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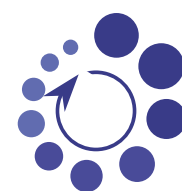
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MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN
DIVISION PARBHANI
e-Tender Notice for (23), (24) & (25) for 2022-2023
Executive Engineer, MJP Division Parbhani invites e-Tender Notice for the following (Civil & Mechanical) works.

- 1) Dharampuri W.S.S., Tq. & Dist. Parbhani :**
Rs. 4,62,88,124
- 2) Pimpalgaon Kajale & 2 Villages W.S.S., Tq. Jintur, Dist. Parbhani :**
Rs. 4,82,37,982/-
- 3) Dasala & 3 Villages W.S.S., Tq. Selu, Dist. Parbhani :**
Rs. 6,44,33,723/-

Under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme in the State of Maharashtra, The e-Tender details are available on www.mahatenders.gov.in from date 17/11/2022.

All relevant dates will be as per the tender published in web portal- www.mahatenders.gov.in

Date : 17/11/2022
(Dgpr/2022-2023/4186)

Sd/-
- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
MJP, Dn. Parbhani

<div> <div> झारखण्ड सरकार पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला </div> <div> शुद्धि पत्र </div> </div>	
<p>पौ० आर० संख्या-279714 द्वारा विभिन्न दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित Dumri Block Remaining Villages Coverage Rural Water Supply Scheme के ई० निविदा में निम्न प्रकार से शुद्धि पत्र प्रकाशित की जाती है -</p>	
1 प्राक्कलित राशि :-	3046.66 लाख
2 अप्रग्रह की राशि :-	30.46 लाख
3 वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :-	26.11.2022, 04.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
4 प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि :-	30.11.2022, 01.00 अपराह्न में अभियन्ता प्रमुख, का कार्यालय, नेपाल हाउस, राँची
5 बीड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :-	07.12.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
6 बैक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :-	08.12.2022, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक, (1) कार्यालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल गुमला के कार्यालय में (2) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल गुमला के कार्यालय में (3) क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रक्षेत्र राँची के कार्यालय में
7 निविदा के तकनीकी बीडों के खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :-	09.12.2022, 12.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
<p>निविदा की अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।</p>	
<p>कार्यालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला।</p>	

झारखण्ड सरकार पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला		
“शुद्धि पत्र”		
P.R. No-281234 Drinking Water and Sanitation 22-(D) एतद द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ई० निविदा सूचना संख्या— DWS/D/SKL/Cluster SVS/35/2022-23 Dated-19.10.2022 को निम्नवत् तिथि को इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाय।		
Estimated Cost (in Lakh)	पूर्व में 684.17888	संशोधित 687.85000
Earnest money (in Lakh)	6.85	6.88
येबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 09.11.2022, अपराह्न 05.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 16.11.2022, अपराह्न 05.00 बजे तक
पी बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 11.11.2022, 12-30 बजे अपराह्न। अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, झारखण्ड, राँची	दिनांक 21.11.2022, 12-30 बजे अपराह्न। अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, झारखण्ड, राँची
बीड प्राप्त की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक—17.11.2022 05.00 बजे तक। दिनांक 18.11.2022, 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक 1.कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला। 2.अधीक्षक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, चाईबासा। 3.क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची क्षेत्र राँची।	दिनांक—26.11.2022 05.00 बजे तक। दिनांक 28.11.2022, 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक 1.कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला। 2.अधीक्षक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, चाईबासा। 3.क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची क्षेत्र राँची।
निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 18.11.2022, 04.00 बजे तक।	दिनांक 29.11.2022, 05.00 बजे तक।

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>कार्यालय नगर पालिका निगम, भोपाल</p> <p>यांत्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय) गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)</p> <p>निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>भोपाल, दिनांक 17/11/2022</p> </div> </div>							
<p>क्र.159/यां.वि./ 2022</p>							
<p>निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत टेकदेवर परसेन्टेज मोहर बंद निविदाये निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर आनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।</p>							
क्र.	ऑनलाईन निविदा क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित राशि	धरोहर राशि	प्रपत्र राशि	कार्य हेतु निर्धारित एस.ओ.आर.	कार्य की अवधि
01	2022_UAD_232791_I	Asphalting Road ward 44, near hanuman mandir achraya narendra dev nagar, from ATM to Railwayline to new subhash nagar puliya to om hospital sanjivni to prabhat square to old subhash nagar various places zone 12	1,09,82,281	54,911	12,500	MPUADD ISSR 2021	6 Month/-
02	2022_UAD_232730_I	CONST.OF CC ROAD AND RCC DRAIN BEHIND OF CHOLA HANUMAAN MANDIR NAVJEEVAN COLONY, PREM NAGAR AND SATYAGYAN COLONY DIFFERENT PLACES OF WARD 76 ZONE 17	72,11,518	54,086	10,000	MPUADD ISSR 2021	6 Month/-
03	2022_UAD_232744_I	CONST.OF CC ROAD AT JAIN NAGAR EKTA NAGAR SINDHI VISTHAPIT INSIDE STREET OF ROADS DEVKI NAGAR MAIN ROAD AND SWAMI SHANTI PRAKASH NAGAR DIFFERENT PLASEC OF WARD 75 AND 77 ZONE NO 17	84,85, 750	63,643	10,000	MPUADD ISSR 2021	6 Month/-
04	2022_UAD_232773_I	Asphalting work of Road From Semra Sabji Mandi to Power House road Chandbad Ward 36 And 38 Zone 09	1,39,85,370	69,927	12,500	MPUADD ISSR 2021	6 Month/-
05	2022_UAD_232806_I	Asphalting work at Various Location of ward 39, 40, 41, AND 70 ZONE NO 11	59,18,562	44,389	10,000	MPUADD ISSR 2021	6 Month/-

- Interested bidders can view the NIT on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in/>
- The Bid Document can be purchased only online from 10:30 A.M. (time) 17.11.2022 (date) to 17:30 P.M. (time) 16.12.2022 (date).
- Amendments to NIT (if any) would be published on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in/only>, and not in newspaper.

The initial period of 5(Five) year after completion shall be treated as Defect Liability Period (DLP)

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Quality of air can be improved if we all work together!
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STAGE I	<div>POOR</div> <div>AQI between 201-300</div>	CITIZEN CHARTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep engines of your vehicles viz. cars/ bikes/ scooters etc. properly tuned. Maintain proper air pressure in tyres of your vehicles Keep PUC certificates of your vehicles up to date. Do not idle your vehicle, also turn off the engine at red lights. Do not dispose waste /garbage in the open spaces. Report air pollution activities through Green Delhi App, 311 App, SAMEER App 	HEALTH ADVISORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid outdoor physical activity
STAGE II	<div>VERY POOR</div> <div>AQI between 301-400</div>	CITIZEN CHARTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People to use public transport and minimize use of personal vehicles. Regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your automobiles. Avoid dust generating construction activities during months of October to January. 	HEALTH ADVISORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid outdoor physical activities, especially during morning and late evening hours. Remain indoor and keep activity levels low[#]
STAGE III	<div>SEVERE</div> <div>AQI between 401-450</div>	CITIZEN CHARTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a cleaner commute - share a ride to work or use public transport or walk or cycle People, whose position allow working from home, may work from home. Do not use coal and wood for heating purpose. Individual house owners may provide electric heaters (during winters) to security staff to avoid open burning. Combine errands and reduce trips. Walk to errands wherever possible. 	HEALTH ADVISORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid outdoor physical activities. Remain indoor and keep activity levels low[#]
STAGE IV	<div>SEVERE+</div> <div>AQI >450</div>	CITIZEN CHARTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, elderly and those with respiratory, cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or otherchronic diseases to avoid outdoor activities and stay indoors, as much as possible. 	

AQI can be seen at CPCB WEBSITE/SAMEER APP

* As per citizen charter of Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.

[#] For vulnerable population – Children under 5 year age, old age groups, pregnant women, predisposed health conditions ie illness of respiratory, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular systems, outdoor working people

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Inauguration of Kashi Tamil Sangamam

(17 November – 16 December, 2022)

'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' is being celebrated to add a new dimension to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's pledge of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'. Be it Kashi or Tamil Nadu our cultural, spiritual, and philosophical heritage is the same. 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' is a unique medium to showcase this holy and rich feeling of 'Oneness'.

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Narendra Modi Prime Minister

In the august presence of

Anandiben Patel

Governor
Uttar Pradesh

Yogi Adityanath

Chief Minister
Uttar Pradesh

Dharmendra Pradhan

Minister of Education, Skill Development
and Entrepreneurship, Government of India

Dr. L. Murugan

Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Information and Broadcasting, Government of India

Ilaiyaraaja

Member
Rajya Sabha

and other Dignitaries

Date : November 19, 2022 Time : 1:00 PM Venue : Amphitheater Ground, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Main Attractions

- ♦ Tour of Kashi, Ayodhya, and Prayagraj for the group of guests from Tamil Nadu related to the field of education, literature, archeology, history, music, Yoga, Ayurveda and business
- ♦ Intellectual, cultural, spiritual, and artistic seminars
- ♦ Classical, Bharatanatyam, and folk dance performances
- ♦ Exhibitions on art-culture, music tradition, folk lifestyle and heritage
- ♦ Tamil film festival
- ♦ 'Food Festival' based on South Indian cuisine



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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Dharmdev Chharia, S/o Sanjiv Chharia residing-12-C, Citizen Enclave, Sector-14 Extn., Rohini, Delhi-110085 declare that name-of mine has been wrongly-written as Dhaaram Devv Chharia in-my Educational Documents. The actual name-of mine is Dharamdev Chharia respectively which may be amended accordingly.

040641461-1

I, Jitender Mohan jaiswal S/o- Rajender Mohan, H.No. 680, 3rd floor, gali no.-9, near ramphal chowk, sector7, dwarka, delhi-110075, have changed my name to Jitendra Mohan Jiswal, for all purpose.

040641516-5

I, Vikas Kumar Tyagi S/o- Virender Kumar R/o. Kh.No.40/4, Street.No.21, Near J K Faram House, Gautam Colony, Narela, Delhi-110040, have changed my name Vikas Tyagi.

040641556-9

I, Sushma W/o Kripal Singh R/o A-7/1 Behind State Bank of India Kondli Ext. Vasundhra Enclave East Extn. has changed my name to Sushma Singh for all purposes.

040641506-1

I, Sunita D/O Vinay Karmakar R/O, Flat No-D-16/40, Rohini Sector-7, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sunita Karmakar.

040641463-4

I, Sujata R/o H.No.29, Sector-1B, Block-I, Palam-Vihar, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my Minor Son name from Dhruv to Kabir Yadav, for all Purposes.

040641463-2

I, Soofia Naaz, W/o- Mohd Zafar Khan, R/o-1111, First Floor, Chhatta Ibrahim, Punjabi Phatak Haveli Hissamuddin Haider BalliMarram Delhi-110006, have changed my name Soofia Naaz to Safia Naaz for all future purposes.

040641548-1

I, Shalini Chaurasia W/o Raju R/O 106C, DDA Flats, Satyam Enclave, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095 have changed my name to Shalini permanently.

040641462-1

I, Shahnaj w/o Mohd Rafiq, R/o H.No-B-64, Gali No-01, Moonga-Nagar, Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to Shahnaz, permanently.

040641545-3

I, Sandeep Sharma, S/O Ashok Kumar alias Ashok Sharma, R/O 334/1, Kharsa, No-375, Rishi Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi Changed Name To Sandeep Kumar.

040641516-3

I, SUKHBIR SINGH DHANOA, F/O BHAVTEI SINGH R/O-2546 SECTOR-C, POCKET-2 VASANT KUNJ DELHI-110070, HAVE CHANGED MY-MINOR SON'S NAME TO BHAVTEI SINGH DHANOA.

040641516-1

I, Rafiq Ahmad, S/O Liyakat Ali, R/o H.No.B-64, Gali No-01, Moonga Nagar, Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Mohd Rafiq, permanently.

040641545-2

I, RENU KAINTH, W/O. BALJEET SINGH ADD-H-78, GALI, NO-5, SHAKARPUR, EAST DELHI-110092, Changed My name to RASHPREET KAUR, for all, future Purposes.

040641463-8

I, Pankaj S/o-Late Om Prakash Chhibber, R/o/W-768, Tihar-Village, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed My Name to Pankaj Chhibber, for all Purposes.

040641463-5

I, Nadeemabbas Aliabbas, S/o Ali Abbas R/o, Flat.No-4214, 1st Floor, Alok Vihar-I, Sector-50, Noida, Gautam Budh-Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name to Nadeem Abbas.

040641556-5

I, Sushil Prabhakar S/o Sham Lal Prabhakar, R/o/1-63, Lajpat Nagar-2 Delhi-24, have changed my name to Sushil Kumar Prabhakar.

040641556-3

I, NIRMALA DEVI MANN W/O BRAHAM PRAKASH R/O 540, NEAR MINI STADIUM, ALIPUR, DELHI-110036, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NIRMALA.

040641545-7

I, NEETU SINGH RANA, wife of, Ditto Sushil Rana, Presently, residing at, RZ-138/344, Gali, No.1C, SHIVPURI, West-Sagarpur, New-Delhi-110046, have changed my name, from NEETU SINGH RANA to NEETU SINGH, Vide-affidavit, date-18-11-22.

040641516-10

I, NAJAFS o-ASHRAF ALI, R/o C-215, Street, no.7, A-1 F/F, P.V.T. No. A-1, Chauhan Banger Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to NAJAF ALI, for all, future purposes.

040641556-2

I, Mukhtari W/o Amruddin R/o A-59, Abul Fazal-Enclave-I, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Mukhtari Begum for-all purposes.

040641556-2

I, AAYUSH JAIN, S/O Umesh Chand Jain R/O, DG-2, 59A, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018, have changed my father's name from UMESH CHAND to UMESH CHAND JAIN.

040641463-1

I, Urmila Rani, W/o Beer Singh Verma, R/o RZ B-15, Nand Ram Park, Bindapur Extn, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Urmilla Verma.

0070813577-1

I, Mohd Mohtasim, S/o Mohd Zahid, R/o H-45/3, Second Floor, Batla House Jamia Nagar, ND-25, have change my name to Mohd Mohatsim

040641545-4

I, Manish Kumar S/o Lal Bachan Sharma R/o, H.No. 199A, Gali- No.1, Jhandapur, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010, have changed my name to Manish Kumar Sharma.

040641556-1

I, Mahelaka Nadeemabbas, w/o Nadeem Abbas, R/o, Flat.No-4214, 1st Floor, Alok Vihar-I, Sector-50, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my Name to Mahelaka Bhojani.

040641545-1

I, Mahelaka Bhojani, w/o, Nadeem Abbas, R/o, Flat.No-4214, 1st Floor, Alok Vihar-I, Sector-50, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, have changed the name of my minor-daughter, from Falak Zehra Nadeemabbas TO Falak Zehra.

040641556-4

I, MANSI D/O.SURENDER SINGH AHLAWAT, ADD-391/34 NEW.NO-2486/17, GALI.NO-176, JANTA-COLONY, ROHTAK HARYANA-124001, changed my name to MANSI AHLAWAT, for all, future PURPOSES.

040641463-9

I, Lalita Devi spouse of Army No-10136470H, Rank-Hav Gopal Singh presently residing at vill-Tatera, PO-Tatera, Teh-Neem Ka Thana, Distt- Sikar, State-Rajasthan, Pin-332701, have changed my name from Lalita Devi to Lalita Kanwar vide affidavit no-IN-

040641541-4

I, Lalit Kumar S/O, Amar Singh R/O, 189, Sunview Apartment, Sector-11, Pocket-4, Dwarka, Delhi-75, have changed the name of, my minor son from Joy Jabin to Joy Ishan Dhania for all.Purposes.

040641545-9

I, Km. Soniya, D/O Dharpal R/O-253, Sector-9, Vijay Nagar Ghaziabad-201009 U.P. have change my name to Soniya

040641545-6

I, J.C.-594875P, Sub Honey/Capt, Mohd Araf Unit 6 JAKLI, C/O-56 APO. In my service record, the name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Mahtab Arif Khan instead of Mehtab Arif as in school records. it needs correction. Objections be filed to 6 JAKLI within seven days.

040641485-1

I, Gurmeet Singh S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O, 23/47, Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh Gulani.

040641463-3

I, Abida Khatoun, W/o Mohd Zahid R/o H-45/3, Second Floor, Batla House, Jamia Nagar, ND-25, have change my name to Aabida.

040641545-5

I, GUNJAN MENGHANEY, W/O DEEPESH MENGHANEY, R/O G1/901, SUPERTECH ECOVILLAGE-1, PLOT.NO.8, SECTOR-1, BISRAKH, GREATER NOIDA WEST, G.B NAGAR, U.P.201306, changed my name to GUNJAN SHARMA.

040641516-2

I, FIROZI KHAN/FIROZI KHANAM W/O, MANZOOR AHMED KHAN, R/O, P-73, GROUND-FLOOR GALI, NO-4 NEAR-PEHALWAN CHOWK BATLA-HOUSE JAMIA-NAGAR, SOUTH-DELHI-110025, Changed my name to FEROZI KHAN, for all, future Purposes.

040641463-7

I, BHARAM PARKASH MANN S/O ROOP CHAND R/O 540, NEAR MINI STADIUM, ALIPUR, DELHI-110036, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BRAHAM PRAKASH.

040641545-8

I, Awtar Singh S/o-Shri Santokh Singh R/o-WZ-1E, MBS Nagar, New Sahib Pura, Delhi-110018 changed my name to Avtar Singh for all purposes vide affidavit dt:18/11/22 sworn before notary-Sunita Pagneja, Delhi.

040641487-1

I, ASHVINI KUMAR S/O-BHIM SINGH, R/O H.No-1064, WARD PANA VILYAN VPO DULHERA TEHSIL BAHADURGARH DISTT JHAJJAR, HARYANA-124507, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHVINI KUMAR.

040641463-10

I, Varughese K.G, S/O Chacko George R/O Kochupurackal Mugadiel Panangadu, P.O. Pathanamthitta (DST) Kerala-689503 has changed my name to K.G. Varghese for all future purposes.

040641546-1

I, BENNY.C ALIAS BENNY CHACKAPPAN, S/O PAILY CHAKKAPPAN R/O, H.No-946, Arun-Vihar, Sector-37, Noida, Gautam-Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO C.BENNY, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES.

040641516-4

I, Kanchan Prasad, S/O Jagarnath Prasad, R/O M-26, Vill-Chiyautiyan, Post-Jungle Kauria, Gorakhpur, Sihorwa, Uttar Pradesh-273007, have changed my name to Jayant Pratap Singh.

0070813576-1

I, Madhvi, R/o H. No. 3924, Gali Mandir Wali, Pahari Dhiraj, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-06, do hereby declare that the name of my Father & Mother have been wrongly written as Raj Kamal and Ranjana in my educational & other documents whereas their correct names are Raj Kamal Gupta and Ranjana Gupta respectively. In future, they will be known by Raj Kamal Gupta (Father) & Ranjana Gupta (Mother) for all purposes.

040641510-1

I PINKI, W/O AKSHAY SHARMA R/O, A/5/2/3 GEMINI PARK NANGLI SAKRAWATI DWARKA, DELHI-110043 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PINKI SHARMA.

040641302-2

I, Taruna, R/o H. No. 3924, Gali Mandir Wali, Pahari Dhiraj, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-06 do hereby declare that the name of my Father & Mother have been wrongly written as Raj Kamal and Ranjana in my educational & other documents whereas their correct names are Raj Kamal Gupta and Ranjana Gupta respectively. In future, they will be known by Raj Kamal Gupta (Father) & Ranjana Gupta (Mother) for all purposes.

040641518-1

I, Shalu Gupta W/O Nitin Gupta R/O DP-74 1st Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Shalu Gupta.

040641460-1

I, SATPAL, S/O PALYADEV RAM, R/O 36/893, W-No-8, MEHRAULI, NEW DELHI-110030, have changed my name to SATYA PAL.

0070813554-1

I, Raj Kamal Gupta S/o Shri Ganga Prasad R/o H. No. 3924, Gali Mandir Wali, Pahari Dhiraj, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-06, do hereby declare that my name has been mentioned in Driving License & Aadhar Card as Raj Kamal & Raj Kamal Gupta respectively whereas Raj Kamal Gupta and Raj Kamal are one and the same person. In future, I will be known as Raj Kamal Gupta for all purposes.

040641514-1

I, Puneet Mangla, R/O 37/1, Church Road, Jangpura, Bhogal, South East Delhi, 110014, have changed my father's name Naresh Chand Mangla to Naresh Chand for all future purposes.

0070813564-1

I, No-12964057, Hav, Abdul Gani Lone, R/O Lachipora, Tehsil Boniyar, District Baramulla, in my service record, the name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Rashid Ahmad Lone, instead of Rashid Gani Lone. it needs correction. Objections be filled to 161 Inf Bn, TA (H&H) JAKLI within seven days.

040641534-1

I, Monika Goel, D/o Sh. Vinod Goel and W/o Mr. Ankush Singh, R/O H.No. 1449/26, 30 Ft. Road, Durgapuri Shahdara, Delhi-110093, have changed my name after marriage from Monika Goel to Monika Singhal for all future purposes.

0070813565-1

I, Marknday Panddy, S/O Moleay Pandey, R/o Vill Lakhima, Post Samdar Khurd, Jagdishpur, Kushinagar, Dharmadi, Uttar Pradesh-274149, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Markanday Pandey.

0070813508-1

I, Mandakni W/O Bhagirath R/o 2086, Ganj Mir Khan Zere Fasil Turkman Gate, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Pooja for all future purposes.

040641505-1

I, Karimuddin Sani S/O Sharfuddin R/O 64, Gali Kababiyani, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have changed my name from Karimuddin to KARIMUDDIN SANI for all future purposes.

040641447-1

I, Kanchan, D/o Ved Prakash Wadhwa and W/o Narendra Kumar Soni, R/o 108/5, Geeta Bhawan Ke Pichhe, Prahlad Nagar, Meerut City, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250002, have changed my name to Komal Soni.

0070813583-1

I, Himanshu, S/O Narendra Kumar Soni, R/o 108/5, Geeta Bhawan Ke Pichhe, Prahlad Nagar, Meerut City, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250002, have changed my name to Piyush Kumar Soni.

0070813579-1

I, Gullu Clearmoney, S/o Ashok Kumar Kapoor, R/o D-87, Viganpur, Sector-C, Mahanagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226006, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gaurav Kapoor.

0070813509-1

I, Goldy, S/o Narendra Kumar Soni, R/o 108/5, Geeta Bhawan Ke Pichhe, Prahlad Nagar, Meerut City, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250002, have changed my name to Prince Kumar Soni.

0070813578-1

I, Debasmita Chakraborty W/o Sh. Partho Chakraborty, R/o D-660, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi-19, have changed my name to Debasmita Roy Chakraborty for all future purposes & both are same person.

040641276-2

I, MANZOOR AHMAD KHAN/ MANJIUR KHAN, S/O, GHULAM RASHUL KHAN, R/O P-73, GROUND-FLOOR, GALI, NO-4 NEAR PEHALWAN-CHOWK BATLA-HOUSE JAMIA-NAGAR, SOUTH-DELHI-110025, changed my name to MANZOOR AHMED KHAN, for all, future Purposes.

040641463-6

I, KANCHAN MEHRAW W/O YASHPAL MEHRA, R/O H. NO. 90/115, Kurmanchal Niketan, Patparganj, I. P. Extension, East Delhi-110092 have changed my name from KANCHAN to KANCHAN MEHRAW for future.

040641463-9

I Km Geeta Rani alias Geeta Saini D/o Sh. Banarsi Dass W/o Sh. Vikramjit Sai Saini R/o 118-D/1, East Moti Bagh, Opp.N.D.P.L. Office, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Geeta Saini for all purposes

040641450-7

I, Brijesh Kumar Saini, S/o Sh. Umed Singh Saini, R/o WZ-105A, Hari Singh Park, New Multan Nagar, Delhi-110056, earlier known with either of names Brijesh Kumar or Brijesh Saini has changed my name to Brijesh Kumar Saini for all future purposes.

0070813510-1

I, BIBHABATI DUBEY D/O LATE SHRI BROJENDRA LAL DUBEY, AGED ABOUT 90 YEARS, BY RELIGION HINDU, R/O 33/2, WESTPATEL NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110008, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM BIBABATI DUBEY TO BIBHABATI DUBEY, IN FUTURE, I SHALL BE KNOWN AS BIBHABATI DUBEY ONLY FOR ALL PURPOSES AND RECORDS.

040641450-9

I, Deepa Singh Daughter of Late Shri Jaggu Chhetri Residence of C-7, First Floor Front Side, Subhash Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name Deepa Singh to Deepa Chhetri for all intents and future purposes. Inform that Deepa Singh & Deepa Chhetri both are one & same Person Name.

040641513-1

I, ANJALI SHARMA, D/o RAJENDER SHARMA, R/o 4610/13, Jai Mata Market, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed the name of my minor daughter SANVI GULATI, aged 7 years and she shall hereafter be known as SAVNEET KAUR.

0070813588-1

I VIKAS KUMAR, S/O GHANSHAM, R/o H. NO 970, WARD NO. 7, MEHRAULI, SOUTH, NEW DELHI-110030, have changed my name to VIKAS BHIVANIYA.

0070813551-1

I Siddharth Saurabh S/o, Naresh Narayan Singh R/o Flat No 10, House No 144/5, Nehru Gali, West Sant Nagar, Burari, New Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Siddharth Saurabh for all purposes.

040641534-1

I Rajesh Kumar Sadeja S/o Late Sh. Prem Chand R/O C-2/34, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar for all purposes.

040641450-8

I Kusum Jetmal W/O, Bhagwan Singh Jetmal R/O House No 15 Kh No 79 Sainikpuri, Digari Jodhpur (raj) -342015 have changed my name to Kusum Kanwar for all purposes

040641542-1

I Jagjit Singh S/o- Sardar Mohinder Singh Arora R/o-Block-QU, 146-C, Near Income Tax Colony, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Jagjit Singh Arora for all purposes.

040641459-1

I Harpreet Kaur Bajaj W/O, Satbir Singh R/O J-3/154, Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi, Pincode : 110027 have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur for all purposes

040641526-1

I, Mohammad Javed, S/o- Musheer Ahmed R/O 1157, First Floor Gali Amin Wali, Punjabi Phatak, Delhi-110006 have changed my name Mohammad Javed to M.Javed for all future purposes.

040641548-2

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AJEET KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
Chamber No. 561, 5th Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi, M- 9810039471

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040641450-7

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client SH. JASPAL S/O LATE SH. SADHU RAM R/O L-11/23A, BLOCK L-1, MOHAN GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110086 has severed all his relations from his son SH. VINOD KUMAR, his daughter-in-law SMT. KAMINI KASHYAP W/O SH. VINOD KUMAR, their son PIYUSH KASHYAP and their associates, disowned and disbanded all of them from all his movable

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**Raut: Rahul's
Savarkar
comments
may trigger
rift in MVA**

**ALOK DESHPANDE &
VALLABH OZARKAR**
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

SHIV SENA (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader and MP Sanjay Raut said on Friday that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent comments against Hindutva ideology V D Savarkar could cause rifts in the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance in Maharashtra.

"Coming to Maharashtra, making allegations against Savarkar and defaming him is not acceptable to Maharashtra as well as Shiv Sena. Maharashtra Congress leaders would also not support it. There was, in fact, no need to make this statement in the Bharat Jodo Yatra. The yatra was undertaken with the intention of raising the issues related to the rising dictatorial attitude in the country, issues of unemployment, inflation and atrocities on women in the country. The yatra is drawing huge responses, especially in Maharashtra. So, at this point of time, there was no need to bring the issue of Savarkar. Because of this, there is a possibility of rifts in the Maha Vikas Aghadi," Raut said.

**Shiv Sena
leader
Sanjay Raut**

At an event earlier this week in Washim district during the Maharashtra leg of the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul had taken aim at the BJP and RSS saying that they idolise Savarkar.

"Despite the British offering him land, Birsa Munda refused to bow. He chose death. We, the Congress, consider him our idol. For the BJP and RSS, Savarkar ji, who wrote mercy petitions to the British and accepted pension, is an idol," he had said.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena, a Congress ally, publicly expressed its displeasure at the comment, with Uddhav saying that Rahul's statement "is wrong".

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LIFT-OFF FOR PVT SECTOR IN SPACE

India's first privately built rocket, Vikram-S, lifts off from Sriharikota on Friday. *PTI*

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DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION BILL, 2022

New draft privacy law eases cross-border flow of data, hikes penalties for breach

Centre to notify 'data-secure' regions to which data can be transferred

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

EASING CROSS-BORDER data flows, hiking penalties for data breaches and non-compliance, allowing the government to exempt state agencies from the law in the interest of national security: these are among the key provisions of the revamped data protection Bill released by the

Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) Friday.

The draft was out three months after the Government withdrew an earlier version that had triggered a pushback from Big Tech and sections of the civil society. The new draft, now called the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, has provisions on "purpose limitations" around data collection; specified grounds for collecting and pro-

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cessing of personal data; penalties ranging from Rs 50 crore to Rs 500 crore and a Data Protection Board as the adjudicating body to enforce the provisions of the Bill.

The draft is up for public consultation until December 17 and the final version is expected to be tabled in the Budget session of Parliament next year. The new Bill had 30 provisions while the

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Ferment in Cong over pension U-turn, leaders flag 'lack of consultation'

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE CONGRESS leadership's decision to do a U-turn on pension reforms and promise restoration of the old pension scheme in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat is seen as a "populist reversal" without much internal consultation, at least three senior leaders, who were key ministers in the Manmohan Singh cabinet, told *The Indian Express*.

In what reflects the internal ferment within the party, a former Cabinet minister, who did not wish to be named, said, "What is the forum where such issues are discussed and thrashed out? Such matters never come up

before the Congress Working Committee. And I am not aware of any discussion before arriving at this decision."

Pension reforms initiated in 2003 by the AB Vajpayee-led NDA government were keenly pursued by the Congress-led alliance which came to power after the 2004 Lok Sabha elections. The UPA coalition government under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh took the New Pension System (NPS) to its logical conclusion in 2013 by passing the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Bill.

The Bill, which proposed a new pension regulator, was opposed by the Left parties and the Trinamool Congress, but could

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Punjab Cabinet clears old pension scheme

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 18

TWO MONTHS after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced that Punjab would be reverting to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), the Cabinet Friday approved its implementation, days before the first phase of Assembly elections in Gujarat on December 1.

The state government is preparing to issue a notification,

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Good work derailed

REFORMS IN the pension sector had received support from the BJP and Congress. Despite rising pension liabilities, parties like Congress and AAP are wooing government staff, who constitute less than 5% of the total workforce.

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facie case is made out by the petitioners for grant of interim protection in relation to marriage of two adult citizens on their volition and against any coercive action for violation of Section 10 of the Act of 21."

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'NO MONEY FOR TERROR' CONFERENCE

Impose cost on nations which back terror: PM targets Pakistan, China

Calls for 'uniform, zero-tolerance' approach to terror

**MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL**
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

IN REMARKS aimed at Pakistan and China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that while some countries support terrorism "as part of their foreign policy", others do so by "blocking action against terrorists". Asking the world to unite against such "overt and covert backing of terror", Modi said a "cost" must be imposed on such countries.

