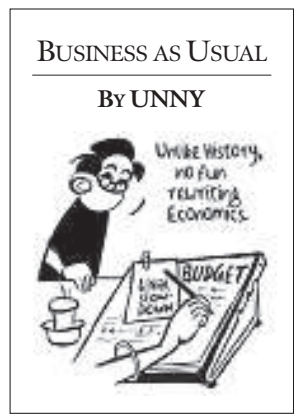


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## 3-2 IN COLLEGIUM OVER NAMING NEW JUDGES TO SC VIA NOTE INSTEAD OF MEETING

# Name your successor, Law Minister writes to CJI; window for Collegium he heads closing

If recommended as per procedure, Justice Chandrachud, most senior SC judge, will have a two-year term

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

WITH A month left for the retirement of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit on November 8, the government Friday initiated the process for the appointment of the next CJI, asking the incumbent to rec-

ommend his successor. Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijju has written to CJI Lalit, seeking his views on appointing the next CJI. "As per the MoP on appointment of Chief Justice of India and Supreme Court Judges, today the Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice sent a letter to the Hon'ble



CJI Lalit, Justice Chandrachud, Law Minister Rijju

Chief Justice of India for sending his recommendations for appointment of his successor," the Union Ministry for Law and Justice said. As per the Memorandum of Procedure governing the appointment of members of the

higher judiciary, "appointment to the office of the Chief Justice of India should be of the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office". Justice D Y Chandrachud is the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court. If appointed, he will have a tenure of two years until November 10, 2024. The MoP stipulates that the Law Minister would, at an "appropriate time," seek the recommendation of the outgoing CJI for the appointment of the next

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## REPORT IN 2 YEARS

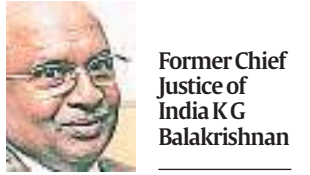
# Ex-CJI named head of panel on SC status for Dalit converts

Delaying tactic...still face bias, say Dalit Christian and Muslim organisations

ESHA ROY  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE CENTRE has appointed a three-member commission, headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan, to consider the possibility of granting SC status to "new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes" but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. According to a notification issued Thursday by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the commission will also include retired IAS officer Dr Ravinder Kumar Jain and UGC member Prof (Dr) Sushma Yadav as members. The commission will have to submit its report to the Ministry in two years, it said.

The *Indian Express* had first reported on September 19 about the Government's move to set up a national commission to study the social, economic and educational status of members of SCs who have converted mainly to Islam and Christianity. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, stipulates that no person professing a reli-



Former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan

The *Indian Express* report on September 19

gion different from Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism can be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste. The original order under which only Hindus were classified was later amended to include Sikhs and Buddhists.

The new commission has been set up at a time when the Supreme Court is hearing a PIL filed by the National Council of Dalit Christians (NDC), which has been fighting for SC status since 2020 — there have been numerous other cases filed in the apex court on the matter since 2004. In August, the

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# After UK Minister's visa barb, India says both sides keen on FTA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

A DAY after Britain's Home Secretary Suella Braverman cast doubts over the proposed Free Trade Agreement with India, while linking the issue to migration and saying that Indians were the "largest group of people who overstay" visas in the UK, New Delhi said both sides are keen to wrap up the FTA "at the earliest".

"There is interest on both sides to conclude the FTA at the earliest. I understand that intensive discussions are underway towards this and continuing," Arindam Bagchi, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson, said Friday. Asked about a deadline, Bagchi said, "I think Diwali was set as a goal but that's a goal."

The MEA spokesperson, however, refused to respond specifically to Braverman's comments. "All negotiations are part of give and take...it needs to be a win-win for both sides...I wouldn't like to get into what people say perhaps for domestic perspectives," Bagchi said. In an interview to British weekly magazine "The Spectator" on Thursday, the 42-year-old Indian-origin minister,

## U.S. TELLS CITIZENS TO USE 'INCREASED CAUTION' IN INDIA

Washington: The US on Friday asked its citizens to exercise "increased caution" while travelling to India due to "crime and terrorism", and advised them not to travel to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. PTI

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Braverman, expressed concerns on what she termed "an open borders migration policy with India". She also indicated that she would not offer Cabinet backing to a trade deal that offers India greater visa concessions.

"I have concerns about having an open borders migration policy with India because I don't think that's what people voted for with Brexit," Braverman told the magazine. "We even reached an agreement with the Indian government last year to encourage and facilitate better cooperation in this regard. It has not necessarily worked very well," she said.

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# Seven months after booking former chief in 'phone tap' case, Pune cops file closure report

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE  
PUNE, OCTOBER 7

SEVEN MONTHS after it lodged an FIR against IPS officer Rashmi Shukla, accusing her of illegally tapping phones of some leading political leaders in Maharashtra, the Pune City Police has filed a closure report (C-Summary) in the matter against its former Commissioner.

Shukla, who headed Pune City Police between March 2016 and July 2018 when the BJP-led government was in power in the state, is currently on Central deputation with the CRPF.

Police sources said Friday that a C-Summary report has been submitted in the case against Shukla. A C-Summary report is filed in a case where the

FIR is found to be based on a mistake of fact.

Last year, Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole alleged in the Assembly that his phone was tapped during 2016-2017 (when he was a BJP MP). He claimed that phones of Union Minister Raosaheb Danve's personal assistant, then BJP MP Sanjay Kakade and other elected representatives were also tapped.

NCP MLA Dilip Walse Patil, who was the Home Minister in the MVA government, had announced that the government would probe Patole's allegations.

A three-member committee, headed by then DGP Sanjay Pandey, was formed to conduct an inquiry into the matter. The other members of the committee

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(From right) V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, with P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor, The Indian Express, and Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, in New Delhi on Friday. Renuka Puri

# Best case scenario will be growth rate with a 7% handle in front: Chief Economic Advisor

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

WITH MOST high-frequency indicators showing an uptick in the domestic economy even as risks stemming from global factors loom large on the external front, the "best case scenario" for the Indian economy would be a growth rate with "a 7 (per cent) handle in front of it", Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said Friday.

Speaking at the Express Adda event of The Indian Express, the

CEA also said: "The dollar still remains an important vehicle for financial markets or trade transactions etc. But yes, there are countries, not just India, but even many other countries, given the fact that foreign exchange reserves themselves have become subject to sanctions, have become instruments of international power relations, that it naturally encourages many countries to look at barter arrangements or trading settlements other than dollars..."

"So, that process is a natural reaction to the weaponisation of



currencies or foreign exchange reserves etc. But these are still very early days to talk about that. But the overall confidence in the dollar hasn't really diminished... I think we need to (think of these alternate ways) because in any case as we grow in size, and we have just become the world's fourth largest economy, we should be growing further along those lines, then I think it is a logical step to look at ways to internationalise the Indian rupee, and it will happen. It's a logical evolution."

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## BIDEN CLAMPS DOWN ON CHINA'S ACCESS TO CHIP TECH

BELGIUM MINISTER CUTS HAIR TO BACK IRANIAN WOMEN

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# RBI to launch e-rupee pilot soon, can be based on token or account

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Friday indicated that it will soon commence limited pilot launches of the much-awaited e-rupee, or central bank digital currency (CBDC), for specific use cases.

E-rupee is akin to sovereign paper currency but takes a different form, exchangeable at par with the existing currency and will be accepted as a medium of payment, legal tender and a safe store of value, the central bank said.

The digital rupee would appear as a liability on a central bank's balance sheet, the RBI said

## EXPLAINED 10 nations, more on the way

AS OF July 2022, 105 countries were exploring CBDC, a number that covers 95% of global GDP. Ten countries have launched CBDC, the first of which was the Bahamian Sand Dollar in 2020 and the latest was Jamaica's JAM-DEX.

in a concept note. "Currently, we are at the forefront of a watershed movement in the evolution of currency that

will decisively change the very nature of money and its functions," the central bank said.

According to the RBI, e-rupee can be structured as 'token based' or 'account-based'. "A token-based CBDC is a bearer instrument like banknotes, meaning whosoever holds the tokens at a given point in time would be presumed to own them," it said.

In contrast, an account-based system would require maintenance of record of balances and transactions of all holders of the CBDC and indicate the ownership of the monetary balances, it said.

In a token-based CBDC, the person receiving a token will

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## KHARGE SAYS NO 'REMOTE CONTROL'; THAROOR TALKS OF 'LEADERS KEEPING AWAY' PAGE 5

# In Karnataka, Gauri Lankesh's mother and sister join Rahul yatra

AKRAMM  
BELLURU (KARNATAKA),  
OCTOBER 7

SLAIN JOURNALIST Gauri Lankesh's mother and sister joined Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday for the Karnataka leg of the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Indira Lankesh, Gauri's mother, and Kavita Lankesh, her sister, took part in the march at Bhuvanahalli village of Mandya district's Nagamangala taluk.

After walking with them for a while, Rahul asked Indira to follow in a car before continuing on foot with Kavita, a filmmaker, who walked another three kilometres with the former Congress president.

Gauri Lankesh, who was a journalist and activist, was assassinated on September 5, 2017. A Special Investigation Team formed to probe the killing has



Rahul Gandhi walks with Gauri Lankesh's mother Indira and sister Kavitha in Mandya. Twitter/@RahulGandhi

named pro-Hindutva group Sanatan Sanstha in its chargesheet.

Kavita told *The Indian Express* that Rahul "sought to understand

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# As Uttarkashi counts the dead, families of climbers brace for worst

AVANEESH MISHRA  
UTTARKASHI, OCTOBER 7

TWELVE RESCUED: 26 bodies recovered, only two identified; three still missing.

These are the numbers starting at several families that have reached the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) at Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand over the past three days. Some are still hanging on to a fading sliver of hope, others are waiting for those numbers to turn into words they don't want to hear. "The last time I spoke to my husband was on September 23.

He said that for the next 15-16 days, he will not be able to talk to us as he will be out of the network area," says Kamna Singh.

Kamna's husband, IAF Sergeant Amit Kumar Singh, was among the 41 mountaineers who were hit by an avalanche near Draupadi Ka Danda-2 (DKD-2) peak on Tuesday morning. But he was not among the 12 rescued. And of the 26 bodies recovered, including ten on Friday, only that of two female trainers — Naumi Rawat and Savita Kansal — have been identified. There is no word yet on three others. Distressed and barely able to speak, Kamna says her husband

"had completed his basic training in 2019 and left for NIM in September". The Jaipur-based couple has a two-year-old daughter.

The family of Haryana resident Nitish Dahiya (20), who was the youngest in the group, has no words to convey. They are among those who are being accommodated on the NIM campus. Then, there are those who are on their way.

"I am still waiting to get some information about my younger brother. He's just 23," says Kuldeep Singh, the elder brother of Arjun Singh Gohil who has not been traced. Speaking over



Rescue efforts underway on Friday. SDRF

phone from Bhavnagar in Gujarat, Kuldeep says he is "in constant touch with them (the authorities)".

"Arjun used to help the family in their farm but he was most passionate about mountaineering," says Kuldeep.

"Our team had people from the government, Army, Navy and Air Force -- and some from DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation). Some of them had completed basic training and waited as long as six years to get a slot for advanced training," says Rohit Bhatt (21), an ITI-diploma holder from Tehri Garhwal who com-

pleted his basic training at NIM last October. Bhatt was among the 12 rescued.

According to officials, the 41-member team had 34 trainees and seven instructors. Of the 26 bodies recovered, they say, four have been brought to Uttarkashi while the rest are still at the base camp.

According to NIM officials, the climbers hail from across the country: West Bengal, Delhi, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Assam, Haryana, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. "But many in the group were local youths interested in moun-

taineering. All the members were between 25 and 35 years of age," says an official.

Naib Subedar Anil Kumar, who was one of the instructors rescued, says the 41 were part of an advanced training batch. "Many of those who come for the basic course are people who have not undergone any training in mountaineering. Once the basic training is complete, sometimes it takes a few years to get a slot for advanced training," says another NIM official.

Shashi Bahuguna, a mountaineer who runs Bohemian Adventure in Dehradun, says

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# Former CJI named head of panel

Supreme Court had directed the Centre to submit its current position on the issue.

The contention of Dalit Christian and Muslim organisations has been that these communities continue to face discrimination. On Thursday, these organisations criticised the latest move by the Centre as a "delaying tactic".

The commission will also examine the implications of any decision in this matter on existing SCs, and the changes they go through on converting to other religions in terms of customs, traditions, social and other discrimination, and deprivation.

The Social Justice Ministry said "certain groups" have raised the question of revisiting the "existing definition of Scheduled Castes by according the status to new persons who belong to other religions beyond those permitted through Presidential Orders".

The Ministry said that

whereas there is a demand for inclusion by certain sections, representatives of existing Scheduled Castes have "objected to such granting of Scheduled Caste status to new persons".

"...this is a seminal and historically complex sociological and constitutional question, and a definite matter of public importance... given its importance, sensitivity and potential impact, any change in definition in this regard should be on the basis of a detailed and definitive study and extensive consultation with all stakeholders," the notification said. "...no commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952... has so far inquired into the matter," it said.

Opposing the move, NCDC president Vijay George said, "This is a delaying tactic by the Government, which clearly does not want to see a conclusion to this case. What was the need for another commission when there have been numerous commis-

sions and committees in the past that have submitted reports to the Government, including the Ranganath Misra commission that ruled in favour of awarding such status. When Buddhists and Sikhs were accorded SC status, there were no commissions. This move is politically motivated and discriminatory on the basis of caste and religion."

Echoing the NCDC's opinion, All India Pasmanda Muslim Mahaz founder and former Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar, Ali Anwar Ansari, accused the Government of delaying the decision "so that it can get past the 2024 elections" without having to make a commitment on the issue.

Incidentally, over the past year, the BJP has made concerted efforts to reach out to Pasmanda Muslims. "But we had made it very clear to them that our support rests on the resolution of two issues. The first is that mob lynching, cow vigilantism and atrocities,

where Pasmanda Muslims face the brunt, should be stopped immediately. The second issue was that of awarding SC status. I will be rallying the community over the coming week," Ansari said.

National Dalit Christian Watch governing board member Richard Devadoss said Dalits who have converted to Christianity and Islam still face discrimination and atrocities. "While we continue to be treated as Dalits and face untouchability, we do not get the advantages of reservation and do not have the protection afforded by the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act," he said.

However, National Commission for SCs chairperson Vijay Sampla said it is not possible to make new inclusions in the SC list without a fresh study. "We need to see the parameters for reservation of these communities. We need to verify if they indeed face the discrimination that they claim to face," he said.

## • RBI to launch e-rupee pilot soon

verify that his ownership of the token is genuine, whereas in an account-based CBDC, an intermediary verifies the identity of an account holder, it said.

Considering the features offered by both the forms of CBDCs, a token-based CBDC is viewed as a preferred mode for CBDC-R as it would be closer to physical cash, while account-based CBDC may be considered for CBDC-W, the RBI said. It said CBDC-W could also be explored for the wholesale market for asset classes which are OTC and bilaterally or settled outside CCP arrangements - CPs and CDs and access to retail for buying assets such as G-secs, CPs/CDs, primary auctions etc by passing the bank account route. In the case of g-secs, if assets are also tokenised, this could be extended to non-residents to investment in domestic asset classes.

The RBI has been opposing private cryptocurrencies, stating that they are a threat to India's macroeconomic and financial stability. "Private cryptocurrencies which have currency-like character will undermine RBI's ability to deal with issues of financial stability. It is my duty to say that cryptocurrency investors should be aware that they are investing at their own risk. They should also keep in mind that cryptocurrencies have no underlying, not even a tulip," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had

said earlier. The implications of CBDC for monetary policy essentially depends on the way it is designed and its degree of usage. In particular, it would depend whether CBDC will be non-remunerated or remunerated and whether it would be widely accessible just like physical currency, or limited to wholesale customers such as banks - as in the case of central bank reserves.

It would also depend on whether it will be anonymous like physical currency or ownership will be identifiable, which leaves the trail of different entries.

The RBI's concept note also throws more light on key considerations such as technology and design choices, possible uses of digital rupee and the issuance mechanisms. It examines the implications of introduction of CBDC on the banking system, monetary policy, financial stability, and analyses privacy issues.

"The most widespread use and advantage of e-rupee was expected to emerge from the token-based variant in the retail segment," the RBI's working group had earlier said.

The RBI has been exploring the pros and cons of introduction of CBDCs for some time and is currently engaged in working towards a phased implementation strategy.

## • Name your successor: Rijju

CJI. Under this process, after receipt of the recommendation of the CJI, the Law Minister puts it before the Prime Minister who advises the President in the matter of appointment.

This process is conventionally done a month before the retirement of the incumbent CJI.

After the recommendation process, once a new CJI is designated, as per convention, the Collegium headed by the outgoing CJI also freezes.

The Supreme Court will reconvene on October 10 after its Dussehra vacation - it is likely the last opportunity for the CJI Lalit-led Collegium to make recommendations.

Currently, there is division within the five-member Collegium over the CJI's proposal to recommend four new judges to the Supreme Court through "circulation" or a written note.

Other than the CJI, the four Collegium members are Justices Chandrachud, S K Kaul, S Abdul Nazeer and K J Joseph.

While one member of the Collegium has agreed with the CJI's proposal, two judges have opposed the idea, saying the process of "holding a Collegium meeting by circulation" instead of face-to-face deliberations is unheard of and they cannot be a party to it.

The *Indian Express* has learnt that the fifth member has now written, supporting the CJI's proposal to recommend the four new judges through a written note instead of a formal meeting.

## • Seven months after booking former chief in 'phone tap' case, Pune cops file closure report

were the Commissioner of the State Intelligence Department (SID) and Additional Commissioner of the Special Branch.

An FIR was lodged against Shukla at the Bundgarden police station in Pune on February 25 this year.

Assistant Police Inspector Vaishali Chandgude lodged the FIR

which alleged that despite being aware of the legal process for phone tapping, the then Pune City Police Commissioner, Shukla, did not follow rules and carried out phone tapping with "bad political motives".

The Pune City Police issued a press release which stated: "The

three member committee conducted an inquiry to know whether illegal phone tapping of elected representatives was done with wrong political motives between 2015 and 2019. The inquiry report submitted by the committee regarding investigation of those found involved in the illegal phone

tapping has been accepted by the state government. The committee has stated in its report that Rashmi Shukla did illegal phone tapping at the time when she was the commissioner of Pune city police. So an offence has been lodged..."

The MVA coalition alleged that Shukla tapped phones without

permission.

Earlier this year, an FIR was registered against Shukla at the Colaba police station in Mumbai, alleging that she had put the phone numbers of NCP leader Eknath Khadse and Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut under surveillance when she was heading the SID.

In April, the Colaba police filed a chargesheet in the matter. A proposal to get sanction for prosecution is pending with the state government.

Shukla had moved the Bombay High Court, seeking quashing of the FIRs in Pune and Mumbai.

— WITH ENS, MUMBAI

## • Families of climbers

several clearances are required before a team embarks on a climbing expedition.

"First, we need to book a peak for the given dates. We need to pay a fee to the Forest department and take permission from the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) after giving them details of the climbers. To climb the peak, advanced training is the minimum requirement for most of the team members. Only one person with basic training is allowed per team. The person going on an expedition must be trained in rock climbing, river crossing, snow crafting, ice crafting and rope fixing," says Bahuguna.

According to officials, the team that got hit by the avalanche was undergoing a 28-day advanced course that started on September 14. "In the first few days, they were given a refresher basic course and then advanced training. The last leg of the training included staying at a camp set up near the Dokriani Bamak glacier for around 10 days and then climbing the DKD-2 peak. A base camp was set up at 12,600 feet for them to climb DKD-2, where mountaineers have been going for the past 50-55 years," says an official.

At present, there are at least six institutes that provide basic and advanced mountaineering courses in the country. But NIM, where three-four batches undergo training every year, is the only institute that provides training in rescue operations, too.

Says Col Ajay Kothiyal (retired), the institute's former principal, "The NIM courses are mainly for character-building and training in extreme conditions."

## • After UK minister's barb

Braverman was referring to the Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) that was signed by her predecessor in the Home Office, Priti Patel, and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in May last year.

In Delhi Friday, the MEA spokesperson said he did not have data on overstayers. "I don't have data on overstayers or otherwise, I am not even sure I'll be able to comment on that... whenever there is an Indian citizen abroad, we strongly encourage legal immigration and if they need to come back they will come back," Bagchi said.

"Migration mobility is an important element and you know there was an understanding in this regard which we would expect, certainly, that both sides would honour it and we certainly are taking action on our elements and we expect the UK side to also show... demonstrable actions on that," the MEA spokesperson said.

The Indian High Commission in London had on Thursday issued a statement on the Home Secretary's comments, especially on the MMP.

"As part of our wider discussions under Migration and Mobility, the Government... is committed to working with the government of the UK to facilitate the return of Indian citizens who have overstayed their visa period here in the UK," the statement said.

"As per the data shared with the Home Office, as of date, action has been initiated on all of the cases referred to the High Commission. Further, the UK has also undertaken to fulfil certain commitments as part of the Migration and Mobility Protocol, on which we await demonstrable progress," it said.

## • Rahul yatra in Karnataka

why they had assassinated" Gauri.

She also said that Rahul recalled the assassination of his grandmother Indira Gandhi and father Rajiv Gandhi. "Both of us have lost someone dear to us very cruelly," Kavita said.

She also said that her discussions with the Congress leader touched on the importance of ensuring that humanity prevails despite what she described as attempts to vitiate Indian society.

Talking to Twitter, Rahul Gandhi said, "Gauri stood for truth, Gauri stood for courage, Gauri stood for freedom. I stand for Gauri Lankesh and countless others like her, who represent the true spirit of India. Bharat Jodo Yatra is their voice. It can never be silenced."

Congress general secretary in charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, also tweeted about Kavita and Indira joining Rahul's march.

"We all know the ideology that killed Gauri Lankesh. Rahul Gandhi walks with Gauri Lankesh's mother and sister and tells the world that truth can never be suppressed by hate and violence. Bharat Jodo Yatra is a symbol of hope, non-violence and truth," Ramesh said.

The Congress's Kanyakumari-to-Kashmir yatra entered its 30th day and continues to attract large crowds. On Friday, the yatis marched in Mandya district, starting their day at K Mallenahalli and ending it at Belluru.

During a break in the march, Rahul interacted with professors from the National Law School of India University as well as other academics and teachers. They discussed problems faced by the education sector in the country, and issues such as the hijab row that broke out in campuses in Karnataka earlier this year.

Later, speaking at a public meeting at Belluru, Rahul raised concerns regarding GST rates applied on essential goods such as fertilisers and fuel.

"Women were asking me why the (gas) cylinder that cost Rs 400 during UPA rule costs more than Rs 1,000 now. The answer is simple. BJP is now working against the poor," he said.



# सड़क से समृद्धि

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- 96 किमी लंबा दिल्ली-मेरठ एक्सप्रेस-वे
- 25 किमी लंबा नोएडा-ग्रेटर नोएडा एक्सप्रेस-वे
- 302 किमी लंबा आगरा-लखनऊ एक्सप्रेस-वे

**निर्माणाधीन एक्सप्रेस-वे :**

- 594 किमी लंबा गंगा एक्सप्रेस-वे
- 91 किमी लंबा गोरखपुर लिंक एक्सप्रेस-वे
- 25 किमी लंबे बलिया लिंक एक्सप्रेस-वे के निर्माण का निर्णय

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**VACCINATIONS IN LAST 24 HOURS**  
**8,372**

**PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL:** 40  
**OXYGEN SUPPORT** 8  
**VENTILATOR SUPPORT** 1

**DELHI TOTAL CASES**  
**20,03,904**

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	8,857	8,818
ICU BEDS	2,086	2,076

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Oct 6	57	109	0	2,606
Oct 7	101	62	1	7,322
<b>Total</b>	<b>366*</b>	<b>19,77,034</b>	<b>26,504</b>	<b>4,02,78,402</b>

\*Total active cases in Delhi

	NOIDA	Oct 6	Oct 7
Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A
Deaths	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Gurgaon	Oct 6	Oct 7
Cases	15	N/A	N/A
Deaths	0	N/A	N/A

**RAJENDRA PAL GAUTAM HITS BACK**

# BJP demands resignation of AAP minister over 'conversion' event

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE BJP has demanded the resignation of Aam Aadmi Party minister Rajendra Pal Gautam citing a video of him attending an event in Delhi's Ambedkar Bhavan, where around 10,000 Hindus embraced Buddhism on October 5.

Gautam is seen on stage as attendees take an oath that they would not pray to Hindu gods and goddesses such as Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma, Rama, Krishna, Gauri and Ganpati. These are part of the 22 vows B R Ambedkar had administered to his followers.

Gautam, who heads the Delhi government's departments of Social Welfare, SC/ST Welfare, Registrar of Cooperatives and Gurudwara Elections, is seen repeating the vows at the 'diksha samaroh' event.

The BJP said the "conversion" event was a bid to spread disharmony in the city. Delhi BJP MP Manoj Tiwari went as far as to call it an organised attempt to spread riots. "This is the anti-Hindu image of Arvind Kejriwal, who is trying to divide and rule in the city," he said.

"Buddhists are non-violent people, but what the AAP minister is doing is an attempt to spread hatred in the community," he said.

Gautam hit back, saying that such comments showed the BJP's anti-national mentality. "If I believe in Buddhism, what is wrong with that? If the BJP has to complain, they can. The Constitution of India gives us the freedom to follow any religion. The BJP is losing ground and it is afraid of the Aam Aadmi Party," he said.

## Delhi excise policy: ED raids at 35 locations; CM Kejriwal backs Sisodia

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) conducted searches at 35 locations across Delhi, Chandigarh and Hyderabad Friday in connection with the alleged money laundering probe into Delhi government's liquor policy. The raids, sources said, are being conducted on premises associated with vendors, distributors and alleged middlemen involved in the liquor business in the national capital under the now-scrapped liquor policy.

The ED had registered a case of money laundering in the matter in the first week of September based on a CBI FIR against Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and 14 others.

Hitting out at the move, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the CBI and ED have conducted 500 raids and more than 300 officers have been working 24x7 to find evidence against Sisodia for the last three months. "They cannot find anything because he has done nothing wrong," said the CM.

"More than 500 raids, for the 3 months more than 300 ED/CBI officers are working 24 hours to find evidence against Manish Sisodia. They could find nothing because nothing was done. Time of many officers is being wasted for their dirty politics. How will the country progress like this?" Kejriwal tweeted.

Sources said that from one of the locations, the agency recovered around Rs 6 crore in cash.

The ED also searched the offices of India Ahead news channel in connection with the case. "We have also questioned a senior officer bearer of the company promoting the channel," an ED official said. Representatives of India Ahead news channel were not available for comment.

The development came days after the ED arrested Sameer Mahendru of Indospirit for his alleged role in irregularities associated with the liquor policy.



"... I am a very religious person. I personally respect all gods and goddesses and cannot even imagine disrespecting them through my work or speech. I have not said anything about anyone's beliefs. I respect everyone's beliefs... But BJP members are spreading rumours about me... I apologise to those people who were hurt because of BJP's propaganda"

**— RAJENDRA PAL GAUTAM**  
 DELHI GOVT MINISTER

He also told reporters: "Does BJP have any other issues to speak about? It wants to create disharmony among people in the name of caste and religion. It doesn't talk about joblessness, Dalits are attacked everyday... I thank Mohan Bhagwat ji for acknowledging this problem and saying that it is dangerous for the country."

"Everyone in the country has the freedom to practice their beliefs. We should respect each other's beliefs... People are using only parts of the video. This was not a political programme, it was an event organ-

ised by the Buddhist Society of India, which was founded by Baba Saheb Ambedkar. This has happened every year since 1956. This happens across the country every year. When you take deeksha, you don't talk about any religion, you talk about humanity... BJP leaders should first think straight... Please read the 22 vows properly... No one from the party (AAP) has made any anti-Hindu comments..." he said.

BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana, too, reacted to the video, saying: "This is the duplicity of the Aam Aadmi Party. In the state where elections are held, Arvind Kejriwal does not get tired of saying *Jai Shri Ram* and *Jai Shri Krishna*. But when it's over, their true face comes out, which is abusing Hindu gods and goddesses."

