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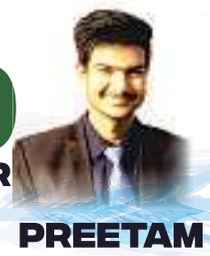
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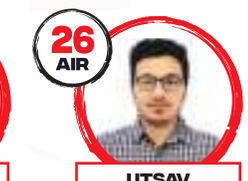
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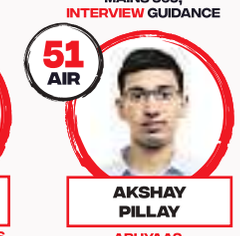
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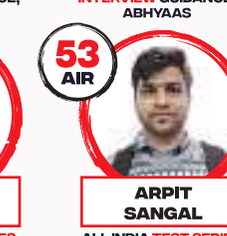
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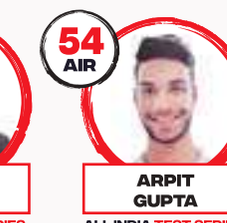
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VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK



POWERGRID, a Maharatna company under M/o Power, GOI, observed VAW with the theme Corruption free India for a developed Nation. Several programmes were organized for creating awareness amongst masses & employees.



OIL INDIA held the opening ceremony of VAW at its Corporate Office in Noida. The event was graced by Satyananda Mishra, IAS (Retd.), Former Secretary, DoPT & CIC as the Guest of Honor, Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD & senior officials.



Powergrid, NR -I, Faridabad observed VAW-2022 with the theme "Corruption free India for a developed Nation". AK Mishra , ED, NR-1 addressed the audience. M. Kumar, Sr.GM, Head of Vigilance Department, NRTS-I was also present.



HUDCO observed VAW on this year's theme "Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation". The Integrity pledge was administered to HUDCO officials. The officials were also administered the Unity Pledge to mark National Unity Day.



EdCIL The VAW, 2022 was observed by EdCIL from 31st Oct to 06th Nov, 2022, on the theme "Corruption free India for a developed Nation". On 31st Oct 2022, integrity pledge was administered by M Kumar, CMD, EdCIL.



PFC observed Vigilance Awareness Week from October 31 to Nov 6, 2022. The theme of this year's vigilance awareness week was "Corruption-Free India for a Developed Nation". The pledge was administered by Smt. SR Nakra, CVO, PFC.



ESIC The closing ceremony of 'Vigilance Awareness Week' (31.10.2022 – 06.11.2022) was held on 07th November, 2022 at ESIC Headquarters. SN Patel, CVC graced the function as the Chief Guest.



DFCCIL On VAW 2022, a talk on 'Vigilance: A Tool for Good Governance' by S Menghnani, EDRS/S (IR) & Ex. CVO/DDA. RK Jain MD DFCCIL awarded winners of Essay, Quiz, Slogan Writing competitions & released the Vigilance Journal.



CSR-ONGC

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma,CM of Assam & Rameswar Teli MoS, M/o PNG & Labour & Employment, GOI, flagged off nine ONGC aided advanced lifesaving ambulances to medical colleges in Assam on the occasion of Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



CSR-SBI

Under its CSR & "Go Green" Initiative, SBI donated 10 Electric vehicles to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delh. On behalf of the Bank, Dinesh Khara, Chairman handed over the e-vehicles to Dr. M. Srinivas, Director, AIIMS, Delhi.



INAUGURATION-MoSJE

Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar inaugurated the SHILP SAMAGAM-2022 in, New Delhi recently in the gracious presence of MoS SJ & E Ramdas Athwale, Pratima Bhoumik and Secretary, SJ & E Anjali Bhawra.



FOUNDATION DAY-UTTARAKHAND GOVT.

On Uttarakhand State Foundation Day, Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (Secy.) and CM Pushkar Singh Dhami participated in the main program organized at Police Lines, Race Course recently.



MoU -NBCC

Pradeep Sharma, CGM (Engg.),NBCC & A Kuppuswami, CGM (Township Administration),NLCIL signed a MoU in presence of PK Gupta, CMD, NBCC for establishing CISF Barracks/ Facilities & Trainee Hostel complex at Neyveli Township, Tamil Nadu.



FLICITATION- INDIANOIL

SM Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, felicitated 6 inmates from Yerawada Prison, Pune, who secured Bronze medal for India at the Intercontinental' Chess for Freedom' Online Championship for Prisoners, organised by World Chess Federation recently.

Petronet LNG Ltd During the quarter ended 30th Sept'22 (current quarter), Dahej terminal processed 182 TBTU of LNG as against 196 TBTU during the previous quarter ended 30th June'22 & 225 TBTU during the corresponding quarter ended 30th Sept'21. The overall LNG volume processed by the Company in the current quarter was 192 TBTU, as against the LNG volume processed in the previous and corresponding quarters, which stood at 208 TBTU & 240 TBTU respectively. The Company has reported PBT of Rs 994 Cr in the current quarter, as against Rs 937 Cr in the previous quarter & Rs 1,105 Cr in the corresponding quarter. The PAT of the current quarter was reported at Rs 744 Cr as against the PAT of the previous & corresponding quarters of Rs 701 Cr & Rs 823 Cr respectively. The Company reported highest ever turnover of Rs 15,986 Cr in the current quarter, as against Rs 14,264 Cr in the previous quarter & Rs 10,813 Cr in the corresponding quarter. The Company reported highest ever turnover of Rs 30,250 Cr in the current half year H1, FY 22-23 as against Rs 19,411 Cr in the corresponding half year H1, FY 2021-22, registering a growth of 56%.

PNB Net profit for Q2 FY23 was at Rs 411 Cr & grew 33.4% on QoQ basis. Operating Profit was at Rs 5567 Cr during Q2 FY23 grew by 38.5% on YoY basis. Global NIM improved by 61 bps to 3.00% in Q2 FY23 from 2.39% in Q2FY'22. For Sept'22. Global NIM for Q2FY23 improved by 21 bps on QoQ basis. Net interest income increased by 30.2% YoY to Rs 8271 Cr in Q2 FY23. Cost to income ratio for Q2 FY23 was at 49.93% an improvement of 834 bps on YoY basis.Global Gross Advances grew by 12.84% on YoY basis to Rs 830212 Cr in Sept'22.

POWERGRID, has announced the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter & half yr ended 30th Sept., 2022. The company has reported PAT of Rs.3,650 cr &Total Income of Rs.11,349 cr on consolidated basis registering a YoY growth of 8%. On standalone basis, the Company has posted PAT & Total Income of Rs.3,651 cr & Rs.11,190 cr respectively registering a YoY growth of 9% & 7% respectively during Q2FY23. For 6-month period (H1FY23), the PAT & Total Income on consolidated basis are Rs. 7,451 cr & Rs.22,518 cr respectively, which are about 11% & 8% higher with respect to the corre-sponding period of FY22 (excluding exceptional items), while on standalone basis, the PAT & Total Income are Rs.7,417 cr & Rs. 22,207 cr respectively, registering a growth of 12% & 7% respectively with respect to the corresponding period of FY22 (excluding exceptional items).

GAIL reported Revenue from Operations of Rs 76,063 crs for the period April – Sept. 2022 as compared to Rs 38,902 crs in corresponding period of FY 2021-22. Profit before Tax (PBT) for H1 FY23 stood at Rs5,770 crs as compared to Rs 5,736 crs for the corresponding period in previous year. Profit after Tax stood at Rs 4,452 crs as compared to Rs 4,393 crs in corresponding period of previous year. Quarter on Quarter basis, Revenue from Operations reported is Rs 38,491 crs in Q2 FY23 as compared to Rs 37,572 crs in Q1 FY23. PBT stood at Rs 1,876 crs in Q2 FY23 as against Rs 3,894 crs in previous quarter & PAT stood at Rs 1,537 cr as compared to Rs 2,915 cr in previous quarter.

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED is going to establish GIS substations in different parts of the city to further augment its transmission network. These substations will be established at Budella, Dwarka, Badarpur, Harsh Vihar, Maharani Bagh, Bharthal and Gopalpur with an investment of around Rs 1200 crs. Delhi Transco Ltd. in its endeavour to further improve efficiency and transparency in its business operations as well as to woo more bidders for its upcoming projects – organized a Vendors Meet recently. The meet was attended by bigwigs in electrical equipment manufacturing such as SIEMENS, GE, ABB, BHEL & TOSHIBA etc.

EIL has been entrusted by the Republic of Guyana to render the Project Management Consultancy Services for setting up an Integrated Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Plant and 300 MW CCGT Power Plant project in Guyana with an estimated contract value of US$ 22 Million. As part of this assignment, EIL shall provide Consultancy Services for setting up the Integrated Plant and manage the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the project on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Guyana.

Embassy of Japan Japanese cultural festival, Kizuna, 2022 will be organized by the Centre for Japanese Studies, SLL, & CS, JNU in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan, & will take place at JNU on 11th Nov. The festival will be a part of the celebratory events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India & Japan. The festival also aims at introducing traditional & modern Japanese culture in India & promoting cultural and people-to-people exchanges between the two nations.

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

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Rajan Kalra (Prp.) M/s Surbhi Creations,** R/o **P-97/98, 2nd Floor, Vijay Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 3899/19 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. KN Katju Marg, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rajan Kalra** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rajan Kalra** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rajan Kalra** of **CC No. 3899/19 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. KN Katju Marg, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before **16.01.2023.**

By Order
Ms. Tapasya Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-02,
Room No. 319, 3rd Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/2575/RD/2022(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Harmandeep** S/o **Sh. Harmeet Singh** R/o **H.No. M-7/D-2, Jhullelal Apartment, Pitam Pura, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 640/17 U/S 3DP D.P. Act, P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Harmandeep** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Harmandeep** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Harmandeep** of **FIR No. 640/17 U/S 3DP D.P. Act, P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before **30.06.2023.**

By Order
Sh. Rohit Gulia
Metropolitan Magistrate (North West)
Room No. 108, First Floor
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/2490/NW/2022(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Dheeraj Sharma, S/o Prem Chand Sharma, R/o B-1597, Shastri Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 302/2018, Dated 08.08.2018 U/s 376/509 IPC, P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Dheeraj Sharma** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Dheeraj Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Dheeraj Sharma** accused of **FIR No. 302/2018, Dated 08.08.2018 U/s 376/509 IPC, P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **12.12.2022.**

By Order
Sh. Atul Krishna Aggarwal
Addl District Judge
Spl. Fast Track Court-02, Central District
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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ई-निविदा सूचना (अति अल्पकालीन)

कार्यालय पत्रांक- वि0/यां0-निविदा/2022-1197 दिनांक 21.10 2022 के माध्यम से नवीन मण्डी स्थल सहजनवा गोरखपुर में इन्टीग्रेटेड पैक हाउस में विद्युत/यांत्रिक सम्बन्धी कार्यों की ई-निविदायें टू बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं वित्तीय बिड अलग-अलग) दिनांक 10.11.2022 को आमंत्रित की गयी थी। इन्टीग्रेटेड पैक हाउस के उक्त कार्य की ई-निविदा वित्तीय रूप से सुदृढ, अनुभवी प्रतिष्ठित निर्माता कम्पनी/उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं/अनुभवी फर्मों के माध्यम से कार्य की प्रतिशत दर पर दिनांक 22.11.2022 पुनः को आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदाओं की तकनीकी बिड दिनांक 22.11.2022 को अपराह्न 01.30 बजे ई-टेन्डर के माध्यम से आनलाईन कार्यालय उपनिदेशक (वि0/यां0) गोरखपुर में खोली जायेगी। उक्त निविदायें दिनांक 21.11.2022 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic.in पर डाउनलोड करते हुए अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा हेतु धरोहर धनराशि एवं निविदा का मूल्य (जी0एस0टी0 सहित) उप निदेशक वि0/यां0 मण्डी परिषद गोरखपुर के नाम आर0टी0जी0एस0/ NEFT करना अनिवार्य होगा। इसकी रसीद / यू0टी0आर0 नं0 निविदा प्रपत्र साथ अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। ऐसा न होने की दशा में फर्म द्वारा डाली गयी ई-निविदा को अवैध मानते हुए ई-निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	निविदा मूल्य जी.एस.टी. सहित (रु. में)	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	धरोहर धनराशि (रु. लाख में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	पंजीकृत श्रेणी
1	नवीन मण्डी स्थल, सहजनवां जनपद गोरखपुर में इन्टीग्रेटेड पैक हाउस में वेपर हीट ट्रीटमेन्ट प्लाण्ट-1.5 टन/बैच, वेपर हीट ट्रीटमेन्ट यूनिट हेतु आर0 ओ0 प्लान्ट-2500 ली0/घण्टा कोल्ड रूम क्षमता-20 टन, प्री-कोल्ड रूम-15 टन, राईपिनिंग चैम्बर-10 टन, पफ पैनलिंग, इवपुरेटर यूनिट, कन्डेन्सिंग यूनिट, हाइड्रालिक पैलेट ट्रक, वेजिटेबल/बनाना वाशिंग शार्टिंग एण्ड ड्राईंग लाइन, क्रेट्स, पैलेट, प्लान्ट क्वारन्टाइन यूनिट, वर्किंग टेबल एवं तत्सम्बन्धी अन्य मशीनरी/उपकरणों की आपूर्ति/स्थापना/ कमिशनिंग/टेस्टिंग, एवं 3 वर्ष की गारन्टी अवधि में पैक हाउस का समस्त अइटमो, विद्युत उपकरणों सहित 3 वर्षों का वार्षिक कॉम्प्रेहेन्सिव अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। Tender ID-2022_RKUMP_732970_3	29500.00	505.59	25.32	12 माह	अनुभवी/ निर्माता कम्पनी/ अधिकृत विक्रेता

नोट- टेन्डर डाक्यूमेन्ट वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 21.11.2022 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा शर्तें वेब साइट पर देखी जा सकती हैं।

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पत्रांक वि0/यां0-(निविदा)/2022-1217
दिनांक 10-11-2022

कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ़)

ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना

क्र. /निर्माण/2022 दिनांक 04.11.2022

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु (Online) आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	निविदा डालने की अंतिम तिथि
1	नगर निगम क्षेत्र के कोसाबाडी जोन अंतर्गत वार्ड क्र. 22 एच आई जी कॉलनी एम.पी. नगर एवं शिवाजी नगर वार्ड क्र. 28 आर पी नगरग में बी.टी. रोड निर्माण कार्य (द्वितीय निविदा) (15 वे वित्त आयोग)	298.40	21.11.2022 (T.No. 113739)
2	वार्ड क्र. 31 खरमोरा हाउसिंग बोर्ड कॉलोनी से दादर चौक तक बी.टी. रोड निर्माण कार्य (द्वितीय निविदा) (14 वे वित्त आयोग)	170.84	21.11.2022 (T.No. 113741)
3	कोसाबाडी जोन अंतर्गत आई.टी.आई. चौक से चेकपोस्ट तक एवं आर. एस.एस. नगर जोन अंतर्गत एस.ई.सी.एल. गेट से रेल्वे कॉलोनी ग्राऊण्ड तक बी.टी. रोड निर्माण कार्य (द्वितीय निविदा) (15 वे वित्त आयोग)	348.00	21.11.2022 (T.No. 113742)
4	कोरबा जोन अंतर्गत सुनालिया चौक से सीतामणी चौक तक, आर.एस.एस. नगर जोन अंतर्गत मैग्जिन भाठा से बिरसा मुण्डा तक एवं बाकी मोगरा जोन अंतर्गत विभिन्न स्थानो पर बी.टी. रोड निर्माण कार्य (द्वितीय निविदा) (15 वे वित्त आयोग)	298.56	21.11.2022 (T.No. 113769)

उपरोक्त कार्यों की निविदा की जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in से डाऊनलोड की जा सकती है, साथ ही निगम के वेब साईट www.korbamunicipal.in एवं www.korba.urbanecg.gov.in पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

।। स्वच्छ भारत निर्माण में योगदान दें।।

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF RAILWAY RESEARCH DESIGNS & STANDARDS ORGANISATION, Manak Nagar, Lucknow-226011.

TRACTION INSTALLATION DIRECTORATE
Open E-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, The Traction Installation Directorate of RDSO, Lucknow invites open E-Tender (online) for the following work:-

E-Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document Rs.	Completion Period	Date & Time of closing
RDSO-TI-OHE-SIMU-2022-01	Dynamic Simulation of OHE-Pantograph Interaction upto 200 kmph train operation	4668487.00	93400.00	00.00	03 Months	15/12/2022 15:00 hrs

Details of above E-Tender is available on web site. (www.ireps.gov.in). Tenderers can submit their bids from **01.12.2022 to 15.12.2022 up-to 15.00 hrs**. Only E-bid shall be accepted against above tender, Cost of tender document will be paid through online payment mode as available on IREPS portal only. No other mode of payment is acceptable. In case any technical difficulty, help desk of CRIS/New Delhi may be approached. The telephone numbers are:- 011-24105180, 24102855, 23370704, 23370703.

Sd/-
(Girraj Kishore)
Joint Director/TI-II
For Director General
RDSO, Lucknow-226011.

Letter No.: RDSO/589/2022

New Delhi

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER II[ND] CONSTRUCTION DIVISION (E/M),
U.P. JAL NIGAM (NAGARIYA),
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Letter No.: 592/Nivida/57 Dated : 07.11.2022

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S&T work at Sukhovi-Molvom section

TENDER NOTICE NO.: S&T_CON_2022_18. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work:- E-Tender No. DyCSTE_C_LMG_2022_18_02. Name of work: Supply and execution of works related to Railway General communication in new line Single Rail line Sukhovi(s)-Molvom section of Lumding Division. Tender Value: ₹17,98,91,603.84; Bid Security: ₹10,50,000.00 E-Tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. on 30-11-2022 & Opened at 16:00 hrs. on 30-11-2022. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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1) Name of the work: Augmentation of existing Integrated Security System (ISS) by enhancing the CCTV cameras along-with High Resolution Face Recognition System at Gondia station in Nagpur Division of SECR. E-Tender Notice No.: ST-TW-CCTV-FRS-G-22R, Dt. 07.11.2022. Tender Value: ₹ 84,66,231/-. Bid Security: ₹ 1,69,700/-. Completion Period: 8 (Eight) Months.

2) Name of the work: Replacement of over aged VHF Sets in Nagpur-Durg Section of Nagpur Division of SECR. E-Tender Notice No.: ST-TW-VHF-NGP-DURG-R, Dt. 07.11.2022. Tender Value: ₹ 35,06,282.50. Bid Security: ₹ 71,300/-. Completion Period: 6 (Six) Months.

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DEVENDRA PANDEY
ADELAIDE, NOVEMBER 10

DURING THE changeover between the 14th and 15th over, a forlorn Hardik Pandya was spotted sitting on the electronic advertisement board near the India dugout. Behind him were the support staff watching the tragedy unfolding before them with a sense of numbness. The players on the field, too, walked detachedly, perhaps wishing for the ordeal to end.

By then, India had practically lost the semifinal. England, after a 14-run over from Mohammed Shami, required just 15 runs from 36 balls to hunt down the target of 169 India had set for them. Exactly two overs later, they wrapped up a most

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India lost to England by 10 wickets on Thursday. *AP*

No bail, ex-chief secy held in Andaman gangrape case

RITU SARIN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

FORMER ANDAMAN & Nicobar (A&N) Islands Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain, who is facing charges of gangrape and sexual assault, was arrested on Thursday after a Sessions Court in Port Blair rejected his anticipatory bail plea.

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The Indian Express report on October 15

SC allows plea by Navlakha, grants house arrest for month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday allowed activist Gautam Navlakha, arrested in the Elgaar Parishad case, to be shifted from jail to house arrest in Mumbai for a month, imposing certain conditions, including CCTV surveillance, restrictions on use of phone, and no access to Internet.

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DELHI LIQUOR POLICY CASE

ED arrests son of Aurobindo Pharma founder

Pernod Ricard GM also arrested; no documentary proof: Reddy lawyer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 10

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate Thursday arrested P Sarath Chandra Reddy, Director, Aurobindo Pharma Limited, and Benoy Babu, General Manager, International Brands, Pernod Ricard India, in connection with its money laundering probe into alleged irregularities in the now-scrapped liquor policy of the Delhi government.

While the agency sought 14 days custody before Special Judge NK Nagpal at Rouse Avenue Court, the district court

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Aurobindo Pharma Director Sarath Reddy

EXPLAINED

3 arrested in 3 months

THE ED says the accused formed a cartel to corner a larger share of the retail liquor business than what the policy allowed. Public servants allegedly received kickbacks.

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The versatile Adil Hussain plays a pivotal role in new spy-thriller series Mukhbir. Helmed by Shivam Nair and Jayprad Desai, Mukhbir debuts on ZEE5 on November 11.

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EXPRESS AUDIO

3 Things: EWS and the changing discourse of reservation in India

On Monday, a 5-judge bench of Supreme court upheld the 103rd amendment act which introduces a 10 per cent quota for EWS, raising multiple questions, especially about the concept of reservation and the constitutional validity of the amendment.

FROM PAGE ONE

FULL REPORTS ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

ED arrests son of Aurobindo Pharma founder

granted a week's remand with directions to conduct proceedings under CCTV footage.

The ED told the court Reddy was "one of the kingpins" and a "major beneficiary of the cartelisation" whose cartel group "controlled 30 per cent of Delhi liquor market." It also accused him of giving a bribe of Rs 100 crore to Delhi Excise officials through AAP Communication in-charge Vijay Nair.

Babu, the agency said, "created a nexus to gain market share" and possessed sensitive excise policy documents. It also told the court he had a role in generating proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 50 crore. "Of the 31 licenses, Babu gave away 29 licenses to retailers. We also found the draft of Delhi liquor policy in his email. Liquor licenses were given out to a select few deliberately," an ED official, who did not wish to be named, told The Indian Express.

Sarath Reddy is the son of P V Ram Prasad Reddy, Founder, Aurobindo Pharma, and son-in-law of co-founder and Managing Director K Nityananda Reddy. Aurobindo is a listed company and a big player in the generic drugs market with a total consolidated turnover of Rs 23,455 crore in 2021-22.

Reacting to the arrest of Sarath Reddy, Aurobindo shares plunged 11.69 per cent to close at Rs 478.10 on the Bombay Stock Exchange. In a communication to the stock exchanges, the company said Sarath Reddy "is not in any way connected with the operations of Aurobindo Pharma Limited or its subsidiaries".

Pernod Ricard India is a subsidiary of the French spirits company Pernod Ricard, and it markets premium liquor brands such as Glenlivet.

The development is politically significant as the family of Sarath Reddy is related to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's close aide and YSRCP Member of Parliament Vijay Sai Reddy. Sarath's brother is married to Vijay Sai Reddy's daughter. In fact, in its March 31, 2012, chargesheet against YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Central Bureau of Investigation had named Sarath Reddy as the seventh accused, alleging he had invested Rs 7 crore in Jagan Reddy's Jagati Publications Private Ltd at an exaggerated premium of Rs 350 per share, and charged him under IPC sections 120-B and 420.

In the district court, advocate Manu Sharma, who represented Reddy, said the agency was recording the statements of his employees to build its case. "This is an old approach – you don't get documentary evidence, you get oral evidence… An employee who joined the investigation suffered permanent hearing loss in his left ear. If I suffer a beating and can't hear anymore, what can I do" he said.

Babu's lawyer Madhav Khurana told the court Babu "is a witness of the CBI as of yesterday". "This is crucial. If I am not an accused in the predicate offence which is the mother of this offence, can I be made an accused here?" he said.

Advocate Zoheb Hassan, who appeared for the ED told the court, it cannot be that a witness in a scheduled offence can never be an accused in Prevention of Money Laundering Act. "If that is accepted, money laundering laws will be defeated in this country," he said.

• No bail, ex-chief secy held in Andaman gangrape case



Andaman and Nicobar ex-chief secretary Jitendra Narain is brought to a Port Blair hospital Thursday for a checkup. *PTI*

Narain, who will face custodial interrogation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up by the A&N police, is expected to be produced in court on Friday.

On October 1, Narain and A&N Labour Commissioner R L Rishi were named in an FIR filed at the Aberdeen police station in Port Blair, based on the complaint of a 21-year-old woman. Both Narain and Rishi have since been suspended.

As reported by *The Indian Express* on October 15, the woman in Port Blair had accused Narain and Rishi of sexual assault and gangrape at the Chief Secretary's official residence, alleging that they had lured her with the promise of a government job.

On October 28, *The Indian Express* reported that the SIT had found evidence and recorded key witness statements pointing to an alleged job-for-sex racket, as part of which over 20 women are alleged to have been taken to Narain's residence in Port Blair during his year-long tenure and some of them are said to have got jobs in lieu of being sexually exploited.

Saying that the allegations were "grave and heinous in nature", District and Sessions Judge Subhash Kumar Kar on Thursday said "the need of custodial interrogation... cannot be ruled out for the interest of proper and impartial investigation".

The court emphasised that the accused was a high-ranking bureaucrat who held the charge of chief secretary, and his "power and position cannot be equated with a man of common strata".

Detailing the nature of the complaint, the judge noted that "penetrative sexual assault" was committed on the woman on two occasions.

During the over two-hour-long hearing, the public prosecutor appearing for the UT administration and the lawyer representing the woman voiced apprehensions about Narain tampering with crucial evidence and influencing key witnesses.

"The judge spent plenty of time going through the case diaries and testimonies of the witnesses and was convinced that custodial interrogation was required," P C Das, the woman's lawyer, told *The Indian Express* from Port Blair.

The court, in its order, noted the state's contention that although Narain had appeared before the SIT, he was "not cooperating with the investigation in any manner", which made his custodial interrogation essential.

It also noted that the other two accused in the case, Rishi and Rinku, a hotel owner, were absconding since the time of filing of the FIR, and their bail pleas had been rejected by the court in Port Blair. The A&N police have announced Rs 1 lakh reward for information on each of the two persons. On Narain's allegations of a "criminal conspiracy" against him, the court noted that the hearing on Thursday was to infer whether his custodial interrogation was required, and it was now up to him to disclose and establish such matters if the case goes to trial.

Narain approached the Sessions Court after the Supreme Court, on Monday, asked him to approach the jurisdictional court in the A&N Islands for anticipatory bail.

On October 20, the Delhi High Court had granted Narain interim protection from arrest till October 28. The next day, he approached the Calcutta High Court circuit bench, sitting at Port Blair, seeking extension of time, saying the next circuit bench would start only on November 14, by which time the protection granted to him would be over. In its October 21 order, the circuit bench continued the relief and asked him to appear before the SIT probing the case.

The UT administration then approached the Supreme Court, challenging the anticipatory bail granted to him. It said that Narain's decision to approach the Delhi HC and Calcutta HC "instead of... the jurisdiction Sessions Court at Port Blair, with a plea that no forum was available to him on account of vacation, is nothing but a blatant attempt of forum shopping and abuse of process of law".

Appearing for the UT administration, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had said the statement given by the woman to the magistrate under CrPC Section 164 had already been corroborated by independent witnesses. He also said that the accused had "already tampered with evidence".

He pointed out that the co-accused in the case had gone to the jurisdictional court in the UT, which had denied relief.

Appearing for Narain, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said the allegation of rape was of April 14, and that Narain was on an official visit to Delhi from April 11 to 18.

• SC allows Navlakha plea, grants house arrest for a month

Overruling the NIA's objections, the bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy allowed the 70-year-old activist's plea in which he had cited health grounds.

Navlakha, who is facing UAPA charges in connection with the case, is lodged in Taloja jail near Mumbai. Seeking transfer to house arrest, he had said he would stay with his sister, Mridula Kothari, in Mumbai.

The NIA pointed out that one of the doctors who had signed the medical report submitted by Navlakha was Mridula's husband, Dr S Kothari, a senior doctor at Jaslok Hospital.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the NIA, said Navlakha had pressed for being examined at Jaslok Hospital, knowing that his brother-in-law was there. Contending that there is an element of bias and possibility of the report being tainted, he urged the court to order a fresh independent assessment.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Navlakha, said the report was backed by scientific examination by other doctors.

Agreeing with the view, the bench said considering Navlakha's health, he may not be unjustified in requesting house arrest.

Following the questions raised by NIA about the medical report, Sibal said Navlakha would stay with his partner, Sahba Husain, and not his sister. The court allowed this.

With the court resolving to allow house arrest, the NIA suggested some restrictions. Agreeing with most of the suggestions, the court asked the agency to "carry out necessary evaluation of the premises" before Navlakha is shifted.

The order said the agency was "free to deploy appropriate police personnel" to monitor and prevent any misuse of the house arrest, and asked Navlakha to deposit Rs 2.4 lakh as estimated expenses for his security.

"Petitioner will not use a computer, Internet or any other communication device while under house arrest. He will, however, be permitted to use a mobile phone without Internet, provided by police personnel on duty, once a day for 10 minutes in the presence of the police," the bench said. He should not use any other phone including that of his companion, which should be a basic phone without Internet connectivity.

The court said NIA could carry out surveillance and record calls on the companion's phone, and she should not delete details of calls or messages from her phone.

Sibal said Navlakha has a house in Delhi, but the court said he would not be allowed to leave Mumbai or Navi Mumbai.

He can meet two members of his family for three hours a week, details of whom should be provided to the NIA. No electronic gadgets would be allowed inside the house even when visitors call on him, it said.

While the NIA sought permission to install CCTV cameras inside the rooms, the court allowed them to be installed at the entrance and outside each room. The entire expense for maintaining them would be borne by Navlakha, it said.

The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the Elgaar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which the police claim triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial. The Pune police had claimed the conclave was organised by people with Maoist links. The NIA later took over the probe.

• Out of WC and ideas, old-school India now face need to rebuild

comprehensive victory, with 10 wickets and four overs in the bank. The executioners of the chase, Alex Hales and Jos Buttler hugged each other heartily.

The game was an exhibition of England's prowess as well as the depth of their talent. It was also a realisation that India needed to rethink their approach in T20s. They are still old-school. The powerplay conservatism when batting and reliance on swing bowlers upfront have become outdated. Hales and Buttler, T20 specialists and stars of leagues around the world, scored 63 in the first six overs. India's Top 3 — Rohit Sharma, K L Rahul and Virat Kohli — were conservative, managing just 38 in the powerplay.

That Pandya is leading a new-look team to New Zealand within days could be a precursor. The leading voices of Indian cricket too were suggesting change. "India may have to look at a relatively new team," said Ravi Shastri after the game.

Sunil Gavaskar, too, hinted at that. "There could be (T20) retirements, there are a lot of players in their mid-30s," he said.

A wholesale churn is expected and emulating England's template wouldn't be a bad idea.

Buttler's unit was confidence personified. Once they had restricted India to 168 on a placid, subcontinent-like surface, England knew this was their game to lose. In the innings break, leg-spinner Adil Rashid told the broadcasters: "If you'd said 168 in the beginning of the day, we'd have been happy with that."

That they probably assumed they lost some momentum at the death was due to Hardik Pandya's brutal 63 off 33 balls, enabling his team to pick 68 off the last five overs. But for his death-over strikes, India's embarrassment would have been deeper on a day when England made a team full of IPL stars look like a club side.

England, meanwhile, have shown the depth of their pool in Australia. Just before the World Cup, they had lost their star wicket-keeper batsman Jonny Bairstow, who slipped when playing golf. His replacement was Hales, who has been on a roll this World Cup.

Hales has been away from international cricket after the fallout with former captain Eoin Morgan and other disciplinary issues. He was nowhere in the reckoning, but the selectors and captain Buttler thought his BBL experience and success in Australia would be handy. His inclusion has not just been handy, but the most inspired decision in England's journey to the World Cup final. He is England's top-scorer, with 211 runs at an average of 52 and strike rate of 148.

The 33-year-old and Buttler ransacked 33 runs from three overs by India's new-ball pair of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Singh. The biggest sign of the panic was Axar Patel being summoned to bowl the fourth.

Not that the Englishmen relented. They maintained a rate of 10 runs per over throughout the game. On a pitch with no steep bounce, untoward lateral movement or outrageous turn, India's bowlers struggled to find a breakthrough. How dearly they missed someone like Jasprit Bumrah, someone capable of producing magic from thin air.

England, too, could have argued that their best T20 bowler, Jofra Archer, has been long injured. A day before the final, they lost their second best, Mark Wood, too. But their depth is frightening — in came Chris Jordan, who bowled splendidly at the death.

England, distinctly, had a varied attack. Jordan amped up pace; Chris Woakes produced extra lift that accounted for KL Rahul with the new ball; Sam Curran's blend of angles and slipperiness kept India's batters on a leash; and the wrist-spin of Rashid prised out the most dangerous of India's batsmen, Suryakumar Yadav.

As resourceful as England's bowlers were, India's batsmen were short of ideas. They were too rigid. The usual strategy of cementing a solid base and expanding at the death — albeit a safe template against most teams or when chasing, would not work on a benign surface such as this — at least not against a team that bats deep and has a wide variety of hitters.

India will curse the stars that of all the games, Surya chose this one to flop. But championship-winning sides don't rely on just one or two individuals alone.

It raises a bigger question. Did India have the quality to win a championship? In fact, apart from Zimbabwe and the Netherlands games, they have been pushed to the brink and had to rely on individual dazzle and panicky opponents.

The euphoria after the Pakistan game looks distant. Pakistan, on the other hand, will believe that fortune is smiling at them. The World Cup of 1992 is playing out all over again. The last alignment of destiny, too, has arrived in the form of England as their opponent in the final. And now it's a matter of who could be their Wasim Akram next Sunday.

Karnataka BJP chief absence at party events sparks replacement talk

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THE ABSENCE of the Karnataka BJP president at party events, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Bengaluru on November 11 for the unveiling of a new airport terminal and a statue of the city's founder Kempegowda, has triggered speculation of impending changes in the state leadership ahead of the 2023 polls

On November 5, Nalin Kumar Kateel, who was part of party events till last week — including the Jan Sankalp yatras to highlight the achievements of the state government—announced his leave of absence for 10 days from all party activities, citing medical advice. "State-wide Jan Sankalpa yatras and other party programmes are progressing well under other leaders. I'm undergoing medical treatment, and on the advice of doctors, won't be able to attend any of these programmes for 10 days. I'll return soon to serve the party and my constituency," Kateel announced on social media on November 5.

The state BJP president, who has been facing flak within party ranks in recent months for poor turnouts at public events of the party, will be absent at a time when a senior BJP functionary close to the party's central leadership is touring the state and



Nalin Kumar Kateel has taken 10-day 'medical' leave

meeting senior leaders. V Satish, the BJP's joint general secretary (organisation), began a three-day tour of Karnataka on Monday, in what is seen as an exercise by the party leadership to carry out an independent assessment of the organisation, ahead of the preparation for the 2023 polls.

Who will lead the state BJP into the Assembly polls is going to be a pressing issue for the party in the coming months. BJP sources said Satish held backroom discussions with senior state BJP leaders and office bearers like general secretaries, to obtain a picture of the ground realities in the organisation. He will convey the report to central leaders. But the carrying out of the exercise in the absence of the state BJP president has revived suggestions that Kateel is likely to be replaced soon.

"There's speculation about the future of the state BJP president, in light of his absence ahead of the PM's visit," said a BJP source, adding that Kateel was undergoing medical treatment and that no changes were afoot. "Satish's visit is not linked to the state president's absence," he added.

The speculation that Kateel could be replaced after his three-year tenure ended in August has been floating since July, along with the rumour that the BJP is considering Union minister Shobha Karandlaje as his replacement.

In recent weeks, there have been reports that some BJP rallies were not drawing crowds, especially in places like Mandya in southern Karnataka, where they were headed by Kateel.

Karnataka BJP is scheduled to identify candidates for the 2023 polls in the coming months, and there is speculation that many senior and "non-performing" MLAs will be overlooked. On Thursday, Karnataka BJP Rajya Sabha member Lahar Siroya tweeted, asking senior leaders to stand down from contesting elections to let new faces rise, citing Gujarat BJP's decision to deny tickets to old faces and go ahead with Young Turks for the Gujarat Assembly polls this December.

Earlier this week, former Karnataka CM and BJP parliamentary board chief B.S. Yediyurappa was heard over TV microphones telling his associate, Kalakappa Bandi — a BJP MLA from north Karnataka—that it is unlikely he will get a ticket in 2023. The tone of the former CM — who only regained importance within the BJP in August 2022, after being forced to quit as CM in July 2021—was light-hearted banter, but it only added fuel to the fire of speculations around "dead wood".

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Lajpat Nagar murder: Domestic help from 15 yrs ago, her partner arrested

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

DAYS AFTER a 75-year-old woman was robbed and killed inside her house in Southeast Delhi's Lajpat Nagar, a couple was arrested Thursday in connection with the crime. Police said the accused, Yogesh (31) and Rani (26), were caught at their Chhattarpur Enclave home along with the stolen jewellery, a pistol and 83 illegal liquor bottles.

The victim, Kulwant Kaur, was found dead at her residence on the first floor of a building on Tuesday. She lived alone as her husband, a businessman, died five-seven years ago.

According to police, Rani had worked at the victim's house 15 years ago. She went to meet Kaur two days before the incident after which the couple allegedly planned to rob and kill her.

On the day of the crime, police said the duo entered Kaur's house on the pretext of meeting her for work and allegedly strangled her. Kaur's caretaker later found her body, with injuries on her neck and ears. Police said the jewellery was forcefully removed from Kaur's body.

Since the gate and lock were not damaged and it appeared to be a friendly entry, police started looking for known persons. A team under SHO Pradeep Kumar started questioning family and friends, scanned CCTVs and mounted technical surveillance on the victim's and other person's phones. "It was difficult because the CCTVs at the house were installed at an angle which did not cover the entry. During enquiry, we found that a former house help named Rani recently visited Kaur," said an officer. Police also recovered a piece of paper with Rani's number on it.



The victim, Kulwant Kaur

Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Sagarpreet Hooda said, "Teams worked on technical surveillance and CDR analysis and traced Rani's residence to Chhattarpur Enclave. After more than 18 hours of searching for them, Rani and Yogesh were found."

During questioning, police said Rani confessed to their crime. "The couple revealed they were in dire need of money... Yogesh had started a restaurant, but it shut down during the pandemic. They were currently surviving on a small rental income from a shop gifted to them by Yogesh's father. On November 6, Rani first visited Kaur after which the couple planned the murder. Rani told us she observed that Kaur was lonely and helpless...," added Hooda.

Police sources said on Tuesday, the couple took a piece of cloth as a weapon and went to Kaur's home. Rani introduced her husband and the two were let in. She then entered the kitchen on the pretext of making tea for everyone.

"Rani called out to Kaur, saying there was no milk in the house. Just as Kaur got up, Yogesh pounced on her and strangled her. The couple killed the woman and snatched all her jewellery in a hurry, causing injuries to her face. They left with their faces masked to evade detection," said a police source.

Senior police officers said Yogesh's brother is allegedly involved in illegal liquor trade and had kept bottles and a pistol at the couple's home. He is also a suspect in the crime and will be questioned, police said.

2 students injured after groups clash in JNU, police called in

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TWO STUDENTS sustained minor injuries after clashes broke out between two groups inside Jawaharlal Nehru University Thursday evening. Police were called into the campus to control the situation.

According to police, no complaint has been filed and no arrest/detention has been made so far. Police said the fight was over a personal issue between two students, and more joined in.

A purported video from the university campus shows men walking around with sticks and lathis.

Manoj C, DCP (Southwest), said, "A PCR call was made around 5 pm about the students fighting near Narmada Hostel. We found that the fight was over a personal matter. We have received 2 MLCs of students. No complaints have been received yet. Necessary legal action is being taken."



Police said the fight was over a personal issue between two students, and more joined in

A senior police officer added, "We received information from the college about the fight. Two students started fighting over a personal issue and were then joined by their friends. There are no student political groups or any politics involved."

Sources said the area SHO, ACP and local staff visited the campus. A few gates were sealed and entry was barred.

A JNU official said, "Last night, a clash took place between two groups of students at a birthday party held on campus. One student was injured. Today afternoon, along with people from outside, boys resorted to retaliatory violence by the group supporting the injured. Campus security had been alerted to prevent further clashes. No complaint has been filed with authorities. The campus is peaceful now and the administration has sought a report."

BRIEFLY

Team formed to locate absconding 'godman', CBI tells Delhi HC

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation informed the Delhi High Court Thursday that a 10-member team has been constituted to locate absconding 'godman' Virendra Dev Dixit. The submission was made before a division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad in a plea pertaining to the welfare and protection of the rights of women living in Adhyatmik Vidyalaya, an ashram run by Dixit, who has been declared as a proclaimed offender.

3 men held for beating up staff of restaurant

Noida: Three men were arrested after they allegedly beat up a restaurant staffer in Greater Noida's Ansal Mall after not receiving food that they had ordered, said police. According to Vishal Pandey, ADCP (Greater Noida), "The three youths had given an order in the restaurant... when it was delayed, they beat up the victim. All three youths, who are residents of Dadri, have been arrested." **ENS**

Brothers 'beaten up' by bouncers at bar

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A 24-YEAR-OLD private company employee and his elder brother were allegedly beaten up by bouncers after an alleged argument at a bar in Gurgaon, said police.

According to police, the incident took place on October 21, but a case was registered Wednesday after investigation.

In the police complaint, the victim Sidharth, who works with a private software firm in Gurgaon, said he and his elder brother had gone to a restaurant/bar on Golf Course Road, Sector 42, Gurgaon, with friends.

"At the bar, our three friends had a fight with the bouncers. My brother and I tried to intervene to break up the fight, but the bouncers started assaulting us. We ran downstairs out of the bar, but the bouncers cornered us outside and thrashed us with hockey sticks. At least 10-12 bouncers roughed us up for no reason and threatened us. We, somehow, managed to escape," he alleged in the FIR.

The complainant added that they went to civil hospital and got treated for their injuries.