Speaking at the third "No Money for Terror" conference here, attended by delegations from 72 countries and 15 international organisations, Modi also obliquely criticised the West for being focussed on terror groups with global outreach. Saying that the "reaction" to a terror attack "cannot vary based on where it happens", he called for a "uniform, unified and zero-tolerance" approach.

"It is well known that terrorist



PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the 'No Money for Terror' conference in New Delhi, Friday. *PTI*

organisations get money through several sources. One source is state support. Certain countries support terrorism as part of their foreign policy. They offer political, ideological and financial support to them. International organisations must not think that the absence of war means peace. Proxy wars are also dangerous and violent," said Modi.

"There must be a cost im-

posed upon countries that support terrorism. Organisations and individuals that try to create sympathy for terrorists must also be isolated. There can be no

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SC rejects NIA plea, orders house arrest of Navlakha within 24 hours

'If you are trying to find a loophole...we will take a serious view'

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

DISMISSING A plea by the National Investigation Agency to vacate its November 11 order allowing the house arrest of Bhima Koregaon case accused Gautam Navlakha, the Supreme Court Friday directed that its order be effected within 24 hours.

Justice K M Joseph, who along with Justice Hrishikesh Roy heard submissions by the



The top court had last week ordered house arrest for Gautam Navlakha. *File*

NIA and Navlakha, warned the probe agency that "if you are try-

ing to find a loophole to defy our order, we will take a serious view of it".

"We are not inclined to entertain the application for vacation of the order. The application stands dismissed," the bench said after proceedings in which

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BAIL, BUT ORDER
STAYED FOR A WEEK**
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Kickoff tomorrow, Doha's quiet streets buzz as world descends: 'Never seen so many tourists'



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SANDIP G
DOHA, NOVEMBER 18

LIKE THE genie that whirls out of the magic lamp in Aladdin's fairy tale, La'eeb, the Qatar World Cup's zippy mascot, leaps out of every wall in the city. He has a spectrum of tricks up his baggy *thobes* and *ghutra*. He can be seen readying for a free-kick, lunging to tip the ball away, jug-

gling the ball with his chest and holding the trophy aloft. There is nothing he can't do.

Like the supposed one room with a thousand eyes in a hidden office in Doha watching every spectator with an unblinking gaze, La'eeb peers at you from everywhere. And he is being peered at, by every pair of ten thousand eyes that have landed in the city for a month of football.

The prelude to the World Cup has not been smooth. From FIFA's allegedly corrupt voting process to allocate the world's most watched sporting event to Qatar, to the treatment it meted out to the labourers who helped transform an endless stream of sand dunes to a dream football city, and its intolerance of LGBTQ



La'eeb, the Qatar World Cup's mascot, leaps out of every wall in Doha. *Sandip G*
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rights — these have all been revisited and reviled repeatedly. But as the countdown in Central

Doha ticks down to the inaugural match on Sunday, the seconds moving slower as the day

approaches, the negativity and hostility towards the tournament has begun to shift.

The mood in Doha is purely football. Anywhere on the street, you can stumble on a fan who has come from as far as Ecuador, crossing the seven seas, to as near as Saudi Arabia, which shares a border with Qatar. Hop into a metro or a bus, your ears get used to a miasma of languages and slangs, and eyes to a variety of costumes and customs, but almost everyone, subconsciously, betrays their nationality.

A dozen Mexicans walking down a street in Al Wakra with their sombreros in tow — but the afternoon heat is too stifling for

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TEAMS SENT TO 4 CITIES TO FIND EVIDENCE

Premature to provide any single theory, say cops on Shraddha case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

IN A status note on the Shraddha Walkar murder case, the Delhi Police said “each uttering of the accused, Aaftab Poonawala, is being assessed upon the crucible of admissible evidentiary value”.

Aaftab was arrested last week for allegedly killing Shraddha at their rented home in the Chhattarpur Pahadi area on May 18, three days after they moved into the flat. Police said he “tried misleading interrogators by claiming” that Shraddha “had severed her relationship with him and had left their live-in rented accommodation”.

The matter came to light after Shraddha’s father approached the Mumbai Police in October to file a missing person complaint. Aaftab is accused of allegedly strangling her and chopping her body into multiple pieces before dumping them.

“Multiple teams are camping outstation to recreate the lives of accused and (the victim) together; similarly, multiple teams are carrying out search operations to recover the missing skeletal parts. Several inter-disciplinary teams are working round the clock for documenting, finding discrepancies and further refining versions and the motives being put forth by the accused,” the note said.

“At this juncture, it will be premature to provide any single theory which can stand the test of judicial scrutiny; thus, open-minded and open-ended investigation, with the best professionals of Delhi Police, is being carried out in right earnest,” it said.

The police note said the couple’s rented accommodation (place of offence) has been closely inspected by the crime team and experts from FSL, Rohini, and multiple exhibits have been seized. “Following up on the disclosures, combing operations have been carried out at various places, including some forest areas, from where severed bones have been seized. To ascertain the bones belong to (the woman), blood samples of the father and brother have been collected for



The Delhi Police team in Gurgaon, Friday. PTI

DNA analysis,” police said.

“To find out if any incriminating evidence resides in the seized digital devices seized from the place of offence, the same have also been sent for forensic retrieval of data,” they said.

Police have also formed multiple teams to visit Gurgaon, Mumbai, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand in connection with the investigation. Officers said the teams will look for evidence that they haven’t been able to recover from Delhi and will also question Shraddha’s friends.

In Gurgaon, the Delhi Police went to the call centre in Cyber Hub where Aaftab had taken up a job after Walkar’s death, and questioned staff. As reported by *The Indian Express*, Aaftab was sent a termination notice by the call centre around the time of his arrest.

Police also conducted searches nearby and recovered evidence that was then wrapped in a black bag. Investigators refused to comment on its contents. Another team went to Mumbai and is questioning the couple’s friends, colleagues and other associates.

The couple, whose parents were opposed to their relationship, left Mumbai in March-April and went to Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand for a vacation before arriving in Delhi. Police say they will question hotel owners and staffers where the couple stayed to piece together their journey.

Police look into chats attributed to Walkar

Police will also be looking into purported WhatsApp chats from

2020-21 between Shraddha and her friends that have surfaced online. Officers have also been asked to retrieve deleted data from both Shraddha’s and Aaftab’s social media accounts.

The screenshots purportedly suggest Shraddha was in an abusive relationship and had sought help. In one of the chats, she purportedly says: “So yesterday everything got sorted after going to his parent’s house. He’s moving out today. And I won’t be able to make it today because from all the beating yesterday I guess my bp is low and my body hurts. *Energy nahi bachi hai bed se uthne ki*. Also I need to make sure he moves out today.”

In the purported chat, from November 2020, the friend replies: “Don’t be scared, we all r with u.” The two also discuss an alternate place for Shraddha to stay, and the possibility of going to the police.

Meanwhile, a Delhi court has ordered the Rohini FSL to conduct a narco-analysis test on Aaftab within five days and not use any third-degree measures. Metropolitan Magistrate Vijayshree Rathore passed the order on the test after the accused consented for the same. “FSL, Rohini, is directed to allow the IO for conducting a narco analysis test of the accused within five days from today. The IO is further directed not to use any other third-degree measures. MLC be prepared as per rules,” the court said.

The legal aid counsel who appeared for the accused said, “The accused will be taken to the Rohini lab for the test in the coming two days.”

Victim was hospitalised in 2020 for internal injuries

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

SHRADDHA WALKAR, who was killed allegedly by her live-in partner Aaftab Poonawala in Delhi in May, was admitted to a Nalasopara hospital for three days for suspected internal injuries in December 2020.

Dr Shivprasad Shinde from Nalasopara’s Ozone Multispeciality Hospital told mediapersons Friday that Shraddha had gotten herself admitted on

December 3, 2020. “She complained of severe back and neck pain, due to which she was not able to walk or move her neck... She underwent physiotherapy, following which the pain subsided and she was discharged after three days,” he added.

The doctor said during the time of admission, Aaftab had introduced himself as Shraddha’s husband: “The boy had come along with her and identified himself as her husband. We had called them for a follow-up post her discharge, but they did not show up.”

Shinde said Shraddha was hesitant about revealing what had caused her injuries: “They were similar to injuries one suffers during a physical assault.” Her medical reports stated she had complained of severe back pain, nausea and difficulty in movement of neck for five days before she came to the hospital.

Police, meanwhile, are investigating a purported chat in which Shraddha had told a colleague she had been assaulted. In the message she sent on November 24, days before she was hospitalised,

Shraddha purportedly wrote: “And I won’t be able to make it today because from all the beating yesterday. I guess my bp is low and my body hurts. *Energy nahi bachi hai bed se uthne*.”

A man named Rahul Roy, who claims to have known Shraddha, said Friday he had received a call for help from one of her friend’s. A driver by profession, Roy told *The Indian Express*, “We had a common friend, Godwin, he called in November 2020 to say Shraddha was in trouble... When we met her, she had bruises... af-

ter which we (Godwin and Roy) went to Tulinj police station and lodged a non-cognizable offence.”

When *The Indian Express* contacted Tulinj police station, officers said they received no such complaint. “We did not receive any complaint. After coming to know of what had happened at the hospital (in 2020)..., we sent a team (there) Friday. Hospital authorities said they did not inform police then as Shraddha had not complained of being assaulted,” senior inspector Rajendra Kamble of Tulinj police station said.

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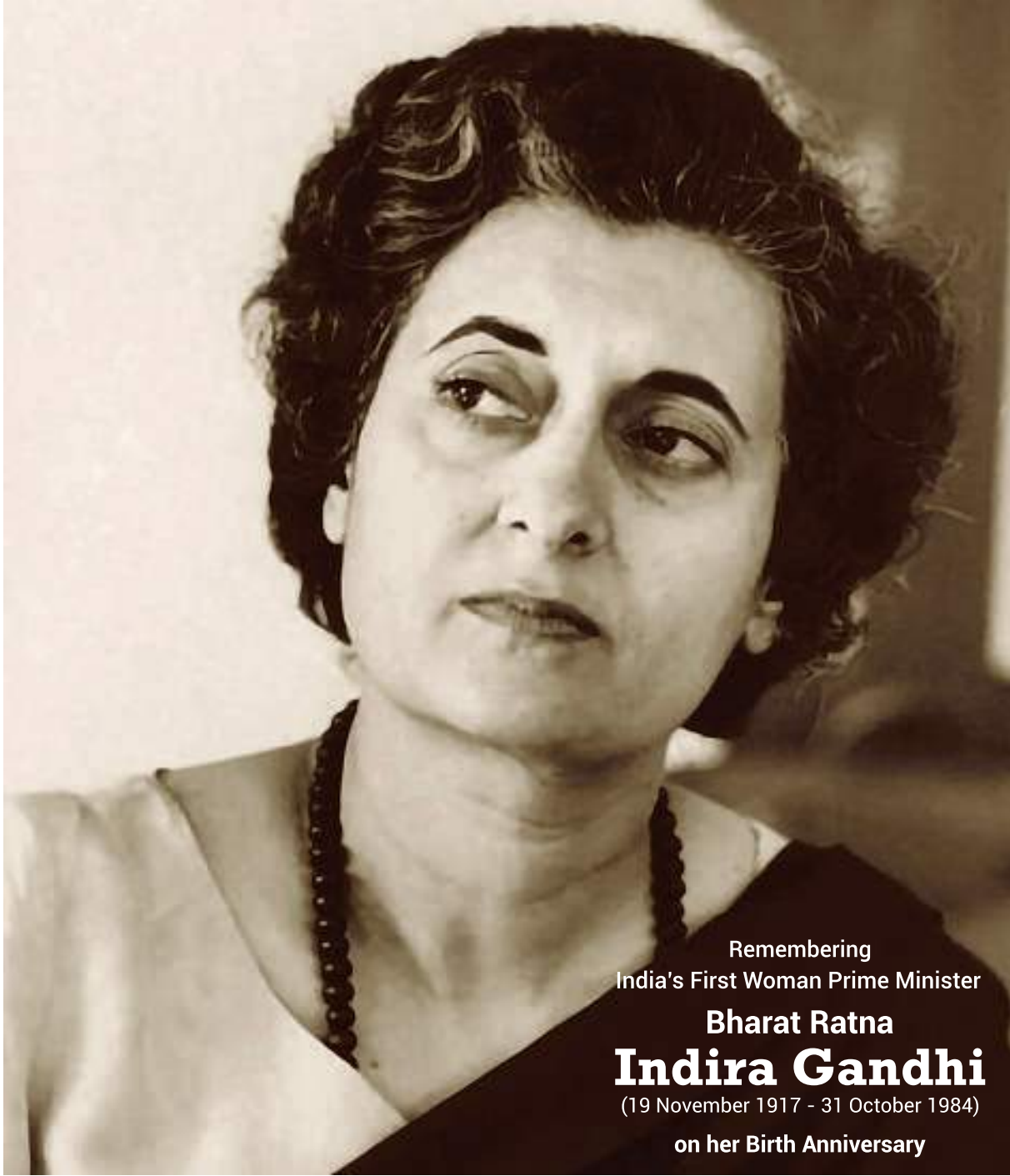
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BJP leader Baluni meets L-G, seeks review petition in 2012 Chhawla gangrape case

New Delhi: BJP MP Anil Baluni Thursday met Delhi L-G VK Saxena along with parents of the 2012 Chhawla gangrape victim and requested him to file a review petition in the case. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court acquitted the three men sentenced to death for the gangrape and murder of a 19-year-old woman in February 2012, noting the prosecution failed to provide leading, cogent, clinching and clear evidence against the accused.

“I met L-G... along with parents of the 2012 Chhawla gangrape case victim and requested him to file review petition... as the Delhi government is party in the case so that stringent punishment could be given to the accused,” Baluni, BJP’s national media in-charge, said in a statement. He is a Rajya Sabha MP from Uttarakhand, from where the victim hailed. PTI

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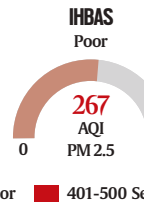
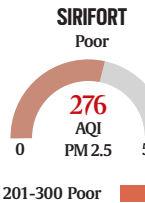
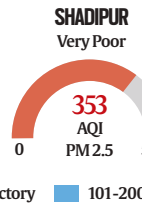
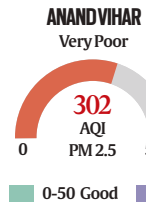


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Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

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BRIEFLY

First-year DU student from Kerala found hanging at PG

New Delhi: A 19-year-old student from Delhi University's Miranda House allegedly committed suicide at her paying guest accommodation in Northwest Delhi's Model Town, said police Friday. The deceased was a first-year BA student from Malappuram, Kerala. Police said they received a call that she was found hanging from a ceiling fan. Her body has been sent for an autopsy. No foul play has been detected so far, said police. The student had shifted to the PG in August this year. Police said she left behind a left a suicide note, which they are verifying.

BJP accuses AAP leader of graft, he denies claims

New Delhi: The BJP Friday released a purported "sting operation video", accusing AAP leader Mukesh Goel of allegedly demanding Rs 1 crore from a junior engineer deployed with the MCD to present gifts to his party leaders. Releasing the video, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra demanded Goel's resignation from AAP national chief and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. Goel denied the allegations and called the sting video "doctored", and said he will file a defamation case against Patra. **ENS**

'MISUSING POST FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES'

Office locked, vehicle taken away as L-G targets DDC head, AAP hits back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

IN WHAT could further escalate tensions between his office and the AAP government, Delhi L-G VK Saxena has ordered that Jasmine Shah, vice-chairperson of the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDCD), "be restricted from discharge of functions as V-C" and also be barred from using "any privileges and facilities connected with the office of VC, DDCCD, with immediate effect".

The L-G has also asked Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to sack Shah from the post for allegedly "misusing his office for political purposes", and directed the Delhi government's planning department to prevent him using any "privilege and facilities" till a "decision is taken by the CM" in this regard.

Saxena's decision came following a complaint filed by BJP MP Parvesh Verma last month.

The move drew a sharp response from the Aam Aadmi Party. "Jasmine's office has been locked by L-G alleging that he is AAP spokesperson. The office of Sambit Patra, who is Chairman ITDC, should also be sealed since he is spokesperson of BJP," Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia tweeted.

Following the orders of the L-G and directions from the planning department, the Sub-District Magistrate (SDM), Civil Lines, sealed the office premises of the office situated at Sharnath Marg, Civil Lines, on Thursday evening, said an official from the L-G house. Sources, however, pointed out that Shah mostly works out of the Delhi Secretariat.

SOME OF DDC'S KEY PROJECTS

Delhi Free WiFi scheme
■ Launched in 2019 to provide free WiFi services
Streetscaping of roads
■ To revamp 540 km of roads

Doorstep service delivery
■ 100 services made online. Govt plans to add 200 more by 2022-23

Rozgar Budget 2022-23
■ Aims to provide 20 lakh

DELHI EV POLICY
25% share of EVs ensured in new vehicle registrations by 2024

Jobs in 5 years

Gandhi Nagar revamp
■ To redevelop Asia's largest textile trading centre in Gandhi Nagar into 'Grand garment hub'



DDCCD V-C Jasmine Shah

An official from the LG office claimed, "Shah was given two opportunities to reply to the show cause notice issued on October 17 by the director, planning department, but failed to submit his reply. Instead, he informed that the reply was submitted to the Minister of the Planning Department." Sisodia holds the portfolio of the Planning Department.

The official added, "The L-G wrote a letter to the CM office on November 4, seeking to know the reply of Shah, but the CM office till now has not replied to the letter. Thereafter, L-G asked to

prevent any further misuse of the office of DDCCD, Shah's office was sealed late Thursday."

An order dated November 17 and signed Vijendra Singh Rawat, Director (Planning), Government of NCT of Delhi, states: "Head of Office/Deputy Secretary DDCCD is hereby directed to give effect to this order immediately by taking the following measures: a) Office chamber of VC, DDCCD at 33, Sharnath Marg may be locked in order of (sic) prevent access of the premises, b) The vehicle and manpower/staff facility shall stand withdrawn with immediate effect."

It was following a complaint from BJP MP Verma that the Planning Department of Delhi government had issued a show cause notice to Shah. In his complaint, submitted in September, Verma had said that Shah, while working as the DDCCD vice-chairperson, "acted as official spokesperson of the Aam Aadmi Party for political gains, which is in violation of established procedures".

Seal Sambit Patra's office too, says Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE DELHI L-G's decision to seal his office Friday drew a sharp reaction from Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah.

"The action taken by Delhi's LG to seal my office at DDCCD and stop me from discharging my duties is without jurisdiction, completely illegal and unconstitutional. The L-G has said I cannot act as a spokesperson for AAP while being Vice Chairperson of DDCCD. I have one question for the LG - Sambit Patra is a National Spokesperson of BJP while also holding the office of Chairman of ITDC. If my office is being sealed, then why not his? How can two laws operate in the same country - one for AAP and one for BJP?" he said in a statement.

"It is clear that L-G's order has no basis in law. Last month, a PIL was filed in Hon'ble Delhi High Court, which sought the dismissal of several politically active persons holding positions in central or state governments, including Sambit Patra and myself. The Hon'ble judges asked a single question that neither the BJP or central govt had any answers for - which law or constitutional provision are being violated if these public servants are politically affiliated? L-G's order today makes no mention of which law or rules are being violated," he said.

"The position of Vice



Shah's office was sealed late Thursday. Prem Nath Pandey

Chairperson, DDCCD, holds the rank of a Minister in Delhi government. If the L-G can initiate proceedings against me, tomorrow he can move to dismiss any other Minister or the Hon'ble CM of Delhi for representing AAP at political forums? It is clear that L-G's order is illegal and unconstitutional," he said.

Shah was appointed as the vice-chairperson of the DDCCD in 2018. The post is equivalent to the rank of a Delhi government minister and the terms of reference for appointment are to advise the government on governance and technological solutions, and to evolve strategies for recommendations made by the body. He has been working on urban governance and policy issues and has been advising the Government of NCT of Delhi since 2016 on environment, transport, education and budget transparency reforms. As DDCC V-C, he has been involved in crucial projects like the EV policy and AAP government's ambitious rozgar budget of 2022-23.

DU-Stephen's faceoff escalates after univ seeks UGC intervention

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

DELHI UNIVERSITY has written to the University Grants Commission (UGC) requesting it to intervene in its tussle with St Stephen's College over its principal's second term in office.

In previous communication with the governing body of the college, DU stated that it is "constrained not to recognise prof John Varghese as principal ever since his five-year term ended" in March 2021, if the college does not follow UGC regulations for appointment of principals.

On November 15, DU's Assistant Registrar (Colleges) wrote to the UGC Secretary, seeking its intervention to "preclude any act of defilement of UGC regulations by St Stephen's College and other colleges as well."

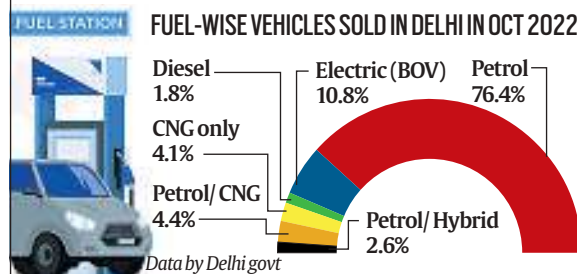
The tussle between the university and the college over this has been ongoing since August this year.

In the latest communication to the UGC, DU has alleged that the "college has been repeatedly justifying the re-appointment of professor John Varghese for the second term as principal of the College by citing the resolution of its Supreme Council".

EVs make up 10.8% of total vehicles sales in Oct, e-rick, scooter top list

EV VEHICLES SOLD

EV Sales since August 7, 2020	Total Registrations	Percent Registrations
E-rickshaw (P)	26,204	32.8
E-rickshaw with cart	7,184	9
M-cycle/scooter	35,038	43.8
Motor cab	2,261	2.8
Motor car	4,361	5.5
Three-wheeler (Goods)	3,759	4.7
Bus	397	0.5
Others	803	1



GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

DELHI HAS seen a sharp rise in the sale of electric vehicles, with 10.8% of the overall vehicles sold in October being electric. EV sales also doubled in October as compared to September, shows government data accessed by The Indian Express.

Data shows that EV sales in October saw a growth of 69%. A total of 4,587 EVs were sold in August and 4,810 in September which rose to 8,123 in October.

As per data, motor vehicles/scooters and e-rickshaws were among the most e-vehicles sold. Of the total EVs sold, 34% or 2,761 were e-rickshaws and 45.3% or 3,680 were scooters. Data also shows that compared to 2021, EV sales in October this year has grown by 147%, with a 271% growth in two-wheelers and 75% in e-rickshaws.

An analysis of fuel-wise vehicles sold in Delhi last month also shows that EV vehicles are more than diesel and CNG vehicles, as per data. Of the total vehicles sold, 76.4% are petrol, 10.8% electric (BOV), 4.1% CNG, 1.8% diesel, 2.6% petrol/hybrid and 4.4%

EXPLAINED The numbers

The AAP government's ambitious EV policy was launched in August 2020. Since then, till date (October 31), a total of 71,878 EVs were sold in Delhi which contribute to 6.9% of overall vehicle sales. The policy's aim is to drive the transition to e-vehicles, so they contribute to 25% of the total new vehicle registrations by 2024.

petrol/CNG.

Officials attributed the increase in sales to the festive season. "October saw several festivals and people buy new vehicles during this time as it is considered lucky. So, the Diwali month gave a push to vehicle sales," said the official.

As per officials, the government has disbursed Rs 115 crore as EV subsidy till date for 46,213 vehicles, and subsidy to 38,10,20,216 is pending.

Jamia cracks down on teacher's body

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE JAMIA Millia Islamia administration continued its crackdown on the Jamia Teachers' Association (JTA) Friday, calling it an unauthorised body and threatening action against any teacher participating in its meeting.

On Thursday, the university administration issued an order stating that it has dissolved the present association which had been elected in November 2020.

The administration had also suspended a professor, Sonya Gupta, who had been appointed as Returning Officer by the JTA to conduct the next elections which were scheduled to be held on November 23. Along with this, the V-Chas constituted six member committee "to look into the shortcomings of the By-Laws/Constitution of the JTA".

The executive committee of

the JTA had condemned these orders as "suppressing the democratic voices of the teachers". It had also called for a General Body Meeting (GBM) on Friday.

However, on Friday, the university's Registrar issued an advisory addressed to all faculty members stating that the GBM has been called by "an unauthorised body which has no longer recognition and authority", accusing them of "misleading" Jamia teachers and "claiming to be office bearers of JTA".

"Therefore, it is advised that teachers should abstain from attending or participating or in any manner be part of the meeting. In case of any violation of such advisory, the authority will take action against participants of such meeting which is planned to be held within the campus of Jamia Millia Islamia with an intention to disrupt the smooth functioning of the University," stated the advisory.

Builder gets 60-day civil imprisonment in contempt case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 18

THE REAL Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Gurgaon, awarded 60-day civil imprisonment to the promoter of real estate developer International Land Developers (ILD) in a contempt case.

An order from the adjudicating Officer (AO), RERA, Gurgaon, to superintendent, district jail, Bhandsi, read, "You are hereby authorised to detain Salman Akbar in civil imprisonment for 60 days... you are directed to produce him on 60th day of his detention before the adjudicating officer."

Earlier on October 31, an arrest warrant was issued by the court to produce Akbar on or before December 21, 2022.

Officials said the matter dates back to January 2013 when the complainant had booked a unit in ILD Spire Greens, Sector 37 Gurgaon, and executed an agreement, according to which the promoter had to hand over possession in July 2016, but failed to do so.

The allottee had filed a complaint at the RERA court in November 2018, alleging delay by the promoter in handing over possession.

The authority said it had

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passed an order in favour of the aggrieved allottee, asking the builder to pay the interest for every month of delay on the amount paid by the complainant from the date of possession till the handing over of actual possession of the unit, which the promoter failed to comply with.

The authority added that the RERA court had ordered ILD Millennium Private Limited to pay Rs 27,30,376 to the complainant, but it was not paid. "The directors of the company were then asked to file an affidavit stating the particular of its assets to satisfy the decree, but they failed to respond leading to intentional disobedience of the orders of the adjudicating officer," it said.



POLL FEVER

AAP Delhi state convenor Gopal Rai and MLA Durgesh Pathak launched garbage vans for MCD poll campaign at 206 Rouse Avenue party office on Friday. Amit Mehra

'Trend of builders defrauding homebuyers', HC takes note

New Delhi: In a plea moved against a builder for defraud, the Delhi HC recently observed that it is an "unfortunate trend that builders resort to dilatory tactics to defraud homebuyers".

A division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad in its November 1 judgment observed that dilatory tactics also include "defrauding homebuyers by selling units to multiple individuals, delaying the execution of projects, and executing projects with-

out requisite sanctions".

The HC observed that while most builders undergo insolvency, the greatest loss is incurred by homebuyers who are not only forced to embroil themselves in litigation but also divested of their hard-earned savings.

The court made the observation while dismissing an appeal moved by two homebuyers, a husband and wife, who alleged that they were defrauded by an Agra-based builder Kunal Structural Developers & Industries

Pvt. Ltd, in collusion with Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited.

The couple had challenged a single judge order of the HC that dismissed their plea seeking an "ad-interim ex-parte stay" on the demands of the payment of Pre-EMIs and EMIs by Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited.

While dismissing the appeal, the division bench said that several real estate projects across the country were facing a similar situation. **ENS**

4 CANDIDATES FIELDIED FROM COMMUNITY

In BJP's MCD list, Modi's focus on Pasmanda Muslims finds a resonance

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

A STEP forward for the community is how Pasmanda Muslims, fielded by the BJP for the upcoming MCD polls, see their nomination by the party. A total of four Pasmanda Muslims, including three women, have been fielded. A total of 250 seats are being contested this time.

Atif Rasheed, in-charge of the BJP's minority morcha, said, "This

is the first time all Muslim candidates BJP is fielding are from the OBC community. Like the PM has also said, the Pasmanda community is backward financially and educationally. It is a welcome decision to field three women from this community. The AAP and Congress only see Pasmanda Muslims as a vote bank, while the BJP is giving them a shot at leadership. In areas where Pasmanda Muslims are in a majority, these parties have not fielded candidates from the community."

Five Muslim candidates contested the MCD polls last time, and of them, two tickets were given to Pasmanda Muslims, he said.

Pasmanda Muslims are a backward, marginalised section of Muslims that the BJP has been trying to reach out to. At the BJP's national executive conclave in Hyderabad earlier this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked leaders to reach out to downtrodden sections of communities other than Hindus. The party had also organised a meet-

ing of Pasmanda Muslims in Lucknow in October, a conference that was touted as the first of its kind.

In Northeast Delhi's Chauhan Bangar, where BJP has fielded Saba Gazi (32), a law graduate from the Pasmanda Muslim community, "90% of the population belongs to the Pasmanda Muslim community",

as per Rasheed. Similarly, in the other three wards as well, they are in a majority, he said.

The three other Pasmanda Muslim candidates are Irfan Malik (50), who is contesting from Chandni Chowk's Chandni Mahal; Samina Raza (47) from Quresh Nagar; and Shabnam Malik from Northeast Delhi's

Mustafabad.

Raza is contesting the polls for the first time. "Modi ji ne ek dabi hui awaz ko ujagar kya hain (Modi ji has awakened a suppressed voice)... Pasmanda Muslims. This is a backward community," she said. She is a mandal vice-president of the Mahila Morcha and is involved with social work. "There is a gap between the Muslim community and BJP, I've been working to try and fill it... to tell Muslims that BJP is not against the community," she said. Raza said the area

she is contesting from has a garbage issue: "There is no cleanliness, roads are broken. There is a parking issue as well. These are issues that I would like to focus on."

Irfan Malik, a scrap dealer, said, "The PM has said Pasmanda Muslims are to be uplifted... we are right at the bottom with little means... We work for daily wages and are not very educated. The PM has now focussed on us... The BJP has taken a step forward for us and made an effort towards upliftment of this community.

The other parties treat us like use-and-throw commodities."

Gazi said she intended to practise law, but agreed to contest the polls after a push from her family. On four Pasmanda Muslims being fielded this time, she said, "Representation is a must. *Parivaarvad* should end and other people should be given an opportunity..." On the area she is contesting from, she said, "In every corner, there is garbage. Compared to other areas, there's little development here."