Later in the day, Gautam released a statement on the issue. "I saw in the media today that BJP is spreading rumours about me. I am a very religious person. I personally respect all gods and goddesses and cannot even imagine disrespecting them through my work or speech. I have not said anything about anyone's beliefs. I respect everyone's beliefs. I spoke about education, health, employment, inflation and social equality in my speech. But BJP members are spreading rumours about me. I am very hurt by their actions. I apologise to those people who were hurt because of BJP's propaganda," his statement read.

The Aam Aadmi Party and the Delhi government did not react to the development.

Gautam had joined the Aam Aadmi Party in 2014 and fought the Delhi Assembly polls from Seemapuri constituency in 2015.

## The AAP minister in eye of storm

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

AAP MINISTER Rajendra Pal Gautam, who finds himself facing demands of resignation by the BJP following an event where 10,000 people 'converted' to Buddhism, is known to maintain a low profile as compared to his cabinet colleagues.

But this isn't the first time he is in the eye of a storm — in March, Gautam was divested of the Women and Child Development portfolio amid widespread protests by anganwadi workers.

He joined AAP in 2014 and fought assembly polls from Seemapuri constituency in 2015. He won from the seat again in the next assembly polls, and currently heads the Delhi government's departments of Social Welfare, SC/ST Welfare, Registrar of Cooperatives and Gurudwara Elections.

He headed the social welfare department in the last term too, and one of the Arvind Kejriwal government's most ambitious programmes, Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana, was started under his charge. Under it, free coaching for IIT JEE, NEET and other competitive exams is provided to children from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. About 4,900 students enrolled for the free coaching classes in the beginning, and currently around 15,000 are enrolled in various courses. Party colleagues said Gautam

was born in Ghonda in Northeast Delhi. Before joining politics, he practiced law and was also a social activist. He completed law from Delhi University and also used to teach about 450 children from poor families, apart from working on reducing addiction among the youth, those who know him said. He has also worked for upliftment and rights of Dalits, and was awarded the Samata Sainik Dal's Dr Ambedkar Award in 2017. "He joined AAP after being impressed by Kejriwal's ideology in 2014, and fought the elections in 2015," said a party member.

He currently runs an organisation called 'Mission Jai Bhim'. The October 5 event at Ambedkar Bhavan, now at the centre of a row, was also held under the aegis of 'Mission Jai Bhim', as per a tweet by Gautam. "Today... more than 10,000 intellectuals took a pledge to make India free of caste and untouchability," he wrote.

At the event, Gautam is seen on stage as attendees take an oath that they would not pray to Hindu gods and goddesses such as Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma, Rama, Krishna, Gauri and Ganpati. These are part of the 22 vows B R Ambedkar had administered to his followers. "If I believe in Buddhism, what is wrong with that? If BJP has to complain, they can. The Constitution of India gives us freedom to follow any religion. The BJP is losing ground and it is afraid of the AAP," he said later.

## Report lists 'failures' in dealing with riots

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

A REPORT on the 2020 Northeast Delhi violence by a 'citizens committee', chaired by former Supreme Court judge Madan B Lokur, has flagged "State failures", including those of Delhi Police, Ministry of Home Affairs and Delhi government.

The 'committee' also comprised former Chief Justice of the Madras and Delhi High Courts AP Shah; former judge of the Delhi High Court R S Sodhi; former Patna High Court judge Anjana Prakash; and former Home Secretary G K Pillai. The committee relied on material including FIRs, chargesheets, court orders and media reports.

According to the report, 'Uncertain Justice', "Delhi Police failed to take punitive measures against hate speeches made by political leaders and others in the run-up to February 23 or on the day itself". It adds: "The response of the Government of India, namely the Ministry of Home Affairs, was wholly inadequate. Despite having command over both Delhi Police and central paramilitary forces, MHA failed to take effective steps to stem the spread of communal violence. Repeated assurances on February 24 and 25 by police top brass and government officials that the situation was under control did not match the visibility of violence on the ground."

On the Delhi government, the

report said it did "precious little" to "mediate between communities, even with the sharp warning signs in the lead up to February 23". It added, "The Committee feels that it failed to exert the role of civic mediation and statesmanship to calm the situation. Further, the Delhi Government failed to ensure timely and adequate relief and compensation to those affected by violence..." The report draws from media reports to say that the process to claim compensation was difficult and was further impeded by delays.

On the investigation into the violence, the committee said it "appears skewed" since it does not examine the connections between the outbreak of the violence and hate speeches. "It, incongruously, subjects anti-CAA protesters to a UAPA prosecution for allegedly committing violence which ultimately targeted Muslims..." the report stated.

The report asks for a Commission of Inquiry to be set up for an "impartial inquiry". On the use of social media, the report flags Yati Narsinghanand's speeches that were "circulated through YouTube". It also flags "content of Facebook Live videos... broadcast by political leaders affiliated with the BJP and Hindu right-wing extremist groups..."

While Delhi Police spokespersons refused to comment, a senior officer called the allegations "false" and said: "We are still investigating the cases, the matter is sub-judice." Delhi government did not respond to the report.

## Gujarat University Ahmedabad-380009. Notification No. Non-Teaching-01/2022

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 Date: 08/10/2022

## BJP versus BJP as East Delhi MLA makes veiled attack on MP Gambhir

**ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

IN A veiled attack on BJP MP Gautam Gambhir, BJP MLA from East Delhi's Gandhinagar, Anil Bajpai, has written a letter to L-G V K Saxena demanding a CBI probe into "illegal allotment of dhalao (dumping grounds) under MCD to individuals, NGOs and private organisations".

"In some assembly constituencies in East Delhi, the space allotted to dhalao area has been converted into raso, library, and other works and ownership has been to private organisations," he wrote.

Though Gambhir is not named, the link to him is apparent since the cricketer-turned-politician, through his NGO, runs four jan rasois (community kitchens) where around 3,000 people are served food for Re 1 every day. He has also got community kitchens and a library constructed on land that was earlier an MCD dumpyard in Priya Enclave. Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to inaugurate the library in the coming weeks.

When contacted, Bajpai said compactor machines should be installed in places where dhalao do not exist. He said if a library or jan raso comes up, it should be made clear under what terms and conditions the land was allotted, and whether the MCD had done any advertisement (inviting bids) for the same. Asked if the letter was aimed at Gambhir, he said he has not named anyone, but reiterated that an advertisement should have been issued before allotting MCD land. Gambhir did not respond to



(Left) Anil Bajpai; Gautam Gambhir

attempts seeking a comment, but sources said the Delhi BJP leadership has been apprised about the letter and told to look into the issue.

An aide of Gambhir said, "We are doing community service by feeding hungry people and giving them quality food for Re 1. The food is served from his own earnings that he makes from cricket. If anyone wants that we should not feed the poor and hungry, then they are free to come and demolish it."

Gambhir had spoken about his jan raso and library initiatives at *The Indian Express* Idea Exchange event recently. "There are frustrating days when you want to help someone but can't because of red tape... I want things to happen every day but in politics, change takes time and I become impatient. I actually cross the line on frustrating days. There are some very good moments in my political career as well. Be it clearing the Ghazipur landfill, development of the Yamuna Sports Complex or the community kitchens where we serve 3,000 people every day at Re 1, it has all been very satisfying. We opened a library and the kitchens at what used to be a garbage dump," he had said.

"To be honest, we haven't taken a single permission from anyone. And if tomorrow the existing party in Delhi wants to demolish it, they have the right to do so. If we had to take permissions, then we would have just been tangled and not have been able to feed thousands of people or set up the library," he had said.

Meanwhile, Bajpai in his letter to the L-G also demanded that harsh punishment be given to officers, NGOs or private organisations if found guilty of flouting rules.

This is not the first time Bajpai, who switched from the AAP and joined the BJP, has targeted Gambhir.

A senior BJP leader said, "While such statements are expected from opposition leaders, here your own MLA is speaking against the party MP. It is for the state unit to look into it, else it can become very frustrating and will give rise to more factionalism."

At the Idea Exchange, Gambhir had also said: "When it comes to BJP in Delhi, if an MP does well, the counterpart shouldn't feel insecure. Ultimately, it's not about those 7 MPs, the MCD, the BJP versus AAP or about between us and them. It is about saving Delhi."

## After stock market loss, man 'stabs parents', 1 dead

New Delhi: A 65-year-old businessman was killed and his wife stabbed, allegedly by his son, who had demanded money following losses in the stock market but was turned down.

The deceased has been identified as Swarnajeet Singh. His wife, Ajinder Kaur (60), is hospitalised. Police said they have apprehended the son, aged 34. Police said Singh, who ran a tent business, had given money

to his son on previous occasions but refused to do so on Friday.

"The accused had lost more than Rs 7 lakh in the share market and was demanding money from his parents. When they didn't (give him the money), he attacked them," said DCP (West) Ghanshyam Bansal.

The incident took place around 2 am when the couple were sleeping.

"We were told that an elderly couple had been stabbed and were admitted to DDU hospital. They had received severe injuries. Singh was declared dead on arrival at the hospital while his wife was shifted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in a critical condition. She is undergoing treatment now," said DCP Bansal.

Police said the accused also used to help his father with the tent business. **ENS**



The CBI searched Deputy CM Sisodia's home in Aug. Archive

The ED has earlier conducted two major searches in which 75 locations were searched. The CBI has earlier arrested Vijay Nair, current communications in-charge of the AAP, in connection with the case.

The CBI FIR had alleged: "Praveen Kumar Rai, Director, MHA, has conveyed directions of competent authority for enquiry into the matter of irregularities in framing and implementation of excise policy of GNCTD of Delhi for the year 2021-22 by Central Bureau of Investigation. He has also forwarded a letter of L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena alleging irregularities in framing and implementation of the excise policy. The OM is enclosed herewith, which discloses that Manish Sisodia, Deputy CM; Arava Gopi Krishna, then Commissioner (Excise); Anand Tiwari, then Deputy Commissioner (Excise); and Pankaj Bhatnagar, Assistant Commissioner (Excise) were instrumental in recommending and taking decisions pertaining to excise policy for 2021-22 without approval of competent authority with an intention to extend undue favours to licensees post tender."

"Apart from the above, reliable sources have revealed that Vijay Nair, former CEO of Only Much Louder, an entertainment and event management company; Manoj Rai, ex-employee of

Permod Ricard; Amandeep Dhal, owner of Brindco Spirits; and Sameer Mahendru, owner of Indospirit, are actively involved in irregularities in framing and implementation of excise policy," the CBI claimed in its FIR.

"Source further revealed some of the L-1 licence holders are issuing credit notes to retail vendors with an ab-initio intention to divert the funds as undue pecuniary advantage to public servants. In furtherance to this, they are showing false entries in their books of accounts to keep their record straight," the FIR claimed.

"Source further revealed that Amit Arora, director of Buddy Retail Pvt Limited, Gurgaon; Dinesh Arora and Arjun Pandey are close associates of Manish Sisodia and are actively involved in managing and diverting the undue pecuniary advantage collected from liquor licensees to accused public servants. Source further revealed that Sameer Mahendru, MD, Indospirit, has transferred an amount of one crore to the account of Radha Industries. Radha Industries is being managed by Dinesh Arora. Source further revealed that Arun Ramchandra Pillai used to collect undue pecuniary advantage from Sameer Mahendru for onward transmission to accused public servant through Vijay Nair," it added.

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- Call emergency number 112 for immediate police assistance

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# No detention policy gone from Delhi next year



Students of classes V and VIII in Delhi schools will be held back in the grade if they do not clear all their subjects. Archive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

FROM THE next academic year, students of classes V and VIII in Delhi schools will be held back in the grade if they do not clear all their subjects, meaning that the no-detention policy will come to an end in the capital.

According to guidelines issued by the Delhi government Friday, from 2023-2024, regular examinations and a new set of assessment guidelines will be implemented at the end of the year for classes III to VIII, but only students of classes V and VIII will be held back if they do not clear the grade.

As per these guidelines, assessment of students will be done through a basket of methods with different weightages. Of a total of 100 marks for their final assessment, the break-up of weightage of marks will be as follows: 5 for student attendance; 5 for subject enrichment; 5 for project-based activities; 5 for portfolio of co-curricular activities; 5 for multiple assessments; 5 for unit tests; 20 for mid-term exams and 50 for annual exams.

In order to be declared 'Pass' at the end of the session and be eligible for promotion to the next class, a student must secure at

least 33% marks in each subject studied, as well as a minimum of 25% of marks in mid-term exams plus annual examination in each subject. If a student is unable to fulfill these conditions, they will be given a chance for re-examination for the subjects they did not clear in two months from the date of declaration of results. If they are not able to clear the re-examination, they will be placed in the 'Essential Repeat' category and held back in the grade.

"Keeping the holistic development of children in mind, SCERT, Delhi, has released new assessment guidelines. Through these, our aim is not to stop any student from getting promoted to the next class, because a child never fails, it is the system that fails... our real aim is to bring the same degree of seriousness in elementary grades as for class X and XII," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Friday.

"The 'No Detention Policy' was very progressive but due to lack of preparation, the education system could not take full advantage of it. But we need to prepare such a system to lay a strong foundation at the elementary level which works on the holistic development of a child, and learning should be of such a level that there is no need for detention," he added.

## UNDERGRAD ADMISSIONS

# First glimpse of what many are opting for in Delhi Univ as D-Day draws closer

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

B.COM AND B.Com (Honours) courses in various colleges make up 9 out of 10 college-programme combinations which a maximum number of aspirants have listed as a choice so far while listing their preferences for Delhi University's undergraduate admissions.

As of 7 pm on Friday, 35,761 candidates had listed B.Com at Ramjas College as one of their choices, making it the most opted for combination so far. This is followed by B.Com at Kirori Mal College with 35,710; B.Com at Sri Venkateswara College at 34,095; B.Com at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce at 33,468; B.Com (Hons) at Hansraj College at 31,434; B.Com (Hons) at Shri Ram College of Commerce at 31,318; B.Com (Hons) at Hindu College at 31,182; B.Com at Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College at 31,051; and B.A. (Hons) English at Hindu College at 31,018.

These numbers show the total number of candidates who have listed a particular combination in their list of preferences. What they do not indicate is where they feature on the candidate's preference list — meaning that they do not indicate how many students have listed a combination as a top preference, or as a lower preference.

As part of its attempts to help candidates make informed choices while listing their preferences, Delhi University has created an online dashboard where candidates can view the number of those who have opted for a particular programme in a college, with the data being updated every two hours.

This preference listing phase of their admission application process is crucial because the allocation of seats to candidates will be done on the basis of the prefer-

### 20 MOST LISTED COMBINATIONS\*

College	Course	Candidates who listed it
Ramjas College	B.Com	35,761
Kirori Mal College	B.Com	35,710
Sri Venkateswara College	B.Com	34,095
Delhi College of Arts and Commerce	B.Com	33,468
Shaheed Bhagat Singh College	B.Com	31,704
Hans Raj College	B.Com (Hons.)	31,434
Shri Ram College of Commerce	B.Com (Hons.)	31,318
Hindu College	B.Com (Hons.)	31,182
Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College	B.Com	31,051
Hindu College	B.A. (Hons.) English	31,018
Hans Raj College	B.A. (Hons.) English	30,712
Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce	B.Com	30,246
Dyal Singh College	B.Com	30,167
St. Stephen's College	B.A. (Hons.) English	29,931
Ramjas College	B.Com (Hons.)	29,540
Kirori Mal College	B.Com (Hons.)	29,511
Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College	B.Com	29,500
Motilal Nehru College	B.Com	29,319
Aryabhata College	B.Com	29,120
Kirori Mal College	B.A. (Hons.) English	28,600

\*As of 7 pm, Friday

ences they have listed and their position in the merit lists that DU will release based on their Common University Entrance Test (CUET) scores. Based on their position on the merit list, a candidate will be allotted the highest possible preference in their list.

"The data uploaded does not discriminate between how high or low a combination is placed in a candidate's list of preferences. It is all the total data on preferences available with us... We are trying to create new features to help candidates every day, and are still working out what other information or assistance we can provide to help them in this process," said Dean Admissions Haneeet Gandhi.

Not just in the top 10, the 20 combinations which have been

listed the highest number of times features B.Com at 16 different colleges including lesser known colleges such as Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, Aryabhata College, Motilal Nehru College. It also features B.Com (Honours) in Hansraj College, SRCC, Hindu College, Ramjas College and Kirori Mal College; and B.A. (Hons) English at Hindu College, Hansraj College and St. Stephen's College. B.A. (Hons) Political Science at Hindu College has been listed by 28,279 candidates, the highest apart from these three programmes, and 22nd in total number of times listed.

Candidates will have up till October 10 to list their preferences.

# DU's word of advice for aspirants: Pick far more choices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

DELHI UNIVERSITY has cautioned candidates against not choosing an adequate number of combinations while listing their programme-college preferences for its undergraduate admissions.

In the current phase of the admissions till October 10, candidates are expected to select the programmes for which they would like to be considered for undergraduate admissions and in order of preference, list out the programme plus college preferences for which they would like to be considered.

"It has also been observed that a few candidates are not adequately optimising the provisions of available preferences offered to them by the University. While providing their preferences, the candidates are opting for far less number of choices despite being eligible for many such choices. For example, if a candidate has been provided with 1,469 Program plus College preferences by the University, he/she must select all the combinations to benefit maximally from the allocation rounds," read a statement issued by Registrar Vikas Gupta on Friday.

"Candidates are advised to select maximum number of Program plus College combinations to facilitate their probability of getting allocations as per the CSAS rules," it added.

After the University releases its CUET score-based merit lists for the various programme groups, candidates will be allot-



Candidates will have up till October 10 to list their preferences. Archive

ted seats to their highest possible preference programme-college combination according to their place on the merit list. So, if all seats in the first four programme-college preferences listed by a candidate are filled by candidates higher on the merit list than them, they will be allotted a seat in their fifth preference.

The Indian Express had earlier explained that the reason candidates should list the highest possible number of programme-college preferences is because if they do not list a particular combination as a preference, they will not be considered for allocations or upgradations to it.

"The order of preferences listed by a candidate will be the deciding factor for where they will be admitted... If a candidate leaves out a particular programme in a particular college, we cannot allocate or upgrade them to it even if there's a vacancy and they are suitably placed on the merit list. This would mean a huge number of combinations, but our systems are in place to take 5,000 programme-college combinations," Dean Admissions Haneeet Gandhi had said.

## BRIEFLY

### Fire breaks out at Noida plastic factory

Noida: A fire broke out at a three-storey plastic factory in Noida's Sector 3 on Friday evening, with 15 fire tenders sent to the spot to control the blaze. With a trail of smoke visible from kilometres away, the fire continued to burn as firefighters fought to contain it late into the evening, despite some rain. Police said that no casualties were reported.

### Amanatullah plea on 'bad character' tag: HC reserves judgment

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday reserved judgment on AAP MLA from Okhla Amanatullah Khan's plea against the 'history sheet' opened by the Delhi Police against him and the tag as a 'Bad Character' levelled by the police force.

### PFI arrest: HC notice to NIA on plea seeking copy of FIR

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday issued notice on a plea filed by a man seeking a copy of the FIR lodged by the NIA, which arrested him over his alleged association with the Popular Front of India. A single judge bench of Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta issued notice to the respondent agency seeking their response to the plea. ENS

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**COMMERCIAL DIVISION**

CALLING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL BIDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COLD CHAIN ON BOT BASIS

Date: 29.08.2022

CWC CO-CD/COMM/355/2021-COMM

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) invites the technical and financial bids from the interested parties for establishment of Cold Chain including CA/MA storage capacity, for perishable agri-produces/dairy products/pharmaceuticals/meat/ fisheries etc. in vacant land and/or godown/ware house compartment(s) through new construction or by retrofitting on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis. RFP Dated: 29.08.2022. Interested parties may visit our website [www.cwc.gov.in](http://www.cwc.gov.in) for complete details, terms & conditions of Tender Document. General Manager (Comm)

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice for E-Auction

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through e-Auction ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)) for leasing of parcel space of SLR compartments in following trains originating from Delhi division for a period of two years as per schedule given below:-

- 12191 (F1), 12455 (F1), 12582 (F1), 12724 (F1), 12818 (F1), 12918 (F1), 13430 (F1), 14316 (F1, F2 & R1), 15035 (F1, F2 & R1) - 21.10.2022 at 11:30 am.
- 12017 (F1), 12148 (F1, F2 & R1), 12280 (F1), 12506 (F1), 12644 (F1, F2 & R1), 14010 (F1), 14041 (F1), 22418 (F2 & R1) - 28.10.2022 at 11:30 am.
- 12284 (F1), 12432 (F1), 12780 (R1), 12782 (F1), 12986 (F1), 14021 (F1 & R1), 14521 (F1, F2 & R1), 15280 (F1), 22429 (F1), 22454 (F1, F2 & R1) - 31.10.2022 at 11:30 am.
- 12265 (F1, F2 & R1), 12428 (F1), 12562 (F1), 12584 (F1), 13258 (F1), 14014 (F1), 14152 (F1), 14553 (F1 & R1), 22401 (F1), 22414 (F1), - 01.11.2022 at 11:30 am.

**Important notes:**

1. For more information, requirement and various aspects regarding these e-Auctions, interested bidders are advised to visit [https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning\\_centre.html](https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning_centre.html) (e-Auction leasing section).
2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): 5% of the total contractual bid value to be deposited online during the auction. EMD of the successful bidder will be retained as Security Deposit.
3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these contracts at any point of time and/or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these trains or commencement of new train services. 2675/22

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### कार्यालय कलेक्टर एवं अध्यक्ष (जिला निर्माण समिति) जिला कोणडागांव (छ.ग.)

**// मैनुअल पद्धति प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रण //**

एन.आई.टी. क्रमांक 13/जि.नि.स./निविदा/2022-23 कोणडागांव, दिनांक 03/10/2022

छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल की ओर से कार्यालय जिला निर्माण समिति कोणडागांव के कार्यालय में दो लिफाफा पद्धति से मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा द्वारा जारी दिनांक 01.11.2021 से प्रचलित च प्राभावशील दर अनुसूची एवं प्रमुख अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग रायपुर (छ.ग.) के द्वारा जारी विद्युतीकरण कार्य हेतु दिनांक 01.06.2020 से प्राभावशील दर अनुसूची निविदा आमंत्रण तिथि तक संशोधित दर अनुसूची पर निविदा प्रपत्र "अ" में प्रतिशत के आधार पर दर निर्मांकित कार्यों के लिए लोक निर्माण विभाग में एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली में सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से मुहुरबंद निविदाएं स्प्रीड पोस्ट से आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

01. कार्यालय में निविदा लिफाफे प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि - 24/10/2022 संख्या 5.00 बजे तक।

02 कार्यालय में निविदा लिफाफे खोले जाने की तिथि - 25/10/2022 प्रातः 11.30 बजे।

दण्डक्र. क्र.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (राशि रु. लाख में)	टीप
13	जिला मुख्यालय कोणडागांव में सर्व आदिवासी विभाग गृह भवन एवं कॉम्प्लेक्स निर्माण कार्य (आंतरिक विद्युतीकरण एवं अन्य कार्य सहित)।	160.44	प्रथम आमंत्रण

**टीप:-** उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन (परिशिष्ट-2, 10 एवं निविदा दस्तावेज परिशिष्ट-2.13) एवं अन्य जानकारी का कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय-जिला निर्माण समिति, जिला कोणडागांव में अथवा ऑनलाइन [www.kondagaon.gov.in](http://www.kondagaon.gov.in) वेबसाइट में दिनांक 03.10.2022 से देखी एवं डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

कलेक्टर एवं अध्यक्ष  
जिला निर्माण समिति  
जिला कोणडागांव

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### ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHANKAR VIHAR

(NEAR MAHIPALPUR) DELHI CANTT-10  
TELE NO - 011-26153558/9

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

EOI is solicited from suitable vendor for turnkey project for refurbishing of Chemistry Lab (Size 100'x22') at Army Public School, Shankar Vihar. Details for the above and EOI form are available at school counter against DD/POS machine/UPI of ₹1000/- . Forms duly filled be submitted by 28 Oct 2022.

**Chairman**

### SOLAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Swachh Bharat Mission  
Solid Waste Management Department

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

**NAME OF WORK:** Regarding Selection of Contractor for the work of 'Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Bio-Mining, Resource Recovery and Scientific Rejects Disposal, Solapur' under the Solapur Municipal Corporation.

**Tender ID : 2022\_SMC\_841270\_1**

The Tender is available to view on <https://mahatenders.gov.in> from 07/10/2022 from 10:00 AM.

**Dy. Commissioner-I**  
Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

### Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd.

CIN U40102GJ2003SGC042909  
Regd. & Corp. Office: 'Urja Sadan',  
Nana Varachha Road, Kapodara Char Rasta,  
Surat 395 006 GUJARAT

**DGVCL Toll Free No. 19123 (or 1800 233 3003)**

**Tender Notice**

Tender: DGVCL/SD&P/202211/S.I.T.C of LT distribution network to underground cable LT distribution network & work of supply, laying, testing & commissioning on turnkey basis at Vapi GIDC Housing and Commercial Area, Dist.: Valsad. Details are available on [www.dgvcl.com](http://www.dgvcl.com) (for view and download tender documents) and [www.nprocure.com](http://www.nprocure.com) (for view, download and online tender submission).

Note: Bidders may visit the company website/s for regular updates till opening of the tenders.

**ACE (SD&P), DGVCL, Surat.**

### राजस्थान विश्वविद्यालय, जयपुर

कार्यालय विश्वविद्यालय अभियन्ता

**ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 20/2022-23**

राजस्थान विश्वविद्यालय, जयपुर में निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिये राजकीय/अर्द्ध-राजकीय विभागों के सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से कार्यों की कुल संख्या 02 हेतु कुल राशि रुपये 192.17 लाख की सील बन्द निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत, निविदा देने एवं प्राप्त करने की दिनांक, समय, एवं शर्तें आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण की जानकारी विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट [www.uniraj.ac.in](http://www.uniraj.ac.in) एवं <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है. जिनका यूवीएन नम्बर URA2223WSOB00095, 96 and URA2223A0035 है।

विश्वविद्यालय अभियन्ता

### NATIONAL GAMES SECRETARIAT

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
J.N.S Complex, Polo Grounds, Shillong - 793001

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NOTIFICATION**

(Notice No. GS/TENDER/1/2022/27 dated 08.10.2022)

National Games Secretariat, Government of Meghalaya invites proposals from eligible agencies for providing the following services for the 2nd Northeast Olympic Games 2022, Shillong, Meghalaya.

Title	Link for Details
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) for- 1. Empanelment of agencies for providing laundry services for the 2nd Northeast Olympic Games 2022, Shillong, Meghalaya.	Visit <a href="https://neog2022.in/">https://neog2022.in/</a> under Tender Section for more details

MIPR No. 1078  
dt. 07/10/2022

Sd/-  
Joint CEO  
National Games Secretariat  
Government of Meghalaya

### Navi Mumbai International Airport

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
For Baggage Handling System (BHS) Works -  
Corrigendum No 01

The deadline for submission of the response to the EOI (published vide our EOI notice dated 27th Sep 2022) is now revised to 10th October 2022 IST 15:00 hours. For details refer to our website: <https://nmiairport.co.in>

### PROVISION OF LHSIRUP

E-Tender Notice No. 96W/2-APD/ Dated: 30-09-2022. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. 38-AP-A-2022. Name of Work:** Provision of LHSIRUP in lieu of "C" class manned LC. Gate No. 26/111 (SL Line) at Km. 172/7-8 between Alipurdar Jn - Samakala Road under the jurisdiction of DENA/Alipurdar Jn. **Tender Value:** ₹ 2,09,85,993.01/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,54,000/- **Date & Time of closing of E-tender:** 13:00 hrs. of 27-10-2022. The complete information with tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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### ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHANKAR VIHAR

(NEAR MAHIPALPUR) DELHI CANTT-10  
TELE NO - 011-26153558/9

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

EOI is solicited from the leading vendors for supply and installation of fabricated MS Iron Drain cover (Size 32"x16") as per specification available in EOI form. Details for the above and EOI form are available at the school counter against Draft/POS/Machine/NEFT for ₹ 500/- each. Forms duly filled be submitted by 28 Oct 2022.