A police officer said, "The complainant and his brother suffered blunt injuries. Probe and CCTV footage shows that 2-3 bouncers were present at the bar at the time of the incident and they were not armed with hockey sticks. We are verifying the contents of the complaint. No arrest has been made so far."

No arrests have been made so far. The complainant and his brother suffered blunt injuries, said police

An FIR was registered against the accused under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (wrongful restraint), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code at Sector 29 police station, said police.

Couple found dead in Greater Noida flat

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A COUPLE was found dead at their home in Greater Noida West Thursday morning, in what appears to be a murder-suicide, said police. The deceased were identified as Deepak Kumar Gupta (60) and his wife Mridula Gupta (59). They lived in Fusion Homes residential society. Police said the family appeared to be under financial stress.

According to police, they received information about the incident around 10.30 am. A forensic team was then sent to the spot along with DCP (Central Noida) Ram Badan Singh.

The DCP said, "A woman called and said her in-laws had committed suicide. I came to the spot, along with ACP-2 Yogendra Singh." He said Deepak was found hanging while Mridula was on the bed with strangulation marks.

According to the DCP, a purported note suicide note was found which indicated that Deepak had allegedly killed his wife and then himself. He said, "Deepak had financial problems. He was running a factory which produced iron articles. He was also upset he could not get either of his daughters married."

DCP Singh said they are also probing possible abetment in this case: "Deepak had mentioned a person in the note who he alleged did not repay him a large sum of money... we are investigating this. A case will be filed under IPC section 306 (abetment to suicide)."

The couple is survived by their son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, who lived with them, along with their elder daughter, who lives elsewhere.

Staff beaten up at Kherki Daula toll plaza, ex-block samiti head arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 10

A FORMER chairman of a block samiti in Gurgaon was arrested Thursday for allegedly assaulting Kherki Daula toll staff and breaking window panes of several cabins after an argument over delay in movement of vehicles Wednesday night, police said.

According to police, the incident took place around 10.40 pm. The accused was identified as Hoshiar Singh, a resident of Naurangpur village.

In the complaint, Jitender Singh, spokesperson of Kherki Daula toll plaza, said around 10.40 pm, a car stopped at lane number 10.

"The car's tag did not have sufficient balance and the lane attendant asked the car's occupant to pay the toll. Meanwhile, another car arrived from behind in which the accused was seated," said Singh.



CCTV grab of the incident

He added that the accused, seemingly peeved, alighted from his car and walked up to the toll operator and started hurling abuses at the staff.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Jitender alleged, "There was no immediate provocation from toll staff but the accused got aggressive. He slapped a toll attendant and started beating a toll operator. He took out a wooden stick from his car and ran after another toll operator to attack him, but the operator managed to run away."

He further alleged, "The accused then broke the window panes of 15 cabins and booths with the stick. He also broke the boom barriers of two booths and caused damage to properties worth over Rs 3 lakh of the NHAI. Two toll staffers, who were manning the booths, suffered minor injuries from the shattered glass. The accused also threatened staff."

Jitender said there was no delay in movement of vehicles.

Police said they recovered CCTV footage in which the accused could be seen breaking the windows of the booths.

Rajender Singh, SHO, Kherki Daula police station, said, "The accused was arrested and released after he joined the probe. He claimed there was an argument over the delay as cars were held up in the lane..."

An FIR was registered against the accused under IPC sections 323, 506 and 427, police said.

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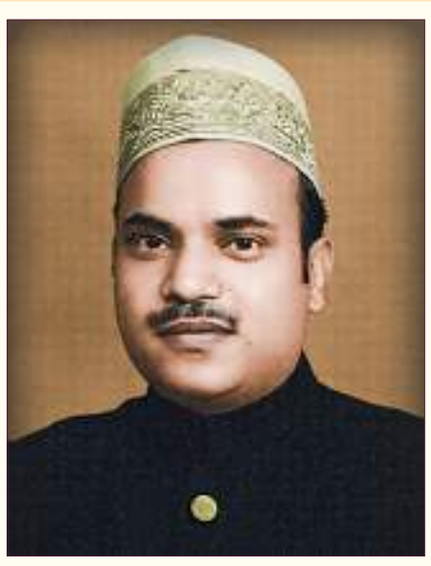
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ORDER ON ACTOR'S BAIL PLEA EXPECTED TODAY

Why no arrest earlier, court asks ED in case against Jacqueline

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

HEARING THE bail application of actor Jacqueline Fernandez in an alleged Rs 200 crore money laundering case, a Delhi judge Thursday warned the Enforcement Directorate (ED) not to implement a "pick-and-choose policy" and questioned why the agency did not arrest her and why it was using different yardsticks in this case.

Fernandez has been accused of enjoying the proceeds of a crime involving conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, who had allegedly extorted Rs 200 crore from former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Singh's wife.

Additional Sessions Judge Shailender Malik is expected to pronounce his order on Fernandez's bail plea Friday after both sides complete their arguments. The court is also expected to hear arguments on charges in this case on November 24.

Senior advocate Siddharth Aggarwal, on behalf of Fernandez, began his arguments by tackling the ED's contention that she was a flight risk and had tried to flee the country in the past. Aggarwal told the court that Fernandez had appeared for questioning twice and was not named as an accused. He said she had not been intimated that a lookout notice had been issued against her when she tried to travel abroad in 2021.

Subsequently, he said, when she wanted to visit her mother on two occasions, she wrote an email to the agency seeking permission



Jacqueline Fernandez

to travel abroad only to be met with silence because of which she did not travel. Aggarwal also apprised the court of a subsequent court order that allowed her to travel for professional engagements. Aggarwal pointed out that the supplementary chargesheet in the case had been filed without her arrest and asked if there was a need to alter the status now. The "prosecutor agency has me without any protection" and has the "freedom to ask me any question", he told the court.

Special Public Prosecutor Shailesh N Pathak began his rebuttal to the bail plea by stating Fernandez cannot take benefit of provisions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, which gives relaxation in case the accused is a woman, by stating that "criminal jurisprudence is gender neutral". Pathak argued there are other provisions which state that the economic offence in question must be less than Rs 1 crore.

The judge told the ED to show the criteria to support its arguments and asked why the agency did not arrest the accused and why it filed a chargesheet without her arrest but chose to oppose her bail now.

"Existence of power to arrest is one thing and exercise of the power to arrest is another thing," Pathak told the court. To this, the judge said, "You can't have a pick-and-choose policy. Lookout notice (LOC) can still be kept open. Why are you putting different yardsticks? There can't be a pick-and-choose policy. There must be some reason for not arresting."

The SPP told the court it was the "prerogative of the investigating officer to arrest". Pathak also told the court the agency was investigating a money laundering case to the tune of Rs 200 crore and had so far attached Rs 7.1 crore in this case. "She has enjoyed, used, and was in possession of a huge amount of Rs 7.15 crore. In my entire life (I have) not seen this amount... Once she is sound enough financially, she will influence witnesses, flee the country by hook or crook because she is financially sound," Pathak argued.

Pathak also told the court that Fernandez did not cooperate with the probe: "The accused was chargesheeted without arrest (it) is true, but she has not cooperated with the investigation. When she was confronted with evidence, only then she revealed (further details)."

Wrapping up his arguments, Pathak said, "Despite knowing Sukesh, she was so desperately involved and tempted by financial strength of Sukesh and continued in those criminal activities and enjoyed the process of crime. We have attached Rs 7.1 crore. (There is) every chance that we can attach more and more property."

Five districts consume more groundwater than is being recharged annually in capital

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

FIVE OUT of Delhi's 11 revenue districts — New Delhi, North Delhi, South Delhi, Southwest Delhi and Shahdara — are extracting more groundwater than is being recharged annually.

Of these, compared to the annual recharge, New Delhi had the highest annual extraction. The stage of extraction, which is the percentage of groundwater extracted against what was recharged, was around 121.41% in New Delhi. This was followed by South Delhi with 116.25%.

The data was presented in the Central Ground Water Board's (CGWB) recently released National Compilation on Dyna-mic Groundwater Resources of India report for 2022.

A stage of extraction more than 100% is categorised by the CGWB as 'overexploited'. The areas where ground water is overexploited in New Delhi are Chanakyapuri, Vasant Vihar and Delhi Cantonment, while in South Delhi, the areas are Hauz Khas, Mehrauli and Saket, where extraction is more than annual recharge. In North Delhi, Narela was categorised as overexploited.

Close to half of Delhi's total area — around 47.71% — has been categorised as 'overexploited'. The area has been divided into 34 tehsils, and 15 of these are overexploited, while seven are 'critical', which means the stage of extraction is 90% to 100%.

Of the districts, four are 'critical' — East, Northeast, Southeast and West Delhi. Areas categorised as critical include Sarita Vihar, Defence Colony, Kalkaji and Mayur Vihar.

Much of the groundwater in Delhi, around 80%, is being extracted for domestic purposes, while around 20% is being used for irrigation.

According to the data, over-extraction of ground water is not the only problem. Some areas, including Defence Colony and Seelampur, were also found to be affected by arsenic, which can be toxic. Of the tehsils, salinity was an issue in 14, including Punjabi Bagh, Rajouri Garden, Vasant Vihar, Rohini, Patel Nagar and Saraswati Vihar.

The report indicated that both groundwater recharge and extraction have seen an increase in Delhi as compared to 2020.

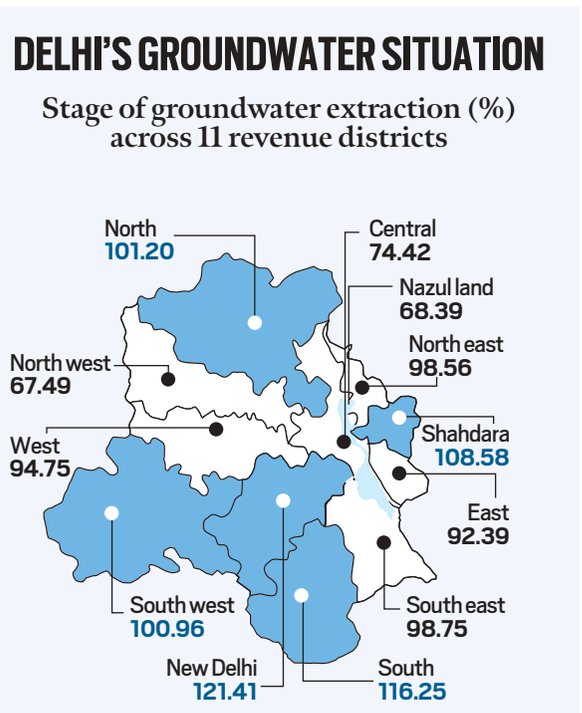
The report noted that the overexploited assessment units are mostly concentrated in the northwestern parts of the country — Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh — where "even though the replenishable sources are abundant, there have been indiscriminate withdrawals of groundwater leading to over-exploitation".

The report attributes the increase in extraction to the availability of data. Data of around 12,000 private tubewells registered with the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has been incorporated in this estimation, it noted. On the increase in the annual recharge or the extractable groundwater, from 0.29 bcm in 2020 to 0.37 bcm this year, the report attributed it to an increase in piped water supply resulting in "return seepages".

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EXPLAINED

Over the years

Delhi's stage of extraction in 2020 was 101.4% (over-exploited), which has now turned 'critical' (98.16%). The stage of extraction, according to the 2017 report, was even higher at 120%. The annual extraction, according to this year's report, is 0.36 bcm (billion cubic metre), up from 0.29 bcm in the 2020 report, and same as 0.36 bcm in the 2017 report. The number of overexploited tehsils has fallen from 17 in the 2020 assessment to 15 this year, while the number of critical areas has remained the same at 7.

Sisodia sought files on excise policy, alleges L-G office, minister hits back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia, who is an accused in the ongoing CBI investigation in the Excise Policy 2021-22, allegedly sought files and documents regarding the policy at the end of September, officials in the office of the L-G have claimed, adding that the request was denied by the law department since the matter is under investigation.

Responding to the allegations from officials at the L-G office, Sisodia tweeted, "Instead of beating around the bush, they should tell us what they have found in the inquiry do far? Nothing. Now, tell us that in Telangana their men had gone to buy MLAs and were caught red handed with Rs 100 crore. Modi ji, who did you take the Rs 100 crore from?"

When asked if Sisodia had sought the files and why, the government did not respond.

According to officials from the L-G office, the request was sent to the excise commissioner by Sisodia's officer on special duty (OSD) on September 30, and reads, "Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister has desired the photocopies and scanned copy (in a pen drive) of files and documents related to the formation of Excise Policy 2021-22 and related tender documents."

The CBI filed an FIR in the case, which alleged financial irregularities in the execution of the policy in August, and Sisodia was the first accused. The Enforcement Directorate is also investigating the matter.

"The excise department, which had handed over the files to CBI and their copies to ED for the ongoing investigations, sought the permission of the finance department, which in turn asked the law department if the papers could be given to Sisodia," officials in the L-G house said.

The law department, they said, refused and said that since the matter was being investigated, "the normal procedural of transaction of business of the GNCTD Rules (which empower a minister to call for papers from any department for his information), would not be applicable in this case". The law department also asked the excise department to seek the permission from the investigating agencies to access the files.

AAP opens its 'war room' to fine-tune campaign, strategy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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WITH IN-CHARGES across wards, districts and Lok Sabha constituencies, the AAP Thursday inaugurated its 'war room' for the upcoming MCD polls. The 'war room', located at the party's headquarters, was inaugurated by AAP Delhi state convenor Gopal Rai. It will be manned by heads of 10 different activities that will be monitored from there.

"There are jansamvaads happening in more than 13,500 booths across Delhi. Their scheduling and listing of speakers and other activities are being monitored from here. Secondly, in an election, the most important thing is nominations. We are forming a large team of lawyers. Along with a central team, there are lawyers being designated in each Assembly constituency, so that nominations can be filed successfully in all 250 constituencies. Thirdly, a permission team has been formed for the election commission, to take permission for various activities. Fourth, the monitoring of activities of our star campaigners will be done from here. Social media and media monitoring will also be done. After candidate nominations, they will also be given different tasks in the campaign, and those will also be managed from here. Along with that, booth and logistics management will be coordinated from here. The last task is monitoring the buzz campaign in different areas, in crossroads and public places," said Rai.



Gopal Rai inaugurated the 'war room'. *Tashi Tobgyal*

TYTLER FINDS SPOT ON CONG PANEL, BJP HITS OUT

New Delhi: The Congress Thursday constituted various committees for the upcoming MCD polls, and the inclusion of Jagdish Tytler in the pradesh election committee has drawn backlash from the BJP. BJP leaders accused the Congress of "rubbing salt into wounds" of Sikhs by making Tytler a part of the committee. The Congress could not be reached for comment. **ENS**

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He said seven Lok Saba constituency-wise in-charges, 40 district-wise in-charges, and 250 in-charges in every ward will be connected to the war room.

Rai also criticised the 'vachan patra' released by the Delhi BJP. "It seems as if AAP has been in charge of MCD for 15 years and they (BJP) were sitting in the Opposition, and saying what all AAP has not done all these years. I have said this before, the BJP has no agenda going into the MCD polls," he said.

In BJP 'vachan patra', housing for all slum dwellers top priority

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE BJP Thursday released a 'Vachan Patra' or promise letter saying the party will provide houses for all those who are living in slums in Delhi, which is one of its main pitches in the upcoming MCD polls.

Releasing the Vachan Patra, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta and MP Manoj Tiwari said it is the party's priority to provide houses and clean water to the people of Delhi. "We will give water from taps to every house. We will give houses to every slum dweller," said Tiwari.

The two-page 'Vachan Patra', which has photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP national president J P Nadda and Delhi unit chief Gupta, said, "Jahan jhuggi wahan makan". It also has a 'Scheme Registration Form' attached, asking for people's details like their Aadhaar number, name, and father's name among others.

Last week, the Delhi BJP took slum dwellers from different parts of the city on a tour of the 3,024 economically weaker section flats in Kalkaji which were recently handed over to a few of the beneficiaries of the in-situ slum rehabilitation project by Modi. "We are taking people from slum clusters of the city to see how the Modi government is bringing changes to their lives through its welfare schemes," said Delhi BJP vice-president Sunil Yadav. Gupta said as soon as the party wins the MCD polls once again, it will immediately provide flats to all slum dwellers of Delhi under the scheme.

Sitting councillors may not find place on candidate list

Meanwhile, the BJP's candidate selection process has entered the final stages with top leaders holding meeting and shortlisting three names from each ward, leaders of the party's Delhi unit said Thursday. The party is set to release the final list in phases. Since the BJP had denied a ticket to all incumbent councillors in 2017, they too are in the race this time along with current incumbent councillors. "The list will be compared with surveys to select suitable candidates," said a senior BJP leader.

Senior leaders in the party, however, said there are chances that at least 50% of incumbent councillors will not get a ticket. "One, the number of seats has been reduced. Two, several seats that were earliest reserved are now general seat and vice versa," said a BJP spokesperson.

Ashoka university gets new VC



Astrophysicist Professor Somak Raychaudhury

New Delhi: Astrophysicist Professor Somak Raychaudhury has been appointed the new Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University.

Raychaudhury is currently Director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). Earlier, he was the Head of Department of Physics and Dean of Sciences at Presidency University. He has a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from Churchill College, University of Cambridge and undergraduate degrees in Physics from Trinity College at University of Oxford and Presidency College.

"... With his outstanding experience of leading several institutions... he is well placed to take forward our mission to expand our ambitious Sciences and research agenda as the university embarks on its next decade," said the university's Chancellor Professor Rudrangshu Mukherjee. **ENS**

TWO MONTHS AFTER DEMOLITION

At Supertech tower site, debris clearance paused amid construction ban

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
NOIDA, NOVEMBER 10

A LITTLE over two months after the Supertech twin towers were demolished, clearing rubble from the spot has come to a halt, along with all construction activities across Noida and Greater Noida, due to the construction ban imposed in the wake of plummeting air quality across Delhi-NCR.

As of Thursday, rubble remained piled up at the edge of the ATS Village and Emerald Court societies. Three-fourths of the road outside Emerald Court, which also has a gate to the site where towers once stood, is still blocked for traffic.

Supertech had originally been directed to complete debris removal — 80,000 tonnes — by November 28. While the rubble is considerably reduced in comparison to the day after the demolition, a large amount of broken concrete and metal rebar is still present at the site surrounded by a fence covered in geotextile fabric.

Utkarsh Mehta, partner at Edifice Engineering, which brought down the towers along with South Africa-based Jet Demolitions, said the removal of rubble was going smoothly prior to the pause on construction-related activities. He estimated that once work resumes, about a month's worth of debris clearance remains.

Emerald Court RWA president UBS Teotia said, "There were initially some problems of coordination between Supertech and Edifice, but, after that, everything was going smoothly. Residents were also not facing problems. Now the work has been paused because of the GRAP measures."

According to Emerald Court resident Piyush Gupta, the breaking up of debris had been going on without any dust issues, which had originally been a concern in the days following the demolition. He added, "There is not much disturbance other than the noise of the machines breaking the concrete."

28,000 tonnes of the waste generated at the site is being processed at a waste plant in Noida's Sector 80 run by Re Sustainability and Recycling Pvt Ltd, previously known as Ramky Reclamation and Recycling.

The Noida and Greater Noida authorities are currently enforcing measures under GRAP by levying fines upon violators, with two companies having recently been fined Rs 5.5 lakh for allegedly carrying out construction work and leaving construction material uncovered.



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Former Sonia Gandhi commando hopes to win for 4th time

One major factor in Nand Lal's wins was support of late Virbhadra Singh



The Congress candidate from Rampur (SC) seat

OM PRAKASH THAKUR
SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10

THE FIGHT for the Rampur (SC) seat in Shimla district could be a photo finish. The Congress nominee is its sitting MLA, who has been the winner the past three times. The one-time commando, who was deputed to the security detail of former Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Nand Lal will face off against debutant Kaul Negi, 34, of the BJP.

Nand Lal won his first election in 2007 by 7,470 votes. He won again in 2012, by 9,471 votes. In 2017, the BJP fielded bureaucrat P S Draik, but he lost to Nand Lal by 4,137 votes.

Rampur has been a Congress stronghold for 40 years, as Padam Palace, the residence of former chief minister Virbhadra Singh, is located here. It is due to the influence of the heir to the erstwhile princely state of Bushahr that the Congress hasn't lost the seat since 1982.

Earlier, former minister Singhi Ram won six times, from 1982 to 2007. Nand Lal is believed to have been transported to the seat by the Congress high command, and he soon won Virbhadra's favour.

This election will be the first time Nand Lal will be contesting without the presence of Virbhadra Singh, who died last year. Neither Virbhadra's wife nor his son (state Congress chief Pratibha Singh, and MLA contestant Vikramaditya Singh) have held the large rallies Nand Lal's supporters were counting on. Instead, they have held small meetings.

Another factor that may go against Nand Lal are Congress rebels and former MLAs Singhi Ram and Brij Lal who are campaigning for the BJP's Negi.

Nand Lal said while Virbhadra Singh's void was difficult to fill, he was hopeful because of others campaigning for him. "We are going to win again," he said, optimistically.

Brij Lal, who was only last week inducted into the state BJP executive, said local youth were behind Negi, under whose presidentship the ABVP had won the student union election in the local Rampur college. People no longer listened to "*Rani* (Pratibha Singh)" and "*Tikka* (Vikrmaditya Singh)", he said.

GUJARAT BJP FIRST LIST

Seniors pulling out, BJP 'generational shift' includes 17 Congress rebels

Hardik and other Patidar faces, Ravindra Jadeja's wife, MLA in Bilkis Bano row among those in list

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10



Bhupendra Patel is welcomed by supporters as he arrives at the party office in Ghatlodiya on Thursday after his name was announced in the BJP candidate list. *Nirmal Harindran*

UNVEILING ITS first list of 160 names for the Gujarat Assembly elections Thursday, state BJP president C R Paatil called it a "generational shift". But while 38 sitting MLAs were dropped, including six who were part of the Vijay Rupani Cabinet, the list was more notable for those included — such as a leader whose name came up during the row over the remission of sentences of Bilkis Bano convicts, Hardik Patel and at least 30 other Patidar candidates, the wife of cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, and leaders who crossed over from the Congress, some as recently as Wednesday.

BJP Gujarat in-charge Bhupender Yadav announced the list in New Delhi in the presence of Paatil, Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya and the party's national general secretary, Tarun Chugh. Yadav underlined that out of the 160 names, 13 are from Scheduled Castes and 24 from Scheduled Tribes (though all from reserved seats), while 14 are women. On these 160 seats, 69 sitting MLAs have been repeated whereas 38 have been changed, he said. At least 17 are Congress MLAs who defected to the BJP over the past five years, nine of whom won on the Congress ticket in 2017.

"The BJP usually changes 20% of its MLAs. In an electoral democracy, change is necessary... We have given tickets to several youngsters. This list shows a generational shift in the Gujarat BJP," Paatil told PTI.

The young contestants he went on to name were Harsh Sanghavi (Majura seat), Kaushikbhai Kantibhai Vekariya (Amreli), Mahesh Kashwala (Savarkundla), and Janakbhai Punabhai Talaviya (Lathi).

A day before the list was announced, the way was cleared when seniors such as Rupani, his deputy CM Nitin Patel and at least four other ministers from his Cabinet (Pradeepsinh Jadeja, Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, R C Faldu and Kaushik Patel), announced that they had opted out of the contest.

Asked why these senior leaders were not contesting, Paatil said: "They voluntarily decided not to fight. They all have occupied top posts, including that of CM and Deputy CM. Now they want to work for the organisation."

While Hardik, who will be contesting his first election (from Viramgam), is the most notable Patidar in the BJP list, there are other prominent names from the community — particularly Ramesh Tilara (Rajkot South), who is a trustee of the Shree Khodaldham Trust, whose head Naresh Patel was being wooed by all parties. Incidentally, the Surat convenor of the trust is contesting on an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ticket from Surat.

On the ticket to cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's wife Rivaba, from Jamnagar North, Paatil said: "Rivaba has been working for the party in the constituency. All tickets have been given on the basis of winnability."

The list of those dropped includes Brijesh Merja, who had won from Morbi last time, and is a minister in the Bhupendra Patel government. The BJP has gone back to its veteran from the seat, Kanti Amrutiya, whose videos had surfaced rescuing those who fell into the water following the Morbi bridge collapse. The party is clearly expecting the change to help it fight the fallout from the 130-plus deaths.

Bhupendra Patel, who has the endorsement of the top two in the BJP (Narendra Modi and Amit Shah), as the CM face — the party broke from its usual norm to name him — will be contesting from Ghatlodia again. He had won the seat last time with the highest margin of the election.

His ministerial colleague Purnesh Modi has been repeated from Surat West, though his primary portfolio had been stripped in August. Rajendra Trivedi, the other minister who was downsized, though, has been dropped.

Another leader re-fielded is Godhra MLA C K Raulji, a six-term legislator, who joined the BJP in 2017 after quitting the Congress. Raulji was part of the Godhra Jail Advisory Committee that granted remission to convicts in the Bilkis Bano case.

The Bahubali MLA from Waghodia constituency, Madhu Shrivastav, has been dropped and replaced by Ashwin Patel. Shrivastav has threatened to contest as an Independent.

The Cabinet minister and MLA from Asarva (SC) in Ahmedabad, Pradip Parmar, too has been dropped, for Darshana Vaghela. Also out is the sitting MLA from Matar in Kheda, Kesrisinh Solanki, who was listed as an accused in the October communal clash in Undhela village. Kalpesh Parmar has been given the ticket.

Koli strongman and a leader of the fishermen community, Parshottam Solanki, and his brother Hira Solanki have got tickets from Bhavnagar Rural and Rajula constituencies.

In the prestigious seat of Rajkot West held by Rupani currently, the BJP has fielded Dr Darshita Shah. Whereas, in Mehsana, so far held by Nitin Patel, the party candidate is Mukesh Dwarkadas Patel.

A senior party leader said that the emphasis of the high command seems to be on candidates who have worked in the organisation and have some experience of administration.

However, the BJP list also includes a number of former Congress leaders.

Like tribal MLA Ashwin Kotwal, who resigned from the Congress in May, and has now got the BJP ticket from Khedbrahma (ST) seat. And Rajendrasinh Rathava, who just two days ago resigned from the Congress along with his father, veteran tribal MLA from Chhota Udepur Mohansinh Rathava. Rajendrasinh has got the BJP ticket from his father's seat.

Ahir leader and sitting Talala MLA Bhagwan Barad, who resigned just Wednesday from the Congress, has got the BJP ticket from his seat.

In Thasra, ex-MLA Ramsinh Parmar's son Yogendra has been fielded. Parmar, Chairman of Amul Dairy, had joined the BJP from the Congress in 2017.

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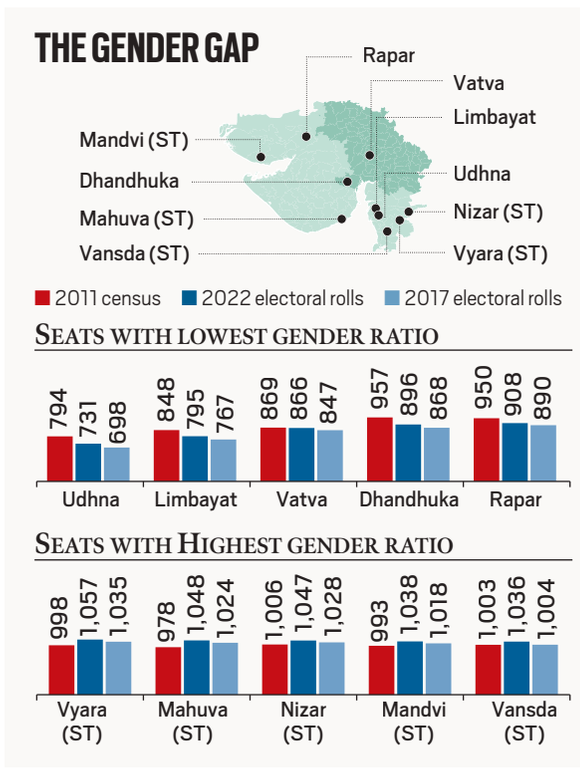


SHANTA KUMAR INTERVIEW: "MODI, NADDA, JAI RAM, ANURAG THAKUR CHATURBHUJ YOG FOR HIMACHAL"

2 DAYS, 3 CHOPPER SORTIES TO CARRY 2 EVMs, 7 POLL STAFF FOR 65 VOTERS

Gender ratio in 50 seats in Gujarat shows a fall from 2011 Census figures

Despite overall rise in women voters, 21 out of 33 dists have seats with lower gender ratio as against Census data



AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 10

THE GENDER ratio in 50 Assembly seats in Gujarat, based on the 2022 electoral rolls, has fallen when compared to the 2011 Census, despite an overall increase in women voters.

The 2011 Census put Gujarat's gender ratio at 937, below the national average of 943. However, it marked an improvement from 918 in 2001. The overall gender ratio in the 2022 electoral rolls is 934 — or 934 women per 1,000 men, as per data compiled by the Election Commission, taking Census findings into account. In 2017, the overall electoral roll gender ratio was 921.

This year, there are 4.9 crore voters in Gujarat – of which 2.53 crore are male voters and 2.37 crore are female.

Among Gujarat's 33 districts, 21 have seats with a lower gender ratio in the electoral rolls in comparison to the Census numbers. The lowest number of women voters are in Udhna seat of Surat district, with 731 per 1,000 male voters.

The Mahuva seat, reserved for Scheduled Tribes, in the same district shows an opposite picture, with a strength of 1048. As per electoral rolls, the highest gender ratio for the entire state is in Vyara, at 1057, of Tapi district, also a tribal seat.

Previous electoral roll data show urban constituencies reporting fewer women voters, with tribal constituencies reporting higher rates. Part of the same pattern, the constituencies with the highest gender ratios as per the 2022 electoral rolls — Vyara, Mahuva, Nizar, Mansvi, Vansda — are all tribal-reserved seats.

However, some seats with a large tribal population are also seeing lesser women voters. In the Dang constituency, for instance, there were 1,007 females for 1,000 men as per the Census. The electoral rolls, however, have 995 women. Similarly, in the tribal seats of Chhota Udepur and neighbouring Jetpur, the rolls have a 949 and 951 gender ratio — as against 994 and 987, respectively, in the Census.

Lower gender ratio can also be seen in rural seats. Of the nine Assembly seats in Banaskantha district, considered an agrarian region, six seats have a lower gender ratio in comparison to the Census data.

'Gone in a second', again: Ex-CM, now also ex-MLA Vijay Rupani

GOPAL KATESHIYA
RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 10



Supporters say they are disappointed but "respect his decision"

THEY MAY be taking solace in the fact that former BJP chief minister Vijay Rupani has proved true to form as an unassuming leader and led the way in announcing that he won't contest this time. However, among Rupani's supporters, there is also sadness at the disappearance from the scene of the "approachable, down-to-earth leader".

Like he did on September 11 last year when he stepped down as CM quietly, after the party decided to change his entire Cabinet, 66-year-old Rupani has this time too stepped back from the limelight. It was after Rupani's announcement that other senior BJP leaders, including former deputy CM Nitin Patel, followed suit and said they too were opting out of the coming Assembly elections.

Kamlesh Mirani, president of the BJP's Rajkot city unit, admitted they were disappointed. Rupani is the sitting MLA from Rajkot. "Till the candidates for the four Assembly seats in the city were announced, party workers were hoping that Rupani would contest... But now that the party has declared its candidates, all BJP workers will work for them," Mirani said, adding that they appreciated the fact that the BJP had not denied a ticket to Rupani but that he had himself taken the call.

A BJP worker said what puts Rupani apart is that "he is a natural leader who likes to be among the public". "As CM, he gave a lot to Rajkot and workers like me are of course disappointed by his absence," the worker said, adding that, at the same time, they respected his decision.

After resigning as CM, Rupani had said at more than one public fora that only a BJP worker from Rajkot could resign in "*ghadi na chhaththha bhagma* (a fraction of a second)", citing Arvind Maniyar, late Chiman Shukla, late Keshubhai Patel and Vajubhai Vala. In a recent interview to *The Indian Express*, Rupani said he was asked by the party just the night before to step down as CM.

In 2016, he was the Gujarat president of the BJP when he took over as CM after Anandiben Patel had to resign in the face of the Patidar quota stir. He was seen to have gained in strength and developed his own support base while in power.

But then came the axe.

The lightness of being in-waiting Nitin Patel

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10



"Certainly not a full stop"

AMONG THE former members of the Vijay Rupani Cabinet who have "voluntarily" pulled out of the coming elections, the case of Nitin Patel is perhaps the most unfortunate. Since Narendra Modi moved on to become the Prime Minister, Patel has been hoping to occupy the Chief Minister's chair in the state. First after Anandiben Patel was moved out, and then when Rupani was picked, he had to be content with Deputy CM. Dropped when the Rupani Cabinet was overhauledlast year, the 66-year-old now is even further from the CM's post.

A leader of the Patidar community, Patel has held important portfolios such as Finance, Urban Development. He was the Health minister at the height of Covid. He has been with the BJP since 1977, and is a six-time MLA. He established himself as a loyalist when he did not join the 1995 rebellion by Shankersinh Vaghela. But that has not been enough to get him the CM post.

A senior party leader said: "This is certainly not a full stop in Patel's career. The party will certainly use his services."

Sources said the party could also consider appointing Patel as Governor. Just like mentor Anandiben.

HASHTAG POLITICS

• Jadeja bats for wife



TAKING TO Twitter to congratulate his wife Rivaba Jadeja for getting the BJP ticket from Jamnagar North, cricketer Ravindra Jadeja said: "So proud of all the effort and hardwork which you have put in. My best wishes to you. May you continue to work for the development of the society. I also wish to thank our honourable PM Shri Narendra Modi ji and Shri Amit Shah ji for believing in her ability and giving her the opportunity to do noble work."

BATTLEGROUND HIMACHAL

BJP, Cong end their campaigns with firepower of big guns

Rahul tweets about Cong's 'Har Ghar Laxmi' guarantee from Yatra; Modi message promises 'development as high as Himalayas'

AMIL BHATNAGAR
SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10



Union Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated by BJP candidate Vipin Singh Parmar at Palampur, Thursday. *PTI*

AN INTENSE campaign by the BJP and Congress for the 68 seats in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly came to end Thursday, two days ahead of polling on Saturday. The last day saw a campaign spree by leaders across parties, with AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, BJP president J P Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath all holding meetings or rallies.

"In the last five years, the double-engine government has worked rapidly for the development of the state, and especially for border areas that were neglected for decades. I want to see this development campaign reach as high as the peaks of the Himalayas," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a final message as campaigning ended.

MP Rahul Gandhi, who is on his Bharat Jodo Yatra and did not visit Himachal for campaigning, despite being listed as a star campaigner, tweeted, "Women of Himachal Pradesh will get Rs1,500 every month in their account—this is Congress's 'Har Ghar Laxmi' guarantee. This is not a false promise like the BJP."

Shah reiterated that if the BJP was voted to power, it would roll out the Uniform Civil Code, while making light of the "10 guarantees" promised by the Congress. Addressing a series of rallies on the last day, he mixed his message of development with Hindutva, noting that it was on this day that Maratha king Shivaji had killed Afzal Khan in 1659.

Targeting the Congress, he said it is difficult to count the number of scams under its rule while it is difficult to find any scam since the BJP came to power at the Centre in 2014.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed a press conference in Shimla, where she spoke about national- and state-level schemes. "The best example is Ayushman Yojana and Himcare Scheme. People who were left out of Ayushman were included in Himcare. This is why the double-engine government is necessary," she said.

Nadda held multiple meetings with locals and workers. Yogi Adityanath concluded his fifth visit to the state.

Vadra addressed a rally in Sirmaur and reiterated her party's promise of re-introducing the Old Pension Scheme and providing 5 lakh jobs to Himachal youths. She accused the government of incurring a debt of Rs 70,000 crore, and of spending State funds to sponsor rallies and party functions.

A door-to-door campaign in Shimla by Vadra was cancelled due to bad weather.

"We're confident of getting two-thirds majority. Even Prime Minister Modi has conceded that the Congress is winning. That is why he is saying that if the BJP does not come to power, the state will lose out," said Rajeev Shukla, the AICC Himachal in-charge.

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



MIND THE PAIR

AFTER TAKING off his brown-coloured shoes to enter the dust-free environment of the supercomputing facility at the Indian Biological Data Centre in Faridabad, Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh was about to put on a black pair of shoes belonging to another person when security personnel pointed out to him the right pair. The minister said in jest that this is a stage in life everyone goes through, and that the next one would include three people seating him in the car. At the event held earlier to dedicate the data centre to the country, Singh had pointed out that people are living longer these days, and that is one reason for an increase in diseases of old age.

BREAKING BREAD

IT IS not every day that university teachers from across the country get a chance to break bread with the President of India. The opportunity will come this month-end, when the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes hosts a workshop in Delhi for nearly 750 university teachers belonging to various tribal communities. The two-day workshop will discuss "Janjatiya Anusandhan: Asmita, Astitva aur Vikas." President Droupadi Murmu has invited all of them for dinner after the concluding ceremony. The event is part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, and the Commission was keen that the President inaugurate or address the concluding ceremony, but she could not manage that — therefore, the dinner invitation.

NOTHING OFFICIAL ABOUT IT

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS are increasingly prefacing their public comments with an oddly similar-sounding disclaimer: that whatever they would say is their personal opinion, and should not to be equated with the government's official views. At a tax event in Delhi on Monday, Bibek Debroy, chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM, said that his remarks on GST and the direct tax system were being offered in his "personal capacity as an economist and citizen". In the following session, the Joint Secretary of the Central Board of Direct Taxes also furnished a similar disclaimer. Then, at a webinar on Wednesday, a Director with the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, started by claiming that his views on blockchain were his in personal capacity, and should not be construed as those of the government.

DAY AFTER RELEASE ON BAIL

Fadnavis has taken good decisions; will meet him, PM and Shah: Raut

VALLABH OZARKAR
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

A DAY after being released from prison on bail, Shiv Sena-UBT leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday said he "welcomes the good decisions" taken by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis after he came to power in the state, raising eyebrows of many. Raut also said he will soon meet Fadnavis for some work, as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi to convey what he has faced in the last 100 days in jail.

Raut was lodged in Mumbai's Arthur Road jail for over three months after being arrested in an alleged money laundering case linked to the Patra Chawl redevelopment project. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on August 1.

After being released from jail on Wednesday, Raut had said he will continue to fight with full force against the opposition (Eknath Shinde and BJP) and never leave the Sena. Many in political circles were expecting a scathing attack by him against Shinde and the BJP in his first press conference. However, Raut's softer stance on Thursday, during his interaction with the media outside his residence in Bhandup — before heading to Matoshree — surprised many.



Sanjay Raut with Uddhav Thackeray at the latter's Matoshree residence in Mumbai on Thursday. *PTI*

The Rajya Sabha MP said he doesn't have any complaints against anyone, and he and his party have already suffered whatever they had to suffer. He also said that he won't blame anyone, even the central agencies.

Raut said he will meet NCP chief Sharad Pawar and other leaders. "I will meet everyone. I will meet Devendraji Fadnavis as well. There is some work of some people... and for that I want to meet him."

Asked whether he will also meet Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Raut said that Fadnavis was heading the government and the state, and most of the important decisions were taken and announced by the BJP leader. "My observations are that the state is being run by Fadnavis and its affairs are being handled by him. Most of the important decisions are being announced by him. My work is related to his department, so, I will meet him," he added.

"There is a new government in the state. I was away for three months. The government has taken some good decisions as well. I will welcome those decisions. We will not oppose just for the sake of opposition. We have never done that. We should welcome all those decisions, which are good for the state and its people. In Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis has taken some good decisions," he said.

"Whenever I would get an opportunity, I would read about those decisions in the newspapers, especially decisions like giving houses to the poor as well as giving MHADA its rights back, which were stripped during our government's tenure... I would not feel good about it then. Fadnavisji has taken good decisions by giving those rights back to MHADA. There are many such decisions. Good decisions should be welcomed," Raut added.

Raut, however, clarified that like the rest of his party, he also feels that the current state government is unconstitutional. "There is no doubt about it in my mind, But I am talking about some of the decisions the government announced."

EXPLAINED

Strategy to buy peace

SANJAY RAUT'S soft stance against Devendra Fadnavis, a day after his release from jail, is being seen by political observers as a strategy to buy peace for the time-being and to keep the central agencies at bay, as the case against him is still open.

UP BYPOLL

In bid to checkmate Shivpal, Akhilesh fields wife Dimple from Mainpuri

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 10

PLAYING SAFE, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has fielded his wife and former MP Dimple Yadav from Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat, the family pocket borough that fell vacant after the death of his father and party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav last month.

It was almost certain that a member of the Yadav family would contest from Mainpuri, with the odds divided between Dimple and Akhilesh's cousin, Tej Pratap Yadav, who had won the seat in 2014 after Mulayam vacated it following his election from two constituencies in the Lok Sabha polls that year.

Sources in the party, however, said that anger among the people of Mainpuri towards Tej Pratap made Akhilesh lean towards Dimple's candidature.

"The people of Mainpuri feel that Tej Pratap didn't do enough for them when he was their MP. By fielding Tej Pratap, the party would have lost some votes because of the discontent among the people towards him. Fielding Dimple is a safe bet. She is seen as the bahu (daughter-in-law) by the people of Mainpuri and they would like to vote for the bahu trying to retain her sasur's (father-in-law's) seat and legacy. She will fare well," said an SP leader.

Dimple, who married Akhilesh in 1999 and has been an MP, is not perceived as someone who is eager to play an active role in the party. She made her electoral debut in 2009 when contested the Firozabad Lok Sabha bypoll, but lost to actor-turned-politician Raj Babbar, who had contested on a Congress ticket.