Beware of the Bitter Truth About Sweetness

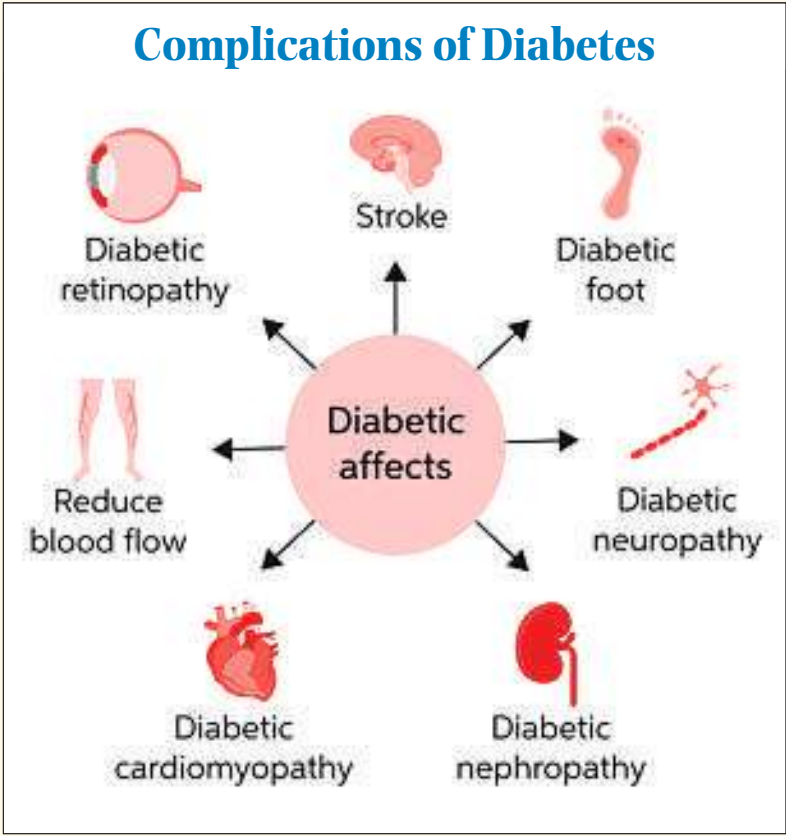


A renowned endocrinologist of nearly four decades of an illustrious career and recognition, **Dr S.K Wangnoo**, is the Senior Consultant, Endocrinologist & Diabetologist Apollo Centre for Obesity, Diabetes and Endocrinology at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, Delhi. He is an alumnus of Benaras Hindu University from where he received his MBBS, MD in Medicine and DM in Endocrinology. In India, over 77 million people are afflicted with diabetes and Dr Wangnoo shares his knowledge and experiences about the disease, how to look for early symptoms and prevent from developing it

India is dubbed as the diabetes capital of the world. How grim is the situation?
India had the dubious distinction of having the maximum number of diabetics in the world about a decade back. But China has now overtaken India. Today, India has more than 77 million diabetics as per the recent ICMR survey and half of them, approximately 33-35 million, are pre-diabetic and have the potential to become full-blown diabetic patients in the next 5-10 years. This figure will double during the corresponding period, which is alarmingly high.

What has triggered the situation to such an alarming situation?
The basic reason for this explosion of diabetes cases in India is that we carry the genes of our ancestors who were hunter-gatherers, and their gene pool had adapted to energy conservation. Over a period of time, the same gene helped to conserve energy during starvation, but now, with the easy availability of food, has led to call a condition called the thrifty gene hypothesis. Rapid Industrialisation, modernisation, increased luxury with more purchasing power, and increased consumption of junk food changed the lifestyle

What are the different types of diabetes?
Diabetes is of four different types — Type 1 diabetes mellitus (DM), Type 2 DM, latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA) and gestational diabetes. The pattern of diabetes that we see today is different from what we used to see two-three decades ago. Earlier, Type 1 diabetes was prevalent in the younger generation, ranging from 1-2 years of age to 30 years. Over time, the pattern changed into Type 2 diabetes, which was common in those above the age of 30 years. Type 2 diabetes has now become prevalent in the younger age group, between 14-18 years, due to lifestyle changes and other diseases. This is termed Maturity-onset diabetes of the young (MODY) or 'Diabetes of the Young'. LADA ranges between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and is prevalent in the ages of 30-40 years. When a person develops diabetes, their sugar levels can be managed with oral drugs, but after five to ten years, the pancreas stop producing insulin and they subsequently take insulin. In LADA, the auto-immunity lies dormant for a few years and later, the patient may require insulin shots for life. Women who are obese and with a family history of diabetes, or past history of recurrent abortions,



eyes, nerves, heart and kidney, more commonly seen in Type 2 diabetes and now equally seen in Type 1 diabetes. Death due to infection, or because of the lack of insulin, occurs mostly in Type 1 diabetes.

What are the symptoms of diabetes in children?
We teach the parents about the common symptoms indicating Type 1 diabetes. Signs of severe weight loss despite eating a normal diet, frequent loo breaks, erratic eating habits, feeling hungry every time or recurrent boils or infections are the common warning to check your child's blood sugar. Early screening and detection help us in the early treatment and management of the condition.

How are the liver, pancreas, thyroid, heart and kidneys closely connected to diabetes?
The liver and pancreas are very closely related. Insulin produced by

the pancreas goes into the portal circulation and then the glucose is taken into the liver, muscle and fat. The pancreas is responsible for insulin synthesis and if it gets affected, the body's ability to produce insulin is lost. Thyroid disease is a condition which is associated with Type 1 diabetes, and we conduct a thyroid function test as hypothyroidism and Type 1 diabetes are autoimmune disorders. Similarly, Type 1 diabetes and celiac disease, or gluten hypersensitivity, have to be screened accordingly. Type 2 diabetes is an auto-immune disorder, so we also screen the patient for the presence of hypothyroidism. A link between the brain, pancreas, liver and gut too has been established. A special link between diabetes and the kidney has been found where it is seen taking a very vital role in causing diabetes. Most diabetics, however, die because of cardiovascular complications, as it directly affects the blood pressure and cholesterol deposit in the arter-

ies. When the sugar levels are high, it causes an inflammatory reaction, which eventually damages the cell lining. Screening helps in the early detection of any complications, and that is why when the patient comes to us, from day one, they are screened for any eye, heart, or kidney complications, and then we treat them for prevention of further progression of the complications. Our metabolic milieu has changed a lot.

Any peculiar observation that you have found regarding diabetes in Delhi NCR?
India is so diverse in every respect that there are clusters of diabetes in every region of the country. The highest cases of diabetes are reported in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. We get to see several peculiar diabetes patients. In young girls, the problem of polycystic ovarian disease (PCOD) is rampant in our country, especially, in Delhi. On average, one in every fifth girl in Delhi suffers from (PCOD), which is primarily because of insulin resistance, which predisposes girls as young as 16-18 years to develop prediabetes, become diabetic or even remain permanently diabetic. Those who are obese and if they get diabetic they develop complications, which include gynaecological issues at an early age.

cause injury that leads to a non-healing ulcer, known as a neuropathic ulcer. When the artery supplying blood to the legs is blocked, it is called an ischaemic ulcer, and that can develop into gangrene, a stage when the patient needs amputation. This is all because of uncontrolled diabetes, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels. Diabetes is the major cause of blindness in adults because it affects the retina, which is known as retinopathy. There is a lack of awareness among patients to undergo fundus examination every year because of inadequate facilities to do the retina test and early detection of diabetes so that proper care can be taken. Diabetic kidney disease and its progression leads to end-stage kidney disease where the patient requires dialysis or kidney transplantation. There are ways to detect early damage to the kidneys, known as microalbumin and the albumin creatinine ratio. If it is detected in the screening at a very early stage remedial measures can be taken to prevent kidney damage. Similarly, there are biomarkers for the early detection of heart failure.

What is unique about your department?
At Apollo, we have dedicated diabetic educators, who are certified by the International Diabetic Federation.

Changes in the lifestyle and eating habits of Indians have increased the prevalence of obesity, diabetes and blood pressure.

and food habits of Indians, increasing the prevalence of obesity, diabetes and blood pressure. Moreover, due to pollution and deforestation, the green lungs of our cities are shrinking. Today, going for a walk in the midst of nature has become a luxury. The use of chemical-based products such as insecticides, and pesticides, known as endocrine disruptors, impacts the endocrine organs of the body and causes thyroid dysfunction, adrenal dysfunction and pancreatic dysfunction. The prevalence, incidence and number of diabetes are increasing every year, leading to a perceptible increase in diabetes cases.

What has been the effect of Covid-19 virus on diabetes in the community?
When the Covid pandemic broke out, those who were predisposed to diabetes became diabetic because of the viral infection, while those who were diabetic, faced more complications. The pandemic was the worst period for children and young students, who turned obese and developed diabetes. They were confined to their homes and developed the tendency to overeat and not exercise. Almost 20 per cent of the parents reported to me that their child had gained weight and they have failed to shed it despite exercise.

are prone to gestational diabetes. The ideal time to detect diabetes is 24-26 weeks of pregnancy, but with awareness, patients are screened right from their first visit to the ante-natal clinic. A glucose tolerance test is conducted to screen them for diabetes. The second screening is done at 24-26 weeks of pregnancy, and if that is found negative. The third screening is done at the gestational age of 32 weeks so that we do not miss out on gestational diabetes throughout the pregnancy and prevent foetal and maternal complications. The chances of developing diabetes in the progeny are around 20-30 per cent if one of the parents is diabetic, around 50 per cent when both the parents are diabetic and if none of the parents is diabetic, there is still a 4-5 per cent chance to develop diabetes, made vulnerable because of unhealthy lifestyles.

Out of the four types of diabetes, which is the most fatal?
Diabetes is life-threatening if the patient is unable to manage sugar levels properly, particularly Type 1 diabetes. Younger patients who can't afford insulin or live in areas where insulin is not easily available may die early. Insulin is the only medicine available to control type 1 diabetes. The other diabetes-related complications lead to the involvement of the

Avoid binge-eating. Be physically active. Go for a walk for 45 to 60 minutes. Get six to eight hours of good sleep. Have small and frequent meals.

What is the kind of food that a diabetic patient should eat?
Food plays an important role in controlling your diabetes but eating a lot of sugar does not lead to the disease, unless you are predisposed to diabetes. Food plays a role when it causes weight gain that can snowball into a diabetic case. Consuming high-caloric dense foods and not exercising will lead to weight gain and obesity and eventually, insulin resistance. The risk of people developing diabetes begins from the age of 40. Those with a body mass index of more than 25, a waist circumference of more than 90 cm in males and more than 80 cm in females, who lead a sedentary lifestyle, have a family history of diabetes and consume alcohol should be screened for diabetes.

When diabetes worsens, what are the complications that emerge?
Diabetes is the leading cause of lower limb amputation, adult blindness, end-stage kidney disease and its subsequent failure. The most common cause for amputation is lack of awareness because people do not know that the feet lose sensation very early in the course of diabetes. Walking barefoot on surfaces in peak summer could lead to burns and any sharp object such as thorns or pebbles can

In my department, we have four of them. After I examine a diabetic patient, they are sent to the diabetic educator to sort out their misconceptions about food intake, which depends on the quantity, quality and frequency of their intake. Direct intake of sugar should be avoided, but fruits which are sweet can be eaten. Every hospital should have diabetic educators as doctors are overburdened and there is a paucity of time to provide a complete balanced food chart to the patients.

Which are the programmes that you are spearheading in diabetic care?
We train graduate and post-graduate medical students. I have trained almost 18 DNB students who are working in different hospitals in Delhi, Punjab, Jaipur etc., and currently, three DNB students are training with us. We also train physicians in diabetes, who are not getting admission in DNB under Medvarisity Collaboration, Australia. We also have a six-month online course for Project Hope, where we train nurses and diabetes educators. Our centre is associated with project Hope for the last 20 years, where we have trained thousands of nurses, and diabetic educators.

Issued in Public Interest by Dr S.K Wangnoo

DO's & DON'Ts OF DIABETES

- Have small and frequent meals. Avoid binge eat
- Limit consumption of sugar, sweets, candies, jams, jellies, honey and junk food
- Choose lean meat over red meat
- Replace refined, processed and packaged foods with healthy alternatives such as roasted Chana, roasted makhana, boiled chickpea salad, diet bhel-puri, sprouts chaat, unsalted nuts
- Monitor your sugar regularly to keep you in control.
- Do not consume artificial sweeteners on daily basis though they contain zero calorie but they are not healthy as they claimed to be.
- Keep your HbA1c < 7 % ; BP < 140/90 mm Hg ; LDL -C < 90 mg / dl.
- Limit salt intake
- Replace alcoholic drinks with healthy mocktails such as lemon ginger shrub, virgin sunset, kiwi slush, kokum-chia fizz, beetroot lemon cooler
- Be physically active. 45 min to 60 min brisk walk daily is essential.
- Take 6-8 hours of good sleep
- Keep yourself hydrated-take at least 8-10 glasses of water everyday
- Smoking cessation
- Stress can cause rise in blood sugar levels which can be reduced by regular breathing exercises, yoga and meditation
- Take your drugs regularly and regular doctor visits.

I HEREBY
DECLAREARJUNSINH DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN, 46BJP candidate from
Mehmedabad

A minister in Bhupendra Patel's cabinet, Chauhan has declared his profession as manager of Dindayal Grahak Bhandar (a fair price shop) at Kheda.

MOVABLE ASSETS
(including his spouse):

₹75.92 lakh

IMMOVABLE ASSETS
(in wife's name):

₹8.66 lakh

All being wife's assets, no asset to his name

LIABILITIES

None

CRIMINAL CASES

None

PARESHDHANANI, 46,

Amreli Congress candidate

A former leader of opposition, he has listed farming and MLA salary as sources of income.

MOVABLE ASSETS
(including wife's and two daughters)

₹98.68 lakh, including an account for polls with Rs 35,000 balance till Nov 11

IMMOVABLE ASSETS
(including wife's)

₹95.85 lakh

LIABILITIES

₹1 lakh

CRIMINAL CASES

None

CONSTITUENCY WATCH

Seat with a difference
in Gujarat: For 15 yrs,
a Christian tribal MLAKAMAAL SAIYED
SURAT, NOVEMBER 18

LOCATED IN Tapi district of south Gujarat, the Vyara constituency holds a unique position — it sends the only Christian MLA to the state Assembly, who has been winning since 2007. This election, Vyara will see a Christian candidate fielded by the BJP, the first time it has done so in the state in 20 years.

The Scheduled Tribes reserved constituency has been a Congress bastion since 1998, with the party fielding its long-time MLA Punabhai Gamit again.

The BJP's nomination of Mohan Kokni has ensured that there are three Christian candidates in the race from Vyara, the fourth being the Bharatiya Tribal Party's Sunil Nagajibhai Gamit. The Aam Aadmi Party's candidate, Bipin Chaudhary, is a tribal Hindu.

Of Vyara's 2.23 lakh registered voters, Christians are estimated to be around 35%, Gamits around 76,000 and Koknis 16,700. Besides, there are around 4,822 Muslims, and 3,922 Bhil tribals. The BJP appears to be hoping that the Gamit vote will get split between the Congress and AAP, helping its candidate get through.

Last time, the Congress's Punabhai Gamit had defeated the BJP's Arvind Chaudhari by over 24,000 voters.

Mohan Kokni, the BJP candidate in the coming election, has been with the party since 1998, the year that saw anti-Christian



Punabhai Gamit of Cong faces a BJP Christian candidate this time. Express

GUJARAT 2017



WINNER:
**Gamit Punabhai
Dhedabhai** (INC)
Votes: **88,576**

**Chaudhari Arvindbhai
Rumsibhai** (BJP)
Votes: **64,162**

violence in parts of South Gujarat. In another nearby tribal constituency in Tapi district, Nizar, the Christian vote will be a determining factor. While the BJP and Congress have fielded tribal Hindus from here, the AAP candidate here is Arvind Gamit, a Christian.

In 2017, Congress candidate Sunil Gamit had wrested Nizar from the BJP's Kantibhai Gamit.

THE NARMADA RIPPLES

‘Anti-Gujarat, Gujaratis’: BJP
slams Rahul as Medha at YatraEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 18

VISUALS OF Congress leader Rahul Gandhi walking with his arm around the shoulders of activist Medha Patkar recently, as his Bharat Jodo Yatra crosses Maharashtra, kicked off a political storm in Gujarat Friday.

With the BJP launching its mega campaign deploying national and state leaders across 89 constituencies that go to the polls on December 1, the party used every chance to attack Rahul for associating with Patkar, saying that this showed that, like her, he was “anti-Gujarat and anti-Gujaratis”.

Patkar had led the movement against Gujarat's Sardar Sarovar Project through the Narmada Bachao Andola. Having made the project the centrepiece of its development narrative, the Modi government saw Patkar as the face of the delays in it.

Tagging tweets of pictures showing Rahul with Patkar, Gujarat Chief minister Bhupendra Patel tweeted: “Congress and



A photo tweeted by the Bharat Jodo Yatra handle of the Narmada Bachao Andolan activist with Rahul Gandhi

Rahul Gandhi have time and again shown their animosity towards Gujarat and Gujaratis. By giving Medha Patkar a central place in his Yatra, Rahul Gandhi shows that he stands with those who denied water to Gujaratis for decades. Gujarat will not tolerate this.”

State BJP chief CR Paatil also took to Twitter: “Urban naxal Medha Patkar impeded the development of Kutch and the



COME YOGI, COME BULLDOZERS

Outside the ground of a public meeting held by UP CM Adityanath in Wankaner on Friday. Chitral Khambhati

29 leaders, 40 seats, 11 days to poll
day: BJP's blitzkrieg across stateEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, NOVEMBER 18

WITH JUST over 10 days left for campaigning for the first phase of Gujarat polls to end, BJP national leaders, including party president J P Nadda, Union ministers and Chief Ministers, spread out on Friday across 40 of the 89 constituencies voting on December 1.

Around 15 national BJP leaders addressed over 40 public meetings, including Nadda; Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Anurag Thakur; CMs Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh), Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam)

and Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh); BJP Yuva Morcha national president Tejasvi Surya; and BJP MP from Ladakh Janyang Tsering Namgyal.

Calling it “carpet bombing” and pointing to the careful selection of areas for the leaders to campaign in, a senior BJP leader said: “Since 2012, we have deployed this strategy of bringing national leaders who have excelled well in their states.”

The leader added: “For example, if Yogi Adityanath comes to Gujarat and says people feel safe only under the BJP, it has a huge impact. Similarly, taking leaders like Nadda to places

where population of non-Gujaratis is significant is an effective strategy. Sarma too has a special fan base in Gujarat.”

The BJP planned three rallies for Nadda, in Navsari, Ankleshwar and Rajkot (East). In his address in Navsari, Nadda spoke about development under the Modi government while attacking Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his statement on Hindutva ideologue VD Savarkar. He added that under Congress rule in the state, Gujarat was known as a state of curfew.

Chouhan too attacked Rahul for his comments on Savarkar and said the Congress has always

insulted freedom fighters.

Adityanath addressed meetings in Wankaner, Jhagadiya and Choryasi constituencies. In his speech, shared by the BJP, the UP CM said: “It's a fight between development and destruction, respect and disrespect for faith, patriotism and terrorism, and nationals and anti-nationals.”

Adityanath also urged the people to “immerse the party (Congress) in the Narmada”.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari was also scheduled to come, but had to cancel on health grounds. Apart from the national leaders, 14 state leaders hit the road across 36 Assembly seats.

With Rs 10,000 in
sacks of Re 1 coins, an
Independent in raceAVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 18

SAYING HE was unhappy with his living conditions, Mahendrabhai Patni, a 35-year-old labourer, Friday filed his nomination as an Independent from Gandhinagar North. He brought in two sacks of Re 1 coins to submit his nomination fees of Rs 10,000.

Patni said his neighbours agreed to support him. “I spent three days collecting the coins.”

As per Patni, his house was among 521 huts demolished by the government for the revamp of the Gandhinagar Railway Station, and that he received no compensation.

He now stays in Gokulpura Vasahat slum with his parents, wife and two daughters in a *kuchcha* house with a few household items and a 12-volt battery that powers an LED bulb at night. Theirs is a BPL family — one of 31.56 lakh-odd in the state.

The Gandhinagar Railway Station was revamped as a joint venture of the Government of Gujarat and the Indian Railway



Patni hopes to turn around his slum. Avinash Nair

State Development Corporation. Officials said “the hutments had to be removed as they stood on Railway land.”

Patni is among 28 candidates fighting in Gandhinagar North, which votes on December 5.

Patni's affidavit has zero assets and no bank account details. “I opened a zero-balance bank account only on November 14 because it was necessary for election purposes,” he says.

Earlier, AAP candidate from the Sayaligunj seat in Vadodara, a wedding planner named Swejal Vyas, also took a sack full of coins to file his nomination.

Vyas said he had sought the same as a blessing.

BATTLEFRONT GUJARAT

Frying samosas, pakodas to shaking a leg, a Punjab touch by AAP in Gujarat

From CM Bhagwant Mann to his ministers to AAP leaders, Gujarat is bustling with visitors from Punjab

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 18

FROM FRYING *samosas* and *pakodas* to dancing to the tunes of the *garba*, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders from Punjab have left little untried as part of the Gujarat campaign.

A number of AAP leaders from the state, including Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his Cabinet colleagues, have

been campaigning in Gujarat, most of them door-to-door.

A few, like Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, are trying the way to voters' hearts through the good old way of feeding them self-made *samosas*, *pakodas* as well as tea.

Dhaliwal was seen rustling up the same in a video he uploaded on Twitter, with a text saying: “While campaigning in favour of AAP candidate Shri Shivlal Barsia ji in Rajkot South



The language barrier may be an issue for most, but all manage one lusty slogan: “Ek moko Kejriwal ne”

Assembly constituency of Gujarat, he tried to gauge public opinion by making some *samosas*, *pakodas* and *bhajiyas*. This time people have decided that they must have Kejriwal government.”

On Thursday, he was seen serving tea to party workers and saying that a cup of tea freshens one up after a long day of hard work.

While Dhaliwal has taken to frying, Punjab CM Mann has been seen dancing to *garba* while campaigning in the state.

While language can be a barrier for the Punjabi-speaking leaders, most of them raise lustily at least one slogan in

Gujarati: “*Ek moko Kejriwal ne* (Give one opportunity to Kejriwal).”

The ministers campaigning in Gujarat include Aman Arora, Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjer, Anmol Gagan Mann and Chetan Singh Jouramajra. Most of them are carrying out personal contact programmes with door-to-door campaigns.

Cabinet minister Fauja Singh Sarari, who was recently accused of planning to extort money after an audio clip had gone viral, is also camping in Gujarat.

On Thursday, he was campaigning in the Sankhera Assembly segment. He later tweeted, “Spent the day amid

people of Sankhera. Gujarat is ready to script a new story with every passing day. Gujaratis are eager to teach BJP a lesson. AAP Gujarat has lent a new hope to the state. Gujarat is ready for a coup this time.”

Sarari was issued a notice by the Aam Aadmi Party after the audio clip had surfaced. CM Mann had gone on record at the time, saying a notice had been issued to him.

However, no action has followed after that, and Sarari clearly doesn't seem to be expecting any.

A number of party MLAs have also been sent to Gujarat. Gurpreet Singh Gogi is in

Mehsana, campaigning for Dishant Bhai Patel. Ashok Prashar Pappi is also in Gujarat, while Sheetal Angural was in Bhavnagar (West) constituency on Thursday.

While CM Mann has been visiting Gujarat every weekend, he is likely to camp in the state from November 20. The Opposition in Punjab has accused him of being an absentee CM, even as law and order “deteriorates” back home.

Incidentally, Mann was in Punjab the past two days, with a very hectic schedule. On Friday, the Cabinet held a meeting, its first in 25 days. The last time it had met was before Diwali.

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**FORMER RAJKOT DIST
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JOINS BJP, HAD LOST
THE POLLS LAST TIME**

**CONG ATTACKS BJP OVER VIDEO SAYING
MONEY PAID TO 'BUY' LEADERS**

HASHTAG POLITICS



● Ravi Kishan's song

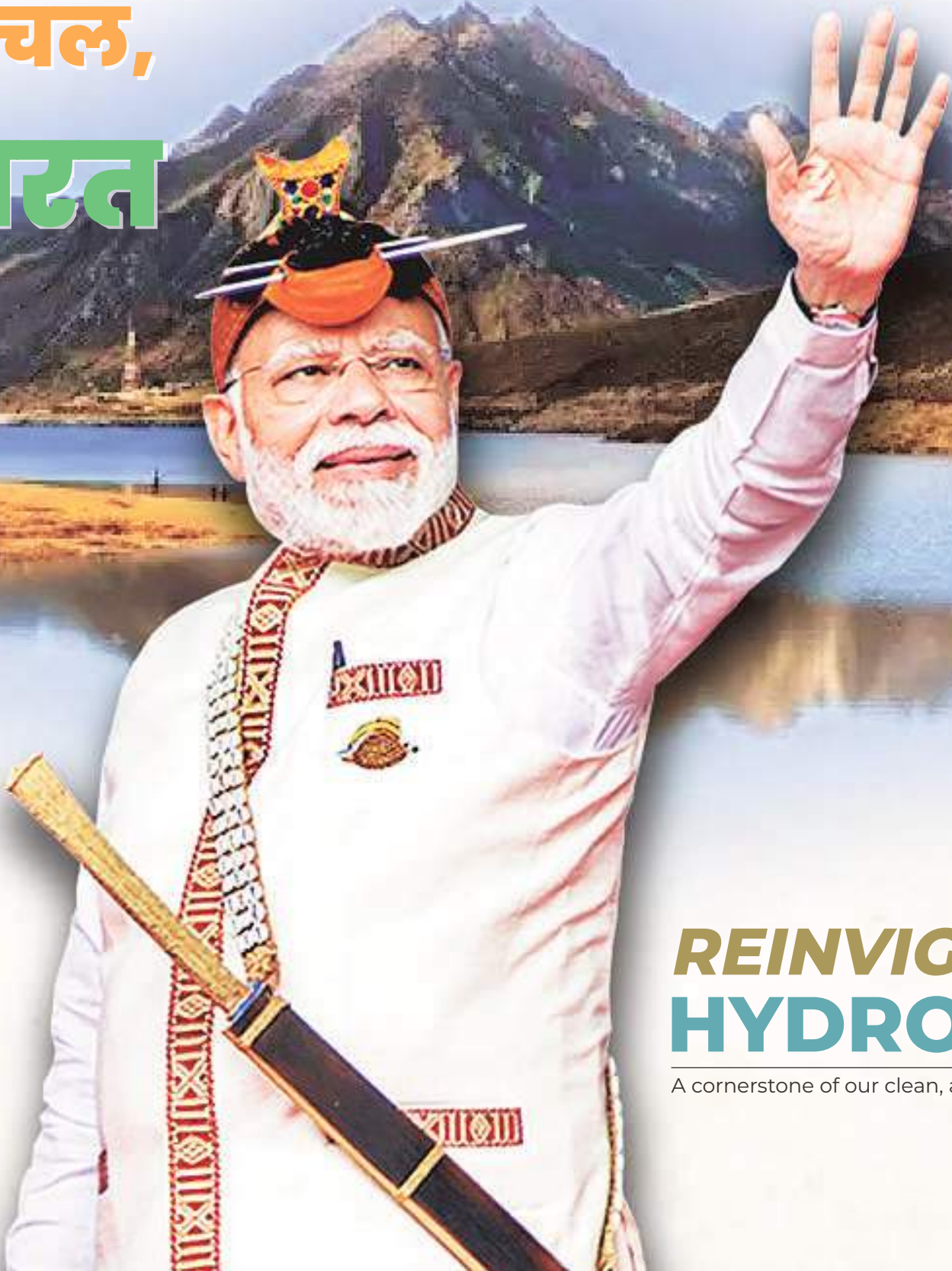


Lok Sabha MP and Bhojpuri singer-actor Ravi Kishan released the song *Gujarat ma Modi che* Friday. The song, featuring images of the Statue of Unity of Sardar Patel, PM Narendra Modi, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Kishan himself, comes days after singer Neha Rathore released her song *Gujarat me ka baa*, attacking BJP govt



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BACK IN ACTION

CONGRESS MP Shashi Tharoor's upcoming four-day visit to Malabar (North Kerala) and the possibility of him being the chief guest at the Nair Service Society's Mannam Jayanti celebrations this year has created a buzz in Kerala politics. The talk is that the Thiruvananthapuram MP, who is kind of being cold shouldered by the Congress high command after his high-profile contest against Mallikarjun Kharge for the post of Congress president, is trying to carve out a space for himself in Kerala politics. During his tour beginning Sunday, Tharoor will reach Panakkad and hold discussions with IUML state president Sayyid Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal and P K Kunhalikutty. He will also have an interaction with students of Hyderali Shihab Thangal Academy for Civil Services, an institution run by the IUML. His visit to Panakkad will come days after the IUML expressed unhappiness over KPCC president K Sudhakaran's remarks that were seen as pro-RSS. Tharoor is also scheduled to meet several prominent personalities, including acclaimed author M T Vasudevan Nair.

ADVICE FROM CJI

CHIEF JUSTICE of India D Y Chandrachud had some words of wisdom for a young lawyer who appeared without his brief in his court on Friday. The CJI told him that "a lawyer without his brief is like Sachin Tendulkar without his bat. It looks very bad that you are in your gown and band but with no scrap of paper". He advised the young counsel that "you must always have your brief with you".

PRAYER ON LIPS

UNION MINISTER of State for Cooperation B L Verma, who is on a three-day election tour in Gujarat, began canvassing for his party from Chotila constituency in Surendra Nagar district. He started his day by visiting a temple — Swayambhu Jai Shree Bawanveer Hanuman Ji Temple — in Moldi village. After visiting the temple, Verma said, "I prayed for another landslide victory of BJP in Gujarat." The Congress had wrested this seat from the BJP in the 2017 Assembly elections.



President Droupadi Murmu meets Chief Justice of India Justice D Y Chandrachud and his wife Kalpana Das at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday. *PTI*

Every SC bench will take up 10 transfer, 10 bail pleas daily: CJI

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Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud Friday said every bench of the Supreme Court will take up 10 transfer petitions and 10 bail applications every day.

The CJI told lawyers during mentioning hours that a decision to this effect was taken at a full court meeting and that as a consequence, all transfer petitions pending before the Supreme Court will be decided before the winter recess starting December 17.

"I must tell all the members of the Bar that there are about 3,000 transfer petitions pending. After having a full-court meeting with all my colleagues, we have all agreed that every day, every bench will take up 10 transfer petitions. We have 13 benches going on right now with the present strength. So, we will be disposing of about 130 (matters a day), 650 per week. So, in the five weeks, which we have before closing for the winter vacation, all transfer petitions shall be over," he said.

CJI Chandrachud added that after the transfer petitions, all benches will take up 10 bail matters as they involve questions of

personal liberty. "I have also directed that we will give priority to bail matters. So, 10 bail matters every day after transfer petitions because that is a matter of personal liberty. Ten transfer petitions because those are family matters, followed by 10 bail matters across all benches. Then we will start the regular work."

On November 15, the CJI had said that he was "keeping a close watch on the listing of cases" to ensure that all fresh matters were listed for hearing without undue delay.

He pointed out that he was "also keeping a close tab on how many matters are being verified by the Registry on the removal of defects".

Speaking at a felicitation event organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association a day before that, the CJI had said that "listing (of cases) has been a real problem" in the Supreme Court and added that the court is trying to do away with the human interface with the help of technology.

Stating that significant efforts were made during former CJI U U Lalit's tenure to address concerns about listing, he said the process should be institutionalised so that it continues uninterrupted.

AMENDMENT FIRST DISCUSSED IN 2021, NOTIFIED IN NOVEMBER WHEN MODEL CODE IN PLACE FOR GUJARAT, HIMACHAL POLLS

Govt revived poll bond proposal, didn't seek EC nod this time

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

The Union Finance Ministry decided that it did not need the Election Commission's concurrence for its November 7 amendment to the Electoral Bond Scheme that increased the period of sale of electoral bonds, documents show. The amendment was notified while the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) was in place for the Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat elections.