**Chairman**

### PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office.: PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala  
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)

**e-tendering portal: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>**

(Contact No. 96461-19383, 96461-11036)

Tender Enquiry No. QO-242/PO-C Dated: 04.10.2022  
Chief Purchase Officer/MMP, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor Multi-story Building, The Mall Road, Patiala, invites E-tender of 4125 KM ACSR Raccoon, Nominal Aluminium area 80 mm<sup>2</sup> bearing ISI/POM Mark conforming to IS: 398 Part-II 1996 (with Latest amendments, if any) and PSPCL Specification QO-242.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10.10.2022 from 11.30 AM onwards.  
Note: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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### Government of Punjab

Tender Notice reference no: E-tender No MCB/2022-23/008

The Municipal Corporation, Bathinda invites e-tenders on double bid system.

Sl. No.	Item	Estimated Quantity of Legacy waste	Closing Date & Time
1.	Bio-remediation of Legacy Waste at Municipal Solid waste dumpsite (Mansa Road) Bathinda	27752 cum	26.10.2022 03.00 PM

Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

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Municipal Corporation  
Bathinda

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# 5 GOVT & POLITICS

## DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with SP chief Akhilesh Yadav at Medanta hospital in Gurugram on Friday. PTI

## GOODWILL GESTURE

AT A time relations between the government and Opposition parties are not very cordial, there was a goodwill gesture from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. On Friday evening, he went to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram to visit ailing Samajwadi Party leader and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mulayam Singh Yadav, who was once defence minister. Rajnath, also a former CM of Uttar Pradesh, could not meet Mulayam. But he spent over 30 minutes speaking with Mulayam's son and SP leader Akhilesh Yadav and doctors. Earlier, Rajnath had spoken with Akhilesh over the phone to enquire about Mulayam.

## CHANGE OF MIND

HE WAS among the 50-odd leaders who had signed Shashi Tharoor's nomination papers. Praveen Davar, a former functionary of the AICC's ex-serviceman department, however, sprang a surprise Friday by favouring a consensus approach instead of an election. In a tweet, he argued that it may be a good idea if some senior leader or leaders seek a consensus the way K Kamaraj did in 1964 and 1967. He added that it is "never too late". Davar's comments came a day after the Tharoor camp complained to the party's central election authority that some of his proposers are being "pressured and intimidated" to change their stance.

## SURPRISE VENUE

NITI AAYOG CEO Parameswaran Iyer is hosting an informal interactive afternoon over lunch for all the flexi pool/consultants and young professionals working in the government's think tank, on Saturday. It is learnt that one of the objectives of the event is to introduce the staff to the Aayog's "priority projects". The event will be hosted at the University of Chicago Center in New Delhi. However, the choice of the venue has surprised many, as the NITI Aayog building has well-equipped meeting places, including a big committee room where even the Prime Minister has chaired meetings in the past.

## Adani port: Kerala changes stand, sets up panel to check coastal erosion

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
OCTOBER 7

THE KERALA government has appointed a four-member expert committee to study whether there has been any coastal erosion consequent to the construction of Adani Group's Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL).

The appointment of the expert committee comes against the backdrop of the fishermen's agitation in the region entering its 80th day. The agitators have alleged that construction has caused sea erosion resulting in loss of livelihood and dwellings. The construction has come to a standstill owing to the protest led by the Catholic Church.

The committee will be headed by M Kudale, former additional director at Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune. Other members are Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies VC Dr Riji John, Indian Institute of Science-Bangalore associate professor Dr Tejal Kanitkar and Kandla Port Trust former chief engineer Dr PK Chandramohan.

The government order issued on October 6 asked the committee to identify specific measures to address the coastal erosion, if any, observed in the construction zone. The committee was also told to hear the views of the representatives of the local population before finalising the report.

The state government's view, thus far, had been that the construction of the port had not caused any coastal erosion and it had rejected the demand of the fishermen to suspend the work.

The government had said that as per the orders of the National Green Tribunal and the Environment Ministry, the shoreline changes and other environmental parameters were being continuously monitored.

It was the previous Congress-led UDF regime in Kerala that inked the deal with the Adani Group in August 2015.

## CONGRESS PRESIDENT ELECTION

## Kharge says no 'remote control'; 'leaders keeping away': Tharoor

ENS & PTI  
AHMEDABAD, CHENNAI,  
OCTOBER 7

AS MALLIKARJUN Kharge launched his campaign for Congress presidential polls from Gujarat Friday, asserting that he would not be controlled by "a remote control", his rival Shashi Tharoor, who landed in Tamil Nadu, repeated his complaint that party leaders may be staying away from his meetings despite calls for "neutrality" in the contest.

"Enjoyed a warm welcome at @INCtamilnadu from party colleagues, but no 'leaders' present. At the ensuing press conference, the media alleged that office-bearers were told to stay away. Interestingly dozens of ordinary citizens attended, to show me their support," Tharoor tweeted.

Kharge held a meeting with Gujarat PCC leaders at the party headquarters in Ahmedabad. "It is an election within a home and so I met the delegates and leaders, who in large numbers have assured to support me," he said. He was starting his campaign



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani at the investors' summit in Jaipur on Friday. Rohit Jain Paras

## Sharing summit stage, Adani praises Rajasthan CM 'vision'

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 7

INDUSTRIALIST Gautam Adani showered praise on Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, from his leadership to his schemes and "vision", at the inaugural session of the two-day investors' summit in the state on Friday, where he occupied pride of place, right next to the CM. Gehlot, who has been showcasing the summit that coincides with uncertainty over his continuity as CM, was seen talking to Adani on the stage. As photos emerged of the two, the BJP was quick to latch on, contrasting this to Rahul Gandhi's constant attacks on the industrialist.

Hours later, addressing a public meeting in Mandya, Karnataka, as part of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul made a reference to Adani, saying: "The second richest man in the world is close to the Prime Minister of India. He never used to be the second richest man in the world. In fact, he was not even on the list."

At the Rajasthan summit, Adani promised investments of more than Rs 65,000 crore over

the next five-seven years in the state, making the Adani Group among the biggest investors for Rajasthan.

Speaking to journalists at his residence a few days ago, Gehlot had said that his government would welcome "whichever investor comes and follows the law and rules, and agrees to our conditions". "You have mentioned Mr Adani... our priority is that there are job opportunities," he had said.

Adani also praised Gehlot's social welfare schemes in his address, saying: "The social welfare schemes you have implemented... are trendsetters and driving employment, enabling greater and inexpensive access to education and healthcare, thereby making social security very stronger. These schemes have been a benchmark for India in their scale, their intent and the impact that they have had. In the economic domain, your vision has laid the foundation to turn Rajasthan into our nation's solar energy leader."

In his address, Gehlot praised Gujarat and repeatedly referred to Adani as "Gautam bhai". "Gujarat has been sakhsham (capable) even before

Independence. You had textiles, industries and whatnot... The mind of Gujaratis has been business-oriented... Many big industrialists have lived there... and now there is Gautam bhai. So Gujarat has its own aura," he said.

Sharing a photograph of Adani with Gehlot from the summit, Amit Malviya, in charge of BJP's I-T cell, tweeted, "In another sign of revolt and brewing discontent against the Gandhis, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot invites Gautam Adani for the investor summit. He is given a seat right next to the CM. This is an open message to Rahul Gandhi, who doesn't tire (of) berating Adani-Ambani, to back off."

After photos emerged from the Rajasthan summit, the Congress said there was no contradiction between Adani sharing the stage with Gehlot, and Rahul's stand. "We are certainly not against businesses. We don't think profit is a bad word... But the attempt to create monopolies - every port, every airport for one person, bank loans for one person... Rs 5.5 lakh crore loan written off for one person... that cannot be tolerated," Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said.

## Assets case: HC seeks Soren response on plea against stay order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE DELHI High Court on Friday heard an application filed by Nishikant Dubey, BJP Lok Sabha MP from Godda in Jharkhand, against a stay order passed in favour of JMM president Shibu Soren in connection with the Lokpal proceedings against him.

A single judge bench of Justice Yashwant Varma has asked Soren to respond to the application within two weeks and listed the matter for hearing on November 10.

Dubey is a respondent in Soren's plea before the HC. The application states that Soren had misled the court by filing the writ petition before the High Court. The Lokpal had directed a preliminary inquiry under provisions of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

On September 12, the HC had stayed the proceedings initiated by Lokpal of India against Soren on a complaint alleging he has amassed huge wealth by "adopting unscrupulous and corrupt means" in Jharkhand.

## Mandate singing of national anthem in all MP schools: NCPCR chairman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE NATIONAL Commission for Protection of Child Rights Friday asked the Madhya Pradesh government to mandate the singing of the national anthem as part of morning prayers in all schools across the state.

The directive came after NCPCR Chairperson Priyank Kanoongo made a field visit to a 'CM-Rise' school in Kurwai town of Vidisha district, after taking into cognisance reports that a 'mazar' (tomb) had been constructed within its compound.

In his report, Kanoongo said that he found two mazzars within the premises of the school - one built by a former principal and another by a sports teacher. Taking note that the mazzars

## TO SEEK CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

# Karnataka govt moves to to increase SC, ST quota

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 7

THE KARNATAKA government has decided to hike the reservation for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities in the state by seeking a constitutional amendment. A formal decision in this regard will be taken in the Cabinet meeting on Saturday. After chairing an all-party meeting on Friday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said reservation for SCs will be increased to 17 per cent from the existing 15 per cent, and from three to seven per cent for STs. The meeting was attended by the leaders of the Congress and the JD(S).

The government will resort to Schedule 9 of the Constitution to implement the hiked quota to avoid judicial scrutiny as the total reservation figure will go beyond the 50 per cent cap to 56 per cent.

At present, reservation in Karnataka is at 50 per cent - 32 per cent for OBCs, 15 per cent for SCs and three per cent to STs.

The increase is as per the recommendations made by the Justice Nagamohan Das Committee report submitted two years ago. "The decision was unanimous to hike reservation based on the population share of the communities in the state," he said. The hike in reservation for these communities will not affect the interests of other groups, Bommai added.



CM Basavaraj Bommai at the BJP State Executive Committee meeting in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

## EXCEEDING THE CAP

State to take Schedule 9 route for judicial immunity as quota will cross 50% cap

	Current	Proposed
OBC	32%	32%
SC	15%	17%
ST	3%	7%

The Chief Minister said a special Cabinet meeting will be convened on Saturday to discuss the recommendations and issue an executive order to the effect. To a question on internal reservation for various communities belonging to these groups, he said experts will be consulted for a decision on the same.

## EXPLAINED Politically significant

A FORMAL decision on increasing the reservation for SCs from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and for STs from 3 to 7 per cent will be taken in the Cabinet meeting on Saturday. It will then be discussed in the December session of the Assembly. The move is significant ahead of the state elections next year. Other than the demand from Opposition parties, the Bommai government was under pressure from SC/ST lawmakers to implement the commission's report. Also, Valmiki Gurupetha's seer Prasannananda Swami has been on a hunger strike demanding the ST quota hike.

## 'Land for jobs': CBI chargesheets Lalu, Rabri, daughters

2 Rly officials also among 16 accused

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THE CBI Friday filed a chargesheet against former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad, his wife Rabri Devi and daughter Misa Bharti among 16 accused in connection with its probe into the "land for job" case. Agency sources said those chargesheeted also include two senior railways officials apart from the beneficiaries of the "irregular" employment.

The case pertains to allegations that Lalu Prasad and his family took land to provide jobs to people in the Indian Railways.

The CBI had booked Lalu and his family members in a fresh case of corruption in May this year. The agency had named as many as 16 people, including Lalu, his wife Rabri Devi, his daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav, as accused in the FIR.

Those chargesheeted on Friday also include Sowmya Raghavan, the then GM, Railways; Kamal Deep Mainrai, the then CPO, Railways; alleged beneficiaries appointed as railway substitutes Rajkumar Singh, Mithlesh Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Dharmendra Kumar, Vikas Kumar, and Abhishek Kumar; and alleged middlemen Ravindra Rai, Kiran Devi, Akhileshwar Singh and



Ramashish Singh.

"During investigation, it has been found that the accused in conspiracy with the then GM Central Railways and CPO, Central Railways engaged persons as substitutes in lieu of land either in their name or in the name of their close relatives. This land was acquired at prices lower than the prevailing circle rate and much lower than the market rate," a CBI statement said.

Following its FIR in May, the agency had also launched search operations at 17 locations on premises associated with Lalu and his family members, including his daughter Misa Bharti, among others.

The agency has alleged as many as 12 people from Patna were appointed in Group D posts in the Indian Railways, and in lieu Lalu's family got seven plots of land in Patna and elsewhere for a pittance.

According to the CBI, Lalu's family acquired over 1 lakh sq ft of land in this way for a meagre Rs 26 lakh when the then circle rate puts the cumulative value of the land at over Rs 4.39 crore.

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, OCTOBER 7

THE BIHAR government has decided to move Supreme Court against Patna High Court's order, saying the government cannot provide reservation in local bodies till it complied with a 2021 Supreme Court order on having triple test that included setting up a dedicated commission to quantify backwardness and put up 50 per cent reservation ceiling.

Soon after the Patna HC order on October 4, state election commission had deferred the Bihar local bodies polls, which were scheduled from October 10.

Bihar Advocate General Lalit Kishore confirmed to *The Indian Express*: "The state government is moving Supreme Court against the HC order."

Bihar finance minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary said: "We are upset with the Patna HC order. We have pleaded that the situation in Bihar is different from Maharashtra where the local bodies polls were deferred last year after SC said about having a mandatory triple test if the government wanted to reserve seats for OBC and EBCs. The SC order had referred to its 2010 order in which it was said that reservation criteria in local self-government had to be different from ones in jobs and higher education."

## National Herald case: ED questions Shivakumar and his MP brother

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate Friday recorded the statement of Karnataka Congress chief D K Shivakumar and his MP brother D K Suresh for over four hours in the National Herald money laundering case, officials said.

As he left the agency office at the APJ Abdul Kalam Road in central Delhi, Shivakumar (60) told reporters he was asked "a lot of questions" about Young Indian (the company that owns National Herald), about his family members and institutions linked to him.

"I have not carried all those papers... I have agreed to send them (to ED authorities) over e-mail as soon as possible..." he said. Shivakumar had last appeared before the ED on September 19 in another PMLA case. PTI

## Shinde claim on Sena symbol: EC seeks Uddhav group's response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

THE ELECTION Commission of India (EC) on Friday asked the Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena to respond by Saturday on rival Eknath Shinde group's claim on the party's bow and arrow election symbol in view of the November 3 Andheri East Assembly bypoll.

The EC directive came after the Shinde faction submitted a memorandum on October 4, stating that it allocated the symbol as the bypoll is approaching.

In a letter to Thackeray, the EC directed it to furnish comments along with requisite documents latest by 2 pm on October 8. "In case no reply is received, the Commission will take



Both Uddhav and Shinde factions gave written submissions to EC on Friday

appropriate action in the matter accordingly," it added.

Shinde's October 4 letter to the EC had claimed that the Thackeray-led Sena will illegally make an attempt to field a candidate and claim the symbol without having the necessary support within the party.

Meanwhile, to stake claim over the party symbol of bow and arrow, both factions of the

Shiv Sena on Friday made written submissions before the EC.

On September 27, the Supreme Court had allowed the EC to hear the plea filed by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction seeking allotment of the bow and arrow symbol. The next day, the EC had sought written statements from both Shivinde and Thackeray-led factions on their stand by October 7.

While the Shinde faction had submitted its stand to the EC earlier as well, the Thackeray-led Sena, for the first time on Friday, submitted its say on the matter along with relevant documents. "We have made our submission to the EC," Sena Rajya Sabha MP Anil Desai told the media in Delhi.

So far, the Shinde faction had made three submissions to the poll panel.

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## Two Army personnel killed in field firing exercise in MP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

TWO INDIAN Army personnel were killed and another sustained injuries when the barrel of a T-90 tank burst during a field firing exercise in Madhya Pradesh's Babina, officials said on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday evening, they said. "During the annual firing at Babina Field Firing Ranges on October 6, a tank barrel burst. The tank was manned by a crew of three personnel. The crew was provided immediate medical aid and evacuated to the military hospital in Babina," said an official.

"The commander and the gunner unfortunately succumbed to burn injuries. The driver is out of danger and under treatment," the official said.

It is learnt that the commander was a JCO (junior commissioned officer). The Army has ordered an investigation into the incident.

"The Indian Army expresses deep condolences to the bereaved families of the soldiers who lost their lives in the accident," said an Army statement.

## Now, uniform academic calendar in all J&K schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 7

TO STREAMLINE the academic calendar in schools with the rest of the country, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday ordered that the annual examinations for classes up to the class 9 will be held in March-April. The academic calendar in Kashmir until now adhered to an October-November session, allowing for an extended winter break.

In his order issued on Friday, Principal Secretary to the J&K Government, School Education Department, Alok Kumar, said, "Sanction is hereby accorded to the implementation of Uniform Academic Calendar including conduct of annual examinations in March-April session for classes up to 9th." The order applies to all government and government recognised private schools in the UT.

This also affects admissions from the next session as the government in its order clarified that admissions to new sessions will begin in the month of March starting next year. The move primarily affects academic session in Kashmir since Jammu already adheres to a March session, barring some areas of the Pir Panjal region.



Mohan Bhagwat

## 'Concepts like varna, jati should be discarded'

Nagpur: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat Friday said concepts like *varna* and *jati* should be completely discarded.

Speaking at a book release function in Nagpur, he said the caste system has no relevance now.

Citing the book that was released, *Vajrasuchi Tunk* by Dr Madan Kulkarni and Dr Renuka Bokare, the RSS chief said social equality was a part of the Indian tradition, but it was forgotten and this led to damaging consequences.

Referring to the claim that the *varna* and *jati* system originally did not have discrimination and had its uses, Bhagwat said if today someone asked about these institutions, the answer must be that "it is past, let's forget it." "Everything that causes discrimination should go out lock, stock and barrel," the RSS chief said.

He also said the previous generations made mistakes everywhere, and India was no exception. **PTI**

## In MP, 2 Cong MLAs booked for harassing woman travelling with her baby on train

IRAM SIDDIQUE  
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 7



Saraf and (right) Kushwaha have denied the charges.

TWO CONGRESS MLAs in Madhya Pradesh were booked by the Government Railway Police (GRP) allegedly for sexually harassing a woman while travelling in the Rewa-Habibganj Rewanchal Express train on Thursday night.

The accused MLAs were identified as Sidharth Kushwaha (Satna) and Suneel Saraf (Kotma) who were booked by the GRP under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code (use of assault or criminal force on a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty) at Sagar station. The incident came to light after the woman, who was travelling with her infant, shared her ordeal with her husband, who in turn sought "help" on Twitter after which the

GRP reached the woman at Sagar.

In his tweet, the woman's husband stated, "My wife is travelling with my newborn baby. The other two persons are drunk and have started abusing. You [GRP] are requested to rush there immediately." According to Sagar GRP in-charge PK Ahirwar, they were informed by the control room that a woman in a particular coach needed help. "We deputised three personnel... they travelled with her

up to Bhopal and recorded her statement, based on which an FIR under Section 354 of the IPC was registered at Sagar against the Congress MLAs," Ahirwar said.

The woman in her statement to the police said: "While I was asleep with my baby... the two Congress MLAs, too, were in the same coach. They were drunk and abusive. As I was asleep, they woke me up and tapped on my shoulder, seeking to know if I had eaten

my dinner." She further said the two didn't pay any heed to her requests to behave. It was only after the police reached that she could change the coach. Even as she was leaving, the woman alleged, Kotma MLA Saraf stopped her and asked why she was leaving and "if there was any problem?"

Saraf termed the complaint baseless, saying, "I boarded the train from Katni and bumped into Khushwaha by chance. There were four people in the coach, the two of us [MLAs], the woman and another passenger who was asleep on an upper berth. When I entered the coach at Katni and tried to turn on light, the woman was against it as the child was asleep. We [MLAs] had dinner and stepped out to wash our hands." He said when they [MLAs] were returning to the coach, they saw the woman moving out. "We

reached our berths and were more comfortable as she was the only woman in coach."

Saraf said they were sleeping when around 3am, two cops came and informed them that they have been accused of harassing a woman. "We [MLAs] were shocked. The police clicked our pictures and left." The two legislators subsequently learnt of the tweets put out by the woman's husband.

Saraf said the "woman's husband has accused Sidharth of harassing her, while her complaint accuses me of the same". "Both stories are not consistent. We are public representatives, how can we afford to behave in such a manner... in an AC coach of a train... there was a fourth passenger in the coach, who, too, was equally shocked when the police reached alleging harassment."

## Vande Bharat hits cow, day after buffalo mishap

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
VADODARA, OCTOBER 7

THE VANDE Bharat Express on its way to Mumbai from Gandhinagar hit a cow for the second consecutive day Friday—the same day Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that "collision with cattle on tracks is unavoidable" and termed the train as "world-class, designed to withstand collision". The train sustained a dent on its nose in the impact of Friday's collision.

This comes a day after the newly launched train crashed into and killed at least "three-four" buffaloes on the track near Vatva. The incident took place around 4 pm Friday when the Vande Bharat Express hit a cow at the Kanjari Boriyavi station in Kheda. Railway officials said the cow was killed in the accident but no human casualty was reported. Officials also confirmed that the train, which has been left with a damaged nose for the second day, will undergo repair after arriving in Mumbai around 8 pm.

According to railway officials, the train was "running on time" despite the damaged nose that had only been repaired Thursday evening after it reached Mumbai following the buffalo accident.

Union Minister Vaishnaw, who was in Anand district had, earlier in the day, noted that the train was designed to withstand "unavoidable" collision with bovines. "The train is sturdy and designed to withstand accidents... In India, railway tracks are on (accessible) grounds and everywhere, cattle cross railway tracks. It is not possible to stop them. Only when we evaluate tracks in the next few years, will we be able to prevent collisions with cattle," he said.

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The damaged nose panel of the Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express, in Gujarat on Friday. Express

## Submitted complaints, was not heard: Father of UP gangrape victim who ended her life

ASAD REHMAN  
AMBEDKAR NAGAR, OCTOBER 7

"HUMNE KISI adhikari ko nahi chhoda... Yahaan se Lucknow tak main kisi ko nahi chhoda hoon. Maine logon se karza le kar beti ko adhikariyon se milwaya. Lekin humari sumwai kahin nahi hui (I have not left out any official. From here to Lucknow, I have not left out meeting any official. I had to borrow money from people to travel and meet officials. But I was not heard by anyone)," says the father of a 13-year-old girl who died by suicide in Ambedkar Nagar district over alleged inaction by police despite multiple complaints

that she was gangraped by two men at a hotel in Lucknow. The father shows copies of complaints that he submitted to different officials in Lucknow and Ambedkar Nagar.

More than a fortnight after she was allegedly abducted and gangraped, the girl died by suicide on Wednesday. Police on Friday said they have arrested the two men who allegedly raped the girl at a Lucknow hotel. While one of them lives in another village in Ambedkar Nagar district, the other is from Lakhimpur Kheri district.

The victim's father alleged that he met Ambedkar Nagar Superintendent of Police Ajit Kumar Sinha on September 29

with his complaint, but was not given a hearing. Asked about the allegation levelled by the father of the victim, Sinha said, "This is not true. I had told the father that whatever is right in the matter will come out. I had told him that because the complaint is against unidentified people, the girl needed to be questioned."

With her family alleging that she took the step due to alleged police inaction in the gangrape investigation, the district police administration had on Thursday removed the in-charge (SHO) of the police station concerned and suspended the investigating officer for alleged dereliction of duty.

"I had also submitted a complaint to the District Magistrate. I

had also gone to meet the CM in Lucknow, but couldn't meet him and submitted a complaint with an official there," said the father.

Police arrested two persons—the girl's aunt and a 35-year-old man—Thursday after the girl died by suicide Wednesday. The first arrests happened weeks later despite the family naming the two accused in their complaint on September 18. "They made the arrests after she took the extreme step. Before that, no action was taken," says the father. The girl was allegedly kidnapped by two persons when she was on her way to school on September 16. Two days later, she returned home and said she had managed to escape from her captors in Lucknow.

## ED attaches Rs 1.54 crore assets in money laundering case against Amnesty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 1.54 crore belonging to Indians for Amnesty International Trust (AIT) in connection with its money laundering probe into the finances of Amnesty International and its related entities. The assets are in the form of deposits in bank accounts.

The ED case is based on a CBI FIR against Amnesty for alleged violation of the Foreign Contributions Regulatory Act (FCRA), 2010. "In this case, Amnesty International India Foundation Trust (AIIFT) had been granted permission under the FCRA during 2011-12 for receiving foreign contributions from Amnesty International UK. However, the same was cancelled and permission/registration has been denied. Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd (AIPL) and AIT were formed in 2013-14 and 2012-13, respectively, to escape the FCRA route and carried out NGO activities in the guise of service export and FDI," the ED said in a statement.

According to ED, its probe revealed that upon cancellation of FCRA licence of AIIFT, a new method was adopted by Amnesty entities to receive money from abroad. Amnesty International, UK, allegedly sent Rs 51.72 crore to AIPL in the guise of Export of Services and Foreign Direct Investment. ED alleged there was no documentary proof for the alleged export such as invoices and copies of the agreement submitted during the investigation.

"It is prima facie found that Amnesty International, UK, invested in AIPL in the form of 'Compulsory Convertible Debentures'. Subsequently, another Indian entity, IAIT established an overdraft facility for Rs 14.25 crore keeping the Rs 10 crore FD of AIPL as collateral. The overdraft facility was used by IAIT for Amnesty India's NGO activities. Therefore, the FDI received by AIPL are being used by the Indians for Amnesty International Trust, Bengaluru, to carry out its NGO activities..." the ED said.

## BODY FOUND ON SEPTEMBER 24

## Police: Jharkhand man lynched on suspicion of child lifting, 6 detained

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 7

SIX PEOPLE have been detained for questioning in Bengaluru in connection with the September 23 alleged murder of a 33-year-old Jharkhand man, who was assaulted over suspicion of child lifting, police said on Friday.

Police said victim Sanjay Tudu, who worked as a mason in Ramamurthy Nagar, was found dead on September 24 on a footpath in ITI colony under the KR Puram police jurisdiction. He was allegedly assaulted by a mob that mistook him for a child-lifter at Dargah Mohalla in

## India: Rights of people of Xinjiang must be respected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

RIGHTS OF the people of the autonomous region in China's Xinjiang should be "respected and guaranteed", India said on Friday in what is being viewed as its first clear comment on the situation in the neighbouring country.

This comes a day after India abstained from voting on a resolution at the United Nations High Commission that called for a debate on concerns over the human rights situation in Xinjiang.

"The human rights of the people of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region should be respected and guaranteed. We hope that the relevant party will address the situation objectively and properly," Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said.

On India's abstention, Bagchi said it was in line with long-held practice in India's foreign policy to not vote on country-specific resolutions. The comments came amid the continuing border row between India and China in eastern Ladakh. "India remains committed to upholding all human rights. India's vote is in line with its long held position that country specific resolutions are never helpful. India favours a dialogue to deal with such issues," he said.

Bagchi said India has taken note of assessment of human rights concerns in Xinjiang by the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR).

On India's conflict with China

vis-à-vis the border, India said the situation at eastern Ladakh has not returned to the stage of full normalcy as some steps are yet to be taken for it. "Some steps are required for full normalcy. We have not reached there," Bagchi said, responding to the comments of Chinese envoy Sun Weidong on Thursday when he claimed that the situation in eastern Ladakh is "overall stable".

The MEA spokesman said India has been maintaining that it expects disengagement followed by de-escalation for the return of normalcy on the border, which could pave the way for normal ties between the two neighbouring countries.

"We have not reached there... I would not like to say that the situation is normal. There have been some positive steps, but some steps are yet to be taken," he said.

On other issues, Bagchi said that six Indian prisoners, who completed their jail terms, died in Pakistan in the last nine months and India has raised the "alarming" issue with Islamabad.

"All the six, interestingly, had completed their sentences, but what we would say, were illegally detained by Pakistan despite completing their sentences and in spite of multiple demands by the Indian side for their release and repatriation," he added.

India has also conveyed its objections to the US over the recent visit to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir by the American Ambassador to Islamabad, he said.