Dimple then went on to win from Kannauj Lok Sabha constituency twice. In the last Lok Sabha elections, she, however, failed to retain Kannauj after losing the seat to BJP's Subrat Pathak by over 12,000 votes.

Mainpuri has been electing a Samajwadi Party candidate since 1996. In 1998 and 1999, when Mulayam did not contest from there, the party's candidate, Balram Singh Yadav, was elected. In the 2014 bypoll, when Mulayam vacated the seat, his grandnephew, Tej Pratap, won with 64.46 per cent vote share.



Dimple Yadav

The upcoming bypoll will be the first election for the Samajwadi Party after the demise of party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav. Also, the election has gained significance, since the SP has been on a losing streak – after failing to displace BJP in the Assembly elections in March this year, the party has lost all the bypolls; namely Azamgarh Lok Sabha seat, Rampur Lok Sabha seat, and Gola Gokarannath Assembly seat.

The defeat in the Azamgarh Lok Sabha bypoll was embarrassing for the party since the seat was held by Akhilesh, who had vacated it to continue as an MLA. Also, the SP had fielded a member of the party's first family — Akhilesh's cousin and former MP Dharmendra Yadav — in the Azamgarh bypoll. Now, all eyes will be on Akhilesh's uncle Shivpal Yadav as the polling draws near in Mainpuri.

The relationship between the uncle (Shivpal) and nephew (Akhilesh) has not been smooth for the past many years.

After Akhilesh became SP national president ahead of the 2017 Assembly polls, Shivpal quit to form his own political outfit in a bid to claim Mulayam's legacy. However, after failing to make a significant political gain, Shivpal and Akhilesh came together in the run-up to the Assembly elections earlier this year. But when the SP failed to gain power, the two fell apart again.

It will be very tricky for Shivpal. While he openly criticises Akhilesh, doing so for his brother's daughter-in-law won't be the same. "If he says a word against Dimple-ji, it would not look good on him. It is a family thing and he will show some regard for her," said another SP leader.

Money in NPS belongs to people, can't go back to state govts: Nirmala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said money in the National Pension Scheme (NPS) belongs to individual contributors and as per law, state governments cannot get it back.

Responding to queries on restoration of the old pension scheme (OPS), Sitharaman clarified at a press conference that Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh governments that are asking the Centre to return the money, cannot get it back as per law.

CMs of these two states have asked the Centre to return the people's money under NPS for restarting OPS in their states.

Both the Congress-ruled states have notified the reintroduction of OPS for government employees and have said the Centre cannot hold back employees' money. The Congress has also promised to restart OPS for government employees in Himachal Pradesh, making it a poll issue in the Assembly election as there are 1.75 lakh government employees in the state.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

"As per law, the money in the central kitty of NPS cannot go back to state governments. It can only go back to the contributing workers. Can we change the law? It is the workers' money in the central kitty. That money has to go to the beneficiary individual workers and not to one authority and not to some other entity," Sitharaman told reporters. "I am not talking politics here. I am only talking about the law."

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel claimed that the Centre refused to return Rs 17,000 crore due to state government employees enrolled under NPS after the state asked the Centre for it.



Officials with EVMs and other election equipment wade through snow on their way to polling stations in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul and Spiti district, Thursday. *PTI*

Rajasthan: Sardarshahar assembly bypoll on Dec 5

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 10

NOTIFICATION FOR the bypoll to the Sardarshahar assembly constituency of Churu district in Rajasthan was issued on Thursday, a poll official here said.

The seat fell vacant after the death of Congress MLA Bhanwar Lal Sharma on October 9. He has been a legislator seven times.

According to the notification issued by the Chief Election Office, voting will be held on December 5 and counting will take place on December 8.

Rajasthan Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said Independent candidate Vijay Pal Singh Sheoran submitted his nomination on the first day.

The last date for filing nominations is November 17 and scrutiny of the papers will be done on November 18. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is November 21, Gupta said.

In the bypoll, 2,89,579 voters of the Sardarshahr assembly constituency will be able to cast their votes and the total polling stations are 295, Gupta said.

Court rejects Azam's plea for stay on conviction, paves way for Rampur bypoll

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 10

A RAMPUR sessions court on Thursday rejected an application filed by senior Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan seeking a stay on his conviction in a 2019 hate speech case.

After hearing both sides, the court turned down Khan's appeal, thereby paving the way for holding the by-election in Rampur Sadar Assembly seat that fell vacant following Khan's disqualification as an MLA.

"Azam Khan had sought a stay on the order passed by the Rampur MP/MLA court. The court rejected his plea, and the hearing for the appeal (against the conviction in the hate speech case) will go on as usual," prosecution officer Amarnath Tewari told *The Indian Express*.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court had asked the Election Commission to defer issuing notification for by-election to the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat till November 11 to enable him to approach the appellate court for a stay on the conviction.

The bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and Justice Hima Kohli and Justice JB Pardiwala also ordered the Rampur Additional Sessions Judge, before whom the Khan's appeal has been filed, to "prepone" the hearing of the application for a stay on conviction and take it up "peremptorily on November 10 and disposed of on the same day".

2000 MURDER CASE

HC reserves order on plea against acquittal of Union minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 10

THE LUCKNOW bench of the Allahabad High Court on Thursday reserved its judgement on an appeal challenging the acquittal of Union minister Ajay Mishra Teni and three others in a 2000 murder case.

The four were acquitted in 2004 in connection with the murder of a student leader that took place in Lakhimpur Kheri in July 2000. A division bench of Justices Ramesh Sinha and Renu Agarwal reserved the judgment after the counsels of the parties concluded their arguments, said Ajay Mishra's lawyer Salil Kumar Srivastava. Mishra, who represents the Lakhimpur Kheri seat in the Lok Sabha, is a Minister of State (MoS) for Home Affairs.

On July 8, 2000, Prabhat Gupta, a student leader of Lucknow University, was shot when he was going to a market in Tikonia area of Lakhimpur Kheri. Prabhat's father Santosh Gupta lodged a complaint against four persons, including Mishra. Police filed a chargesheet against Ajay Mishra, Subhash, alias Mama, Rakesh, alias Dalu and Shashi Bhushan, alias Pinki, saying the murder was a fallout of political rivalry.

HC: Don't order seizure of bank accounts of those not accused in cybercrime cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 10

THE KARNATAKA High Court has issued a directive to all magisterial courts in the state to refrain from ordering the seizure of bank accounts of people who are not identified as accused in cybercrime cases in the state.

The order comes in the wake of a magistrate's court ordering the seizure of the bank account of a director of the UPI payment gateway firm PhonePe in a case of cybercrime registered by Bengaluru police in 2021.

PhonePe and Rahul Chari, a director at the company, approached the HC against the magistrate's order under which Rs 69,143 was transferred from Chari's account to the account of a cybercrime victim. The accused, a third party, was identified as one Amit Mishra.

Cong planning could have been better, my services not fully utilised: Sharma

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Anand Sharma Thursday said the party's campaign planning for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly polls could have been "much better" with the deployment of senior leaders, and rued that his services were not fully utilised. He also said both the BJP and the Congress were "culpable" for not having assessed the implications of the new pension scheme (NPS) and termed an "error of judgment" the move to opt for it when Virbhadra Singh was the chief minister.

In an interview with PTI, the former Union minister, however, said party will win and get a "stable majority".

"We are better placed than 2017 because we have taken up issues which are of special concern to the masses whether it is unemployment, inflation, the old pension scheme (OPS) or the Agnipath recruitment scheme," the 69-year-old leader, who had been named in the party's list of star campaigners, said.

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Sharma was disgruntled in the months leading up to the polls. He was among the group of 23 leaders in Congress who wrote to Sonia Gandhi in 2020 seeking large-scale reforms.

JAYANT PATIL, SUPRIYA SULE JOIN BHARAT JODO YATRA IN NANDED; AADITYA THACKERAY TO TAKE PART TODAY

Rahul Yatra, Day 64: MVA puts up united front in Maharashtra leg

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE BHARAT Jodo Yatra led by former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi is emerging as a platform for the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition — of former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP — in Maharashtra to put up a show of strength and signal unity.

On Thursday, NCP state President Jayant Patil, Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule and MLA Jitendra Awhad joined the yatra in the state's Nanded district. Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray is scheduled to walk with Gandhi on Friday.

The Opposition in the state has been suffering a series of blows since Eknath Shinde led the rebellion of Sena leaders and became the Chief Minister of the state in July. The yatra could indicate a strengthened Opposition and help build a positive image ahead of local body polls, which are scheduled to be held in the next two to three months.

"We have been inviting all those who stand electorally and ideologically against the BJP-RSS. Even those who had joined Anna Hazare during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA)-2 government are coming with us in the yatra," said Jairam Ramesh, the party's general secretary communications in-charge.



Rahul Gandhi with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and others in Maharashtra's Nanded district, Thursday. *PTI*

Confirming his presence in the Yatra, Aaditya said "it was time for all to come together against the forces that are harming the democratic values in the country".

The route that the Yatra has chosen to traverse in Maharashtra over 14 covers two districts in the Marathwada region (Nanded, Hingoli) and three in East Vidarbha (Washim, Akola and Buldhana). These are crucial from an electoral standpoint.

The Vidarbha region has 64 Assembly seats and can virtually decide the fate of the Assembly election in the 288-member House. The Congress ruled over Vidarbha for decades, but lost it to the BJP in the 2014 Assembly polls and failed to capture it in the 2019 elections.

Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole, who hails from Bhandara in Vidarbha, said that "one of the biggest public rallies in the history of Maharashtra" has been planned at Buldhana on November 18.

He added: "The party has booked a venue spread over 25 acres and expects over five lakh individuals to attend it. This show of strength is likely to give a boost to the party in the region."

Referring to the series of high-profile business projects that went to Gujarat in the last two months, Rahul said at a rally in Nanded: "Maharashtra's projects went to Gujarat. Forget how much money went there. But think about how many jobs were lost."

BRIEFLY



Comedian Vir Das

KARNATAKA

Vir Das Bengaluru show cancelled after protests

Bengaluru: Comedian Vir Das's show, which was scheduled to be held on Thursday evening in Bengaluru, was cancelled at the last minute after protests from a pro-Hindutva outfit. In a post on Instagram, he said, "Hey folks. Due to unavoidable circumstances we are pushing the Bengaluru show. New details and dates soon. Sorry for the inconvenience." Earlier this week, the Hindu Janajagruthi Vedike had urged police to cancel permission for Das to hold the show. The outfit alleged that Das would hurt Hindu religious sentiments through the show. **ENS**

TAMIL NADU

5 killed in blast at fireworks unit

Chennai: Five workers were killed and several others were injured after an explosion at a fireworks manufacturing unit in southern Madurai district of Tamil Nadu on Thursday, authorities said. Chief Minister M K Stalin announced a solatium of Rs 5 lakh to the families of the deceased. An official release said the explosion occured at the fireworks factory in Azhagusirai village near Tirumangalam. **PTI**

MEGHALAYA

Kidnappers shot dead, 2 rescued

Shillong: Two heavily armed kidnappers were shot dead by Meghalaya police on Thursday in West Garo Hills district during an operation to rescue two people held hostage by them, police said. The incident took place in the early hours of Thursday at Dibru Hill Reserve Forest, they said. The kidnappers held the two people hostage and demanded Rs 30 lakh from each, police said. The hostages were from Assam and one is a minor. **PTI**

KERALA

HC notice to mayor over letter probe

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Thursday sought the response of the LDF government and Thiruvananthapuram Corporation Mayor Arya Rajendran on a plea seeking a CBI probe into a letter allegedly written by her regarding employing party cadres in the civic body. The petitioner, G S Sreekumar, has contended that Rajendran and LDF Parliamentary Party secretary D R Anil requested the CPI(M) District Secretary to provide a list of party members for appointment to various posts in the corporation. **PTI**

DERA SACHA SAUDA FOLLOWER WAS OUT ON BAIL

Punjab: accused in sacrilege case shot

Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar claims responsibility

RAAKHI JAGGA
LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 10

SIX UNIDENTIFIED assailants on three motorcycles Thursday shot dead a Dera Sacha Sauda follower, who was also an accused in the 2015 Bargari sacrilege cases and was currently out on bail, in Punjab's Faridkot district, police said. Pardeep Singh Kataria alias Raju Dhodhi, 38, was shot at around 7:15 am while he was about to open his dairy shop at Kotkapura in Faridkot, they said, adding that a security personnel provided to him by Punjab Police and a bystander sustained bullet injuries in the incident.

Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar claimed responsibility for the murder through a social media post. Brar, the main accused in the murder case of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, who was shot dead in May, said in the social media post that "justice had not been delivered in the sacrilege case even after seven years of the incident and despite governments changing thrice in state".

The text further read that whoever disrespects any religion, will meet the same fate. "The Hindu-Sikh brothers have taken this revenge together because Guru Sahib is common to all," read the social media post.



CCTV footage of the incident shows the assailants firing outside the shop at Kotkapur, Faridkot district. *Express*

Police officials, however, said they can neither deny nor confirm the claim made by Brar.

The incident was caught on a CCTV camera installed nearby. Two of the assailants arrived first and parked their motorcycles at some distance. Later four more arrived on two bikes. The two who had arrived reached Pardeep's shop and opened fire at him and immediately ran back. According to police, Pardeep's gunman Hakam Singh retaliated following which the other other assailants waiting outside also opened fire. Several shots were fired in which Hakam Singh and a former municipal councillor Amar Singh who was standing nearby sustained bullet injuries.

After committing the crime, the assailants fled on two motorcycles, leaving behind the third.

Pardeep was an accused in the case of theft of a 'bir' (copy) of the Guru Granth Sahib from Burj Jawahar Singh Wala village in June 2015 and also in a case linked to torn pages of the Sikh holy book being found scattered in Bargari in October that year in Faridkot. The anger over the incident later became one of the prime reasons for the ouster of SAD-BJP alliance government in Punjab in 2017, and inaction in the case turned out to be a big factor in voting out of the Congress government in 2022.

Pardeep Singh's killing came days after the November 4 murder of Shiv Sena (Taksali) leader Sudhir Suri in Amritsar.

Of 7 dera men killed in 6 yrs, 5 were accused in sacrilege cases

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 10

SEVEN FOLLOWERS of the Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda have been killed in the last six years following the sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib in Punjab's Faridkot in 2015.

At least three of them were shot dead. *The Indian Express* profiles the seven victims

Pardeep Singh Kataria: Shot dead on Thursday, he was among six dera followers who were arrested in May 2021 in connection with an FIR lodged in October 2015, soon after the sacrilege incident, and another on August 7, 2018 on the basis of report of Justice Ranjit Singh commission.

Charan Das: Also a follower of the Sirsa dera, 40-year-old Charan Dass was named as an accused in a sacrilege case in Muktsar. He was shot dead at his grocery shop in Bhundar village of Muktsar on December 2, 2021.

Manohar Lal: The 55-year-old, who was part of the 25-member committee of Dera Sacha Sauda, was shot at his shop in Bhagta Bhai Ka town of Bathinda on December 20, 2020. Gangster Sukha Gill Lamme had claimed responsibility for the murder. In a social media post, Lamme's had claimed that Manohar Lal was killed as a "revenge for the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib done in October 2015".

Mohinder Pal Singh Bittu: Named as a key conspirator in the 2015 Bargari sacrilege case, Bittu was killed on June 23, 2019, inside Nabha jail by two inmates.

Sat Pal Sharma, Ramesh Kumar Sharma: The father-son duo was shot dead in the canteen of the Sacha Sauda's dera at Jagera village in Khanna on February 25, 2017. They were not named in any case.

Gurdev Singh: Also a dera follower, Gurdev Singh was named in the FIR in the 2015 sacrilege case in 2018, two years after he was killed. Three persons were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment by a Faridkot court for killing Gurdev Singh. Gurdev too had been shot dead inside his shop on June 13, 2016. Soon after, the then SAD-BJP government had given job to his wife in Punjab police on compassionate grounds.

US set to extend interview waiver facility to more visa categories

Expects visa processing time to return to pre-Covid levels by summer 2023

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

WITH THE United States looking at expanding the purview of interview waiver for Indian citizens seeking US visa, the ambit of the "dropbox" facility, which is used to renew a US visa without an in-person interview, will now be expanded in several visa categories, including student visas, business and tourist visas, and skilled workers visas, according to a senior official from the US embassy in India.

The official said that in case a person has already obtained a visa in a certain category, she/he now becomes eligible for interview waiver, and can use the dropbox facility.

This move — subject to fulfillment of certain conditions — will significantly bring down waiting time for US visas in days to come, the official told the media on Thursday.

While admitting that wait time for applicants has been unusually long in the post-coronavirus period, due largely to the huge backlog of applications and staffing problems, the official said steps are under way to iron out those issues. "By the summer of 2023, the US embassy expects visa processing to be back at pre-pandemic levels of around 1.2 million per year," the official said.

Elaborating on the dropbox facilities, the embassy official said that the in-person interview waiver will include even people whose B1 and B2 (tourist and business) visas have expired in the last four years.

Applicants of student visas, who have in the past travelled to the United States on tourist visas, can also seek an interview waiver, although they may be called for biometrics in case that wasn't done earlier, the official said.

Besides expanding the dropbox facility, among other steps taken to ease visa wait time for Indians are adding consular staff and sending dropbox cases for processing elsewhere. According to the embassy official, wait time has already decreased from 450 days [15 months] to about nine months.

Before the pandemic, the average wait time, depending on the category of visa, varied between a few weeks (for most visas) to a few months in cases of B1/B2 visas in peak season.

At present, India ranks third — after Mexico and China — in terms of the total number of visas issued by the US, and it is anticipated that the country will take the second spot by next summer, the US embassy official said. India is "top priority" for Washington in this regard, he added.

On average, approximately 700 cases are being handled every day at present, and more than 82,000 visas were awarded to Indian citizens in the last one year, according to this official.

In fact, officials said, India is among a handful of countries where applications for US visas increased significantly after pandemic-related travel restrictions were withdrawn. These included business travellers, students, skilled workers and tourists.

Another small but significant category where the US is trying to expedite the process is for crew visas, used by airline and cruise staff, the official said. "We are expecting to see more progress over the next nine months," he said.

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Cutting hassles

EASING VISA rules by expanding the ambit of dropbox or interview waivers across categories is expected to do away with unnecessary hassle for both the US consular staff as well as the applicants. Addressing the recent concern of Indian citizens over delays in getting US visas, Washington has made it clear that it accords topmost priority to New Delhi.

PM to visit Bali from November 14-16 to attend G20 summit

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Will hold bilateral meets with some PMs

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will visit the Indonesian city of Bali from November 14 to 16 to attend the G-20 summit, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Thursday.

On the sidelines of the summit, the Prime Minister will hold bilateral meetings with some of his counterparts.

The summit is likely to be attended by US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, among others.

The leaders are expected to deliberate on the Ukraine conflict, its implications on food and energy security and other pressing global issues such as climate change. Modi is attending the summit at the invitation of Indonesian President Joko Widodo. Indonesia is the current chair of G-20. "During the Bali summit, G20 leaders will deliberate extensively upon key issues of global concern under the summit theme of 'Recover Together, Recover Stronger'. Three working sessions will be held as part of the G20 summit agenda -- food and energy security, health and digital transformation," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing.

He said President Widodo will symbolically hand over the G20 presidency to Prime Minister Modi at the closing session of the summit. India will formally assume the G20 presidency from December 1. "On the sidelines of the summit, the prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with some of his counterparts. The PM will also address and interact with the Indian community in Bali," Bagchi said.



TRIBUTE TO KEMPEGOWDA

The 108-foot statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda at the International Airport in Bengaluru which is set to be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on Friday. Apart from inaugurating the city founder's statue, the PM will also unveil the airport's new terminal. *PTI*

Welcome UK court ruling on Nirav Modi, says MEA

New Delhi: India on Thursday welcomed a British court's ruling rejecting fugitive diamantaire Nirav Modi's appeal against his extradition to India in connection with a bank loan fraud case.

"We welcome the UK high court's decision to dismiss the appeal against extradition of Nirav Modi," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said. "We will continue with our efforts to get Nirav Modi back as well as other economic offenders so that they are brought to justice."

The spokesperson said India has been vigorously pursuing the extradition of economic fugitives so that they face the legal process in the country. Bagchi also referred to another UK court recently ordering the extradition of fugitive arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari to India. "This is usually a lengthy process. But we will continue our efforts in this regard so that economic fugitives are brought back to India to face our justice system," he said. **ENS**

Daughter Rohini to donate kidney to Lalu

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, NOVEMBER 10

RJD CHIEF Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini Acharya will donate one of her kidneys to her father, who is set to undergo a transplant in Singapore.

"I am feeling very blessed to donate my kidney to papa," Singapore-based Rohini told *The Indian Express*. The transplant is likely to take place later this month.

The RJD chief, who has long been suffering from renal complications, was in Singapore last month for check-ups.

Rohini is the second of seven daughters of Lalu and Rabri Devi — both former Bihar chief ministers.



Rohini, Lalu's second daughter, lives in Singapore. *@RohiniAcharya2*

An RJD leader said: "As Lalu Prasad has been suffering from several health complications, including heart ailments, the kidney transplant will surely give him longevity. He has already undergone two major heart surgeries in 2014 and 2016."

Even though Lalu has been out of active politics since 2013, he continues to remain the guiding force of the party. He still plays a key role in ticket distribution during elections.

During a recent RJD meet in Delhi, Lalu authorised younger son and Bihar deputy CM Tejashwi Prasad Yadav to speak on policy matters, reinforcing Tejashwi's position as Lalu's political heir.

Among his daughters, only eldest daughter Misa Bharti has been active in politics and is in her second term as a Rajya Sabha MP.

His elder son Tej Pratap Yadav is a minister in the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government.

Lalu is out on bail in the fodder scam cases.

COIMBATORE BLAST

NIA searches 43 locations, seizes digital devices, documents

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THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) searched 43 locations in Tamil Nadu on Thursday in connection with the Coimbatore car blast case. Digital devices and incriminating documents were seized from the houses of the suspects during the searches, which started at 6 am, said a statement from the NIA.

"According to preliminary investigations, Jamesha Mubeen (who was killed in the car blast on October 23), after taking bayath/oath to ISIS, was planning to carry out a suicidal attack and cause extensive damage to symbols and monuments of a particular religious faith and with the intention to strike terror among a particular section of community," the NIA statement said.

The statement said six persons who had been arrested so far had conspired with Mubeen to procure different chemicals and other ingredients for fabrication of improvised explosive devices, including a vehicle-borne IED, from online shopping platforms to commit sensational terrorist acts.

"All individuals being searched were in contact with Mubeen. We are looking into what led them to communicate frequently with Mubeen," an officer told *The Indian Express, adding* no political connections between the people being searched have yet been established.

FIRST VISIT TO HOME STATE AFTER ASSUMING TOP POST

President Murmu skips protocol, walks 2 km to Jagannath Temple

SUJIT BISOYI
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 10

THE USUALLY bustling Bada Danda or Grand Road in Puri was under thick security cover on Thursday with hardly any public movement in view of President Droupadi Murmu's scheduled visit to the Shree Jagannath Temple. While major part of the 3-km road was barricaded, darshan for the common people was restricted for more than three hours – from 10.30 am till 1 pm.

The President, however, took everyone by surprise when she skipped protocol and walked down around 2 km – like all others – to offer prayer at the 12th century shrine of Lord Jagannath, the most revered god in Odisha.

The rare gesture from the President – who is on her first visit to her home state after being elected to the highest constitutional office in July – also earned appreciation from public, who in large numbers were lined up on both sides along the Grand Road for hours prior to her visit. The President waved at the crowd and acknowledged school students who greeted her leaning over the barricades near the temple.



President Droupadi Murmu in Puri on Thursday. *PTI*

More than 25 platoons of police were deployed in the holy town while special arrangements were made by the temple administration to make sure that the President gets a hassle-free darshan of the god.

As is the local practice, Murmu raised both of her hands to invoke the gods and bowed before taking the 22 steps leading to the shrine to show her reverence to the sibling deities.

"The President was very happy to have the darshan of the deities at the Sanctum Sanctorum. She prayed for the well-being of the people and progress and prosperity of our nation. She offered prayers for around 15 minutes," said a servitor, showing notes in Odia in a register signed by Murmu.

Shortly after offering prayers, Murmu partook of Mahaprasad along with Puri royals and other dignitaries in traditional style at Puri Raj Bhavan.

When she arrived in Bhubaneswar around 11 am, she was accorded a grand welcome by Governor Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan and others. A half-day holiday was declared for all schools, colleges and government offices in the capital city in view of the President's visit.

On the second day of her stay in the state, the President is scheduled to visit two government schools in the city, including her alma mater, Capital Girls' High School, where she will meet some of her 1974 batchmates.

Kerala removes Gov as chancellor of top performing arts deemed varsity

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 10



Governor Arif Mohammed Khan

THE KERALA government on Thursday amended the rules of Kerala Kalamandalam deemed university to remove Governor Arif Mohammed Khan as its chancellor.

The Kalamandalam deemed university is a premier institution for preservation and promotion of traditional performing arts in the state. The State Cultural Affairs Department issued the order after amending the rules and regulations of the institution.

The order stated, "The governance and the management system of the Kalamandalam (deemed to be university for arts and culture) shall be in accordance with the decision of the state government. The chancellor shall be an eminent person in the field of art and culture to be appointed by the sponsoring body, which is the state government."

According to the department's order, the tenure of the new chancellor would be "five years from the day of assuming office", and she/he would be "eligible for reappointment for another term, provided that no person is eligible to hold the office on attaining the age of 75".

In 2015, the then Congress-led UDF government had, through an executive order, made the Governor, by virtue of his office, the chancellor of the Kalamandalam. Thus, the Governor's removal as chancellor was executed through another order on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the CPI(M)-led LDF government had decided to issue an ordinance to remove the Governor as chancellor of 14 other state universities. Legislation is required to remove the Governor from the post of chancellor of these universities, and laws related to the respective universities, including making the Governor ex-officio chancellor, were made by the legislative Assembly.

Kalamandalam, though, has a different structure with an executive board, in which the vice-chancellor is a member.

Dr T K Narayanan, the former V-C of Kalamandalam, who is seen as having the backing of CPI(M), had earlier locked horns with Khan over reinstatement of a PRO at the university. Khan wanted R Gopikrishnan, who was suspended in 2017, reinstated, but Narayanan did not go by the Governor's directive.

Narayanan had even moved the High Court against Khan but withdrew his petition earlier this year following the government's intervention. Khan was said to have been upset over the approach of Narayanan, who did not appear at the Raj Bhavan for a hearing regarding the PRO's appointment.

IF ORDINANCE NOT SIGNED, WILL BRING LEGISLATION: MINISTER

KERALA HIGHER Education Minister R Bindhu on Thursday said the Left government would convene an Assembly session next month and bring out a legislation if Governor Arif Mohammed Khan was not prepared to sign the Ordinance stripping him of the role of chancellor of universities in the state. **PTI**

Already importing GM crop oil, fears unfounded, Govt tells SC

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POINTING OUT that India is already "importing and consuming oil derived from GM (Genetically Modified) crops", the Centre has told the Supreme Court that "opposition to such technology based on...unfounded fears of adverse impact is only hurting farmers, consumers and industry".

In an affidavit filed in response to a plea challenging the clearance for environmental release of GM mustard, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change stated that mustard is "the most important oil and seed meal crop of India, grown in around 8-9 million hectares of land".

It said that "seed replacement (farmer buying fresh seed) rates are around 63% and area under irrigation has increased to 83% of the total area under mustard", but "despite all these investments, yields of mustard are stagnating".

It said the present rate of edible oil consumption in India surpasses the domestic production rate. At present, India meets nearly 55% to 60% of its edible oil demand through imports, the government pointed out.

It submitted that the country is already importing and consuming large quantities of edible GM oil seeds. "Cotton grown in India is a GM crop and we annually produce around 9.5 million tonnes of cotton seed and 1.2 million tonnes of cotton oil consumed by human beings, and about 6.5 million tonnes of cotton seed [are] consumed as animal feed," it said.

The ministry pointed out that annually, India imports about 55,000 metric tonnes of canola oil, largely from GM canola seeds, and nearly 2.8 lakh tonnes of soybean oil largely composed of GM soybean oil. As India is importing and consuming oil derived from GM crops, opposition to such technology "based on such unfounded fears of adverse impact, is only hurting farmers, consumers and industry", the affidavit stated.

Pointing out that the average prices of refined palm oil, soy oil and mustard oil are increasing continuously, the government said that India needs to be independent in oil production to meet the domestic consumption demand. "Increased edible oil prices will also lead to inflation...(and) an agricultural reform like growing GM oilseed crops like mustard will be useful," the government submitted.

It said the GM mustard hybrid, DMJ 11, for which clearance was given, has shown increased per-hectare yield by 25% to 30% over the traditional varieties and will help reduce India's dependence on other countries and go a long way in realising the vision of self-reliance. The government submitted that strengthening plant breeding programmes, including use of new genetic technology, is critical to meet emerging challenges in Indian agriculture and ensuring food safety.

The ministry said that "conditional approval for environmental release of transgenic mustard hybrid DMH 11 and parental lines...containing Bar, Barnase, and Barstar genes has been made after following the detailed procedure in law... and after considering the biosafety data accumulated over several years".

The three genes, it said, have a history of "more than 20 years of safely being in the food chain".

The government explained that all stipulated biosafety tests were carried out on the GM mustard hybrid DMH-11 and its two parental lines before granting the permission and added that it was cleared subject to stringent terms and conditions to ensure environmental safeguards.

It will also help in raising data about the impact of GM mustard on honey bees and other pollinators, the affidavit said.

Maharashtra will discuss return of Shivaji sword with UK PM: minister

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10



Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar

MAHARASHTRA CULTURAL Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar on Thursday said that the state government will hold discussions with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to bring back the Jagdamba sword of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, which is in London, by 2024 to mark the completion of 350 years of coronation of the Maratha king.

"We have also begun correspondence with the Union government when Sunak became the PM of UK. The British took away the sword from here due to their greed, as it was laden with diamonds. For us, it is priceless and of extreme importance, as it was touched by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj," Mungantiwar told mediapersons.

He added that that the return of the sword to Maharashtra will further boost the celebrations planned by his department to mark 350 years of the coronation of king Shivaji.

According to historian Indrajit Sawant, who has written a book tracing the journey of the sword to London, the demand to bring back the sword is very old and was first raised by Lokmanya Tilak.

"The demand was raised when Yashwantrao Chavan became the chief minister of Maharashtra and again when A R Antulay was the CM. The problem happened when the sword was referred to as 'Bhavani' sword. A sword of this name is already there in Satara and the British till now have used that as an excuse (to say that the Bhavani sword is already in India)," Sawant told *The Indian Express*.

Sawant added that the sword should be referred to as the one given to Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) by Shivaji the Fourth in 1875-76. "The Chhatrapati of Karveer was in possession of this sword, which was used by Shivaji Maharaj. We say this because the catalogue of his armory is available even today, which describes this sword as that of Shivaji Maharaj and has explanations on it, including how many diamonds it has."

Sawant said that the catalogue of weapons collected by the Prince was printed in London, which mentions the said sword as "a relic of Shivaji the Great".

According to Sawant, the Prince of Wales was fond of collecting weapons and had shortlisted a few, including this sword, which he forced the then king to gift him. His meeting with Shivaji the Fourth took place in Mumbai. "Though that sword had nothing encrypted on it, the British prince's return gift, which is still in Kolhapur's New Palace museum, has a description on its blade," he said.

"Bringing the sword back to India is not an impossible task but we must demand the sword that was gifted by Shivaji the Fourth and not name it," he added.

Kuno cheetahs make second kill

Bhopal: Freddie and Elton, two of the eight cheetahs brought to Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park from Namibia, made their second kill on Wednesday, once again killing a cheetal or spotted deer, forest officials said.

The second kill was made nearly three days after they made their first kill on the evening of November 6. The first kill was made within 24 hours of their release into a larger enclosure at the national park. According to forest officials, the two cheetahs nearly finished off about 25-30 kg of their kill. "Considering that they kill every once in two-three days, we were expecting them to make the kill soon. The monitoring team had also spotted them making a chase last evening," a forest official said. **ENS**

Groundwater extraction this yr down 6 bn cubic metres from '20

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
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ANNUAL GROUNDWATER extraction for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses has come down by about 6 billion cubic metres (bcm) to 239 bcm in 2022 from 2020, shows the latest groundwater assessment report released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti on Thursday.

The report — National Compilation on Dynamic Ground Water Resources Of India, 2022 — said: "The total annual groundwater recharge for the entire country as of 2022 has increased by 1.29 bcm as compared to the last assessment (2020). The total annual extractable GW resources has also increased by 0.56 bcm. The annual groundwater extraction for irrigation, domestic and Industrial uses has also decreased by 5.76 bcm during this period."

"About 87% of total annual groundwater extraction i.e. 208.49 bcm is for irrigation use. Only 30.69 bcm is for domestic and industrial use, which is about 13% of the total extraction," said the report.

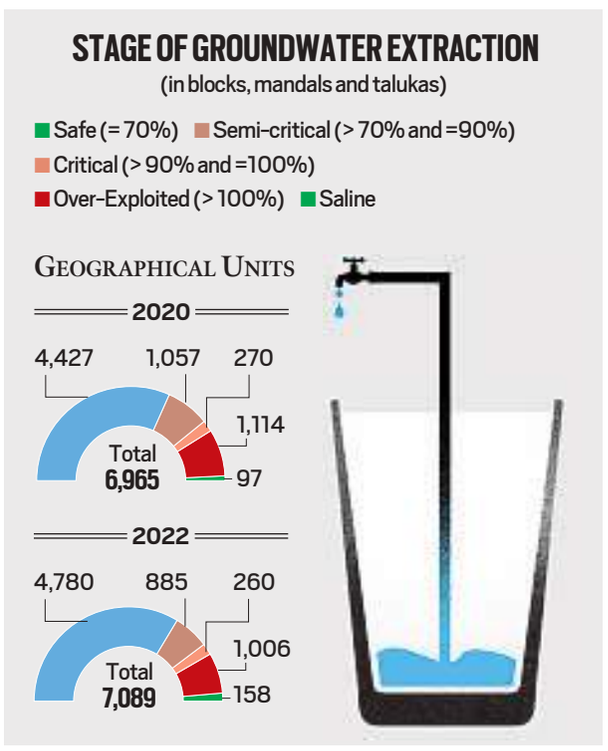
The decrease in annual groundwater extraction for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses is broadly in line with the similar decline in previous assessments. In fact, the annual groundwater extraction has seen a decline since 2017 when it came down 249 bcm from a record high of 253 bcm in 2013. Before 2013, the figure of annual groundwater extraction had seen an upward trend: 231 bcm in 2004, 243 bcm in 2009 and 245 in 2013.

While no specific reasons have been given in the report for a sharp decline in the extraction of groundwater for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses during 2022, the report says, "These variations are attributed mainly to refinement of parameters, refinement in well census data and changing groundwater regime."

The report shows the annual groundwater recharge was assessed at around 438 bcm in 2022 — up from 436 bcm in 2020 and 432 in 447. But this was lower than the 447 bcm annual groundwater recharge assessed in 2013.

The report also states that the monitoring of the groundwater resources was affected by the Covid-19 outbreak in the country.

"In the years 2020 and 2021, due to the outbreak of Covid-19 throughout the country, the field activities of CGWB including monitoring of water levels have been severely affected. The water levels could not be monitored for consecutively two pre-monsoon (April/May) seasons in the years 2020 and 2021. Also water levels could not be monitored in some states during November-2020 for the same reason. Due to the unavailability of water level data for Pre-monsoon 2021, the analysis of pre-monsoon water levels has been done taking the 2022 water level data," the report said.



ASEAN-India, East Asia summits: V-P starts 3-day trip to Cambodia today

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

VICE PRESIDENT Jagdeep Dhankhar will be in Cambodia for a three-day trip starting November 11 to represent New Delhi at the ASEAN-India and the East Asia summits, officials said Thursday.

Nearly a week after the summits, the defence ministers of India and ASEAN will also be holding a meet, the first such engagement between the two sides which are celebrating 2022 as "friendship year" to mark 30 years of relations.

The 19th ASEAN-India summit is scheduled to be held on November 12, and the 17th East Asia summit on November 13, in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh.

Cambodia is hosting the summits in its capacity as the current chair of the ASEAN or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, a 10-member grouping also comprising Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.

Addressing a special media briefing in New Delhi, Saurabh Kumar, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs, said at the summits, leaders of the two sides will "take stock of the progress made and exchange views on the future course of our ties and the relationship in the coming decade."

Describing ASEAN as "central" to India's Act East policy and its wider vision of the Indo-Pacific, Kumar said: "Other scheduled activities include the first ASEAN-India defence ministers meeting, (to be held) after the ADMM (ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting) plus, scheduled to be held on November 20, and the maiden ASEAN India maritime exercise which will be held in the first quarter of next year."

Kolkata protest sparks cop vs protester row: Who bit whom?

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AS NEARLY 30 protesting teaching job aspirants, arrested by Kolkata Police Wednesday night on charges of "rioting and unlawful assembly", were released on bail on Thursday, a controversy of a woman constable allegedly biting a woman protester broke out.

Videos of the constable grabbing 41-year-old Arunima Paul's hand and biting her were shared on social media. Police said Arunima bit the constable first.

"They kept us at the police station and then in the lock-up for several hours. I didn't even receive first-aid for several hours," said Arunima while being taken to court.

Arunima's mother Alka Paul (70) demanded disciplinary action against the constable. "I have not seen in my 70 years of life that police bite protesters. We spent the night thinking about her. We are civilised people. My daughter was there for her legitimate right. She was arrested but why no action has been taken against that woman cop," asked Arunima's mother.

Arunima and other arrested protesters were first taken to Hare Street police station on Wednesday and were made to sit for several hours. Later, they were arrested and taken to Lalbazar police lock-up.



Teaching job aspirant Arunima Paul at a Kolkata court on Thursday. *Express*

"My wife just took part in the protest. She passed Teacher Eligibility Test in 2014. She has all the right to demand a job, which she deserves. The way we all saw a cop bite her was shocking. Surprisingly, my wife wasn't given any medical assistance for four to five hours, while the woman cop was the first to be taken to the doctor. What was my wife's crime? Are we not suppose to raise issues and demand our rights in this democratic country? It is one of the most shameful act," said Arunima's husband Sadhan Paul, who works in the railways.

On Thursday, when their bail plea came up at a Bankshall court, the police opposed it, claiming that the woman in uniform was attacked by Arunima Paul.

Soon after their release, the protesters demanded action against the constable.

Police said the protesters were arrested under Sections 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting with a deadly weapon) and 149 (unlawful assembly) of the Indian Penal Code.

The incident triggered a political war of words in the state.

"The one who got bitten has been arrested. Her fault is she couldn't please the TMC government. The woman cop should be suspended," senior CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakraborty demanded.

"This government is not capable of providing jobs to all those who deserve, and, therefore, using police," BJP national vice-president Dilip Ghosh said.

TMC Rajya Sabha member Santanu Sen, however, backed the police: "The woman constable was the first to be bitten by the protester. On various occasions, police has shown their sensitive side despite provocation. The BJP and CPI(M) at times send their supporters to such protests with vested interest."

Ram Setu national heritage tag: SC gives Centre time to respond to PIL

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THE SUPREME Court on Thursday allowed the Centre more time to submit its written response to a plea to declare the Ram Setu a national heritage monument even as it questioned the delay.

"Why are you dragging your feet?" Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud asked the Centre's counsel as he sought time, saying the affidavit is ready but was awaiting the sanction from the relevant ministry.

Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy, who filed the petition, pointed out to the bench, also comprising Justices Hima Kohli and J B Pardiwala, that the government was yet to file the affidavit despite many directions in the past.

He said the matter has been going on since long but the government is not taking a stand. "They only have to say yes or no," he added.

Swamy had filed a PIL against the Centre's Sethusamudram Canal project, initiated when the UPA-1 was in power at the Centre. The project envisaged creation of a 83-km-long deep water channel, linking Mannar with Palk Strait, by dredging and removing the limestone shoals that formed part of the Ram Setu.

The SC had stayed the work for the project in 2007.

In March 2018, the Union Shipping Ministry in an affidavit told the court that the government "does not want to implement" the proposed "alignment...considering" its "socio-economic disadvantages".

The affidavit added that "the Government of India intends to explore an alternative to the earlier alignment of Sethusamudram Ship Channel project without affecting or damaging the Adam's bridge/Ram Sethu in the interest of the nation."

2 INDIANS MISSING IN KENYA

Probe team from India visited Nairobi: MEA

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AN INDIAN investigation team visited Nairobi earlier this month and offered all possible help to the Kenyan side in the case of two Indian nationals missing in that country since July, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday.

Two Indian nationals — Mohammad Zaid Sami Kidwai and Zulfiqar Ahmed Khan — have been missing in Kenya since July 23, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

"This case remains under active investigation by the Kenyan authorities. An Indian investigation team visited Nairobi from November 1-3, and met the department of public prosecution and the department of criminal investigation of the Kenyan government," Bagchi said.

The Indian team offered to the Kenyan side all help in this case, including assistance in DNA or forensic analysis that the Kenyan side may require to carry out their investigations, he said. "We are following developments related to the case very closely and are also in touch with the affected Indian families," he said.

Last month, days after a close aide of the Kenyan President claimed that former media executive Zulfiqar, missing in Kenya since July, had been killed along with another Indian national, the Indian High Commissioner in Nairobi met President William Ruto to convey "deep concern" and requested "expediting of investigations" into the matter.

The Ministry of External Affairs had said that the specific circumstances "surrounding the abduction and subsequent lack of information" was "very disturbing".

Jharkhand forms task force to study impact of climate commitments

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE JHARKHAND government has formed a task force to study the impact on the state of commitments made by India at last year's global climate summit.

At the COP26 summit in Glasgow last year, India had committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070 and set a target of building the capacity to generate 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy.