File notings, obtained on Friday through a Right to Information request to the Department of Economic Affairs

by transparency campaigner Commodore Lokesh Batra (retired), showed that the proposal was first discussed and approved within the ministry in March 2021. However, it was only notified on November 7 this year, and the 23rd tranche of electoral bonds were sold from November 9 to November 15.

The Himachal Pradesh elections were held on November 12 and the Gujarat elections are scheduled to be held on December 1 and December 5.

The amendment increased the window of sale of electoral bonds by 15 days in any year that has an assembly election. Under Paragraph 8 of the notified

scheme, electoral bonds were available for a period of 10 days each in January, April, July and October. It also allowed for an additional 30-day period in a Lok Sabha election year.

Officers within the ministry had in October and early November flagged the need for the EC's concurrence since elections had been announced and the code of conduct meant to ensure a level playing field was implemented. The ministry decided to inform the EC, but not seek concurrence as it had already discussed the matter in 2021.

"It may be mentioned that, last year (March 2021), with the approval of Hon'ble Finance Minister,

a proposal to amend Clause 8 of the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018... was prepared and draft amendment notification was also vetted by M/o Law & Justice... However, the amendment notification was not issued/published," Director (Budget) Sunil B Chaudhary wrote on October 28, according to the documents.

Noting that the electoral bond scheme was "sub-judice and the Model Code of Conduct is in place", Chaudhary asked for the Finance Minister's approval for the amendment, obtaining legal opinion from the Law Ministry and "obtaining concurrence" of the EC on account of the MCC for notifying the amendment and

floating electoral bonds.

On November 1, Deputy Director (Budget) Mamta placed a draft of the note "seeking concurrence of the Election Commission of India" for the notification of the amendment and press release on issuance of bonds on file.

On the same day, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth wrote: "Extended duration of electoral bonds would allow for greater flexibility to all political parties to access legitimate resources for electoral funding. Similar amendment to the scheme was proposed in March, 2021. As this matter was already duly noted by ECI (Election Commission of

India) in 2021, another reference on the matter for ECI concurrence is not necessary."

According to the files, the EC had written to the Finance Ministry on March 17, 2021 to say it had "no objection from MCC angle" to the release of press communique, referring to the sale of electoral bonds during state assembly elections. However, the EC placed two conditions — that no political functionary would make any reference to the matter and all relevant MCC provisions are followed. In another letter on March 21, 2021, the EC said it had "duly noted" the contents of the ministry's letter informing it of the proposed amendment.

Soren in political storm, his govt readies back-up: 'advisory' panel

Shibu Soren-led coordination committee expected to step in during crisis

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 18

IN THE midst of the political uncertainty in Jharkhand, the state government has accorded Cabinet Minister status to four leaders of the ruling coalition through the formation of a coordination committee. While this committee has ostensibly been set up to "advise" the state government, highly-placed sources said it was an attempt by the Hemant Soren government to vest some powers in the hands of "loyal" leaders in the eventuality of any crisis.

The move comes at a time the Enforcement Directorate is turning up the heat on the Chief Minister — questioning him for nine hours Thursday — over alleged cases of illegal mining. The Election Commission, too, has sent an opinion to the state Governor on Soren's possible disqualification for owning a mining lease in Ranchi.

The committee, named 'Jharkhand Rajya Samanway Samiti' (Jharkhand State Coordination Committee), will be led by the Chief Minister's father and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Shibu Soren. It will receive all "expected and necessary" secretariat-related help from the Cabinet Secretariat and Vigilance Department, as per a government



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren addresses a rally in Ranchi on Friday, a day after his questioning by the ED. *PTI*

resolution on November 14.

The committee has nine members including Shibu Soren. The four who have been given cabinet rank are Jharkhand Congress chief Rajesh Thakur, and JMM leaders Fagu Besra, Yogendra Mahato and Binod Pandey. There are also two current Cabinet Ministers: Satyanand Bhokta and Alamgir Alam. The last member is Bandhu Turkey, who was disqualified as MLA after being convicted in a disproportionate assets case.

The members will have a tenure of three years.

A source in the government said: "MP and MLAs will be dis-

qualified under the office for profit law in case the ministerial status is given to them. Bandhu Turkey was not given the status due to his disqualification earlier."

One of the panel's members, requesting anonymity, told *The Indian Express*: "The idea is to keep the government functioning in case Chief Minister Soren is arrested or disqualified. If it comes to that, we come into the picture so that there is no political crisis. It is a back-up plan."

The resolution dated November 14, signed by Principal Secretary of the Department Vandana Dadel,

stated that the committee will advise the government on speeding up developmental activities, curbing distress-driven migration of labourers and creating basic infrastructure, among other matters.

It read: "...*Rajya ke santulit vikas ki sambhavnaye talashne tatha jan-akanshaon ke anurup rajya ke vikas yojnaao ke saath samanajasya sthapit karne hetu 'Jharkhand Rajya Samanway Samiti' ka gathan ke sambandh mein.* (It will look to explore ways for balanced development of the state as per people's desire reconciling various schemes)."

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Hemant Soren Friday addressed his supporters at his residence.

"Moolvasis and Adivasis will have to take up responsibilities, otherwise people will come from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and rule over you. Even today, the BJP brings people from other states and makes them MPs from here. In the times to come, all Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies will be won by Moolvasis and Adivasis... This unity will save Jharkhand."

He also targeted the ED: "Yesterday I had gone to them and for around eight hours I was questioned. I told them the allegations they have made (of Rs 1000 crore illegal mining), can be done in two years?"

Letter threatens blasts in Indore during Rahul yatra, case filed

Bhopal: Police in Madhya Pradesh's Indore district Friday registered a case after an anonymous letter warned of bomb blasts if Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra goes ahead with its scheduled halt at the city's Khalsa Stadium on November 29.

The letter, which referred to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, also threatened the assassination of Rahul and Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath. It was delivered via post to a sweet shop on Friday morning. Police said they have registered a case. Indore DCP Rajesh Kumar Singh told reporters: "The letter is being dealt with with utmost seriousness. We are also verifying its authenticity."

The yatra will enter Madhya Pradesh on November 23. **ENS**

Gujarat poll observer puts up pics of posting on Instagram, replaced IAS officer used position as 'publicity stunt', says poll panel

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Friday relieved an Uttar Pradesh cadre IAS officer of his duties as a general observer in the Gujarat Assembly elections after he shared photos of his posting on the social media, EC sources said.

The officer, Abhishek Singh, was on November 7 appointed as general observer of Bapunagar and Asarwa constituencies in Ahmedabad district for the Gujarat polls to be held in December. Singh had used Instagram to share photos of his joining as general observer and used his official position as a "publicity stunt", the EC wrote to the Gujarat Chief Electoral



One of the photographs shared by Abhishek Singh

Officer (CEO) on Friday.

The EC relieved the officer of his duties and debarred him from any election-related duty till further orders. The EC ordered Singh

to leave the constituency immediately and gave another officer the additional charge till a new observer was appointed.

Singh, a 2011 batch IAS officer, had on Thursday posted photos on Instagram of himself in front of an official car with "observer" written on it, with the caption "Joined Ahmedabad as Observer for Gujarat Elections". Singh, who also describes himself as a public servant, actor and social entrepreneur in his social media bio, has over 3 million followers on Instagram and 31,000 on Twitter. The Instagram post and tweet in question had received over 27,000 and 11,500 likes, respectively, as on Friday afternoon.

Singh said he accepted the EC's decision but added that "it is neither publicity nor a stunt".

Day after Azam name removed from voter list, SP demands same action against BJP leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 18

A DAY after disqualified Samajwadi Party MLA Azam Khan's name was removed from the voters' list in Rampur, where a bypoll is due on December 5, the party on Friday demanded the same for BJP leader Vikram Saini, who too was disqualified following conviction in a riots case.

Saini's disqualification as an MLA has led to a bypoll in the Khatauli Assembly seat on December 5.

"This is to bring to your notice that Vikram Saini was sentenced to two years of imprisonment... He was a member of the Vidhan Sabha. His membership was



Vikram Saini was disqualified after his conviction in a riots case

ended by the Election Commission of India under the rules of the Representation of People's Act... Under Section 16 of the RP Act, there are provisions to not let a convicted person vote in the elections... I request you to remove his (Saini's) name from the voter's list under the provisions of the RP Act," Samajwadi Party leader Shamsheer Singh wrote to Muzaffarnagar District Magistrate Chandra Bhushan Singh.

District Magistrate Singh said that though he has received the letter seeking removal of Saini's name from the electoral list, he would not be able to decide on it. "From our level, no action has to be taken. It will be taken from the level of the Election Commission of India. In Rampur too, the action was taken after the directions from the Election Commission," the DM said.

Uttar Pradesh Additional Chief Electoral Officer Chandra Shekhar also concurred. "The call (regarding the removal of Saini's name from the electoral roll) will be taken by the Election Commission of India. There are some specific sections under which if a person is convicted, then their name is removed

from the voters' list. The name of not every person who is convicted for more than two years is removed from the electoral roll," the Additional CEO said.

On Thursday, Rampur district administration removed Azam Khan's name from the electoral list on a complaint filed by Akash Saxena, the BJP candidate for Rampur Sadar bypoll. Saxena had argued that Khan, who was disqualified following his conviction in a hate speech case, should not be allowed to vote.

Rampur SDM (Sadar) Nirankar Singh, who is also the Election Registration Officer (ERO) for the Rampur Sadar constituency, said the action was taken against Khan by him without any directions from the EC.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 18

FORMER J&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah will not seek re-election as president of the National Conference, his party announced on Friday. He is expected to step down in December after the party elects a new president.

The 85-year-old leader has served as the party president since August 1981, barring one term (2002 to 2009) when he passed on the leadership of the party to son Omar Abdullah.

Farooq is believed to have informed colleagues of his decision not to contest for another term as the party president in a meeting of the party's district presidents and constituency in-charges on Thursday.

"In spite of the best efforts of senior colleagues, Dr Sahib (Farooq) was adamant he wouldn't review his decision. In light of this sudden announcement which has caught everyone by surprise, the party general secretary, as per the party constitution, has been tasked with conducting the election for party president, which will be completed on 5th December," the NC said.

The party expects to complete the process of the election of a new president on its founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's birth an-



National Conference president Farooq Abdullah with party vice-president and son Omar Abdullah in Srinagar on Friday. *PTI*

niversary on December 5. Until then, Farooq will continue as the president. Omar Abdullah, currently serving as the party's vice-president, is expected to be elected as the party's new president.

"I will not be contesting for the post of president any longer. The elections for the post will be held on December 5. It is time for the new generation to take over the responsibilities," Farooq was quoted by PTI as saying. "Anyone from the party can contest for the post. It is a democratic exercise."

He will, however, continue to head the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, an alliance of five parties that came together in August 2019 to challenge the revocation of J&K's special status. "Yes, I will continue to lead the alliance," Farooq told *PTI*.



TRS workers attack BJP MP Arvind Dharmapuri's residence in Hyderabad on Friday. *PTI*

For comment on CM's daughter, TRS workers attack house of BJP MP

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 18

DOZENS OF workers from the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Friday barged into the Hyderabad residence of a BJP MP and destroyed property over a remark he made against the Chief Minister's daughter. Several were later detained.

The MP from Nizamabad, Arvind Dharmapuri, was not at the house in Banjara Hills at the time of the attack. But his elderly mother, D Vijayalakshmi, and other women who were present in the house were left shaken as around 50 men suddenly forced their way into the house.

Two women, including Dharmapuri's mother, were seen in viral videos unsuccessfully trying to stop the stick-bearing men, who smashed furniture and a glass shelf.

Dharmapuri had recently claimed that former MP K Kavita, the daughter of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, was trying to join the Congress as she was unhappy in the TRS.

Kavita said the BJP MP used vulgar language against her when he described her alleged outreach to Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge.

Police said several of the attackers belong to Telangana Jagruti, an organisation headed by Kavita. Immediately after the attack, Kavita told mediapersons: "If Arvind keeps talking nonsense about me, I will hit him with a shoe."

Dharmapuri said: "TRS goons attacked my house on the directions of KCR, KTR, Kavita."

In the evening, Dharmapuri's mother lodged a police complaint. She stated that about 11:30 am, at least 50 persons carrying TRS flags, sticks and stones broke open the gate of their house and entered. "They damaged a teapoy table, a pooja shelf, a Sai Baba photo and damaged the glass furniture," the complaint stated, adding that a domestic help and security guard Ramana were injured.

Police said they have not made any arrest yet and are in the process of identifying the attackers.

BRIEFLY

J&K

Three Army personnel killed in avalanche

Srinagar: At least three army soldiers have been killed after a patrol party got stuck in the snow in Macchil sector in North Kashmir. PRO Defence at Srinagar, Col Emron Musavi said, “A snow slide struck a patrol party in Machhal Sector. Search and rescue ops were undertaken. Two soldiers stuck in the snow were rescued and evacuated to Military Hospital Kupwara. Another soldier developed hypothermia and was also evacuated to Military Hospital.” However, the army said, the soldiers “couldn’t survive and made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.” **ENS**

KARNATAKA

Man gets death penalty for assault, murder

Bengaluru: A fast-track court sentenced a man to death for committing unnatural sex with a one-year-old boy baby and murdering him in 2015. Murthy, a resident of Karimani slum area in Yeshavantpur, was also sentenced to life imprisonment under POCSO Act. Murthy and the child’s father were acquaintances and the latter asked him to take care of the child on September 2015. He took the child to a deserted place and to commit the act when he started crying Murthy bludgeoned him to death. **PTI**

MAHARASHTRA

6 killed, 3 injured after car rams into vehicle

Pune: Six persons died and three were seriously injured after the car that was ferrying them from Pune to Mumbai rammed into a heavy vehicle on Pune-Mumbai Expressway in Khalapur taluka Friday. Police said the driver Macchindra Ambore rammed into an unidentified heavy vehicle near Dheku village. Ambore, who is undergoing treatment, was driving at a high speed and has been booked for causing death due to negligence. **ENS**

KERALA

4-yr-old boy injured in stray dog attack

Malappuram: A four-year-old child suffered critical injuries after a pack of stray dogs attacked and mauled him in Tanalur Friday. He sustained over 40 wounds all over his body, including the head and is undergoing treatment. The incident occurred when Mohammed Riswan was standing near his house and six dogs attacked him. This comes at a time when the state government is facing criticism for its alleged failure in tackling the stray dog menace. **PTI**

Young girls forced into prostitution in many dists of Rajasthan: NCW

Jaipur: The National Commission for Women said there is enough evidence to conclude young girls are being forced into prostitution in numerous districts of Rajasthan. NCW issued a statement Friday, saying that it had taken cognizance of media reports that in Bhiilwara, conflicts over loan repayments were purportedly resolved by auctioning off young women on stamp papers. A two-member fact-finding team had been constituted to look into the issue. Chairperson Rekha Sharma also visited Sawai Madhopur to inquire into the situation. “Due to threats from Panchayat and local government, people are under pressure to conceal the extent of child prostitution and trafficking. Central Government must constitute an SIT to carry out the probe,” it added. **ENS**

New beginning in India’s space sector as first pvt rocket completes mission

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

INDIA’S FIRST private rocket that was launched Friday crossed the edge of space before splashing back into the Bay of Bengal, in a successful pilot run that heralds the entry of private sector into the country’s space activities and sets the stage for more such launches.

The small 6-metre tall Vikram Ssuborbital vehicle, developed by a four-year-old startup called Skyroot Aerospace, reached an altitude of 89.5 km around 2.5 minutes after the launch from the Indian Space Research Organisation’s (ISRO) sounding rocket facility at Sriharikota.

The target for the rocket was to reach space, which begins at an altitude of around 80 km, and to attempt touching the Karman Line located at around the 100-km altitude mark. The Karman Line is the point where Earth’s atmosphere ends but satellites cannot be stably put into orbit. To compare, most commercial flights travel at an altitude of around 10 km.

The mission, named Parambh, would have been considered a success even at an altitude of 50 km, considering its main goal — checking most of the subsystems that will be used in the company’s first orbital flight using the Vikram-1 vehicle, scheduled for next year.

In fact, the three customer payloads on-board, including SpaceKidz India’s FunSat, were non-deployable. They carried sensors and instruments to validate the flight-worthiness and payload

UTTARAKHAND

12 killed as car rolls down gorge, CM Dhani orders probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 18

AT LEAST 12 persons were killed and five others were injured Friday after an SUV carrying them lost control and fell into a deep gorge near Palla village in Chamoli district, officials said.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhani ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident. He also announced Rs 2 lakh as ex gratia compensation to the kin of each of the deceased.

The 10-seater Tata Sumo had 17 passengers in it, according to the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) whose rescue operation at the site was underway till the latest reports came in.

The SUV was on its way to Kimara from Joshimath in the district when, around 3.30 pm, it failed to cross an elevated section of the road. Officials said as the vehicle started moving backward, two passengers got down and tried to stop it by blocking the tires using stones, but in vain as the overloaded vehicle soon rolled down the 500-metre-deep gorge.

“We have recovered 12 bodies (10 male and 2 female)... the process to pull the bodies out of the gorge is on,” the SDRF said in a statement.

All 12 deceased were aged between 27 and 70 years and hailed from the district, officials said.



Union MoS Jitendra Singh with ISRO Chairman S Somanath, Skyroot Aerospace co-founders Pawan Kumar Chandna and Naga Bharath Daka at a press conference on Friday. **PTI**

integration process for Vikram-S.

“This is a small step by a startup and a giant leap for the Indian Space Industry. It’s the Parambh of a great future,” said Pawan Chandna, mission director and co-founder of Skyroot Aerospace.

After the launch, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: “A historic moment for India as the rocket Vikram-S, developed by Skyroot Aerospace, took off from Sriharikota today! It is an important milestone in the journey of India’s private space industry. Congrats to @isro & @INSPIRE for enabling this feat.”

Skyroot is developing a series of rockets, all of them named after Vikram Sarabhai, the founder of the Indian space programme.

With a height of just 6 metres and a diameter of nearly 380 mm, the rocket looked tiny compared to the ones used by ISRO. The liftoff was swift, with the rocket spending under a second (0.73 second) on the rails and reaching a speed

EXPLAINED

More than a test run

WHILE FRIDAY’S mission was essentially a test run, it is still significant — and not just because it’s India’s first privately built rocket to be launched. The Vikram S vehicle lays the ground for launch of a larger vehicle by the same startup next year. ISRO chairperson S Somanath said on Thursday that around 100 startups have registered with the space agency and are working closely with it in “various domains of space sector”.

of Mach 5 — five times the speed of sound — in about 20 seconds. Unlike the launchpads for the

SC judge recuses from hearing plea against ED chief’s tenure extension

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

SUPREME COURT judge Justice S K Kaul Friday recused himself from hearing a petition challenging the extension in tenure granted to Enforcement Directorate chief S K Mishra last year.

“I cannot take up the matter,” Justice Kaul said, adding that the matter will be listed before a bench of which he is not part of.

The bench, also comprising Justice A S Oka, was hearing petitions filed among others by Congress leaders Jaya Thakur, R S Surjewala and Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra.

A counsel representing one of the petitioners, meanwhile, said there is an urgency in the matter as the government once again extended Mishra’s tenure Thursday. Justice Kaul said he cannot direct early listing as he has recused.

KHATAULI ASSEMBLY BYROLL

Bhim Army chief backs RLD candidate

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 18

BHIM ARMY founder and Azad Samaj Party president Chandrashekhar Azad ‘Ravi’ met the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) president Jayant Chaudhary earlier this week and extended support to Madan Baiyya, the latter’s candidate in the bypoll for the Khatauli Assembly seat. Curiously, he has not announced such support for



Justice S K Kaul

The bench instead directed that the matter be placed before the Chief Justice of India for necessary orders.

The petitions challenge the amendments made by the government to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003, through an ordinance on November 14, 2021, giving itself the power to extend the tenure of the ED Director by up to five years.

Mishra was appointed ED Director on November 19, 2018, for two years. On November 13, 2020, this was extended by one

year. It was again extended by another year in 2021. In September 2021, the Supreme Court, dismissing a petition by NGO Common Cause, had refused to interfere with the extension of service granted to Mishra, stating that the CVC Act, 2003 only said that such officers shall hold office for not less than two years which cannot be read to mean not more than two years. The court, however, added, “Though we have upheld the power of the Union of India..., we should make it clear that extension of tenure granted to officers who have attained the age of superannuation should be done only in rare and exceptional cases.” The bench said it did not intend to interfere with the extension of tenure of Mishra “for the reason that his tenure is coming to an end in November, 2021” but added that “no further extension shall be granted to” him beyond that date.

orbital vehicles used by ISRO, where personnel are not allowed, the sounding rocket launchpad had officials carrying out last-minute checks till about six minutes before launch.

Friday was considered ideal for the launch, pushed by a couple of days owing to weather conditions, because the winds were mild at about 7 to 8 metres per second; the rocket was designed to withstand about 25 metres per second.

“All systems worked as planned. They have demonstrated capability of various subsystems that will go into the orbital launch vehicle,” said Pawan Goenka, chairperson of Inspace, an autonomous body under the Department of Space to guide and regulate private space activities.

Union MoS for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh, present at the Mission Control Room at Sriharikota, said: “Congratulations, India! It is indeed a new beginning, a new dawn.”

Srimathy Kesan, founder and CEO of SpaceKidz India, said: “Opening up of the private sector into this niche industry in India is going to play a pivotal role owing to its strategic location and economical launch cost. I am very sure we will have the major pie. Proud of Skyroot for creating history.”

This rocket was developed amid the pandemic. The Vikram series rockets are among the few launch vehicles in the world to have their core structure built using carbon composites. The thrusters used for spin stability in the vehicle have been 3D printed.

Woman’s body found in suitcase on Yamuna Expressway in Mathura

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
MATHURA, NOVEMBER 18

A SUITCASE containing the body of an unidentified woman was found on the Yamuna Expressway in Mathura. A team from Raya police station is handling the case, with officers saying the victim appears to be in her 20s.

The body was found wrapped in plastic, inside a large red suitcase, and had blood on the face and head. Police said they received information about it from passersby around noon and estimated that the body might have been left there the previous night, as it did not seem decomposed.

The suitcase was found near a service road off the Yamuna Expressway in the vicinity of the Agricultural Research Centre. It was then taken to the Raya police station, which falls on the way to Hathras. Later, the body was shifted to the Mathura district mortuary.

In the evening, the area’s circle officer, Mahavan Alok Singh, said: “In the morning, we received information about the suitcase in which the body of a young woman was found. Efforts are on to identify her. It seems that she



The suitcase in which a woman’s body was found. **Amit Mehra**

was murdered somewhere and her body was left here. There is a suspected gunshot wound near her shoulder. We will find out through a post-mortem whether it is indeed a gunshot or not.”

Police said post-mortem would be conducted after 72 hours, which is the standard procedure for an unidentified body. Police also pointed to a head injury and said exact cause of death can be ascertained following an autopsy. To ascertain her identity, police are learnt to have sent an alert to other police stations in the district in case they have a missing

person report that matches the victim. A request for information regarding missing persons cases was also sent to the District Crime Record Bureaus in Mathura, Aligarh, Noida, Bulandshahr, Hathras, and Agra.

Police at the Raya station said five teams had been formed to probe the case. No identity cards or other identifying markers were found on the body, investigators said, adding that CCTV cameras near the spot were being examined. A surveillance team would also look at dump data from phones from the area.

Kochi: Woman gangraped in moving SUV, four held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 18

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman was allegedly gangraped in a moving SUV in Kochi late on Thursday night. Three youths and a woman have been taken into custody in connection with the case, police said.

According to the police, the woman, a model, along with the four suspects, attended a party in a city hotel. Subsequently, the men, residents of Kodungallur Thirissur, offered to drop her home, the police said.

They assaulted her in the vehicle while driving through

the city till late night before abandoning her near her house, they said.

The victim, who suffered injuries in the assault, got admitted to a hospital on Friday morning. The hospital authorities informed the police after which an investigation was launched.

The police said the woman in their custody hails from Rajasthan and is also reportedly a model. When the victim collapsed, the accused woman reportedly did not come to her rescue and she also did not accompany her when the youths took her out on the pretext of dropping her home.

Meanwhile, the police also seized the SUV used in the crime.

MEA driver held for espionage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

DELHI POLICE’S Crime Branch team has arrested a driver working in the Ministry of External Affairs on charges of espionage for allegedly leaking confidential details to a Pakistan-based person, sources said on Friday.

According to a source, the arrest was made on Friday from Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan here.

The suspect allegedly used to pass “confidential and sensitive” information related to national security to a person based in Pakistan. The police, however, refused to share any details of the case citing concerns over national security.

MP: Muslim man held for ‘forcing’ Hindu wife to embrace Islam

Indore: A 32-year-old Muslim man was arrested Friday for allegedly forcing his Hindu wife to embrace Islam in Indore, police said. The man has been charged with employing force and fraud to change religion, thereby violating provisions of Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2011, Khajrana police station officer Dinesh Verma said. The wife, in her complaint, stated that her husband’s attitude changed three years after marriage when she gave birth to a girl. Thereafter, he forced her to change her religion. **PTI**

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NEW FRONTIERS

Launch of private rocket opens up exciting possibilities. ISRO must hand-hold and guide such ventures

ON FRIDAY, INDIA'S space programme accomplished a landmark when the country's first privately-developed rocket lifted off from ISRO's launch pad in Sriharikota. Developed by the Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace, the 550-kg vehicle, Vikram S, is the forerunner of the much-larger Vikram series rockets, the first of which is slated for launch next year. Friday's mission will help test the technology systems of these satellite carriers that hold exciting possibilities. Small satellites developed by businesses, universities, private laboratories, even students, can hitch a ride on these vehicles and send back information that's today the preserve of super speciality institutions — data on weather and earth sciences, for instance. Vikram S carries a 2.5 kg payload developed by students from India, the US, Indonesia and Singapore. The government estimates that more than 20,000 small satellites will be launched in the next decade.

According to industry data, India has more than 350 private firms in the space sector making it the fifth-largest in the world in this respect after the US, UK, Canada and Germany. But the country's share in the global space economy is barely 3 per cent. The government intends to increase this to 10 per cent by 2030. In June 2020, it approved the participation of private players in all sectors of space activity — earlier they could only be vendors or suppliers. It also instituted the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre, a unit of ISRO, to enable private companies to become independent players. There are early indications that these initiatives are paying off. According to this year's Economic Survey, the country's space regulator has received close to 40 proposals from the private sector and the academia "for activities ranging from manufacturing launch vehicles to earth observation applications". Other private firms are close to emulating Skyroot. Agnikul Cosmos, a Chennai-based start-up, is planning the commercial launch of its rocket Agnibaan in the first quarter of next year. Last week, the company test-fired its first rocket engine — manufactured in one go, unlike conventional engines which are assembled using thousands of parts — from the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram.

Small satellites can be assembled today in less than a week at a fraction of the cost of conventional satellites. But the constraints of piggy-backing on vehicles designed for satellites weighing around 1,500 kg are beginning to show. In a good year, ISRO launches about five satellites. Compare that to the 143 satellites launched by a rocket developed by the US-firm SpaceX last year. Companies such as Skyroot and Agnikool promise cost-efficiency as well as innovation. But developing an ecosystem for private players will not be possible without the ISRO's handholding. In the US, where private rocket ventures have a long head start over their Indian counterparts, NASA still reserves a part of its budget for such enterprises. In the coming years, the collaboration between India's premier space research institution and private players will be keenly tracked.

VICTIM BLAMING

Shraddha Walkar case calls for sensitisation to women in abusive relationships, not airing of patriarchal prejudice

IN YET ANOTHER all-too-familiar instance of victim blaming and stereotyping, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Kaushal Kishore, laid the blame of domestic violence on the shoulders of "educated women" who choose non-traditional relationships such as "live-in" over marriages. The minister was speaking in the context of the murder of a 27-year-old by her live-in partner in south Delhi's Mehrauli that recently came to light. Aaftab Poonawala allegedly strangled his partner Shraddha Walkar in May this year before dismembering her body and disposing of it across the city after that.

Unseemly as it is, and ironic in light of the Centre's push for women's emancipation through its many schemes such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and Stree Manoraksha — the latter especially with the purpose of providing psycho-social and mental-health support to women in distress or facing violence — the minister's comment, unfortunately, is hardly an aberration. Despite pushbacks and movements such as MeToo, incidents of gender-based crime act as triggers for raising questions about a woman's choices, her morality, and, in this case, the bogey of a familiar ghost — "love jihad" and its attendant manifestations of Islamophobia. In the overarching patriarchal flex, systemically attuned to play judge and jury over the lives of women, what gets lost is the fact that crime against women by intimate partners remains a grim reality in India. According to a report released by the National Crime Records Bureau in August this year, of the 4,28,278 instances of crimes against women in 2021, a 15 percent increase from the year before, the most cases, at 31.8 per cent, were recorded under "cruelty by husband or his relatives."

For those caught in abusive relationships, it is often difficult to make sense of the coercive control that holds them hostage. But the irrefutability of statistics indicates what the incessant debates over who is to blame cannot — that for women to feel safe in their homes, in their choices and with their partners, it is necessary to extend to them the solidarity of support without the jagged edges of judgement. Support that is not dispensed by a parent or society as an act of benediction, but solidarity that recognises them as more than the sum total of their mistakes, as individuals with agency, deserving of institutional and societal mechanisms of redressal, should they be in need of them.

HE SAID, SHE SAID

A systemic reckoning with sexual predators, as promised by MeToo, is slow to come. There is more work to be done

BRENDAN FRASER WON'T be present at the Golden Globes next year, to help represent his Hollywood comeback, The Whale. The critically-acclaimed Darren Aronofsky film features Fraser in a performance that has made him a frontrunner for Best Actor at all the major awards. "I have more history with the Hollywood Foreign Press Association than I have respect for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association," Fraser said of the Golden Globes organising body in a recent interview — a reference to his belief that the HFPA "closed ranks" against him when he accused its former president of groping him.

Fraser first spoke publicly about his experience in 2017, inspired by the MeToo movement. During those heady days, it seemed as if a systemic upheaval, which would bring down the old structures of power, was inevitable. Such was its effect that even male survivors, whose voices are usually missing from such stories, spoke up, including actors Terry Crew, Anthony Rapp and James Van Der Beek, besides Fraser. Five years on, though, there is a sense of disappointment. Fraser's recent comments echo the anger and resignation expressed by other survivors. Last month, when news of Sajid Khan's participation on the reality show Bigg Boss came out, women who had accused the filmmaker of sexual harassment expressed a similar frustration.

Yet, the movement's impact can't be denied. For instance, would the convictions of producer Harvey Weinstein and comedian Bill Cosby have been possible without it? Just this week, fresh sexual offence charges were brought against actor Kevin Spacey, who was first investigated following accusations by Rapp. It's true that any systemic change will be slow in coming, but publicly expressed anger, such as that of Fraser and the many accusers of Khan, are not evidence of failure. They're reminders of more work to be done.



GIRISH KUBER

THERE CAN'T BE a more paradoxical personality than Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in India's recent history. Hindutvavadis love him because he was anti-Muslim but they ignore his criticism of the religion. Rationalists respect his scientific temper which is not much written about, but disrespect him for his blatant right wing views. And Congressmen historically disliked him for his anti-Gandhi, anti-minority politics and, in the present moment, loathe him purely because of the BJP narrative about Savarkar. Rahul Gandhi's criticism of Savarkar mirrors just that.