## 60 kg drugs seized, ex-AI pilot among six arrested

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai unit seized 60 kg of high-quality Mephedrone (MD) and arrested six accused, including the trafficking gang's kingpin, from multiple cities. A former pilot, who was earlier employed with Air India, was among the arrested.

Acting on the information shared by the Naval Intelligence Unit, Jamnagar in Gujarat, an NCB team led by Mumbai Unit Zonal director Amit Ghawate found that a bulk consignment of high-quality drugs was about to be transported from Gujarat to another state.

On Monday, the team seized 10.3 kg of Mephedrone and four people were arrested. The one arrested from Jamnagar, Gujarat was identified as Bhaskar V, while the rest three were held from Mumbai and are identified as Sohail Mahida, S M Chowdhury & Muthu P D.

During interrogation, the accused disclosed details about major drug linkages and associates operating from Mumbai. Accordingly, the NCB team conducted further raids and around 50 kg of MD was recovered from

a godown located 500 metres from the Mumbai NCB office on Thursday. The alleged kingpin of the gang was also arrested from Mumbai along with one MF Chisty.

An NCB official said that Mahida was a pilot and served in Air India between 2016-18. He completed his training in San Antonio, Texas, USA and Lithuania. However, due to irregular flight timings, his health suffered and eventually, he quit in 2018 and was jobless ever since. A Dongri resident, Mahida approached his friend Bhaskar for a job. It was Bhaskar, who got him to join the narcotics supply network," an NCB official said.

Muthu P D is a history sheeter, who was arrested earlier by DRI in 2001 in a trafficking case involving 350 kg of Mandrax and was out on bail since 2008. Officials said that the source of drugs in the seizures made in Jamnagar and Mumbai are similar. It is further analysed that the total seizure of 60 kg of Mephedrone is part of a larger consignment and has linkages with the earlier seizure of Mephedrone made by the Mumbai police. Mephedrone is a stimulant drug commonly known as Meow Meow or M-Cat in the illicit drug market.

## FROM PAGE ONE

## Best case scenario will be growth rate with a 7% handle in front: CEA

At the Express Adda, Nageswaran was in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director of The Indian Express Group, and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor, *The Indian Express*.

Referring to the post-pandemic recovery in the domestic economy, the CEA said some of the so-called high frequency indicators such as retail footfalls, air travel, railway freight, have held up far better than expected.

"The best case scenario given the state of the world would be for India to be able to achieve a real growth rate of which has a 7 (per cent) handle in front of it. That would be a good situation. But if I look at some of the so-called high frequency indicators, like footfalls and restaurants, air travel, railway freight, etc since we have data up to August more clearly, some of those indicators have held up far better than expected."

"One or two areas which were lagging behind such as contact services, hotels, restaurants... even they have improved, although they have not gone back to the pre-pandemic levels... only

two of them are still below the pre-pandemic levels such as international tourist arrivals and domestic travel, but everything else has gone past the pre-pandemic levels," he said.

On the risks to the economy, Nageswaran said the external sector is "one area that we need to be very watchful about".

"As a country that runs a current account deficit, naturally, we look for external capital. And yes, FDI and FII flows are two components, but there are other components as well — bilateral credit, external commercial borrowings, those also meet our current account funding requirements. As of now, of course, we feel that it is something that we need to be watchful about but not necessarily something to lose sleep over. Because we do have at the moment the kind of reserves covered that do take care of eight to nine months of inputs."

"And so all I would say is, it all depends on how commodity prices evolve. In the last 2-3 months, they have dropped quite materially, but in the last

few days, oil prices have firmed up a little bit. But these things, we just have to be very watchful... luckily, in good times we have built up the safety net or we have bought umbrellas that we can use in these times."

He said the country was strong on the macroeconomic stability front and that it could gear for growth in the coming years. "India enjoys a return to macroeconomic stability, and also prospects of growth not just in the current financial year, but subsequent years as well, which I think is something given the headwinds that we face and which might linger. I think it's something that should make us feel relatively comfortable. Yes, we could... we should be able to grow much faster. But I mean, under the circumstances, to the kind of role position that we are seeing whether it is six and a half or seven or whatever... we should be somewhat relieved that these growth outcomes do materialise under the situation that we find ourselves in. It will be a creditable achievement," he said.

On the day the rupee fell past

the 82 level to a fresh record low of 82.33 per US dollar, Nageswaran said the domestic currency's performance needs to be seen in the global context.

"If you look at the rupee's performance in the course of the current financial year or current calendar year, it is one of the better ones. And I am not just talking about the emerging economies, including advanced currencies, such as the euro, the pound, the yen and the Korean won etc... The rupee has done far better against the US dollar... It is not a big historical low. No, it's probably stronger than it was a year or two ago. So I think we need to sort of keep these kinds of headlines in perspective. I wouldn't be worried about this being neither good nor bad because the reality is when the United States raises interest rates and when investors around the world become cautious, and flows of capital get affected and the dollar tends to appreciate against all currencies... Since the conflict broke out, it's the story of dollar strength. It's not a story of rupee weakness," he said.

**GUJARAT FLOGGING INCIDENT**

# Are human rights only for those pelting stones: state minister

**RASHI MISHRA**  
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 7



**Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi**

IN A purported reference to the Kheda communal violence incident, Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi Friday wondered if "human rights were only for those pelting stones". He also hailed the Gujarat police for working hard "to ensure" that youths could play garba until late at night.

If you liked this (what the police did), then please thank and congratulate the Gujarat police on your social media, not me."

The minister's remarks came after an FIR was filed against 43 people from Undhela village in Kheda district for allegedly pelting stones at a garba held in the village Monday. Later, a video clip emerged showing plain-clothed cops flogging four to five men, alleged to be the accused, by holding them against an electric pole in public as the crowd cheered.

Congress MLAs Imran Khedawala and Gyasuddin Sheikh condemned the issue and demanded the suspension of the police officers who had taken the "law into their hands". On Thursday, DGP Ashish Bhatia set up an inquiry to be conducted by Kapadwanj taluka's deputy superintendent of police VN Solanki into the alleged flogging. Eighteen persons have been arrested in the case so far.

"You must have seen...these days some human rights activists have woken up...Is humanity only for those pelting stones? Are there no human rights for those children and women who were hit by stones on their heads," he asked the audience during an interaction held at Gujarat University.

Emphasising that human rights are for even those hit by stones, the minister said, "Then why is that every time the discussion is about (protecting the) human rights of those throwing stones? The time has come to think about this. The Gujarat police has worked hard to ensure that our sisters and youths were able to play garba till late at night, and people were able to run businesses till late and earn their liv-

# NCB seizes Afghan heroin from fishing vessel off Kochi coast

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 7



**Indian Navy personnel on the fishing boat with its crew and the seized contraband.**

IN A major drug bust, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has seized 200 kg of Afghan heroin from an Iranian fishing vessel off the Kochi coast. Six Iran nationals were arrested and they were brought to Kochi along with the boat, said an official release.

In an official release, NCB said it acted upon specific inputs on an international drug trafficking organization and intercepted the fishing boat in a joint operation with the Indian Navy. The consignment was to be handed over to a Sri Lankan vessel.

NCB said preliminary investigation has revealed that the seized drug was sourced from Afghanistan and was transported to Pakistan. "This consignment was then loaded into the seized vessel off the Pakistan coast in a mid-sea exchange. The

vessel then set sail to Indian waters for further delivery of the consignment to a Sri Lankan vessel. Efforts were made to identify and intercept the Sri Lankan vessel. However, the same couldn't be traced yet," it said.

The seized heroin was found in 200 packets and each of the packets had markings and pack-

## Jharkhand: Woman set ablaze for rejecting marriage proposal dies, I held

**Dumka:** A 22-YEAR-OLD woman died in a Ranchi hospital on Friday hours after being set ablaze allegedly by a man whose marriage proposal she rejected, police said.

The woman, Maruti Kumari, a resident of Bhalki village in Dumka district, died in Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, a police officer said.

Dumka SP Amber Lakra, said a team of doctors in presence of a magistrate will do the autopsy. "Her statement was recorded before a magistrate before her death which will be her dying declaration. An FIR is also there."

The accused, already married, has been arrested, Shivender Thakur, SDPO, Jarmundi, said. "A local man, who wanted to marry her, entered her home and poured petrol on her when she was asleep and set her ablaze."

As per the woman's statement, the accused had threatened to kill her in the manner in which a 19-year-old woman was set ablaze in Dumka in August. PTI

# In new travel advisory, US cautions against 'crime', 'terror' in India

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 7

THE US on Friday asked its citizens to exercise "increased caution" while travelling to India due to "crime and terrorism" and advised them not to travel to J&K.

In a new travel advisory issued Friday, US State Department reduced India Travel Advisory Level to 2 on a scale of one to 4 with the latter being the highest.

The State Department in a separate advisory, a day earlier, had put Pakistan on Level 3 and asked citizens to reconsider their travel.

"Exercise increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism," said the State Department. "Do not travel to: The union territory of Jammu and Kashmir due to terrorism and civil unrest. Within 10 km of the India-Pakistan border due to the potential for

armed conflict."

"Indian authorities report rape is one of the fastest growing crimes in India. Violent crime, such as sexual assault, has occurred at tourist sites and in other locations," the advisory said.

It said that "terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and government facilities."

"The US government has limited ability to provide emergency services to US citizens in rural areas from eastern Maharashtra and northern Telangana through western West Bengal as US government employees must obtain special authorisation to travel to these areas," it added

## Haryana panchayat polls: first phase in 10 dist on Oct 30, Nov 2

**Chandigarh:** Haryana panchayat polls will be held in two phases with polling for the first phase in 10 of the 22 districts on October 30 and November 2, State Election Commissioner Dhanpat Singh said Friday.

The districts going to polls in the first phase are Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Mahendergarh, Nuh, Panchkula, Panipat, and Yamunanagar. Polling will be conducted from 7 am to 6 pm.

"On October 30, polling will take place to elect members of zila parishad and block samitis of these 10 districts, while polls for sarpanches and panches of gram panchayats, will be held on

November 2," Dhanpat Singh said addressing a press conference in Panchkula.

This is the first time when voting for panch, sarpanch and members of block samiti and zila parishad will be held on different days in Haryana.

Nomination process for first phase will start from October 14.

Congress has decided not to contest the panchayat polls on party symbol. The ruling BJP is not contesting the election for panch, sarpanch, block samiti members on party symbol and has left the decision on district units whether they wish to contest the zila parishad election on it or not. ENS

## Court seeks Gyanvapi management's reply on plea for 'Shivling' carbon-dating

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
VARANASI, OCTOBER 7

A VARANASI court Friday asked the Gyanvapi mosque management to reply to a plea seeking the carbon-dating of a structure within the complex that is claimed to be a "Shivling".

It asked the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which manages the mosque, to file the reply on October 11, the next date of hearing of the case involving the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri dispute.

The petitioners contended that the alleged "shivling" found in the "wazoo-khana" reservoir of the mosque during a survey on May 16 was part of the case property, according to district government advocate Mahendra Pandey.

The petitioners' lawyer, Vishnu Shankar Jain, told reporters that the court wanted to know if the "Shivling" was a part of the case property and whether it could appoint a commission for the purpose of carbon-dating and a scientific investigation of the structure. "We had raised two points. First, we demanded the right to worship 'pratyaksh' (visible) and 'apratyaksh' (invisible) god. The shivling, which was under the water in the wazoo-khana, became 'pratyaksh devta' from 'apratyaksh devta' after the water was removed. Hence, that is a part of the suit. Second, we sought the attention of the court towards Order 26 Rule 10 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC) under which the court can appoint a commission for scientific investigation," he said.

The petitioners also told the court that the mosque management has said on an affidavit that the structure is a fountain and it wants it to be ascertained whether it is a fountain or a "shivling", Jain said. "The best method is that it should be examined by the Archaeological Survey of India, for which the court can appoint a commission," he added.

Another lawyer representing the petitioners, Hari Shankar Jain, said some people are trying to spread rumours that carbon-dating will damage the "shivling".

"On this, we told the court that a scientific examination should be carried out at places where carbon-dating cannot be done," he said.

Joint secretary of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, Mohammad Yasin, said: "We were hopeful that the court would give its judgment on carbon-dating on Friday. But it has fixed October 11 as the next date of hearing."

The Gyanvapi mosque is located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple and the case in the Varanasi court has revived claims that the mosque was built on a portion of the Hindu structure demolished on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb.

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**  
**भवन निर्माण विभाग,**  
**भवन प्रमंडल बांका**  
**राष्ट्रीय स्तर ई-पुनर्निविदा**  
**अति अल्पकालीन आमंत्रण सूचना सं-04 (SBD) वर्ष 2022-23**

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन प्रमंडल, बांका।  
2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि : दिनांक 29.09.2022  
3. परिमाण-विषय (आवतलोक करने) की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 11.10.2022 से 01.11.2022 को 15:00 बजे तक।  
4. निविदा प्रारि (अवलोकन करने) की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 11.10.2022 से 02.11.2022 को 15:00 बजे तक।  
5. प्रीबीड निविदा की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : (क) दिनांक 15.10.2022 को 15:00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल, भागलपुर कार्यालय कक्ष में।  
(ख) दिनांक 20.10.2022 को 15:00 बजे मुख्य अभियंता (दो, मधुनिधि विहार पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में।  
6. निविदा खोलने (हकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 04.11.2022 को 15:00 बजे।  
7. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : हकनीकी बीड अनुमोदन पर्याप्त।  
8. परिमाण विषय विवेकी का स्थान : वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)  
9. निविदा प्रारि का स्थान : वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)  
10. निविदा वेबसाइट की अवधि : 120 दिन  
11. निविदा स्वीकृत करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता : सहाय्य प्रभिकार कार्य की विवरणी

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**भवन प्रमंडल, बांका**  
**नशाभुक्त हो जाए विहार, सुरक्षित रहे घर परिवार।**

PR. No. 8842 (BCD) 2022-23

**Rural Works Department**  
**Works Division, Gopalganj-2**  
**Notice Inviting Tender (No.-RWD/MMGSY/ET/02/2022-23)**

Executive Engineer, Rural Works Department, Works Division, Gopalganj-2, Bihar invites on behalf of Governor of Bihar Percentage rate tenders (Through E-procurement system, SBD Based) on bona fide, approved and eligible contractors registered with RWD/ RCD/CPWD/MES/ Railways/ Other State/Central Govt. departments for the following MMGSY road Works including maintenance for five years after Construction of Road.

Sl. No.	Name of Road	Block	Length (In. Km.)	Estimated cost including in 5 year maintenance (In Lakh)	EMD (in Lacs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Time of Completion	Amount at Payable	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Pitch road to Nahar Par	Manjha	1.560	152.15	3.04	10000	12 Months	EE RWD Works Division, Gopalganj-2 payable at Gopalganj	

Downloading of Bidding Documents : From 08.11.22(09:00) to 17.11.22 (12:00)  
Online Bid Submission last date : 17.11.22 up to 15:00 Hours  
Offline Bid Submission last date : 17.11.22 up to 15:00 Hours  
Online Bid Opening date : 17.11.22 at 15:30 Hours

Details of tender related information can be viewed/ downloaded from the website http://pmsgsyntendersbih.gov.in. Interested Bidders will have to register with their DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) in the web site http://pmsgsyntendersbih.gov.in.

For further assistance regarding e-tendering process kindly contact-Vishweshwariya Bhawan 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Rural Works Department, Bailey Road Patna-800014. Mob.No- 8986915061.

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**Executive Engineer**  
Rural Works Department  
Works Division, Gopalganj-2

PR- 8889 ( R W D ) 2022-23 नरो से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है।

**RAPE-MURDER**

## Families of 3 accused file pleas to declare them juveniles

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 7

NEARLY THREE weeks after two minor Dalit sisters were murdered after their alleged gangrape in Lakhimpur Kheri district, the families of three of the six accused have filed petitions in a local court seeking directions to declare them juvenile. All six accused are lodged in jail since their arrest last month.

On September 14, the bodies of the two sisters, aged 17 and 15, were found hanging from a tree in their village. Police had said the accused raped and strangled the minors before hanging their bodies from a tree to make it appear like an incident of suicide.

An FIR was registered and six youths were arrested. Lakhimpur Kheri Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Suman had earlier named the accused, claiming all of them were in their twenties.

Defence counsel Anoop Saxena said three applications were filed in a local court by the families of the three. "The families claimed that they (accused) were minor at the time of the incident and requested the court to declare them juvenile. We informed the court that the three are aged between 14 and 15." To support the claim, we submitted educational certificates of two of the accused. Since the third did not attend school, we told the court that his age is 15 years. The court Friday ordered his medical examination to ascertain his age," said Suresh Kumar Singh, a defence counsel.

The court Friday began recording statements of family members of the accused, Saxena added.

# Juvenile among 2 held for RPG attack on Punjab Police Intelligence HQ

**New Delhi:** The special cell of Delhi Police Friday said it has apprehended two terror accused, including a juvenile, in connection with the May 9 RPG attack at Punjab Police Intelligence headquarters in Mohali. The juvenile, who had been involved in two high profile murders, was also tasked with "eliminating" actor Salman Khan, the police said.

The other accused has been identified as Arshdeep Singh who was wanted in connection with the recovery of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Haryana's Kurukshetra and Punjab's Tarn Taran, they said.

According to Special Commissioner HGS Dhaliwal, the

attack was a conspiracy of the Babbar Khalsa International, backed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and local gangsters. The attack was carried out by the juvenile, who is a resident of Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh, and one Deepak, a resident of Surakhpur, Haryana.

"The attack was orchestrated by gangster-turned-ISI stooge Harvinder Singh alias Rinda," Dhaliwal said. Canada-based gangster-turned-terrorist Lakhbir Singh Landa joined sharing resources with Rinda, he added.

The juvenile is wanted in the murder of builder Sanjay Biyani and Bishnoi gang shooter Rana Kandowalia. ENS

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Applications are invited for the following Regular Group 'B' Technical Positions in C-DAC, Noida to be filled by way of Direct Recruitment mode:

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Technical Assistant	6	09*	UR 04, SC 01, ST 01, OBC 02, EWS 01

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davn 17184/12/0008/2223 **Director & CEO, AIIMS, Bathinda**

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Auth	Name of Work/Notice Tender	Opening Date/Closing Date (Time)	Amount/EMD (Approx) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./Auth	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/Email
1.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, SAMPLA	STREET SWEEPING DRAIN CLEANING AND BUSH UPROOTING IN MC AREA SAMPLA FOR ONE YEAR	06.10.2022 20.10.2022	122 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9996444660 sec.sampila@gmail.com

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**Notice to Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor** Date: 31.08.2022

**Smt. Jadawati Devi, W/O Sh Kamla Dubey, (Borrower and Mortgagor) R/O Vill- Sapnauliya, PO-Saitha, PS- Sonhan, Dist- Bhabhua, Bihar- 821101 AND Resident of Khadaura (Bhabhua Kudra Road), Bhabhua, District Kaimuri-821101**

**Sh. Kamla Dubey, S/O Late Chandradeep Dubey (Guarantor), P/O-Khadaura (Bhabhua Kudra Road), Ward No-25, PO+ PS- Bhabhua, Dist- Kaimur, Bihar- 821101**

**Sh. Ram Ashish Dwivedi, S/O Kamla Dubey (Borrower), P/O-Khadaura (Bhabhua Kudra Road), Ward No-25, PO+ PS- Bhabhua, Dist- Kaimur, Bihar- 821101**

**Sir/Madam,**  
**NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI)**

**Reg: Account No. 386300NC20061895 (Housing Loan Facility availed by Smt Jadawati Devi, W/O Sh Kamla Dubey)**

You, **Smt Jadawati Devi, W/O Sh Kamla Dubey, R/O Vill- Sapnauliya, PO- Saitha, PS- Sonhan, Dist- Bhabhua, Bihar- 821101** has availed the following outstanding credit facilities: (In Rupee)

Sr No.	Facility	Limit	Rate of Interest	Balance outstanding as on date of NPA i.e. (Principal + Interest)	Interest (w.e.f 01.10.2019 to till 30.08.2022)	Recovery/Credit amount after on 30.08.2019 (NPA date) till 30.08.2022)	Total outstanding (as on 30.08.2022) + further interest.
1	Housing Loan	10,00,000.00	9.05%	9,77,731.00	2,96,841.00	45,000.00	12,29,572.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,00,000.00</b>					<b>12,29,572.00</b>

Due to non-payment of instalment/ interest/ principal debt/ insufficient credits in the accounts, the account/s has/have been classified as Non-Paying/Performing Asset on 30.09.2019 as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines. We have recalled the entire outstanding together with interest and other charges due under above facilities.

The total amount due to the Bank as on 30.08.2022 is **Rs 12,29,572.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two only)** with further interest until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "Secured Debt")

To secure the outstanding under the above facilities, you have, inter alia, created security interest in respect of the following properties/assets:

Sl.	Facility	Security
1.	Housing Loan	All that part and Parcel of Immovable Property Situated at- Mauza-Khadaura, Thana No 451, Thana + Sub Registry Office + District-Bhabhua (Kaimur), Khata No 01, Plot No- 340, Area-1.50 decimal, <b>Mortgagor- Smt. Jadawati devi, W/O Sh Kamla Dubey, Deed No- 2412 dated 20.03.2008, Mortgage Deed No- 1111 dated 09.03.2017, Boundary- North- Sadak, South- Kamla dubey, East-Uma Sah, West- Sharda Devi (Note:-This property is also mortgaged in the loan account no.3159008700001482 and 3159001B00000010 availed by M/s Guru Kripa Rice Mill. Any surplus amount will be adjusted in the loan account no. 3159008700001482 and/or 3159001B00000010.)</b>

We hereby call upon you to pay the amount of **12,29,572.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two only)** with further interest/charges/costs at the contracted rate until payment in full within 60 days (sixty days) from the date of this notice. In default, besides exercising other rights of the Bank as available under Law, the Bank is intending to exercise any or all of the powers as provided under section 13(4) of the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act")**.

The Details of the secured asset/s intended to be enforced by the bank, in the event of non-payment of secured debt by you are as mentioned above:

Your attention is hereby drawn invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank.

You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. If for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased put in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited/ remitted with/to the Bank. You will have to render proper account of such realization/income.

**We reserve our rights to enforce other secured assets.**  
Please comply with this demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequences.

This notice is issued without prejudice to the bank taking legal action before DRT/Court, as the case may be.

Date : 31.08.2022 **Note:- Earlier 13 (2) Notice dated 17.03.2020 Stands withdrawn.** (Authorised Officer) Punjab National Bank

## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**Lone,R/O-** Lachipora,Tehsil-Boniyar, District- Baramulla, In my service records the name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Rashid Ahmad Lone instead of Rashid Gani Lone. It needs correction. Objections be filled to 161 TA JAKLI within seven days.

0040635568-10

**I,hitherto** known as Devansh,S/o Satish Kumar,R/O,G-122-G-Block,Karampora,Delhi-110015,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Devansh Choudhery.

0040635568-4

**I,Zainab** Shuaib,W/O Shoab Saheed,R/O-16A lane no-1 Johri farm Jamia nagar okhla Delhi-110025,have changed my name to Zainab Shoab

0040635616-3

**I,Yogesh,W/O-Shri** Ramesh Kumar Arora,R/O Flat No.217,JaI Apartment,Sector-9,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Yogesh Arora.

0040635613-2

**I,Vandna** Devi W/o Rajinder Kumar R/O H.No.-222B, Block-G, Sector-22, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Bandana Devi for all purposes.

0040635496-2

**I,VIKAS ADWANI,S/O-** Ghanshyam Dass Advani,R/O.B-7,Ordinance-Apartment, VikasPuri,Delhi-110018,inform that in my passport my-mother's name is incorrectly-mentioned VIDHYA ADWANI while her correct-name is-VIDHYA ADVANI.

0040635569-6

**I,VIKAS ADWANI,S/O-** Ghanshyam Dass Advani,R/O.B-7,Ordinance-Apartment, VikasPuri,Delhi-110018,inform that in my passport my-mother's name is incorrectly-mentioned GHANSHYAM DASS ADWANI while his correct-name is GHANSHYAM DASS ADVANI.

0040635569-7

**I,VIKAS ADWANI,S/O-** Ghanshyam Dass Advani,R/O.B-7,Ordinance-Apartment, VikasPuri,Delhi-110018, inform that in my passport my name is incorrectly-mentioned VIKAS ADWANI while my correct-name is-VIKAS ADVANI.

0040635568-3

**I,Soni** W/o-Tarun kumar,Address- House no-C6/10,Third Floor Rana pratap bagh Delhi-110007,Changed my name to Sonil Kumari.

0040635569-2

**I,Shuaib** Saheed,S/O Saheed Ahmed,R/O-16A-lane no-1 Johri farm Jamia nagar okhla Delhi-110025,have changed my name to Shoab Saheed

0040635616-2

**I,Shilpi** Bahel,W/o-Mannik Bahel,R/O GH-13/408, Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi-87,have changed my name,from Shilpi Gupta to Shilpi Bahel, after-marriage.

0040635568-7

**I,Sancharwa** Kerketta S/o Budhwa Kerketta R/O 829, Block-2, Mahipalpur Village, Rangpuri, New Delhi-110037, have changed my minor daughter's name from Samuya to Somya.

0040635515-1

**I,SONY W/O KANTA GIRI** GOSWAMI R/O RZ-34/223,3rd-Floor,J-Block,Near,Shani Bazar,Sagarpur Nangal, Raya,Delhi-110046,changed my name to SARASWATI GIRI.

0040635569-4

**I,SEEMA SHARMA IS CHANGING** MY NAME TO SEEMA RANI SHARMA IN FUTURE.I WILL KNOWN AND CALLED AS SEEMA RANI SHARMA,W/O MANMEET SHARMA, H.No.677,NITI KHAND-3rd, INDIRAPURAM,GHAZIABAD.

0040635569-9

**I,Ramesh** Kumar,S/O-Shri Vir Bhan,R/O-Flat No. 217,JaI Apartment,Sector-9,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar Arora,S/O Shri Vir Bhan Arora.

0040635613-1

**I,RAYIHA KAMAL,W/O-** MOHAMMAD SAQIB KAMAL,ADD.B-18A,DUGGAL COLONY KHANPUR-PUSHPA,BHAVAN DELHI-110062,changed my name to NEW RAYIHA FAIZI.

0040635604-2

**I,RADHA D/O-** HARPAL SINGH R/O WZ-275,S.F.,GALI.NO-3,GURU NANAK NAGAR,MBS NAGAR,TILAK NAGAR, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to RADHA KAUR.

0040635568-2

**I,Paramjeet** Kaur W/o Jasbir Singh Awapal R/O E-30, First Floor, Sector-51, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Paramjeet Kaur Awapal for all purposes.

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**I,PURNIMA DEEPAK, W/O-** DEEPAK PAHWA, R/O-B-1004,EXOTICA-ELEGANCE, AHINSA KHAND-2,INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD,UP-201014,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PURNIMA HINJA, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

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**I,Imroz** Khan, Imroz Ahmed Khan S/o Mojibullah Khan R/O 67-B, Express View Apartment Block-MIG, Sector-93, Noida(U.P), have changed my name to Imroz Ahmad Khan for all purposes.

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**I,Brij** Kishore Choudhary,S/o Nthli Lal,R/O H.No.651,second floor,sector-29 Faridabad Haryana-121008,have changed my name to Brij Kishore.

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## TELLING NUMBERS

## Aatmanirbhar in defence: In the Indo-Pacific, India and others



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in India's indigenous Light Combat Helicopter Prachand in Jodhpur earlier this month. PTI

## ARMS EXPORTS &amp; IMPORTS; MILITARY SPENDING IN INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Country	Exporter rank*	Importer rank*	Largest supplier**	Military Spending 2021***	Spending rank****
Australia	3	2	US (69%)	31,754	5
China	1	3	Russia (77%)	293,352	1
India	4	1	Russia (54%)	76,598	2
Indonesia	5	8	US (23%)	8,259	9
Japan	14	6	US (97%)	54,124	3
South Korea	2	4	US (58%)	50,227	4
Malaysia	NA	16	Spain (32%)	3,830	13
Pakistan	13	5	China (72%)	11,305	8
Singapore	7	9	France (43%)	11,115	7
Taiwan	12	15	US (100%)	12,958	6
Thailand	15	10	South Korea (25%)	6,605	10
Vietnam	11	7	Russia (66%)	5,500*****	NA

\*Regional rank, 2016-20. Regional ranking is based on 44 jurisdictions in Asia and Oceania as defined in SIPRI databases. \*\*Share of total arms imports. \*\*\*Current US\$ mn. \*\*\*\*Regional rank, 2021. \*\*\*\*\*In 2018 NA: Not applicable.