Officials said the task force, comprising officials from 13 different departments, has been formed to assess the magnitude and nature of the effects of the "accelerated phase-out of coal mines and coal-based industries" on Jharkhand's economy as well as on the communities that are directly or indirectly dependent on these industries.

The task force is expected to deliver an interim report within 12 months.

"With the state endowed with rich coal resources, and a large number of coal-based industries located in the state, it is necessary to study the impact of such commitments on the state and its people and to prepare for a transition towards a green and sustainable model of development. To this effect, a task force is hereby constituted to study the effects of transition from a fossil fuel-based energy eco-system on the communities and workers, particularly those impacted by planned/unplanned closure of mines, among others," Jharkhand's Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department said in a notification issued on November 4.

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(A PSU of Govt. of India, Ministry of Railways)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MRVC/TA/2x25kV Traction/01 Dated 09.11.2022
Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation ltd (MRVCL), invites proposals to provide the consultancy services under Mumbai Urban Transportation Project - III. **Date of Receipt & opening of RFP**: The RFP document can be downloaded from MRVC website from 10.11.2022 to 12.12.2022 at 12.30 hrs. The Last date for submission of RFP is 12.12.2022 upto 15.00 hrs. The RFP shall be opened on 12.12.2022 at 15.30 hrs. **Address for Communication**: General Manager (Electrical), Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation, 2nd Floor, Churchgate station building, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020, Fax : +91-22-22195356. E-mail address: **gmelectrical@mrvc.gov.in, dyceepsi@mrvc.gov.in,** Website: **https://mrvc.indianrailways.gov.in**

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location:-	30-Elect-48-T-2022-23-E3 Electrical work for provision of pit lights inside the washing cum pit lines & sick line pits of coach care center Anand Vihar
Approx cost of the works in:-	Rs. 65.01 lacs
Address of the office :-	Sr. Divll Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Bid Security :-	Rs. 130000.00
Date & time of submission of tender :-	02.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender :-	02.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board :-	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PLEA TO EXTEND PROTECTION OF AREA

Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi hearing in apex court today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE SUPREME Court will on Friday hear a plea seeking extension of the protection of the area in Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque complex, where a 'Shivling' was claimed to have been found during a videographic survey of the mosque premises earlier this year.

Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain told a bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud that the May 17 interim order protecting it would come to an end on November 12.

Jain also pointed out that the Varanasi District Court had rejected the mosque committee's opposition to the suit by five Hindu women, who sought the right to worship deities located within the Gyanvapi mosque premises all year round. The mosque committee had claimed that the suit was barred by the Places of Worship Act, 1991, which prohibits conversion of nature of places of worship after August 15, 1947.

The CJI pointed out that he will have to constitute the bench and agreed to take it up at 3 pm on Friday.

Hearing a petition by five Hindu women seeking right to worship at Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal, on the outer wall of the mosque complex, a Varanasi court had on April 8 appointed an Advocate Commissioner to carry out an inspection of the site, to "prepare videography of the action", and submit a report.



The Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. *Express File*

The mosque committee had challenged this before the Allahabad High Court, which dismissed the appeal on April 21. The committee then approached the Supreme Court.

Hearing it in May this year, the SC, however, said that "ascertainment of the religious character of a place is not barred by... the Act" and declined to stay proceedings before the Varanasi court. It asked the district magistrate to secure the area where the 'Shivling' was claimed to have been found, without impeding or restricting the rights of Muslims to access and offer namaz at the mosque.

Taking into account the "complexity of the issues involved in the civil suit...and their sensitivity", the top court transferred the proceedings pending before the Civil Judge (Senior Division), Varanasi, to the District Judge, Varanasi, for "trial and all interlocutory and ancillary proceedings". The bench also asked the district court to first decide the application filed by the mosque committee, challenging the maintainability of the suit by the Hindu petitioners.

7 Indians among 10 killed in Maldives fire

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

AT LEAST seven Indians were among 10 people killed early Thursday when a major fire broke out in a garage below cramped living quarters housing foreign workers in Maldives' capital Male, officials said.

The fire broke out in the M. Nirufehi area near the Maaveyo Mosque at around 12:30 am.

The Indian High Commission in Maldives tweeted: "Maldivian authorities have confirmed that 7 of the deceased were Indian nationals. Identity of one person is still being confirmed. High Commission is in contact with the families."

The Maldives National Defence Force, which was active on site with an emergency response team, said the recovered bodies included those of nine Indians, and one Bangladeshi national, *The Edition* news portal reported.

Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid Thursday called up his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar and conveyed the condolences of the government and people of Maldives over the deaths. He said a full investigation has been ordered into the incident. "Received a call from FM @abdulla_shahid expressing condolences and assuring full support. High Commission is closely working with Maldivian authorities on this matter," Jaishankar tweeted.

In another tweet, he said: "Deeply grieved by the tragic loss of lives in a fire incident in Male today. Full details regarding Indians being ascertained by the High Commission who are contacting affected families."

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the Indian Mission in Male is assisting families of the affected Indians. "Our high commission there has clarified that local authorities have indicated that at least 10 bodies have been found. Local authorities are engaged in identifying the bodies," Bagchi said. "Until such time we are able to identify the bodies as Indian citizens, I would not like to confirm how many have passed away," he said.

He said the fire broke out in a residential building for foreign workers. "Some versions say that there was a garage near-by the building. We are looking at the details. This building housed foreign workers including Indian citizens," Bagchi said.

The garage is located on the ground floor of the building, while the first-floor housed migrant workers. The living quarters had only a single window, according to news portal *SunOnline International*.

There were 38 migrant workers from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka living in the building, with a gas cylinder next to each bed, the Maldives National Defence Force said. Maldives National Disaster Authority (MNDA) chief Hisan Hassan said 28 people were rescued from the building. He said 19 of them had been taken away by their employers while nine people remain under MNDA's care — six women and three men.

Colonel Ibrahim Rasheed, Commandant, MNDF Fire and Rescue Service, said: "There were a lot of gas cylinders... Different types of gas... We found it very challenging to fight the fire." The fire was doused at 4.34 am (local time).

Back to Village: J&K asks officers to follow up with panchayat visits

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 10

IN A move meant to ensure implementation of decisions taken at panchayats during the fourth phase of the Back to Village programme, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has ordered all gazetted officers to pay follow-up visits for the next one year to rural local bodies they had visited between October 27 and November 3 this year, across the Union Territory.

In the order dated November 9, the General Administration Department of the UT has stated that officers "deployed as visiting officers for the 4th phase of Back to Village programme by the General Administration Department", or "by Deputy Commissioners across the Union Territory shall be the Prabhari Officer(s) for the panchayat concerned for the next one year, or till decided otherwise".

The decision is aimed at ensuring implementation of decisions taken at the panchayat level during the period.

The Back to Village programme aims to empower and develop rural local bodies. As part of it, one senior officer, including the Lieutenant Governor's advisers and the Chief Secretary, were sent to one panchayat each, where they stayed for two days and took note of problems listed by local residents during the first three phases. However, there had been no follow-up visits, as pointed out by residents. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

J&K police hiring scam: ASI, 4 CRPF personnel among 7 held by CBI

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & ARUN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JAMMU, NOV 10

THE CBI has arrested an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Jammu and Kashmir Police and four CRPF personnel among seven people in connection with a case relating to alleged malpractices in the recruitment of probationary sub-inspectors in J&K Police, a spokesperson of the agency said on Thursday. The agency took their custody after presenting them before a court in Jammu, the spokesperson said.

The arrested men have been identified as CRPF head constable Pawan Kumar; CRPF constables Atul Kumar, Amit Kumar Sharma, and Sunil Sharma; J&K Police ASI Jaisuriya Sharma; and two civilians, Tarsem Lal and Asheesh Yadav. The agency had earlier arrested 13 people in the case. Among those arrested were an ASI and two constables of J&K Police, one CRPF official and an ex-constable of the paramilitary force, a BSF commandant, and a government school teacher in J&K.

On Tuesday, CBI had conducted searches at seven locations in Jammu, Pathankot (Punjab), Rewari and Karnal (both in Haryana) in connection with the recruitment scam. The CBI took over the investigation on August 3 on J&K administration's reference.

The case pertains to leak of question paper for the examination through which 1,200 posts of sub-inspectors were to be filled by J&K Services Selection Board. "Investigation has so far revealed that payment of Rs 20 lakh to Rs 30 lakh was allegedly made by willing candidates and their families for getting the question paper before the examination," the CBI spokesperson said.

The official said CBI had recently arrested a man, Pradeep Kumar, who worked as packing in-charge at a printing press based in Delhi's Okhla area. "He allegedly stole the question paper at the time of packing and sold it to Rewari-based Yatin Yadav, who has also been arrested. Investigation has revealed that Yadav contacted the other touts based in J&K to lure candidates for sale of the leaked paper," the spokesperson said.

According to the CBI, the candidates were taken from Jammu to Karnal in vehicles arranged by J&K Police ASI Ashok Kumar a day before the examination. "In Karnal, a tout, Bajinder Singh, arranged a hotel where candidates were handed over the leaked question paper. One of the arrested CRPF personnel allegedly provided the leaked paper to certain candidates," the spokesperson had said.

Results of the examination were declared on June 4 this year. After allegations of malpractice surfaced, the J&K administration constituted an inquiry panel to probe the matter. "It was alleged that the accused entered into a conspiracy among officials of JKSSB, a Bengaluru-based private company, beneficiary candidates and others, and caused gross irregularities..."the official said.

J&K: Nine assets of Jamat-e-Islami sealed

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10

THREE YEARS after the Centre banned Jamat-e-Islami (JeI) in Jammu and Kashmir, the State Investigating Agency (SIA) has launched another crackdown against the organisation and its assets.

The agency on Thursday said it has unearthed assets worth crores of the socio-religious organisation, and sealed nine properties in south Kashmir's Shopian. The sealed assets include a school run under the Falah-e-Aam Trust, an office of Jamat-e-Islami and some plots of land worth Rs 2.5 crore.

"(The) SIA has identified huge assets of banned Jamat-e-Islami throughout J&K worth hundreds of crores INR," an official release said. "Today in district Shopian properties at nine locations... have been sealed with restrictions on usage and entry."

The SIA, which was set up last year, said it has identified 188 immovable assets of the JeI in Jammu and Kashmir an has undertaken the process to notify these properties. "These are as a result of investigation of case FIR number 17 of 2019 U/S 10, 11 & 13 of police station Batamaloo being investigated by SIA," the release said.

The agency said its decision to start the sealing of JeI assets from south Kashmir's Shopian is significant because it was the first place to organise a Jamat gathering in 1942 before the organisation was formally set up.

The JeI, one of the largest cadre-based organisations of J&K, was banned by the Centre in February 2019, few days after the Balakot strike.

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
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The last date for submission of online applications is **December 05, 2022**.

Advt.No.41/2022/IISER-T/Rect./11.11.2022 — Sd/- Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that the Surya Nagar Educational Society has passed the resolution in the General Body Meeting held on 15th October, 2022 for the change of name of the CBSE Affiliated Senior Secondary School (Affiliation No. 230147) run by the society from "Vidya Bharati School" to "Platinum Valley International School" situated at C-Block, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad-201011 (UP). Objections, if any, in regard to proposed name of the school make kindly be addressed to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of the notice.

Dr. A. A. Sisodia
General Secretary, Surya Nagar Educational Society
C-Block, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad-201011 (UP)

Place: Ghaziabad
Date: 11-11-2022

ARMY WELFARE EDUCATION SOCIETY
(Registered under Society Act XXI of 1860)

NOTICE

AWES plans to hire One Head of Technology, One IT Lead (Application) and One IT Lead Infrastructure and administration. For details of Job Specification, Qualification and Salary log on to **www.awesindia.com**

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS SANTUSHTI SHOPPING COMPLEX NEW DELHI

1. Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station New Delhi, invites sealed application from resident Indian nationals for allotment of shops at Santushti Shopping Complex, Tejas Camp, Lok Kalyan Marg New Delhi-110003 as per following details:

Shop No	Area (Sq ft)	Shop No	Area (Sq ft)
02	413 Sq ft	12	380 Sq ft
05	776 Sq ft	15	425 Sq ft
07	263 Sq ft	22	275 Sq ft
08	872 Sq ft		

2. The period of allotment will be three years as per provisions of Defence Shopping Complex (Maintenance & Administration) Rules, 2006. wef **01 Dec 2022**

3. The rates for allotment of the shop will be charged as License Fee 160/- per sq ft, Maintenance charges 60/- per sq ft and GST @18%. In addition water & electricity charges will be charged as per consumption. The maintenance charge will be increased by 5% every year. The rates of License fee & Maintenance charges may be revised as applicable by Management Committee SSC at any point of time during contract period.

4. The application form can be collected from Santushti Shopping Complex Office, on all working days starting from **11 Nov 2022 from 1000 hrs to 1630 hrs @ Rs 500/-** each (non-refundable). Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) equivalent to one month License fee i.e. (Area of shop x Rs. 160/- per sq ft) in the form of Demand draft/Bankers Cheque issued by any nationalized bank or ICICI, HDFC and AXIS Bank is to be drawn in favour of "**Santushti 412 Air Force Station New Delhi**". Application form duly completed in all respects along with EMD, is to be submitted to SSC office **on or before 1500 hrs by 25 Nov 2022**. Applications form without EMD will be summarily rejected.

5. Any clarification regarding allotment of Shops or any other issues for prospective allottees will be addressed at the office of Santushti Shopping Complex between 1100 hours to 1600 Hrs on all working days (Monday to Saturday) till 21 Nov 2022. **The scrutiny of application will be held at Air Force Station New Delhi on 28 Nov 2022**. Applicants or representatives may attend the process in person. The allotment of Shops by **draw of lot, if applicable, will be held at 1100 Hrs on 29 Nov 2022** at Santushti Shopping Complex.

6. For further details please contact Tele No. 011-20867237, 9810742291/ 9667371554 or Email on: santushtishoppingcomplex123@gmail.com

7. **Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station, New Delhi, reserves the right to withdraw any shop and / or accept or reject any tender or application without assigning any reason.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC (S.C.) DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) TRIBUNAL, CHAMBER NO.15, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK 'A', DELHI HIGH COURT, NEW DELHI-110503

RE : Notification bearing No.S.O.4559(E) dated 27th September, 2022, published in the Official Gazette on 28th September, 2022 declaring the **Popular Front of India (PFI)** and its associates or affiliates or fronts including **Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as "unlawful association"** in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section-3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention), 1967 read with **Notification No.S.O.4758(E) dated 06th October, 2022**

To

Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts.

WHEREAS the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has declared **Popular Front of India (PFI)** and its associates or affiliates or fronts vide **Notification No.S.O.4559(E) dated 27th September, 2022** [published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II, Section 3 (ii)].

AND WHEREAS by Gazette **Notification No.S.O.4758(E) dated 06th October, 2022** [published in the Gazette of India : Extraordinary Part II, Section 3 (ii)], in exercise of powers under sub-section (1) of Section 5 read with subsection (1) of Section 4 of the Act, the Central Government has constituted a Tribunal comprising **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Judge of the High Court of Delhi,** for adjudicating as to whether there is sufficient cause for declaring **Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as "Unlawful Association"** as required by sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE, a notice is hereby given under sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Act and you are hereby called upon to show cause, within **30 days** from the date of service of notice, as to why your Associations, declared as unlawful, be not adjudicated to be so and why an order confirming such declaration be not made under Section 4(3) of the Act.

The objections/reply affidavits, if any, may be filed/delivered, before the next date of hearing of the **Tribunal, to the undersigned at his office in Chamber No.15, Ground Floor, 'A' Block, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110503.** In case the objections/reply and the documents are in regional language, true English Translation thereof be also attached.

You may appear through a duly authorized person before the Tribunal on 08.12.2022 at 4.00 pm in Court Room No.24 Ground Floor, 'A' Block, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110503 for further proceedings.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi this the 31st October, 2022.

(Reetesh Singh)
Registrar
Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal

DIPR/1138/DISPLAY/2022

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

(All amount in Rupees lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Year ended
		September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021	As at March 31, 2022
1.	Total Income from Operations	14,583.93	16,062.13	40,693.32
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	5,628.36	7,369.92	6,792.52
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	5,628.36	7,369.92	6,792.52
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	-1,313.35	4,992.38	1,847.97
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-1,313.35	4,992.38	1,847.97
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	17.06	17.06	17.06
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	3,00,345.49	3,04,064.16	3,08,052.28
8.	Securities Premium Account	1,33,995.94	1,33,995.94	1,33,995.94
9.	Net worth	3,00,362.55	3,04,081.22	3,08,069.34
10.	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	7,42,755.98	7,33,942.81	7,19,524.30
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	2.44	2.41	2.31
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 100/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	Basic (in Rs.)	-7,697.51	29,260.23	10,830.91
	Diluted (in Rs.)	-7,697.51	29,260.23	10,830.91
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Notes:-

1 The above is an extract of detailed format of the unaudited half yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the websites of the stock exchange at **www.nseindia.com** and the Company at **www.bahadurchandinvestments.com**.

2 The above results for the half year ended September 30, 2022 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors at its meeting held on November 10, 2022.

3 The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards ('Ind AS') notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2016, prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with relevant rules issued thereunder and the other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Any application guidance/ clarifications/ directions issued by the Reserve Bank of India or other regulators are implemented as and when they are issued/ applicable.

4 For the other items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and can be accessed at **www.nseindia.com** and at the Company's website at **www.bahadurchandinvestments.com**.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Bahadur Chand Investments Private Limited

Suman Kant Munjal Director DIN:00002803 — **Pawan Munjal** Director DIN: 00004223

Place: New Delhi
Date: November 10, 2022

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2022

(Rupees in lakhs, except for the share data and if otherwise stated)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Period ended		Year ended
		30 September 2022	30 June 2022	30 September 2021	30 September 2022	30 September 2021	31 March 2022
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1.	Total income from Operations	11,526	11,038	12,819	22,564	20,331	45,580
2.	Net Profit (before tax and exceptional item)	171	128	321	299	359	968
3.	Net Profit before tax (after exceptional item)	895	128	321	1,023	359	968
4.	Net Profit for the period (after tax and exceptional item)	660	96	239	756	267	768
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period / year (comprising profit for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	657	92	235	749	260	754
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2 each, fully paid)	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074
7.	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet						6,633
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 2 each): a. Basic (Rs.) b. Diluted (Rs.)	1.23 1.23	0.18 0.18	0.45 0.45	1.41 1.41	0.50 0.50	1.43 1.43

Notes:

1. The above financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their Meetings held on 10 November 2022.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial result for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2022 filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the stock exchange website, www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website, www.singerindia.com.

For Singer India Limited
Sd/-
(Rajeev Bajaj)
Managing Director

Place: New Delhi
Date : 10 November 2022

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MEA Jaishankar's Moscow visit underlines the all-weather nature of India-Russia relations despite differences on Ukraine

THE MUCH WATCHED visit by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to Moscow has signalled that despite Delhi's disagreement with Russia's war in Ukraine, the long standing friendship between the two sides remains in good health. The visit has reiterated for India, Russia is an important bilateral partner. Delhi also believes Russia has a crucial role to play in global security and stability. It will participate in the "Moscow format" dialogue on Afghanistan next week. India is clear it will not link its relationship with Moscow to the "no-limits" Russia-China partnership.

The two sides demonstrated a certain comfort level in their frank exchanges about the war, with Jaishankar repeating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words to Russian President Vladimir Putin at Samarkand — "This era is not one of war" and his counterpart Sergei Lavrov briefing him on the "special military operation" in Ukraine. The External Affairs Minister's remarks that the war is causing "pain" in the "Global South", and that both Ukraine and Russia must find an end to this war through dialogue and diplomacy will find resonance across the world. Countries big and small are suffering from the energy shock that the war has delivered, neutralising their plans for economic recovery after a crippling pandemic. Delhi's forceful message that it speaks not just for itself is timely. Next month, India will assume the presidency of the G20 for the coming year, and dealing with the economic impact of the war is likely to form a significant part of the grouping's agenda. Jaishankar's other message that India will support any initiative to "de-risk" the global economy and restore stability may have been less than the peacemaking purpose that was being attributed to the visit in some sections. But he was perhaps being realistic about the limits of what Delhi can do, and also seemed to be placing the onus for ending the war on the two parties, and Europe and the US.

Bilateral issues were a major part of the visit. As Lavrov noted, Russia-India trade has jumped 170 per cent over the previous year to $17 billion. Most of this comprises oil imports by India. Aside from the trade imbalance that this has created, Delhi has not yet been able to convince Moscow to accept rupee payments. Lavrov's remarks that both sides had detailed discussions about military and technical co-operation including joint production of weaponry belie assessments that India is planning to wean off from its dependence on Russian military hardware. All this may not be what India's western partners, including the US, want to hear. But as the External Affairs Minister put it, if it is a partnership that works to India's advantage, it is in India's interest to keep it going.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Loss and damage has received belated negotiation at COP. Rich nations must find the resolve to fund vulnerable communities

SO FAR, THE two most notable developments at the ongoing COP-27 at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt pertain to extreme weather events. On the first day of the COP, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to include "loss and damage" — compensating countries for climate-induced damages — in the summit's main agenda. A day later, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres unveiled details of a plan to ensure that "everyone on the planet" is warned of hazardous weather in the next five years. Both decisions were long overdue and their absence from the agenda of the past COPs reflects poorly on the UNFCCC's commitment to climate equity. Studies and reports — including those by the IPCC — have long warned about the climate vulnerability of nations with a minuscule GHG footprint. Inclement weather events in different parts of the world in the past 10 years have confirmed their worst fears.

The idea of "loss and damage" compensations is nearly as old as global climate change negotiations. However, even as sea levels kept rising and countries were ravaged by droughts and floods, climate delegates failed to summon the resolve to develop funding mechanisms to reduce the suffering of communities which had suffered nature's furies — mitigation and adaptation occupied centrestage at the negotiations. At COP 19 in Warsaw in 2013, the issue finally received attention after the Philippines negotiator wept uncontrollably while speaking of the typhoon that had swept his country that year. The Warsaw International Mechanism was set up to "expand the understanding" of the concept. But it remained a non-starter. There has been relatively more progress in developing warning systems to protect people from weather vagaries but nothing at the scale required to meet the challenge at hand.

The question on every climate change observer's lips is where will the money for the new items on the COP's agenda come from. Denmark has pledged $13 million, while Scotland has promised $5.7 million. These do not even constitute drops in the ocean. To put things in perspective, flooding in Pakistan this year inflicted close to $40 billion in damages. And, the economic loss from cyclone Amphan in India and Bangladesh in 2020 was assessed at $15 billion. With rich nations nowhere close to fulfilling their funding commitments in climate change mitigation and adaptation, "loss and damage" could become another polarising issue at Sharm El-Sheikh. There's a growing realisation though that the issue cannot be put off for another year. COP-27's success will depend on how negotiators resolve this tension.

MORE KHICHDI, PLEASE

If one of India's fittest cricketers hasn't given up his comfort food, why should lesser mortals?

RICE AND GHEE — or, as your diet app probably describes them, "carbs" and "saturated fats" — are two key ingredients in cricketer Hardik Pandya's favourite comfort food, khichdi. The combination is the stuff of nightmares for all calorie watchers and their minders. So it is heartening to know that one of India's best cricketers, whose career, one imagines, hinges on how much he worships his body, makes regular offerings of moong dal khichdi, tempered with spices in ghee, to it.

Lesser mortals do, of course, need to take care of their bodies as well. Yet, as Pandya's example shows, eating well doesn't have to involve sacrificing everything that one loves. This is a harder thing to do than one might imagine at a time when terms like "macro", "OMAD" and "keto" are sprinkled into every conversation like the seasoning you were probably asked to cut out the last time your doctor measured your blood pressure. It's easy enough to give up processed junk, perhaps: Something as unbelievably delicious as a double cheeseburger or even plain old french fries cannot possibly be consumed without paying for it in some way (usually a tightening of the waistband or a burning sensation in the oesophagus). Giving them up is a wrench, no doubt, but in the interests of living well, it must be done.

The trouble begins when comforting, nourishing foods that one has grown up on are put on the hit list. To eat phulkas without ghee or dal without rice, or to give up regular idlis for dreadful ones made of "healthy" ingredients is too high a price to pay to fit into a world that won't stop counting calories. The takeaway? If one of India's fittest athletes is not denying himself his comfort food, there's no reason the rest of us should.

It's payback time

Advanced industrial economies need to match rhetoric with action on mitigating global warming



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AT THE ONGOING COP 27 at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt, the IPCC has made it clear that climate catastrophe is unfolding. Global warming has already touched 1.1 degrees Celsius and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe. The current commitments and policies of different nations will lead to a temperature rise of 2.8 degrees by the end of this century. The window of opportunity to restrict global warming to 1.5 degrees seems to be closing rapidly. To avert this, carbon emissions must come down 45 per cent by 2030 and touch net zero by 2050. Is this likely? No, as of now. Is it feasible? Yes.

The G-20 countries account for over 70 per cent of global carbon emissions. What they, especially the US and China, do in the next few years would determine the fate of humankind — their rapid decarbonisation would make the decisive difference. It would also make it easier for the rest of the world to follow. The US, the preeminent global power, has critical responsibility. Its per capita carbon emissions, notwithstanding a sharp and encouraging decline from over 20 to 14.6 tonnes per capita, are still the highest in the world, that too by a wide margin. China is next at 8.4 tonnes per capita while Europe is at 6.8 tonnes per capita.

The problem is that on climate change, the US is internally divided with the Republicans still not seeing the need for immediate action. The US did not join the Kyoto Protocol and President Trump took the country out of the Paris Agreement (facilitated by Barack Obama's leadership), which it has rejoined under Joe Biden. It took leadership on climate change last year, hosting a global summit, which affirmed the 1.5 degrees goal.

However, it took a year of intense effort and compromise for Biden to get the $369-billion dollar funding required for climate action, far less than what was proposed, and that too as a part of the Inflation Reduction Act. With this, there is a possibility that the US's climate commitment for 2030 which it announced last year, at COP26, may be achieved. But even that would be far too little. The US must bring down its per capita emissions, first to the current European levels and then further. The new conservative Supreme Court in the US has recently ruled that climate action by the EPA (Environment Protection Agency) to mandate a progressive reduction in carbon emissions — which Obama had initiated, and which was yielding positive results — is legally not permissible without Congressional approval.

> The energy crisis in Europe, with gas prices having risen manifold, has made the economic case for faster movement towards renewables more compelling. The advanced economies — the US, Europe, China, Japan and South Korea — should ideally aim at achieving carbon-free electricity systems by 2030. This would undoubtedly be challenging, but not beyond the enormous technological capacities of these economies.

Standalone legislation on climate change does not appear feasible for the present. Biden's electoral campaign promise for the US to have a fossil fuel electricity system by 2035 remains unfulfilled. Unless scientists, climate activists and civil society worldwide succeed in persuading the Republicans to see reason, there is little hope.

China, having become the factory of the world, emits the most. It has declared 2060 as the year to achieve net zero after the West pledged carbon neutrality by 2050. It needs to reach net zero much earlier. China has the capacity to do so, having acted strategically, and developed technologies and competitive manufacturing capacities across the entire range of renewable energy sectors, ranging from solar panels to electric vehicles (EVs) and batteries.

Electricity is the low-hanging fruit for decarbonisation. Solar and wind are the cheapest sources of electricity. Germany, which already gets 40 per cent of its electricity from renewables, has decided to have a fossil fuel-free electricity system by 2035. So has California in the US.

India has displayed commendable climate responsibility with Prime Minister Modi announcing at COP26 that by 2030, the country would create 500GW of fossil fuel-free generation capacity and meet half of our energy needs from renewables. The energy crisis in Europe, with gas prices having risen manifold, has made the economic case for faster movement towards renewables more compelling. The advanced economies — the US, Europe, China, Japan and South Korea — should ideally aim at achieving carbon-free electricity systems by 2030. This would undoubtedly be challenging, but not beyond the technological capacities of these economies. It would also be a strong antidote to the impending recessions in different parts of the world by creating demand and jobs. However, the interests of the powerful fossil fuel industry in postponing this transition would have to be overcome.

Electric vehicles (EVs) have arrived and are gaining market share across the world. Europe has decided to end the sale of internal combustion engine vehicles by 2035 while the UK has already set 2030 as the deadline for this target. The increasing share of renewables in the electricity system will decarbonise EV transport.

High gas prices are pushing heating systems to shift to electricity. As transport and heating systems turn to electricity, which gets decarbonised at the same time, the emissions reduction needed to keep global warming closer to the 1.5 degrees target could become feasible. That said, many industrial processes cannot run on electricity. Nor can air transport or shipping. These "hard to abate sectors" continue to present technological challenges in doing away with the use of fossil fuels. Hydrogen can be a substitute for fossil fuels. Green hydrogen made from renewables is one such solution. Costs of this alternative fuel are declining. As breakthroughs occur, making industrial-scale deployment feasible for such technologies, the pathway to net zero would begin to get clearer. A rapid transition can be promoted by having lower tax rates for goods whose production has low to zero carbon emissions. A differential import duty structure would incentivise the transition in exporting countries.

The advanced industrial economies need to act now to decarbonise rapidly. Their actions must match rhetoric. That is the only hope to restrict global warming to 1.5 degrees.

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DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

Ela Bhatt, Herman Daly challenged the privileging of profits over well-being



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THE PASSING away of two visionaries last week raises some tricky questions about the future. Elaben Bhatt showed in practice how humane energies have a play in the marketplace. Herman Daly, an economist, created a theoretical framework of an economics for well-being. Both, in their respective spheres, offered crucial insights into how to address humankind's existential crisis.

It is easy and comforting, for people across the ideological spectrum, to celebrate Elaben as a "social worker" who transformed the lives of millions of women. But the future of humankind depends on addressing the challenges her work posted for the macroeconomic system. Namely, why large-scale powerful institutions, be they government-run or private, are unwilling and/or unable to draw on the humane energies that made SEWA possible.

SEWA is not merely a managerial success. It is living proof that participative, community-based structures can effectively engage with the bazaar. And that this "bazaar", where profit is a means, can stand up to "the market", where profit is the purpose. Elaben's role as a Gandhian constructive worker was best known through her aesthetic simplicity and the grass roots organisations she helped to create. What is not so well-known is that she was also engaged in the ongoing evolution of "New Economics".

New economics, sometimes also known as "real world economics", consists of multiple streams of academic and activist work that challenge the assumptions and systems both of capitalism and communism. Elaben was a participant in the early years of the Other Economic Summits, which led the way for many such forums to emerge.

> If today the difference between wealth and 'well-th', that is actual well-being, is somewhat better known, it is because pioneers like Elaben and Herman worked tirelessly to challenge the dominant thinking.

Herman Daly became a towering figure of this realm by the late 1980s when he co-founded the International Society for Ecological Economics. He was also a dissenting voice in his role as Senior Economist in the Environment Department of the World Bank, from 1988 to 1994.

Essentially, Herman revolted against an economic theocracy which, in the early 1990s, treated moral concern as "unscientific" and stating facts as being "alarmist". Along with his co-author John Cobb, Herman revived the ancient Greek distinction between Oikonomia and Chrematistics. Oikonomia refers to production for one's own use and management of the household and related ecosystem for the benefit of all over a long run. Chrematistics pertains to manipulations of property and other resources in the pursuit of short-term monetary gains.

Daly's work went on to grapple with the details of "economics for community" and how this could deal with the crippling pressure of economic systems premised on individual profit defined exclusively in monetary terms. If today the difference between wealth and "well-th", that is actual well-being, is somewhat better known, it is because pioneers like Elaben and Herman worked tirelessly to challenge the dominant thinking.

However, we are far from actually re-designing the human economy to become a subsystem of planet earth.

No matter how eloquently Elaben called for trusteeship as "sadhan-shudhi", purity of means in how profits are earned, this did not shape India's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) legislation. Thus, CSR has been reduced to on-the-side welfare or charity rather than a way of redefining the social and environmental responsibility of production systems. Elaben wanted our economic systems to be based on the concept of "Anubandh", which she explained in a book by the same name. This was a call for the primary needs of life to be produced within 100 miles radius of where one lives — namely food, shelter, clothes, primary education and primary healthcare. Anubandh, derived from the Sanskrit for to follow and bond, "encourages us to follow the links of mutual interconnectedness towards a sense of wholeness. It can lead us towards some surprising truths about how our world is changing and why; and how we are the agents of such change," wrote Elaben.

Both Elaben and Herman were fascinated with the changes of our time — they found globalisation and the internet exciting. So "100-mile community" is the opposite of harking back to the past or any parochialism. Whether it is Elaben's use of Anubandh or Herman's use of "steady-state economics" — they envisioned ways to reverse environmental degradation in ways that empower and include everyone.

The dream for which they lived is not merely for more people to be kind to those at the bottom of a pyramid but rather to abolish thinking and systems that push humans and ecosystems into the shape of a pyramid.

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INDIAN EXPRESS

Heavy turnout in Nagaland polling

NOVEMBER 11, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

NAGALAND POLLS

THE FIRST RESULT in the Nagaland Assembly elections went in favour of the ruling Naga National Democratic Party. Over 70 per cent of Nagaland's 5.98 lakh voters braved extreme weather conditions to exercise their franchise as the state went to the polls to elect its fifth Legislative Assembly.

GUJARAT CYCLONE TOLL

THE DEATH TOLL in the cyclonic storm that hit Gujarat rose to 264, according to official estimates. Ninety-five people died in Amreli district, 84 in Bhavnagar and 32 in Junagadh.

RAVI-BEAS WATER WAR

RAJASTHAN'S CHIEF MINISTER S C Mathur declared that his state would resist the Akali demand for the re-opening of the Ravi-Beas waters issue and the inclusion of the Anupgarh and Rai Singh Nagar areas of Rajasthan in Punjab. There was no question of going back upon the agreement reached between the heads of the three involved states and they will not go to the Supreme Court on this issue, he added.

VINOBA BHAVE'S FAST

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi met the fasting Bhoodan leader, Acharya Vinoba Bhave and requested him to resume taking medicine and nourishment but he seemed to be determined to take "samadhi".

POLAND PROTESTS

POLISH POLICE FIRED tear gas grenades to break up a group of several hundred people heading for the Warsaw City Hall to shouts of "Solidarity", "Free Walesa" and " Down with the junta". The demonstrations, marking the second anniversary of official recognition of Solidarity, coincided with a strike call from the independent trade federation to protest the October law that banned it.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

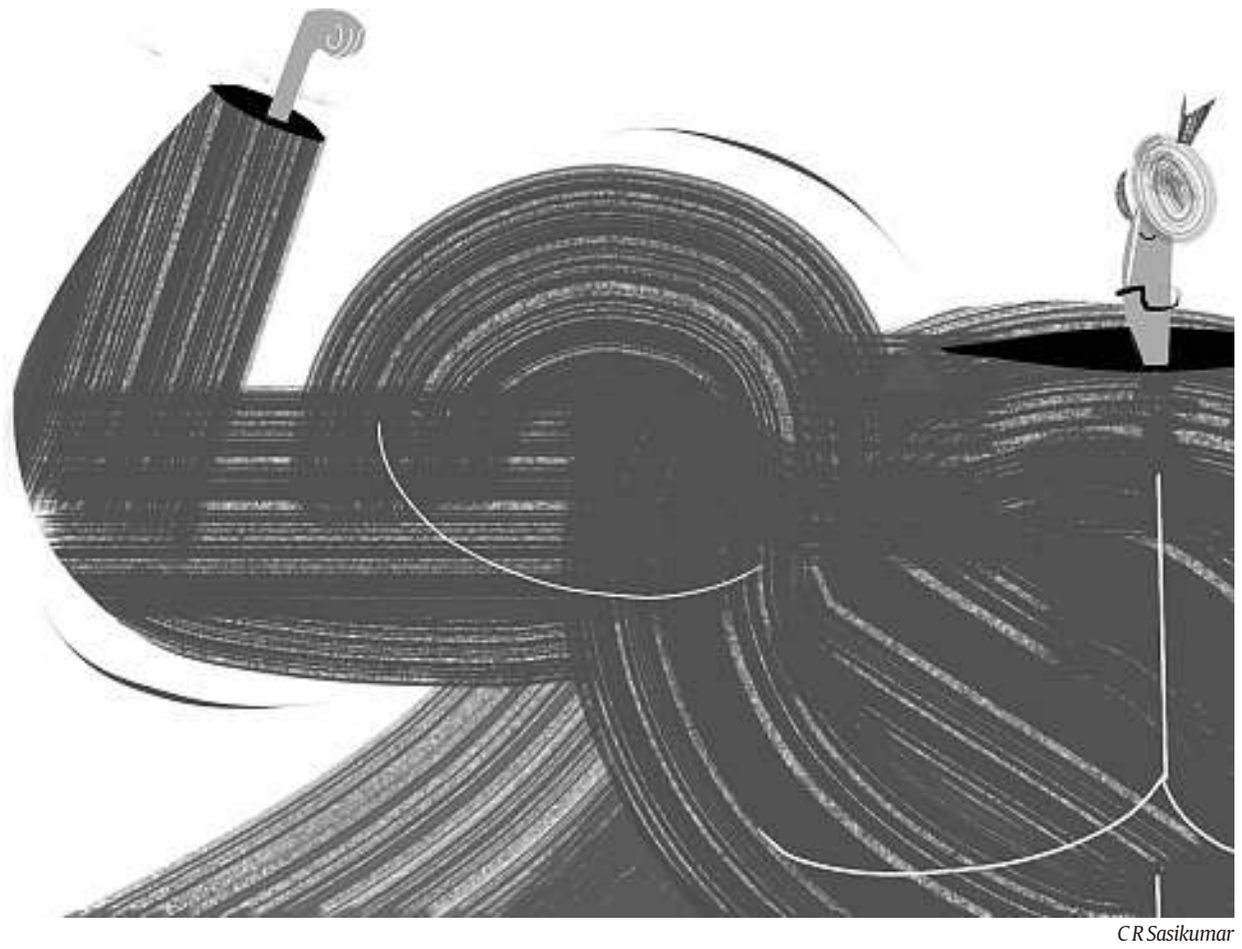
"From the Capitol riot, which shocked the world, to the midterm elections, US domestic political turmoil is still going on. People hope that the US will settle down, and give peace back to the world." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

It's not rocket science

What Indians need are basics like clean toilets, decent housing, drinking water, and nutritious food. Too bad our idea of modernisation does not include them



VIKRAM PATEL



C R Sasikumar

WHEN THE PRIME Minister inaugurated the latest edition of the Vande Bharat train recently, India made a huge leap into the future of mass transportation. A senior railway official proudly detailed the "superior" features of the train, which would provide passengers with an "aircraft-like travelling experience" (albeit, even quieter than an aircraft, as testified by the Prime Minister), including reclining seats, automatic fire sensors, CCTV cameras, Wi-Fi with on-demand content and more. Indeed, as one commentator noted breathlessly, the Vande Bharat Express was a "new-age train".

But, to the embarrassment of our railway officials, this new-age train slammed head-on into the "old-age" country on at least two occasions in its very first week. In literal terms, the train crashed into a herd of cows, damaging the aircraft-like nose of the driver coach car, and sending her (the car, not the cows) back to the workshop. While we can breathe a sigh of relief that there were no human casualties, it seems that at least one cow died and there is limited information about the well-being of the others. What I found surprising was not the fact that cows could bring our passage into modernity to a screeching halt, but that the railways had not been prepared for this eventuality given that every Indian has had the experience, at least once in their lives, of swerving their car, scooter or bicycle to avert a head-on collision with a bovine.

On reflection, perhaps it is not at all surprising that the railways built a new-age train but forgot to construct fencing along the tracks to prevent bovine collisions, nor did they hold various local governments accountable for failing to corral the cows, as required by law (and, in doing so, preventing many accidents on our roads too). After all, readers will be well aware of the countless other occasions when the aspirations of our political and elite classes to propel India to her glorious destiny have been rudely interrupted by the "real" India. For those who may not be as aware, here is a list of just some of these inconvenient truths.

We are a country which can simultaneously boast of being home to medical facilities which are so sophisticated that people from other countries troop to them, while most of our primary care clinics don't have enough doctors and we have amongst the worst health indicators of any country.

We are a country which can be proud of producing more vaccines than any other and yet be home to the largest number of unvaccinated children in the world.

We are a country which can boast of having so much food stored in our granaries that some of it is feasted upon by vermin while tens of millions of our children go hungry and are stunted.

We are a country which boasts the world's most prestigious engineering institutions which offer a guaranteed visa to serve the US's university and technology corporations, while half our children are unable to read and write at the minimum level expected for their age.

We are a country where all cars must have seat-belts when even the most basic rules of road-safety such as breaking a red light, driving over the speed limit or down the wrong side of an expressway are not enforced.

We are a country which boasts the richest sports leagues in the world while we perform dismally at most global sporting competitions.

We are a country where we are pioneering the use of technology in every aspect of daily life even though most of our children do not have the digital devices or access to the internet which they needed during the school closures in the pandemic, leading to a historic learning loss.

We are a country where we build beautiful walled residential colonies, complete with faux-European names and swimming pools, right next to a crumbling road overflowing with raw sewage, mounds of garbage and packs of stray dogs.

We are a country that builds ultra-modern infrastructure on the banks of our holiest rivers even while the waters themselves are slowly dying from the most toxic pollution on the planet.

We are a country which boasts that our economic "development" has lifted millions out of poverty while the World Bank recently estimated that the number of people living in abject poverty increased by 5.6 crore in 2020, making up a staggering 80 per cent of the people from around the world who were pushed into poverty that year.