The tragedy of contemporary politics is that no party, be it Congress or BJP, wishes to appraise Savarkar, or any other hero, in a fair manner. By critiquing Savarkar for clemency petitions, Congress tries to run down one of the leading freedom fighters. The BJP, on the other hand, takes a restrictive view of Savarkar by obliterating the rationalist in him.

Two Maharashtrian Brahmins and two organisations have been instrumental in shaping India's post-Independence political discourse. These two organisations are the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, and the two men behind them are Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, respectively. Though both espoused the cause of the Hindus, both these leaders were far from being compatible with each other.

The Hindu Mahasabha was a direct reaction to the Muslim League. First it was the partition of Bengal, followed up by the Morley-Minto reforms that Hindus feared would pave the way for separate constituencies for Muslims. These developments expedited the formation of an organisation to protect Hindu interests. That was the Hindu Sabha, first set up in Punjab by Lala Lajpat Rai. In a year a number of Hindu Sabhas were formed in Bihar, Bengal, Bombay Presidency etc. Soon the need was felt to have an umbrella organisation to protect and further the interests of Hindus. Finally, all regional bodies resolved to come together on the occasion of the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar in 1915. But it took another six years to acquire the name, the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha. Interestingly, its constitution expressed loyalty to the British. Malaviya was spearheading a campaign to unite Hindus but the Mahasabha gained momentum only

No one's man

Both Congress in criticising him, and BJP in owning him, take a partial and blinkered view of Savarkar



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after Balakrishna Shivaram Munje and Savarkar joined the organisation in the early '30s. Both had serious differences with Gandhi.

Of the two, Munje was an ex-Congressman while Savarkar carried no Congress baggage. A political revolutionary and religious rebel, Savarkar had pro-Hindu inclinations from his college days. He set up Abhinav Bharat, an organisation to help India acquire freedom by revolutionary means. Savarkar wrote extensively and he dreamed of a guerrilla war against the British. His book, *The Indian War Of Independence 1857*, for the first time projected the 1857 developments as a war for independence and not just a mutiny.

The book angered the British, and it was banned across its colonies. Around this time, as part of the efforts to organise Hindus under a single organisation, Savarkar's brother Ganesh had organised an armed revolt against the Morley-Minto Reforms offering special status to Muslims. He was held guilty, which alerted Savarkar in London, who moved to Madame Cama's home in Paris to avoid arrest. He, however, couldn't escape since the British police came calling on March 13, 1910. He was arrested. As he was being shipped to India in the SS Morea, he escaped from his cell while the ship was docked in the port of Marseille on July 8 1910. The daring act backfired and Savarkar was re-arrested. Later he was brought to India and, following a trial, convicted and transported on July 4 1911 to the Cellular Jail in the Andamans. He was just 28 when he was sentenced for 50 years.

This is the point from where he begins to attract criticism for a series of clemency petitions, now being spoken of by the Congress. Savarkar's supporters and Hindutva acolytes claim these petitions were a "tactical retreat". However, many historians, including those who have refused to join the Hindutvavadi bandwagon, believe these clemency petitions were a total surrender to the ruling power. Finally, the British released Savarkar after he endorsed the court verdict and British law, and "renounced violence" to gain freedom.

His critics believe this was the end of the "revolutionary" Savarkar since after release, he ceased to be anti-British, and accepted conditions to end the jail term and also to give up politics. Out of jail and under house arrest in Ratnagiri, Savarkar along with Munje

started devoting more time to the Hindu Mahasabha. Both were critical of Congress's apparent pro-minority stance. Both were staunch Hindus and their politics was clearly majoritarian. Both were exasperated by Gandhi's growing influence and rapid marginalisation of pro-Hindu leaders as this highlighted the failure of the Hindu Mahasabha. It was here that one of Savarkar's associates, Hedgewar, decided to find a new path to create another Hindu-centric organisation, the RSS.

Now, about the rationalist in Savarkar who wanted to reform Hindu religion. According to him, the cow was nothing more than an animal with enormous utility and he always refrained from viewing it as gau mata. He was for eradication of the caste system and he was not against people eating non-vegetarian food. Savarkar criticised Gandhi for describing the 1934 earthquake in Bihar as "God's curse on Indians". His rationalist, progressive approach may have restricted the Hindu Mahasabha's popularity. However, Savarkar and the Hindu Mahasabha were hardly seen as anti-British even when the war for freedom was picking up. This makes Savarkar more vulnerable to criticism from pro-Independence forces and also from Congress.

Weakened and ostracised, Savarkar led the rest of his life pushing for religious reform. The BJP discovered his political utility after the Ayodhya agitation and after former Union minister, Mani Shankar Aiyar, in an unwise act, removed Savarkar's plaque installed in Andaman's Cellular Jail. Congress has been a mere spectator to the process of the BJP appropriating its icons, one after the other. Having appropriated Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the BJP is trying to woo Maharashtra Brahmins by owning Savarkar's legacy. But Savarkar's adoption by the BJP is partial. It wants him for his pro-Hindu, anti-Muslim and anti-minority image but won't talk about Savarkar's "cow is just yet another animal" beliefs. No Hindu organisation is close to Savarkar on modernising religion.

In geography, a land between national boundaries is considered as No Man's Land. Similarly, in history, some personalities fall in no one's category. Savarkar was one such, he is No One's Man.

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EARLIER THIS YEAR, the G20/OECD released a draft of the proposed revisions to their 2011 High-level Principles on Financial Consumer Protection (FCP). In October, the fourth finance ministers and central bank governors meeting endorsed these principles. The 2011 principles covered 10 thematic areas reflecting the market and consumer issues, including equitable and fair consumer treatment, disclosures and transparency, and financial education. In 2022, two additional principles were included — access and inclusion and quality financial products. The updated principles also recommend intervention by regulators in certain high risk products, cultivating appropriate firm culture and using behavioural insights to better consumer outcomes.

These principles deal with three cross-cutting themes — financial well-being, digitalisation and sustainable finance. We focus on these themes as this approach has been used by the G20/OECD for the first time for FCP. First, FCP policies must contribute to overall financial well-being and resilience of consumers. OECD's working definition of "individual financial well-being" refers to being in control, feeling secure and having freedom about one's own current and future finances. An effective FCP regime must ensure adequate and easy to understand disclosures to consumers. However, an information dump for mere compliance defeats this purpose, especially in India where financial literacy is

FILLING HOLES IN SAFETY NETS

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not pervasive. Therefore, regulators such as SEBI prescribe certain financial service providers to assess customer suitability and undertake risk profiling before providing services. Countries such as the UK and New Zealand have introduced guidance to identify and provide fair treatment to "vulnerable financial consumers". At present, India does not recognise this concept. Going forward, faced with challenges like financial illiteracy and economic hardship, it may be worth considering.

Second, FCP must factor in the increasing number of digital channels consumers use to interact with financial products and services and the impact of greater use of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. In September, the RBI released guidelines on digital lending, mandating entities providing digital lending services to have a grievance redress officer, assess a borrower's creditworthiness before extending credit, and allow a borrower to exit without penalty. This is a promising move as it recognises suitability assessment and provides a cooling-off period, which are critical to protecting consumers. Additionally, there are concerns regarding redress of grievances against payment service providers in the UPI ecosystem. With the rising number of UPI transactions and the largely unregulated status of cryptocurrencies, FCP will continue to be relevant.

Third, there is growing consumer demand

for sustainable financial investments. Financial services providers are incorporating environmental, social and governance factors into their operations, products and services. FCP recommends improved transparency to help consumers make informed choices.

SEBI has transitioned from "business responsibility reporting" to "business responsibility and sustainability reporting" (BRSR) to promote responsible corporate governance vis-a-vis climate change. Eligible companies under BRSR must provide ESG related disclosures, including a sustainability performance report. This allows investors to make an informed decision. Similar disclosures must be introduced in other market segments.

The 2022 draft also warns against "greenwashing". This is aligned with an expert report presented at COP27. Financial regulators must monitor that Indian corporations are not misleading consumers with false claims regarding progress towards climate targets.

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NOVEMBER 19, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

AKALI ACCORD

THE CENTRE AND the Akalis have finally reached accord on the Akali demands. The two senior Akali leaders, Parkash Singh Badal and Balwant Singh, and Union Home Secretary T N Chaturvedi, along with the Congress (I) MP, Amrendra Singh flew to Amritsar with the draft of the government statement. Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, president of the Akali Dal, has already been informed about the developments.

ASIAN GAMES BEGIN

ALL ROADS WILL lead to the picturesque

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium for the biggest and the busiest sports extravaganza ever staged in India — the ninth Asian Games, which symbolises friendship and fraternity forever. The ceremony begins with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi lighting the torch at the National Stadium, which was the venue for the first Asian Games in 1951. The torch will be relayed to the Nehru Stadium by a team of 40 persons, including H P S Ahluwalia, who lost his legs while climbing Everest.

GOLDEN TEMPLE SCARE

ADDITIONAL FORCES WERE deployed around the Golden Temple complex follow-

ing a threat that the Guru Nanak Nivas would be blown up.

APPEAL TO US

INDIA HAS asked the US to revise its policy on the International Development Association (IDA) and other international funding institutions so that more money can be spared for development in poor countries.

LANKA EMERGENCY

THE SRI LANKAN cabinet is understood to have decided to extend the state of emergency which was to lapse on November 19.

Global task on India’s table

As new G20 president, India must use deft diplomacy on Ukraine, defuse tensions over Taiwan. PM Modi emphasising ‘peace, harmony and security’ as the agenda for the next summit is a good start



BY RAM MADHAV

THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC recession of 2008 had catapulted the otherwise obscure grouping of finance ministers of influential countries into a summit level gathering of G20 nations. In the last 14 years, economy and development was the primary preoccupation of G20 summits.

The summit at Bali earlier this week was also meant to be so. But the long shadow of the Ukraine war fell on it. Though security issues were not supposed to be discussed at these summits, Ukraine kept entering the discussions in different ways — food security, supply-chain disruption, economic downturn and the threat to peace. In the end, all the countries had their say in the matter.

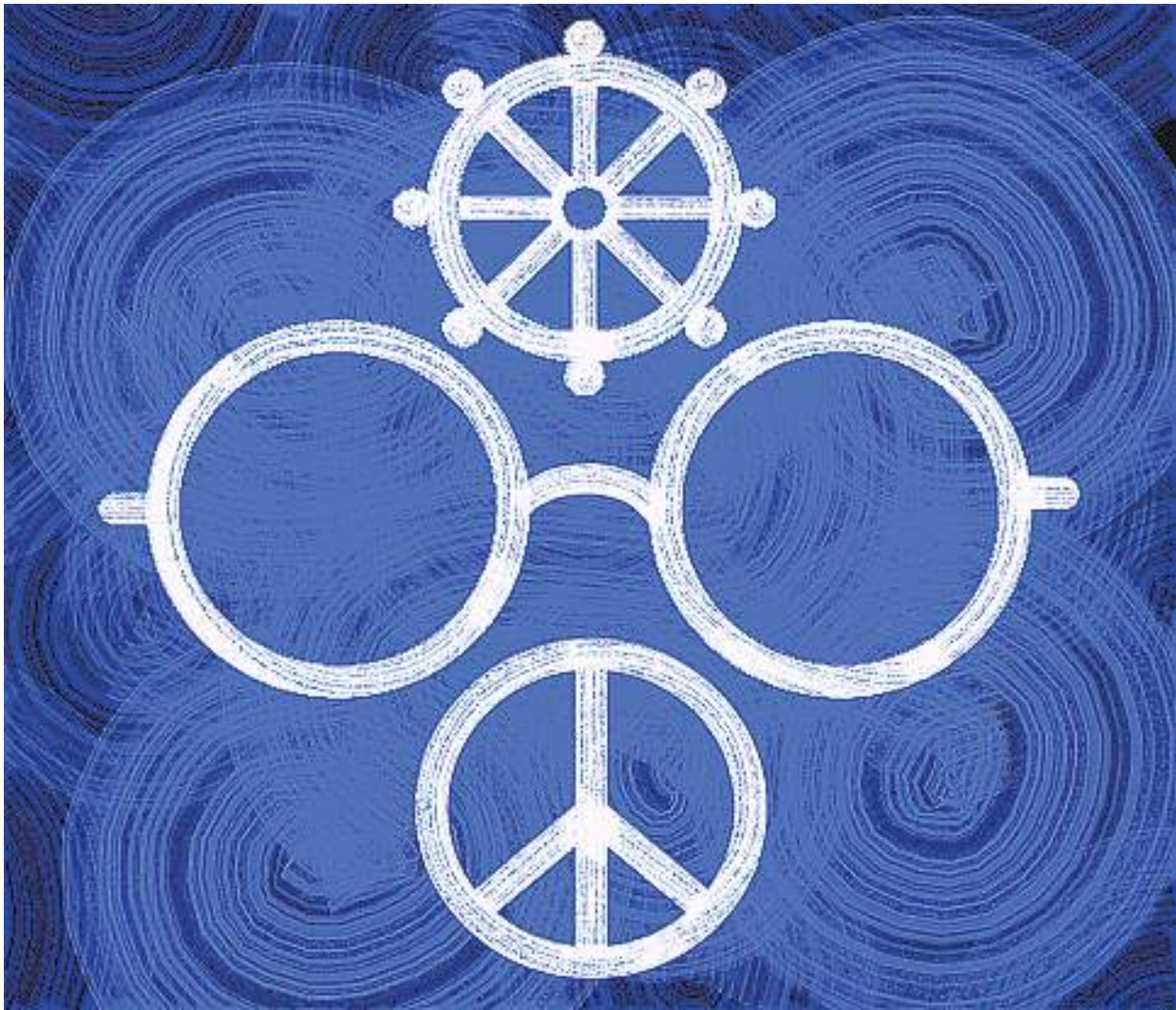
The Americans were happy that they managed to push a strong statement on the war, sufficient enough to hog global headlines. Since a direct condemnation was not possible, the G20 statement took the UN resolution route. The long 52-paragraph statement began with a reference to the UNGA resolution adopted by a majority vote in March this year, which “deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine and demands its complete and unconditional withdrawal from the territory of Ukraine”. The Chinese were unhappy that “some Western countries led by the US” tried to hype the topic, which was “irrelevant to the economic cooperation at the G20 summit”. *Global Times*, the Communist Party of China mouthpiece, fumed that they were using “a geopolitical crisis to further sabotage the unity of the international community”.

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Although the final statement talked about issues like future pandemics, digital currencies, new technologies and even cultural issues, Ukraine and China became the show-stealers.

After over a thousand days of virtual appearances, President Xi Jinping surfaced in person at Bali, more confident and more powerful after winning a third term as president. Incidentally, US President Joe Biden too exuded enormous confidence after the mid-term results gave his party continued control over the US senate. “I am coming in stronger,” he exuberantly declared before his meeting with Xi.

The three-hour-long meeting between Biden and Xi was the most important bilateral at Bali. The unusually long meeting and



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the conspicuous absence of fireworks from both sides indicated that the two countries could be warming up to each other.

A thaw between the two countries is crucial for avoiding the next conflict, possibly in the Taiwan Straits. Biden’s statement after the bilateral that there may not be any immediate conflict pointed to the possible de-escalation of tensions in the South China Sea in the coming months. Although it will be inane to think that Xi would disclose his roadmap on Taiwan to the US, one interesting factor appears to be coming into play in the relations between the two leaders.

As President Obama’s deputy, Biden had visited Beijing in 2011 and was hosted by Xi, who was his counterpart then in China. They spent six days together, travelling to various engagements including a visit to Chengdu in the Sichuan province. They developed a cordial relationship during that visit, which appears to be coming in handy a decade later for both leaders to take some baby steps in the right direction.

After months of party intrigue that led to much gossip including his possible house arrest, President Xi came to Bali betraying a different agenda. He looked determined to end the post-pandemic isolation of China in the world. He got into a flurry of bilaterals with leaders of at least eight important countries, including arch-rivals Japan and Australia, prompting some observers to comment that he was trying to shed the “wolf warrior” image of his country’s diplomacy.

Prime Minister Modi had a brief bump in with Xi at the dinner on the first day of the summit. But he carefully avoided any reference to India-China tensions in his com-

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ments, and focused on issues like food security, digitisation and healthcare. His articulation in different sessions enhanced India’s stature as the “voice of the Global South”. In a way, Modi tried to set the agenda for the next summit to be hosted by him by emphasising on “peace, harmony and security”.

The G20 presidency was to come to India in 2022, but got shifted to 2023, giving a breather to the Indian leadership from the heat of the Ukraine and Taiwan conflicts. But despite visible bonhomie between Biden and Xi, political developments in their countries indicate that the difficult days are not yet over. The return of Republican control to the US House means that Biden may see cuts being imposed on Ukraine spending. On the other hand, Xi has the unfinished agenda of installing his own government in March next year, until which time he may continue with his Taiwan hardline. That means Modi needs to deploy deft diplomacy into quick action so that the war clouds gathering over the horizon can be dispersed before the agenda for next year’s G20 starts rolling. He has already left his imprint on the Ukraine issue through his advice earlier that it was not the time for war, a line that the Bali declaration too borrowed from him saying “today’s era must not be of war”.

Modi described India as the “holy land of Buddha and Gandhi”, and wanted the next G20 summit in India to be the harbinger of “peace to the world”, a lofty goal befitting the summit’s motto of “One Earth, One Family, One Future”, albeit a daunting one.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Vladimir Putin’s absence from the G20 summit in Bali, and the waves of missiles that struck Ukraine on Tuesday night, are both testament to the Russian president’s failure. Those standing against Moscow’s aggression should stay on course.” — THE GUARDIAN

Pick the winners

Industrial policy must focus on small and medium-scale firms, encourage green products and services to generate jobs



PRANAB BARDHAN

AS I have been an advocate for industrial policy for many decades, even when many of my economist friends were gung-ho liberalisers on trade policy, I am now often asked about my opinion on the industrial policy being currently adopted by the Indian government.

While in the past I had studied, with some appreciation, the experience of industrial policy in East Asia (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and later China), my advocacy of it in countries like India has all along been somewhat qualified by healthy skepticism about its implementation by a heavy-handed bureaucracy.

First of all, the industries need to be very carefully selected. Many of the industries currently chosen to be under PLI (production linked incentives) are highly capital- and skill-intensive. So the goal of job creation for our massive numbers of unskilled workers is unlikely to be met. Even in Japan and South Korea, where industrial policy has been otherwise successful, it has often mainly helped large firms. But for creating jobs, the focus has to be on small and medium-scale firms.

Of course, job creation or even economic growth may not always be the main goal of industrial policy. In a world of geopolitical conflicts and supply chain disruptions, national security is often considered a major goal. But even in view of this goal, I think the plan of giving a 50 per cent subsidy (amounting to \$10 billion) to Vedanta-Foxconn for fabricating chips is difficult to justify. Processing silicon downstream would have been more consistent with India’s productive capacity and would have also created more jobs. For many years even the US has concentrated more on chip design than on fabrication of advanced chips (leaving those to Taiwanese and South Korean firms).

In policy implementation one has to be particularly vigilant in monitoring the performance of the target firms, be strict with non-performing firms, and, if necessary, withdraw support from them. Like venture capitalists in the private sector who constantly monitor start-up firms they support and withdraw support when necessary, officials have to play the role of “venture bureaucrats” in the terminology recently used by *The Economist*.

This often requires making an extra effort to go beyond the traditional hidebound bureaucratic culture in India. One has to be especially careful in disciplining firms that are being supported, lest they become white elephants or they acquire too much market power (in the Indian context of already exceedingly high corporate concentration), or cronies are subsidised to go into new lines of business they’d have gone anyway, as is now common in India.

In East Asia’s recent history, South Korea and Taiwan used the discipline of success in export markets to prod the firms supported by their industrial policy to keep to interna-

tional standards of quality and cost-consciousness. They followed a stick-and-carrot policy: The stick of export market discipline and the carrot of generous credit subsidies.

In general, there is now solid empirical evidence in policy literature that industrial policy succeeds more when it is oriented to the discipline of market competition. In a 2015 article, Philippe Aghion and co-authors cite panel data from medium and large Chinese enterprises over 1998 to 2007 to show that industrial policies targeted to competitive sectors or policies that foster competition (say, policies that are more dispersed across firms in a sector or measures that encourage younger and more productive enterprises in a sector) increase productivity growth.

In a general survey of the literature on industrial policy, my Berkeley colleagues Ann Harrison and Andrés Rodríguez-Clare have recommended a whole range of “soft” industrial policies, not incompatible with WTO (World Trade Organisation) regulations (like encouraging research and development, extension services, vocational training, supporting collective action for self-help in business clusters, improving regulations and infrastructure, and so on), where the goal is to develop domestic policies of coordination that improve productivity more than interventions that distort prices.

Also, these soft industrial policies need to be customised to local decentralised contexts, particularly when you want to help small and medium sized firms. Unfortunately, Indian politicians and bureaucracy are more comfortable with “top-down” over-centralised policies.

Nevertheless it is important to reiterate that the usual objection of trade and other economists that industrial policy involves “picking winners” and that it is impossible for a government bureaucracy to do so is quite misleading. Here I endorse the following statement on industrial policy that the Harvard economist Dani Rodrik recently made: “In the presence of uncertainty, it is inevitable that some projects backed by the government will fail. In this respect, the government is no different from the private sector. The relevant question is whether enough of the projects backed by the government will succeed and produce the social surplus to pay for the failures (and more).” The other relevant question, of course, is if the government will have the ability to withstand pressure from the concerned lobby to prolong a failed project.

Going back to the job-creation goal, the 2017 United Nations publication on Green Industrial Policy suggests many examples of new green products and service opportunities that have a great deal of job-creating potential. Apart from renewable energy technologies (solar, wind and geothermal power) both in generation and storage, the focus needs to be on examples like bioplastics, decentralised miniature electric grids, technologies of drip irrigation and rainwater harvesting, the reinforcement of sea walls, green energy-powered three-wheeler public transportation, and so on. So support for industrial policy has to be nuanced, multi-faceted and vigilant in its disciplining functions.

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A world without nukes

India must resume its vanguard role in ridding the world of nuclear weapons

OUR MOST eminent jurist, Fali Nariman, has drawn urgent attention, in the context of threats to deploy nuclear weapons in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, to the advisory opinion tendered “nearly three decades ago” by the International Court of Justice in the Hague on the compatibility of such threats with international humanitarian law. (‘Law is not enough’, IE, November 5).

While he says the overwhelming majority opinion “permitted a state to use nuclear weapons in self-defence when its survival was at stake”, this is qualified earlier in the sentence by the phrase, “in view of the current state of international law”. This is further qualified by the end of the sentence which explains that in the absence of a definitive law on the prohibition of nuclear weapons, the ICJ “cannot conclude definitively whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be lawful or unlawful”. In other words, the court did not endorse the use of or even possession of nuclear weapons; it only pointed to the absence of a law on the subject.

That was the position in 1996. Now, in 2022, we do have an international law in the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), passed in January 2021. It now constitutes the law on the subject. It was passed by 122 members of the UN General Assembly — a clear majority — and has entered into force after its ratification by 50 member-States of the UN. The number of

signatories has since risen to 91. Thus, a treaty with binding force has now become part and parcel of international law on the subject. Any threat or use of nuclear weapons is now a clear violation of international law. This last view has not yet been referred to the ICJ to ascertain whether in their view legislation passed by the UN by an overwhelming majority, and now ratified by more than the required number to enter into force, would over-rule the three-decades old opinion of the International Court, which was not unanimous and did not represent the views of the developing world.

Indeed, back in 1996, the minority opinion of the three judges of the ICJ from developing countries (Sri Lanka, Guyana and Sierra Leone) was against any use of “hyper-destructive” weapons in any circumstances. This is now the position taken by an overwhelming majority of member-states of the UN. Therefore, the highest priority should now be attached to taking the issue before the ICJ for fresh consideration of the issue.

What perhaps Nariman could not mention for want of space were two developments, one recent, the other of a longer vintage more than three decades ago, that would have reinforced his argument. The recent development in international law is that we now have a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which even outlaws the “possession” of nuclear weapons. It arises in part from ICJ’s injunction back in 1996 that

the international community is bound by an “obligation to pursue in good faith and to conclude negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control”. This is precisely the process of “negotiations” in “good faith” that has resulted in TPNW, 2001.

India did not vote in favour of the treaty. Especially since the last eight years, our country has shown no inclination to champion the cause of universal nuclear disarmament. This is in sharp contrast to the vocal opposition that Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi expressed to the possession, threat and use of nuclear weapons. They were followed by Rajiv Gandhi who presented to the UN in 1988 a detailed action plan on how to arrive in stages to a nuclear-weapons-free and nonviolent world order within a timeline of 22 years, that is by 2010. When that deadline was approaching with no attempt at implementing the proposed action plan, Pranab Mukherjee, as foreign minister, proposed in the UN in 2006 a summary of the main objectives of the action plan as a working paper. But since the emergence of the BJP-led government in 2014, India appears to have disavowed both the action plan and the working paper. It is significant that Mukherjee’s working paper followed, and did not precede, India becoming a de facto nuclear weapon state nearly a decade earlier.

Whereas the action plan and working pa-

per had few takers, there has now emerged a majority of non-nuclear states who seek a world without these and other weapons of mass destruction. A precedent exists in the UN convention that outlaws the use or threat of use of chemical weapons. The TPNW reflects many of the key provisions of the chemical weapons prohibition treaty. If chemical weapons can be banned by UN decision, why not nuclear weapons?

Were India to resume its traditional vanguard role in matters relating to ridding the world of these awful weapons, we would be the first de facto nuclear weapon state to argue for the elimination of these highly dangerous weapons. It is a clarion call to renew the stand for which we were once renowned and thus become the only state with the capacity and stockpile of nuclear weapons to join the current tide of world opinion that desires the prohibition of these weapons. It would be an act of statesmanship that carries forward the legacy of the Ramayana and Mahabharata to which, as Nariman affirms, the three dissenting judges led by Justice Weeramantry of Sri Lanka based their view that, “equipped with the necessary array of principles and cultural tradition with which to respond”, the continuing stockpiling of nuclear weapons by more and more countries to be a violation of international humanitarian law.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUMP AGAIN?

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Trump still’ (IE, November 18). Donald Trump has declared his candidacy for the US Presidency despite lacking the backing of his own party men. Regardless, he cannot be written off. Given Joe Biden’s misadventures in Afghanistan and his general performance while in office, Trump’s re-election is not as unlikely as some would like to believe.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Trump, still’ (IE, November 18). Donald Trump’s business dealings and his alleged role in the 2021 US Capitol assault and other attempts to undermine the 2020 poll results are under the scanner, apart from a criminal investigation by the Justice Department. Also, the midterms have shown his fading charm. It would still be unwise to rule him out. He has changed his party’s working with it now attracting more white, working-class voters. He has also transformed the party’s view on China, trade, globalisation, and immigration. Trump, without any change in his ways or views, plans to recapture the White House. Turbulent days lie ahead.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

OUTDATED SCHEME

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘A back-

ward step’ (IE, November 18). The provision of pension for loyal service was born in the colonial era. The scheme was financed with the wealth plundered from colonised nations. In the socialist era, this concept acquired a well-farist hue and became a right vigilantly guarded by trade unions. Going back to that era at the cost of the coming generations, simply because it yields political leverage, is dangerous for the health of the Indian democracy and economy. How some of the stalwarts from Congress react to this move will be telling. Chidambaram, for example — who has long claimed credit for the liberalisation of our economy — could offer valuable insight.

Shubhada H, via email

DOUBLESPEAK

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Who is afraid of conversion?’ (IE, November 18). The Supreme Court should have consulted with state governments before the Centre. In the conversion discourse, reference to missionary activity and love jihad is common. Ghar wapsi, however, is also a form of conversion. Additionally, both Christian missionaries and RSS affiliates have ideological and welfare projects in Adivasi areas. This issue also demands addressal under the purview of anti-conversion laws.

Sushmita Murmu, New Delhi

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Youth booked for murder, illegal conversion held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 18

POLICE ON Thursday said they have arrested the 21-year-old man, who had allegedly pushed a 19-year-old woman from the fourth floor of a building in the city's Dubagga area on Tuesday, thereby causing her death.

Sufiyan was booked for murder and illegal conversion after the woman's family alleged that he pushed her to death as she was not willing to convert before marrying him. Police said that Sufiyan was arrested from the Dubagga area of the city following a brief cross-gunfire in which he received a bullet injury in his leg.

Police said they recovered a country-made pistol and cartridges from Sufiyan, against whom a reward of Rs 25,000 was announced earlier. DCP (Lucknow West) Shivasimpi Channappa said, "Sufiyan was absconding since the incident. Police teams were conducting raids to trace him. Police today arrested him during an encounter after which he was sent to hospital for treatment. His condition is stable."

According to police, they received information that Sufiyan was spotted near Dubagga crossing. "After seeing the police team, Sufiyan opened fire. In retaliation, police also fired in which Sufiyan got injured," said a police officer.

HC grants Teltumbde bail, stays order for a week on NIA request

Can't conclude he indulged in terrorist act under UAPA, says court

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday granted bail to Anand Teltumbde, an accused in the Elgaar Parishad case, who has been in custody since April 2020 observing that it could not conclude that the accused indulged into terrorist act under UAPA. However, after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) requested a stay on the operation of its order to approach the Supreme Court, the HC stayed the same for a week.

Teltumbde is the third accused in the case to be granted bail by the HC. While co-accused Varavara Rao was granted bail on medical grounds, Sudha Bharadwaj was allowed default bail. Teltumbde is the first accused in the case to get bail on merits from the HC.

"The seizure of the incriminating material, does not in any manner prima facie lead to draw an inference that appellant has committed or indulged in a 'terrorist act' as contemplated under Section 15 of the UAPA," the HC said.

A division bench of Justice Ajey



Anand Teltumbde is an accused in the Elgaar Parishad case

S Gadkari and Justice Milind N Jadhav had reserved its verdict in the case on November 11. The HC directed that Teltumbde be released on bail on furnishing personal bond of Rs 1 lakh, along with sureties and asked him to appear before the police station where he resides once in a fortnight for a year and thereafter, once in a month till conclusion of trial.

It also asked him to deposit his passport to the special NIA court and not leave its jurisdiction. He will have to seek prior permission of the trial court if he wanted to travel within India.

Teltumbde (73), former IIT professor and academic had approached the HC last year against the rejection of his bail plea by a special NIA court. His plea claimed that he was never present at the Elgaar Parishad

event on December 31, 2017, and did not make any provocative speeches.

Senior advocate Mihir Desai and advocate Devyani Kulkarni, representing Teltumbde, had told the bench that Teltumbde, who surrendered to NIA in April 2020, should be released on bail as the trial is not likely to commence in near future.

Advocate Sandesh Patil, appearing for NIA, had said that Teltumbde was secretly in touch with his brother Milind Teltumbde, a top Maoist leader, who was killed in police encounter on November 13, 2021, in Gadchiroli. Desai, however, had said that Anand Teltumbde has not met his brother for the last 25 years.