Sources: SIPRI Arms Transfers Database, March 2022; SIPRI Military Expenditure Database, April 2022

INDIA RANKS fourth among 12 Indo-Pacific nations in self-reliant arms production capabilities, according to a study released this month by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a widely respected independent resource on global security. China tops the list, Japan is second, South Korea is in third place, and Pakistan is at number 8.

The study, which measures self-reliance until 2020, is based on three indicators of self-reliance in each country:

- Arms procurement — imports, licensed and domestic production as a proportion of the government's total procurement of major conventional arms;

- Arms industry — the study presents the five largest arms companies in each country, where data are available, ranked by sales of arms and military services in 2020 to both domestic and export customers;

- Uncrewed maritime vehicles, the sea equivalent of drones — covering both uncrewed surface vehicles (USVs) and uncrewed underwater vehicles (UUVs), meant to provide a qualitative under-

standing of how countries are engaging domestic research institutes and firms to produce such cutting edge systems.

The study's choice of maritime domain was because the Indo-Pacific region is a "maritime theatre", and most of its flashpoints involve navies. The 12 countries in the study were selected because they have the highest military spending in the region — Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

India is ranked as the second largest importer of arms for its armed forces in 2016-20. India is highly dependent on imports of complete foreign major arms, including many produced under licence or as components for its domestic production.

Of India's total volume of procurement in 2016-20, 84 per cent was of foreign origin. Domestic arms companies provide only 16 per cent of its total procurement. According to the study, the significant arms sales of local firms and the high level of licensed production push India to fourth position in the list.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

## NOBEL PRIZE PEACE

## Nobel statement as war rages

The Nobel Peace Prize, which has often mirrored the West's current geopolitical choices, has been given jointly to an individual and two organisations who stand, directly or indirectly, against Russia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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THE NOBEL PEACE Prize for 2022, awarded to a jailed Belarus civil rights activist, and a rights organisation each in Russia and Ukraine, puts the focus on Russia's war in Ukraine, now in its eighth month. The common thread among the winners of the Prize is that they stand, directly or indirectly, against Russia or an ally of Russia.

The Nobel Committee's choice of the winners made a statement — and it came, as Kenneth Roth, the former head of Human Rights Watch, noted, on the 70th birthday of President Vladimir Putin.

Ales Bialiatski, who is in jail since 2021, is a vocal critic of Putin's ally, President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus. Memorial, the Russian civil rights group, was shut down by Putin, and Center for Civil Liberties is a Ukrainian rights organisation that is documenting alleged war crimes by Russia in Ukraine.

Their Nobel citation said: "The Peace Prize laureates represent civil society in their home countries. They have for many years promoted the right to criticise power and protect the fundamental rights of citizens. They have made an outstanding effort to document war crimes, human rights abuses and the abuse of power. Together they demonstrate the significance of civil society for peace and democracy."

The Norwegian Nobel Committee said "[t]hrough their consistent efforts in favour of humanist values, anti-militarism and principles of law, this year's laureates have revitalised and honoured Alfred Nobel's vision of peace and fraternity between nations — a vision most needed in the world today".

## Ales Bialiatski of Belarus

In 1995, Bialiatski founded the Belarus human rights group Viasna (Spring) which, according to a fund-raising page on patreon.com, "defends human rights, promotes human rights and exposes violations". Bialiatski has "devoted his life to promoting democracy and peaceful development in his home country", Berit Reiss-Andersen, head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said on Friday.

The 60-year-old activist was first jailed in 2011 for evading taxes, a charge that he has denied. He was released in 2014, before being arrested again in 2021 during mass public protests in Minsk against elections that

## 'SIGNIFICANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY FOR DEMOCRACY'

Ales Bialiatski from Belarus, Memorial and the Center for Civil Liberties represent civil society in their home countries. They stand for the right to criticise power and protect citizens' fundamental rights.

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UKRAINENOBEL TO BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY:  
THE SVERIGES RIKSBANK PRIZE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Journalists Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize. The committee said they represented all journalists "who stand up for this ideal in a world in which democracy and freedom of the press face increasingly adverse conditions".

opposition activists said had kept Lukashenko in power the previous year.

In an interview given to Reuters in November 2021, Lukashenko, the first and only President of Belarus since it became an independent country, described himself as the "last dictator of Europe". A close ally of Putin, Lukashenko has since the beginning of the war offered his country's territory to Russian troops for launching attacks into Ukraine. Belarus shares a long border with Ukraine in the latter's northwest, and the distance from Minsk to Kyiv is just over 500 km. Russian missile launchers have been stationed on Belarus territory, and its soldiers are said to have fought alongside Russian troops, even though Lukashenko denies this.

Viasna states its mission as "working to build a just and free society and ensure the rights of all without exception". It watches over elections and human rights violations in Belarus, and provides human rights education and legal assistance to victims of human rights violations.

According to the site, seven members of Viasna are behind bars for defending human rights in Belarus. Homes and offices of Viasna activists and volunteers have been searched dozens of times, and hundreds of people

have been interrogated and detained for working with Viasna.

Bialiatski is being held without trial, and the Nobel Committee noted that "despite tremendous personal hardship, Mr Bialiatski has not yielded an inch in his fight for human rights and democracy..."

## Memorial group of Russia

Memorial was established by human rights activists in the former Soviet Union during the Gorbachev years of glasnost and perestroika, and among its founders were 1975 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov and Russian mathematician Svetlana Gannushkina. Its objective was to record atrocities committed during the communist regime, especially under Joseph Stalin. The Nobel Committee noted on Friday that Memorial "is based on the notion that confronting past crimes is essential in preventing new ones".

The Committee said that after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Memorial grew to become the largest human rights organisation in Russia. It established a centre to document victims of the Stalinist era, and compiled information on political oppression and human rights violations in Russia. Memorial, the most authoritative source of information

on political prisoners in Russian detention facilities, also leads efforts to combat militarism and promote human rights.

During the Chechen wars, Memorial gathered and verified information on abuses and war crimes by Russian and pro-Russian forces. In 2009, the head of Memorial's branch in Chechnya, Natalia Estemirova, was killed because of this work. The organisation was stamped as a "foreign agent" early on, and in December 2021, the Supreme Court ruled that it must be liquidated and the documentation centre shut permanently.

"The closures became effective in the following months, but the people behind Memorial refuse to be shut down," the Committee said.

## Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine

The Center was founded in Kyiv in 2007 with the aim of advancing human rights and democracy in Ukraine. The Nobel Committee said it has "taken a stand to strengthen Ukrainian civil society and pressure the authorities to make Ukraine a full-fledged democracy". The Center has actively advocated that Ukraine become affiliated with the International Criminal Court.

Since Russia's invasion in February 2022, the Center has engaged in efforts to identify and document Russian war crimes against the Ukrainian civilian population in collaboration with international partners.

## The choice of winner

The Nobel Peace Prize has often mirrored current geopolitical choices of the West. For this reason, the choice of some laureates has been as politically contentious as the word peace itself — including the question of peace for whom. One question that is periodically asked is why Mahatma Gandhi, almost universally revered as an apostle of peace, was overlooked by the Committee.

The winner of the Peace Nobel is chosen by a committee of five persons selected by Norway's Parliament. There were 343 candidates — 25 individuals and 92 organisations — for this year's prize, the second highest after the record 376 nominations of 2016. The names of nominators and nominees cannot be divulged for 50 years. Among eligible nominators are members of national assemblies and national governments of sovereign states as well as current heads of state, and members of The International Court of Justice and The Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

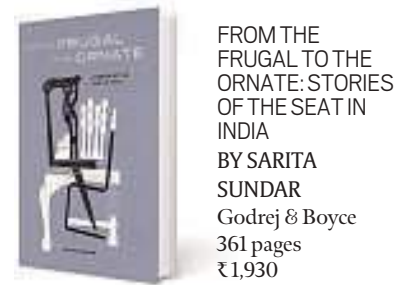
## EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

## Politics &amp; power: A short history of chairs in India

POOJA PILLAI  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

IN 2016, the Godrej Archives, set up to document and preserve the legacy of the Godrej Group, published *With Great Truth & Regard: A History of the Typewriter in India*. This book about the once-familiar object helped create a kind of discourse which has been rare in India — the "cultural biography" of an object. From the *Frugal to the Ornate: Stories of the Seat in India* by Sarita Sundar is the follow-up to that book, compiling essays on the very ancient history of the seat — including the chair in its European sense — in India, with a wealth of photographs (many drawn from the Godrej archives), paintings and posters illustrating this story.

Over the centuries, the seat in India has taken many forms, shapes and styles. It begins with the stark simplicity of the *patlo* or *palakka* — a low seat, typically made of wood,

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used by people as they go about their daily chores — and the *mooda* (low stool) or *charpai* (woven cot), which continue to serve as fresh inspiration for designers in the 21st century. If the moulded plastic bucket chair of waiting rooms speaks of a certain universality and accessibility in India's urban spaces, another strand of the story is told by the fabled, ornate Peacock Throne or Takht-i-Ta'us (jewelled throne) of the Mughal em-

peror Shah Jahan. The book is as much about India's ancient civilisation, with a rich tradition of crafts, as it is about a modernising nation. As the number of factories and commercial offices expanded and cities grew, the "office chair", with its wheels and sophisticated support mechanisms, and the highly-versatile plastic chair came to represent an India that was rapidly changing and always on the move.

The story of the seat — who sits where and at what height, who has one and who doesn't — is also one of politics and power. To take one example, there's a story about the shifting sands of power in the journey of the Peacock Throne, from the Diwan-i-Khas in Delhi's Red Fort to Persia after Nadir Shah's attack in 1739, where it was taken apart, each of its precious components, including the Kohinoor, finding its way into other hands. But more than all the elaborate thrones, including those of Mysore or Travancore, the low-slung planter's chair, with its indelible

association with the Raj, came to represent power — not just of the British colonialist over "native" underlings, but also of caste and gender as Indians adapted it for their use.

Not all of these inequalities were erased after India began its modernising project, but the chairs that began dotting the landscape after 1947 speak of a nation that was slowly, but stubbornly democratising. Take, for example, the dining-table chair of the new nuclear family, accessible to everyone, regardless of age and gender. Or the Irani Cafe chair, representing the growing proliferation of communal eating spaces, and the plastic Monobloc chair, first created by Canadian designer D C Simpson in 1946, and now found all over India and available to seat anyone from security guards at museums to guests at weddings.

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## India-made syrups and deaths in The Gambia: what we know so far

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EARLIER THIS week, the World Health Organisation (WHO) issued an alert about four Indian-manufactured cough syrups that it said could potentially be linked to acute kidney injury in children and 66 deaths in the West African nation of The Gambia.

The syrups — Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup, and Magrip N Cold Syrup — were manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals, based in Sonapat, Haryana.

## What happened in The Gambia?

In July, the country's Epidemiology and Disease Control Department was informed of a "sudden" increase in cases of children aged 5 months-4 years reporting to hospital with acute kidney injury. By August, 32 cases and 28 deaths had been reported, local media quoted the Ministry of Health as saying.

In August, the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital said: "There is a rare condition currently under observation in paediatric outpatient. Samples were collected from the affected children and awaiting results from the lab. Our doctors are working very hard to establish the cause of the condition."

The Gambia reported the four syrups, used for fever, cough, and allergic cold, to the WHO the next month. In its alert, the WHO said laboratory analysis of samples of each of these products had confirmed the presence of "unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol as contaminants". The Gambia initiated a nationwide recall of the syrups on October 5.

## What do diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol do?

Both are chemical contaminants that may be present in the solvent that is used in the syrups. They are toxic to humans, and can result in abdominal pain, vomiting, inability to pass urine, etc. They can also lead to acute kid-



An official at Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd in Sonapat on Thursday. PTI

ney injury that may be fatal in children. In 2020, 17 children died in Jammu and Kashmir after consuming a syrup with high levels of diethylene glycol.

## Should you be worried?

No. The four medicines were manufactured only for export to The Gambia. "These 04 drugs are not licensed for manufacture and sale in India. In effect, none of these four drugs is sold domestically," the Union Health Ministry has said in a release.

According to an official, the company had taken special permission to make the medicines with specifications of the export countries in mind after receiving a purchase order.

## Why are the syrups not sold in India?

A drug regulatory expert who was part of the investigation into the 2020 J&K deaths said India has phased out syrups in favour of suspensions.

In a syrup, the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) is completely mixed in the sol-

vent — imagine a sugar solution. In a suspension, on the other hand, API particles are suspended uniformly in a solvent — imagine cooked dal. "That is why it says on labels 'shake well before use', otherwise the API will settle at the bottom," the expert said.

APIs such as paracetamol and others contained in the four syrups are not water-soluble, and hence need a base solvent like propylene glycol. "Propylene glycol is available in two varieties — one type is meant for industrial use, the other for pharmaceutical use. To save on costs, some companies use the industrial propylene glycol that may contain diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol as contaminants," the expert said.

Suspensions do not need propylene glycol as the active ingredient does not have to be dissolved. They use a liquid base called carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), with no risk of containing the two contaminants.

## What are the Indian authorities doing?

After being informed about the incident

on September 29, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), along with the state authorities, opened investigations and lifted control samples — from the same batch of syrups — which are being tested.

Should the control samples be found to contain high levels of contaminants, "proportionate action will be taken against the company, which may include suspension of the licence to export the drug", said an official. "However, we are unsure whether we can initiate criminal action because the deaths did not happen in India," the official added.

Pharmaceutical expert C M Gulhati said it is the responsibility of the importing country to test medicines before release. "India tests what is imported... If Indian authorities start testing all the drugs that the country exports, then that is all they will be doing," Gulhati said.

The Health Ministry has asked the WHO to share a report on causal relationship — confirmation that the syrups led to the deaths in The Gambia — at the earliest.



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## WEIGHED DOWN

With policy makers flagging headwinds amid a slowing global economy, task of recovery seems more challenging

WITH THE GLOBAL economic environment taking a turn for the worse, the outlook for the Indian economy also appears to have dimmed. On Thursday, the World Bank lowered its forecast for India's economic growth this year to 6.5 per cent, down from its earlier assessment of 7.5 per cent. The downward revision is based on the Bank's assessment that monetary policy tightening across the world and the spillovers from the Russia-Ukraine war will "weigh on India's economic outlook". This revised assessment comes days after the RBI had lowered its own forecast for the country's growth to 7 per cent, down from its earlier projection of 7.2 per cent. Till now the ruling dispensation had been rather sanguine about the country's growth prospects — after all, even despite these downward revisions, India is still likely to be one of the fastest growing economies in the world. However, policymakers have now begun to voice concerns over the state of the economy.

On the domestic front, the concern is that even as the economy has recovered to its pre-Covid level, large parts continue to be mired in stress. For instance, micro, small and medium enterprises continue to struggle. An indication of this is that 16.4 per cent of those who availed credit under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme of the government defaulted and have not been able to repay their obligations owing to financial difficulties. Considering that MSMEs employ a sizeable section of the labour force, their continuing struggles are bound to affect labour market prospects. In fact, as per the latest periodic labour force survey, the labour force participation rate in urban areas is lower than pre-Covid levels, while in rural areas, wage growth continues to be subdued indicating labour market slack. And there is still no firm evidence of a broad-based revival in the private investment cycle even though the twin balance sheet problem — an over-leveraged corporate sector and banks saddled with bad loans — that was believed to be holding back investments no longer appears to be an obstacle. In such a scenario, tighter monetary policy is only going to complicate matters further. And with already stretched government finances, the possibility of worsening growth prospects, a higher subsidy outgo and uncertainty over revenues, the capacity of public spending to provide a fillip to growth is limited.

On Wednesday the World Trade Organisation lowered its forecast for global trade volume growth to 1 per cent, down from 3.4 per cent earlier. The effects of a slowing global economy are already being felt. After growing at 22 per cent in April-June, growth has tapered off sharply in the months thereafter. In such an environment, with the drivers of growth exhibiting weakness, policy-makers will have to carefully weigh their options as they provide support to the economy while navigating this tumultuous period.

## HER INWARD EYE

Over a career spanning over five decades, Annie Ernaux turned the art of the memoir into a political act of record and rebellion

TURNING THE ODDS against the bookies yet again, this year's Nobel Prize for Literature recipient is the French memoirist Annie Ernaux, whose visceral exploration of the self and its potential implications on social and political life has long made her a champion of, what French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted after her win, "the collective and intimate memory" of France. Yet, Ernaux, 82, does not speak only for her nation. In recent years, with the availability of translations of her most well-known works, she has been "discovered" with equal felicity in the English-speaking world, a testament to the universality of the feminine experience and the popularity of memoir as a genre.

The memoir that Ernaux writes, however, is quite unlike the mellow reminiscences of a fulfilled life. The Nobel citation lauds Ernaux "for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory". Stripped of all poetry, her prose is spare and journalistic, leached of emotional excess, examining from the vantage point of hindsight the events that had shaped her — her hard-scrabble early life in a Normandy town; the fire in her belly to be more; her relationships with her parents, husband and lovers; the acute sense of ignominy and inadequacy induced by gender and class barriers, and the inevitable scuffle with age and ailments. Quite early in her literary career, Ernaux had abandoned the seductive allure of fiction, choosing instead the shifting sands of truth. Potently aware of the infidelity of memory, Ernaux embraced the rigours of an ethnographer as she went about deconstructing her past in works as profound as *A Man's Place* (1983), *A Woman's Story* (1987) or *Shame* (1996), eventually abandoning the subjective "I" in her 2019 International Booker Prize-shortlisted and much feted, *The Years*, for the third-person collective of "she". In the process, over a career spanning well over five decades, Ernaux would turn the art of the memoir into a political act of record and rebellion, that married a sociologist's curiosity with an archaeologist's diligence.

There is a reason why the real lives of people at a particular place during a particular period make for interesting reading. It allows the reader to go into the murky depths of messy lives and find succour. It offers healing and hope, but also an awareness of history and one's place in its ranks. Ernaux's triumph lies in exhorting her readers towards this moment of collective lucidity to the circumstances of their own experiences to find out where they come from and what makes them who they are.

## A BIT OF FUN

Arvind Kejriwal's well-timed jibe at Delhi L-G stands out in grim and humourless times

DESCRIPTIONS OF INDIAN politics rely on metaphors that are usually violent. There's "poaching of leaders", "battleground x" (where x is a state going to polls), and even the "cut and thrust of debate" in the legislature. As politics becomes more and more polarised, the political conversation is turning increasingly vitriolic. Parliament, the putative centre of debate and dissent, is either stifling disagreement and discussion or being held up by disruptions, depending on which side of the fence you stand. What is missing in all this — whether from the high-minded pulpit or the shrill attacks on TV channels — is a bit of humour. In such a setting, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's jibe at L-G V K Saxena is striking.

Kejriwal was uncharacteristically silent after an irate Saxena wrote to him demanding an explanation for his absence at Rajghat on Gandhi Jayanti. When he did finally respond via Twitter, Kejriwal asked the L-G to "chill", saying that "my wife doesn't scold me as much as L-G sahib does every day". This light moment, the well-timed display of wit, is a breath of fresh air, not just because Kejriwal usually sounds heavy-footed and self-righteous as he paints contrived oppositions between "us", the AAP vs "them" the political class. More importantly, in these grim times, it is a rare instance of someone in high office wearing power lightly.

Not so long ago, wit and the lighter moment weren't quite so rare. Parliament, in particular, was a place for poking gentle fun at colleagues who were adversaries but never enemies. Election rallies were about a more relatable oratory, and the ability to make a huge crowd chuckle along was a much sought-after skill. Now, of course, social media and the democratisation of the audio-visual medium make one-way communication more possible. Perhaps that's why there is less conversation — and less laughter.

# People in poor places

Governments need to restore policy balance — combining targeting poor people with transforming poor places



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CHILE'S RECENT REJECTION of a draft utopian constitution — it made free housing the job of government, gave glaciers constitutional rights, legislated digital disconnection, and would have exploded government debt — was an act of considerable civic maturity. The verdict creates optimism about the wisdom of crowds over the madness of mobs. The "Nirvana Fallacy" — a concept that compares existing, pragmatic and second-best solutions to idealistic, imperfect, and unrealistic ones — is a form of perfectionism that led to the economic decisions causing the current pain in Punjab, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Mexico, and Bolivia. We agree that a modern state is a welfare state, but if borrowing for spending could make countries rich, then no country would be poor. State governments must sustainably create high-paying jobs by raising the productivity of five places — three are of them are not geographic.

There are no poor people, only people in poor places. An electrician moving from Kanpur to Bangalore gets three times more salary; on moving from Bangalore to Switzerland, she earns 20 times more. The higher salaries reflect the higher productivity of the electrician's customers in Bangalore (if every Indian lived in Bangalore, India's GDP would be more than China's) and Switzerland (their nine million people produce more GDP than India's 220 million farmers). The paper Place Premium by Harvard economist Lant Pritchett suggested global wage differences for identical workers are a policy-induced price distortion. Extending his thinking to India, the country's wage differentials reflect massive productivity differences between five areas — states, cities, sectors, firms, and skills. Let's dive deeper.

States: In the next decade, more people will die than be born in Karnataka. In the next 20 years, six states in South and West India will account for almost 35 per cent of GDP growth but only 5 per cent of population growth because economic complexity breeds higher wages. Economic complexity is like a game of scrabble — to win, you must make more, and longer words — and the government provides vowels while the private sector offers letters. States that provide more vowels — it's unenviable for employers to provide public goods —

will attract more high-paying jobs.

Cities: Hyderabad has a higher GDP than Odisha and four times that of J&K. The 299 remarkable people who wrote our Constitution got many things right, but their mental model of the three pillars of governance — PM, CM, and DM — is no longer fit for purpose. District magistrates — or their horrible synonym collector — are uneducated, inexperienced, and unempowered for the complex trade-offs needed to breed well-paying jobs. Cities that blunt the bad urbanisation that creates a divergence between nominal wages (what employers care about) and real wages (what employees care about) will attract high-paying jobs.

Sectors: Software — an oasis of high firm productivity — employs only 0.8 per cent of our labour force but generates 8 per cent of GDP, while agriculture has 42 per cent of our labour force but only generates 16 per cent of GDP. Our large population, colossal farm employment, and self-exploitation pair our fifth total GDP with the 138th per-capita GDP country ranking. China raised its per capita income 80 times in 40 years by moving 700 million people from farm to non-farm employment. States that increase manufacturing and service jobs will have more high-paying jobs; the only way to help farmers is to have fewer of them.

Firms: We fought with our parents, who said, "he has found a good job; he now works for a multinational company," believing it was racism. But we now recognise that "MNC" was their proxy for the higher wages paid by higher productivity firms with more capital, technology, and meritocracy. The pre-1991 unfair labour market advantage of multinationals no longer exists as Indian firms have raised their game. But the problem persists — our 6.3 crore enterprises only translate to 23,500 companies with a paid-up capital of more than Rs 10 crore, and our largest and smallest manufacturing companies have a 24 times difference in productivity. States that replace deals with rules by reducing regulatory cholesterol will attract high-paying jobs.

Skills: There are many reasons — fair and unfair — that Indian cricket players have 100 times higher lifetime earnings than hockey players. The wage difference between a good

and lousy electrician is five times, but it's fifty times between a good and bad programmer, CEO, or investor. It is impossible to predict wage premiums, but Grade 12 is the new Grade 8. English fluency is like Windows, an operating system that is a vocational skill. Wages are higher for using minds than muscles. States with high populations of residents with skills in demand will attract more high-paying jobs.

Fixing these five places requires a chief ministerial agenda. Police reforms, or how the rule of law is experienced. Empowered mayors — this pertains to devolution of funds, functions, and functionalities. Fixing government schools — raise their 45 per cent share of enrollment. Creating the supply that will attract demand (providing skills to workers in advance for the manufacturing boom just like South India did for software with its 1980s engineering college deregulation). Agriculture reform — prices and distribution. Uninterrupted power (generators are unaffordable by small employers. Reliable public transport — this helps the environment, women, and youth). Formalisation — state governments generate more than 75 per cent of India's 67,000 plus compliances, 6,700 plus filings, and 26,410 employer criminal provisions. A rational HR in the Civil Services — don't punish good performers by promoting bad performers. Digitise: Set a 12-month target for paperless and cashless for all citizen interfaces by leveraging India's unique stack of digital public goods.

The new book *Balance* by academic Paul Thagard explores the physiological workings and metaphorical resonance of balance in the brain, the body, and society. He suggests that balance enables solving life's puzzles by turning signals — or an incongruous comparison — into a coherent whole. India's problem is not jobs but wages. Wages will not rise without the balanced targeting of the five poor places. State governments must restore policy balance by combining targeting poor people with transforming poor places.

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## LET'S BUILD ON REVDI DEBATE

A fiscal council can help government to streamline disbursement of freebies



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THE DEBATE that began with an RBI 2022 report on state finances followed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comment on "revdi culture" aka freebies, has garnered substantial attention — so much so that the Supreme Court is hearing on this issue. In a country where millions of people were only a pandemic away from being pushed back into poverty, freebies have now assumed more importance than ever.

Freebies could be defined as non-merit subsidies. Subsidies are money transfers (implicit or explicit) by the government in an attempt to drive prices artificially below market prices. As a National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) study by Sudipto Mundle and Satadru Sirkar puts it, budget subsidies, in particular, are defined as the unrecovered cost of economic and social services. However, all subsidies cannot be easily classified into merit or non-merit.

It could be said that providing freebies empowers the state to, first, deliver welfare as a welfare state should, by providing subsidised merit goods like health and education; second, to help households combat poverty (especially in economically stressed times characterised by fewer job opportunities, lower incomes, high inflation, etc.) by providing subsidised public goods like food, electricity, etc.; and third, to appeal to the electorate (through outright populist spending).

The boundaries between the aforementioned objectives begin to blur when it comes to classifying one form of freebie as a merit or a non-merit subsidy. For example, are corporate tax cuts non-merit subsidies or a meas-

ure to boost investment? Is making bus rides free for women in the national capital a non-merit subsidy or a way to boost women's mobility and labour-force participation? In a similar tone, are free laptops to students in Tamil Nadu not a way to bridge the digital divide in education? The existing arguments develop an understanding that freebies cannot be defined in a finite context, and that the definition varies across space and economic conditions.

Regardless of which one gets classified as good or bad, freebies are simply expenditures or foregone revenues. Either way, they lead to an increase in fiscal deficit whose financing could necessitate taking on debt. The targeting of beneficiaries to ease the burden on the exchequer is one way to check these expenditures but lack of data has forced a situation wherein leakages and duplication of beneficiaries is commonplace.

Going ahead, any freebie-induced debt burden could have an adverse effect on the state finances if, one, it hasn't been properly accounted for through transparent budgeting procedures (including off-budget borrowings in debt calculations), and two, it threatens fiscal sustainability, ie, it limits the state's ability to service its debt-related commitments without making an unrealistic fiscal adjustment.

That said, in the absence of adequate avenues of revenue mobilisation, any fiscal adjustment achieved by contracting critical expenditures on the social sector and capital formation further jeopardises long-term growth and development. The emanating risk of fiscal sustainability means a "revdi" today would take a toll on tomorrow's generation.

A solution to this problem lies in setting up an independent fiscal council that has been recommended by the FRBM Review Committee (2017), and recently constituted Finance Commissions too, including the 15th Finance Commission. Incidentally, the FRBM panel and 15th FC were both headed by N K Singh. The FRBM report says, "the council will serve both an ex-ante role — providing independent forecasts on key macro variables like real and nominal GDP growth, tax buoyancy, commodity prices — as well as an ex-post monitoring role, and also serve as the institution to advise on triggering the escape clause and also specify a path of return."

Such a council should work for the union as well as the states. Furthermore, such monitoring of finances and fiscal rules could also help ensure that states comply with a medium-term fiscal policy framework, which has been long argued for by economists. For the above reasons, it is imperative to fill the widely recognised institutional void.

