kusal Mendis nicked a flashy drive behind in the second, and de Silva bottom-edged Boult onto his stumps three balls later. To seal the deal, Charith Asalanka smacked Boult straight to point, and Karunaratne hacked Mitchell

There was still time for Phillips to cramp and hop around for a few seconds in the outfield, then give up, hobble off and collapse dramatically on his back in front of the dugout. only to be up smiling later to collect the Plaverof-the-Match award. Even his exits steal the

Santner's first ball straight to deep midwicket.

At 24 for 5 just after the Powerplay, it was game

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 167 for 7 in 20 overs (Glenn Phillips 104; Kasun Rajitha 2/23) beat Sri Lanka 102 all out in 19.2 overs (Dasun Shanaka 35, Bhanuka Rajapaksa 34; Trent Boult 4/13) by 65 runs.