Noting that a document that claimed "Anand T" had received Rs 90,000 from co-accused Surendra (Gadling) through 'Milind (Teltumbde)' was unsigned, the HC said that therefore, "at this prima facie stage", it cannot presume that 'Anand T' received the said amount as argued by NIA. "We are afraid to state that we cannot agree with the NIA's contention," the HC said.

Navlakha's new 'home' — a community hall with a library

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

AFTER THE Supreme Court's go-ahead to Elgaar Parishad case accused Gautam Navlakha's house arrest, "home" for the 73-year-old activist-journalist, at least for the next month, is likely to be a community hall in Navi Mumbai, built in the honour of Communist politician and trade union leader Bhalchandra Trimbak Ranadive.

Tucked away in a leafy bylane of Agroli village and walking distance from the CBD Belapur railway station, the ground plus one structure — since it was constructed in 1996 — has been used as a community hall, a library and a karate training school for children. Over the last few days, however, efforts were being made to turn it into a habitable space suitable for a family, with cupboards and a makeshift kitchen.

The place chosen for Navlakha's house arrest is the first floor of a building owned by a trust named after Communist politician and trade union worker B T Ranadive. The NIA had objected to the building being owned by the Communist Party of India (Marxist). However, the SC said on Friday that it was a registered political party, setting aside the central agency's objection.

Local residents of the village in Belapur, where the building is



The building in Agroli village of Navi Mumbai where Gautam Navlakha will stay under house arrest. Narendara Vaskar

located, said that it was built as a tribute to Ranadive, housing a library, a community hall and a reading room for students.

"The idea was that instead of installing a statue or any other kind of memorial, a space like this would be a better tribute," said an office-bearer of the library. He said that the library has over 20,000 books, mainly in Marathi, and its membership is available for monthly fee of Rs 30.

"There were once 2,000 members of the library. The number has been dwindling. Now, five to six persons visit the library daily. Others who drop by are mostly locals from the village or those working in government offices in the area," the office-bearer said.

Another added that there are more takers to the reading room located on the first floor. While the library functions between 10 am and 5 pm, the reading room opens its doors to competitive exam aspirants at 9 am and shuts at 9 pm for a monthly fee of Rs 100.

With Navlakha and his partner shifting on the first floor soon, the reading room has now been shut. The karate class operating out of the open terrace above the first floor has also been discontinued. Apart from books, Navlakha will have access to walks in the company of police personnel, with CCTV cameras at the entry and exit points as well as round-the-clock guards outside, at his expense.

HC: Will first hear pleas challenging constitutional validity of Agnipath

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE DELHI High Court on Friday said it shall first hear the pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Agnipath recruitment scheme as a whole and thereafter hear the pleas concerning the recruitment process for armed forces under certain previous advertisements.

A division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad asked the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati appearing for the Centre to segregate the matters.

There are a total of 24 matters listed before the HC and the bench asked the ASG to prepare a chart on the same for the convenience of the court.

The bench was of the view that the decision on the constitutional validity of the Agnipath scheme will have a bearing on other matters, hence the scheme will be dealt with first.

"We will first hear the Agniveer matter. Agniveer is the main matter... this is the core issue," the Chief Justice said.

The bench further said the Centre's reply only deals with the challenge to the Agnipath scheme and does not deal with the other pleas. The High Court,

thereafter, permitted the parties to file additional replies or additional rejoinder, if any, before the next date of hearing.

Out of the 24 matters, one bunch challenges the scheme directly, the other pertains to the issue that despite the scheme the ongoing recruitment process is still incomplete, and the third bunch deals with pleas wherein the recruitment process has been completed yet appointment has not been given.

Adjourning the matter until December 12, the HC observed: We will take it up at 2.30 pm on December 12. Whether we are able to complete our list (of cases) by then or not, we will take up this matter..."

On the last hearing, the petitioners had sought time to respond to the Centre's consolidated reply on the pleas.

The Centre, in its written reply, stated the scheme was promulgated to restructure the "intake & retention" processes in the armed forces with a view to evolving a "youthful, modern & futuristic fighting force".

The objective, the Centre claimed, is to have a blend of young recruits aged 18-25 years as "Agniveers", supervised by experienced regular cadre personnel aged 26-52 years, working under Commanding Officers within the age bracket of 37 to 40 years.

Terror financing, shift to metaverse, virtual assets cause for concern: Shah

Says terrorism cannot & should not be linked to any religion, nationality or group

MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah on Friday said India had been a victim of terrorism sponsored from across the border and that some countries protect and shelter terrorists.

Addressing the third "No Money for Terror" (NMFT) conference here, he urged the international community to take cognisance of threats emerging from regime change in Afghanistan as the last one had led to 9/11 attacks. He, however, underlined that terrorism was not linked to any religion, nationality or group.

Emphasising that terrorism was the biggest threat to global peace, the Home Minister, without naming Pakistan, said: "Unfortunately, there are countries that seek to undermine, or even hinder, our collective resolve to fight terrorism. We have seen that some countries protect and shelter terrorists. Protecting a terrorist is equivalent to promoting terrorism. It will be our collective responsibility that such elements never succeed in their intentions."

The NMFT conference is being attended by delegates from 72 countries and 15 international organisations. Referring to developments in Afghanistan, Shah said after August 2021, the situation in South Asian region had changed.

"The regime change and the growing influence of Al Qaeda &



Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the third 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference in New Delhi, Friday. PTI

ISIS have emerged as a significant challenge to regional security. These new equations have made the problem of terror financing more serious. Three decades ago, the world had to bear the serious consequences of one such regime change, the result of which we all have seen in the horrific attack of 9/11," Shah said.

He stressed that the international community should never ignore terrorists' safe havens or their resources. "We also have to expose the double-speak of such elements who sponsor and support them. Therefore, it is important that this conference, the participating countries, and the organisations, should not take a selective or complacent perspective of the challenges of this region," he said.

Calling for coordinated global efforts to combat threats from emerging technologies being used by terrorists, Shah said: "We also recognise that the threat of terrorism cannot and should not be linked to any religion, nationality or group. To confront terrorism, we have made significant progress in fortifying the security architecture, as well as the legal and financial systems. In spite of this, terrorists are constantly finding new ways to carry out violence, radicalise youth and raise financial resources. The Darknet is being used by terrorists to spread radical content and conceal their identities. Additionally, there is an increase in the use of virtual assets like cryptocurrency. We need to understand the patterns of these Darknet activities

and find their solutions."

In his opening address, Shah said financing terrorism is more dangerous than terrorism itself. "The 'means and methods' of terrorism are nurtured from such funding and the financing of terrorism weakens the economy of countries. India has been a victim of terrorism for several decades, which is sponsored from across the border. Indian security forces and civilians have had to deal with incidents of extremely serious terrorist violence perpetrated in a sustained and coordinated manner," he said.

Shah said terrorism must be condemned in all its forms, but the forms and manifestations of terrorism are continuously evolving due to technological revolution. "Today, terrorists and terrorist groups understand the nuances of modern weapons and information technology, the dynamics of the cyber and financial space very well, and use them. This transformation of terrorism from dynamite to metaverse and AK-47 to virtual assets is definitely a matter of concern for the countries and we all have to work together to formulate a common strategy against it," he said.

Shah also met Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan on the sidelines of the conference and discussed border management and common security-related issues. Shah also took up the issue of attacks on minorities and temples in Bangladesh.

Odisha Cabinet approves new port policy to attract private investment

SUJIT BISOI
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 18

THE ODISHA Cabinet approved a new port policy on Friday. The new policy aims to facilitate private sector investments in maritime sector and the development of ports and port-related industries.

The approval comes a week before the state is set to host its flagship biennial investment summit, Make in Odisha conclave.

According to the policy, the OMB will prepare an Odisha maritime perspective plan encompassing the key strengths and challenges in maritime development.

The plan will also study the maritime ecosystem involving ports, hinterland potential, cargo evacuation, port connectivity, environmental enhancement and development of the coastal communities.

The policy also promotes other maritime ventures like coastal shipping, promotion of marine tourism, development of multipurpose harbours, introduction of sea-plane connectivity, promotion of facilities and creation of infrastructure for shipbuilding, ship breaking and related activities in the state.

Though the state had formulated a port policy in 2004, chief

secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said the existing policy has become outdated and the new one will focus on adoption of latest technology and creating sustainable maritime development along the Odisha coast.

"Because of its strategic location, Odisha presents a vast untapped potential for ports and maritime development. This will act as the gateway for freight and commodities to and from the rich hinterlands," said the chief secretary. In June 2021, Odisha was among a few coastal states, which opposed the draft Indian Ports Bill apprehending that the new legislation may dilute powers already vested with the states on the management of non-major ports.

With a vast coastline of 480 km, Odisha has three operational ports at Paradip, Dhamra and Gopalpur. These apart, the state government has identified 12 potential sites for the development of non-major ports in different districts and a riverine port on Mahanadi.

Approval of the new policy is crucial as the state on August 23 constituted the Odisha Maritime Board, whose primary function is to coordinate activities of non-major ports in the state. The policy has also proposed to take up the Odisha ports capacity augmentation plan (OPCAP).

No resolution yet, climate talks to continue today



EXPRESS AT COP27

AMITABH SINHA
SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT),
NOVEMBER 18

THE EUROPEAN Union seemingly gave in to a key demand of the developing countries for setting up of a separate fund for loss and damage, but the unrealistic conditions attached to its support meant that it did nothing to break the stalemate at the climate change conference here, as talks went into extra-time.

The EU, initially hesitant to back the proposal, said late Thursday evening that it would be open to creation of a new fund but only if the money came from all the countries that were in a position to contribute, a condition clearly aimed at roping in

large economies like China and India, but something that these countries are unlikely to agree to.

Under the international climate change arrangement, only the rich and the industrialised countries, named in a list when the UN Framework Agreement on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was agreed upon in 1992, are responsible for providing finance for all sorts of climate change needs. China and India, both much smaller economies then, are classified as developing countries, with no obligation to provide money.

The EU has been repeatedly demanding that countries like China — it has not mentioned India by name — which is one of the strongest economies now, must be asked to share the financial burden of climate change. Both China and India reject such demands whenever it is raised.

But this is not the only condition EU put forward that other countries would find difficult to agree to. The EU has linked its support to loss and damage facility to greater emission reduction actions



Activists hold a rapid response demonstration at the COP27 climate summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on Friday. Reuters

by all countries before 2030. More specifically, it has said that countries must agree to ensure that global emissions peak by 2025, and that the world must pursue efforts to restrict temperature rise to within 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-existing times. As of now, the goal of the Paris Agreement is to ensure that temperature rise is kept "well below" 2 degree Celsius, while making efforts to restrict it to 1.5 degree Celsius.

In addition, the EU has proposed more action on coal and methane, which can become a deal-breaker for countries like India. Taking the Glasgow promise of a "phased-down" of coal further, the EU has said countries must agree to "accelerate" the phase down "as soon as possible" and "submit roadmaps" and annual progress report towards this objective. It has also said that all the countries should sign on to a

pledge to reduce their methane emissions by at least 30 per cent by 2030 compared to 2020 levels. Such a pledge was taken by about 100 countries at the Glasgow meeting last year. Till now about 150 countries have signed. But some key countries with large dependence on the agriculture sector, including India, have stayed away. Methane emission is a sensitive subject in India because a large contribution comes from the agriculture and livestock sectors.

So, even while some developing countries welcomed the EU offer, saying it represented a forward movement, most have remained sceptical. Some developing countries also see the EU proposal as a ploy to sow divisions in their ranks, since some of them are keenly looking forward for this fund. The EU proposal also makes it clear that the fund would be able to respond to the needs only of the "most vulnerable". Usually, this refers to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the small island developing states (SIDS).

The tough, rather unworkable, conditions put forward by the EU

meant that not much forward movement was achieved on Friday, originally the last day of the conference. So talks would continue on Saturday. Five informal ministerial groups, formed to bridge the differences on various issues, were still to submit reports.

In a review meeting on Friday evening, India again made the point that singling out any one emissions source for a phase-down was not acceptable. India was reacting to a provision in the current draft decision which reintroduced the word "phase-out" in the context of coal-based power that India had fought hard in Glasgow to replace with "phase-down".

Meanwhile, India has strongly opposed provisions that open up calls for emissions from agriculture to be reduced. There is a separate track of negotiations on agriculture that discusses the kinds of climate-related interventions needed in the sector. Emissions from agriculture, and land-use changes, is a sensitive subject for India and a large number of other developing countries.

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EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

A SHORT HISTORY OF SPIES AND SPYING, FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO PRESENT

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 18

INTELLIGENCE OVER CENTURIES is a sweeping journey through spycraft over the ages — from the time Moses sent out the Twelve Spies to find out more about the Promised Land to the secret messages covered in wax that led to the defeat of Xerxes of Persia by the Greeks at the Battle of Salamis; from what the *Arthashastra* and *Thirukkural* say about espionage to Sun Tzu's advice about getting "other men" to find out about the enemy rather than depend on "spirits"; and from the intelligence set-up of Chhattarapati Shivaji to the evolution of modern day agencies including the Intelligence Bureau and R&AW.

Vappala Balachandran, a former IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre who spent 19 years at R&AW before retiring as special secretary in 1995, brings all this together in a moderately-sized volume that also includes anecdotes from his own career and personal reflections.

The term "intelligence failure" is often used loosely, Balachandran says — what really happens is a failure to turn raw intelligence into actionable policy through "an alchemic process of collation, analysis, dissemination, arbitration, policy adjudication and decision-making". Gaps in this process "would lead to a situation in which intelligence, including technical pointers already available...with any wing of a government does not result in policy or action".

India's own such failures are many and well known. In the list drawn up by the author, who was in the two-member committee that examined the police response to the 26/11 terror attacks, is the Raighat attack of October 2, 1986. Specific prior intelligence had been disseminated to the IB, Delhi Police, and Special Protection Group, but each had "digested" the information in a silo — Delhi Police had pasted an alert on their notice board. Co-ordinated action was absent, and it was just good fortune that the attacker, who hid in a tree and fired at the assemblage of the country's leadership

from a pellet gun, did not have access to a more sophisticated firearm.

Five years later, Rajiv Gandhi's assassination could not be prevented as no one had processed the available technical pointers into actionable intelligence. "Intelligence agencies were lulled into a belief that all was well as long as the machinery for collection of Technical Intelligence was functioning. None cared to process the raw product into actionable intelligence," Balachandran writes.

The deadly Easter attack of 2019 was not the only time that the Sri Lankan security set up had ignored specific intelligence leads from India. Balachandran discloses that in 1994, R&AW had passed on information about an LTTE plan to eliminate then UNP leader Gamini

Dissanayake during the presidential election campaign of that year. The lead was ignored, and the UNP is yet to recover from its three-decade old leadership loss.

A chapter on "most famous spies" brings back the 1980s, which, as the author puts it, was "India's decade of spies" — Coomarr Narain, the Larkins brothers, and K V Unnikrishnan, the CIA mole in R&AW (though the writer does not refer to him by name), who was feeding India's plans in Sri Lanka to the Americans after being "honey-trapped".

The detailed discussion on covert operations has many examples from the world, but shies away from anything that India has done in this department — it does not, for example, make any mention of Kulbhushan Jadhav.

Balachandran also raises an interesting question: is intelligence gathering by professionals required at all? In his opinion, no Indian Prime Minister has felt the need for intelligence agencies to guide their policies. Nehru would brief the IB chief about foreign developments (there was no R&AW then); Indira Gandhi did not trust the IB, which she thought was too focussed, due to its colonial roots, on communists instead of communalism, and "just about tolerated" R&AW; and Morarji Desai sat through briefings bored stiff.

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NARCO TEST

In which an injection of sodium pentothal is thought to make one speak the truth

DELHI POLICE will conduct a narco test on Aaftab Poonawalla, the man accused of killing his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar in May this year. Poonawalla has consented to the test, and told a Delhi court that he is aware of the consequences.

How the test works

In a 'narco' or narcoanalysis test, a drug called sodium pentothal is injected into the body of the accused, which transports them to a hypnotic or sedated state, in which their imagination is neutralised. In this hypnotic state, the accused is understood as being incapable of lying and is expected to divulge information that is true.

Sodium pentothal or sodium thiopental is a fast-acting, short-duration anaesthetic, which is used in larger doses to sedate patients during surgery. Believed to weaken the subject's resolve to lie, it is sometimes referred to as a "truth serum", and is said to have been used by intelligence operatives during World War II.

Restrictions on the test

In *Selvi & Ors vs State of Karnataka & Anr* (2010), a Supreme Court Bench comprising then Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan and Justices RV Raveendran and JM Panchal ruled that no lie detector tests should be administered "except on the basis of consent of the accused". Those who volunteer must have access to a lawyer, and have the physical, emotional, and legal implications of the test explained to them by police and the lawyer, the Bench said.

The results of a narco test is not considered a "confession". However, any information subsequently discovered with the help of such a test can be admitted as evidence, the Supreme Court said.

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Nepal's election sans hope

As Nepal votes on Sunday to elect its 11th government since 2008, the future of the democratic experiment itself seems to be at stake. There is widespread anger and despair among voters. New Delhi, which has vital stakes in the country, is keeping its cards close, waiting and watching

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 18

AROUND 18 MILLION eligible voters will vote in Nepal on Sunday to elect new federal and provincial legislatures, the second election since the country's controversial constitution was promulgated in 2015.

One hundred and sixty-five members of the 275-member federal parliament will be elected through a first-past-the post (FPTP) system; the remaining 110 seats will be filled by a system of proportional representation (PR).

A total 330 seats in the seven provincial houses will be decided directly; the remaining 220 seats will be filled by proportional representation.

Each voter will stamp four ballots and drop them in different boxes — one each for FPTP candidates for the federal parliament and provincial legislature; and one each for parties at the centre and the provinces. The number of votes polled by each party will determine the number of seats it gets in the central and provincial assemblies under the PR system.

For a party to be recognised as a national party and secure seats under PR, it has to win at least one seat under the FPTP in the federal parliament, and at least 3 per cent of votes. The Election Commission decided to hold a single-day election despite fears of violence, mismanagement, and possible rigging because "it would be more pragmatic and cost saving".

Nepal has seen 32 governments in as many years of democratic exercise since 1990 — and 10 governments in the 14 years since the monarchy was abolished in 2008. The country's leaders had then made collective promises of a "stable government, consolidation of democracy, economic prosperity, and corruption free governance". They stand thoroughly discredited — and not many people expect Sunday's election to bring lasting political stability.

Parties, coalitions, leaders

The elections are a fight between two coalitions.

There is the ruling coalition led by Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba's Nepali Congress (NC), which includes Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda's Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre (CPN-MC) and Madhav Kumar Nepal's Communist Party of Nepal-United Socialist (CPN-US).

The opposition coalition is led by the Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) of former Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, who hopes to return to the post after the election.

The UML has aligned with the Rashtriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) in a half-dozen seats. The monarchist and Hindu nationalist RPP is contesting over 150 seats under the FPTP system.

Smaller parties from the Terai have allied



Ahead of Sunday's polling, people participate in a mock election earlier this month as a part of a voter education programme in Lalitpur, Nepal. AP

with the two major coalitions, more with an eye on a slice of power than to seek the greater autonomy that they championed earlier. In an expression of resentment against the national parties, corruption, and the absence of accountability, around 1,200 independents are in the race for the federal parliament.

Deuba became Prime Minister in July 2021 after the government under Oli, which was elected with a nearly two-thirds majority in 2017, suffered a series of setbacks, splits, and revolts. Oli's attempt to cling to power by dissolving the House twice was backed by President Bidya Devi Bhandari, but the Supreme Court held both dissolutions unconstitutional, and directed the President to administer the oath of office to Deuba.

Oli has repeatedly denounced the judiciary as partisan, and indicated that he would assert the Prime Minister's power to seek a fresh mandate at will, if elected.

While there is no visible opposition to Oli's leadership from within, Deuba faces several challengers to his leadership of the Nepali Congress, including general secretary Gagan Thapa, who have staked claim to the prime ministership in case the coalition returns to power.

Deuba (76) has been Prime Minister five times, while Oli and Prachanda have held the position twice each. Their tenures were cut short by rifts within their parties or coalitions each time.

Strange bedfellows

Prachanda led the insurgency against the state for a decade between 1996 and 2006, and clashed with Deuba who, as Prime Minister for several of those years, offered cash rewards for "Maoists' heads". The large

number of the 17,000 individuals killed during the civil war belonged to Deuba's Nepali Congress. Deuba himself survived an ambush by the Maoists.

The two men are now allies. The Maoists have been able to stall the transitional justice — an essential promise of the peace agreement signed in November 2006 — and their investigation for human rights abuses. As the Maoists have lost strength in parliament and politics, Prachanda's decision to shift from his old constituency is seen to indicate his party's depleting support.

In the last elections, 50 per cent of votes went to the communist parties, but the United Socialists and Maoists that were then part of the Oli-led dispensation have now switched sides.

Issues and promises

There is palpable public anger — a powerful "No, not again" campaign on social media has held all top leaders of the major parties equally responsible for the prevailing mess and corruption in the executive and judiciary, and the alleged loss of respect for the Nepali passport overseas.

The Election Commission was forced to retract its demand that the social media campaign be stopped, following criticism that it had been silent on the alleged involvement of the three top leaders in major scandals and financial irregularities.

The Nepali Congress has promised to lower the age for social security to 65 from 70. Amid criticism that Deuba's government has taken a pro-US stance in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Prime Minister has said Nepal would remain non-aligned in the context of global security, and will maintain a balanced relationship with its

immediate neighbours.

Prachanda endorses Oli's foreign policy stance. The Maoists want to change the current 'mixed' electoral system to 100 per cent proportional representation, and a directly elected Executive President.

Oli, who has a penchant for making non-serious promises of development, has reiterated that he would build a Tibet-Nepal railway.

Kathmandu and New Delhi

India, which used to play a decisive role in Nepal's internal politics until 2005, lost its clout after it collaborated with the Maoists whom it had declared to be terrorists, thus presenting the Nepali Congress with a *fait accompli*; and played a role in the exit of the monarchy, the institution that it had worked with.

New Delhi does not have a trusted institutional ally in Nepal at the moment. As of now, it is watching the developments as they unfold.

Oli has promised to bring Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiadhura in Uttarakhand under Nepal's control, if he wins. A new tenure for Oli may not be different from his two earlier tenures — which saw a deterioration of relations between India and Nepal. In 2015, the promulgation of the constitution resulted in an economic blockade by India and, in 2018, the territorial dispute broke out.

Since 2006, China has worked towards becoming a major player in Nepal — increasing its investments in multiple sectors, and then seeking a favourable regime in Kathmandu. As tensions rose with India, Oli's government signed a trade and transit treaty with China in 2016, President Xi Jinping visited Nepal in October 2019, and in September 2022, ahead of the National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, National Assembly chief Li Zhanshu held talks with Nepal's leaders, including Oli and Prachanda.

At stake in the elections

Nepal's instability, the absence of accountability on the part of governments, and massive levels of corruption have discredited political parties and their leaders like never before. The erosion in the authority of the state and increasing distrust in the judiciary — the Chief Justice remains under suspension — has impacted Nepal's economic prospects. Around 500,000 youths leave the country to work as labourers in the Gulf every year, and more than a hundred die every month, according to official data. Promises by parties to double the GDP or triple the per capita income have failed to inject hope among the youth.

Parties had found it easy to blame the monarchy for Nepal's problems and instability. But the situation has not changed after the abolition of the monarchy. To many, elections seem like a disappointing ritual — and one more opportunity for discredited leaders to do more of the same.

On unusual desert stage, a World Cup like no other

Qatar 2022 will be the last show of many legends — and hopefully see the rise of new stars. As always, expect surprises

MIHIR VASAVDA

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

AFTER A troubled build-up, stories about deaths of migrant workers, human rights violations, exclusion of the LGBTQI+ community, and serious allegations of corruption, one of the most controversial football World Cups ever will get underway in Doha on Sunday.

On the manicured pitches inside futuristic stadiums, several intriguing storylines will play out over the next one month. This truly is an end-of-an-era World Cup. Not just because it's the last edition with 32 teams — there'll be 48 from 2026 onward — but also because a galaxy of stars will be playing their last World Cup.

End of several eras

Lionel Messi, 35, has said Qatar will be his last time on football's grandest stage.

Cristiano Ronaldo, who nearly stole the World Cup's thunder with an interview lashing out at his club Manchester United, hasn't said this will be his last World Cup in so many words — but the 37-year-old is unlikely to be in Portugal's scheme of things going forward.

Messi and Ronaldo — football's biggest and most influential since the 2006 World Cup — aren't the only ones either. Brazilian attacker Neymar is just 30 — but has hinted he won't stick around for four more years. Neymar's teammates Dani Alves (39)

and Thiago Silva (38), Croatia's Luka Modric (37), Poland's Robert Lewandowski (34), Belgian playmaker Kevin de Bruyne (31), France's Karim Benzema (34), Uruguay's Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani (both 35), and Germany's sweeper-keeper Manuel Neuer (36) are among the superstars who will compete in a World Cup for the last time.

Will Messi, the greatest player of his generation, cement his place as arguably the greatest of all time by lifting the trophy in his final attempt? Or will Ronaldo, his eternal rival, defy the odds and stand up to the challenge once again? Or will Neymar's Brazil be crowned champions 20 years after they last won the title?

Argentina and Brazil

No non-European country has won the World Cup since Brazil in 2002. But this time, it's tough to not look at the South American giants, and their bitter rivals Argentina, as contenders for the title.

Spain has an incredibly exciting team full of young, creative players who look like the real deal. But other European sides do not inspire the same confidence. Germany are going through a re-building phase after poor performances at the 2018 World Cup and Euro 2020. France are plagued by injuries and the Netherlands are still a work in progress.

For Argentina's supporters, these are hopeful days — even for a neutral, in fact, rooting for the Albiceleste might not be a bad idea. Lionel Scaloni's side is a prime contender — and not just because Messi, for once, is look-



The world waits to find out if Messi will attain football nirvana in the desert. Reuters

ing happy in the national team's colours, unlike the forlorn figure he cut four years ago in Russia. Argentina looks like a team that is playing in a rhythm they lacked in the previous campaign, where they exited in the quarterfinals.

After a barren season with Paris St-Germain, Messi has found his magical touch at the right time. The supporting cast around him too has risen to the occasion, with Scaloni managing to plug the weaknesses in the defence, especially in the goalkeeping department. Argentina is a well-rounded side which is unbeaten in 36 matches and won the Copa America last year, where they defeated Brazil in the final.

That final was the only time Brazil have been found wanting.

Coached by Tite, Brazil they were un-

beaten in the qualifying campaign, conceded only five goals, and scored an average of 2.5 goals per match — a testament to their attacking flair. Brazil has an exciting young side that has looked unstoppable although they haven't played much against quality European opponents. Unlike Argentina, they do not depend only on one player. But Neymar remains central to their plans.

For Messi and Neymar, it's also about matching up to the legends from their countries. Despite achieving all at the club level, Messi, it seems, will be put on the same pedestal as Maradona only if he wins the World Cup. Neymar is nearly the same age as Pele when he quit playing for Brazil. Unlike Pele, however, Neymar still has to win a World Cup title.

If all results go as expected, Argentina

and Brazil will face off in the semifinal. But World Cups seldom follow the script.

A Cup of likely surprises

That might be truer than ever in Qatar. Unlike the previous editions, which are held during summer and teams get at least a month-and-a-half to prepare, Qatar 2022 is a winter World Cup where squads have been together for less than a week before the tournament kicks off. This is because domestic leagues were being played until last Sunday, and all players were tied to their club commitments.

As a result, coaches have had less time to prepare their players. This will be a critical factor, since national teams have a style that is different from clubs, and the roles and responsibilities of a player vary. Given the growing list of injured players across teams, and the hot weather in Qatar, the coach's job will become even harder.

All this means the group stage might see some surprises.

France will hope they aren't the biggest early casualty. History suggests the group stages aren't kind to defending champions — all champions but one since 1998 have made first-round exits in the subsequent tournament.

While France have talent in abundance, they are missing six players from the first-choice starting 11 from the Euro 2020, including Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante, who were instrumental in the triumphant 2018 campaign. To compound coach Didier Deschamps' problems, the team's biggest star, Kylian Mbappe, recently led an internal revolt against the national federation, while the federation's president was embroiled in a sexual harassment scandal.

Food for Thought? Not Really

THE MENU

Director: Mark Mylod
Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Anna Taylor-Joy, Nicholas Hoult, Hong Chau, Janet McTeer, John Leguizamo, Judith Light



FOR A film that whips up such a delicious satire on wealth and the snobbish exclusivity of food fascism, *The Menu* is ultimately an overcooked dish — too busy plating itself, like the stentorian chef it is both trying to mock as well as celebrate. The conceit is, to begin with, over-the-top, but that is what has you salivating at the start. Twelve guests are coming over to an isolated island for an exclusive dinner lasting four hours plus, served personally by the famously reclusive Chef Slowik (Fiennes). The \$1250 per head bill is enough to sieve out the gentry, but as the guests soon realise, Slowik and his team have done close research of the kind on them that never does amount to anything good.

The fact that they are now enclosed together in a stone building, behind large wooden doors, guarded by a security detail, and watched by Slowik's eagle-eyed aide Elsa, on an island, is the kind of setting that many mysteries are made of. But little binds these 12 together, like in other mysteries — as much as that they have money, and in case of food critic Bloom (the marvellous McTeer) a lot of words amounting to a lot of nothing, to spare. It is revealed, gradually but with no surprise, that like all things which start out as passion and art and descend into celebrity and commercialism, Slowik too has come to hate his clients. We could even grant *The Menu* this — though the so-called dirty dozen, plus Slowik's old mother who sits glumly drinking in a corner, certainly seem much more fun than the diabolical avenger the chef is turning out to be.

The problem is that while the film-makers clearly want us to appreciate the effort that has gone into both the food that Slowik rolls out, and the methodical history that he narrates for each of it, it also wants us to hate the guests for wanting a bite of "the experience". The only one with the guts to point out that the Emperor has no clothes — as the Chef with the capital "C" contemptuously serves them drops of fluid for a "breadless" bread course — is the woman Slowik's team has no idea about, Margot (Taylor-Joy) is out of place, no-nonsense, and vocal about it, not hiding her ridicule at descriptions such as the island being "a biome of culinary senses". Slowik is irritated but also fascinated by Margot's defiance, sparing her even transgressions such as "not liking the food" — though the reason why she gets away with this when others don't is as low-hanging a fruit as it gets. That is not to say *The Menu* is not a feast at many levels. Particularly if you are a fan of little dabs of artificially created snow served on rocks, with shoots of plants around for "experience", if Fiennes is your idea of pleasant company, and if you are not exactly looking for food for the stomach. But *The Menu* is not exactly food for thought either. SL

A Story of Sisterhood

WONDER WOMEN

Director: Anjali Menon
Cast: Nadiya Moidu, Nithya Menen, Padmapriya Janakiraman, Parvathy Thiruvothu, Sayanora Philip, Archana Padmini and Amruta Subhash
Streaming on: SonyLIV

WHEN DID we last have six pregnant women driving a film's narrative? The answer is never. The credit of conceiving such an unusual premise for a multi-lingual movie goes to Anjali Menon, who has written and directed it. Connected by their pregnancy and the myriad emotions attached to it, these women underline the beauty and importance of sisterhood, especially during one of the most vulnerable periods of their life. Though a crucial phase for women who choose to seek the joys of motherhood, there is no doubt that the period of pregnancy is also one filled with several unique challenges.