In summary, freebies cannot be defined easily, and constitutionally, any state government should be empowered to spend the way it wants, provided the fiscal policy is sustainable. Such a debate, therefore, warrants undertaking strategic measures via strengthening fiscal guidance through an institution like a fiscal council. That will enable the state to make informed economic decisions while attending to key development objectives.

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## OCTOBER 8, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### SUMMIT SUCCESSFUL

INDIA-BANGLADESH SUMMIT talks ended on a successful note with the two countries agreeing to remove major irritants like the Ganga waters issue and the Tin Bigha corridor. The two countries also agreed to set up a ministerial-level joint economic commission to boost mutual economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation.

### ANDHRA POLICE FIRING

SIX PERSONS WERE killed and 20 injured when the police opened fire on a mob in Yadiki, Tadipatri taluk. Curfew was imposed

in the town. Trouble arose when the sarpanch of Yadiki, B Ramamurthy, and his men tried to disturb a meeting organised by the CPI. Onlookers alleged that police resorted to firing without taking the permission of the tehsildar. Moreover, they claimed that the disturbances did not warrant firing.

### AKALIS REJECT APPEAL

THE AKALI DAL (L) president and morcha leader, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal rejected the appeal of the Union Home Minister P C Sethi to withdraw or suspend the Amritsar agitation and to resume talks

with the Centre for the redressal of the Akalis' grievances. Longowal said the Akali Dal (L) had already given enough time to the Centre and had discussed the demands with Mrs Gandhi.

### NO POLICE UNIONS

HOME MINISTER P C Sethi turned down a demand for trade union rights to policemen in the country. Replying to a calling-attention motion in the Rajya Sabha on the situation arising out of discontentment among the police personnel in various states, Sethi said the grating of trade union rights would create problems for the administration.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## The spectre peddlers

There is a vested interest in creating the narrative of 'minorities in danger'. Newly emerging Muslim leadership should reject this cacophony and seize an opportunity that is being offered



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BY RAM MADHAV

INDIA'S FIRST CITIZEN is an "Adivasi" woman from one of the remotest tribal areas in eastern India who succeeded a "Dalit" president. Muslims, Christians and other "minorities" hold high positions in government, judiciary and bureaucracy and are members of Parliament and legislators in states in large numbers. India's Sikh majority state of Punjab has a Sikh chief minister. Christian majority states like Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya have Christian chief ministers, some in alliance with the BJP. The minority welfare ministries across the country, including in Uttar Pradesh with over 40 million Muslims, are in the hands of Muslim ministers.

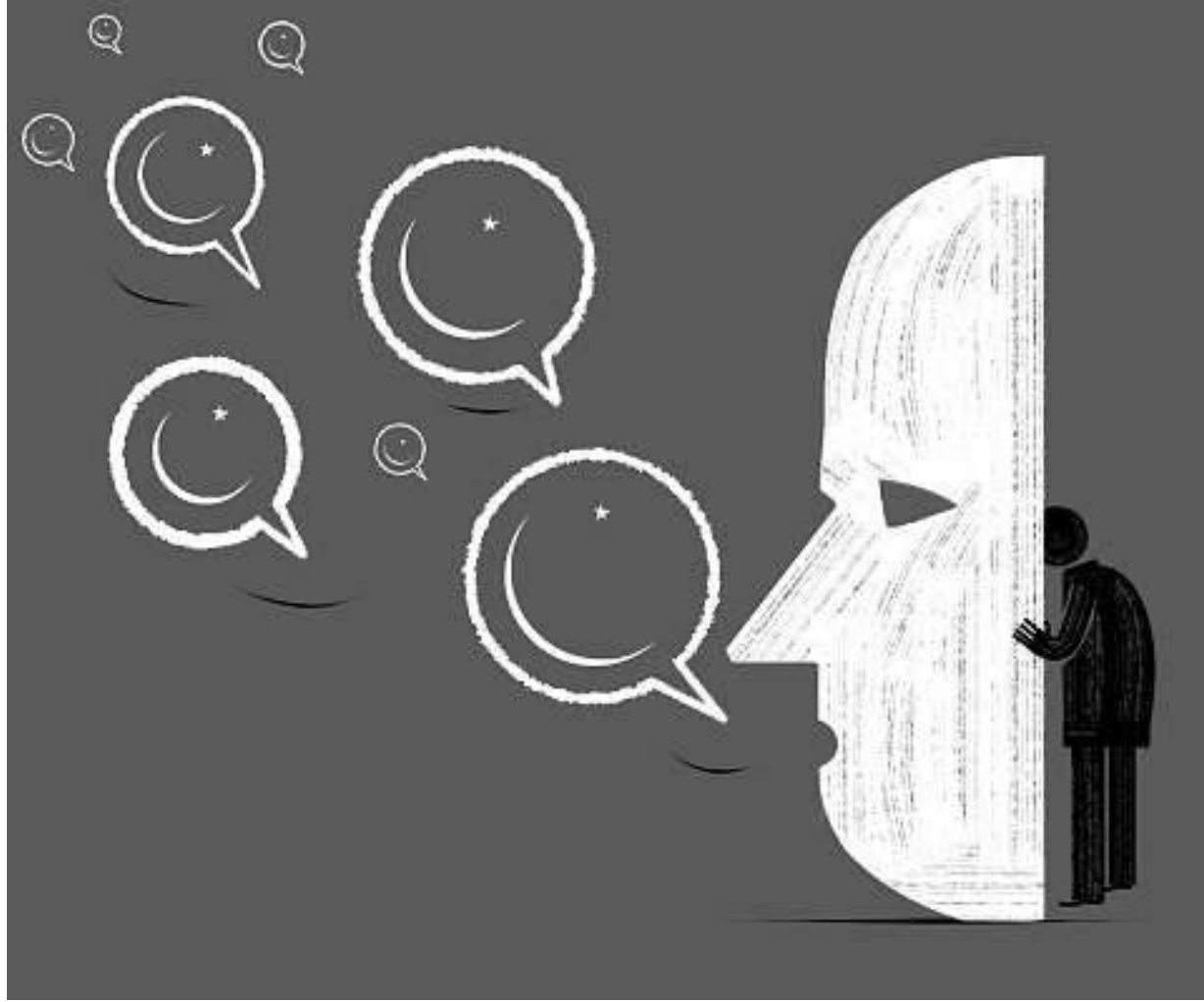
In fact, in the last few years, systematic efforts by central and state governments have helped the poor and more discriminated sections within the Muslim community — the Pasmada or Arzal (Dalit) — to rise in economic, social and political status in the country. Muslim women are the beneficiaries of measures regulating "triple talaq", a regressive practice continuing in India even as most Islamic countries have rejected it.

Sporadic incidents involving individual members of different communities apart, India has been largely free of communal clashes in the last eight years, a regular occurrence across the country in the past. Even the reprehensible incidents of mob lynching were few and not limited to any one community. If there were Muslim victims, there were Hindu victims too. India's law and order establishment takes swift action against all culprits.

Yet, a paid advertisement in a prestigious American daily claims that in India "millions of citizens face religious persecution, discrimination and deadly mob violence". The advertisement, released "on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday", goes against the central tenet of Gandhism — truth. It is filled with lies and innuendo, and there is no substantiation by facts or data. The newspaper concerned has categorised those blatant lies as an "advertisement", but it should probably be called an "adventorial".

A simple fact-check would have prevented the prestigious newspaper from publishing this malice-filled piece. The criminal justice system in India, the law and order machinery, is controlled by the governments of the Indian states, many of the larger ones controlled by the Opposition. Similarly, India's judiciary is highly reputed for its independent thinking and jurisprudence. Yet the propagandists peddle lies that "Indian judiciary and police are filled with BJP/RSS loyalists".

The global audience is constantly fed such misinformation largely by groups inimical to India's democracy and interests. Pakistan-sponsored or Khalistan-inspired groups are conspicuous by their presence. But what lends credibility to such lies is the insidious lending of support by the left-liberal cabal in the West. Salvatore Babones, a respected Australian political sociologist, called these western think tank elites the "true barbarians". Unable to accept the rejection of their biases by mainstream Indian society, these groups have now shifted their



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base to the western world and continue their propaganda by firing from the shoulders of groups such as the ones that paid for the advertisement.

Such propaganda, although a PR challenge for Indian embassies abroad, may not have any impact on average Indians. But the gullible among sections of the minority community may still fall for it. Especially when sections of India's own political establishment, for their own political ends, seek to lend credibility to such a narrative.

In the latest shocker, Mallikarjun Kharge, the senior Congress leader aspiring to be the next president of the party, has "warned" his partymen that if Modi gets strengthened further, "the rule of sanatana dharma and RSS will come in this country". From "Hindutva forces", the Opposition leadership has now gone on to besmirch "sanatana dharma". Kharge probably doesn't know that Gandhi always called himself a "sanatani Hindu". Today's Gandhis may not have read their own great grandfather Jawahar Lal Nehru who wrote in "Discovery of India" that "Sanatana dharma, meaning the ancient religion, could be applied to any of the ancient Indian faiths (including Buddhism and Jainism)".

It is a test for the ability of the minorities in general and Muslims in particular to see through the deviousness of this propaganda. There has always been a vested interest in creating the narrative of "minorities in danger". It was Jinnah who used it to the hilt before Partition. It has now become bread and butter for many a liberal. The newly emerging Muslim leadership in the country should reject this cacophony and seize an opportunity that is being offered.

A large number of Muslim leaders have seen in the RSS an adversary all these years

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despite its engagement with the community right from the time of Gurujee Golwalkar. Today, there is a thaw in the relations between the two. Some prominent members of Muslim civil society have initiated a dialogue with the RSS chief recently, which was followed up by him visiting a madrasa in Delhi.

Bhagwat has been showing considerable openness in engaging with the Muslim community for quite some time now. His predecessors like Balasaheb Deoras, Rajendra Singh and Sudarshan also did it. This time, Bhagwat's efforts are more focused. At a Muslim congregation last year, he told the audience that they were not separate from the Hindu community. In his annual Vijayadashami address a few days ago, the RSS chief told the audience that "shakti shanti ke liye" — strength should be for peace.

India is a large country. Its diversity is mind-boggling. It has a centuries-old history of communal strife too. The partition on communal lines was the singularly most harmful political development in the last century that had created a huge gulf between the two communities. The legacy of that communal strife manifests in occasional and sporadic flare-ups. Yet, Indian society has always firmly kept up the ethos of "unity in diversity". It didn't allow India to be converted into another version of Pakistan.

Managing "diverse democracies" and preventing them from falling apart is seen as a big challenge by the western world today. Yascha Mounk of Washington's Council on Foreign Relations called it "The Great Experiment". But in India, it was not merely an experiment, it has been the lived experience.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The meeting of the European Political Community (EPC) is a helpful but modest step for the continent as a whole, and for Britain's relations with it. If Liz Truss really wants better relationships with Europe, she must work at it. She was right to go to Prague." — THE GUARDIAN

## A spirit of temperance

Potential harm from alcohol radiates outwards — from the individual drinker to the wider community. It takes a village to sustain abstinence



NIMAI M MEHTA

AS WE CELEBRATE our 75th year, and soon after Gandhi Jayanti, let's recall the early spark that lit both, our fight against an imperial state and our desire for progress through self-control. The temperance movement that began in the 1880s, especially among the lower castes and tribes of India, became an integral part of progressive reforms to address poverty, untouchability, domestic violence, illiteracy, etc. It faced a formidable counterforce — a revenue-maximising state unanswerable to its subject population. The British aggressively encouraged the production, distribution, and sale of alcohol to exploit its revenue potential. Temperance gave our founders an important political platform in their struggle against the state. We have forgotten that Gandhi's fight was against state power that leverages alcohol to fill its coffers. And we mistakenly associate Gandhi with a state-led, strong-armed policy of prohibition. As Hansa Mehta, a close confidante of Gandhi, made clear in the 1949 Constituent Assembly debates, Gandhi's objection was to the state having a role in the production and distribution of alcohol. And he did not support the build-up of a police-state to enforce prohibition.

Moreover, Gandhi understood a key requirement for any law — law works best when there is the least need to enforce it. Without wide-spread self-regulation by individuals, prohibition would devolve into corrupting attempts at enforcement. C Rajagopalachari argued that the presence in India of a cultural proclivity for abstinence would make prohibition less corruptible, relative to other countries. The temperance movement, by leveraging these cultural norms, would prepare the ground for more effective state interventions.

These early temperance lessons remain surprisingly relevant today — more so, given current trends in alcohol consumption and the stalling of reforms by state governments addicted to alcohol revenues. Alcohol continues to engender violence against women, inside our homes and on our streets, and preys on our children. It wreaks havoc with the lives of the poorest among us. It is linked with multimorbidity, lower life-expectancy, mental impairment, and loss of productivity. As the scientific consensus on the adverse effects of alcohol has strengthened, public health authorities, including the WHO, have issued stronger warnings while walking back on both, the idea of a risk-free level of "responsible drinking" and claims of beneficial health effects. These scientific warnings have also become far more concrete in terms of age, gender, and geography. In one of the most comprehensive global studies on alcohol published this year in *The Lancet*, researchers flag the under-40 age group as most at risk at any level of consumption, with no offsetting beneficial effects. A 2019 study in *Science Direct* estimates that alcohol related deaths in India would lead to a loss of 258 million life years

between 2011 and 2050. And an average annual loss of 1.45 per cent of GDP. In comparison, the government's total annual expenditure on health amounts to around 1.1 per cent of GDP. With alcohol consumption in India seeing its highest growth among the 15-to-30 age group, and among women, the welfare significance for India cannot be overstated. What is to be done?

Older cultural-religious norms that encouraged abstinence have weakened. The demand for alcohol in India is fuelled by the conspicuous consumption preferences of an aspiring, upwardly mobile middle-class. As a result, alcohol is one intoxicant whose consumption by households is being normalised and glamourised. Far from fulfilling their primary public health and safety responsibilities, state governments remain addicted to excise tax-revenues and licence fees generated by the alcohol industry. Easy access to alcohol revenues has placed state governments under a "re-source-curse" that disincentivises them from making the difficult choices needed for the type of reforms that would broaden the long-term tax base. It is no surprise then that states have refused to shift alcohol under the GST reform-umbrella.

Corruption remains rampant. Production and consumption of illicit liquor remains widespread, and deaths from alcohol poisonings occur with depressing frequency in all states. The draconian prohibition law introduced by the Bihar CM Nitish Kumar in response to the electoral demands of poor womenfolk measures the extent of desperation felt by the weakest members of our society.

Given the present state of policy dysfunction in face of rapidly growing levels of alcohol consumption the need for a new spirit of temperance cannot be overstated. A study published this year by the US Nation Bureau of Economic Research household migration data to confirm what was well-known among the early temperance advocates — that it takes a village to discourage drinking. The rapidly changing demographics and socialisation of alcohol consumption in India requires that each of us take seriously the wider impact of our drinking. The potential harm from alcohol radiates outwards — from the individual drinker to the wider community — in ways that are unpredictable. A moderate drinker, without intending to, encourages others who end up drinking immoderately. All drinking risks being socially irresponsible once we consider the wider, negative externalities that are produced.

There is strong scientific evidence now to convince us that abstinence is in our self-interest. Each of us, by simply pursuing our own self-interest, will, at the same time, end up promoting the interests of the most vulnerable amongst us — the poor, women and children. Relatedly, as free citizens we must also recognise the power each of us has to "starve the beast" of its alcohol taxes and force it to reform itself towards a healthier, wider tax base. As our founders understood, we have always had the freedom, as individuals, to pursue our enlightened self-interest and, in doing so, limit the power of the state to harm these interests. The time to exercise this freedom is now.

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SUNNY JOSE

## A village by the sea

Protests at Vizhinjam port raise questions about role of state, future of fisherfolk

THE ONGOING PROTEST of fisherfolk for the past three months against an upcoming port project in Vizhinjam, Kerala raises two important questions: Why does a political party whose elixir is class mobilisation decry a democratic, non-party mobilisation by a marginalised social group like fisherfolk? What would force the state to pause the construction of a financially unviable port project to conduct a robust, unbiased assessment of its adverse impacts?

On the face of it, it seems strange that the government of a highly literate state has been evasive at best when the not-so-literate fisherfolk demand that a study must be conducted to ascertain whether the project has contributed to intensifying the sea erosion leading to the destruction of habitation and livelihoods in villages close to the port site. On closer inspection, this reluctance is not merely emblematic of an apathetic government, but rather a tectonic shift in the character of a government which claims to be pro-poor.

The controversial deep-water multi-purpose port at Vizhinjam, a thickly populated fishing village 16 km away from Thiruvananthapuram, is touted as a "dream project and a gamechanger for the fortunes of Kerala". It was announced as a fast-track project in 2009 though actual work began much later. The key advantage of the site is the availability of naturally deep draught and proximity to the East-West shipping channel. The

Kerala government gave the contract for the construction and running of the port to Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd., based on the concession agreement, for 40 years to begin with.

The government claims the project has a huge strategic significance and additionally, the potential to contribute to the growth of the state's economy. The strategic significance of the project notwithstanding, a feasibility analysis carried out in 2015 reveals that the project is not economically viable on a standalone basis even after financial support from the government. The fisherfolk raised their concerns regarding the likely adverse impact of the project on their homesteads and livelihoods at the very beginning. So, what forced them to a protracted protest now? Here, changes to the shoreline as well as the centrality of the beach to their occupation and habitation assume significance.

Thiruvananthapuram district has a coast of 78 km, which serves as a habitat to 42 marine fishing villages housing a population of about 1,73,000 in 2021, with a density of over 4,000 people per village. This shoreline has been undergoing changes — from both erosion and accretion — at regular intervals.

During 1989-2006 (prior to the project), major accretion leading to an increase in beach width had been happening in some villages, whereas significant erosion of 60-120 m was observed in villages located immediately north of Vizhinjam harbour. Several studies confirm

this broad beachline dynamics. The latest analysis of shoreline changes up to the year 2020 reaffirms the fact that villages north of Vizhinjam port have been witnessing increased erosion, whereas areas south of it have had accretion. An important requirement for the Vizhinjam port is the reclamation of about 66 ha of coastal waters and the construction of a 3.2-km-long breakwater. A study argues that this large intervention has the potential to cause major shoreline shifts and other morphological changes in the region.

Whether the sea erosion in villages north of Vizhinjam port is a result of construction activities is a matter of investigation. But the undeniable fact is the habitats of more than 330 families have already been destroyed during the past five years. Most of these families have been housed in warehouses and other temporary shelters since then.

The coast, as Harekrishna Debnath observes, is more than a mere dwelling place for the fisherfolk. It is as much a lived space as well as an occupational space used for landing, selling, salting, smoking, curing or drying of fish and tying up boats and fishing implements and doing maintenance work, among others. For them, the erosion of the shoreline is not merely the disappearance of the land but the loss of a natural space that nurtured their livelihood, habitation and culture. The state simply overlooks this dimension and labels mobilisation

that highlights the issue as anti-development. If social mobilisation is anti-development, how can a government run by a political party whose bedrock is nothing but class mobilisation justify its innumerable mobilisations against several projects?

The mobilisation, though triggered by the increasing sea erosion and habitat and livelihood destruction post the harbour project, raises issues which are broader and substantive in scope. In the era of climate change-induced adverse consequences, it cautions the state against designing projects that could potentially undermine and destroy the habitats and livelihoods of fisherfolk, and by doing so deprive their right to a dignified life.

To dismiss the concerns of fisherfolk as empirically unfounded and brand them as anti-development is the easiest, obdurate thing to do. In contrast, ordering a robust, unbiased assessment to better understand the increasing intensity of sea erosion leading to the destruction of the lives of fisherfolk demands statesmanship and openness to course correction, if required. The state government needs to be sensitive to the concerns of a social group that continues to be on the margins of the much-touted Kerala model of development.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE OIL CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No respite' (IE, October 7). The OPEC+ has been sabotaging major channels of free market operations. It is using its control over oil supplies to meet its political and financial ends. The US should reconsider its decision of imposing economic sanctions against Venezuela and Iran, most of which are targeted toward their oil trade. This step could give short-term relief to the oil-buying majors. It's high time that an oil buyers' forum be formed to challenge the monopoly of the oil-supplying states.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

### SELECTIVE OUTRAGE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Man who flogged is police inspector, colleagues helped him; probe begins' (IE, October 7). This is a grim reminder of the 2016 Una flogging of seven Dalits under the pretext of cow protection. Predictably, the socio-political ecosystem has changed. Hence, this time, there is a lack of public outrage. Paradoxically, in Gujarat, Bajrang Dal who barged into a Garba dance venue and assaulted Muslim bouncers are being treated differently. While one expects Muslims organisations to condemn extremist views and behaviours, it is also incumbent on Hindu organisations to condemn van-

dals for spoiling the sacredness of festivals. It is sorely missing.

L R Murmu, New Delhi

### WAKE-UP CALL

THIS REFERS TO the report, '66 children deaths in Gambia, WHO flags 4 syrups made by Haryana-based firm as unsafe' (IE, October 6). This incident should be a wake-up for the central government. Previously, WHO had issued a warning about the rampant misuse of antibiotics and their cocktail combinations in our country. Sadly, we are yet to see any concrete action on that front. Revelations like these tarnish India's image, now considered the "pharma bowl of the world". The quality of our medicines and their disbursement require close monitoring.

Sunil Chopra, Ludhiana

### ACCOMMODATE ALL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Listening in J&K' (IE, October 7). Amit Shah sought to dismiss the Gupkar alliance because he holds it responsible for the violence in Kashmir. But, it may be remembered that the Union government has taken extremists' outfits operating in the Northeast on board in its efforts to find lasting solutions to militancy-related issues in the region. It pays to accommodate different voices; trashing them hardly helps.

SS Paul, Chakkdaha



AT 82.33 AGAINST USD, RUPEE HITS ALL-TIME LOW

# Rupee drops below 82 on recession fears, crude spike

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

THE RUPEE slid past 82 level to fall to a fresh record low of 82.33 per US dollar on Friday as the greenback strengthened against major currencies amid risk aversion on fear of global recession and also as oil prices climbed. The rupee ended 44 paise down compared to previous close of 81.89 against the US dollar, dealers said. It touched an intra-day low of 82.43 and a high of 82.18 against the greenback.

Meanwhile, domestic equity markets closed flat, with the benchmark SENSEX at the BSE ending down 30.81 points, or 0.5 per cent, at 58,191.29. The broader Nifty at NSE ended 17.15 points, or 0.1 per cent, to finish at 17,314.65. Forex dealers said the rupee fell to a fresh all-time low on Friday as the dollar remained strong and also a rally in global crude oil prices weighed on the overall market sentiment. On Wednesday the

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Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, also referred to as OPEC+, announced to cut oil production by 2 million barrels per day from November. "Reduction in oil production will increase prices of crude oil further, which, in turn, raises concerns over inflation and rate hikes," said Gaurang Somaiya, forex and bullion analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. Market participants said the

**Forex reserves decline \$4.85 bn**

Mumbai: Forex reserves dropped by \$4.85 billion to \$532.664 billion as on September 30, the RBI said. The reserves have been dipping as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee. **PTI**

after a US Federal Reserve official on Thursday hinted at more rate hikes to tame inflation, forex dealers said.

Meanwhile, according to AP, US employers slowed their hiring in September but still added 263,000 jobs, a solid figure that will likely keep the Federal Reserve on pace to keep raising interest rates aggressively to fight persistently high inflation. Friday's government report showed that hiring fell from 315,000 in August to the weakest monthly gain since April 2021. The unemployment rate dropped from 3.7 per cent to 3.5 per cent, matching a half-century low. US stocks dropped sharply in early trading Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.69 per cent, S&P 500 lost 2.17 per cent and Nasdaq Composite declined 2.79 per cent, as per Reuters reports. Oil rose about 3 per cent to a five-week high. Brent futures rose \$2.73 to \$97.15 a barrel by 10:56 am EDT. **Full report on www.indianexpress.com**

## Bids invited for IDBI Bank stake sale; Govt, LIC to sell 60.72%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE GOVERNMENT on Friday invited expressions of interest (EOIs) for IDBI Bank and offered to sell a total of 60.72 per cent stake in the bank, including major portions of the shares held by the government and state-run Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).

IDBI Bank's stock closed 0.71 per cent higher on the BSE on Friday. At the current market price, the stake being floated is worth Rs 27,800 crore. With the consent of the regulators — the Reserve Bank of India and the Securities and Exchange Board of India — the government has made the mandatory glide path for stake reduction for the buyer more flexible than what is specified for promoters of private banks. The buyer, therefore, would get 15 years to bring down the equity to 26 per cent. Of course, in the first five years, 40 per cent of the equity capital would be locked in, as per the RBI guidelines.

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transaction during the current financial year, it may spill over to the next year, given the formalities to be completed. Banks, non-banking financial companies and private equity funds have already shown interest in IDBI Bank.

The Centre's disinvestment receipts so far this fiscal year have been Rs 24,544 crore, as against the annual target of Rs 65,000 crore. "A cumulative 60.72 per cent of the shareholding shall be divested. Govt shall divest such number of shares representing 30.48 per cent and LIC of India shall divest such

number of shares representing 30.24 per cent of the equity share capital of IDBI Bank, along with transfer of management control in IDBI Bank," the department of investment and public asset management (Dipam) said in a statement.

Currently, LIC holds 49.24 per cent in IDBI Bank, while the government holds 45.48 per cent. On May 5, 2021, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had granted in-principle approval for the strategic divestment of IDBI Bank along with transfer of management control.

IDBI Bank posted profit after tax of Rs 2,439 crore in FY22. Its net interest margin stood at 3.73 per cent and return on equity at 13.60 per cent. The bank's capital to risk (weighted) assets ratio stands at a comfortable 19.06 per cent.

As per the EOI conditions, private sector banking companies, foreign banks, NBFCs, and alternative investment funds registered with SEBI are among the entities eligible to bid. However, large industrial/ corporate houses and individuals (natural persons) aren't eligible. **FE**

## Ambani sets up family office branch in Singapore



Mukesh Ambani, CMD, Reliance Industries

**RAJESH KURUP**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

MUCH IN line with global billionaires making a beeline to Singapore, Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani is setting up a branch of his family office in the island nation.

Ambani, Asia's second-richest man, has already set up an office in Singapore and appointed a person to head it. The family office will recruit additional staff and commence operations immediately, mainly scouting for profitable investment opportunities, sources close to the development said. "Though the Ambanis had set up a family office in Mumbai much earlier, their investments were majorly into RIL. Even the acquisitions and part stake deals were also routed through RIL," one source said. The Singapore office, Ambani's first family office outside the country, is expected to be up and running in 10-12 months. **FE**

## 'Indians lead world in messaging businesses at least once a week'

Over 70% of surveyed Indians prefer to message businesses rather than sending an email, calling or visiting their website, a survey commissioned by Meta showed



■ About 75% of Indians polled said they are more likely to do business with or purchase from a company that they can contact via messaging. ■ The online survey was conducted in April 2022 by Kantar across 11 countries such as the US, France, Germany, the UK, Spain, India, Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam among

more than 5,000 adults between 18-65 years of age ■ Meta's Director Business Messaging, Ravi Garg said, "We see a massive shift in the way people and businesses communicate. The pandemic has changed the way people communicate with their 'favourite' businesses"

Source: Meta/Kantar; PTI

**86% of adults message a business at least once a week, considerably higher than the global average of 66%**

### BRIEFLY

#### liAS, Ambuja

New Delhi: Institutional investor advisory firm liAS has recommended the shareholders of Ambuja Cements to vote against the proposal to raise Rs 20,000 crore from the Adani family firm by issuing warrants during the company's extraordinary general meeting. **PTI**

#### New MD

Mumbai: SBI General Insurance Company Ltd has announced the appointment of Kishore Kumar Poludasu as its new Managing Director & CEO. **ENS**

#### HDFC, bonds

New Delhi: HDFC Ltd will raise up to Rs 12,000 crore by issuing bonds on a private placement basis next week.

#### Hero MotoCorp

New Delhi: Two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp on Friday forayed into the electric vehicle segment with the launch of its first electric scooter VIDA V1 priced at Rs 1.45 lakh (ex-showroom).