"We are like that only" — thus, goes the saying that some observers deploy to offer some insight into this disorienting gap between fact and fantasy, this bottomless ability some of us have to delink aspirations about our country from reality. In my reckoning, the heart of the problem is the tension between two competing ideas of India as an uber-modern country: On the one hand is the idea of modernity reflected in glamorous tokens and grandiose pronouncements to impress the faithful and the wealthy while, on the other hand, is the idea reflected in achieving universal access to humdrum things like clean toilets, decent housing, drinking water, nutritious food, clinics with doctors and schools with teachers. Proponents of the former idea see no dissonance at all in the fact that our railway tracks must simultaneously host both super-fast trains and lumbering cows, while proponents of the latter, who point out the absurdness of these fantasies, are readily smeared as cynics who are anti-national, in the pay of the CIA, or most likely Pakistani agents.

> Other countries, in particular those we often look up to as paragons of modernity, have realised the journey to development very differently. While those countries invest in high-quality primary health care and primary education, we invest in ivory towers of 'super-specialty' hospitals and IITs. While those countries invest in pedestrian and bicycle-friendly cities, we invest in car-friendly cities which don't even have footpaths.

But, as one of those cynics, I feel compelled to point out that other countries, in particular those we often look up to as paragons of modernity, have realised the journey to development very differently. While those countries invest in high-quality primary health care and primary education, we invest in ivory towers of "super-specialty" hospitals and IITs. While those countries invest in pedestrian and bicycle-friendly cities, we invest in car-friendly cities, which don't even have footpaths. While those countries invest in comprehensive sanitation infrastructure, we rely on high-profile campaigns to exhort our people to use non-existent or broken toilets. While those countries invest in scientifically informed clean-air policies, we pray for wind and rain to clear the poisonous air enveloping much of the country. While those countries invest in effective enforcement of road traffic rules, our police spend their time rounding up potheads or Opposition politicians. While those countries invest in high-quality public transportation, we invest in aircraft carriers and rockets.

But what ordinary Indians need and want is not rocket science, which is really unfortunate because we are great at rocket science. What we're not so good at are the things that are so simple and basic that we overlook them.

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Setback for social justice

Way out of constitutional conundrum of EWS judgment lies in holding the Socio Economic and Caste Census



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THE SUPREME COURT of India (SC) verdict upholding the 103rd Constitutional Amendment in *Janhit Abhiyan v. Union of India* (2022) should be regarded as nothing more than a temporary legal setback to the long trajectory of social justice. I do not doubt that the judgment will be overturned on the ground that it has irrevocably dented the basic structure of our constitutional framework. Nevertheless, constitutional repair seldom is carried out within the confines of courts alone; and it is important that these battles are endured across society at large.

The judgment suffers from serious infirmities. Firstly, the SC should introspect why it has taken nearly four years to deal with such an important issue with widespread social, political and legal ramifications. During the course of the pendency of this case, the Union and states had begun implementing the quota of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), thereby embedding it within the constitutional psyche. As such, undoing this had become increasingly difficult with the efflux of time.

Some of the observations in the *Janhit Abhiyan* case around statements with regard to a time limit for reservations were surprising, given these issues were not central to the case itself. It is also ironic that while affirming a reservation policy, individual judges have questioned the future of reservation itself. Nevertheless, all such statements must be regarded as obiter and without any binding effect on the future legal evolution of the core issues.

The judgment is one of the most disappointing expositions of law on the judicial thinking around reservations. As recently as in January 2022, a Supreme Court bench led by Justice D Y Chandrachud (*Neil Aurelio Nunes vs. Union of India*, 2022) had explained how reservation was not at odds with merit and also the role of reservation in "remedying the structural disadvantages" faced by marginalised groups. The Janhit Abhiyan judgment is at stark odds with this line of argument and instead regards reservation as a poverty alleviation scheme. Therein lies the most fundamental flaw in this judgment and one that goes to the roots of the basic structure of the Constitution. In the long trajectory of constitutional evolution, the country has witnessed low points such as *ADM Jabalpur vs. S.S Shukla*, which have been rectified by later courts. It is not unforeseeable that Janhit Abhiyan judgment will be subject to similar scrutiny in the years to come.

Reservation is not a poverty alleviation mechanism. Reservation was always implemented to address representation or the lack thereof in educational institutions and public employment. The Supreme Court has failed to recognise that the 103rd Constitutional Amendment has relied on economic criteria to extend reservations, something that has been expressly barred in law. In *Indra Sawhney vs Union* (1992), it has been categorically held that in the determination of backwardness, economic condition can never be the sole criterion. The reason for this is that income is a variable factor and not a structural or systematic tool for discrimination.

On the other hand, caste is structural and systematic discrimination and poverty is a consequence of such discrimination. Various surveys have confirmed that OBCs, SCs and STs are over-represented in the proportion of poor. The forward caste groups are considerably better off as a class or group, even if there are poor individuals amongst them. Therefore, the reservation has always dealt with class poverty. By determining a class on the basis of economic criteria — income below Rs 8 lakh per annum of a family or individual — the EWS quota ex facie infringes the principles of constitutional equality and renders the concept of reservation, as known to the Indian Constitution, virtually unrecognisable. In short, EWS is ambiguous, arbitrary and alien to the established principles of constitutional equality.

The Dravidian Movement has an impressive record when it comes to social justice and especially affirmative action. The Justice Party (South Indian Liberal Federation) introduced and implemented the Communal Government Order in 1926, forming the basis for reservation policies in education and employment. Over the next 10 decades, the Dravidian Movement systematically extended reservations to marginalised communities. As a result, Tamil Nadu has been a pioneer in formulating and implementing reservations.

One of the earliest setbacks to affirmative action of the then Madras State was the *State of Madras vs. Champakam Dorairajan* 1951, wherein the Supreme Court struck down the 1926 reservation policy. This eventually led to political mobilisation that resulted in the first constitutional amendment to include Other Backward Classes within Article 15 and has now become part of the basic structure of the Constitution. Over the next 60 years, affirmative action policies were successfully introduced and implemented to alleviate the caste-based discriminatory structures and age-old inequalities that prevail within society. A composite understanding of social justice has helped formulate special provisions for women, Persons with Disabilities (differently-abled persons) and transpersons to provide substantive societal inclusion and social justice.

Ultimately, issues going to the root of our Constitution and the core of our national character are seldom determined by the courts. The way ahead and out of the constitutional conundrum of Janhit Abhiyan judgment lies in taking forward the Socio Economic and Caste Census as an empirical basis to understand structural disadvantages in society. Though the 103rd Constitutional Amendment was enacted before the 2019 general election, political mobilisation of the discourse around reservation has now been enabled in the lead-up to the 2024 elections. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has consistently opposed the concept of EWS quota, in its present form, and has called for an all-party meeting in Tamil Nadu to discuss the next steps forward, in addition to committing to filing a review of the Janhit Abhiyan judgment.

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The retrenchment that wasn't

IT workers' collective action in Kerala is a rare instance in service sector



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THE DRAMA AROUND the retrenchments at Twitter and the recent decision by Meta to sack 11,000 employees are almost par for the course. Even in India tech companies in India have downsized their workforce.

In this context, the successful mobilisation and resistance by employees against the laying off of 2,500 people in the educational-technology startup Byju's last week, is a reason for hope and optimism for thousands of employees working in the IT service sector.

Within three days of the announcement of Byju's down-sizing plans and the serving termination notices to around 150 employees, the firm had to shelve its initial plan of closing down its development centre in Thiruvananthapuram and agreed to reinstate those who had been made to leave. The spontaneous collective action by some of the affected workers, the proactive involvement of a welfare organisation for IT professionals (Prathidhwani) and the prompt intervention of the state government together brought about a situation where the employer had to fall in line and adhere to extant labour laws.

At this juncture, when the organisation of workers in service sector jobs is at an all-time low, Byju's story demands special attention. It offers a model for nurturing solidarity among vulnerable and unprotected employees in the new service economy.

By now, it is widely understood that the IT sector in India is a breeding ground for precarious employment. The work is very demanding. With an effective blending of HR strategies and technology-aided controls, IT workers are made to work continuously to attain their ever-rising job targets and productivity standards. Employment insecurity in terms of tenure and lack of permanency has become a perennial feature of tech-based service sector jobs. Income inequality in the new-economy occupations is so wide that one needs to multiply the salary of the bottom-level worker by at least a three-digit number to arrive at a rough estimate of the CEO's remuneration. Barring certain perks provided to these highly mobile and dispensable employees, there are few social security provisions (which bind the employer with long-term commitments to the repatriated staff).

In a situation where all the firms are in a continuous rat race to increase production and cut costs, the axes of austerity measures and "right"-sizing invariably fall on the employees at the base of the workforce pyramid. New developments in work organisation such as outsourcing, off-shoring, platform mediations (gig work) and synchronised engagement of robots, artificial intelligence and big data are also speeding up the "race to the bottom" in terms of labour standards.

As the Damocles' sword of retrenchment hangs in the air, it is hard for the workers to even think about socialising in ways not desired by the management, let alone organising under labour unions. Empirical evidence shows that those who are engaged in activities such as collectivisation and mobilisation of colleagues are penalised in many ways including forced retrenchments, transfers, denial of promotion, denial of opportunities in terms of visits abroad and skill upgradation.

Often, workers in these modern, tech-savvy occupations attach a misconstrued identity of "professionals" to themselves, which inter alia deters them from organising under the flag of trade unions. Such a scenario coupled with the "caring style" of human resource management followed in new-economy firms will even prompt the employees to consider unionisation as an undesirable and negative act. Even for those who are frustrated with their workplace, joining another job and leaving behind the extant troubles seems to be more feasible and practical than getting into organised collective action within a firm. The relatively high rates of attrition and share of transit/mobile labour in these firms attest, to some extent, to this attitude of employees.

Given this scenario, any spurt in workers' collective action and resistance is a ray of hope for the thousands of informed but insecure employees in IT firms and other knowledge-based digital labour.

Coming back to the Byju's story, the proactive and prompt involvement of the state government is an encouraging sign, which needs to be underlined. The fact that the labour minister and departments as well as the chief minister himself swiftly intervened to protect the interests of affected employees is a welcome signal. It creates a replicable prototype for other state governments to effectively address and intervene in similar issues concerning vulnerable labour. Such involvement is crucial in a scenario where the framework of labour protection under the hitherto applicable labour laws is in a status of limbo, with the introduction of new labour codes, the efficacy of which is yet to be tested on the ground.

The writer is Professor of Development Studies and Dean, Research and Consultancy, at Ambedkar University Delhi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US POLLS AND INDIA

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Red tide' (IE, November 10). In India's context, Republicans are far more favourable to the Modi government than the Democrats, both in Congress and White House. The Joe Biden administration is not happy with the Indian government's economic tie-ups with Russia. In contrast, Donald Trump had an intimate relationship with PM Narendra Modi. Trump had a mutually beneficial relationship with India that prioritised both countries' interests. A Republican Congress would like to restructure Indo-US relations.

Sanjay Chopra, *Mohali*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Red tide' (IE, November 10). The US was deeply divided before the country's midterm elections. Now, those fissures have widened. The Republicans appear poised to reclaim the House with a narrower majority. The Senate, meanwhile, could very well remain under Democratic control. In effect, this leaves the US Congress in a gridlock and it will be difficult for Joe Biden's administration to pass major legislation.

S S Paul, *Nadia*

POLLUTION PROBLEM

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Our choking cities' (IE, November 10). Rising urban pollution can be attributed to multiple factors — mismanagement of solid waste, unplanned expansion, encroachments upon forests and wetlands. The solution lies in citizens' participation. We need to promote practices like recycling, and segregation of waste at source. Pollution should also be established as an important parameter for analysing a government's performance — in both the states and Centre.

Abhishek Mishra, *Allahabad*

CLOSER TO JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Nirav Modi step closer to extradition, loses his appeal in UK court' (IE, November 10). The United Kingdom High Court's judgment is a significant achievement that will help the CBI in its efforts to curb corruption and hold Nirav Modi accountable. It serves as a reminder that fugitives cannot consider themselves above the process merely because they have changed jurisdictions. In effect, India can start extradition proceedings, although Modi still enjoys some impunity given the pending appeals he has in the UK and other European courts. Hopefully, he can be brought to justice sooner rather than later.

Khokan Das, *Kolkata*

Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I,Jagat Singh Choudhary,son of,Sh.Rati Ram,R/o.225,Khichri-Pur Village,Delhi-110091,declare that my name in some documents have been mentioned/written as Jagat Singh Choudhary son of Sh Rati Ram Choudhary and in some-documents name written as Jagat Singh son of Sh.Rati Ram,while both the name pertain to one and same person i.e Jagat Singh Choudhary son of Sh. Rati Ram
0040639960-10

I,hitherto known as KRISHAN KUMAR,son of,MOOL CHAND SHARMA,residing at,RZF-868,LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI MARG,RAJ-NAGAR PART-II,PALAM-COLONY,NEW DELHI-110077,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KRISHAN KUMAR KAUSHIK.
0040639960-1

I,YASMINE W/O SHAMIULLAH R/O WZ-100,2nd-FLOOR,RAM NAGAR,TILAK NAGAR,DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO YASAMIN JAHAN.
0040639960-3

I,Vidhya Devi Sharma W/o Shambhu Dayal Sharma R/o M-129,Gali No.8 Shastri,Nagar Delhi-110052,changed my name to Vidhya Devi.
0040639960-5

I,VICKY, S/o-BANWARIADDRESS.TC-1228,TRANSIT-CAMP, ANAND PARVAT, KAROL BAGH,NEW DELHI-110005,changed my name to VICKY BHATT.
0040639957-7

I,Umesh Chand S/o Shijor Ram R/o Hafizpur Post Hafizpur,Azamgarh,U.P-276001,have changed my name to Umesh Ram. 0040639957-9

I,TAHER ALI S/O MD LOKMAN ALI R/O G-721 GALI NO-12,JAITPUR EXTN PART-2,BADARPUR,DELHI-44,INDIA,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME-MD TAHER ALI PERMANENTLY FOR ALL FUTURE. 0040639967-3

I,Sudhir Kumar Aggarwal s/o Rajender Kumar Aggarwal R/o A-3/177,Paschim Vihar,Delhi-110063,have changed my name to Sudhir Aggarwal, permanently. 0040639963-5

I,Sangeeta Malik,D/o Rajbir Singh,R/o 8, Pocket-7,New Millenium Apartment, Sector-21,Rohini,Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Sangeeta
0040639968-2

I,Sali Devi W/o No.14563449W ACP N/SUB Brij Mohan Ojha,R/o Plot No-544, KH No-123,E-Block,Shyam Vihar Phase-1,Dindarpur,Delhi-110043,have changed my,name to Shail Kumari devi,Vide affidavit Dt,10/11/2022,before.Delhi.
0040639963-8

I,SOMINDRA S/O,DAYANAND R/O,C-76, MOHENDER PURI,MODINAGAR GHAZIABAD, U.P.201204,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SOMENDER KUMAR PAWAR. 0040639957-3

I,SATISH KUMAR,S/o GORDHAN RAM SHARMA,HOUSE.NO.274, NEAR-MOTHER DAIRY,SECTOR-55, BALLABGARH, FARIDABAD,HARYANA 121004,changed my name to SATISH SHARMA. 0040639957-8

I,SAMIULLAH S/O MATIULLAH R/O WZ-100,2nd-FLOOR,RAM NAGAR,TILAK NAGAR,DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAMIULLAH.
0040639957-1

I,Ravinder Kumar Malhotra,S/0 Sh.Shadi Lal,R/0 A-38,Mansrovar-park Shahdara Delhi-110032,want to change my name Ravinder Kumar or Ravindra Malhotra or Ravinder Malhotra to RAVINDER KUMAR MALHOTRA,for all,future purposes. 0040639954-2

I,Raghav Kumar,S/o Lal Thakur,R/o House.No-A-35,Gali.No-18D, Block-K-1ST,Sangam Vihar,New Delhi-80,have changed my name to Raghav Thakur,for all purposes. 0040639960-6

I,RADHE SHAM S/O RAM GOBIND RESIDENT HOUSE NO-1159,SECTOR-15,SONIPAT,HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RADHE SHAM GARG. 0040639963-1

I,Nazima Sheikh,D/o,Bojlur Rahman R/o,Flat-No.6/302, Shahjahanabad-Apartment, Plot-1,Sector-11,Dwarka, Delhi-110075,that my-father's name is wrongly-written as B in my 10th-Class Certificate.But my-father's correct-name is Bojlur Rahman. 0040639963-2

I,NIGAM S/O, SOMINDRA R/O,C-76, MOHENDER PURI MODINAGAR GHAZIABAD U.P,201204,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NIGAM KUMAR PAWAR. 0040639957-2

I,Mohd Tariq Khan, S/o Iftikhar KhanR/O-H.NO.-175,Gali No.9,Jafrabad,New Seelampur, Delhi-53,have changed my name to Tariq Khan permanently. 0040639967-2

I, Motiram Valecha S/o Danchand R/o E-602, Raksha Aadela, Gaur City-2, Sec-16C, Gr.Noida have changed my name to Motiram Valechha
0070812020-1

I,SEEMA W/O SAT PARKASH,R/O-106, WARD.NO-6,PURANI BASTI SALLAGARH, PALWAL,121102,Haryana,have changed my name to KANAK LATA,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040639957-6

I,MOHAMMAD YOSUF,S/O BIRSU KHAN, HOUSE.NO-433,NAHAL DISTRICT GHAZIABAD-UTTAR PRADESH-201302,changed my name to MOHD YUSUF,for all,future Purposes.
0040639954-1

I,MANMEET GANDHI D/O DUKBHANJAN SINGH GANDHI R/O K-72,KIRTI NAGAR,DELHI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANMEET KAUR.
0040639968-1

I,LOKESH W/O,SOMENDER KUMAR PAWAR R/O,C-76, MOHENDER PURI MODINAGAR-GHAZIABAD U.P.201204,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO LOKESH RANI PAWAR.
0040639957-4

I,L.ANITA DEVI W/o-NO-3203163L,Rank-L/NK ASHOK KUMAR R/O-BHAGINA,JHUNJHUNU, RAJASTHAN-333030,have changed my,Name from ANITA DEVI to ANITA KUMARI JHAJHARIA(Proposed New Name of Spouse),due to variation in husband's service documents.That my date-of-birth is 25/07/1985.
0040639957-5

I,Jayesh Badlani S/o-Lal Chand Badlani R/o Flat.no.601, Aaryaman Society, Plot.no-22,Sector-65,Faridabad, Haryana-121004,have changed my name to Jayessh Badlaani,for all,future Purposes. 0040639960-8

I,JAMIL S/0-HUSENA Vill-CHILALAWALA TEH TAURU-MEWAT NOH (HR)122105, have changed my name to HANIF.
0040639968-4

I,Hrpreet Singh S/o Manmohan Singh R/o G-32,First Floor,Lane No-19,Hari Nagar,New Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Harpreet Singh permanently. 0040639968-6

I,Hemant Dutt,S/o Swaran Dutt,R/o H.No.42A,New MS-Block Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Hamen Dutt Sharma,for all Purposes.
0040639968-5

I,GURTEJ SINGH S/O-HARDEEP SINGH R/O HNO.610,NEAR MINI STADIUM,NEHRU ENCLAVE,ALIPUR,DELHI-110036.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GURUTEJ SINGH.
0040639963-6

I,Divyansh Yadav,S/o Satyendra Yadav, R/o.H.No.C-38, Rajpur Khurd-Extension, Near-CNG Pump, Chhattarpur,New Delhi-110068,have changed my name to Divyansh Singh,for all,future purposes. 0040639963-4

I,Deepti Sirohi,D/o Raj Pal Sirohi,R/o Flat.No.-1,Second-Floor,Plot.No.-901,IE Sahibabad,Shaktikhand-4,Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201010,have changed my name,from Deepti Sirohi to Deepti Chaudhary,for all,future purposes. 0040639963-3

I,Deepanshi,W/o Pravesh Kumar,R/o 88, 1st Floor, Pocket-27,Sector-24,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Deepanshi Gahlot
0040639968-3

I,Ashok Kumar Sharma,S/O-Shri Hukam Chand,R/O-BH-671,East Shalimar Bagh,Delhi-110088,inform that Ashok Kumar Sharma and Ashok Sharma both the name are same person. 0040639967-1

I,Aanchal Bajaj, w/o,Rajat jain,R/O,Qd-28,4th floor pitampura,new delhi-110034,have changed my name to Aanchal jain,for all future purpose. 0040639960-2

I,ANIL KUMAR S/O MUNSHI RAM S/O 196,INDIRA VIHAR,NR.BBM-DEPOT,GTB-NAGAR,DELHI-110009.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR GOURI.
0040639960-4

I, Srishti D/o Ashok Kumar Singh, R/o C-306, SG Impressions, Sector 4B, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012 have changed my name to Srishti Singh
0070811944-1

I, Sirajuddin S/o Kamruddin, R/o Z-16-B, DDA-Flats, New Ranjeet-Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Sarajuddin, for all purposes.
0040639888-1

I, Shashi, W/O Manish Kumar R/o House No D 1395, Prithla, Near Bakshera Chaupal, Palwal, Pirthla(42), Palwal Haryana- 121102. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shashi Tanwar 0070811947-1

I, Shashi Pugla W/o Late Ramesh Chand R/o 87/7, Laxmi Nagar Dhanaura, Amroha U.P.-244235 my correct name is Shashi Bala. (Aadhar no is 956283752889). Shashi Pugla and Shashi Bala both are same person. 0070812007-1

I, Seema Dave W/O Suresh Pal, R/o A-41/1, Garima Garden, Pasonda, Ghaziabad-201005 have changed my name to Seema Devi for all purposes.
0070811953-1

I, Ravindra Nath Gupta S/O Ram Briksh, R/o Sahukol, Mirzapur, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273016 I have changed the name of my minor Son Yash Ravindra Nath Gupta aged about 3 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Yug Gupta 0070811948-1

I,Sudesh Devi W/o No.14402153M Virender Kumar,R/o,H/no.-3,Rao Mohalla, Surehra,Najafgarh Delhi-110043,have changed my,name to Sudesh Yadav Vide-affidavit.Dt-10/11/22, before,Delhi.
0040639963-7

I, Ram Singh Yadav S/O Sarnam Singh, R/o 131 C, Owar Hed Tenk, Friends Colony, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh- 206001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Balram Singh Yadav. 0070811949-1

I, RAMESH KUMAR KAUSHIK (Existing Name as per Service Documents), S/O SHRI PURAN MAL SHARMA R/O D-16D, STREET NO.8, RAJ NAGAR PART-II, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110077, have changed my name from RAMESH KUMAR KAUSHIK (Existing Name as per Service Documents) to RAMESH KUMAR SHARMA (proposed/adopted New Name) vide Affidavit e-Stamp Certificate No.IN-DL13252070308376U, dated 10.11.2022, at Delhi.
0040639960-9

I Goutam Chand alias N. Gowtham Chand alias Gowtham Chand. N alias N.Goutham Chand alias N. Goutam Chand S/o Nemi Chand residing at 9, 2nd Floor, Narendra Mansion, A M Lane, Above P H Fabric, Chickpet, Bangalore South, Chickpet, Karnataka-560053, have changed my name to Gautam Chand 0070812005-1

I, No- JC-356048Y (Unit 269 Engr-Regt, Imtiyaz Ahmad Kataria , S/O- Alifu Din Kataria, R/O - Chowkibal, Tehsil- Kralpora, District-Kupwara. At the time of admission in School by my maternal uncle, my cost has been wrongly mentioned as Khan instead of Kataria ,because from childhood I was taking care of my maternal uncle.It needs correction.Objections be filled to concerned authorities within Seven days.
0020448430-1

I, hitherto known as SUCHITRA TRACKROO alias SUCHITRA KAUL W/o RAJESH KAUL D/o MOHAN KRISHAN TRAKROO R/o 205, 2ND Floor, CS-3 Tower, Supertech Cape Town, Sector-74, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUCHITRA KAUL. 0070811987-1

I, Moni Shankar Nath S/o Himangshu Sekhar Nath R/o Abaksh Lane-2, Pratap Bagan Pypass, Bankura W.Bengal-722101 have changed my name to Monishankar Nath.
0070812017-1

I, Manish Kumar Valecha S/o Motiram Valechha R/o E602, Raksha Aadela, Gaur City-2, Sec-16C, Gr.Noida, have changed my name to Manish Valechha. 0070812015-1

I, Himanshu Joshi S/o Krishna Chandra Joshi R/o H.No-D 7/13, First Floor, Dlf Exclusive Floors, Dlf Phase-5, Ghata, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003, have changed my minor son's name from Vihaan Joshi aged 2 years to Rudraa Joshi forever
0070812003-1

I, H S Nath S/o Pashupati Nath, R/o Abaksh Lane-2, Pratap Bagan By Pass, Bankura, W.Bengal-722101 have changed my name to Himangshu Sekhar Nath.
0070812018-1

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Late Shiv Shankar Singh, R/o MB Gali No-5, Shakarpur Baramad, Shakarpur, Delhi - 110092 have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Singh. 0070811945-1

I, Ashish S/O Rakesh, R/o Birsangwas, Alwar, Rajasthan-301407, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ashish Sevach.
0070811975-1

I, Anoop Valecha S/o Motiram Valechha R/o E-602, Raksha Aadela, Sec-16C, Gaur City-2, Gr.Noida-201306, have changed my name to Anoop Kumar Valechha. 0070812012-1

I, Ankur Gupta S/O Ravi Gupta, R/o D-52, Gharonda Apartment, Near School, Shreshtha Vihar, Anand Vihar, East Delhi, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi- 110092. I have changed the name of my minor Son Nivaan Gupta aged about 3 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Vivaan Gupta.
0070811951-1

I hitherto known as Meenakashi Devi alias Meenakshi Jamwal D/O Sh Munshi Ram W/O Pradeep Chand Jamwal R/O H.No. 71, Gali No 4, A-block, Amrit Vihar, Delhi-84 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Meenakshi Jamwal for all purpose. 0040639946-1

I Suyog Raj Bela S/o Sh. Subhash Bela R/o N-9A/382, Lal Bagh, Azadpur, North West, Delhi-110033 declares that my father's name is wrongly mentioned as Subhash Bela NA in my Election Card No.NCR1908051 instead of Subhash Bela, which may be amended accordingly.
0040639875-10

I Karan S/o Jagdish, R/o Rz-37, Uggarsain park, A block, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have changed my name from Karan to Karan Kumar for all future purposes. 0070811943-1

I Hemant Kumar S/o Dile Ram Vaidya, R/o 357/10, B Block, Phase 4, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-110047 have changed my name to Hemant Kumar Vaidya
0070811966-1

I,RAMESH KUMAR, S/O.MITTHAN LAL KHANNA, ADD-D2-104,SUMMER PALMS SECTOR- 86,FARIDABAD-HARYANA-121002,changed my name to RAMESH KUMAR KHANNA,for all,future Purposes.
0040639960-7

I Dr Madhu Rani Teotia R/o House No. D-II/9,Kaka Nagar,S B Marg,New Delhi 110003 have changed my minor son's name from Veeransh Narendra Kumar to Veeransh for all purposes. 0040639945-1

I,Savita Singh W/o Sh.Rohit Singh R/o-H.No.-130-B-2, OM-3,Radheyshyam Park,Sahibabad,Gaziabad, U.P. have changed my name to Savita Bhati for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND

Lost original Lease Deed of prop/Shop No.40, Main Market, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, Regn.No.6385, Addl.Book No.1, Vol.no.1573, pages 32-34 dt.25-03-1966. Finder contact Jaswant Singh Bedi s/o Balbir Singh Bedi, Mob.No.9810260095
0040639940-1

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0070811492-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform public at large that my client Mrs. Jyoti Sharma W/o Late Anil Kumar Sharma R/o MG-1/10, Vikaspuri, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 is a legal wedded wife of Late Anil Kumar Sharma and she is not aware how and who reflected the name of Meera Sharma in the service record of her late husband and it is in the best knowledge of my client that no such person in existence, if the said legal heir Ms. Meera Sharma is in existence. It is intimated that the said Meera Sharma may approach within 15 days after publication of this public notice. Thereafter, it may be treated as no such person is in existence as Meera Sharma wife of late Anil Kumar Sharma.

Sd/-
YOGESH KUMAR
Advocate
Enrl. No. D/2784/08
Ch. No. 817-819,
Patiala House Courts,
New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice given to the General public at large on behalf of my client Shri Sandeep Soni that his two cheques i.e. 981192 and 981193 of State Bank of India are lost on 06.10.2022. The finder of the same may kindly return the same to the undersign. The use of these cheques by any person or company will be illegal and necessary legal action will be taken against the misuse.

KAILASAM LAW CHAMBERS
ADVOCATES &CONSULTANTS
153, G.F., JEEWAN NAGAR,
NEW DELHI -110014

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Sunita Joshia acquired Property no. 158/16, measuring 50 sq. yds. Khasra No. 147Min, situated at Amrit Puri-B, Garhi, Near East of Kailash, New Delhi vide regd. GPA dated 04.01.2001 executed by Mr. Parveen Kumar and Mr. Madan Lal along with ATS & Will and Now Mrs. Sunita Joshia is the undisputed owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)
H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

Public Notice

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Chetan Kumar Sharma & Mr. Sumit Kumar acquired First Floor, southern side portion (Right side), without roof rights, Property No. WZ-539-B, measuring 50.2 sq. yds, Khasra No. 94/8/1, situated at Sadh Nagar-II, Gali No.-15-F, Palam Colony, Village Palam, Delhi State, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 17.06.2020 executed by Mr. Ashok Verma and Now Mr. Chetan Kumar Sharma & Mr. Sumit Kumar are the undisputed owners of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri, Advocate
"H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large on behalf of my clients Sh. Amar Kumar S/o Shri Triloki Pandit & Smt. Meera Kumari W/o Shri Amar Kumar, both R/o B-13 Gali No. 5, B-Block Jai Vihar Extension Phase-3rd Baprola West Delhi, Delhi-110043, have severed all their relations with their younger brother Mr. Rahul and his Wife Sandhya due to his bad habits, bad behavior and bad intentions. Both of my abovenamed clients have also disowned and debarred their brother Mr. Rahul Kumar and his Wife Sandhya, from all their movable and immovable properties. In near future they will have no concern with my clients in any manner with immediate effect. Anybody dealing with Mr. Rahul Kumar and his Wife Sandhya will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Mr. Rahul Kumar and his Wife Sandhya.

Sd/- **VIJAY KUMAR**
En. No. D/7957/2020 **ADVOCATE**
CH. NO. 475, 2nd Floor Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

General publice is hereby informed that my client i.e. **Mrs. Monica Kubba** W/o Mr. Manu Mathur is owner and in the possession of the free hold **Property bearing No. Flat No. 52-C, SFS Scheme at Sukhdev Vihar, Pocket-A, New Delhi-110054**. In October 2022 during the serutiny of her Original Property documents regarding the above said property, she found that **(1) Original** NOC w.r.t. Electricity and Water Conneetion, dated 03.06.1986 and **(2) Original** Possession Slip w.r.t. Handing Over/Taken Over dated 23.07.1986 issued by DDA in favour of **Mr. Jitendra Nath Kanpoor S/o Late Sham Nath Kapoor in respect of abovesaid property,** were lost/ misplanced from her residence at B-76, 1st Floor, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065.

My Client has tried her level best to find at possible places the aforesaid original Documents, but yet not trace/allocate and has lodged online lost complaint vide Complaint No./LT No: 960159/ 2022 dated 08.11.2022 at Delhi Police Online Portal.

My client is declaring that neither she has mortgaged/lien the above said documents with any Govt./Financial Institute nor she has taken any loan from any financial institute against the above said lost Original doucment, if in future, the above said original documents find by her, the same shall not be misused, and will be handed over to the intending purchaser of the said propery.

If anybody found/trace the above said original doucments, please intimate me physically/ telephonically.

If anybody has any legal objection regarding such lost doucment and property then please make objection to me physically/ telephonically within 15 Days.

Sd/-
BIPLAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE
Advocate
Enrl. No. D/1678/07
Office: 3657/6, Narang Colony, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to General Public that my clientess Smt. Sunita W/O Shri Dharambir Singh, House No.77/11, Satya Vihar, Burari, Gali No. 2, Delhi-110084, have disowned and debarred her sons Sh. Sandeep Singhal @ Monu, his wife Smt. Kamini Singhal their children and Hanny @ Tinku (sons from her previous husband) from her immovable-movable properties due to their disobedient and uncontrolled behaviour. My clientess have severed all relations with all of them and they have no claim whatsoever against my clientess. Any one dealing with them may do so at their own risk. My clientess shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Sd/- **S.P Bansal** Advocate.
Enrl.No. D4/2008
Ch. No. 229, IInd Floor, Lawyer's Chamber Block, Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby notify that my clients (1) Sh. Ram Kanwar son of late Sh. Nand Kishore, (2) Smt. Krishna Devi wife of Sh. Ram Kanwar, (3) Sh. Mukesh Kumar son of Sh. Ram Kanwar, (2) Smt. Anjna Gupta wife of Sh. Mukesh Kumar, all residents of 159, U.G.F. Pocket-6, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have disowned/debarred their grandson/son Atul Kumar Gupta & his wife Smt. Vineeta Gupta, his child from all their moveable, immovable properties, business, assets etc. Any person whosoever dealing with them, shall bear his/her own consequences and my clients shall not be liable & responsible for the act & omission committed by them or any liability borne by them. **Parveen Garg (Advocate) Enrol.No. D/713/86, RU-370, Pitampura, New Delhi-34, M. No. 9810039884**

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है मेरे मुवक्किलो श्री राज सिंह राठी पुत्र श्री तम्बू राम व श्रीमती ओमपति पत्नी श्री राज सिंह राठी, दोनों पता निवासी डी–2, शिव एन्क्लेव दिचऊं रोड, नजफगढ़, नई दिल्ली–110043 ने पिछले लगभग 6 महीनों से अपने पुत्र दीपक राठी, उसकी पत्नी सरिता देवी व उनके बच्चों से उनके बुरे व्यवहार व मेरे मुवक्किलों की उनकी वृद्ध अवस्था में देख–रेख न करने के कारण अपनी समस्त चल–अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर दिया है। भूतकाल, वर्तमान व भविष्य में इनसे मेरे मुवक्किलों का किसी भी प्रकार से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है। यदि कोई भी व्यक्ति इनके साथ किसी भी प्रकार का कोई भी लेन–देन करता या रखता है, तो उसके लिए वह स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा।

Sd/-
(ABHISHEK KR. KAUSHIK)
ADVOCATE
Enrl.No.D/560/2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Bhavish Kumar S/o Sh. Narender Kumar R/o 16/839-E, Bapa Nagar, Padam Singh Road, Karol Bagh S.O., Central Delhi, Delhi-110005 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Bhavish in my 12th class marksheet, certificate and migration certificate. The actual name of mine is Bhavish Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"That my clients Sh. Mohammad Saleem and Smt. Momina Khatoon W/o Sh. Mohammad Saleem both R/o E-2, 275/A, Property No. 52-53, Kharsa No. 58, Gali No. 9, Pusta-5, Sonia Vihar, Delhi-110094 have severed all their relations with his son Sh. Bilal Ahmed, resident of E-2, 275/A, Property No. 52-53, Kharsa No. 58, Gali No. 9, Pusta-5, Sonia Vihar, Delhi-110094 for all purposes and intends being disobedient and disrespectful and further disown him from all their movable and immovable properties and my clients are not liable to anybody for his acts and deeds."

Sd/- **(PRANAY SHARMA)**
Enrl. No. D/209/2012
Ch. No. 153A, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to be inform to the general public that my clients namely, Sh. Virender Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. Swarup Chand Gupta and his wife namely, Smt. Neeta Gupta W/o Sh. Virender Kumar Gupta both R/o House No. 273, Tagore Park, Near: Canara Bank, Model Town, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009 has disowned and disinherited their son namely, Sh. Abhishek Gupta, his wife namely, Smt. Chetna Gupta and their children namely, Master Arnav Gupta and Master Aryaman Gupta out of their movable and immovable properties. That my clients and their other legal heirs have severed all their relations from above-named son, his wife and their children due to their cruel-some, adamant, indiscipline and unethical acts. That my clients and their other legal heirs will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by their above-named son, his wife and their children in future. Anyone dealing with them will do the same at his/ her/their own risk and responsibilities.

Sd/-
VIKASH KR. BHADANA & ASSOCIATES
Advocates
Seat: Bar Room No. 16 at Rohini District Court Complex, Sec. 14, Delhi-110085

COURT NOTICE

J-(Civil)-12
IN THE COURT OF SH. PANKAJ GUPTA DJ COMMERCIAL COURT -01 DWARKA COURTS, NEW DELHI,
PUBLICATION NOTICE
DEFENDANT
(Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

Suit No:
CS (COMM) : 332/2021
CANARA BANK
VS
M/S STICH IMPEX.

To,
1. M/S STICH IMPEX THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MS. DEEPIKA TRIPATHI (BORROWER) RZ-24, FIRST FLOOR, INDRA PARK EXTENSION UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI
......Defendant no. 1
2. MS. DEEPIKA TRIPATHI (BORROWER) W/O SH. SANDEEP KRISHAN TRIPATHI R/O- H. NO. 7/63, 104, RAJENDER NAGAR, SECTOR-5, BLOCK-7, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD, U.P. 201005
......Defendant no. 2
3. SH. SATISH KRISHNA TRIPATHI (GUARANTOR) S/O SH. NARASINGH KRISHNA TRIPATHI R/O F-415, GALI NO.03, NEAR TIPIKSHA PUBLIC SCHOOL, SABHAPUR PUSTA ROAD, WEST KARAWAL NAGAR, DELHI- 110094.
....Defendant no. 3

Whereas you are intentionally avoiding services of summons. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the day of **30.11.2022 at 10.00 A.M.** i.e. The day fixed in the matter, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this **07TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022** to be published in English daily **"INDIAN EXPRESS"** newspaper.

Note:- Defendant is informed to file WS within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of summons with advance copy to the plaintiff and filling of WS in commercial suit in 120 days period is mandatory and no extension can be granted. COPY OF ORDER ATTACHED.

Seal — Sd/- **Judge**

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MIDFC

Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (MIDFC)
Shillong, Meghalaya (India)
Corrigendum 2

No. MIDFC/Heliports/20/2022/32 — **Date 10-11-2022**

This corrigendum is issued by MIDFC with reference to EOI Notice No. **MIDFC/Heliports/20/2022/30** titled, "Request for Expressions of Interest for the Development of Heliports at Shillong and Tura in Meghalaya State".

The following provisions of Expression of Interest Document stand amended:
IMPORTANT DATES

Description	Original EOI clause		Amendments/ Extension		Further Amendments/ Extension	
	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Last date of submission of EOI	25th October 2022	16:30 P.M.	14th November 2022	15:00 P.M.	21st November 2022	15:00 P.M.

M.I.P.R.NO-1282
Dt. 10/11/2022

Sd/-
Chief Operations Officer (COO), MIDFC

कार्यपाल अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सिमडेगा

शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि **Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply Schemes (Cluster No. 12 to 29)** के निर्माण हेतु इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या DWSD/JJM/SVS-CLUSTER /SIM-12/2022-23 (1st Call) जो विभिन्न सामाचार पत्रों में PR–280959(Drinking Water and Sanitation 22-23 (D)द्वारा प्रकाशित है, को निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है–

Sl.	Particular	Previous Published Date	Revised Date
1	Date of Publication of Tender on Web Site	03.11.2022 up to 04:00 P:M:	21.11.2022 up to 04:00 P:M:
2	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	04.11.2022 up to 3:30 P:M: in the office of Engineer in Chief Nepal house Ranchi	23.11.2022 up to 3:30 P:M: in the office of Engineer in Chief Nepal house Ranchi
3	Last Date/Time For Receipt of Bid	11.11.2022 up to 04:00 P:M:	30.11.2022 up to 04:00 P:M:
4	Last Date Of Submission of cost of BOQ & EMD (Hard Copy)	12.11.2022 up to 04:00 P:M at Office of the 1.Executive Engineer, DW&S Div. Simdega. 2. Superintending Engineer, DW&S Circle, Gumla. 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W.& Dept. Ranchi Region, Ranchi	01.12.2022 up to 04:00 P:M at Office of the 1.Executive Engineer, DW&S Div. Simdega. 2. Superintending Engineer, DW&S Circle, Gumla. 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W.& Dept. Ranchi Region, Ranchi
5	Date Of Opening of Tender (Technical Bid)	14.11.2022 up to 11:00 A:M:	02.12.2022 up to 11:00 A:M:

अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सिमडेगा।

PR.NO.281845 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D

e-Procurement Cell
JHARKHAND STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD., RANCHI

Short Term e-Procurement Notice — Date- 10-11-2022

Sl. No	Tender Reference No.	Work Name	Amount in (Rs)	Completion Time
1	JSBCCL/128/2022-23	Proposed Construction of 100 Bedded Critical Care Block Hospital at Khunti Headquarter under Khunti District	Rs. 51,84,06,390/-	24 Months

2	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	18.11.2022 at 11:00 AM
3	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	25.11.2022 at 11:00 AM
4	Venue of Pre Bid Meeting	J.S.B.C.C.L. Office, 3rd Floor
5	Reply of queries of Pre Bid Meeting	02.12.2022 at 11:00 AM
6	Start Date of Submission of Bids	18.11.2022 at 11:00 AM
7	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	19.12.2022 at 05:00 PM
8	Last Date/Ti me of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	21.12.2022 upto 11:30 AM
9	Date/Time of opening of Bid	21.12.2022 at 12:00 PM
10	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	e-Procurement Cell, Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.
11	Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell	0651-2446259
12	e-mail ID	jsbccljharkhand@gmail.com

Any change can be seen on Website *http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in.*
Any other information can be seen on http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Nodal Officer
e-Procurement Cell
Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.