SHALINI LANGER

BOLLYWOOD ISN'T really known for pulling off suspense thrillers, certainly not for sustaining the steam over a sequel. But, like *Drishyam* in 2015, *Drishyam 2* hurls you with its modest settings, simple characters, human cops, and a family caught in events beyond its control, till it lands home its lesson a second time: it's not important what's before you; what is important is what you are seeing. And what does the world see when it looks at Vijay Salgaonkar (Devgn)? A family man and father of two, who runs a local cable service and has an obsessive love for films? Or just a 'chauthi fail', illiterate who doesn't matter? It is certainly the latter that clouded the vision of Meera Deshmukh (Tabu), the IGP of Goa, last time, causing her to lose the battle of wits with Salgaonkar.

Chew on This

THE WONDER

Director: Sebastián Lelio
Cast: Florence Pugh, Tom Burke, Kila Lord Cassidy, Toby Jones, Ciaran Hinds

AFTER A rather twee montage, which goes backstage and reveals the film set, as a narrator talks about mounting a story and hoping we will believe in it, director Lelio cuts away to Florence Pugh eating. Alone. Determined. Chewing purposefully, without any perceptible enjoyment. We will have many similar scenes of Pugh as Nurse Wright eating as if she is performing a duty throughout this film. If the wondrous, deceptively delicate Pugh is anything, it is determined. As this story, based on a book by the same name, pits Wright's will against that of an 11-year-old, who is miraculously thriving without food, of her family and the shadows that haunt its corners, of a village ravaged by the great Irish famine only too glad for any "blessing" like that kid, of a doctor who won't brook a nurse's opinion, and of the Church zealously guarding its influence, the others stand no chance against

DRISHYAM 2

Director: Abhishek Pathak
Cast: Ajay Devgn, Akshaye Khanna, Tabu, Shriya Saran, Rajat Kapoor, Ishita Dutta, Mrunal Jadhav and Kamlesh Sawant

Drishyam 2 very deftly picks up from where these two main protagonists, both fierce parents, left off in *Drishyam*. The story is again by Jeethu Joseph, who also directed both the Malayalam versions. With the death of Nishikant Kamat, who directed the Bollywood remake of *Drishyam*, the reins of *Drishyam 2* have passed on to Abhishek Pathak. Almost all the characters from the first film make a reappearance, and the sequel is enriched by it. They largely show the effects of the past seven years — the Salgaonkars of keeping the terrible secret of a murder; and the Deshmukhs of living with the knowledge that the former got away with killing their only son, a wayward Sam. The only one who sticks out is Shriya Saran, playing Vijay's wife in the same perfect hair and clipped saris, with eyes unshadowed but for kajal — the sleepless nights haunted by the murder that she talks about notwithstanding.

Words that spill out here and there, nervousness that can't be kept at bay, stray talk in the town that won't be silenced, doubts that trail the Salgaonkars, witnesses who put two and two together from that fateful night, all inch up to Sam's body, which remained unbound last time. So, as the clues irrevocably point towards his family, what will Vijay, who repeats that he can do everything and anything for them, do now? The plan turns out to be elaborate, and as unexpected as it was in *Drishyam*. However, in its execution, it is not as smooth, requiring an incredulous breach of basic protocols by police, which would lead any competent judge to throw the case out, as well as a string of much-too-gullible people around Vijay. The remarkable change in his fortunes adds to the whiff of notoriety about him now. The weakest link perhaps is Akshaye Khanna, as Tarun, the new IG. While Tabu

Wright is to share eight-hour shifts with a nun, similarly brought from outside — it is as literal as it gets, this sharing of space between science and faith in Anna's world. The idea behind the "watch" is to establish that Anna is indeed what the village wants her to be: a genuine wonder. One of



the first things Wright does is to stop the stream of visitors coming to see the "miracle" child; next, she forbids her family from coming close to or touching her. Again, the nun, her equal partner in every respect, has nothing to say on the matter. As Anna deteriorates, suddenly and rapidly, doubts are solidified in Wright's mind, who keeps meticulous notes in her leather-bound diary of the girl's vitals and measurements. What is this "manna from heaven" that Anna says keeps her "feeling full"? Why is this 11-year-old obsessed with praying 33 times a day, including dropping to her knees in the middle of a wet ground? What is the family not saying about Anna's brother who died? Why the fears of purgatory and hell that consume Anna? Wright, meanwhile, bears her own secrets, having lost her baby at three weeks. She carries around the pain in the shape of two woollen booties, taking them out at night, taking a swig of morphine and pricking herself, to lull herself into sleep. Eventually, having teased interesting questions about faith and its role in people's lives, about Anna and Wright being at two ends of what women could be in those times (1862), about eating as pleasure vs fasting as piety, the film does build up to a redemption. Only, it is of Nurse Wright. Not sure if she was the intended party. SL



Their stories create an opportunity to look at some of the critical problems that women face. After three miscarriages, Jaya is pregnant via IUI and is scared of age-related complications. Mini is a single parent since she chose to carry on with her pregnancy at the cost of her marriage. Saya has an overenthusiastic partner to deal with while Nora's husband is baffled by her obsession with the unborn child.

Menon tells their stories with warmth and understanding. She, however, stays away from taking a more in-depth look at their life and mind. Apart from bonding, which goes beyond connecting over a Whatsapp group called 'Wonder Women', these characters learn to share their problems, voice their thoughts, get a lesson in empathy and express their dis-



STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



FIRESTARTER
PRIME VIDEO
The sci-fi horror film, based on the novel of the same name by Stephen King, revolves around parents Andrew (Zac Efron) and Victoria (Sydney Lemmon), who try their best to protect Charlie (Ryan Kiera Armstrong) from a shadowy federal agency that wants to harness her unprecedented gift for turning fire into a weapon of mass destruction. While Andrew taught Charlie the tricks to defuse the power, things go out of hand when she turns 11 years old.



1899
NETFLIX
When mysterious events change the course of an immigrant ship from London headed for New York in 1899, a mind-bending riddle unfolds for its bewildered passengers. The creators of *Dark*, *Jantje Friese* and *Baran bo Odar* are backing this series, which is inspired by the 2020 Brexit.



NOPE
BOOKMYSHOW STREAM
One of the most talked-about movies of this year, *Nope* establishes Jordan Peele as a contemporary master of horror. Peele, who is the writer, director and co-producer of the film, casts his former collaborator Daniel Kaluuya along with Keke Palmer and Brandon Perea in sci-fi horror. Inspired by old westerns, *Nope* traces the journey of Kaluuya and Palmer, cast as siblings, as they attempt to capture evidence of an UFO.



5678
ZEE5
This new Tamil original series highlights the journey of talented teenagers. Coming from a humble background, they love dancing but can't avail any professional training. Watching the kids from the gated community hone their skills, these young artistes decide to chase their dreams and fight against the odds.

THE TWELVE
LIONSGATE PLAY
In this courtroom drama, the story of 12 ordinary people is revealed as the facade of their anonymity as jurors is peeled off. The series follows the story of Kate Lawson, who is on trial for the alleged murder of her niece and how the 12 jurors bring their personal lives and prejudices to the courtroom.



BRIEFLY

Man Utd reviewing Ronaldo interview

Doha: Manchester United has "initiated appropriate steps" in response to Cristiano Ronaldo's explosive interview with Piers Morgan. The Premier League club's legal team was waiting to review the full footage of the 90-minute discussion in which Ronaldo criticized United manager Erik ten Hag, teammates and the owners.

Chess: Erigaisi wins, Praggs loses

San Francisco: Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi posted his first win while compatriot R Praggnanandhaa lost in the fourth round of the Meltwater Champions Tour Finals on Friday. While Erigaisi beat Azerbaijan's Shakhriyar Mamedyarov 3-1 for his first victory in the tournament, Praggnanandhaa went down 1-2 to American GM Wesley So.

Youth World Boxing C'ship: Rhythm in QF

New Delhi: India's Rhythm produced a power-packed performance to enter the men's +92kg quarterfinals while four Indian male pugilists marched into the last-16 stage on third day of the Youth men's and women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain.

Odisha stun East Bengal in ISL

Kolkata: Odisha FC made a stunning second-half comeback as they beat East Bengal 4-2 in their Indian Super League (ISL) match here on Friday. Half-time substitute Pedro Martin bagged a brace to restore parity three minutes after coming on. Jerry Mawihmingthanga and Nandhakumar Sekar wrapped up the three points later on.

Gokulam, NEROCA win in I-League

Aizawl: Defending champions Gokulam Kerala beat Aizawl FC 1-0 in a second round match at the Rajiv Gandhi stadium in I-League. Tahir Zaman's perfect header three minutes from the final whistle proved enough for the Malabarians to stay at the top of the table with six points from two matches. In another match played in Imphal, NEROCA FC defeated Sudeva Delhi FC by 1-0 margin.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New selectors to split captaincy, Hardik likely for Rohit in T20

BCCI does not renew contracts of Chetan Sharma-led selection committee

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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JUST OVER a week after India's exit from the T20 World Cup, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has decided not to automatically renew the contracts of the incumbent national selectors, with a new panel having the responsibility of appointing separate captains for various formats.

The BCCI has decided against extending the tenure of the **Chetan Sharma**-led selection committee and invited applications for the posts of five members. The new panel will have to "appoint captaincy for the team in each format".

Split captaincy was the likely direction in which Indian cricket will go after its major ICC trophy drought continued with the semi-final exit at the hands of England at the T20 World Cup.

At present, Rohit Sharma is leading the team in all formats, but Hardik Pandya is the captain of the side for the ongoing limited-overs tour of New Zealand. Pandya is the favourite to take over the reins in the shortest format, after leading Gujarat Titans to the Indian Premier League title in their inaugural season itself. Another possible contender for captaincy, Jasprit Bumrah, is out injured at the moment, and it remains to be seen what happens when he returns to the side.

As for Rohit, he is already 35 years old and the Board may want to keep him as captain for the next year's 50-over World Cup on home soil, with Pandya being groomed keeping in mind the next T20 World Cup in 2024 in the West Indies and United States. Most of the senior players who featured in the recent edition in Australia are unlikely to be in the team for the next edition.

It is learnt that the job of head coach Rahul Dravid is not under threat.

The team that played Down Under was blighted by several weaknesses, including pedestrian openers, lack of an effective finisher, no express pace in the bowling line-up, and no wrist-spinner. It was often the pyrotechniques of Suryakumar Yadav, the No.1-ranked batsman in the T20 format, who saved India's blushes. Many of the players who may be contenders for spots in the white-ball set-up are in New Zealand at the moment, and would like to show what they are capable of.

India prevailed over Pakistan in an excit-



Hardik Pandya (R) is the captain of India's T20I team that is in New Zealand. The new selection committee is likely to hand over the reins to him permanently.AP

NZ-Ind first T20I washed out

Wellington: The first T20 International of the three-match series between India and New Zealand was called off without a ball being bowled as incessant rain made the ground unplayable here on Friday. The rain did stop for a bit but barring a short period of dry spell, it continued to pour throughout at the Sky Stadium. The match was ultimately called off at 8.52pm local time, about an hour less than the cut-off time of 9:46pm for a five-over a side shootout. India are slated to play two more T20Is, followed by three ODIs as part of their tour of New Zealand.

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ing contest in their opening fixture, but after a facile win over the Netherlands, succumbed to South Africa on a fiery Perth pitch. Even Bangladesh ran them close in a rain-affected game, before a comprehensive win over Zimbabwe, where Yadav did the star turn again.

But the 10-wicket debacle against Jos Buttler and his eventual champions laid bare the weak areas in the team. KL Rahul was a

disappointment against quality opposition, both in terms of runs scored and strike rate. It was a half-century by Virat Kohli and the late burst by Pandya which took India to 168, which proved to be totally inadequate.

As per the job criteria set by the BCCI, the new selection committee will have to plan and prepare a strong bench for the senior men's team.

The tenure of the incumbent selection panel expired last month, and the BCCI decided against a renewal. Apart from Chetan Sharma, Sunil Joshi, Debashish Mohanty and Harvinder Singh will also be replaced.

On Friday, the BCCI invited applications for five posts. According to the criteria set, the candidates should have played a minimum of seven Test matches or 30 first-class matches, or 10 ODIs and 20 first-class matches. As per a BCCI source, members of the current selection committee can apply for the posts again, if they want to.

However, in all likelihood, the board will go ahead with new faces instead of choosing the current panel. The board hasn't given any reason on why they haven't retained the selection committee, but the disappointing manner of India's ouster from the T20 World Cup may have been a reason.

Interestingly, several members of the incumbent panel have been busy watching the Vijay Hazare Trophy matches at various centres across the country.

TT: Manika becomes first Indian woman to reach semifinals of Asian Cup

ANIL DIAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

SHE WAS off-colour at this year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, had an extremely poor outing at October's World Table Tennis Team Championships in Chengdu, China and couldn't find her rhythm at the WTT Champions tournament in Macao.

After the highs of the 2018 Commonwealth Games where she won a total of four medals including two gold, Manika Batra seemed to have lost her winning edge. Her lacklustre semifinal loss to Sutirtha Mukherjee at the National Games in September was a further indication of something amiss in her game.

Over the last two days, she has begun to show her old spark.

On Friday, Manika became the first Indian woman to reach the semifinals of the Asian Cup table tennis tournament with a 4-3 win over World No. 23 Chen Szu-Yu of Chinese Taipei. Currently ranked 44th in the world, Manika took a 3-1 lead in the match, and lost the next two games before fighting her way back to win the decider 11-9.

"She (Szu-Yu) is a great player. I lost to her in the World Team Championships recently but this time, I changed my strategies and they paid off. Today's win has given me confidence," Manika said after her win.

While her quarterfinal victory needs to be celebrated, it's her Round-of-16 victory that made heads turn. She shocked World No. 7 Chen Xingtong of China in a 7-game thriller. For an Indian to beat a Chinese top-10 player is said to be the ultimate high, but for Manika, it seemed routine. In the tense final game, she looked unfazed, finally taking game 11-9. "I am really happy beating world No.7 in the world, will just keep continuing playing my best and will keep this focus for the next rounds. This was my third win against a Chinese player recently," she said after the match.

Not just singles, Manika has been in tremendous form in mixed doubles too. Less than a fortnight ago, she and G Sathiyan created history by becoming the first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter the top five of the ITTF World Rankings. It came after their splendid show at the recently-concluded WTT Contender Slovenia, where the pair finished with the silver medal.

Post the Commonwealth debacle, Manika vowed to fight back, saying she began training immediately after returning to India.

"I started training immediately after coming back to India. You should not think that 'abhi khatam ho gaya' (it has ended), you should never give up and should train immediately and work on your mistakes. "Of course, I was sad and upset when I lost my



Manika Batra has defeated two higher-ranked opponents at the Asian Cup.

Manika at Asian Cup

ROUND OF 16: bt Chen Xingtong (China), World No. 7

QUARTERFINALS: bt Chen Szu-Yu (Chinese Taipei), World No. 23

SEMIFINAL OPPONENT: Mima Ito (Japan), World No. 5

matches in CWG but I always tell myself this is not the end of the world," she had said.

Japanese world No. 5 next

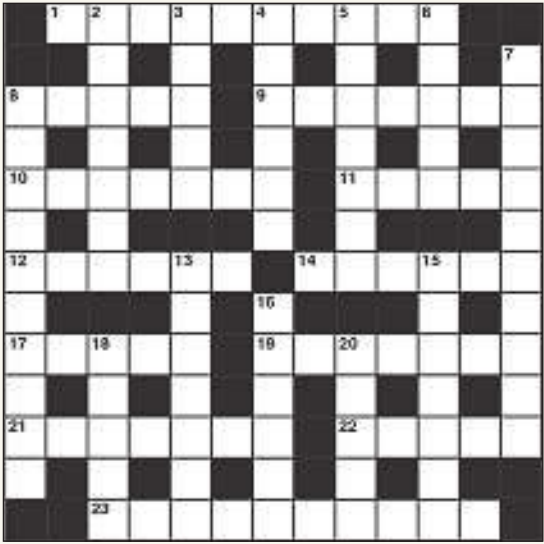
She will need some of that fight and more against her semifinal opponent on Saturday. She faces Japanese World No. 5 Mima Ito in the last-four clash.

Ito had drubbed Jeon Jihee of Korea 11-8, 11-5, 12-10, 15-13 in the other semifinal. 22-year-old Ito announced herself on the world stage in style. At the age of 15, she was part of the Japanese women's team that won the bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Considered a great threat to Chinese table tennis dominance, Ito, at the 2020 Olympics, won gold in mixed doubles, a bronze in the women's singles, and a silver medal in the women's team event. She even has a winning record against several top Chinese players, including world champion Liu Shiwen. Her career-best rank was World No. 2 in 2020.

Her shovel serves and flat forehand smashes are something the Indian will have to deal with, though playing with a backhand pimple herself, Manika shouldn't be too perplexed with Ito's short-pimpled backhand punches.

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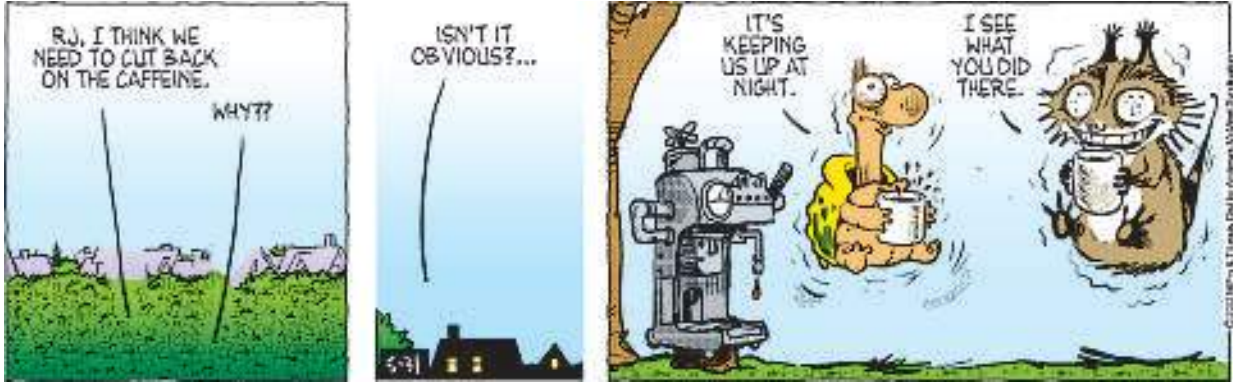
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- 12 Pass over a region in chaos (6)
- 14 Main way to fasten sheets together (6)
- 17 Furnaces where links are forged (5)
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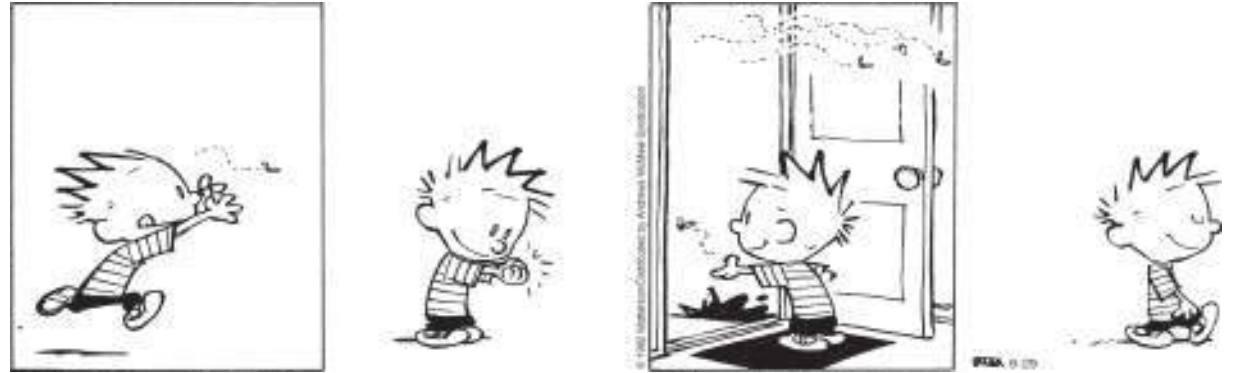
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- 7 They take orders from anybody (10)
- 8 Bills of fare (3,7)
- 13 A political favour? (7)
- 15 Have everybody behind you (7)
- 16 Hand over and retire (4,2)
- 18 Portable lamp (5)
- 20 Play involving a doctor and a mother? (5)

Solutions Crossword 4902: Across: 1 Crowds, 4 Pencil, 9 Melanie, 10 Feint, 11 Norma, 12 Omnibus, 13 Pocket guide, 18 Athlete, 20 Easel, 22 Split, 23 Ensured, 24 Llamas, 25 Sleeve. Down: 1 Cement, 2 Oiler, 3 Denmark, 5 Effin, 6 Climbed, 7 Latest, 8 Demosthenes, 14 Ophelia, 15 Utensil, 16 Damsel, 17 Sledge, 19 Extra, 21 Serve.

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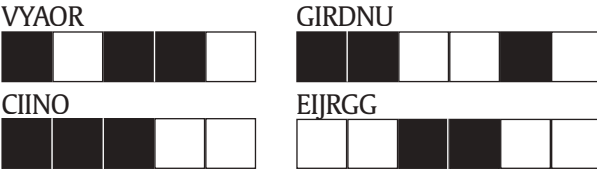
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JUMBLED WORDS

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.

Most people spend more time and energy _____ problems than in trying to solve them. - Henry Ford (5,6)



Answer: Most people spend more time and energy solving problems than in trying to solve them. - Henry Ford

SUDOKU 5023

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5022



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's an adventurous sort of a weekend, so don't end up stuck at home if you can help it. There's a slight possibility of a disagreement over who does what, so take the chance to clarify your options. You might actually find that you've been wasting your time.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Venus' mysterious motions set a whole series of social events in motion. Be selective about what invitations you accept, and maintain your high standards in all areas. And at work, a generous gesture will be repaid many times over, so do what you can to help those in need.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You will have to listen to others, which could make quite a change. Seriously, though, there is one particular person who will make you see things through a completely different light. But can you be sure who they are? It's easy to misjudge people, so no jumping to instant conclusions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There is one thing to be said about your current stars - that you should keep on the go. Even your family and domestic planets look lively, so feel free to change your plans. Plus, even though you're still a little sensitive, your emotional survival instincts are good.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Your stars favour high-spending, self-indulgence. Free pleasures are included, so don't think that life absolutely has to be extravagant. And don't let work and routine chores hold you up! In addition, of course, you don't want to see rivals getting their way because of your mistakes.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There are pleasant stay-at-home influences today, but if you are very sensitive to subtle planetary patterns, you'll be brimming with hope for the future. Watch out for differences of opinion and make sure that they don't get out of hand. Perhaps you should try to see what partners really want.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Mars' most energetic transits tend to drive all Librans into a frenzy of activity, one at a time. The pattern continues, but with added emotional and romantic complications! Here's a word of advice: settle all outstanding disputes now, so that you have a clean slate for the future.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

It is well-known that shopping is a perfect way to cheer yourself up. So, quite aside from profound long-term financial considerations, why don't you just go out and pick up a few bargains? And, how about buying something you always wanted, but never thought was really for you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

The Moon's emotional presence in your chart reinforces your control of your personal plans today. You'll stamp your mark on family affairs no matter what younger relations may think! Of course, there'll always be people who are difficult to pin down, but you can do your best.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Jupiter and Saturn are a fine combination of planets. It just so happens that while one encourages you to take it easy, the other urges you to head-first. You may be musing over what is best for your long-term security, but it's doubtful whether there's any absolutely reliable answer - not yet, anyway.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

The business situation looks healthy, but you should be considering other things apart from money. For example, there is good reason to stretch yourself socially. Dance all night if you can! There's an additional interesting development, though: that an old friend is likely to get in touch.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Special conditions encourage everything that is best in your character. Your selfless behaviour should lead you in the right direction. When a loved one asks you for help, give it without hesitation. After all, they'll return the favour when the time comes.

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FIFA WORLD CUP 2022

Beer banned at stadiums as Qatar does a U-turn

GRAHAM DUNBAR
DOHA, NOVEMBER 18

QATAR BANNED the sale of beer at World Cup stadiums on Friday, a sudden U-turn on the deal the conservative Muslim emirate made to secure the soccer tournament with only two days to go before the opening game.

The move was the latest sign of the tension of staging the event, which is not just a sports tournament but also a month-long party, in the autocratic country where the sale of alcohol is heavily restricted.

It's also a significant blow to World Cup beer sponsor Budweiser and raised questions about how much control FIFA retains over its tournament. When Qatar launched its bid to host the World Cup, the country agreed to FIFA's requirements of selling alcohol in stadiums — but the details were only released in September, just 11 weeks before the first kickoff, suggesting how fraught the negotiations may have been.

Friday's statement from FIFA said non-alcoholic beer will still be sold at the eight stadiums, while champagne, wine, whiskey and other alcohol will be served in the luxury

hospitality areas of the arenas.

But the vast majority of ticket holders don't have access to those areas; they will be able to drink alcoholic beer in the evenings in what is known as the FIFA Fan Festival, a designated party area that also offers live music and activities. Outside of the tournament-run areas, Qatar puts strict limits on the purchase and consumption of alcohol, though its sale has been permitted in hotel bars for years.

RUSSIA 2018

Russia had a ban on selling alcohol at stadiums to cut down on violence but it was lifted during the World Cup.

BRAZIL 2014

Alcohol was banned at matches since 2003 to help reduce fan violence. But was allowed for the World Cup.

"Following discussions between host country authorities and FIFA, a decision has been made to focus the sale of alcoholic beverages on the FIFA Fan Festival, other fan destinations and licensed venues, removing sales points of beer from ... stadium perimeters," FIFA said in a statement.

Several soccer fans took the decision in stride, with some noting that they knew the rules would be different in Qatar. "We're not here to drink beer," said Adel Abou Hana, a fan from the United States. "We're here to watch the world-class soccer."

But Federico Ferraz lamented that the decision came on such short notice. "I think it's a bit bad because for me, beer and football go hand in hand," said Ferraz, who was visiting from Portugal. **AP**



IN A SNAPSHOT

People take pictures at Al Corniche waterfront in Doha, Qatar, two days before the start of the FIFA World Cup.

Reuters

A Brazilian mentor, Indian workers making a name in football, oil money

THE QATAR STORY



Lewandowski unsure if this would be his last World Cup



POLAND TALISMAN Robert Lewandowski said he is preparing for the upcoming World Cup in Qatar as if it could be his last, but the 34-year-old added that he would still be physically fit to play at the next edition in 2026. Poland's record goal scorer Lewandowski has been in terrific form for his LaLiga club Barcelona this season, having scored 18 times in 19 games across all competitions. Poland are in Group C at the World Cup and begin their campaign against Mexico on Tuesday. They also face Argentina and Saudi Arabia. "Is this my last World Cup? I don't know," Lewandowski told reporters in Doha on Friday. "I'm preparing as if it could be my last World Cup, but I'm not saying yes, I'm not saying no. I realise that I will still be able to play in four years' time."

FIFA promises faster, more accurate calls

VAR offside decisions will be quicker and more accurate at the World Cup after the introduction of new technology developed by FIFA over the last three years, referees chief Pierluigi Collina said on Friday. The "semi-automatic offside technology" will rule on even the tightest offside decisions more quickly than under the previous system and a 3D animated rendering of the incident will be broadcast for fans in the stadium and on TV. "(It) gives us the possibility to be faster and more accurate in terms of decisions about offside," Collina said.

Nod for first direct Israel-Qatar flights

Cyprus-based TUS Airways has received final permission to operate non-stop flights to Qatar from Israel during the soccer World Cup, a source at TUS told Reuters on Friday. In all, TUS will operate six flights between Tel Aviv and Doha, beginning on Sunday, the source said. FIFA announced last week that Qatar would admit the first direct flights from Israel for the World Cup, on which Palestinians could also travel, but final details needed to be worked out.

Qatar made finals of the World Youth Cup in 1981 steered by Brazilian Evaristo

SANDIP G
DOHA, NOVEMBER 18

FAR FROM the football-abuzz Central Doha, on the west coast of Qatar, lies Dukhan, a dot in the spot of a country that juts out like a shrub from the sand-dunes of Saudi Arabia. Once a nameless fishing village, the first trace of oil in the country was discovered in 1935; and smoky fumes swirled into the skies like the curves of a mountain. They named the port Jebel Dukhan, or smoky mountains.

A decade later, Qatar, then a British protectorate, shipped out the first of the several barrels of oil from the port of Dukhan. It was here, as the myth goes, that a football rolled for the first time in the country. There is no historical proof, more of a passed-on myth, but the earliest footballing photograph at Qatar national museum of a football game in the country was shot in Dukhan. It shows a few British engineers and Indian workers in polo t-shirts and white shorts with a battered football, ruffled hair and painted smiles, of the Dukhan Sports Club just after helming the 1950 league. It's the story of football everywhere, an import of the colonisers.

The locals began to call it Al Koora (or the round ball). A localised version too sprung, called koora sharab, a football made with socks and clothes. Says former footballer Mohamed Al Siddique, a winger for Al-Ahli, who played in the late 60s and 70s: "Those days, football was not too popular, it was a game of teenagers, and the parents would not buy you a football. So we played with a ball we made out of socks." Before football, sport in the Middle East, meant falconry or camel riding or saluki racing (dog racing).

Then came television and World Cups, with the oil boom (so oil-rich that when they could not find chalk powder, they marked the lines of the football ground with crude oil!) and petrodollars. "The country celebrated Pele's Brazil winning the World Cup [in 1971].



Dukhan Sports Club after winning the league in 1950. DSC (R) Evaristo being present a memento.

Suddenly everyone wanted to play the game," he tells *The Indian Express*. A year later, Qatar snapped off its colonial ties and delinked its Ottoman past. With nation-building aspirations, blossomed sporting ambitions too.



The Doha Stadium is like a historical monument these days. People just pass by the structure, lined with posh villas, as though it does not exist. But to some, it whips up nostalgia. "It was the first ground in the Middle East with a grass pitch," says Siddique. But another reason makes it special. "It's here I played with the greatest. Pele," he says.

As part of an international tour, Pele and his mates from Santos agreed to play a game against Al-Ahli, the country's first football club where Pep Guardiola spent his fading days as player, in Doha.

According to a *Gulf Times* report, the 30,000 capacity stadium had twice as many. On the fence, near the touchline and sitting on each other's lap. Siddique, riveted by the flying wingers of Santos, watched Santos hammer Al-Ahli 3-0. But it captured the imagination of a generation.

But Pele is not the only Brazilian in Qatar football. It's Evaristo, a terrifyingly talented forward who wore Brazil's jersey just 15 times (in which he munched nine goals, and still holds the record of most goals for Brazil

in a single match, five against Colombia in 1957) because his club Barcelona did not let him go for the 1958 World Cup. In anger, he joined Real Madrid next year. But so outrageous was Brazil's talent-stream that he was repeatedly overlooked.

None of that bitterness lingered when he took over as the head coach of Qatar in 1980. He was in for a cultural shock: "A street in Sao Paulo had more people than the entire country," he would recollect to O Globo. His biggest task was scouting players under 20 for the World Youth Cup in Australia in 1981. "There were just around 2000 people under this age," said Evaristo.

But that would not deter the man. They call him 'Fraristo', and have named a card game too after him, called Brasilero.