#### India, World Bank

Washington: India has been one of the leaders in digitisation that empowers and expands the social safety net, World Bank President David Malpass said on Friday. **PTI**

#### Twitter lawsuits

Wilmington: A Delaware judge has ordered a halt to Twitter Inc's lawsuit against Elon Musk on the eve of trial, giving time to finance his \$44 bn takeover. **REUTERS**

## CCI orders new probe against Google

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE COMPETITION Commission has ordered another detailed probe against Google for alleged unfair revenue sharing terms with respect to news content.

The case will be clubbed with two other ongoing matters against the search engine major where the allegations are substantially same, according to the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The latest order has come on a complaint filed by the News Broadcasters & Digital Association. In January this year, CCI ordered a probe against Google on the complaint filed by the Digital News Publishers Association. Later, the Indian Newspaper

**Investigation into alleged unfair revenue sharing terms with respect to news content. The case will be clubbed with two other ongoing matters against the search engine major**

Society also filed a similar case and that was clubbed with the first one. Now, the regulator's probe arm Director General (DG) will submit a consolidated investigation report, the watchdog said in an order released on Friday.

The News Broadcasters & Digital Association had alleged that its members are forced to

provide their news content to Google in order to prioritise their weblinks in the Search Engine Result Page (SERP) of Google. As a result, Google free rides on the content of the members without giving them adequate compensation, as per the complaint.

Among others, it was alleged that Google exploited the dependency of the members on the search engine offered by Google for referral-traffic to build services

such as Google News, Google Discover and Google Accelerated Mobile Pages (AMP). The search engine major provides news content to user through Google Search and through news aggregator vertical, Google News.

In a four-page order, dated October 6 and released on Friday, CCI said the allegations are substantially the same as that of the matter which is already being probed by the regulator. CCI has

directed the DG to club the matters and submit a consolidated investigation report.

Cases where there is prima-facie evidence of violation of competition norms are referred by CCI to its investigation arm DG for a detailed probe.

## Credit guarantee scheme for startups notified; loans up to ₹10 cr collateral-free

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

THE GOVERNMENT has notified a credit guarantee scheme for startups (CGSS) under which lenders will extend collateral-free loans up to Rs 10 crore to each eligible borrower.

Loans or debt facilities sanctioned to an eligible startup on or after October 6 can be covered under the scheme, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said in a notification. The loans will be backed by sovereign guarantee. The move is aimed at supporting startups that are hit hard by the pandemic

**LOANS ON OR AFTER OCT 6 CAN BE COVERED**

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and are now going to be impacted further by the rising interest rate scenario when liquidity is unlikely to be easily available to new entrepreneurs. **FE**

## 'Undervaluing imports' 'Authorities demand \$244 mn from Pernod'

REUTERS  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

INDIAN AUTHORITIES have demanded \$244 million from the local unit of French spirits giant Pernod Ricard for undervaluing concentrate imports for over a decade to avoid full payment of duties, a government notice seen by Reuters shows.

The maker of Chivas Regal and Absolut vodka has previ-

ously said the disputes have inhibited fresh investments in the country.

Pernod is the second-largest spirits company globally and in India. The notice from Customs authority, dated June 27, relates to liquor concentrates imported from a Pernod subsidiary, UK-based Chivas Brothers, and is reported here for the first time. Pernod has challenged the tax demand and a court will hear the case on Tuesday.

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TOP OF THE WORLD

AMNESTY FOR 'SIMPLE POSSESSION' OF THE DRUG

# US: Thousands get marijuana pardon

No one in jail for such offence, but move could help thousands overcome consequential obstacles



Conor Burns, File

**ZEKE MILLER & CHRIS MEGERIAN**  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 7

## Liz Truss fires trade minister

THE BRITISH trade minister was fired by Prime Minister Liz Truss and suspended by the Conservative Party on Friday over allegations of misconduct. The government said Truss had asked Conor Burns to leave the government "with immediate effect" after "a complaint of serious misconduct." He remains a lawmaker but will sit as an independent. British media reported that the alleged misconduct took place at the Conservatives' annual conference in the central England city of Birmingham. **AP**

PRESIDENT JOE Biden is pardoning thousands of Americans convicted of "simple possession" of marijuana under federal law, as his administration takes a dramatic step toward decriminalising the drug and addressing charging practices that disproportionately impact people of color.

Biden is also calling on governors to issue similar pardons for those convicted of state marijuana offences. Biden, in a statement, said the move reflects his position that "no one should be in jail just for using or possessing marijuana." "Too many lives have been upended because of our failed approach to marijuana," he added. "It's time that we right these wrongs."

According to the White House, no one is currently in federal prison solely for "simple possession" of the drug, but the pardon could help thousands



President Joe Biden talks to reporters at the White House. **AP**

overcome obstacles to renting a home or finding a job.

"There are thousands of people who have prior Federal convictions for marijuana possession, who may be denied employment, housing, or educational opportunities as a result," he said. "My action will help relieve the collateral consequences

arising from these convictions."

The pardon does not cover convictions for possession of other drugs, or for charges relating to producing or possessing marijuana with an intent to distribute. Biden is also not pardoning non-citizens who were in the US without legal status at the time of their arrest.

The Department of Justice is working to devise a process for those covered by Biden's pardon to receive a certificate of pardon, which they can show to potential employers and others as needed.

It remains to be seen whether governors follow Biden's lead. **AP**

## European Union promised better data privacy

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 7

PRESIDENT JOE Biden signed an executive order Friday designed to ally European concerns that US intelligence agencies are illegally spying on them. It promises strengthened safeguards against data collection abuses and creates a forum for legal challenges.

The order builds on a preliminary agreement between Biden and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in a bid to end a yearslong battle over the safety of EU citizens' data that tech firms store in US.

The reworked Privacy Shield "includes a robust commitment to strengthen the privacy and civil liberties safeguards for signals intelligence, which should ensure the privacy of EU personal data," Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo told reporters.

# Biden gov't clamps down on China's access to chip tech

Limits sale of semiconductors and other key chip-making equipment

**ANA SWANSON**  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 7

THE BIDEN administration on Friday announced sweeping new limits on the sale of semiconductor technology to China, a step aimed at crippling Beijing's ability to access critical technologies that are needed for everything from supercomputing to guiding weapons.

The package of restrictions, which was released by the Commerce Department, is designed in large part to slow the progress of Chinese military programs, which use supercomputing to model nuclear blasts, guide hypersonic weapons and establish advanced networks for surveilling dissidents and minorities, among other activities.

"The threat environment is always changing, and we are updating our policies today to make sure we're addressing the challenges posed by the PRC while we continue our outreach and coordination with allies and partners," said Alan Estevez, the under secretary of commerce for industry and security, referring to the People's Republic of China.

The restrictions limit US exports of the cutting-edge chips called graphic processing units that are used to power artificial intelligence applications, and place broad limits on chips destined for supercomputers in China. The rules also ban US-based companies that make the equipment used to manufacture advanced logic and memory chips from selling that machinery to China without a license.

## EXPLAINED Aim to curb progress

THE WHITE HOUSE moves are the clearest sign yet that a dangerous standoff between the world's two major superpowers is increasingly playing out in the technological sphere, with the US trying to establish a stranglehold on advanced computing and semiconductor technology that are essential to China's military and economic ambitions.

The Biden administration also imposed broad international restrictions that will prohibit companies anywhere in the world from selling chips used in artificial intelligence and supercomputing in China, if they are made with US technology, software or machinery. The restrictions used what is known as the foreign direct product rule, which was last utilised by former President Donald J. Trump to cripple Huawei.

Another foreign direct product rule bans a broader range of products made outside the United States with American technology from being sent to 28 Chinese companies that have been placed on an "entity list" over national security concerns. The rules also restrict US citizens from helping to develop the Chinese semiconductor industry to advanced levels. **NYT**

# Belgium foreign minister cuts hair in solidarity with Iranian women

**REUTERS**  
BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 7

BELGIUM'S FOREIGN minister and two other lawmakers cut their hair in parliament, in solidarity with anti-government demonstrations in Iran triggered by the death in police custody of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini.

Iranian-born Safai had taken scissors to hers - to applause from other lawmakers - after



## Hadja Lahbib snipped off a lock of hair inside Parliament

asking the minister about Belgium's response to a crackdown on widespread protests inside Iran.

A third lawmaker, Goedele Liekens, also cut her hair. Lahbib, born in Belgium of

Algerian parents, told parliament that her government would ask the European Union to impose sanctions against architects of the crackdown when the bloc's foreign ministers meet later this month.

Iran's clerical rulers have been battling to contain the most widespread unrest in years since Amini's death, and protests have spread to many major cities abroad including London, Paris, Rome and Madrid.

On Wednesday, a Swedish member of the European Parliament, Abir Al-Sahlani, cut off part of her hair during a speech in the EU assembly.



## SMALL COFFINS, THE HEAVIEST

The coffins of the children killed in the mass shooting at a day-care centre in Thailand, on Friday. A day after the attack, as grief gripped the country, flags were lowered to half-staff and schoolchildren said prayers to honor the victims. A stream of people, including PM Prayuth Chan-ocha, paid tribute to the victims. **Reuters**



Protesters outside the venue of EU leaders' meeting Friday to discuss the energy crisis due to the Ukraine war. **AP**

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY PENSION ADALAT & UMID CARD CAMP FOR PENSIONERS on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

We Value our Employees - We care for our Pensioners

Pension Adalat and UMID CARD Camp for Pensioners will be held all over Northern Railway i.e., Northern Railways Headquarters office (Baroda House, New Delhi) and all Divisional Headquarters on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

**THE LAST DATE OF RECEIVING THE APPLICATION FOR PENSION ADALAT IS 31.10.2022**

**Pensioners:-**

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The representation for **PENSION ADALAT** should, however, be addressed to Dy.CPO (HQ)/Sr.DPO/Dy.CPO & SPO (Workshop) as the case may be. The envelope carrying the representation should be super-scribed - **PENSION ADALAT-2022**

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# Lanka top court allows case against Rajapaksas

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
COLOMBO, OCTOBER 7

SRI LANKA'S Supreme Court on Friday allowed proceedings of a case filed by a rights group against the Rajapaksa clan, alleging that the members of the erstwhile powerful family were directly responsible for the country's foreign debt and the worst economic crisis.

Transparency International Sri Lanka on June 17 filed a public interest petition, claiming that former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, his brothers Mahinda Rajapaksa and Basil Rajapaksa, former central bank governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal and top finance ministry bureaucrat S R Attygalle were directly responsible for the economic crisis.

The rights group claimed that the respondents named in the petition were directly responsible for the unsustainability of Sri Lanka's foreign debt, its debt

## PIL by Transparency International alleged ex-President Gotabaya and his brothers were directly responsible for the economic crisis

default and the current economic crisis.

The lawyers for the petitioner had argued that the failure to take timely action by the Rajapaksa leadership caused Sri Lanka to go bankrupt.

The top court's permission came a day after the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva incorporated Sri Lanka's economic crimes and corruption in its latest resolution calling for accountability for alleged rights abuses coming from 2009.

The resolution has called to investigate the on-going economic crisis and prosecute those responsible.

## PAKISTAN Audio shows Imran 'trying to buy lawmakers'

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 7

ISLAMABAD: Another alleged audio of former prime minister Imran Khan surfaced on Friday, featuring him trying to buy the loyalties of lawmakers and also justifying his action before he was ousted in a no-confidence vote in Parliament in April.

This is the third audio of Khan after two earlier this week showed he was talking about the cypher message sent by Pakistan's ambassador to Washington in March this year which became the centre of "cypher controversy".

In the latest recording, a voice believed to be that of the cricketer-turned-politician says: "You have a misunderstanding that now the number game is complete [...] don't think this is over." "Big things are happening. I am making my own moves that we can't make public," Khan said, adding that he was "buying five" lawmakers.

PTI leader Asad Umar rejected the clip as concocted. **PTI**

## QUESTION OF BAND'S CONSCRIPTION AMONG HOTTEST TOPICS IN THE COUNTRY

# South Korea military ups chorus for BTS to enlist

**HYUNG-JIN KIM**  
SEOUL, OCTOBER 7

SOUTH KOREA'S military appears to want to conscript members of the K-pop supergroup BTS for mandatory military duties, as the public remains sharply divided over whether they should be given exemptions.

Lee Ki Sik, commissioner of the Military Manpower Administration, told lawmakers on Friday that it's "desirable" for BTS members to fulfill their military duties to ensure fairness in the country's military service.

Earlier this week, Defence Minister Lee Jong-sup made almost identical comments about BTS at a parliamentary committee meeting, and Culture Minister Park Bo Gyeon said his ministry would soon finalize its



The pop band's oldest member, Jin, faces possible enlistment early next year after turning 30 in December. **AP**

position on the issue. Whether the band's seven members must serve in the army is one of the hottest issues in South Korea because its oldest member, Jin, faces possible enlistment early next year after turning 30 in December.

Under South Korean law, all able-bodied men are required to perform 18-21 months of military service. But the law provides special exemptions for athletes, classical and traditional musicians, and ballet and other dancers who have won top

prizes in certain competitions that enhance national prestige.

Without a revision of the law, the government can take steps to grant special exemptions. But past exemptions for people who performed well in non-designated competitions triggered serious debate about the fairness of the system.

Since the draft forces young men to suspend their professional careers or studies, the dodging of military duties or creation of exemptions is a highly sensitive issue.

In one recent survey, about 61% of respondents supported exemptions for entertainers such as BTS, while in another, about 54% said BTS members should serve in the military.

Several amendments of the conscription law that would pave the way for BTS members to be exempted have been introduced in

the National Assembly, but haven't been voted on with lawmakers sharply divided on the matter.

Lee, the defence minister, earlier said he had ordered officials to consider conducting a public survey to help determine whether to grant exemptions to BTS. But the Defence Ministry later said it would not carry out such a survey.

In August, Lee said if BTS members join the military, they would likely be allowed to continue practicing and to join other non-serving BTS members in overseas group tours.

People who are exempted from the draft are released from the military after three weeks of basic training.

They are also required to perform 544 hours of volunteer work and continue serving in their professional fields for 34 months. **AP**

## MUSIC THIS WEEK

## A Day in the Life of the Ragas

SAATH SAATH

★★★★

Artiste: Purbayan Chatterjee and Rakesh Chaurasia, with Satyajit Talwalkar and Ojas Adhiya

## SUANSHU KHURANA

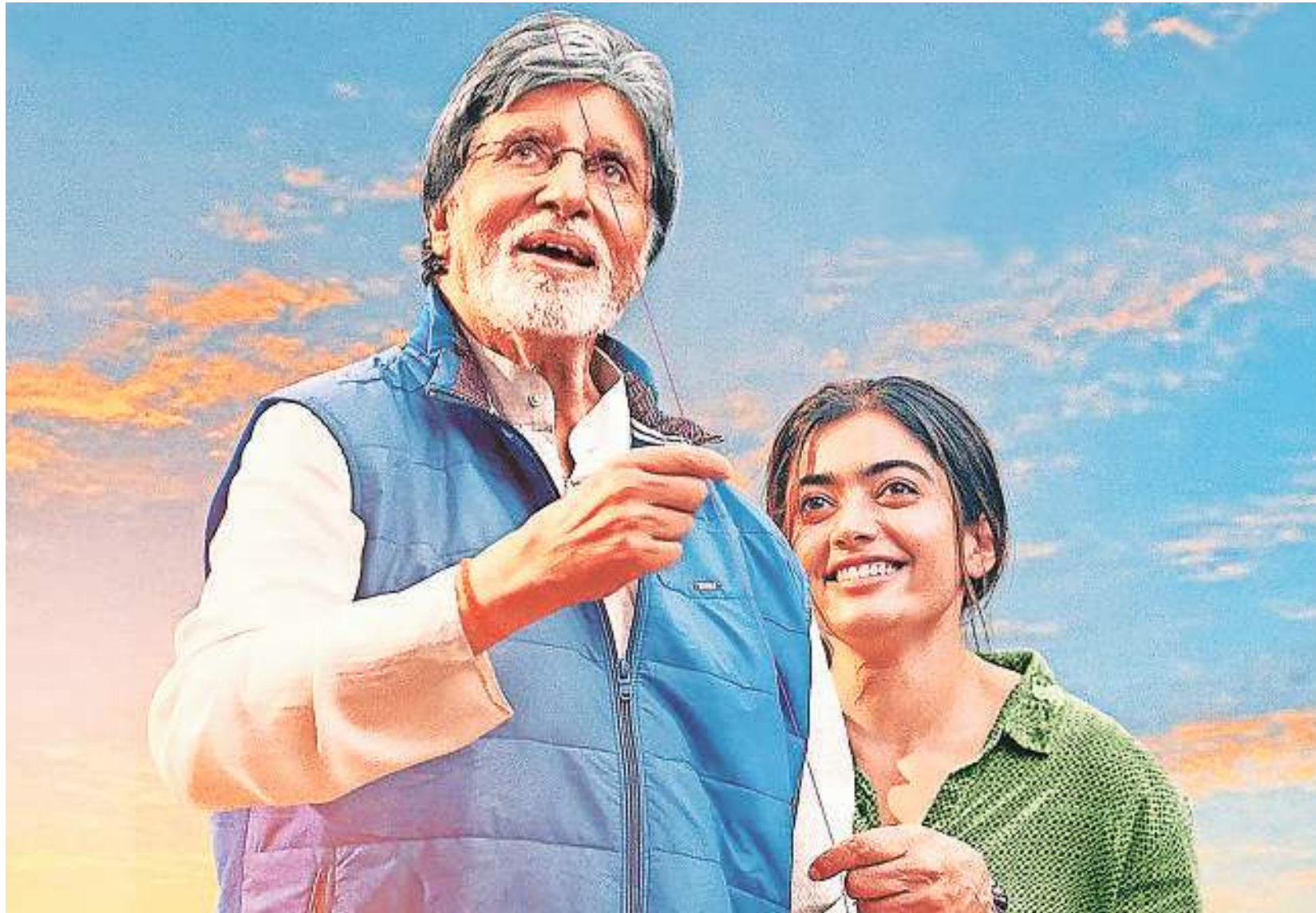
IT'S BEEN a few years since one heard a full-fledged instrumental album comprising unadulterated Indian classical music. I'm speaking of the kind that is without any frills and flourishes, one that comes without the burden of integration with western music — a norm these days to make the age-old Indian chamber music more agreeable. Full disclosure: if done well, I am all for contemporary classical. But in the present times, dominated by populist demands, those occurrences are few. Then there is the kind where an artiste contorts her ego and musical choices to appeal to a music label's demands.

For very long, good music has argued to exist. But with a digital world, it doesn't have to. So when sitar player Purbayan Chatterjee (pictured below) and flautist Rakesh Chaurasia's seven-track album *Saath Saath*, comprising seven *bandishes* in six ragas that complete the time cycle of morning to night — rises like a phoenix from this dust, it feels like the creation of an optimistic space, building on the music and life lessons imparted by their gurus to create an unadulterated album with two musicians playing instruments that have very different origins.



The album opens with *Lalit*, the gentle and serene morning raga, on the flute, creating the imagery of dusk through a simple reed. One of the strongest pieces on the album. Chatterjee supports here with gentle strokes on the sitar. This is followed by *Shuddh Sarang*, the majestic and bright raga. In the rush to attempt virtuosity, the sitar notes falter, especially towards the end. A special mention to the magic of the tabla by Satyajit Talwalkar, whose lithe precision stands out. *Madhuvanti* is a flute piece and Chaurasia never staggers, but the bandish doesn't go deeper.

*Yaman* follows in *madhya laya*, and the way Chatterjee opens it with a full sound is magnificent. At 16 minutes, this duet gives the soul of the raga in its entirety, with a delightful bandish. They complete the piece in the next track — *Yaman Druv*. The *jhala* leaves its boundaries often on the sitar, while Chaurasia manages to stay committed. *Pahadi*, which originated as a Kashmiri folk melody, opens on the flute, on which it usually sounds sublime. Chatterjee opens beautifully and attempts some noteworthy glides here. Like is tradition, *Bhairavi*, the heptatonic evening raga concludes the album and like the opening *Lalit*, both the artistes are brilliant in this one, deftly weaving a tapestry which speaks not just of the brilliant music but also the kinship between the two. It concludes with an ethereal and evocative, capturing this raga of separation created by Wajid Ali Shah. Listen to it for the notes that explore the expansive world of the ragas.



## Of Comic Timing and Catharsis

## GOODBYE

★★★★

Director: Vikas Bahl

Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Neena Gupta, Rashmika Mandana, Ashish Vidyarthi, Pavaal Gulati, Eli AvrRam, Sahil Mehta, Shivin Narang, Abhishek Khan

## SHUBHRA GUPTA

DEALING WITH death, and its aftermath, is a familiar theme. *Goodbye* is about a Chandigarh family, scattered to the four winds, learning about the death of a beloved family member, each in their own way. It's also about what happens after you come back to an empty house, where the spirit of the deceased is still very much around.

We've seen two films on the same subject, *Rampasad Ki Terhin* and *Pagglait* recently, both focusing on sprawling joint families in

small towns. There's no specific Chandigarh vibe in *Goodbye*, except for the presence of a few Sikhs, and a bunch of mourners who sound Punjabi. Instead of distant relatives, though, we see an immediate family which is large enough. Three sons, a daughter, an aunt, a grandfather, and the bereaved husband devastated at the loss of his beloved wife.

The bringing together of distant family members by a sudden death is another familiar device. And that's the core intention of this new film by Bahl, who seems to have walked past his #MeToo accusations. That, and wringing tears out of the audience. *Goodbye* is an uneasy mix of genres, tragi-comedy, broad humour, and heavy-handed sentimentality, which succeeds best when the emotion occasionally swims to the top without the belabouring. And that is down to the connection between the grieving Harish (Bachchan) and his dear departed spouse Gayatri (Gupta).

The warmth between the two is palpable. Gupta, who should have been on screen longer,

sparkles. And Bachchan, after a long time, allows himself to pause, and infuse real feeling into his role of a husband who doesn't know what to do with himself now that his lodestar has vanished, and a father trying hard to revive the old closeness amongst his flock. Yes, there is the predictable monologue: can there be a Bachchan film without one of those?

For the siblings, the death is a coming-of-age device. The insistence on tying these loose ends — sole daughter Tara (Mandana) on the way to becoming a successful lawyer, at first resisting the pressure of 'tradition', finally making peace with it; the sons (Gulati, Khan) agreeing to 'sacrifice' their hair so that their mother's *aatma* attains *shanti* — feels uncomfortably crowd-pleasing. It's almost as if this is done to offset the 'progressive' elements: Tara's Muslim boyfriend who arrives for the last rites, a young house-help who is elevated by a scantily-delivered romance to the family table, an adopted son who happens to be a Sikh (Mehta), his mum's self-confessed

'favourite'. There's also a nosey-parker family friend (Vidyarthi) who comes and goes. There was enough here to create a very specific universe if each character had been invested with some depth, but they all remain on the surface, even Mandana, who gets the most screen time, after Bachchan: they all speak at, not to, each other.

The forced humour surrounding the mourning is both distasteful and annoying. The 'modern-day' *pandit* at Haridwar, played jocularly by Sunil Grover, perks things up a bit, but is again a device to impart lessons to the youngsters, who, predictably, learn to smile rather than growl at each other. Their adorable Labrador, who had given up eating, also succumbs to the lure of food. Life, the film underlines, again predictably, goes on.

Finally, what you take away is the flavour of the relationship between an older man and a younger woman, the way they found each other, and the loneliness of the one left behind. My eyes welled up in a few places.

## Couple Trouble

## MAJAMA

★★

Director: Anand Tiwari

Cast: Madhuri Dixit, Gajraj Rao, Rajit Kapur, Sheeba Chaddha, Ninad Kamat, Simone Singh, Ritwick Bhowmik and Barkha Singh

WHAT DOES a long-married couple do when they discover that their years together have been based on a lie? Do they call it quits, or do they take a deep breath, step back, and try to figure things out?

The premise of *Maja Ma* uses the domestic space to explore the complexities of sexual identity, social niceties, hypocrisy, and falsehood. In a patently Gujarati city, with its *bens* and *mota bhais* and 'garba nights', Pallavi and Manohar Patel (Dixit and Rao) appear perfectly content. Son Tejas (Bhowmik) is somewhere in the US, dreaming of a union with the very American-desi Esha (Barkha



Singh). Daughter Tara (Shrivastava) raises a gong for LGBTQ rights, while negotiating a long-distance marriage.

Things start going askew when the parents of the bride, Bob and Pam Hansraj (Kapur and Chaddha) arrive in India, armed with their deep prejudices and exaggerated accents. The very grounded, middle-class Patels are patronised at every turn. To make

matters more complicated, old friends Kanchan and Moolchand (Simone Singh and Kamat) show up.

The slight thaw among the desis and the NRIs is shoved suddenly into cold storage by a strange rumour floated about Pallavi, who has been all these years the very epitome of devoted wife and mother. The rumour takes root, and spreads like wildfire. Has Pallavi

been true to her spouse? Or has she suppressed feelings for someone else, which have now burst out into the open?

Though Bollywood has grappled with same-sex love in the past, and is now much more comfortable with what used to be considered taboo, a film which speaks so openly about what could have been, is still something to feel chuffed about. A conversation between Pallavi and Manohar about real feelings, and how dutiful marital sex is not the same as an act which gives true *maja*, is one of the high points of the film.

The rest of the film, sadly, doesn't quite match up. The American couple is unintentionally hilarious, while not trying to hide their obnoxiousness. By wanting to be brave and trying to keep it safe, the film becomes both confused and clunky.

Some of the performances are better than the film. Chaddha tries to rise above her lines, and succeeds in a few places. The affable Rao has had practice in being married to women with substance: in *Badhaai Do*, he walked alongside Neena Gupta; here, he gives able company to Dixit. She is the pivot around which this film revolves, and in some places she does become the actor who can bring her character — complex, wistful, wanting — to life. If only there was more *maja* in the movie. **SG**

## STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



## THE SOUND OF 007

PRIME VIDEO

As part of the 60th anniversary celebration of the James Bond franchise, Prime Video is streaming *The Sound of 007*. Helmed by BAFTA-nominee Mat Whitecross, the feature documentary pulls back the curtain on the history of six decades of James Bond music, taking Bond fandom on a journey from Sean Connery's *Dr. No* through to Daniel Craig's final outing in *No Time To Die*. Produced by John Battsek, the film charts the history of the music, enthralling true tales behind the tunes and faces who have recorded some of the most beloved soundtracks in cinema.



## LAAL SINGH CHADDHA

NETFLIX

*Laal Singh Chaddha*, a retelling of the Academy Award-winning motion picture *Forrest Gump*, though ambitious and expensive, didn't set the box office ringing. This passion project of Aamir Khan, who plays the titular role and is also the co-producer, chronicles Laal's journey through life, love and momentous milestones in India's history. The film's cast features Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh, Naga Chaitanya Akkineni and Manav Vij in prominent roles.



## PREY

DISNEY+HOTSTAR

*Prey*, a science fiction horror film based on the Predator franchise, is the fifth instalment and a prequel to the first four films. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg, the movie is set in the Comanche Nation 300 years ago. It is the story of a young woman Naru, a fierce and skilled warrior who hunts alien predator with a technically advanced arsenal. The film successfully recreates the fun and shock effects of the franchise.

## FEELS LIKE HOME: S2

LIONSGATE PLAY

The new season focuses on more serious issues as the four boys living in a posh villa try to figure out not just how to set up the house, but also how to sustain it. It touches upon how the boys react to difficulties in life even as it retains the flavour of a coming-of-age dramedy about their lives together. The audience discovers a unique side to the boys who are honest about their vulnerabilities while dealing with the complexities of relationships and their friendship.

## A Match Made in Paradise

## TICKET TO PARADISE

★★★★

Director: Ol Parker

Cast: Julia Roberts, George Clooney, Kaitlyn Dever, Maxime Bouttier, Lucas Bravo



## SHALINI LANGER

STAY BACK for the credits roll and you are treated to a take where Julia Roberts consoles a presumably star-struck stewardess who has just dropped a glass. "Don't worry, it's only George Clooney. We have two of those."

If only. For those of us of a certain vintage, we haven't had enough of this supremely charismatic actor, in a rom-com role such as this. It is, in fact, the first such pairing of Clooney and Roberts, a match for him in charisma, despite the two having done other roles together that have coasted on their unmistakable star quality.