PR281966 (Jharkhand State Building Construction Corp. ltd.)22-23*D

Office of the Nagar Parishad, Lohardaga

E-Procurement Notice
NIT No: RFP/LNP/09/2022-23
Corrigendum
{PR 280209 Lohardaga 22-23 (D)}

Si No.	Particulars	Corrigendum
1	Door to Door Collection, Transfer, Transportation Developing, Operating and Remediation of Legesive waste integrated Municipal Solid Waste Processing Facility, Road, Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Municipal areas as per SWM Rules-2016 for Lohardaga Town in Jharkhand on a long term Design, Build Operate and Transfer (DBOT) basis for Municipal Solid Waste with 20 years O&M.	Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning Omitted from RFP/LNP/09/2022-23
2	RFP/LNP/09/2022-23 Collection of User Charges (Appendix A) Point No. 2 (K)	As Per User Bylaws for user charge collectionGovt. of Jharkhand 2016 and Amendement there of (Document Uploaded)
3	RFP/LNP/09/2022-23 Volume -II	Point No. 9&10 Omitted from RFP/LNP/09/2022-23
	Pre Bid Queries	
1	Will Lohardaga nagar Parishad handover the Vehicles i.e E -rikshaws, Auto Tippers, JCB, Tractor etc. (Mentioned in Appendix A, Page No. 24) to concessionaire at the beginning of the Project?	As per RFP
2	After getting the project can the concessionaire process the wet waste by manual composting rather than constructing a factory for the same.	Yes
3	For Door to Door collection of waste, Tipping fee will be applicable as per SWM rules 2016, or there are any changes?	As per RFP
4	As per RFP eligibility criteria: Guru Ramdas Constructions (GRC) Query- 1) Please Add in D -Column At least one infrastructure and Construction & Demolition (C & D) waste work accepted because C & D Waste is under solid management project as per the tender law.	As per RFP
5	Bio gas project work is also considered.	As per RFP

Note:- Only e-Tenders will be accepted.
Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Excutive Officer
Nagar parishad Lohardaga

PR 281862 Lohardaga(22-23).D

INDOSTAR HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office : One World Center, Tower 2A, 20th Floor, Jupiter Mills Compound, S B Marg, Mumbai - 400013, India
Email :- contact@indostarcapital.com. CIN Number: - U65990MH2016PTC271587
Contact No.: - Contact No.: - Mr. Suman Kumar Jha, 9289658025.

[APPENDIX-IV-A]
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of **INDOSTAR HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED** (hereinafter referred to as **"Secured Creditor"**) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower(s), offers are invited to be submitted online on the Web Portal of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Partner, M/s. InventON Solutions Pvt. Limited (InventON) i.e. **https://auctions.inventon.in** by the undersigned for purchase of the immovable property, as described hereunder.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The said property is in the Physical Possession on "As Is Where Is Basis", "As Is What Is Basis", "Whatever is There Is Basis"and "no recourse" basis, the particulars of which are hereunder:

Borrower(s) Details	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Description of Property	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Date & Time of e-Auction
LNDEL0HL-04180001495, LNDEL0HL-04180001590, LNDEL0HL-11200015043 **Branch:** Delhi **Pithampura Borrower:** SHRI MRINAL KANT MITTAL **Co-Borrower:** SMT. RAJNI MITTAL	**15/01/2022,** **₹ 13,10,364/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ten Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four Only) as on **24/12/2021** along with further interest and charges until payment.	**Property Bearing: -** Property no. 1/10359, Second Floor (Back side-LHS Unit), Khasra No. 371, Gali No. 1, West Gorakh Park, Village Babarpur, Shahdara, New Delhi **Four Boundaries: - East: -** Other Flat, **West:** Other Flat, **South:** Other property, **North:** Other Flat	₹ 10,00,000/- / ₹ 1,00,000/- / ₹ 10,000/-	**15th December 2022 Time: 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes**

Terms and Conditions of E- Auction:

1. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on www.indostarhfc.com and website of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Provider, https://auctions.inventon.in Secured Creditor's website.
2. The same have been published on our portal under the link – **https://www.indostarhfc.com/Auction-Notices**
3. For any enquiry, information & inspection of the property, support, procedure and online training on e-Auction, the prospective bidders may contact the Client Service Delivery (CSD) Department of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction **Service Partner M/s. InventON Solutions Pvt. Limited, through Tel. No.: +91 9137100020 / 9029086321 & E-mail ID: care@inventon.net or the Authorised Officer of IHFPL, Mr. Suman Kumar Jha, 9289658025.**

Note: Please note that the secured creditor is going to issue the sale notice to all the Borrower(s) by speed/ registered post. In case the same is not received by any of the parties, then this publication of sale notice shall be treated as a substituted mode of service.

Place : Delhi
Date : 10/11/2022

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IndoStar Home Finance Pvt Ltd.

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EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Interest rates rising, is it time to invest in debt instruments now?



GEORGE MATHEW & SANDEEP SINGH

RETURNS ON debt funds and instruments like non-convertible debentures (NCDs) are showing signs of improvement. The US Federal Reserve raised rates by another 75 basis points last week, and the Reserve Bank of India is expected to act similarly. Should retail investors park their money in debt instruments and funds for the medium term, or should they wait for rates to peak?

Why has the debt outlook improved?

The rise in interest rates has brightened prospects for debt investments. Since April, the RBI has frontloaded monetary policy tightening, with a 190 basis point increase in the repo rate, 230 basis point increase in the floor policy rate (reverse repo and standing deposit facility) and reduction in the core liquidity surplus by around Rs 7 lakh crore.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year government bonds has gone up by 101 basis points to 7.34 per cent over the last year. The bond market is pricing for a terminal repo rate of 6.5 per cent as the RBI is expected to continue its war on inflation (which touched 7.4 per cent in September).

"We believe the peak of the central banks' hawkishness is now behind us. It is time we spot emerging opportunities in the bond market. After the recent sell-off, bond valuations have improved. Currently, 3-5-year government bonds are trading at a yield of 7.30-7.45 per cent. This is more than 140 basis points above the repo rate of 5.9 per cent. The long-term average of this spread in a tightening interest rate environment is around 80-90 basis points," Pankaj Pathak, Fund Manager-Fixed Income, Quantum Mutual Fund, said.

What options do investors have?

Several: NCDs, debt mutual funds, Treasury Bills, and government securities. Considering the duration-accrual balance, the 3-5-year segment remains the best bet as core portfolio allocation. However, valuation at the longer end bonds have also turned attractive.

RBI has allowed retail investors to invest in government securities through the RBI Direct platform. The yield on 364-day Treasury Bills is now 6.9535 per cent, and 5-year government stock carries a coupon of 7.38 per cent. In comparison, SBI's one-year FD has an interest rate of 6.10 per cent only. The effective yield on NCDs has crossed 10 per cent in the case of papers offered by several companies.

Should they look at debt funds?

As fixed income yields have improved significantly and are likely to rise further, one can look at funds with maturities up to 3 years, which invest in high-quality papers like government bonds, PSU and bank bonds, and highest quality corporate bonds.

"We suggest investors with a 2-3-year holding period should consider adding their allocation to dynamic bond funds to benefit from higher yields on medium- to long-term bonds. Dynamic bond funds have the flexibility to change the portfolio positioning as per evolving market conditions. This makes them better for long-term investors in a volatile macro environment," Pathak said.

Rahul Goswami, CIO-Fixed Income at ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, said: "Floating rate funds and low-maturity funds are likely to be sound investments in this evolving scenario. Any liquidity injection measures by RBI should benefit the short end of the yield curve. Overall, the short end of the yield curve is attractively priced, giving good carry over overnight rates. The risk is clearly more on the higher duration/ maturity segments."

He added that investors can look at the dynamic bond fund category. "The fund manager has the flexibility to manage duration between 1 to 10 years. Based on interest rate scenario, the scheme invests between corporate bonds and G-Secs. In effect, the scheme has the ability to generate reasonable returns in all kinds of market scenarios," Goswami said.

Investors can also look at credit risk funds. While YTMs (yield to maturity) of high grade funds, which are predominantly AAA category, are close to 7.7 to 7.75 per cent, that of credit risk funds is 8.5-9 per cent. As further tightening of rates and liquidity may impact rates on that front as well, fund managers feel that going forward, an investor can get much higher YTM on credit risk funds. However, only investors who understand the risk of credit funds should invest in them.

Gilt funds have no credit risk or risk of default, but are impacted by interest rate movements. On the other hand, ultra-short-term funds primarily invest in liquid fixed income securities, which have short-term maturities.

A Morningstar report said Target Maturity Funds which invest in high quality PSU, government bonds with maturity on a certain date, are popular now. "The reason...is approximate return expected is known at the time of investment, if one holds on till maturity (closure of the fund)," it said.

What are the pros and cons?

While long-term capital gains for debt funds are realised after a 3-year holding period, there are indexation benefits. Debt funds offering 7-8 per cent or more amid economic uncertainty offer a good opportunity for all investors. They are relatively safe compared to equities, especially when there are fears of a recession in several developed markets.

Investors, however, need to understand that while funds investing in government securities or AAA rated papers of private companies are safe, there are risks associated with debt investments when it comes to funds investing in low rated products, as the companies may default on interest payments or even capital if a tough economic environment hurts their business.



Freddie and Elton are among the eight cheetahs brought to Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park from Namibia. *Twitter/@narendramodi*

'Rockstars' Freddie, Elton kill again: Why this is good news

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 10

TWO CHEETAHS in Kuno National Park, Freddie and Elton, made their second successful kill on Wednesday, killing a *cheetal* (spotted deer), forest officials said. They made their first kill on Sunday, within 24 hours of being released from quarantine.

Why this is significant

The animals have travelled a long way to Kuno, from Namibia. Cheetahs kill once every two-three days, and the normal hunting behaviour of Freddie and Elton shows they are adapting well and the Rs 96-crore cheetah reintroduction project seems on the right track.

"It is encouraging to learn about the 'rockstars', Freddie and Elton, successfully hunting another spotted deer within five days of their release from quarantine. This proves they are in the best of health and agility conditions, even after the mandatory quarantine period," said Chief Wildlife Warden J S Chauhan.

Why quarantine

After the cheetahs reached India on September 17, they were kept in quarantine *bomas* (enclosures) to prevent them catching infections from other animals, Here, they were fed buffalo meat.

The animals are being released into a larger enclosure in a staggered manner, with brothers Freddie and Elton being the first. The next will be another male, Obaan, likely in a week's time, said forest officials. The other five cheetahs are Sasha, Siyaya, Savannah, Tbilisi, and Asha, who was named by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

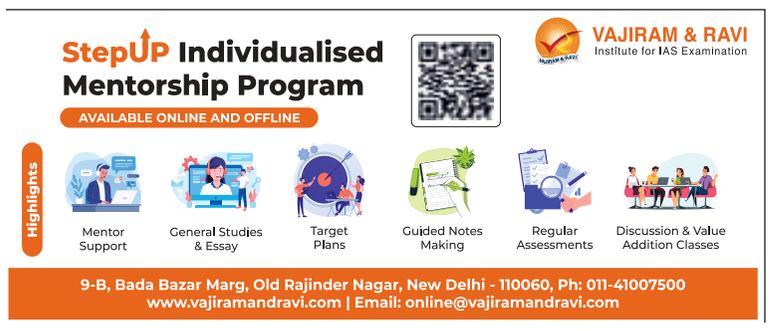
What next

After the cheetahs have been judged well-adapted to the larger enclosures, they will be released into the 748-sq km Kuno National Park. While the enclosure has a high prey base, it does not have other large predators. In fact, its 11.7-km peripheral fence is electrified to keep other animals away. Cheetahs are known to coexist with leopards in Namibia, but the enclosures have been kept free of leopards to make the guest animals feel safe in their new habitat.

Once the cheetahs move to the national park, "they will have to survive with 150-odd leopards", an official said.

Other sites to get cheetahs

The ambitious reintroduction project aims to establish a cheetah metapopulation in India nearly 75 years after the last of this animal was killed in 1947. After the eight animals from Namibia, the Centre is in the process of getting another 12 cats from South Africa. In view of this, Madhya Pradesh forest officials are now making efforts to accommodate cheetahs in Nauradehi forest sanctuary in Sagar and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in Mandsaur.



EXPLAINED DIPLOMACY, FOREIGN POLICY, STRATEGY

India and the war in Ukraine

Given its unique position and international relationships, could India be a mediator between Russia and Ukraine? As the war drags on and New Delhi weighs its options, what are the key questions to consider?



SHUBHAJIT ROY

IN HIS first visit to Moscow since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conveyed that India "strongly advocates a return to dialogue and diplomacy" and is on the side of "peace, respect for international law and support for the UN Charter".

This has been India's stance since the beginning of the war that has upended global order and is now threatening to push the world towards recession. However, the Indian position articulated by Jaishankar had a new element — he positioned India's request from the vantage point of the "Global South".

The Global South refers to the developing and less developed countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Jaishankar said this region is "feeling the pain acutely" due to food, fertiliser and fuel shortages.

"As Prime Minister Modi conveyed to President Putin in Samarkand in September, this is not an era of war. The global economy is simply too inter-dependent for a significant conflict anywhere not to have major consequences elsewhere. We are seeing a conflict that is coming on top of severe stresses created by two years of Covid. The Global South, especially, is feeling this pain very acutely. India, therefore, strongly advocates a return to dialogue and diplomacy. We are clearly on the side of peace, respect for international law and support for the UN Charter," he said.

Jaishankar's Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov did not address the issue, but appreciated India's position on the Ukraine situation.

From New Delhi's point of view, it has once again conveyed its disapproval of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, without condemning Russian actions explicitly. India's position that the respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of states is an essential element of the international order has been perceived as a euphemism for New Delhi conveying to Moscow that it has violated these basic norms.

Indian officials point out that though New Delhi has abstained at UN votes, it is different from China and other countries that abstained — it has taken a clear position on respect for the UN Charter and international order.

As India has walked the diplomatic tightrope in the last eight months, many in South Block believe it has gained credibility on both sides by not parroting the talking points of either.



Foreign Ministers S Jaishankar and Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on Tuesday. *AP*

An Indian mediating role?

This has led to a perception that India is positioning itself as a neutral player that can mediate between the two warring sides.

The fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has had at least five phone conversations with President Vladimir Putin and at least three phone calls with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is indication that New Delhi has communication channels with both sides. Modi has also spoken with US President Joe Biden, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and French President Emmanuel Macron.

Mexico had suggested that Modi, Pope Francis and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres mediate the Russia-Ukraine crisis, but there has been no progress on the proposal. Guterres has, however, reached out to India for help in defusing the crisis.

In September this year, Jaishankar disclosed that India had "weighed in" with Russia on grain shipment from ports in the Black Sea.

Taking questions with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken by his side, Jaishankar said, "I remain in very active touch with a lot of my colleagues. Just as an example, during the grain shipment discussions in the Black Sea. At that time, we had been approached to weigh in with Russia at a particularly delicate moment, which we did," he said.

Jaishankar had also said that, "I had a meeting with the Prime Minister of Ukraine. He did mention some very specific concerns... they thought we could be of some use. I had, on a different set of issues, discussions with the UN Secretary General... So it's not necessarily the overarching peace… but even in the current scenario, other issues which we can solve or in some way mitigate or ameliorate. I don't think I can be too specific."

India is concerned over the rising oil price amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which is "breaking our back," Jaishankar said.

In Moscow this week, he again offered help with issues including food grains and fertiliser shipments, and support for any initiative that de-risks the global economy.

Four questions to consider

For India to be a mediator, four key questions need to be answered.

■ First is the bandwidth. India needs to have an understanding of the dynamics within Russia and Ukraine, and Russia and the European players, including Russia's neighbours Moldova, Finland, and Poland. The dynamic between Ukraine and European partners also has to be understood well. And, of course, what Russia wants in the end, and what are the shared interests of NATO, Europe and the US.

■ Second will be the question of experience in negotiating amid a global crisis. Indian diplomats have effectively negotiated in bilateral and multilateral formats, but negotiating in a crisis is a different question. In the early 1950s, India had played a role throughout the Korean War, proposing the creation of a commission to facilitate the repatriation of prisoners. Despite initial resistance from China and Russia, India's resolution was accepted in December 1952 at the UN General Assembly, and the Neutral Nations Repatriation Committee was set up with India at the helm.

In recent decades, India has sought to mediate in affairs closer home, but has burnt its fingers — like in Sri Lanka when it was going through a civil war.

■ The third question will be the risk-taking ability of the Indian establishment. While New Delhi has been audacious about risky manoeuvres in its immediate region, such as the surgical strikes in Pakistan and Myanmar, inserting itself into a geopolitical crisis of this magnitude is very different. Especially in a situation where, as a broker of peace, there is no guarantee of a win.

■ Fourth is the question of credibility, which India feels it has gained by walking the tightrope. But some in the West may view India as closer to Russia. Also, both Ukraine and Russia have to agree to Delhi having the credibility to be the mediator.

A crucial bilateral relationship

India has made it clear that Jaishankar's visit was a bilateral affair. While the minister gave out a full list of possible deliverables in the India-Russia context — nuclear, space, defence, energy, connectivity, Afghanistan, terrorism, Iran, among others — he was most articulate on the issue of energy. Faced with criticism for buying Russian oil at discounted prices, he made it clear that India would continue to do so to cater to the needs of its citizens.

What Jaishankar did not articulate is that India has strategic stakes in defence ties with Russia. And that a closer Russia-China strategic embrace is detrimental to India's interests, given the US-China rivalry.

As former foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale says in a new book, *Strategic Challenges: India in 2030*, "India might become a frontline state in the 21st century rivalry between China and America, in a manner similar to what western Europe faced during the era of Soviet American competition."

In this context, India needs Moscow to keep its defence supplies going strongly with India, and not share sensitive technologies with China.

National Security Advisory Board chairman PS Raghavan, a former Indian ambassador to Russia, says in the same book, "Putin has said that Russia does not transfer to any other country the military technologies shared with India. This is an assurance that India must constantly verify in respect of the weaponry and technologies that Moscow supplies to Beijing, as also the nature of their intelligence-sharing arrangements."

With 60,000 troops in a border standoff along the India-China border, this is a relevant bilateral ask from India's strategic perspective.

Content in national interest: What new TV broadcast guidelines say

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STARTING WEDNESDAY, satellite TV channels in India are required to broadcast at least 30 minutes of content daily on "themes of national importance and of social relevance". This is part of the 'Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Satellite Television Channels in India, 2022', which were approved by the Union Cabinet on September 28, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said in an order on Wednesday.

"The new guidelines have been amended after a gap of 11 years, and a number of steps have been taken for ease of doing business, as there are more than 870 channels operating in the country now. Based on our experience, these guidelines have been amended," the Ministry said in a statement.

What is the requirement for public service broadcasting?

It is obligatory under the guidelines for all TV channels, including private channels, to "undertake public service broadcasting for a minimum period of 30 minutes in a day on themes of national importance and of social relevance".

While the guidelines are already in force, Ministry officials said the channels will be given some time to conceptualise and create such content. The Ministry will soon issue a specific advisory on the date it comes into effect, and on the time slots for the telecast of this content, the officials said.

What is the rationale behind this?

The government has argued that since "airwaves/ frequencies are public property" they "need to be used in the best interest of the society". Representatives of several broadcasters, speaking on condition of anonymity, however, pointed out that while airwaves may be public property, they had paid hefty fees for their use — any binding guidelines that adversely impact their commercial interests may not, therefore, be fair.

What is the definition of national interest for this purpose?

The guidelines have identified eight "themes of national importance and of social relevance": "education and spread of literacy; agriculture and rural development; health and family welfare; science and technology; welfare of women; welfare of the weaker sections of the society; protection of environment and of cultural heritage; and national integration".

How will compliance be ensured?

Once the guidelines are implemented, the Ministry will monitor the channels for the broadcast of this content. In case non-compliance is observed in the Ministry's view, an explanation will be sought. If a channel continues to be non-compliant, more steps can be taken based on specific advisories that will be issued from time to time, and on a case-to-case basis.

"The Central Government may, from time to time, issue general advisory to the channels for telecast of content in national interest, and the channel shall comply with the same," the guidelines say.

Is anyone exempt from this obligation?

The condition applies to all channels, except those specifically exempted. "The channels may...appropriately modulate their content to fulfil the obligation...except where it may not be feasible, such as in the case of sports channels, etc," the guidelines say.

Officials said the exemption may also apply to wildlife channels and foreign channels, besides live telecasts in the case of sports channels.

What else do the guidelines say?

The guidelines span a range of subjects including uplinking and downlinking, hiring and purchase of broadcast equipment, changes in name and logo, etc.

The policy mandates that channels uplinking in frequency bands other than C-band must encrypt their signals. Uplinking and downlinking "shall be subject to clearance and approval by the Ministry of Home Affairs, and wherever considered necessary, of other authorities".

The new guidelines allow a news agency to get permission for five years instead of the current one year. The penalty clauses have been rationalised, and separate sets of penalties have been proposed for different types of contraventions as against the uniform penalty that is applicable currently.

The new policy eases compliance for TV channels in various areas. Broadcast companies will be allowed to uplink foreign channels from Indian teleports, which would create employment opportunities and make India a teleport hub for other countries, officials said. Singapore is considered the hub of teleport uplinking, but after the new guidelines come into effect, foreign channels are expected to show greater interest in using Indian teleports, the officials said.



USA

TROPICAL STORM NICOLE SWEEPS FLORIDA

Tropical Storm Nicole sent multiple homes toppling into the Atlantic Ocean Thursday and threatened a row of high rise condominiums in places where Hurricane Ian washed away seawalls and other remaining protections only weeks ago. Nicole covered nearly the entire state of Florida while also reaching into Georgia and Carolinas before dawn on Thursday.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Alidoosti poses with her hair uncovered as a sign of protest. *Reuters*

IRAN

Actor Alidoosti backs protests

Dubai: Top Iranian actor Taraneh Alidoosti has posted a picture of herself on Instagram without a headscarf to express support for nationwide anti-government demonstrations, another sign that the protest movement is gaining support from all layers of society. Best-known for her role in "The Salesman", which won an Academy Award in 2017, the pro-reform artist held up a sign in the Instagram post which read "Woman, Life, Freedom" in Kurdish, a popular slogan in the demonstrations. Meanwhile, A woman arrested on Thursday by Iran's security forces has been formally charged with communicating with and transmitting information to a London-based television broadcaster. **REUTERS**

CHINA

Bao Tong, prominent liberal voice, dies at 90

Beijing: Bao Tong, a leading voice for political reform in the Chinese Communist Party who was purged after the bloody 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, has died at age 90. Son Bao Pu said in a tweet that his father passed away peacefully on Wednesday. Bao had been living in a Beijing suburb under tight police supervision. Bao Tong joined Communist Party as an underground member prior to its 1949 seizure of power under Mao Zedong, and rose to be a top aide to former Communist Party general secretary Zhao Ziyang. **AP**

UK

Sikh military staff get special prayer book

London: A specially designed waterproof prayer book filled with "tactical" hymns and prayers has been launched in London for British Sikhs to carry with them on duty and to the battlefield. The Nitnem Gutka Sahib, as the collection is known, is made of durable material with a camouflage design and was inspired by images of troops in the trenches of the First World War. It was launched and handed over to military personnel recently at Central Gurdwara Khalsa Jatha in Shepherds Bush in west London. "This is not new, but a reintroduction of a tradition last seen over 100 years ago, during WWI," said the Defence Sikh Network UK, behind the project. **PTI**

FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING SINCE BIDEN TOOK CHARGE

Amid Russia, Taiwan tension, Xi and Biden to meet at G-20 on Monday

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PRESIDENT JOE Biden will meet Monday with President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of next week's Group of 20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, a face-to-face meeting that comes amid increasingly strained US-China relations, the White House announced Thursday.

It will be the first in-person meeting between the leaders of the world's two biggest economies since Biden became President in January 2021 and comes weeks after Xi was awarded a norm-breaking third, five-year term as the Chinese Communist Party leader during the party's national congress.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement the leaders will meet to "discuss efforts to maintain and deepen lines of communication between" the two countries and to "responsibly manage competition and work together where our interests align, especially on transnational challenges that affect the international community."

Biden on Wednesday told reporters that he intended to discuss with Xi growing tensions between Washington and Beijing over the self-ruled island of Taiwan, trade policies, Beijing's relationship with Russia and more. What I want to do with him when we talk is lay out what each of our red lines are and understand what he believes to be in the critical national interests of China, what I know to be the critical interests of the United States," Biden said.

A senior administration official sought to downplay expectations for the meeting , telling reporters on Thursday that there was no joint communique or deliverables anticipated from the sit-down. Rather, the official said, Biden aimed to build a "floor for the relationship."



RUSSIA BEGINS PULL OUT: Russia said its troops began pulling out of a strategic Ukrainian city on Thursday. Ukrainian officials acknowledged Moscow's forces had no choice but to flee but stopped short of declaring victory in Kherson. *Reuters*

Putin to skip summit, Lavrov to lead team

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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin will not attend the Group of 20 summit in Indonesia next week, an Indonesian government official said Thursday, avoiding a possible confrontation with the US and its allies over his war in Ukraine.

Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, the chief of support for G-20 events, said Putin's decision not to come was "the best for all of us."

The summit would have been the first time Biden and Putin were together at a gathering since Russia invaded Ukraine. "It has been officially informed that Russia's President Vladimir Putin will not attend the G-20 summit, and will be represented by a high-level official, and this has been discussed by President Joko Widodo and



Moscow did not give any reason for Putin staying away

Putin in previous telephone conversations," Pandjaitan said after meeting security officials in Denpasar, the capital of Bali.

"Whatever happens with Russia's decision, it is for our common good and the best for all of us," added Pandjaitan.

Pandjaitan did not know why Putin decided not to come but said "maybe it's because President Putin is busy at home, and we also have to respect that." Russian Foreign Ministry and Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov confirmed later Thursday that Lavrov will head Russia's delegation at the G-20 summit instead of Putin. He did not give a reason.



Supporters of Pakistan Terhreek-e-Insaf protest in Wazirabad on Thursday. *AP*

Ties with Bajwa strained after Punjab polls, says Imran as party resumes march

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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IMRAN KHAN has said his relations with Pakistan's Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa nosedived after differences arose over the appointment of the Punjab province chief minister, a media report said on Thursday.

The 70-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician, who is recovering from injuries sustained during an assassination bid last week, has announced resumption of the long march on Tuesday, but later his party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) changed the decision and rescheduled it for Thursday.

Tens of thousands of supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Thursday gathered at the site in Wazirabad in Punjab province where an assassination attempt was made on the former prime minister. Addressing his supporters via a video, Khan alleged that the "plan" to assassinate him was made in September. "This incident (…) no, this planned assassination attempt … I want to clear that this plan was made in September," he claimed. "On September 24, I said in a public rally that this plan was formed and they will blame a religious fanatic [for it]." Khan said the people who wanted him dead had planned to pin his murder on a "religious fanatic".

On Bjawa, Khan said, "I always imagined that, because the Army is so powerful and organised, when I would try to bring rule of law in the country, they would play an important part," Khan said in the interview to the *Dawn* newspaper. When asked when it all began to go wrong between him and Pakistan's powerful Army, Khan said his government's failure to convict those whom he alleged of corruption was the first sign. The second, he said, was the choice of Punjab chief minister.

SHEHBAZ MEETS NAWAZ TO CONSULT ON ARMY CHIEF PICK

London,Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has met his elder brother and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif in London, apparently to discuss the appointment of the new Army chief later this month, according to a media report on Thursday. Shehbaz took a detour to the British capital from the COP27 climate conference in Egypt to visit Nawaz on a "private visit via a private flight", the Dawn newspaper reported. **PTI**

'JOURNALIST KILLED IN KENYA WAS TORTURED'

Islamabad: Pakistani journalist Arshad Sharif, who was killed in Kenya, was brutally tortured for hours before being shot, a media report said on Thursday. *The Express Tribune* reported that Dunya TV host Kamran Shahid in his talk show claimed that Sharif was shot at close range.He further claimed that the slain journalist's fingernails were pulled out and his fingers and ribs were broken during torture. **PTI**

Paul Allen's art collection hauls in record $1.5 bn at auction

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FIVE DOZEN work from Paul Cezanne, Vincent van Gogh and other revered artists brought in $1.5 billion on Wednesday at an auction of part of the vast collection of paintings and sculpture amassed by late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

The total represented the highest amount ever collected at a single art auction, according to the auction house, Christie's in New York. Proceeds will be donated to philanthropic causes in accordance with the wishes of Allen, who died in 2018

Several of the winning bids smashed previous records for individual artists and many exceeded the expected sales prices estimated by Christie's.

Among the priciest works sold was Pointillist pioneer Georges Seurat's Les Poseuses, Ensemble (Petite version), an 1888 oil on canvas depicting three nude women.

It fetched $149.2 million including fees, a record for a Seurat piece. Cezanne's "La Montagne Sainte-Victoire", a colorful landscape painted from 1888-1890, sold for $137.8 million, another record. And a Gustav Klimt 1903 painting, "Birch Forest," set the high mark for a Klimt work, selling for $104.6 million.

GOP nudges closer to House win; Senate hinges on runoff



Ballots for the US midterm counted at an election centre in Phoenix, Arizona. *Reuters*

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CONTROL OF Congress rests on a knife's edge, with dozens of House and Senate races still unresolved and thousands of votes left to count.

Two days after the election, House Republicans, still stung by a disappointing midterm performance, had won or were leading in the races for 221 seats — just three more than needed to retake the 435-member chamber, according to votes that have been tallied by *The AP*. Democrats had won or were in the lead for 214 seats. More than 30 races were still uncalled as of midday Thursday, and could still shift. But Democrats were left with only a narrow chance of retaining control of the chamber — an outcome even party operatives privately saw as a longshot.

Both parties were within reach of controlling the Senate, currently split 50-50, with races in Arizona and Nevada still uncalled and the contest in Georgia headed for a runoff on December 6.

Democrats picked up a crucial Senate seat in Pennsylvania with the victory of Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, but needed to win at least two of the still-unresolved races to preserve their 50-seat majority, with Vice President Kamala Harris as the tiebreaking vote. Republicans needed to claim two to take control.

Six seats flipped from Democratic to Republican in New York and Florida alone. A smattering of other pickups, from Virginia and Tennessee to Wisconsin and Iowa, have increased those totals. But Democrats have scored own victories, grabbing seats in North Carolina, Michigan and Ohio.

Strategists from both parties were also closely watching some key races in which their candidates were trailing, but they believed outstanding votes could flip the race, including for Representative David Trone, a Maryland Democrat.

Trump urged to delay Nov 15 announcement

Washington: It was supposed to be a red wave that former President Donald Trump could triumphantly ride to the Republican nomination as he prepares to launch another White House run. Indeed, some allies were calling on Trump to delay his planned announcement next week, saying the party's full focus needs to be on Georgia, where Trump-backed football great Herschel Walker's effort to unseat Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock is headed to a runoff that could determine control of the Senate once again.

"I'll be advising him that he move his announcement until after the Georgia runoff," said former Trump adviser Jason Miller. "Georgia needs to be the focus of every Republican in the country right now," he said.

Trump sought to use the midterms as an opportunity to prove his enduring political influence after losing the White House in 2020. He endorsed more than 330 candidates in races up and down the ballot, often elevating inexperienced and deeply flawed candidates. He reveled in their primary victories. But many of their positions, were out of step with the political mainstream. **AP**

Musk scraps work from home policy at Twitter

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ELON MUSK has emailed Twitter employees, most working remotely, ordering them to return to the office immediately for at least 40 hours a week and warning of "difficult times ahead."

A pair of Wednesday night missives seen by *The AP* marked Musk's first companywide message to employees who survived last week's mass layoffs. Many have had to rely on the billionaire Tesla CEO's public tweets for clues about Twitter's future.

"Sorry that this is my first email to the whole company, but there is no way to sugarcoat the message," wrote Musk, before he described a dire economic climate for businesses like Twitter that rely almost entirely on advertising to make money.

"Without significant subscription revenue, there is a good chance Twitter will not survive the upcoming economic downturn," Musk said. "We need roughly half of our revenue to be subscription." Musk told employees "the priority over the past 10 days" was to develop and launch Twitter's new subscription service for $7.99 a month that includes a blue check mark next to the name of paid members — the mark was previously only for verified accounts. An executive last week said Twitter was cutting roughly 50% of its workforce, which numbered 7,500 earlier this year.

Taliban ban women from amusement parks and gyms

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AFGHAN WOMEN were stopped from entering amusement parks in Kabul on Wednesday after the Taliban's morality ministry said there would be restrictions on women being able to access public parks.

On Thursday, women were banned from using gyms too, an official in Kabul said Thursday. A spokesperson for the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice confirmed that women would be restricted from accessing parks when, but did not respond to requests to provide further details.

A spokesman from the Ministry of Virtue and Vice said the ban was being introduced because people were ignoring gender segregation orders and that women were not wearing the required headscarf, or hijab.

The group has "tried its best" over the past 15 months to avoid closing parks and gyms for women, ordering separate days of the week for male and female access or imposing gender segregation, he said.

"But, unfortunately, the orders were not obeyed and the rules were violated, and we had to close parks and gyms for women," said Mohajer.

"In most cases, we have seen both men and women together in parks and, unfortunately, the hijab was not observed. So we had to come up with another decision and for now we ordered all parks and gyms to be closed for women."



Afghan women stand outside an amusement park in Kabul on Thursday. *AP*

CO2 IS MOST COMMON AMONG SIX MAJOR GREENHOUSE GAS CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING

With CO2 emission likely to rise, 1.5°C target getting tougher, finds report



EXPRESS AT COP27

AMITABH SINHA
SHARM EL-SHEIKH, NOV 10

GLOBAL CARBON dioxide emissions is expected to continue to rise this year as well, further narrowing down the window of opportunity to keep the temperatures from rising beyond 1.5 degree Celsius, a new report released at the climate meeting on Thursday said.

At current trends, there was at least a 50 per cent chance that the 1.5 degree Celsius temperature target would be exceeded in the next nine years, the Global Carbon Project, which comes up with country level estimates of CO2 emissions every year during the climate conference, said. CO2 is the most common among the six major greenhouse gas emissions that are causing global warming.

The total carbon dioxide emissions, excluding those from land use changes and deforestation, are likely to be around 36.6 billion tonnes, about one per cent higher than the previous year, the report said. CO2 released from land use changes like deforestation would likely contribute another 3.9 billion tonnes, it said.

Among major emitters, India is estimated to see the biggest rise in its CO2 emissions, about 6 per cent from last year. Emissions are expected to decrease by about one per cent in China, the world's largest emitter, and the European Union which, as a group is the third biggest emitter. But the United States, the world's second biggest emitter it is projected to increase by 1.5 per cent, the report said.

"In India, the emissions in 2022… are driven mostly by a 5 per cent increase in coal emissions. Emissions from oil are up sharply, with a projected rise of 10 per cent. Projections from natural gas are projected to decline 4 per cent but contribute little to the total change as gas is a small part of the energy mix in India," a statement from the Global Carbon Project said.

Global CO2 emissions had dropped significantly in 2020, compared to the previous year, due to the Covid19 pandemic, and had shown a marginal increase last year. This year's emissions are likely to go beyond the 2019 levels, the report said.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in its report released earlier this year, had said that global emissions (of all greenhouse gases combined, not just CO2) needed to peak by the year 2025 if the world had to retain any realistic chances of keeping the rise in temperatures below 1.5 degree Celsius.

A couple of months later, the World Meteorological Organisation that there was a 50 per cent chance that the global temperatures would temporarily go beyond 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times within the next five years.



Protesters, wearing white in support of political prisoners as well as human rights defenders in Sharm el-Sheikh. *AP*

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of November 9

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International market data till 1900 IST

FINAL CALL PENDING; GST COUNCIL MEET AWAITED

GST panel on online gaming likely to propose earlier formula on rates

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THE MINISTERIAL panel formed for casinos, race courses and online gaming under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is likely to fall back on the initial report presented before the GST Council in June. Officials aware about the panel's deliberations said that no major change is expected in the earlier submitted report and the inputs from the discussions of the officials and Group of Ministers (GoM) held after June are likely to be incorporated as additional comments in the report.

"It is unlikely that there will be any major change. The committee may go back to the first report itself," the official said. Though the discussions have centred on defining game of skill and game of chance, another emerging view is that the tax authorities could possibly look at defining gaming as a service rather than the present status of it being an actionable claim.

"Tax authorities should try to focus on the taxation aspect of it and not define it as restrictive or prohibitive, which is relevant to betting and gambling. The definition of online gaming as an actionable claim should be revisited by exercising power under Section 7 of CGST Act. Then it can be declared as a service like construction which is a service and then levy whatever rate is to be charged." "From taxation point of view, whether it is betting or game of skill, tax prescription should not be based on a chance outcome or a skill outcome. One rate should be levied, whether it is 18 per cent or 28 per cent plus cess, or it could be levied on gross gaming revenue, so that should be a policy call. But it's time the debate over game of chance or game of skill gets over, otherwise no clarity will emerge," a person aware about the discussions said.

Officials aware about the panel's deliberations said that no major change is expected

The eight-member ministerial panel, headed by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, had earlier submitted a report to the Council which was taken up for discussion in the June meeting. The GoM had recommended a uniform rate of 28 per cent on casinos, race courses and online gaming with no distinction based on whether an activity is a game of skill of chance or both. For valuation in case of casinos, the GoM had suggested that GST be applied at 28 per cent on full face value of the chips/coins purchased from casino by a player and that once GST is levied on purchase of chips/coins (face value), no further GST would apply on the value of bets placed in each round of betting including those played with winnings of previous rounds. It also suggested 28 per cent GST on services by way of access/entry to casinos on payment of consideration/entry fee which compulsorily includes price of one or more supplies such as food, beverages etc.

In its two meetings held in May this year, the GoM held the "general view that these activities because of their nature and negative externalities should be levied a higher incidence of tax" and that these activities involve "financial risk and are addictive". After the 47th GST Council meeting held in June, the GoM was given a 15-day extension with concerns raised primarily by one state — Goa. After the meeting, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had then said that even as the Chair of the GoM, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, presented his report, he requested that the Minister of Goa (Mauvin Godinho, Goa's Minister for Transport, Industries and Panchayats Raj and Goa's Member of GST Council) will place his view before the Council and not just the GoM. The GoM had last met in September, wherein divergent views emerged regarding the valuation mechanism for casinos, horse racing and gaming.

The Council which was earlier scheduled to hold its 48th meeting in August has not met since June. The final reports by several GoMs are awaited. Though the GoM on Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal has finalised its recommendations, the GoM on rate rationalisation has not finalised its report. The next Council meeting is now likely to be held after the upcoming state elections of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

US inflation eases to 7.7%

REUTERS
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US CONSUMER prices rose less than expected in October, pushing the annual increase below 8 per cent for the first time in eight months, signs that inflation was slowing, which would allow the Federal Reserve to scale back its hefty interest rate hikes.

But the fight against inflation is far from won. A report from the Labor Department showed the initial claims for state unemployment benefits rose 7,000 to a seasonally adjusted 225,000 for the week ended November 5.

OVER 12 MONTHS

■ **In the 12 months through October, the CPI increased 7.7% after rising 8.2% on the same basis in September**

Nevertheless, the rare good news on inflation sparked a rally on Wall Street. At 12:18 p.m. ET, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 959.59 points, or 2.95 per cent, at 33,473.53, the S&P 500 was up 172.53 points, or 4.6 per cent, at 3,921.10, and the Nasdaq Composite was up 631.19 points, or 6.1 per cent, at 10,984.36.

The consumer price index rose 0.4 per cent last month after climbing by the same margin in September. In the 12 months through October, the CPI rose 7.7 per cent after rising 8.2 per cent on the same basis in September.

Bombay HC refuses interim relief to Kochhar

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE BOMBAY High Court on Thursday refused interim relief to ICICI Bank's former CEO Chanda Kochhar in her suit against her former employer, seeking entitlements and retirement benefits. Kochhar had sought specific performance commitments and contractual obligations from her former employer related to benefits due to her since her early retirement from the bank on October 4, 2018.

A single-judge bench of Justice R I Chagla held that Kochhar's termination was valid. "Prima facie, I find that the revocation of the early retirement acceptance is valid and do not find, given the facts in the present case, any merit in the contention on behalf of Kochhar that once there is cessation of employer and employee relationship, then acceptance of early retirement cannot be revoked." The bench noted that the ICICI Bank did not have complete knowledge of the various facts including the non-disclosures by Kochhar, which were learnt upon receipt of enquiry report of Justice (retired) B N Srikrishna, therefore the bank was justified in revoking acceptance of early retirement through communication of January 30, 2019.

A single-judge bench of Justice R I Chagla held that Kochhar's termination was valid

The judge dismissed her interim application stating "Kochhar did not come to court with clean hands." *The Indian Express* had reported on March 29, 2018, that Videocon Group promoter Venugopal Dhoot had provided crores to a firm he had set up with Chanda Kochhar's spouse Deepak Kochhar and two relatives, six months after the group got Rs 3,250 crore as a loan from ICICI Bank in 2012. In December 2017, the CBI registered a preliminary enquiry into the sanctioning of the loan. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

States' indebtedness to remain elevated in FY23: Crisil

Mumbai: The aggregate indebtedness of states, as measured by debt to gross state domestic product (GSDP), is likely to remain elevated at 30-31 per cent in FY2023, says a Crisil report.

The indebtedness of states had risen to a decadal high of 34 per cent in fiscal 2021 before cooling a tad to around 31.5 per cent in the fiscal ended March 31, 2022. The rating agency's study of the top 18 states, which account for 90 per cent of the aggregate GSDP, showed that states borrow mainly to fund deficits on the revenue account and incur capital outlays.

"Sticky revenue expenditure and the need for higher capital outlays, along with modest revenue growth, will keep borrowings up this fiscal," the report said.

However, the Centre's announcement in the last budget to provide special assistance of Rs 1 lakh crore to all states for capital spending will provide some respite. It further said any slowdown in economic activity could negatively impact GSDP growth and its estimates. **ENS**

Equity MF inflows fall 33% in October

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

AFTER WITNESSING a significant rise in September, the net inflows into equity mutual funds dropped 33 per cent to Rs 9,390.35 crore in October 2022, according to the data released by Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on Thursday. The total inflows into equity schemes jumped 130 per cent to Rs 14,099.73 crore in September as compared to inflows of Rs 6,119.58 crore in August.

During October, the monthly contribution into systematic investment plan reached all-time high of Rs 13,040.64 crore compared to Rs 12,976.34 crore in previous month. "Markets continue to react to the global factors and domestic rate hikes. However, MF investors have shown resilience and continue to invest in SIPs, with consistent contribution month on month," said N S Venkatesh, chief executive, AMFI.

The number of SIP accounts increased to 5.93 crore in October compared to 5.83 crore in September. New SIP registered in the month was 19,72,984, AMFI said. The net asset under management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry increased to Rs 39.5 lakh crore compared to Rs 38.42 lakh crore in September. The mutual fund industry saw a net inflow of Rs 14,046.98 crore in October compared to an outflow of Rs 41,404.3 crore. Debt oriented mutual fund schemes saw an outflow of Rs 2,817.79 crore compared to an outflow Rs 65,372.40 crore seen in September, the data showed.

Monthly contribution into SIP at all-time high

Inflows in liquid fund were to the tune of Rs 19,084.60 crore. While investors pulled out Rs 1,145.28 crore from ultra short duration fund, the outflow from money market fund was 1,996.32 crore during the month. Hybrid schemes witnessed an outflow of Rs 2,819.39 crore. The net inflow in gold exchange traded funds stood at Rs 147.39 crore was Rs 330.24 crore.

'FMCG slowdown: Rural sales volume falls in Sept quarter'

India's FMCG industry continued to witness consumption slowdown in the September quarter, with rural markets registering a higher decline in volumes compared to the three months ended June, as per a NielsenIQ report



0.9% The FMCG industry witnessed an overall volume decline in comparison to the preceding three months

3.6% Rural markets recorded a volume decline in comparison to a decline of 2.4% in the June quarter

1.2% Urban markets recorded an increase in volumes

8.9% Sector continued to have a price-led growth in topline

Source: NielsenIQ/PTI

Significant inefficiencies: RBI report on municipal corporations

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has highlighted several lacunae in the working of municipal corporations, stating that there has been no appreciable improvement in their functioning despite institutionalisation of the structure of local governance in India.

"The availability and quality of essential services for urban populations in India has consequently remained poor," the RBI said in a report on municipal finances.

"Most municipalities only prepare budgets and review actuals against budgeted plans but do not use their audited financial statements for balance sheet and cash flow management, resulting in significant inefficiencies," it said. The RBI said corporations should adopt sound accounting practices with proper monitoring of various items. Central and State governments finance their deficits primarily through market borrowings — States and UTs finance around 85 per cent and the Centre finances around 61 per cent of their gross fiscal deficit through market borrowings, it said. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

BRIEFLY

Tax devolution

New Delhi: The government on Thursday released two instalments of tax devolution to states totalling over Rs 1.16 lakh crore to help accelerate their capital expenditure. Currently, 41 per cent of taxes collected by the Centre is devolved in 14 instalments among states in a fiscal year.

CBIC norms

New Delhi: The CBIC on Thursday issued guidelines for verification of GST transitional credit claims and said taxpayers will not be permitted to file revised returns for availing such credit.

GST evasion

New Delhi: GST authorities have detected GST fraud of Rs 55,575 crore over the last two years and arrested over 700 persons for causing loss to the exchequer, an official said on Thursday.

Adani Power

New Delhi: Adani Power said that it has inked a pact to sell 100 per cent stake in Support Properties Private Ltd (SPPL) to AdaniConnex Private Ltd (ACX) at an enterprise value of Rs 1,556.5 crore.

SAT, Wadias

New Delhi: In a relief to Bombay Dyeing and its promoters Nusli N Wadia and his sons, the Securities Appellate Tribunal stayed a Sebi order that banned them from the securities market for two years. **PTI**

Why Tata Motors plans to delist from NYSE?

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

EXPLAINED

TATA MOTORS has said it plans to delist its American Depositary Shares from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) after January 2023 and terminate its ADS programme. The company said it has notified the NYSE on Wednesday of its intent to voluntarily delist its ADS, each representing its five ordinary shares.

Why the move?

In a filing to exchanges, the company said since the ADS were issued in 2004, it has witnessed a considerable increase in liquidity and foreign shareholder participation in the equity stock markets in India. "The company has further considered the consistent drop in the number of ADSs outstanding as a percentage of its outstanding ordinary shares. Therefore, the rationale for ADS listing in the United States has significantly diminished," as per the filing.

How does this help?

This will help simplify the company's financial reporting requirements and reduce administrative costs. Upon delisting of its ADSs, it will concentrate trading of its equity shares on the BSE and the National Stock Exchange. "The company intends to file a Form 25 with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on or around January 13, 2023 to delist its ADSs from the NYSE," it said. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

RailTel
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
CIN No L64202DL2000GOI107905

Tender No. : RailTel/Tender/OT/CO/Project/2022-23/Type-IV Switch/006 Dated: 07.11.2022 **Supply, installation and Supervision of Testing, Commissioning of Type-IV Switches including Integration with the existing MPLS/ SDH/ DWDM network of RailTel.** Tender Notice & tender document are available on **www.railtelindia.com** and **https://railtel.enivida.com** Addendum/ corrigendum will be uploaded on www.railtelindia.com and **https://railtel.enivida.com** website.

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

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are Re-invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 74604, (2) 74801.

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/123/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER**

Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Limited
(Subsidiary of MPBCDC, a Government of Maharashtra undertaking)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MAHAPREIT intends to invite the offers from the reputed and experienced Company / Solar Projects Developers / LLP / Joint Venture / Farmer's Co-operative Society to set up distributed Solar Projects in Maharashtra or any other state in India.

The Last date of submission is 28.11.2022. Details of RFP can be viewed on **https://mahapreit.in** webiste.

Executive Director (Admin)

NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Phone - 0120 2412294, 2412445, Fax: 0120 2412218

Ref No : NFL/CMO/ABD/EOI/PDM/2022/01 Date : 11.11.2022

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Application are invited from the prospective bidders for Empanelment of Granulated Potash Derived from Molasses (PDM) units for supply of Granulated Potash Derived from Molasses for Supply which shall be further Marketing by NFL in different States. For details visit website: **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app** (e-tendering) & **www.nationalfertilizers.com** (Homepage). **E-Tender No. 2022_NFL_134796_1.** Last date of Application submission date / Opening of Application document is - **15.30 Hrs** on **30.11.2022 / 15.30 Hrs** on **01.12.2022.** Any Corrigendum (s) to this tender shall be published only on our websites.

Chief General Manager (Marketing)

@NFL_Kisan @nationalfertilizers National Fertilizer Limited

Rural Enterprise Acceleration Project (REAP)
Uttarakhand Gramya Vikas Samiti (UGVS)
Rural Development Department, Uttarakhand
216, Panditwari, Phase-II, Dehradun, 248007, Ph:- 0135-2774800

Letter No: 794/REAP/Adv/EOI/ 2022-23 Date : 10.11.2022

Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for hiring of agency for Base Line Survey of the REAP Project

Reference No. EoI/ 04/2022-23

The UGVS, through Government of Uttarakhand has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of REAP and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with REAP

The consulting services ("the services") include: Hiring of agency for base line survey of REAP project. The UGVS ("the client") now invites eligible consulting firms ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Expression of Interest is invited online through **www.uktenders.gov.in.** Interested consultants may download EoI document and apply online through website: **www.uktenders.gov.in.**

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at **www.ifad.org/project-procurement.** The date of publication of the EoI on **www.uktenders.gov.in** is 12-11-2022 at 10:00 AM. The last date of submission of REoI through **www.uktenders.gov.in** is 29th November till 2:00 PM.

Sd/-Project Director, UGVS-REAP

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Torrent Power Limited
Registered Office: "Samanvay", 600, Tapovan, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad - 380 015, Ph.: 079-26628000

CIN: L31200GJ2004PLC044068
Website: www.torrentpower.com
E-mail: cs@torrentpower.com

EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

[₹ in crores except per share data]

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 Un-audited	Six months Ended 30.09.2022 Un-audited	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021 Un-audited
Total income from operations	6,703.15	13,213.46	3,647.62
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	724.63	1,395.69	485.25
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	724.63	1,395.69	485.25
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	484.19	986.20	368.84
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax) (attributable to owners of the Company)	482.31	985.58	365.23
Equity share capital	480.62	480.62	480.62
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)			9,462.56 (as at 31.03.2022)
Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each)			
Basic	10.02	20.47	7.64
Diluted	10.02	20.47	7.64

EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

[₹ in crores]

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 Un-audited	Six months Ended 30.09.2022 Un-audited	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021 Un-audited
Total income from operations	5,016.71	9,667.86	3,447.90
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	714.58	1,354.57	470.94
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	714.58	1,354.57	470.94
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	492.94	973.71	356.28
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax)	492.97	974.92	354.24

Note :

1 The above is an extract of the detailed financial results for the quarter and six months ended September 30, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on the websites of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the Company's website at www.torrentpower.com.

Place : Ahmedabad
Date : November 10, 2022

SALUTE THE SOLDIER





Sowar Sultan Singh,SC

As the fraternity of Veer Bihari's assemble for the XIV Reunion, we pay homage to our gallant colleagues who made the supreme sacrifice for the safety of the country and the honour of the regiment.

(Lt Col H U S Gaur, AC) (Lt Col S S Rana, AC) (Maj Sandeep Unnikrishnan, AC), (Capt G S Suri,MVC), (Col B Santosh Babu, MVC)(Hav Rudal Prasad Singh, KC), (Nk Vishwa Kerketta, KC), (Sep Gauri Shankar Sah, KC), (Sep Rahul, KC), (Maj Ashok Anand,VrC), (Maj H S Grewal, VrC), (Maj M Sarvanan, VrC), (Sub Ghama Oraon,VrC), (Nb Sub Nudu Ram Soren, VrC), (Nk/NA Deepak Singh,VrC)(Nk Ganesh Pd Yadav, VrC), (Sep J B Kiro, VrC), (Sep Manoj Kr Singh, VrC), (Capt TarunKumar,SC)(Sub Ram DhariTiwari,SC), (Hav ChandramaSingh,SC), (Hav B K Shukla,SC), (L/Hav Sri Dhoro Majhi, SC), (L/Hav TheophilTiru,SC), (L/Nk PanchdeoTiwari,SC),(L/NK Sanjay Kumar Singh,SC), (L/Nk KamtaPandey,SC),(Sep Deep Narayan Singh,SC), (Sep Durga CharanOraon,SC), (Sep Badal Hasda,SC),(Sep Shailesh Kumar Singh,SC), (Swr Dhiraj Singh, SC), (Swr Sultan Singh,SC) and

Sub Shyam Bahadur Singh,KC, Sep Gorakh Nath Singh,KC, Capt G S Grewal,SC, 2/Lt Shailesh Kumar,SC, Nk JidanBage,SC, Maj N S Shakhtawat,SM, Maj R C Nair,SM, 2/Lt RavitejSingh,SM , Sub Anthony Horo,SM , Sub Rajesh Xaxa,SM, RisHaripalDatta,SM, Hav BudhuwaHoro,SM, Hav Ranjit Kumar,SM, Hav Ratan Kr Singh,SM, Hav Birsa Oraon,SM, Hav Ramesh Pd Singh,SM, Hav Sunil Kumar,SM, Nk Bikram Tudu,SM, Nk Vijay Kumar,SM, Nk BandiBhagat,SM, L/Nk SepahiRam,SM, L/Nk BidyanandSingh,SM, Sep Shankar Hembrom,SC, Sep SalukaBanra,SM, Sep PabhudhanHembrom,SM, Sep YadunathPrasad,SM, Sep Surjit Singh,SM, Sep Parmod Kumar Singh,SM, Sep S S P Gupta,SM, Sep N S K Kavaji,SM, Sep HardeoPasad,SM, Sep Ashutosh Kr Singh,SM, Sep DilipBesra,SM, Sep BikramaSingh,SM, Sep GomajiNiharima,SM, Sep Balram Dhruv,SM, Sep ChitranjanSingh,SM, Sep David Ravindra Minj,SM, Sep DisneshGoswami,SM, Sep Ganesh Ram,SM, Sep Rajesh Orang,SM, Sep Aman Kumar,SM, Sep Chandan Kumar, SM, Sep C K Pradhan,SM, Sep Ganesh Hansda, SM, Sep Kundan Kumar Ojha,SM, Sep Kundan Kumar,SM

AND all the Veer Biharis who laid down their live for the country without seeking recognition.

You faced the enemy in every conflict which the country has faced and brought honour at "AKHAURA,"(1971) and "BATALIK" (1999). More recently, you showed your mettle at the famous engagements at Uri and Galwan.

We are proud that we had the opportunity to serve with you, the finest soldiers of our country. You lived up to the Regiment's motto of "Karm Hi Dharm". Your hallowed names stand engraved on The Bihar Regiment War Memorial and your gallantry and selfless sacrifice will be remembered for posterity.

The Bihar Regiment Association

Jhumri Telaiya Nagar Parishad
Near Bazar Samiti, Jhumritelaiya, Distt. Koderma, Jharkhand

Reference No.- ULB/NIT/JHUMRI-TELAIYA SEPTAGE/TENDER/1910/2021/Date:
Tender Notice (3rd Call)
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1	Name of Work	Construction & Commissioning of Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant of Capacity 30 m3/day at Jhumri Telaiya (Jharkhand) and Operation and Maintenance for 5 years
2	Estimated Cost (INR)	Construction Cost: ₹ 4,60,47,370 Operation & Maintenance Cost: ₹1,83,39,514 Total:- ₹ 6,43,86,884
3	Bid Security (INR)	₹6,44,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousands Only)
4	Cost of Bid Document (INR)	₹ 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only); non-refundable
5	Time of Completion	1 year of construction which comprises 9 months of construction and 3 months of defect liability period including one month of trial run and 5 years of O&M post DLP
6	Date of e-publication of tender	16.11.2022, 17:00 Hrs
7	Document downloading start Date	16.11.2022, 17:00 Hrs
8	Start date for seeking clarification	16.11.2022, 17:00 Hrs
9	End date for seeking clarification	05.12.2022, 17:00 Hrs
10	Pre bid meeting date, Time & Venue	28.11.2022, 14:00 Hrs at Chamber of Office of Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad, Jhumri Telaiya Jharkhand – 825409
11	Bid submission end date	07.12.2022, 17:00 Hrs
12	Last day for the submission of Bid Security, cost of bid document	08.12.2022, 17:00 Hrs
13	Bid opening date (online)	09.12.2022, 17:30 Hrs

Complete bid document is available on website http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
*Bid security 1% of Bid amount.

Administrator
Nagar Parishad, Jhumri Telaiya

PR281906 (Urban Development)22-23*D

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	HSIIDC	STRENGTHENING-UP-GRADATION OF ROADS IN PHASE-II, SECTOR-38 AT IE RAI UNDER PM GATI SHAKTI SCHEME & THEREAFTER DLP OF 36 MONTHS	14.11.2022 05.12.2022	1565.43 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416767348 ia.rai@hsiidc.org.in

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF RAILWAY
RESEARCH DESIGNS & STANDARDS ORGANISATION, Manak Nagar, Lucknow-226011.

TRACTION INSTALLATION DIRECTORATE
Open E-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, The Traction Installation Directorate of RDSO, Lucknow invites open E-Tender (online) for the following work:-

E-Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document Rs.	Completion Period	Date & Time of closing
RDSO-TI-PSI-SIMU-2022-01	Simulation for Power Supply indicating adequacy of the existing power supply system for design speed 220 kmph and operation of trains at 200kmph for a representative section of 200 route km of Delhi-Howrah rail route	5074000.00	101500.00	00.00	03 Months	15/12/2022 15:00 hrs

Details of above E-Tender is available on web site. (**www.ireps.gov.in**). Tenderers can submit their bids from **01.12.2022 to 15.12.2022 up-to 15.00 hrs**. Only E-bid shall be accepted against above tender, Cost of tender document will be paid through online payment mode as available on IREPS portal only. No other mode of payment is acceptable. In case any technical difficulty, help desk of CRIS/New Delhi may be approached. The telephone numbers are:- 011-24105180, 24102855, 23370704, 23370703.

Sd/-
(Jitendra Kumar)
Director/TI-III
For Director General
RDSO, Lucknow.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Eastern Peripheral Expressway

Public Notice on revised user fee (toll) rates on Eastern Peripheral Expressway Fee Plazas applicable w.e.f. 11.11.2022 (00:00 hrs)

1. It is hereby informed to all concerned that the user fee for the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (NE-2) from Km. 1.000 to Km. 136.000 has been revised w.e.f. 11.11.2022 (00.00 hrs) and revised rates applicable for the toll plazas located at Jakhauli, Mawikalan, Duhai, NE 3, Dansa, Bilakbarpur, Fatehpur Rampur, Maujpur & Chhajju Nagar in the states of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh are as under:

SCHEDULE OF FEE FOR SINGLE JOURNEY (IN RUPEES)

Entry	Exit							
Main Plaza, Jakhauli								
Type of Vehicle	Mawikalan	Duhai	NE 3	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	35	90	100	105	140	160	215	265
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	55	145	160	170	230	260	350	430
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	115	300	340	355	480	545	730	900
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	125	330	370	390	520	595	795	980
MAV 4-6 axle	180	470	530	560	750	855	1145	1410
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	215	575	645	680	915	1040	1395	1715
Entry	Exit							
Mawikalan	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Duhai	NE 3	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	35	55	65	70	110	130	180	230
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	55	90	105	115	175	205	295	375
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	115	185	225	245	365	430	615	785
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	125	205	245	265	400	470	675	855
MAV 4-6 axle	180	295	350	380	570	675	965	1230
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	215	355	425	465	695	825	1175	1500
Entry	Exit							
Duhai	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	NE 3	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	90	55	10	15	55	70	125	175
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	145	90	15	25	85	115	205	285
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	300	185	35	55	180	245	430	600
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	330	205	40	60	195	265	470	650
MAV 4-6 axle	470	295	55	90	280	385	675	940
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	575	355	70	105	340	465	820	1140
Entry	Exit							
NE 3	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	Duhai	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	100	65	10	5	40	60	115	165
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	160	105	15	10	65	100	185	270
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	340	225	35	20	140	210	395	560
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	370	245	40	20	155	225	430	610
MAV 4-6 axle	530	350	55	30	220	325	615	880
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	645	425	70	35	270	400	750	1070

Entry	Exit							
Dasna	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	Duhai	NE 3	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	105	70	15	5	35	55	110	160
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	170	115	25	10	60	90	180	260
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	355	245	55	20	120	190	375	540
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	390	265	60	20	135	205	405	590
MAV 4-6 axle	560	380	90	30	190	295	585	850
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	680	465	105	35	235	360	715	1035
Entry	Exit							
Bilakbarpur	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	Duhai	NE 3	Dasna	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	140	110	55	40	35	20	75	125
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	230	175	85	65	60	30	120	200
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	480	365	180	140	120	65	250	420
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	520	400	195	155	135	75	275	460
MAV 4-6 axle	750	570	280	220	190	105	395	660
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	915	695	340	270	235	130	480	800
Entry	Exit							
Fatehpur Rampur	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	Duhai	NE 3	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Maujpur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	160	130	70	60	55	20	55	105
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	260	205	115	100	90	30	90	170
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	545	430	245	210	190	65	185	355
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	595	470	265	225	205	75	200	385
MAV 4-6 axle	855	675	385	325	295	105	290	555
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	1040	825	465	400	360	130	350	675
Entry	Exit							
Maujpur	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	Duhai	NE 3	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	215	180	125	115	110	75	55	50
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	350	295	205	185	180	120	90	80
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	730	615	430	395	375	250	185	170
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	795	675	470	430	405	275	200	185
MAV 4-6 axle	1145	965	675	615	585	395	290	265
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	1395	1175	820	750	715	480	350	320
Entry	Exit							
Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar	Main Plaza, Jakhauli	Mawikalan	Duhai	NE 3	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur	Maujpur
Type of Vehicle								
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	265	230	175	165	160	125	105	50
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	430	375	285	270	260	200	170	80
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	900	785	600	560	540	420	355	170
MAV/Three-axle commercial Vehicles	980	855	650	610	590	460	385	185
MAV 4-6 axle	1410	1230	940	880	850	660	555	265
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	1715	1500	1140	1070	1035	800	675	320

1. The list of exempted vehicles is as given in the amendment to Fee Rule notified vide GSR no. 950 (E) dated 11.11.2022 to the website **http://www.tis.nhai.gov.in** may be visited.
2. For any enquiry and for giving complaints/suggestions, please contact Project Implementation Unit-Ghaziabad. Under CWG Flyover, at Km. 2+000 of NH-9 (Old NH-24). Near Akshardham Temple, Delhi-110092. E-mail: **gha@nhai.org**.

Project Director, NHAI PIU-Ghaziabad

BUILDING A NATION, NOT JUST ROADS

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
Re-Invitation of Tender through E- Tendering (E-Procurement System)

S. N.	Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of work with its location	Approx.Cost of work	Amount of Earnest Money	Completion period of the work	Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender
1	32-W-UMB-BR-28-49 DATE 09.11.2022	Improvement to longitudinal level of girder with provision of stool of Br.No. 28 & 49 on JHL-HSR in the jurisdiction of AXEN/BL/UMB	Rs. 899244.17	Rs.18000	(03) Three Months	Upto 15.00 hrs on 02.12.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day
2	32-W-SERVICE-SPAN-DLI DATE 09.11.2022	Loading, leading & unloading of service span from different location over DLI division to SSE/BR/M/SSB store, fabrication of loose fittings of service span in the jurisdiction of AXEN/BL/SPL/TKJ.	Rs.9816299.86	Rs.196300.00	(08) Eight Months	Upto 15.00 hrs on 02.12.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day
3	32-W-UMB-BR-140-148-233 DATE 09.11.2022	Strengthening of heavily corroded/ perforated of X-girders at Br. No. 233 UP (5X30.5m) on DUK section, 148 (1x76.2m) & 161 (2x45.7m) on SIR-DLPC section and strengthening of heavily corroded/perforated X- girder at Br.No. 140(10x30.5m) on SIR-NLDM section on UMB Division in the jurisdiction AXEN/BL/UMB	Rs.8597183.57	Rs.172000.00	(06) Six Months	Upto 15.00 hrs on 02.12.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day
4	32-W-BR-15A-15-DLI DATE 09.11.2022	Raising of Bridge No. 15 (3x9.15m) North Line 15(3x12.20m) UP & DN, 15A (4x9.15m) UP & DN south line and strengthening & replacement of badly corroded/perforated members, rivet of different components of Br. No. 15 North Line between PTNR - KIRTI Nagar in the Jurisdiction of AXEN/BR/SPL/TKJ.	Rs.7523261.59	Rs.150500.00	(06) Six Months	Upto 15.00 hrs on 02.12.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day

Note: Above tenders are available on website, **IREPS** site i.e.**www.Ireps.gov.In** where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded. **2992/22**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

J-9

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Selection of Airline(s) to have a direct flight between Bhubaneswar to International destinations like Dubai, Singapore & Bangkok

Government of Odisha desires to have direct international flight from Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar to foreign soil and is looking for interested scheduled air service carriers to start its air service operations. To begin with international flight from Bhubaneswar to international destinations like **Dubai, Singapore & Bangkok** with three flights a week preferably on alternate days including the weekends.

Eligible and interested scheduled Airline operators may download the Request for Quotation (RFQ) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer,

https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app & **https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders**.

Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by **05:00 PM on 28.11.2022**. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Additional Secretary to Govt.
Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department
Government of Odisha
OIPR-38001/11/0008/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
Andhra Pradesh Government Text Book Press
Tender Notice (e-Procurement)

Rc.No.551/P1/2022, Dt.10.11.2022
Name of the work : Procurement of 70 GSM S.S. Maplitho White Printing paper and 200 GSM Virgin Online coated multi layer M.G. Board for supply of Text Books for the academic year 2023-24: 1) Quantity to be supplied : 7611 M.T. Value of work : Rs.79.92 Crore. 2) Quantity to be supplied : 7000 M.T. Value of work : Rs.73.50 Crore. 3) Quantity to be supplied : 1401 M.T. Value of work : Rs.15.41 Crore. Floating of online tenders : 11.11.2022 at 10.00 AM to 17.11.2022 upto 1 PM. Tenders can be viewed on www.apeprocurement.gov.in

Sd/- Director, A.P. Govt. Text Book Press, Guntur

DIPR No.6875/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.10/11/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Named:** Abubakar Siddiq, **S/o:** Aabul, **R/o:** Aman Biradri, Meena Bazar, Jama Masjid, Delhi, **Age:** about 70 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Grey & Red colour jacket and white payjama and bare footed, was found dead at Near Gate No. 2, Jama Masjid, Delhi on dated 07.11.2022 at 10:03 am. The dead body has been preserved in MAMC Hospital, New Delhi mortuary for 72 hours.

In this regard a **DD No. 34-A, dated 07.11.2022,** has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi
DP/2707/CD/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23269777, 8750870422

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused **Sonu @ Sunil @ Pandit @ Tota** S/o Ramesh Pandit, R/o H.No. 229, Gali No-5, Kanti Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 120/2021 u/s 379/411 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sonu @ Sunil @ Pandit @ Tota** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sonu @ Sunil @ Pandit @ Tota** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sonu @ Sunil @ Pandit @ Tota** of **FIR No. 120/2021 u/s 379/411 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.12.2022.**

By Order
Sh. Bharat Aggarwal
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-05,
Court No.316, Shahdara, District,
DP/2326/SHD/2022 (Court Matter) Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ़)
ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना

क्र. /स्व./2022 दिनांक 07.10.2022

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित सफाई व्यवस्था कार्य हेतु (Online) आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	निविदा डालने की अंतिम तिथि
1	वार्ड क्र. 1,4,5,6 एवं 11 कोरबा जोन क्षेत्र की सफाई कार्य (प्रथम निविदा) (निगम मद)	123.50	29.11.2022 (T.No. 113867)
2	वार्ड क्र. 7,8,9,10 एवं 12 कोरबा जोन क्षेत्र की सफाई कार्य (प्रथम निविदा) (निगम मद)	114.25	29.11.2022 (T.No. 113868)
3	वार्ड क्र. 2,3,13,14,15,16 परिवहन नगर जोन क्षेत्र की सफाई कार्य (प्रथम निविदा) (निगम मद)	136.77	29.11.2022 (T.No. 113869)
4	वार्ड क्र. 45,46,18,51,52,53 एवं 55 दरी जोन क्षेत्र की सफाई कार्य (प्रथम निविदा) (निगम मद)	102.65	29.11.2022 (T.No. 113870)
5	वार्ड क्र. 63,65,66,67 बांकीमोंगरा क्षेत्र की सफाई कार्य (प्रथम निविदा) (निगम मद)	62.66	29.11.2022 (T.No. 113871)
6	वार्ड क्र. 54,56,58,59 सर्वमंगला नरग जोन क्षेत्र की सफाई कार्य (प्रथम निविदा) (निगम मद)	64.25	29.11.2022 (T.No. 113872)

उपरोक्त कार्यो की निविदा की जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in से डाऊनलोड की जा सकती है, साथ ही निगम के वेब साईट www.korbamunicipal.in एवं www.korba.urbanecg.gov.in पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

।। स्वच्छ भारत निर्माण में योगदान दें।।

हस्ता/-
सहायक स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी
नगर पालिक निगम कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ़)

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), S.E.Railway, Chakradharpur for & on behalf of the President of India against open tender for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.; Name of work; Tender value; EMD : (1) CKP-EAST-22-23-27, dated 09.11.2022;** (i) RCC jacketing of wing wall & construction of retaining wall of Br. No. 329 Up between Kandra-Kunki section on 25T axle route in section Sini-Kandra-Chandil-Purulia-Anara-Garh Dhrubeswar-Joychandi Pahar-Madhukunda-Damodar-Mohisila-Karkend. (ii) Replacement of bed block of Br. No. 302 Up & Dn between Sini-Rajkharsawan section on 25T axle route in section Gua-Bolanikhadan-Bara Jamda-Padapahar-Rajkharsawan-Sini-Gamharia-Tatanagar; ₹ 2,12,34,782.60; ₹ 2,56,200/- **(2) CKP-EAST-22-23-28, dated 09.11.2022;** Complete Track Renewal (Secondary) for 6.548 km at different loops line at station Tatanagar, Sini, Aunlajori & Through Rail Renewal(S) for 0.465 km at different loops line at Gorumahisani station under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN(East)/Chakradharpur (4th Call); ₹ 1,41,45,505.12; ₹ 2,20,700/-. **(3) CKP-CENTRAL-22-23-26, dated 09.11.2022;** Revival of cross over and lines at Tupadih station in connection of Revival of Tupadih station with the centralized operation of point and signal with electronic interlocking, provision of two loop lines with construction and electrification of EI Building and Goomties at Tupadih station in Bondamunda-Kiriburu section in Chakradharpur Division in S.E. Railway; ₹ 54,17,736.00; ₹ 1,08,400/-. **Cost of Tender form :** 0.00 for each. **Date of opening :** 02.12.2022 for sl. nos. 1 & 2 and 12.12.2022 for sl. no. 3. The tender can be viewed at Web site **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. **(PR-773)**

UPPTCL

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

अनुभवी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/फर्मों से पारेषण पश्चिम क्षेत्र, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निम्न कार्य हेतु ई–निविदा ई–पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर 12.00 बजे तक आंमत्रित की जाती है। ई–निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश की स्थिति में ई–निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। 1. निविदा संख्या – टी–10/2022–23 : पारेषण पश्चिम क्षेत्र मेरठ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न नए पारेषण उपकेन्द्रों तथा 400/220/132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्रों पर Preparation of Sub station Electrical Layout, Measuring Earth resistivity एवं लाईनों पर Survey for Making Transmission Lines Route, Line Length, Survey of Foundation Work with Testing of Soil, Tower Classification and Schedule, Preparation of Profile इत्यादि के कार्य के लिए with CONTRACTORS/ FIRMS के EMPANELMENT हेतु। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क Empanelment शुल्क के साथ रु0 2,360/–(कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 12.12.2022। ई–निविदा निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। ई–निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकार/ विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई–निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग ऑन करें। मुख्य अभियन्ता (पारेषण पश्चिम) 130–डी, पारेषण भवन, विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ "राष्ट्र हित मे ऊर्जा बचायें" पत्रांक 6990/मु0अ0(पा०प०)मेरठ/ T-10/22–23 दिनांक :– 09.11.2022

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

SHORT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

(Through e-procurement mode only over https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Short Tender Notice No. - PR 217 /2022

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced Firms/Companies/Agencies/Societies having adequate infrastructure and Experience of **" Supply of Non-Variable Printing of Answer Books with OMR Cover and OMR Sheets for Intermediate and Secondary Examination, 2023 (Annual/ Compartmental) & Other Examinations as per decision of BSEB."**

Scope of work	Cost of Tender Document	Tender Processing Fee	Earnest Money
	(Inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e., NEFT/ RTGS/, CreditCard/Debit card) (Non-Refundable)		
Supply of Non-variable Printing of Answer Books with OMR Cover and OMR Sheets for Intermediate and Secondary Examination, 2023 (Annual and Compartmental) & Other Examinations.	₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only	₹3,540/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty only	₹5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme:

Date and Time for Activity	Date/ Time: Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	**From: 11/11/2022 (11:00 Hrs) to 24/11/2022 (14:00 Hrs)** (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid Meeting	**16/11/2022 at 12.30 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	**24/11/2022 up to 14:00 Hrs.** (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of EMD (in case of BG) in Hard copy/ Original	**26/11/2022 up to 13:00 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	**26/11/2022 at 14:30 Hrs** (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by Competent Authority

- Tender Document Fee & Tender Processing fee to be submitted only via Online Mode. EMD to be submitted offline only in case of Bank Guarantee.
- Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in.**
- For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e-Procurement HELP DESK Address: Mjunction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar First" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at **(https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**. Bidders may also raise their concern by following means
  - ✓ Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571 (Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM, All days in week except few selected state holidays)
  - ✓ Email ID **eproc2support@bihar.gov.in**
- Corrigendum/ Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in** itself.
- **Contact Details:** Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal officer - +91 62999 23095, E-Mail ID – **eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in/ eproc.bseb@gmail.com**
- **Note:** - Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to Accept/ Cancel/ Reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

hmda Growing Global

RFP for TOT for 30 years period

Bid/ Package no.: 170/CGM(T)/HGCL/TOT/2022-23 Dated : 09/11/2022

RFP FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Government of Telangana through HGCL seek the Tolling, Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (TOT) of the Nehru Outer Ring Road in Hyderabad. Brief particulars of the Project are as follows:

Project Name	Length (Kms)	Initial Estimated Concession Value of Authority (Rs. Crore)	Last Date for receiving Bids
Tolling, Operation, Maintenance & Transfer of Nehru Outer Ring Road (from Km 0+000 to Km 158+000) in Hyderabad, Telangana	158.000	To be disclosed after receipt of Technical Bids and after declaring the Selected Bidder	16.01.2023 up to 11:00 hrs IST

The complete Bid document can be viewed / downloaded from the official portal of HMDA **www.hmda.gov.in** or e-procurement portal of Government of Telangana **[https://tender.telangana.gov.in]** from 10.11.2022 Bid must be submitted online only at **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**.Technical submission of the bids received online shall be opened on 16.01.2023 (at 14 00 hours IST).

Pre bid meeting will be held on **29.11.2022.**

Any amendments to the RFP and Bid process will be notified through e- tender portal only.

Sd/- Chairman, HGCL/ Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA.

Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited
HGCL Building, Khajaguda Road, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad- 500104
Email:cgmhgcl@gmail.com, Ph No:+914029559433

Issued By: Commissioner, I & PR Department, Government of Telangana

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत जानपद मण्डल (वितरण)
दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड
64-खम्बा, बाईपास रोड सिकन्दरा, आगरा

अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई–निविदा)

अद्योहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा दो भागों में प्रतिष्ठित एवं योग्य कार्यदायी संस्थाओ/आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से निम्न कार्य हेतु निविदा शुल्क/धरोहर धनराशि एवं ई–निविदा दिनांक 28.11.2022 को अपराह्न 1:00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन पोर्टल पर प्राप्त की जायेगी एवं ई–निविदा दिनांक 29.11.2022 को अपराह्न 1:00 बजें से खोली जायेगी। **(1) नि0वि0सं0 53/ECC(D)Ag/2022–23:-** 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दरा आगरा पर स्थित प्रबन्ध निदेशक कार्यालय में कार्यरत महिला कर्मचारियों के लिए रेस्ट/बाइल्ड केयर कक्ष की स्थापना हेतु आवश्यक जानपदीय कार्य। (कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, के लिये **www.dvvnl.org** एवं **http://etender.up.nic.in** पर देखें। हैल्प लाईन– 1800–180–3023

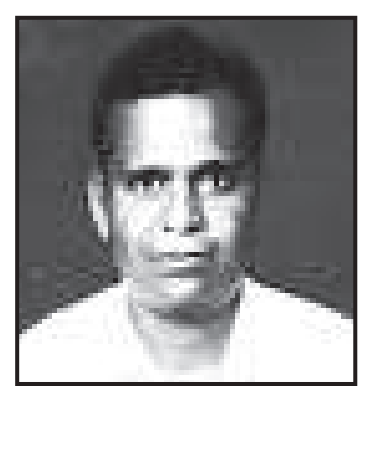
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (जानपद)
विद्युत जानपद मण्डल (वितरण), आगरा
पत्रांक: 1157/वि0जा0म0(वि0)/आ0/टी–2 दिनांक: 10/11/2022
राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, Construction CIRCLE,
U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN)
Opp. Car Scan Centre, Ramghat Road, Aligarh-202001
Email ID : supertendinge@gmail.com
No.: 2151/निविदा/29 Dated : 10.11.2022

E-TENDER NOTICE

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Named:** Ramesh Kumar Sharma @ Guruji, **S/o:** Asharfi Lal Sharma, **R/o:** Present Address (1) H.No. 52-C, DDA Flats, Krishna Enclave, Ashok Vihar, Ph-3, Delhi-52 and (2) C-1/63-B, Ashok Vihar, Ph-2, Delhi-52, **Age:** 49 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** White kurta & payjama, He was admitted in Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital, Delhi and during the treatment doctor declared him dead on dated 28.10.2022 at 4:25 pm. The dead body has been preserved in BJRM Hospital, Jahangirpuri, Delhi mortuary for 72 hrs.

In this regard a **DD No. 72-A, dated 28.10.2022,** has been lodged at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

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ZIP NET No. NWD/BTN/2022/39 P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi
DP/2662/NW/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-27301200, 8750870222

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Corrigendum

This is with reference to notice inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment of vendors to supply the printed books in Nehru Library which was published in Dainik Jagran (Haryana Edition) and Indian Express (Delhi Edition) on 16.10.2022. This is to notify that the condition No. 6 i.e. **"firm/agency should have a registered office in Delhi/NCR"** and condition of **submission of GST Registration Certificate** under condition No. 8 of EOI have been withdrawn. Rest of the terms & conditions of EOI will remain same. The last date of submission of EOI has been extended to 19.11.2022 upto 5.00 p.m. The offers of EOI will be opened on 21.11.2022 at 10.30 a.m. (date of opening if rescheduled due to administrative reasons will be intimated via e-mail or mobile phone).