In *Ticket to Paradise*, it's the only thing going for the film, which is as beautifully inert as the picture postcard shots it keeps pulling up to convince

us that a Bali island "is the most beautiful place on Earth". And it isn't even Bali the film is shot in, but Australia.

Maybe if it was indeed Bali, director Ol Parker (also the co-screenwriter) would bother to have learnt more about Indonesia than the stuff read off tourist guide books. So, all of Bali it seems has large families, correct that to large 'loving' families; people who live in 'balance' with nature, including 'Devi Danu' (goddess of the sea); are able to survive on seaweed farming (apart from love and fresh air); and have enough left over to sustain artistically done-up thatched houses, with white sheets and billowing curtains. Plus, they welcome with open arms an American daughter-in-law fresh off a tourist boat, "now and forever" — because, we Orientals, we believe in that kind of marriage.

The daughter-in-law in question is Lily (Kaitlyn Dever); her parents in question the 20-years-now-divorced Georgia (Roberts) and David (Clooney). Lily, having just graduated with a much-coveted law degree, goes to Bali on vacation and there discovers the dreamy Gede (Maxime Bouttier). Thirty-seven days later, she tells her parents she is

getting married to Gede, and settling down to a life of seaweed farming.

Which parent would not do a somersault? And which parent not decide to fly right over to change their daughter's mind (we are not talking parents without money here)? But which parent would do so by a) stealing their rings, b) taking them to a cursed temple, c) believe that to be enough, and d) actually there is no d.

Smart and successful as Georgia (an art dealer) and David (an architect) are, they can't phrase the most clearly glaring reasons why Lily and Gede should give raging hormones (even those are not so raging) some rest.

We are told that Georgia has lingering regrets over not pursuing her career dreams initially, for marriage with David, and wants to ensure Lily does not do the same. David just wants more for his child. In its most well-articulated bits, the film wonders if parents can ever accept their children for who they are, without trying to improve.

However, we are not here for Lily or Gede, or his fawning exoticism of a Balinese family, are we? The set-up, the sunsets, the sunrises, the sand, beach, and even an alcohol-fuelled joyous dance (which leads to a most-disappoint-

ing morning after) are all in the service of throwing Roberts and Clooney together.

In an interview to *The New York Times* in the run-up to the film, where Roberts and Clooney discussed their friendship and constant ribbing of each other, Roberts put her finger on what makes rom-coms work (and she has done a number of highly-loved ones): it is when they get people connected to a story whose end they already know.

From the time in *Ticket to Paradise* that the exes Georgia and David first meet, and every time they do so thereafter, we want to reach over and throw them together. Their chemistry crackles, their jokes land, they can't be too mean to each other and we don't want that, he still has that crinkly-eyed grin with more of the salt-and-pepper hair, and she still has that most uplifting laugh in the world (though what's with the frumpy clothes the film has her wear, and the ridiculous puppy dog boyfriend she lets hang around).

Georgia's philosophy in life, or for most part of it, is: "Why keep the good stuff for last?". Yet, here, we keep going around in circles of the best stuff *Ticket to Paradise* has. And, no, it doesn't resemble paradise, just something close to home.

## We plan to come back to India, says NBA head

NAMIT KUMAR  
ABU DHABI, OCTOBER 7

ADAM SILVER, the NBA commissioner, has said that the basketball league plans to return to India and is focussed on developing the game in the country. Speaking at a press conference ahead of the first of two pre-season games to be held in Abu Dhabi, the NBA's first foray into the Gulf, Silver also said that sports production and consumption will change more in the next five years than it has in the last 30 years.

"We have plans to come back to India, we have discussed returning there many times," he said. "It was a great experience when we came to India back in 2019. We can be engaging with fans on all continents with 30 teams in pre-season. What we are focused on is developing the game there. Working with FIBA, more clinics, more academies, better distribution of our games to the increasing fanbase there." This season, the NBA went global for the first time in three years, having games in Japan prior to coming to Abu Dhabi. The last time they did so was in 2019, when they came to Mumbai for two games between the Sacramento Kings, partly owned by Indian-born Vivek Ranadive, and the Indiana Pacers. Silver revealed that having a presence in India remains a major goal for the NBA.

The NBA's international players like Serbia's Nikola Jokic and Greece's Giannis Antetokounmpo - for both of whom Silver had high words of praise - have played a huge role in the league's global push. Antetokounmpo, of Greek-Nigerian heritage, is a huge draw for crowds in the Gulf and Mediterranean regions, and is undoubtedly the biggest draw for the Abu Dhabi games.

Silver feels developing world-class players across the globe is crucial to spread the game, and he believes the emergence of France's Victor Wembanyama is a product of the NBA's reach. Wembanyama impressed massively when his local club, Metropolitans 92, took on the G League Ignite, an NBA developmental team, in Las Vegas on Tuesday. "As I am speaking right now, all around the world, there are young boys and girls bouncing basketballs, showing it love. Victor, of course, is a product of that, as a young man who grew up loving basketball. Unlike those of an older generation, games were accessible to him, not just in video tapes, and that's great," Silver said. Silver also spoke about how sports consumption and production is evolving rapidly. "You have to look at this from two different places. One is the distribution of the games. The ease of watching and accessibility of the games," he said, before mentioning that was the thought process behind NBA's newly-launched global application.

The writer is in Abu Dhabi on the invitation of NBA India. Watch Milwaukee Bucks vs Atlanta Hawks in Abu Dhabi on Saturday, October 8, on Sports18 and Voot.

# The Kev-Erling tango

Kevin de Bruyne is fuelling Erling Haaland's marauding runs inside the box

SAYAK DUTTA  
OCTOBER 7

IF YOU are a defender playing against Manchester City, what is the first thing you see? More often than not, your wandering eyes will always end up fixating on the colossal centre forward in the other half, standing absolutely still as he waits for the referee's whistle.

As soon as the whistle blows, the defender will come face to face with his worst nightmare, as Erling Haaland's gigantic frame peels away from his marker and marauds towards the opposition goal at lightning speed.

As soon as he makes those runs, you can bet anything that a certain Kevin de Bruyne will find a way to send the ball towards his Norwegian teammate, resulting in the ball nestling safely in the back of the net.

When Erling Haaland first signed for Manchester City, opponents were wary of the lethal partnership he could form with Kevin de Bruyne. That fear has turned into reality as the Belgian has been instrumental in some of Haaland's absolute spellbinding goals in all competitions.

One advantage de Bruyne has over his contemporaries is that he can easily slot in any position demanded by his manager. Last season, he was City's top scorer with 15 goals, effectively filling a gap left by the iconic Sergio Aguero. This season, after the arrival of Haaland, he has shifted back into the role of typical attacking midfielder. Nowadays, he prefers playing on the right where he can create with either foot, just like his two assists against Wolves this season, both of which were results of overlapping runs by his teammates, who were in turn fed by the Belgium playmaker.

There has also been a noticeable tweak in his position as he is playing a more advanced role as a central attacking midfielder, where he cuts away from the edge of the penalty box, towards his right, taking defenders with him, which gives Haaland a free rein inside the box due to less overcrowding.

Here are a few examples of how the Man City goal machine and the playmaker in chief have been in complete synergy with each other

### Vs Manchester United (Oct 2)

The most recent assist on the list is the one that de Bruyne conjured up in the 36th minute of the Manchester derby on Sunday. The Belgian maestro floated in a cross inside the United penalty box which took out Rafael Varane as well as Lisandro Martinez in one swift move. The ball then reached its target with pinpoint accuracy and Haaland showcased his athleticism by



Manchester City's Erling Haaland embraces teammate Kevin De Bruyne. AP

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guiding the lofted ball past De Gea with a stretched foot. The pass may have looked run of the mill but when you replay it in slow motion, you can see how de Bruyne knew exactly where to put the ball so that it both evaded the two centre backs and found its way to its intended target, which in this case was a flying Norwegian.

### Vs Sevilla (Sept 7)

Another assist which saw de Bruyne take the ball inside the opposition penalty

box but rather than try to shoot himself, plays a gorgeous ball to an onrushing Haaland, who looked like he had sprouted extra limbs inside the box. The ball bamboozled both the Sevilla defenders as well as the goalkeeper but found the boots of a mid-flight Haaland, resulting in a goal.

These runs which the Norwegian takes, evading the offside trap, coupled with the accuracy of de Bruyne's passes perfectly plays to City's strength. They had been looking for a perfect CF who was going to attack the balls inside the penalty box and looks like Haaland is the missing piece of that jigsaw.

### Vs Aston Villa (Sept 3)

This might be one of the best goals this combination has scored till now. De Bruyne takes the ball, drifts to his right and plays a curler, while running, which goes over the goalie Martinez's reach and finds Haaland near the back post at an unenviable angle. The gigantic Norwegian took flight, and just cressed the ball inside the Villa goal with his left foot, while hanging in midair. Any other striker there would probably have had a tough time to just reach the ball, but not Erling Haaland. He makes it look pretty easy.

## Kerala's Luna, Ivan overcome struggles to shine in ISL opener

MIHIR VASAVDA  
OCTOBER 7

FOR 70 minutes, more than 60,000 yellow shirts squealed and howled as they watched Kerala Blasters squander one opportunity after another. For the next 20 minutes, they brought the proverbial roof down, bouncing in the stands and celebrating three outrageous goals in the 3-1 win over East Bengal in the opening match of the Indian Super League season in Kochi on Friday.

It was an emotional night for the fans and players alike. The opening night of the new season marked the return of spectators after more than 1,000 days as the last two seasons of the league were played in a bubble due to the pandemic. For the players, the reasons were a lot more personal.

Take for instance the case of Adrian Luna. In April, the Uruguayan striker lost his six-year-old daughter Julieta to cystic fibrosis. On Friday, he teared up after scoring the season's first goal, pointed to the heavens and dedicated it to his daughter.

And it was a truly special goal. In the 72nd minute, Harmanjot Khabra, a street-fighter of a defensive midfielder, launched an aerial ball from near the half-line that floated into the East Bengal box. The defenders were caught ball-watching. Luna snuck behind them and stretched out his left foot to acrobatically put it past goalkeeper Kamaljit Singh from a tight angle.

"It was a special goal for me because everyone knows what I'm going through...me, my wife, family, son. This goal was for my little daughter," Luna said after the match.

Ten minutes after Luna's goal, an al-

K BLASTERS 3	EAST BENGAL 1
Adrian Luna 72'	Alex 88'
Ivan K 82', 89'	

ready-ecstatic crowd went completely berserk. This time, following a spectacular run and goal from Kerala's Ukrainian midfielder Ivan Kalyuzhnyi.

With his country at war with Russia, Kalyuzhnyi joined Kerala on loan from Oleksandriya, a club in Kharkiv, one of the several Ukrainian cities affected by the invasion.

Coming on as a substitute, the 24-year-old got his first touch and waltzed towards the East Bengal defence, which left yawning gaps in their search for the equaliser. The defenders, instead of closing him down, backed off, allowing Kalyuzhnyi to carry the ball almost half the field, get inside the box, beat three defenders and slot the ball past the goalkeeper.

On the sidelines, East Bengal manager Stephen Constantine shook his head, partly in disbelief and partly disappointed with his defenders for not doing better to stop Kalyuzhnyi.

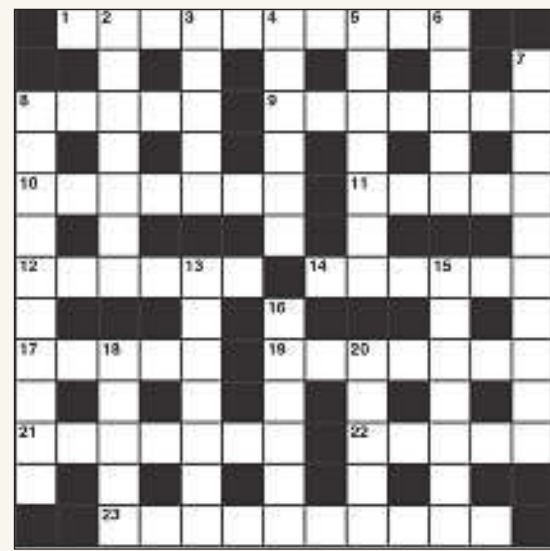
East Bengal pulled one back in the 87th minute through Alex Lima but Kalyuzhnyi settled the affair two minutes later. An East Bengal defender's headed clearance from a corner fell straight to Kalyuzhnyi at the edge of the box and without much of a back-lift, he unleashed a powerful left-footed shot that almost tore the net.

The goal ensured all three points for Blasters, who made an emotional evening even more memorable for the 60,000-odd fans who had returned to the stadium after more than two years.



Adrian Luna (left) of Kerala Blasters FC and Tuhin Das of East Bengal FC vie for the ball during the Indian Super League (ISL) football match in Kochi on Friday. PTI

### CROSSWORD 4867



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| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>DOWN</b>   |
| 1 Course of dejection in the valley (10)              | 2 It's lace made for use in many undershirts (7)      |
| 8 It's clear it sounds like an aircraft (5)           | 3 Learn new treatment for the kidneys (5)             |
| 9 The money's very good (7)                           | 4 Notice a dog inside and tie it up (6)               |
| 10 He makes payment for various letters (7)           | 5 I'm quietly confronting every single charge (7)     |
| 11 Confuse clergyman getting in the beer (5)          | 6 Observed how music is written (5)                   |
| 12 Suit to change into? (6)                           | 7 More mature fruit used to make wine (10)            |
| 14 A chubby high-spirited child (6)                   | 8 Incredible doctrine of a bygone age (4,6)           |
| 17 Catch a girl - nothing to it (5)                   | 13 Low loop for tying up (7)                          |
| 19 He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7) | 15 Patch up the others round about (7)                |
| 21 Tail one wags in delight (7)                       | 16 Craft project (6)                                  |
| 22 Pain that makes any go wild (5)                    | 18 What's new in mowing (5)                           |
| 23 Overbearing attitude of one surrendering? (4-6)    | 20 Yet such mail does not consist of such letters (5) |

Solutions Crossword 4866: Across: 1 August, 4 Finals, 9 Grenade, 10 Local, 11 Radii, 12 Sortes, 13 Badge of rank, 16 Repaper, 20 Verdi, 22 Early, 23 Panacea, 24 Tender, 25 People. Down: 1 Augurs, 2 Greed, 3 Staging, 5 Idler, 6 Auction, 7 Splash, 8 Seismograph, 14 Aspirin, 15 Revenue, 16 Urgent, 17 Trade, 19 Payee, 21 Recap.

### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a detour, not a dead-end street. - Zig Zigar (7)

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ANSWER: ABSE, LIVER, SUTTY, FLUCKY

### OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



### CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



### Difficulty Level 3s

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



### SOLUTION SUDOKU 4980



### DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Others seem to be pinning their hopes on you, but whether they are wise to do so or not is another matter. At any rate, today's Lunar alignments will give you extra scope to explain your needs and desires. First, though, you need to work out what you really and truly want.

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

It's a good day for traditional pursuits, like shopping or dealing with other financial issues, or fixing up your home. The overwhelming emphasis of your planets is on work rather than play, so stay busy. Even in leisure activities you'll want to do your best.

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon now brings a real change of heart in emotional connections which have grown stale over recent times. It will be pleasant indeed to feel more alive again, as the breath of love enters into your psychic arteries. Don't let everyday concerns block such wonderful feelings.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You will certainly require much help and assistance, if only because certain people now owe you a debt of gratitude. If anybody feels guilty about the way they have treated you, exploit it to the hilt. After all, they should have thought about their actions first.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

This is one of those rare times when partners must be allowed to go their own way. You will have to learn to trust people, even if your past experience shows that they are likely to make a hash of things. Maybe they have now learnt their lesson. Perhaps you can also offer them assistance.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Your solar chart is certainly a rather special one at the moment. I have spoken about favourable chances and opportunities over the past few weeks. Now, today's Lunar picture will set you a sort of celestial exam to see how far you are prepared to go.

#### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You won't be able to make decisive moves financially, or in terms of material security, until after Mercury resolves its current set of changeable aspects. You might imagine that you've all the time in the world, but you know the clock is ticking away.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You can go into battle over almost any personal matter if you wish, and the chances are that you will win. But winning the war is a different matter, and you should think very carefully before tangling with anyone who you may need to rely on in future.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

The time is fast approaching when no one will be able to impose any restrictions on you, but that's not how it feels just now. Indeed, the typical Sagittarian should be feeling particularly hemmed in by half-understood emotional feelings. Perhaps you need to go back to first principles before you start anything new.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You should take advice from friends and close associates, even on drawn-out domestic dramas. You must also realise that other people do take their beliefs and principles very seriously, so don't expect them to compromise. If they want to be different, then so be it.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

If you can accept other people as they are then you will probably get on a great deal more easily than in the past. This is very much a period in which people must all listen to each other with courtesy, otherwise tempers are bound to fray, and arguments will erupt.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Whatever else has been happening, it is very useful to spend time at home, or otherwise making more of an effort to get on with family members. Your travel stars are still extremely strong, so you should consider a good break and a nice, long rest.



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Government of Rajasthan



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ASHOK GEHLOT  
Chief Minister, Rajasthan



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Stand-in ODI skipper Shikhar Dhawan shakes a leg on arrival in Ranchi, the venue of the 2nd game versus South Africa. PTI

# WC setback: Chahar sustains back, hip injuries

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

WITH JUST a fortnight for their opening game against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup, India suffered another injury blow as medium pacer Deepak Chahar, one of the standby players and in contention to replace Jasprit Bumrah, sustained injuries to back and hip injury before the ODI match against South Africa in Lucknow on Thursday.

He was promptly flown to the National Cricket Academy in Bangalore, where the Indian cricket board's medical team will assess the extent of his injury, whether it is serious or not, and whether he could join the team or not in Australia later.

"We will soon get an update on Chahar. He had back pain on eve of the game and was not comfortable at all. The team management decided to send him to NCA where further scans will be conducted. Primarily, it looks like a back and hip injury," a source in the BCCI informed The Indian Express.

The back injury would be especially monitored as he had injured the area during this year's IPL and missed four months of cricket, unfortunately at a time when his stocks were climbing. The late injury meant that he did not travel with the India team to Perth, where they would play two warm-up games against New Zealand (Oct 17) and Australia (Oct 18). Having already lost Bumrah and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, two valuable assets, to injuries, they could ill-afford losing another fast bowler to an injury. And the injuries have coincided at the worst possible time for Chahar, as Bumrah's replacement was to be named in two days, October 9 being the cut-off date to confirm the squad.

Though Shami was the front-runner in the race, a more like-for-like replacement for Bumrah and more experienced, Chahal too stood a chance.

Unlike Shami, Chahar has been a regular in the T20 series against the Proteas as well as Australia before them. Shami, on the other hand, last played an international game on July 22 this year, an ODI game against England. His last T20 international was against Namibia in last year's World Cup. He too is at the NCA, where his post-COVID fitness is being assessed. Moreover, Chahal brings more utility with the bat, as both his international outings this year yielded 30-plus scores.



Deepak Chahar could join the Indian team later in Australia.

Swing factor

Since his comeback from injury in the series against Zimbabwe, he had racked up game time and had prospered in favourable bowling conditions, like in Thiruvananthapuram. On a juicy pitch, he swung the ball both ways with splendid control, highlighted by a vicious inswinger that bowled Temba Bavuma.

Even when the conditions do not ally his style of bowling, he could purchase sideways movement with the new ball and hence always force in the power-play.

He has been a much improved bowler at the death too, after he has developed an off-cutter and slow bouncer. Some consider him a better bowler than Bhuvneshwar Kumar as well.

"Deepak Chahar is the only bowler who can get the ball to swing up-front and both ways and looks like getting 2-3 wickets in Powerplay," Harbhajan had recently told PTI. "His inswinger is as lethal as his outswinger and he can even get to move in non-con-

Tried to give other batters a chance: Harmanpreet

Sylhet: Indian batters bungled badly in a straightforward chase as Pakistan recorded their first win over the arch-rivals in six years with a 13-run victory in the Women's Asia Cup, here on Friday. India were all out for 124 in 19.4 overs after Pakistan posted a modest 137 for six.

Questions were raised over Harmanpreet Kaur's fitness as she came into bat at number seven before per-

ishing cheaply. "I think in the middle we were trying to give other batters a chance. That cost us today. It was a chaseable target. In the middle overs, we were not able to rotate the strike," Harmanpreet said. **PTI BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan:** 137/6 in 20 overs (Nidar Dar 56 not out, Bismah Maroof 32; Deepti Sharma 3/27) **bt India:** 124 all out 19.4 over (Richa Ghosh 26, D Hemlatha 20; Nashra Sandhu 3/30)

Malik, who the selection committee had summoned to join the squad as a net bowler, along with Saurashtra's pacer Chetan Sakariya and Maharashtra's Mukesh Chaudhary.

That is a collective experience of six international games if required to step up into the playing eleven, in the eventuality of a last-minute injury.

Harbhajan accuses PCA president of corruption

PRATYUSH RAJ  
OCTOBER 7

FORMER INDIA cricketer and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan Singh on Friday accused Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) president Gulzarinder Singh Chahal of corruption. Harbhajan, PCA's chief advisor, has written to association members, its district units and Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann, alleging the current regime is indulging in unlawful activities. "PCA is trying hard to induct 150 members with voting rights to keep the balance in their favour, and these inductions are being done without the knowledge of the apex council/general body and without consulting the Chief Advisor," Harbhajan told The Indian Express.

Earlier this year, 39-year-old Chahal was unanimously elected as the PCA president. He was also backed by Harbhajan, which the latter now admits was a mistake. "I know him, but I had no idea about his motives. It is true that I backed and supported him, but it doesn't mean that I will support his corrupt activities. I wanted to set a good example," Harbhajan said.

He claims he was shocked when he came to know about the 'malpractices'. "It was very embarrassing as well as shocking for me. Everyone is pointing fingers at me. I can't let it happen under my watch. The motive behind my support was to keep Punjab cricket in focus. I was given the responsibility of keeping Punjab cricket clean. I will raise my voice against anyone who indulges in such illegal activities in Punjab Cricket. Above all, I represent a political party whose sole motive is to fight corruption," Harbhajan said.

Chahal, the youngest PCA president to date, refused to comment on the matter. "Since this matter is under consideration of the Worthy Ombudsman, it will not be appropriate for me to issue any statement," he said.

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# India's Aussie coach tries to fix an Oz-size problem

Graham Reid wants to eliminate team's mental block when playing Australia

MIHIR VASAVDA  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7

GRAHAM REID wants to make India 'bulletproof'.

The International Hockey Federation's (FIH) Coach of the Year has a blueprint for it: develop a 'collective defensive mindset' - which is essentially to always have someone on the hotline (the line between the ball carrier and the goal), mark the attackers 'really, really close' and tackle smoothly; become more 'effective and polished' in the scoring zone by reducing big swings and smash hits; add a new, aggressive dimension to an already-aggressive pressing game; and, instead of rushing with the ball, move it around patiently until a gap is spotted in the opposition defence.

All this seems too much to achieve in too little time. The new hockey season gets underway in three weeks - on October 28 - with the FIH Pro League, a tournament that's a precursor to the World Cup which is a little more than three months away. But Reid is convinced it's the only way forward for the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists. "If we play well and do the things we are good at, we are a hard team to beat," the India head coach says.

These are, he adds, learnings from the recent Commonwealth Games. More specifically, after India were blown to smithereens by Australia. Twice in 12 months, the Kookaburras pumped in seven goals past a hapless India - first at the Tokyo Olympics (7-1) and then at the Birmingham CWG (7-0). The loss in Tokyo did not bother Reid a lot, not back then and not now. "At the Olympics, we created quite a bit of opportunities. I didn't think there was an intimidation factor," he says. In Birmingham, Reid felt that was the case. "Part nerves, part intimidation, part not quite sure (what to do)."

It's a mysterious pattern because India have shown the ability to go toe-to-toe against almost every other team in the world. Since 2010, India have



Indian hockey team coach Graham Reid ahead of a training session. File

surrendered to Australia in four major finals, two each in the Champions Trophy and the CWG. The hammering at the 2022 CWG once again raised an uncomfortable question for the players: what was it about the Australians that made them quiver at the mere sighting?

Reid, a former Australia international, gives an example from his playing days in the early 1990s when Germany were the gold standard, winning the 1992 Barcelona Olympics gold, the World Cup bronze in 1998 and four Champions Trophies. "We put Germany on a pedestal, built them up more than what they actually deserved. You don't ever want to do that."

In India's case, the problems are multi-faceted. Soon after the CWG, when the national camp reconvened in Bengaluru, the players and coaching staff conducted a post mortem of the Australia match. It wasn't as thorough as Reid would've liked, but still enough to get an understanding of what was ailing the team.

Aussie aura

It's a combination of three things, Reid says. The first, he admits, is that 'Australia is still a mental block for some.' "We

need to get over that."

The second is the absence of the Hockey India League (HIL). "The good thing about the HIL was a lot of the guys played with the Australian players in their own teams so they had a better idea of how they play," Reid says. That confidence translated on the pitch, where India and Australia were engaged in some of the closest encounters in recent times. With the HIL gone, the aura of invincibility around the Australian players seems to have returned from India's point of view.

And the third, Reid points out, is the lack of matches against Australia. After the pandemic struck, Australia cut off all contact with the outside world, pulling out of the Pro League and barely playing a match before the Tokyo Olympics.

"We trained with the Germans, played a lot of games against Argentina... when it all came down, they felt confident and comfortable," Reid says.

The sort of nightmarish memories of past defeats against Australia meant that when the time came, the players froze. "We just didn't put pressure on them, which was our trademark in Europe during the Pro League. We were getting at Belgium, at Holland..."

Reid observed that the Indian players would come within three metres of the Australians and then hold - part nerves, part intimidation, part not quite sure, he repeats. "When you don't put pressure on a team like Australia, they start to dictate. They get their heads up, make passes and make it difficult for our defenders. The longer someone has the ball, the harder it is for defenders to defend."

At the World Cup in January 2023, if India and Australia top their respective pools and win their quarterfinals, they'd meet each other in the semis.

Reid isn't thinking that far ahead, but it's among his priorities to make sure the next time India meet Australia, the players aren't intimidated, at the very least. And so, he'll take the team to Adelaide next month. It'll be Reid's first visit to his home country in more than three years and it'll be a busy homecoming for the 58-year-old. India and Australia will play five matches against each other, apart from a few training sessions with a local team. "The idea is to desensitize ourselves to them, to make ourselves understand that we are good enough to beat them when we play well," Reid says. "We need to make sure our game is bulletproof."

# Security chief fired in Argentina after fan dies

REUTERS  
OCTOBER 7

THE GOVERNMENT of Argentina's Buenos Aires province said it has fired the head of a security operation carried out on Thursday outside a soccer stadium, which resulted in violent clashes and the death of a fan.

Police fired tear gas outside the stadium during a league match between Gimnasia La Plata and Boca Juniors, which then drifted into the stadium making it difficult for players and spectators to breathe, causing people to leave in a state of panic.

Province security minister Sergio Berni told local television the fan had died of a heart problem as he was leaving the stadium. Some 10,000 people had been waiting outside La Plata's Juan Zerillo stadium unable to watch the match, according to security personnel, with another 20,000 already filling it inside.

Argentine authorities said on Friday police used rubber bullets and tear gas to force the fans back as they tried to force their way inside. Players were seen covering their faces, while supporters entered the field as they tried to escape the tear gas. The Argentine top-flight match was stopped after nine minutes. The province



Fans after police fired tear gas during a league match between Gimnasia La Plata and Boca Juniors. Reuters

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government said it was clear the operation was not able to provide security to those who attended the match, and that it was investigating whether the incident had been caused by overbooking. "The Governor has instructed the security minister that the head of the operation be re-

moved immediately and that all the evidence is placed at the prosecutor's disposal," it said.

"My two-year-old son couldn't breathe," ESPN quoted Gimnasia player Leonardo Morales as saying. "We feel desperate and worried about all the people in the stands. We were playing a normal football game and it turned it into this and the feeling that our relatives almost died," he said.

The incident comes five days after a stampede at a soccer game in Indonesia killed at least 131 people when fans tried to flee a riot and tear gas fired by police in one of the world's worst sporting disasters.

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