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मध्यप्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
पर्यावरण परिसर, ई-5, अरेरा कॉलोनी, भोपाल-16

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

कन्टीन्यूअस एम्बीयन्ट एयर क्वॉलिटी मॉनिटरिंग स्टेशन (सी.ए.ए.क्यू.एम.एस.) के प्रदाय, स्थापना, कमीशनिंग तथा पांच वर्षों के लिये संचालन व संधारण हेतु निविदा

मध्यप्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, मुख्यालय, भोपाल द्वारा मध्यप्रदेश के विभिन्न शहरों में वायु गुणवत्ता की मॉनिटरिंग हेतु 21 कन्टीन्यूअस एम्बीयन्ट एयर क्वॉलिटी मॉनिटरिंग स्टेशन (सी.ए.ए.क्यू.एम.एस.) के क्रय, स्थापना, कमीशनिंग एवं पांच वर्षों के लिये संचालन व संधारण हेतु निर्माताओं/एजेंसी/अधिकृत फर्मो/सेवा प्रदाताओं से ई-निविदाएं पोर्टल https://www.mptenders.gov.in पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं :

क्र. विवरण	नियत तिथि व समय
1. निविदा जारी करने की तिथि व समय	11.11.2022, सायं 05.00 बजे
2. बिड जमा करने की प्रारंभ तिथि व समय	18.11.2022, दोपहर 01.00 बजे
3. बिड जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि व समय	12.12.2022, दोपहर 01.00 बजे
4. बिड खोलने की तिथि व समय (तकनीकी ऑफर)	13.12.2022, दोपहर 01.00 बजे

आवश्यक तिथि सहित विवरण एवं निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु ई-निविदा पोर्टल www.mptenders.gov.in तथा बोर्ड की वेबसाइट www.mppcb.mp.gov.in का अवलोकन करें। भविष्य में निविदा के संबंध में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित न होकर केवल पोर्टल पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा। अगर इस बिड में किसी भी गतिविधि के लिए निर्धारित कार्यक्रम में उल्लेखित किसी भी तिथि पर शासन द्वारा अवकाश घोषित किया जाता है तो वह तिथि आगामी कार्यदिवस में स्थानांतरित हो जाएगी।

म.प्र. माध्यम/107187/2022 **सदस्य सचिव**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused **Shahzad** S/o Kamaal, R/o Village Aminabad, PS Punhana, District Mewat, Haryana have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 7158/2015 u/s 379/411/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Shahzad** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Shahzad** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Shahzad** of **FIR No. 7158/2015 u/s 379/411/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.12.2022.**

By Order
Sh. Bharat Aggarwal
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-05,
Court No.316, Shahdara, District,
DP/2442/SHD/2022 (Court Matter) Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

कार्यालय
क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एंव यूनानी अधिकारी
बुलन्दशहर।

पत्रांक सख्या–1252/2022–2023/शास्त्रोक्त औषधि दिनांक–05–11–2022

(अल्पकालीन निविदा–विज्ञप्ति)

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एंव यूनानी अधिकारी बुलन्दशहर में शास्त्रोक्त औषधि (निर्मित औषधि) को वित्तीय हस्तपुस्तिका खण्ड–5 भाग–1 परिशिष्ट–19 में निविदा से सम्बन्धित सामान्य सिद्धान्त में निहित निर्देश के अनसार रू0 9,60,000.00(रूपये नौ लाख साठ हजार मात्र) के अन्तर्गत दर अनुबन्ध के आधार पर आपूर्ति हेतु ऐसे अनुभवी एंव प्रतिष्ठित व्यापारियो से मौहरबंद निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है, जो अद्यावधि लाइसेंस एवं अच्छी विनिर्माण पद्वति (जीएमपी)प्रमाण–पत्र धारक वैधता वाली ऐसी प्रतिष्ठित GMP Holder Original Manufacturer फर्मे, जो स्वयं गुणकारी औषधि का निर्माण करती हैं तथा जो केन्द्रीय जॉच ब्यूरो तथा किसी विभाग द्वारा प्रतिबन्धित/काली सूची में अंकित न हो। निविदा दाता फर्म का गत तीन वर्षो से व्यापारकर कार्यालय में पंजीकरण होना आवश्यक है। फर्म का विगत तीन वर्षो में आयुर्वेदिक शास्त्रोक्त औषधियों का प्रत्येक वर्ष टर्नओवर रू–30,00,000.00 (तीस लाख रूपये मात्र) होना चाहिए। इसके अतिरिक्त निविदा प्रपत्र में दी गयी शर्तो एंव नियमों को पूर्ण करना अनिवार्य होगा। शास्त्रोक्त औषधियों की मात्रा अनुमानित रखी गयी है,जो वित्तीय संसाधनो की उपलब्धता के सापेक्ष परिवर्तनीय हो सकती है।

मानक मद 39–औषधि तथा रसायन की आपूर्ति हेतु फर्म को इस उद्देश्य/प्रयोजन निमित्त राज्य औषधि नियन्त्रक या अनुज्ञापन प्राधिकारी द्वारा जारी दोष सिद्ध नहीं होने का प्रमाणपत्र (नान कनविक्शनल प्रमाण पत्र प्रारूप 26 ड.3 पर) तथा इस आशय का स्टाम्प पेपर पर शपथ–पत्र आवेदन के साथ संलग्न करना होगा तथा राज्य औषधि नियन्त्रक या अनुज्ञापन प्राधिकारी द्वारा जारी खुले बाजार में विक्रय प्रमाण पत्रों पर उत्पादों की सूची सहित मौलिक निविदा पत्र जमा करते समय संलग्न करना होगा।

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01	02	(रू0) 03	04	05	06
1–	39– आयुर्वेदिक औषधि तथा रसायन	9,60,000/–	निविदा द्वारा	1700/–	19200/–

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1– निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि–21–11–2022
2– निविदा पत्र विक्रय की तिथि–22–11–2022 सुबह 10.00 बजे से कार्या0 क्षे0आयु0यू0अधि0 बुलन्दशहर में।
3– निविदा पत्र विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि व समय 05–12–2022 सॉयः 04:00 बजे तक
4– निविदा पत्र जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि व समय 12–12–2022 दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक
5– निविदा प्रपत्र खोलने की तिथि व समय 15–12–2022 को अपरान्ह 01.00 से
6– निविदा मूल्य जो वापिस नही होगा रू 1700.00(रू0 एक हजार सात सौ मात्र) (समस्त कर सहित) का नगद भुगतान पर स्थान कार्यालय क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी अधिकारी बुलन्दशहर में।
7–धरोहर राशि रू0–19200.00 (रूपये उन्नीस हजार दो सौ मात्र) राष्ट्रीय बैंक से जारी एफ0डी0आर0के रूप में क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एंव यूनानी अधिकारी बुलन्दशहर के नाम बन्धक कराकर मुहरबंद निविदा के साथ जमा करना होगा,जो मूल रूप से दिनांक–12–12–2022 दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक कार्यालय–बुलन्दशहर में पंजीकृत डाक से अथवा हस्तगत सेवा के माध्यम से जमा कराना अनिवार्य होगा,उक्त एफ0डी0आर0 समयान्तर्गत प्राप्त न कराये जाने की स्थिति में निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। विलम्ब की स्थिति में विभाग का कोई उत्तरदायित्व नही होगा।
8–निविदादाता के पास विगत 3 वर्षो में समान प्रकृति की सामग्री आपूर्ति के कार्य का अनुभव होना चाहिए तथा फर्म किसी काली सूची में सामिल नहीं होनी चाहिये।
9–आपूर्ति स्थान कार्यालय क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एंव यूनानी अधिकारी,बुलन्दशहर।
10–निविदा की वैधता दिनांक–31–03–2023 तक।
11–निविदा में उल्लिखित औषधियों की आपूर्ति के समय लैब परीक्षण रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करना होगा। जिसका व्यय सम्बन्धित फर्म द्वारा वहन किया जायेगा।

समस्त निविदायें क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एंव यूनानी अधिकारी,बुलन्दशहर के कार्यालय में निश्चित तिथि एंव समय पर उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के समक्ष खोली जायेंगी। निविदा खुलने की तिथि में अवकाश पडने की दशा में निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी अधोहस्ताक्षरी को किसी एक या सम्पूर्ण निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है। इस सम्बन्ध में कोई वाद स्वीकार नहीं होगा। निविदा दाता के पिछले टेण्डर की जमा धनराशि को इस प्रयोजन में सम्मिलित नहीं किया जायेगा। सप्लाई दी गई पैंकिग के अनुसार ही मान्य होगी।

जिन फर्मो के सभी तकनीकी अभिलेख निविदा शर्तो के अनुसार सही व पूर्ण पाये जायेगें उन्ही फर्मो के वित्तीय भाव पत्रों पर विचार किया जायेगा सशर्त निविदा स्वीकार नही होगी।

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क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एंव यूनानी अधिकारी
बुलन्दशहर।

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, Construction Circle,
U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN)
Opp. Car Scan Centre, Ramghat Road, Aligarh-202001
Email ID : supertendinge@gmail.com
No.: 2152/निविदा/30 Dated : 10.11.2022

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Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993 in the matter of

O.A. No. 402/19 Dt. 21-10-2022
ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE
Applicant
Versus
K.S. Impex Ltd. & Ors.
Respondent

To
Defendant
1. K.S. Impex Ltd., R/o 536, DLF Towers Shivaji Marg Najafgarh Road New Delhi -15
2. Mr. Shyam Garg S/o Sh. T.R. Garg
3. Mr. Rahul Garg S/o Sh. Shyam Garg
4. Mrs. Sarita Garg W/o Sh. Shyam Garg
All at: Resident of Flat No. C-2 Plot No. C-5 Prasana Apartments Near Nanak PIAO Gurdwara Bhama Shah Marg Delhi - 09

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs 36,03,48,163/- (Rs Thirty Six Crore Three Lacs Forty Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty Three Only)** against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **23-11-2022 at 10.30 A.M.**

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the **"Cisco Webex"** application / software;
(ii) Meeting ID and Password for the date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Hon'ble presiding officer/Registrar shall be displayed in the daily cause list itself at DRT Official Portal i.e. **drt.gov.in.**
(iii) In any exigency qua that the Advocates/ Litigants can contact the concerned official at **Ph. No. 23748478.**

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the **21th day of Oct., 2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, DRT-II, DELHI

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 7120222023 **Sr. Divisional Engineer/IV**
Date: 07.11.2022 **North Central Railway, Prayagraj**

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form the following work up to **13:30 hrs.** on **07.12.2022**. The details of the Tender are as under:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost of Work (Rs.)	Bid Security	Eligibility/ Criteria for similar work
1	222	Replacement of wornout/ damaged AC sheets with galvalume sheets on PF, Service buildings & change of station name board at various station in the section of Sr. DEN/4/PRYJ.	19902914.95	249500/-	Any structural Steel Fabrication work
2	223	Provision of piped water supply along with deep/shallow tubewell in Tundla-Ghaziabad section under Sr. DEN/4/PRYJ.	18673402.35	243400/-	Drilling of Deep tube well.
3	224	Dismantling and sale of abandoned quarters and other structures under ADEN/TDL as and where basis excluding wooden, serviceable AC sheet and ferrous material including disposal of unusable material as directed by Engineer Incharge. Details of quarters and other structures is as per Annexure-I attached in Tender Document	1165364.42	23300/-	Nil
4	225	Infrastructural facilities for track machine staff and other related facilities at Dankaur Station under ADEN/Aligarh	2777739.25	55600/-	Nil

Completion Period: Sr.No. 1, 2: 12 months and Sr. No. 3, 4: 06 months
Date of Opening of Tender: 07.12.2022

Note: (1) E-Teder Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **(2)** The complete information along with tender document of above **E-TENDER** is available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening i.e. **07.12.20221 (3)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(4)** The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate as given in tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **(5)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(6)** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC April 2022mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **1510/22 (P)**

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1	**GeM Bid Number**	**GEM 2022 B 2694296 Dated: 09-11-2022**
2	**Name of the work**	Implementation Documentation Audit Re Certification of ISO 90012015 Quality Management System. Custom Bid for Services - Implementation Documentation Audit Re Certification of 5S management system.
3	**Tender Cost**	NIL
4	**Approximate cost**	**Rs. 53,100 -** inclusive of GST
5	**Earnest Money**	**Rs. 1,062.00** (payment mode available on GeM website)
6	**Completion period**	**39** Months
7	**Validity of offer**	**60** Days
8	**Date & Time from tender advertised on GeM website**	**09.11.2022**
9	**Date & Time from tender submission start and end**	**09.11.2022 to 30.11.2022 (15:00 Hrs.)**
10	**Tender closing Date & Time**	**30.11.2022 (15:00 Hrs.)**
11	**Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends)**	**30.11.2022 (15:30 Hrs.)**
12	**Publication cost allocation**	**06041132**

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E-AUCTION CATALOGUE FOR WAITING ROOMS IN KATIHAR DIVISION

E-Auction is invited for awarding waiting room contract for the for the period of 05 years. **1. Auction Catalogue No.** Waiting-Hall-08; **Auction Start (All Lots): 10:00** hrs. on **25-11-2022; Rate Unit:** Annual Licensing Fee; **Trips/Days:** 1826; **Seq No.:** AA/1; **Lot No./Category:** PnU-KIR-RGJ-WRL-113-22-2 (Pay and use-Lounges/Waiting/Retiring/Cloak Rooms). **Description :** Awarding license for upgradation, maintenance & operation of waiting hall at Raiganj sation at PF no 01 for 5 years. **Closing date & time :** At **10:30** hrs. on **25-11-2022**. **Seq No.:** AA/2; **Lot No./Category:** PnU-KIR-KNE-WRL-117-22-2 (Pay and use-Lounges/Waiting/Retiring/Cloak Rooms). **Description :** Awarding contract for up-gradation, maintenance and operation of Executive Lounge at Kishanganj Station on PF no. 01; **Closing date & time :** At **10:40** hrs. on **25-11-2022**. **Seq No.:** AA/3; **Lot No./Category:** PnU-KIR-KNE-WRL-118-22-1 (Pay and use-Lounges/Waiting/Retiring/Cloak Rooms). **Description :** Awarding contract for up-gradation, maintenance and operation of First class waiting room at Kishanganj Station on PF no. 01; **Closing date & time :** At **10:50** hrs. on **25-11-2022**. **Seq No.:** AA/4; **Lot No./Category:** PnU-KIR-BOE-WRL-112-22-2 (Pay and use-Lounges/Waiting/Retiring/Cloak Rooms). **Description :** Awarding contract for up-gradation, maintenance and operation of waiting hall with modern facilities, amenities like multipurpose stalls and Tourist Kiosk at Barsoi Station on PF no. 01 for a period of 5 years ; **Closing date & time :** At **11:00** hrs. on **25-11-2022**. **2. Auction Catalogue No.** EXE-LOUNGE-SGUJ; **Auction Start (All Lots): 10:00** hrs. on **23-11-2022; Seq No.:** AA/1; **Lot No./Category:** PnU-KIR-SGUJ-WRL-109-22-2 (Pay and use-Lounges/Waiting/Retiring/Cloak Rooms). **Description :** Awarding contract for up-gradation, maintenance and manning of AC Executive Lounge at Siliguri Railway station; **Closing date & time :** At **10:30** hrs. on **23-11-2022**. Initial Cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive lots closing interval 10 minutes. Lot wise closing time can be viewed in e-Auction module of IREPS. **Note:** Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction module of IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in** for more details.

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1	**Name of Woirks**	1	Improvement to left bank service road of Pattamundai Main canal from Indupur to Ghagara and on Indupur Gherry.
		2	Improvement to road on Rajnagar Gopalpur Saline Embankment from RD 17.14 Km. to 19.05 Km., 22.83 Km. to 24.092 Km. and 0.00 Km. to 4.00 Km. on Chasisava Saline Embankment in Rajnagar Block of Kendrapara District.
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3	**Tender Cost**	1	Rs.531.93 Lakh (Approximately)
		2	Rs.516.55 Lakh (Approximately)
4	**Cost of Bid Document (Non Refundable)**	:	Rs. 10,000.00 (On-line payment) for each Package
5	**Bid Security**	:	"Bid Security Declaration" is to be furnished as per Finance Department Office Memorandum No.8484/F dated 05.04.2022. The bids without "Bid Security Declaration" will be summarily rejected.
6	**Class of Contractor**	1	'A' for All Packages
7	**Period of Completion**	1	12 (Twelve) calendar months for All Packages
8	**Other details are as follows.**		

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ASIAN ELITE C'SHIPS

Shiva continues quest for gold; 4 bag bronze medals

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AMMAN, NOVEMBER 10

SIX-TIME medallist Shiva Thapa was the only Indian male boxer to advance to the finals as four others bowed out with bronze medals at the Asian Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Thursday. Thapa (63.5 kg) outpunched Bakhodur Usmonov of Tajikistan via a 4-1 split verdict in the semifinal to be assured of at least a silver. Thapa will face Uzbekistan's Abdullaev Ruslan in the final.

Both boxers looked to attack while defending cautiously but Thapa, the most successful pugilist in the championship, was able to land his combination punches to take the first round 5-0. However, Usmonov made a strong comeback in the second round to take it 4-1.

In the third round, Thapa attacked Usmonov relentlessly as the Tajak fell on the canvas within the first few seconds following which the referee gave him the count.

The Indian continued to dominate by landing a flurry of punches while defending with ease to take the tie.

Two-time Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Mohammad Hussamuddin's (57kg) came to an abrupt end as he couldn't contest the semifinal due to a cut above his right eye he sustained during his last eight bout earlier this week.

The 28-year-old ended his campaign with a bronze medal as did Thailand Open champions Sumit (75kg) and Govind Kumar Sahani (48kg) and Narender (92+kg).

Govind (48kg) was up against Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan and started off his bout trying to block his opponent's punches and attack with counterpunches but he could not sustain that strategy for long.

His Kazakh opponent, who is the 2021 Youth World Championship gold medallist, dominated the next two rounds and inflicted a 0:4 defeat on the boxer from Gorakhpur.

Sumit (75kg) was involved in a tough matchup against the reigning Asian champion Jafarov Saidjamshid of Uzbekistan and in spite of his best efforts, failed to take control of the bout and suffered a 0:5 defeat by unanimous decision.

Narender, seeded second, suffered a 0-5 defeat against third seed Mullojonov Lazizbek of Uzbekistan in his semifinal bout.

Five Indian women pugilists, including 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and 2022 World Championships bronze medallist Parveen (63kg), will be fighting for gold in the final of the tournament on Friday.

All things big & small that build up towards the kick-off of the greatest sporting spectacle on earth - the FIFA World Cup

Maddison surprise inclusion for England; Giroud & 'unfit' Lukaku going to Qatar

FIFA WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

England call-up Maddison, Wilson and Rashford

ENGLAND HAVE included in-form Leicester City midfielder James Maddison in their squad for the World Cup in Qatar, with forwards Callum Wilson and Marcus Rashford also selected. Maddison and Newcastle United striker Wilson have not played for England since 2019, but have been rewarded for fine starts to the domestic season in the run-up to this month's tournament. Whether to include Maddison was the major talking point in recent months, but the 25-year-old has since the start of last season been directly involved in 30 Premier League goals - 18 goals and 12 assists - with only England captain Harry Kane (38) having a higher total among English players in this period.

"He (Maddison) is playing really well," England coach Gareth Southgate said. "We've always said he's a good player. He's earned the right. We think he can give us something slightly different to the attacking players that we've got. "I think at various stages there have been conversations and debates about James. Ahead of the Euros (last year) I don't think he was in contention, he had a bit of a problem with his hip. In September, his inclusion was a fair debate."He's playing as good as any of the attacking players in this country. He is a little bit different to the others. I think we could need that."

Amid injury concerns, Deschamps includes Giroud

Olivier Giroud was named in France's squad for the Qatar World Cup as coach Didier Deschamps unveiled a 25-man group on Wednesday amid injury concerns for the defending champions.

The experienced striker, recalled in March after a nine-month hiatus following the team's early Euro 2021 exit, has been in good form for AC Milan and France and is two goals shy of Thierry Henry's all-time national scoring record of 51 goals. "He knows where he stands. He knows what my position is. It's better for the French team that he is with us," said Deschamps. Several players have been struggling with injuries, including Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema, Paris St Germain centre back Presnel Kimpembe and Manchester United defender Raphael Varane. "I know he (Benzema) will do everything to be at 100 percent in time," said Deschamps.

With Paul Pogba and Ngolo Kante injured and ruled out of the tournament ahead of the squad announcement, Aurelien Tchouameni, Adrien Rabiot and Eduardo Camavinga were among the six midfielders named.

Up front, Kylian Mbappe was named along with Giroud, Benzema, Kingsley Coman, Ousmane Dembele, Antoine Griezmann and Christopher Nkunku.



A replica of the World Cup outside Lusail Stadium in Qatar. *Pics: Reuters/AP*



Despite no diplomatic ties, direct Tel Aviv-Doha flights

Direct charter flights will operate between Israel and Qatar, which do not have formal diplomatic ties, during the upcoming World Cup in Doha, FIFA said Thursday, facilitating attendance by eligible Israeli and Palestinian fans. Football's world governing body said it brokered the deal that would allow holders of match tickets and a valid Hayya fan ID on flights from Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv to Doha's Hamad International during the one-monthevent. "With this deal, Israelis and Palestinians will be able to fly together and enjoy football together," FIFA President Gianni Infantino said in the statement.

The statement did not specify which Palestinians, who live in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, this might apply to. The agreement requires Palestinian ticket holders and media "to travel on these chartered flights with no restrictions as they have an equal right to enjoy the tournament," an unnamed spokesperson for Q22, Qatar's tournament operator, said in FIFA's statement.



'Medically unfit' Lukaku named in Belgium squad

Romelu Lukaku was selected in Belgium's 26-man squad for the World Cup on Thursday despite coach Roberto Martinez not expecting to be able to call on the injured striker until after the group stage.

Martinez said Lukaku, Belgium's record scorer with 68 goals, was "medically unfit" after sustaining a left thigh injury two weeks ago. Lukaku has played only five games for Inter Milan this season, having previously been sidelined for two months because of a hamstring injury. After announcing a squad that includes mainstays Kevin De Bruyne and Eden Hazard, Martinez insisted he was not giving "special treatment" to Lukaku because of his importance to the team. "The World Cup has two very different phases," Martinez said. "One is the group phase, and that is the only phase we can prepare for — the three games that we have."But then there is another World Cup, which is the knockout rounds. And medically, we feel that Romelu Lukaku at this point could make that second World Cup."

Lukaku, who hurt his thigh two games into his comeback from hamstring problems, has been undergoing treatment with Belgium's medical staff and his fitness will be monitored until Nov. 22 — the day before the team's opening game in Group F against Canada.

BRIEFLY

ATKMB turn the tables on NE United

Kolkata: ATK Mohun Bagan secured a dramatic 2-1 victory over NorthEast United and moved into the second place in the Indian Super League here on Thursday. Liston Colaco broke the deadlock in the 35th minute before Aaron Evans equalised in the 81st minute. Subhasish Bose, on his 99th ISL appearance, scored the winner to give the Mariners a win in their 50th ISL game. Juan Ferrando did not make any changes to the ATKMB starting line-up and fielded the same XI that snatched a point in Mumbai this past Sunday. NEUFC made four changes as Marco Balbul switched from a 5-3-2 to a 4-3-2-1. **PTI**

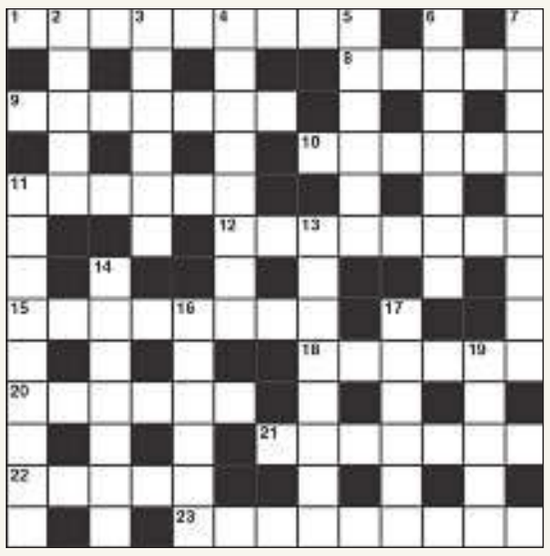
Nadal to play in Sydney ahead of Aus Open

Sydney: Rafael Nadal and world No 1-ranked Iga Swiatek were among the top players who had their pre-Australian Open tournament destinations set when the draw was held for the new United Cup mixed teams event on Thursday. Nadal, who will team with world No 13 Paula Badosa for Spain, is headed to Sydney and will play in Group D with Australia and Britain. Swiatek and her No 11-ranked teammate Hubert Hurkacz from Poland will play in Group B in Brisbane with Switzerland and a yet-to-be-determined qualifier. **AP**

IOA adopts draft constitution

New Delhi: The IOA on Thursday adopted its draft constitution framed under the supervision of the Supreme Court and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) but several members said they were forced into doing it after the apex court made it mandatory.During the IOA's Special General Body Meeting here, some members raised objections to at least half a dozen amendments contained in the draft constitution, and said "the democratic rights of the General Body has been completely taken away". Faced with the threat of suspension from the IOC if elections are not held by December, coupled with the directives of the Supreme Court, the IOA had no other alternative but to bring the changes to its constitution. **PTI**

CROSSWORD 4896



ACROSS
1 Many absorbed in conscious thought (9)
8 Water-carrier met a prophet (5)
9 Fitting aid for a person crazy about flying? (4,3)
10 Yet such talkers may not be on the level (6)
11 Take exception to being ordered to leave again (6)
12 Could be nine seas in tumult (2,1,5)
15 Stay well away from work (8)
18 Talks or possibly eats (6)
20 Fresh topics for light-minded scientists (6)
21 Not a galley but may be found in one (7)
22 Call a woman a case for approval (5)
23 Female forger was surrounded in South Africa (9)

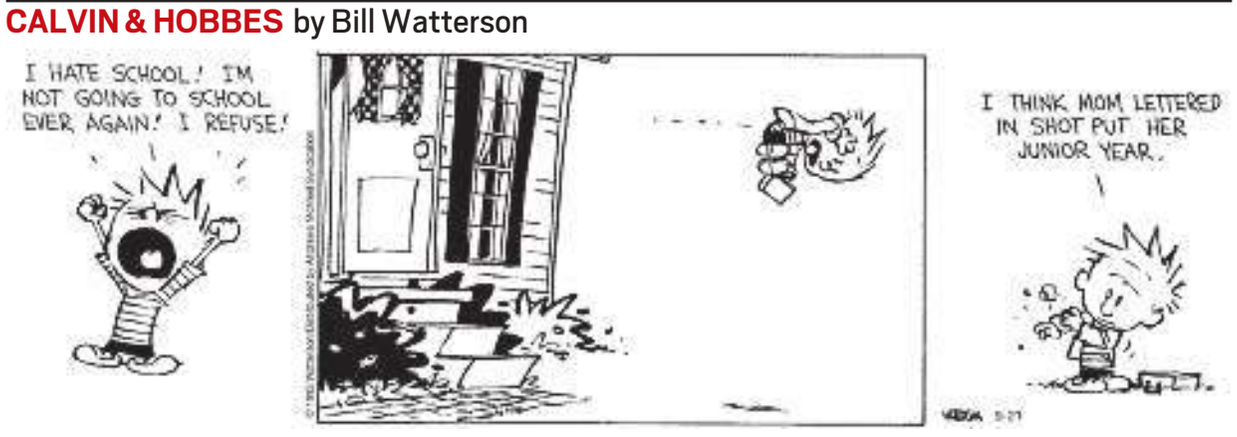
DOWN
2 Omit a vowel? I'd easily included it (5)
3 Trailed along with a label on (6)
4 Getting on one's high horse about a painting (8)
5 Outflow of British capital (6)
6 And to us possibly it will seem surprising (7)
7 They deny credit - for dough or bread perhaps (4,5)
11 A sign of free accommodation (4,2,3)
13 Skilfully modified idolatry (8)
14 Excess weight? It's his danger (7)
16 Metal of little value in America (6)
17 Inflammable substance from an upturned tree (6)
19 Not having a list to put up (5)

Solutions Crossword 4895: Across: 1 Repents, 4 Miser, 7 Nuts, 8 Thank you, 10 Experiment, 12 Clothe, 13 Twinge, 15 Yield fruit, 18 Coachmen, 19 Nail, 20 Lit up, 21 Tickets. **Down:** 1 Range, 2 Put-up job, 3 Scheme, 4 Man and wife, 5 Skye, 6 Routine, 9 Archbishop, 11 Insulate, 12 Chancel, 14 Fluent, 16 Tolls, 17 Cast.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Every moment of _____ is a miracle. - Walt Whitman (5,3,4)

CTAAR

EOSDDN

CIILT

INTGHK

Answer: Every moment of **light and dark** is a miracle. - Walt Whitman
SOLUTION: CARAT, LICIT, SODDEN, KNIGHT

SUDOKU 5015

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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		6					7	3
	2						1	
7	9					4		
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8	5				9	2		4
		7			2		9	1

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5014

1	3	8	9	4	7	5	2	6
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8	5	1	2	3	9	6	4	7
6	2	3	4	7	1	9	5	8
7	4	9	5	6	8	1	3	2

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Other people may blow hot and cold, but you can't really blame them. You may be as anxious to change your mind as they are, and you might do yourself a favour if you follow their lead. Keep a very, very close eye indeed on all savings and investments.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
It's your last chance to make an important decision that you've been putting off for ages. For the next two weeks it's very much a matter of tying up all the loose ends and keeping partners sweet. The more people you have on your side, the better you'll feel.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Loved ones have really got on your nerves lately, but are you sure that you are blameless? Without even realising it you may have let someone else down or trodden on their toes. This is no time for instant judgments or verdicts, so wait until you have all the information.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
I don't often tell you to lower your sights, but now I am worried that if you are too exclusive you may miss a vital opportunity or fail to make a valuable connection. I don't think you'll put a foot wrong, but you do need to open your eyes to possibilities you might never have considered.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You'll resist any tendency to duck the issues at home. Although you may not realise it, you have hit on the right solution, but you may need to wait for others to catch up with you. What is obvious to you, may not be clear to them, which is precisely why you should be a little more understanding.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
There is a strong chance that you will begin to look far afield for inspiration and enlightenment. You can leave any work battles to one side and instead concentrate on improving the overall quality of your life. You'll look back later and see the wisdom of your actions.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Your plans to travel and communicate more are certainly in line with the promise of the stars: you might have plans of practical value to discuss with distant relations. Solid business opportunities are in the air, but you may be better advised to go for a safe bargain rather than risk all on an extravagant outburst.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You will be forced to face a whole series of issues and questions involving close partners. It doesn't matter much whether it is private or public life which preoccupies you. All that is important is the quality of your closest relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
As soon as you stop thinking you know all the answers, you'll also cease pounding your head against the nearest brick wall. The current Sun-Moon angle announces that this is a time to get the balance back into your life, and that means trimming your deepest desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
This is without doubt a decisive period, but you are probably able to take care of yourself. If you can advance yourself socially, so much the better. If you're lucky enough to benefit from romantic hopes, then enjoy your good fortune. And, if you're offered a compliment, then accept it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Being mistress, or even master, of your own household, is more important to you today than being respected by the world as a whole. Yet don't forget that next week may bring even greater pressures on you to make a name for yourself. The question remains, though, as to how you're going to pay for your dreams.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Life looks good. Even though the stars are battling it out, the general mood of the times suits your fundamental disposition. You may therefore feel at home in a world which others find frankly disturbing. But, then, you always were a very unusual, and remarkable, person.



"The character we have shown since then (England's loss against Ireland) - it has been amazing. We came here very excited, there was a very good feeling."

JOS BUTTLER
ENGLAND CAPTAIN

INDIA: 38/1 IN 36 BALLS

Ball by ball

1 4 1 0 1 0 0 | 2 0 2 1 W 0 1 | 3 0 0 1 0 0 0
4 6 1 1 0 1 1wd 1 0 | 5 1 4 4 1 0 0 | 6 4 0 0 1 1 1

Runrate: 6.33
4x4,1x6

KL Rahul 5 off 5 ■ Rohit Sharma 20 off 18 ■ Virat Kohli 12 off 13

SEMI-FINAL: A TALE OF TWO POWERPLAYS

ENGLAND: 63/0 IN 36 BALLS

Runrate: 10.50
7x4,3x6

Ball by ball

1 1wd 4 0 4 0 0 4 | 2 1 4 1wd 0 0 1 1 | 3 0 1 1 2 6 2
4 4 1 0 1 1 1 | 5 0 6 0 0 4 1 | 6 0 6 1 0 0 4

Jos Buttler 28 off 17 ■ Alex Hales 33 off 19

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Conservative India needs T20 reboot; Rohit, Rahul, Kohli are misfits as Top 3; team that lost the semi-final had a sameness in the batting order

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

WHEN ENGLAND captain Jos Buttler walloped the ball over long-on, over Virat Kohli's head, for the match-winning hit in the T20 World Cup semi-final, commentator Ravi Shastri would scream, "It's over Kohli". He meant the ball, but it also could be said about the campaign and the old warhorse's dream of winning an ICC T20 World Cup. It's over Kohli, it's over, Rohit Sharma, and it's over, Rahul Dravid.

The time has come to reboot the T20 team, with youngsters and a bolder approach in the management. Not because these fresh faces would be capable immediately, but because it's clear that this aging team can't. A country can ache over a mythical past culturally if it so chooses; it can't afford to do it in sports. As that adage goes, if you don't let go, be dragged.

India's fate in the World Cup campaign was always out there in plain sight, but a combination of factors involving our two neighbours masked it to trigger a nationalistic outpouring of hope. Kohli found a spark of genius for two balls from Haris Rauf in the game against Pakistan, and Bangladesh choked in a chase, making some see it as a result of India's achievement rather than spontaneous combustion by Shakib Al Hasan's men.

When they were beaten by South Africa, it was put down to the pitch in Perth and how they will never have to play there again in the tournament. One bad game, move on, was the cry. Mistake.

All the old fears would come to haunt India in the semi-final. In the end, skipper Sharma would offer his pithy assessment: "It's all about executing. If you don't, you are going to find yourself in trouble."

He is right of course, but the reason for the lack of execution shouldn't be masked.

They were dragged to modernity on the big day by the face of India's T20 future: Hardik Pandya; and through the tournament by Suryakumar Yadav, the face of World T20 batting in some ways.

They were kept afloat by a spirited young Arshdeep Singh, who surprised most but seemingly not himself, with his performances. Unfortunately, a superb second or third seamer had become the chief attacking weapon too quickly, and unsurprisingly, he couldn't reprise it in the semi-final.

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What were the old fears? A sameness in the top order.

No IPL franchise would bunch Rohit, KL Rahul, and Kohli at the top, and for a reason. For a year, coach Dravid and Sharma conducted experiments in the team, in their words, but it was very conservative.

They didn't seriously try Rishabh Pant at the top, and when they had Deepak Hooda suddenly hitting a furious hundred in the top 3, they demoted him immediately. Not that Hooda would have done better on Australian conditions, where cricket was played during an untimely season, but the move said something: We shall experiment but not with the immoveable Top 3. We shall try to fill other spots.

They didn't want Mohammed Shami. Only an untimely injury to Jasprit Bumrah would bring him back, not any vision by the management.

They didn't replace Axar Patel with a more attacking gamble on leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal this World Cup despite failures because they wanted a cushion with the bat. Experiment, but conservatively. All other good teams had attacking leg-spinners while all that Chahal did was Chahal TV.

Not many "risks' were taken by this team management. It was couched as 'consistency' in team selection but that's just flimsy dressing. If consistency was the theme, then Shami wouldn't have been out in the cold for a year, Pant wouldn't be left without clarity over his role, or performances of contenders to Rahul's spot wouldn't have been ignored.

For a long while, they kept Harshal Patel in the team despite being clear that in Australia, his one-trick card wasn't going to work. Pakistan pumped in with pace, so did England, but India, it seems, were preparing for a World Cup in the subcontinent.



India captain Rohit Sharma had a poor World Cup with the bat — his only fifty was against the Dutch. *AP*



Jos Buttler (80) and Alex Hales (86) took the wind out of India's sails in England's 10-wicket win. *Reuters*

The moves show a lack of vision and clarity - the two things expected of Dravid and Sharma. On air, after the semi-final, former captain Sunil Gavaskar would see signs of the winds of change.

"A new Indian team under Hardik Pandya will be traveling to New Zealand soon. Clearly, the selection committee has sent the signal. Hardik Panday won the IPL in his first year as captain and the team under him will be different. There could be retirements, there are a lot of players in their mid-30s who might consider their future in international T20s."

Too early to take call on future of seniors: Dravid

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A FEW minutes after India were thrashed by England, head coach Rahul Dravid sat with Rohit Sharma near the dugout. It was a time when the support staff allowed some time for the defeat to sink in. The Indian crowd, who generally wait to wave at their team, had begun to move out quietly. Dravid then came out to face the press and was asked about the future of senior players in the T20 side. This Indian team has players like Sharma, Virat Kohli, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ravichandran Ashwin and Dinesh Karthik, who will be well over 35 by the time the next T20 World Cup comes around in 2024.

Dravid probably did not expect this question to come up. "It's too early to talk about it right now, just after a semifinal. These guys have been terrific performers for us. We have a couple of years to reflect on it. There's some really good quality players here, so absolutely not the right time to talk about this stuff or think about this stuff right now. We'll have enough games, enough matches as we go ahead, and India will try and build and prepare for the next World Cup," he said.

However, the Indian board will have to take a call over the future roadmap for the T20 side. The next T20 World Cup is two years down the line and it's time the bench strength is groomed to take over by that time.

Reflecting on Thursday's game, Dravid denied that the 10-wicket defeat with four overs to spare was a debacle.

"I think they (England) played well. That's the reality of it. Once they got off to that kind of start, I think they could really sit back and control the run rate. We had 168. They brought that run rate down to six and a half, I think, by the time the sixth over was finished, or seven runs an over, and then on a small ground like that, they were always in control, so they were going to control that game. They didn't really need to take too many risks. They could sit back and - not that they didn't take them; they played some really good shots right through," he explained.

"Probably would have certainly liked to go a couple of steps further. But yeah, just outplayed, outclassed today. They were the better team in all departments, really. The scoreline showed that."

It has been more than nine years since India won its last major ICC trophy – the 2013 Champions Trophy – and the wait is set to continue. It was the first big tournament under skipper Rohit Sharma and Dravid, but the latter stressed there were some bright moments Down Under. "I'm sure that when you lose in a semifinal, yes, I know it's disappointing, but yeah, I'm sure there are things we can look back on and reflect on and see that we've improved in and we can take forward and move forward as we build for the next World Cup," he added.

Dravid believed 20 more runs and an early wicket during the England chase would have made matters interesting. However, both Bangladesh (against India) and Afghanistan (against Australia) had come close while chasing sizeable scores.

"Yeah, honestly, we looked at those things. Also, runs on the board was something in a semifinal. We had been batting well. We were one of those teams that were, even in these conditions, scoring 180, 180-plus. I think we had done it two or three times in this tournament. So we were playing well," Dravid said.

'Boys miss out as they don't play overseas leagues'

Rahul Dravid has said that while England players have benefited from their experience of playing in Australia's Big Bash League, allowing active Indian players to compete in overseas T20 leagues would "finish" the domestic game and in turn, adversely impact Test cricket. "I mean, sure, there's no doubt about it, the fact that England — a lot of their players have come here (Australia) and played. In this tournament, it certainly showed," Dravid said.

"It's tough. I think it's very difficult for Indian cricket because a lot of these tournaments happen right in the peak of our season... Yes, I think a lot of our boys maybe do miss out on the opportunities of playing in a lot of these leagues, but if you were to — it's really up to the BCCI to make that decision, but the thing is it's right in the middle of our season, and with the kind of demand there would be for Indian players, if you allowed all the Indian players to play in these leagues, we would not have domestic cricket. Our domestic cricket, our Ranji Trophy would be finished, and that would mean Test cricket would be finished."

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SCORECARD

■ **India**
KL Rahul c Jos Buttler b Chris Woakes 5 Rohit Sharma c Sam Curran b Chris Jordan 27 Virat Kohli c Adil Rashid b Chris Jordan 50 Suryakumar Yadav c Salt b Adil Rashid 14 Hardik Pandya hit wkt b Chris Jordan 63 Rishabh Pant run out (Jos Buttler/Chris Jordan) 6 Ravichandran Ashwin not out 0
Extras: (W3) **3**
Total: (6 wkts, 20 Overs) **168**
Fall of Wickets: 9-1, 56-2, 75-3, 136-4, 158-5, 168-6.
Bowler: Ben Stokes 2-0-18-0, Chris Woakes 3-0-24-1, Sam Curran 4-0-42-0, Adil Rashid 4-0-20-1, Liam Livingstone 3-0-21-0, Chris Jordan 4-0-43-3

■ **England**
Jos Buttler not out 80, Alex Hales not out 86
Extras: (W4) **4**
Total: (For No Loss in 16 overs) **170**
Bowling: Bhuvneshwar Kumar 2-0-25-0, Arshdeep Singh 2-0-15-0, Axar Patel 4-0-30-0, Mohammed Shami 3-0-39-0, Ravichandran Ashwin 2-0-27-0, Hardik Pandya 3-0-34-0.



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BANKABLE WRIST SPINNER

Rashid's day out: Keeping India's batsmen in check, removing dangerman

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NO INDIAN batsmen really had any answers to England's leg-spinner Adil Rashid. Not Rohit Sharma, who almost hacked the ball to him once, not Virat Kohli, who couldn't stretch to the pitch of the dipping ball to drive, barring once, no one.

Not even Suryakumar Yadav.

It was one thing troubling Rohit, who was trying to go too hard, and Kohli, who was trying to stretch himself inexorably hoping for an error in length that never came, but that Yadav ball would be replayed at Rashid's home in Bradford a few times, at the very least.

Surya had just tonked two fours off the seamers – not hacking, but timing them superbly and looked in great nick when Rashid started to run in.

For starters, the pace. Loopily slow, as if it were drugged. Surya came out with his bat raised, but must have realised he would have to slow down every movement of his. Not easy as he had already charged out.

Next, the loopy dip. To his credit, Surya did his best to hold his shape, adjust his batswing, but the ball wasn't where it was supposed to be. Instead, it fell down, anaesthetised, a stretch away from him. Now, Surya had to somehow get closer to it, under it, and also impart power. Not easy.

Then came the spin. If it was just a straight ball, Surya might still have managed to do all of the above. But once it spun, to adjust, he had to lose his shape. Already dragged out of his comfort zone, he still managed to connect but couldn't get the distance. Gone. Rashid would pump his fists and roar in joy. A wonderful leg-spinner's wicket. One for the ages.

The backstory

The story goes that when Rashid was just 13, he took 10 wickets for 55 runs in a senior game in the Bradford league. Impressed, the local council of Bradford, a multi-racial district in England with Muslims forming a quarter of its population, brought in the great Pakistani leggie Abdul Qadir to give five coaching sessions to Adil. The love for leg-spin would kick into Rashid and soon the boy began to move up the ranks in cricket.



Adil Rashid (4-0-20-1) was the most economical bowler for England. *AP*

It would spike up further when Shane Warne's mentor Terry Jenner would land up at an opportune time. Jenner, a maverick coach, would tell Adil's father, who had moved to Bedford from Mirpur in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir when he was 13: "Mr Rashid, you've got a good leg-spinner there. You've done a good job with his wrist. I will work with his head and delivery stride."

The father Abdul built a room in the basement — 23 feet by 28 feet — for practice. The father and three sons — Haroon, a fast bowler, Amar, and Adil — would practice with a proper leather ball. The walls were dented and its plasters peeled off, but the ball continued to ricochet off them. The passionate dad would organise cricket training with clubs in Lahore even on family holidays to Pakistan during the Christmas vacation.

In July 2006, Rashid became the first Muslim cricketer to play for Yorkshire. On a hot day with a dry pitch aiding him, the boy took six wickets, immediately cueing up a lot of attention on him.

The early years, however, won't go according to how the father had dreamed. Adil would flit in and out of the team, at times it felt he was flitting in and out of love for the game itself. He was even dropped by Yorkshire in 2012 and Geoffrey Boycott had been blunt in his assessment. "He's never progressed, that's the sad part. You can't just pick people because they are leg-spinners."

Enter another Pakistan spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed. He had worked with a young Rashid, and had seen him improve but also then fade.

Then, one day in 2014, he was surprised by a call. It was Mark Robinson, England Lions coach, wanting to speak to Mushy, who was England's bowling coach then, about Rashid.

"Mushy, happy news, Adil has improved." How? "He has got his Allah back."

Mushtaq told T*he Indian Express* that he was surprised and blurted out, "Why do you say that?" Robinson's reply nailed the problem that was pushing Rashid back until then.

"He no longer fears failures. That mental weakness seems to have changed. He told me that he now leaves the results to Allah, and that has freed him to bowl well and focus on his bowling," Mushtaq recalled Robinson's reply.

Mushtaq soon noticed the improvement.

"His action had become very compact. Nothing that can break down now. By that I mean, it's a repeatable action. Everything is well aligned, and he uses the body a lot more. And because of his high-arm action, his googlies are deceptive," Mushtaq told this newspaper a couple of years back.

Around that time, India batsman Cheteshwar Pujara, who played with Rashid in county cricket, also told this newspaper about the challenges in Rashid's bowling.

Difficult to pick googly

"Unlike some other leg-spinners whose googlies slow up as they loop it up from the back of the hand, Adil maintains the same pace on it as his normal leg-breaks.

He has sort of a quick action too and that also helps. Adil likes when batsmen go after him and that's why he has been successful in T20. His googlies and flippers then come into play more, and with the batsmen looking to hit, they sometimes miss to pick the variations."

Mushtaq's and Pujara's assessments proved spot on yet again in the semi-final against India. The quick arm and the big heart were in view.

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