He had less than six months to prepare the team. So even before setting his home up, he began travelling around the country, which itself was not large, but the skin-scorching sun would leave him wracked.

In Evaristo's own words, they did possess the skill but not the physical intensity to last the entire 90 minutes, nor football intelligence coming from playing in tougher leagues. So he took them to Brazil for a month, where they would encounter a local club every day. "I remember the first few games, we couldn't touch the ball, they were so skilful. We lost badly. But Fraristo kept encouraging us, telling us to keep attacking,"



QFA Twitter

says Sameer Almas.

At the World Cup would be the brightest talents from countries with rich football heritage. "But he would tell us that the football you kick does not know whether you are German or English. It's up to the skill of the person with the ball to make it talk. You have to believe in yourself," says Almas.

In the most memorable month in Qatar's football history, Qatar stunned Poland 1-0 and drawing the USA, they scraped to the knockouts. Awaiting them in the last eight was Brazil, the dream and destination of Qatar. "We were star-struck, but Evaristo told them we had nothing to lose. Go for it," Almas recollects. Evaristo calls this the Miracle of Newcastle. Qatar shocked Brazil 3-2.

All three goals were scored by a wiry teenager Khalid Al Mohamadi. It was as grand as winning the World Cup, with the Sheikh calling the team that night at the hotel. The Brazilian coach would advise them not to over-celebrate, and they beat England 2-1 in the semis. The dream run acquired a nightmarish hue when Germany swept them aside 4-0 in the finals at the SCCG. Nonetheless, the tournament was a giant leap for the country.



Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al-Thani, the elder brother of the emir Sheikh Tamim Bin

Hamad al-Thani, has been the driving force of Qatar's dreamy sporting ambitions. In 2005 he masterminded the launch of the state-funded Aspire Academy, where talents from across the world are spotted, relocated to Qatar and offered world-class training facilities.

The academy brought pedigreed coaches, directors and scouts. Head of the talent-scouting team was Josep Colomer, a former youth scout for F.C. Barcelona, generally credited with discovering Lionel Messi and Thierry Henry. The academy's current director is Ivan Bravo, who was the former director of strategy in Real Madrid.

It was Colomer's idea to search for talent in Africa. In the first year alone, Aspire screened nearly 400,000 boys in 600 locations across seven African countries.

Nearly two decades later, Aspire has screened six million across three continents. Almost 70 percent of Qatar World Cup squad has at some point spent time at the academy, which has eight world-class football pitches. The coach Felix Sanchez has been around since 2006.

Not just football, the academy is home to several athletes including Olympic medal winning high jumper Mutaz Essa Barshim.

As for the borrowed sporting riches gripe, just three of Qatar's squad were naturalised as adults. The rest are either Qataris or those of different descent born and brought up in Qatar, like their star striker Afif Akram, of Tanzanian-Somali descent and figurehead of Qatar's golden generation. The winger was an influential figure in Qatar's junior AFC's triumph. Five years later, they clinched the Asian Cup beating traditional Asian powerhouse Japan 3-1. Sanchez must have felt like Evaristo nearly four decades ago.

But he says, "It's just the start. The World Cup is the real deal. In 2019, it was difficult to imagine that Qatar could win the Asian Cup. I'm not saying we would win the World Cup, but we will show how good we are."

Three years after the Asian Cup, Qatar football awaits another leap. Just as hosting a World Cup, Qatar would know the importance of producing an upset or two to snipe condescending whispers that "money could buy a World Cup", besides snides on their footballing heritage.

Why Mane mattered to Senegal and African teams' prospects at WC

ANIL DIAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

SADIO MANE has won the UEFA Champions League, the English Premier League, FA Cup and the FIFA Club World Cup. For the Senegal talisman though, none of those triumphs were comparable to winning the Africa Cup of Nations in 2021 — beating Mohamad Salah's Egypt in the final.

For him, playing for Senegal triumphs over everything. And just as he was gearing up to put on a show at football's biggest stage — the FIFA World Cup — everything has fallen apart for him.

Senegal's football federation announced late on Thursday that 30-year-old Mane will

not take part in the World Cup in Qatar which begins on Sunday. Mane picked up a knee injury in Bayern's 6-1 win over Werder Bremen on November 8. Despite the injury, the two-time African player of the year was still included in the Senegal squad and was expected to miss at least their first game of the tournament against the Netherlands on November 20.

However, the team revealed in a press conference that further scans showed he would require surgery for the injury and would not be able to play in Qatar and his recovery could take several months.

"MRI has shown that the evolution is not as favourable as we'd have imagined, and so we've resolved — sadly — to declare that Mane is forfeit for this World Cup, and normally a



Sadio Mane suffered a knee injury in Bayern's 6-1 win over Werder Bremen.

surgical intervention will be scheduled very shortly," Senegal team doctor Manuel Afonso said.

Bayern confirmed later on Thursday that Mane's surgery was successful and he would

soon return to Munich.

A lot was expected of Senegal at this World Cup, since it would be the first time they would play the quadrennial extravaganza as African champions. And Mane was an integral part of that squad. Undoubtedly their biggest star, Mane redeemed himself in that final against Egypt after missing a penalty during the game. Mane scored the winning penalty in their 4-2 shootout win after the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

Senegal will face hosts Qatar and then Ecuador in Group A after their opener against the Netherlands.

Their biggest challenge in the group will undoubtedly be their opening game, but they are expected to win against Qatar who are playing in their maiden World Cup and

Ecuador, who Senegal seem to overpower in all departments.

Once they get into the knockouts it's anybody's game, but the 'Teranga Lions' will be hoping to do much better than 2002 when they reached the quarterfinals and on their way there, knocked out then defending World and European champions, France.

In fact, they were expected to go further than any African team at a World Cup. Only three teams from the continent — Senegal, Ghana (in 2010) and Cameroon (1990) have reached the quarterfinals at a World Cup.

Senegal would also want to put the disappointment of 2018 behind them. In Russia, Senegal became the first team ever to be eliminated from the World Cup on the basis of fair play (number of cards).



WEBB TELESCOPE AT WORK
GALAXIES HIDDEN FROM HUBBLE SPOTTED
This throng of stars would beat the most distant galaxy identified by Hubble telescope, a record-holder that formed 400 million years after the universe began. It will also prove successful in pushing the cosmic frontier to the brink of the Big Bang.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Carol Leigh defined sex work as a labor issue, not a crime. AP

Activist who coined term ‘sex work’, dies at 71

CAROL LEIGH, a San Francisco activist who is credited with coining the term “sex work” and who sought for decades to improve conditions for prostitutes and others in the adult entertainment business, has died. She was 71. A former prostitute, Leigh devoted herself to campaigning on behalf of those in the “sex work industry,” a term she coined as the title for a panel discussion she attended at a feminist anti-pornography conference in 1978, according to an essay she wrote. “Carol defined sex work as a labor issue, not a crime, not a sin,” Marquez said. AP

SPAIN
50 tonnes of drugs seized

POLICE SAID on Friday they caught over 50 tonnes of marijuana, the largest amount of the drug ever seized in the country and weighing more than an adult humpback whale. Eight farms have been dismantled in the northeastern region of Catalonia and 20 people were detained on suspected electricity fraud and offences against public health, police said in a statement. REUTERS

CHINA
Belt & Road Forum next year

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping said on Friday that China would consider hosting the third Belt & Road Forum for International Cooperation next year, the first since the start of the Covid pandemic. Previous editions of the forum, in 2017 and 2019, saw dozens of countries take part. REUTERS

Musk sends ‘long hours at high intensity’ ultimatum, Twitter staffers start quitting

SHEILA DANG, PARESH DAVE & HYUNJOO JIN
NOVEMBER 18

HUNDREDS OF Twitter Inc employees are estimated to have decided to quit the beleaguered social media company following a Thursday deadline from new owner Elon Musk that staffers sign up for “long hours at high intensity,” or leave.

The departures highlight reluctance of some of Twitter’s 3,000 staff to remain at a company where Musk earlier fired half of the workforce including top management, and is ruthlessly changing the culture to emphasise long hours at intense pace.



Musk has tried to convince some top employees to stay

Musk took to Twitter late on Thursday and said that he was not worried about resignations as “the best people are staying.”

The billionaire owner also added: “We just hit another all time high in Twitter usage...” without elaborating.

Musk met some top employees on Thursday to try to convince them to stay, said one current employee and a recently departed employee who is in touch with Twitter colleagues.

The company also notified employees that it will close its offices and cut badge access until Monday, according to two sources. Security officers began kicking some employees out of one office on Thursday evening, one source said.

Over 110 Twitter employees across at least four continents had announced their decision to leave in public Twitter posts. About 15 employees, many in ad sales, posted their intention to stay at the company. In Twitter’s

internal chat tool, over 500 employees wrote farewell messages on Thursday, a source familiar with the notes said.

A poll on the workplace app Blind, which verifies employees through their work email IDs and allows them to share information anonymously, showed 42% of 180 respondents opting for “Taking exit option, I’m free!”

A quarter said they had chosen to stay “reluctantly,” and only 7% of the poll participants said they “clicked yes to stay, I’m hardcore.” The exact number of employees intending to leave could not be established.

Twitter did not respond to a request for comment. REUTERS

AMID SOUTH KOREA-US JOINT DRILLS



South Korean and US fighter jets fly during a joint air drill in South Korea on Friday. AP

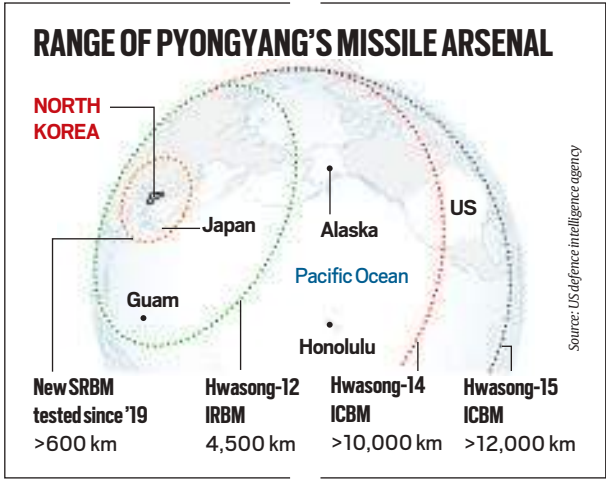
N Korea tests intercontinental missile ‘with range to strike US’

HYUNG-JIN KIM & MARY YAMAGUCHI
SEOUL, NOVEMBER 18

NORTH KOREA fired an intercontinental ballistic missile that landed near Japanese waters Friday in its second major weapons test this month that showed a potential ability to launch nuclear strikes on all of the US mainland.

The US quickly condemned the launch and vowed to take “all necessary measures” to guarantee the safety of its territory and its allies South Korea and Japan.

Vice President Kamala Harris met with the leaders of those countries and of Australia, Canada and New Zealand who are attending a regional forum in Bangkok to discuss the launch. “We again call for North Korea to stop further unlawful, destabilising acts. On behalf of the US, I reaffirm our ironclad commitment to our Indo-Pacific alliances,” Harris said.



North Korea’s recent torrid run of weapons tests comes as China and Russia have opposed US moves to toughen UN sanctions aimed at curbing North Korea’s nuclear program.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the ICBM launch from North Korea’s capital region around 10:15 a.m.

Japan said it appeared to fly on a high trajectory and land west of its island of Hokkaido.

Japanese Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada said that depending on the weight of a potential warhead, the missile had a range exceeding 15,000 kilometers, “in which case it could cover the entire mainland US.” AP

Iran: As protests continue, videos show flames at Khomeini home

REUTERS
NOVEMBER 18

VIDEO CLIPS showing a fire at the ancestral home in Iran of the Islamic Republic’s late founder, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, have appeared on social media, with activists saying it was torched by protesters.

However, the semi-official Tasnim news agency denied



Khomeini died in 1989

Khomeini’s house was set on fire, saying a small number of people had gathered outside the house.

The social media videos show dozens of people cheering as a fire is sparked in a building.

Reuters could not independently verify the dates when the videos were filmed. Activist network 1500Tasvir said the incident occurred on Thursday evening in Khomeini’s birth town of Khomein, south of the capital Tehran. The house had been converted into a museum.

“The report is a lie,” Tasnim news agency said.

Meanwhile on Friday, a large anti-government protest erupted at the funeral of a child killed in a shooting that his mother blamed on security forces.

Videos circulating on social media showed hundreds of protesters at the funeral for 9-year-old Kian Pirfalak in Izeh city. Protests also erupted in the eastern city of Zahedan, which has seen the deadliest violence since the nationwide demonstrations began.

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, NOVEMBER 18

UK PM Rishi Sunak has said that the UK government remains committed to working “as quickly as possible” towards a successful conclusion to the on-going free trade agreement (FTA) talks with India, as the majority of the substantive negotiation conversations were completed at the end of last month.

At a House of Commons session on Thursday on the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, the British Indian leader updated Parliament that he reviewed progress on the FTA during his first meeting with PM Narendra Modi since taking charge at 10 Downing Street.

He was questioned by Opposition Leader Keir Starmer and his own MPs on the timeline for the completion of the agreement with India. “I discussed the free trade agreement with India, and both the Prime Minister of



British PM Rishi Sunak. File

India and I committed our teams to working as quickly as possible to see if we can bring a successful

conclusion to the negotiations,” said Sunak.

“Without negotiating all these things in public, I am pleased that the majority of the substantive negotiation conversations were concluded by the end of October. We will now work at pace with the Indian teams to try to resolve the issues and come to a mutually satisfactory conclusion,” he said.

More broadly, he reiterated the UK government’s stance since the Diwali deadline for the

FTA was missed, that he would not “sacrifice quality for speed” because it is important to take the time to get trade deals right.

On India’s “non-aligned” position on the Ukraine conflict, he claimed “enormous comfort” from the fact that the G20 communiqué “contained strong language of condemnation about Russia’s aggression”.

“Our relationship and partnership with India are much broader than just a trading relationship,” Sunak said. PTI

JAMAL DIED AGAIN: EX-FIANCEE

Saudi’s MbS has immunity in Khashoggi case, says US

US cites international law, says move has nothing to do with merits of case

DAN WHITCOMB & STEVE HOLLAND
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 18

THE BIDEN administration has ruled that Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, also known as MbS, has immunity from a lawsuit over the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, drawing immediate condemnation from the slain journalist’s former fiancée.

Khashoggi was dismissed in October 2018 by Saudi agents in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, an operation which US intelligence believed was ordered by MbS.

“Jamal died again today,” Khashoggi’s ex-fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, said on Twitter minutes after the news became public. She added later: “We thought maybe there would be a light to justice from #USA But again, money came first.”

A spokesperson for the Saudi consulate in Washington could not be reached for comment. “This is a legal determination made by the State Department under longstanding and well-established principles of customary international law,” a spokesperson for the White House National Security Council said in a statement. “It has nothing to do with the merits of the case.”

In a document filed in US District Court for the District of Columbia, Justice Department attorneys said the executive branch of US government, referring to the Biden Administration, had “determined that defendant bin Salman, as the sitting head of a foreign government, enjoys head of state immunity from the jurisdiction of US courts as a result of that office.”



MbS was appointed Saudi Arabia’s PM in September. File

EXPLAINED

Biden’s U-turn

PRESIDENT BIDEN had for long promised American people he would do everything to hold the Saudi prince accountable. Instead, the move to grant MbS immunity in lawsuits is being seen as Biden’s signal to the kingdom that it can get away as long as US interests are not hurt.

sult of that office.”

In September, Saudi King Salman named MbS prime minister in a royal decree. MbS has denied ordering Khashoggi’s killing but acknowledged later that it took place “under my watch.”

“It’s beyond ironic that President Biden has single-handedly assured MbS can escape accountability when it was Biden who promised the American people he would do everything to hold him accountable. Not even the Trump administration did this,” Sarah Lee Whitson, a spokeswoman for Democracy for the Arab World Now, said in a written statement. REUTERS

EXTRAORDINARY EXCHANGE IN HISTORY OF TWO COUNTRIES

Russia warms to US prisoner swap for ‘merchant of death’ Viktor Bout

GUY FAULCONBRIDGE & CALEB DAVIS
LONDON, NOVEMBER 18

RUSSIA HOPES it can make a prisoner swap with the US that would include convicted Russian arms trafficker Viktor Bout, known as the “Merchant of Death,” a deputy foreign minister was quoted as saying on Friday.

Amid the deadliest war in Europe since WWII, Russia and the US are exploring a prisoner swap that would see imprisoned Americans including basketball star Brittney Griner return to the US in exchange for Bout.

“I want to hope that the prospect not only remains but is being strengthened, and that the moment will come when we will get a concrete agreement,”



An arms trafficker, Bout was arrested in 2008

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov was quoted as saying by *Interfax*.

“The Americans are showing some external activity, we are working professionally through a special channel designed for this,” Ryabkov said. “Viktor Bout is among those who are being discussed, and we certainly count on a positive result.”

For the two former Cold War foes, the exchange would mark one of the more extraordinary prisoner swaps in their history. The possible swap includes

Griner, facing nine years behind bars in Russia after being convicted on drug charges, and Paul Whelan who is serving a 16-year sentence in Russia after being convicted of espionage charges.

Variouly dubbed “the merchant of death” and “the sanctions buster” for his ability to get around arms embargoes, Bout was one of the world’s most wanted men prior to his arrest.

For almost two decades, Bout was a notorious arms dealer, selling weaponry to rogue states, rebel groups and murderous warlords in Africa, Asia and South America. But in 2008, he was snared in an elaborate US sting. He was caught on camera agreeing to sell undercover US agents posing as representatives of Colombia’s leftist FARC guerrillas 100 surface-to-air missiles. REUTERS

DISMANTLED AND STORED IN MAZE OF BUNKERS AND WAREHOUSES

Nuclear whack-a-mole: Surprising afterlife of America’s unwanted atom bombs

WILLIAM J BROAD
NOVEMBER 18

WHAT HAPPENS when old atomic bombs are retired? Last month, the Biden administration announced its intention to withdraw the most powerful weapon from the US nuclear arsenal.

The bomb is called the B83. It is a hydrogen bomb that debuted in 1983 — a time when President Reagan was denouncing Russia as “an evil empire.” The government made 660 of the deadly weapons, which were to be delivered by fast bombers.

The B83 was 12 feet long, had fins and packed an explosive force roughly 80 times greater

than that of the Hiroshima bomb. Its job was to obliterate hardened military sites and command bunkers, including Moscow’s.

What now for the B83? How many still exist is a federal secret, but not the weapon’s likely fate, which may surprise anyone who assumes that getting rid of a nuclear weapon means that it vanishes from the face of the earth.

Typically, nuclear arms retired from the US arsenal are not melted down, pulverized, crushed, buried or otherwise destroyed. Instead, they are painstakingly disassembled, and their parts, including their deadly plutonium cores, are kept in a maze of bunkers and warehouses across the United States.

Any individual facility within this gargantuan complex can act as a kind of used-parts superstore from which new weapons can — and do — emerge.

“It’s like a giant Safeway,” said Hans M Kristensen, the director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists, a private research group in Washington. “You go in with a bar code and get what you need.”

One weapon that nuclear planners want to make from recycled parts and designs is the W93 — billed as the first new warhead for the nation’s nuclear arsenal since the Cold War. The Biden administration announced the weapon’s birth in March and



Some components of the B83, which could explode with 80 times more force than the Hiroshima bomb. US Dept of Defence

estimated it would cost up to \$15.5 billion. The finished warhead would sit atop submarine

missiles starting around 2034.

Despite its description as new, the official government

plan states that the weapon will be “anchored on previously tested nuclear components,” not new explosive parts. “It’s bizarre how these things cycle around,” Kristensen said. “It’s nuclear whack-a-mole. You hit one down, and another pops up.”

The recycling has no direct bearing on the overall size of the nation’s nuclear arsenal, as the reused explosive parts are often employed for making replacement weapons, not new ones. That’s the case with the W93s, which are to replace or supplement old submarine warheads.

Even so, such recycling makes advocates for greater arms control livid. They’ve long argued that other nations view

the storage of explosive weapon parts as a sign that the US wants the option to make swarms of new warheads. That perception, they add, can fuel new arms races and nuclear proliferation.


“Getting rid of them would be a good thing,” said Frank N. von Hippel, a nuclear physicist who advised the Clinton White House and now teaches at Princeton University. “It would signal that we have no expectation of rebuilding our arsenal.”

But hawks see the stored parts as crucial for the hedging of nuclear bets. Of late, they cite China’s growing nuclear arsenal as a developing threat that may require atomic rearmament. “It’s important to keep these

parts around,” said Franklin C Miller, a nuclear expert. “If we had the manufacturing complex we once did, we wouldn’t have to rely on the old parts.”

Beyond the weapon debate, critics of the atomic recycling warn that the nuclear storage complex is a disaster waiting to happen. It has a long history of accidents, safety lapses and security failures that could lead to a nuclear catastrophe.

“It’s dangerous,” said Robert Alvarez, a nuclear expert who, from 1993 to 1999 during the Clinton administration was a policy adviser to the Department of Energy. “And it’s getting more dangerous, as the quantities in storage have increased.” NYT

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
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05	09225005	CASNBU 22 HS BOGIE FOR BOXNHL WAGONS	1200 NOS	19-12-22
06	09225004	HIGH TENSILE CENTRE BUFFER COUPLER	1200 SET	19-12-22
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4. Technical bid open date	– 28-11-2022 at Time 3:30 PM.

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 (Contact Number: 96461-23323)

Tender Enquiry No. PPR-28/2022 Dated: 27.11.2022

Chief Engineer/PP&R Organization, Shed No. D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for supply of Electrical Energy from Interstate/Intrastate sources viz. Generators, Traders having Valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, intrastate trading license issued by PSERC for intrastate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, IPPs & CPs from 1st Dec, 2022 to 31st March, 2023. The link for the e-Bidding portal is www.mstcecommerce.com and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power (www.Powermin.nic.in) and PFC Consultancy Limited (www.pfcindia.com).

For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to www.mstcecommerce.com from 17.11.2022 onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at www.mstcecommerce.com.

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Divisional Railway Manager (Mech.) E.C.Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites **Open e-tender under double packets system** from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways.

Tender Notice No.: MTC/13 of 2022/(Open E Tender) **Name of work:** Supply, Installation, commissioning and post warranty AMC (for 02 years) of the Bulk RSP work Fire and smoke detection system in AC coaches for East central Railway, **Tender Value (In Rupees):** Rs. 22,92,64,748.80 (Rs. Twenty two crores ninety two lakh fifty four thousand seven hundred forty eight and eighty zero only). **Earnest Money:** Rs. 12,96,300.00 (Rupees Twelve lakh ninety six thousand three hundred only) **Completion Period of the work:** 12 Months

1. Receiving date and time for e-tender mode on IREPS web portal: 06.12.2022 up to 12.00 hrs. 2. Opening date and time for e-tender: 06.12.2022 at 12.30 hrs.
3. Website particulars where complete details of tender and tender document can be seen on website: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DME (C & W)/ E.C.Rly. Samastipur
SP/1482/SJ/MECH/71/22-23/40

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 60/2022
 Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.)
 N.E. Railways Itanagar For and behalf
 of president of India invites **"OPEN"**
 e-tender through on Line (E-tendering)
 for the following work.
S.N. 1. Description of works: Balance
 work of LHS at LC No. - 39 in RMU -
 L/KU (Ex) section. Approx. Value (Rs.):
 Rs. 48,44,91,23. E.M.D Money (Rs.):
 Rs. 89,70,00,-. Cost of Tender Form : Rs.
 Nil. Completion time/ period from the
 date of issue of acceptance letter (Engg.)
 Months.
 1. On line e-tender can be submitted up
 to 15.00 hrs of date of 09.12.2022. 2. For
 full details and submission of bid please
 see the Indian Railways IREPS website
www.ireps.gov.in
 Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), Itanagar
 CPRO/W/ - 248
 About your passenger amenity complain
 SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
"Never travel on roof and foot boards"

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-TENDER NOTICE No. TRS-G-TND-OPN-02-2022-23 Dt. 16-11-2022

On behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Tr) E.C.R.LY Electric loco shed, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay invites e-Tender (Open) for following work from OEM/DRS/CLW approved sources, standard, experienced, established firms manufacturers of bogies of WAG-7 locos or firm having past credential for this work. (1) **Name of the work with its location:** Overhauling of fabricated Co-Co bogies for WAG-7 type Electric Locomotives of ELS/DDU, Qty = 100 Nos. Bogie for two years. At **Electric Loco Shed/DDU**. (2) **Approx Cost of the work:** Rs.2,07,39,265.82 (3) **Bid Security to be deposited :** Rs. 2,53,700.00. (4) **Last date and time of submission of e-tender and opening date of the e-tender:-** 12-12-2022 up to13:00 Hrs., 12-12-2022 at 15:00 Hrs. (5) **Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen :-** Tender shall be made available on EOR website <http://www.reps.gov.in> and detail of tender shall be available in the office of the Sr.DEE/TRS/ E.C. Railway at Electric Loco shed/ DDU.

Divnl. Railway Manager/TRS, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay PR/1489/DDU/ETRS/17/22-23/40

 **BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes-2 Division, Room No. 309,
3rd Floor, New Building, BEMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002

No.: EE-6(Lakes)/Corr-1/2022-23 DATE: 18.11.2022

CORRIGENDUM

Tender published in this newspaper on 30.10.2022 vide
Ref. No: EE-2/Lakes/TN-07/2022-23, Dtd : 29.10.2022
is hereby postponed due to technical reasons and further
are as follows:

1) Pre-Bid Meeting : 23.11.2022 at 3.00 p.m. 2) Last date
for uploading the filled Tender Document : 05.12.2022
upto 16.00 hrs. 3) Date of Opening of Technical Bids:
07.12.2022 at 16.30 hrs. All Other terms and conditions
remains the same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Lakes-2 Division.



DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS AND YOUTH WELFARE

T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal-462003 (M.P.)
Tel. : 0755-2773012, 2778151, Fax : 0755-2775256



E-TENDERING NOTICE

The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids from Electrical Contractor (registered) for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of canopy surrounding design structure & LED Lighting to illumination of T.T. Nagar stadium ground, Bhopal. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on www.mptenders.gov.in. If there any queries regarding participation through e-tender process, interested bidder may contact on **Toll Free No. 18002588684**.

The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on E-tendering portal only.

M.P. Madhyam/107289/2022



DIRECTOR

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

**Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, No 27/2022, Punnith Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001,
CIN : U52592KL1997031115, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 31.12.2021 at MSGM, SPL-16. One plus, Guide (Prasadi), Super value, ADGL and all other items mentioned under Gold loans up to 31.03.2022 and MSGB, SAE Suravara & GEM. The items mentioned above were available for redemption with the company have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 28.11.2022 from 10 am.

ROORKEE DISTRICT - RAMNAGAR CHOWK-ROORKEE: F10959, F11390, F11877, F10290, F12133, F12145, F12146, F12185, F12190, F12232, F12233, F12241, F12264, F12275, F12788, F12789, F12792, F12793, F12851, F1852, F1867, F1868, F18763, **HARDWAR DISTRICT - JWALUPUR-HARDWAR:** F1302, F130398, F13142, F13176, F13178, F13294, F13325, F13290, F13283, F13302, F13316, F13324, F13329, F13330, F13367, F13390, F13405, F13407, F13419, F3876, F3878, F3880, F4747, F4823, F4968, F6680, F8975, F9395, F9399, **DEHRADUN DISTRICT - DEHRADUN-GANDHI ROAD:** F1627, F3067, F4893, F5125, F5136, F5145, F5157, F5164, F5174, F5184, F5196, F5206, F5217, F737, F797.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note that if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 08.12.2021 at 10:00 am at **ROORKEE DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., First Floor, Hotel Hardwar 1526, Dhruv Road, Roorkee (Uttarakhand), **HARDWAR DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Main Tower 22, Railway Road, Jwalupur, Hardwar, Uttarakhand - 249407, **DEHRADUN DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, 53, Gandhi Road, Dehradun - 248001. The bidders are requested to produce Photo ID card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA							TENDER NOTICE	
SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL		
1.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	MAINTENANCE & PROVIDING PROPER CARE TAKING TO THE EXISTING TOILETS 78 NOS (72 NOS. PUBLIC TOILET AND 6 NOS. MOBILE TOILET) SITUATED IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK (ESTIMATE COST FOR ONE YEAR)	17.11.2022 23.11.2022	363.98 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmrohtak@gmail.com		
2.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	CONSULTANCY OF SOLID WASTE TREATMENT PLANT ROHTAK TO EXTEND RENEWAL OF ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE, EXTENSION/RENEWAL OF CONSENT TO OPERATE UNDER WATER AND AIR ACT FROM THE CONCERNED (DEPTT ETC.) (RE-CALL)	17.11.2022 24.11.2022		www.etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmrohtak@gmail.com		

13824/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

SR. NO.		NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH		NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER		OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/TEND (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.		UHBVN		LUMP SUM CONTRACT FOR 1 NO. PART TIME SWEEPER FOR XEN M&P DIVISION UHBVN, SONERAT AND 1 NO. FOR M&T LAB UHBVN, SONERAT, (TOTAL 2 NO'S. REQUIRES)		CLOSING DATE 01.12.2022		www.uhbvn.org.in NIT-04/M&P/SNP/2022-23	9671433750 xenmpnsonepat@ uhbvn.org.in

DRAFT DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION BILL

Govt exemptions 'vague', little regulator independence: Experts

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

WIDE-RANGING exemptions to the Centre and its agencies with little to no safeguards in place, and reduced independence of a proposed regulator — these are among the key concerns in the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, that experts have raised.

Under the proposed Bill, released Friday, the central government can issue notifications to exempt its agencies from adhering to provisions of the draft law for national security reasons. In an explanatory note accompanying the proposed legislation, the government acknowledged that "national and public interest is at times greater than the interest of an individual," while justifying the need for such exemptions.

In the Bill itself, there are no specified safeguards around such an exemption, as has been prescribed in at least two earlier iter-

ations of the Bill, experts said. After a Joint Committee of Parliament (JCP) had deliberated upon the now shelved 2019 version of the previous Bill, it had recommended that the government be exempted only under a "just, fair, reasonable and proportionate procedure". However, the mention of such safeguards are missing in the latest version.

"Not only has the new Bill omitted the JCP recommendation of adding just, fair, reasonable and proportionate procedure, it has also removed the check given under the 2019 bill where they had to give reasons explaining why such exemption was granted," said Kazim Rizvi, founding director of the Delhi-based policy think-tank Dialogue. "There is a need to narrow the scope of the provision of such exemptions by listing out specific instances or purposes to reduce the potential for misuse of such exemptions."

The exemptions to the government, argued the digital rights group Internet Freedom

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Foundation (IFF), are "excessively vague and broad". "If the law is not applied to government instrumentalities, data collection and processing in the absence of any data protection standards could result in mass surveillance," IFF said.

The exemption also may not qualify the provision with the test of 'necessity' and 'proportionality' as laid down in the landmark right to privacy judgment of 2017, which "explicitly mandates 'necessary and proportional' standard as was envisaged in the Justice BN Srikrishna's report and the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018," Rizvi said.

Concerns have also been raised around the independence of the proposed 'Data Protection Board' which is expected to act as the enforcer of the provisions of the revamped Bill. As per the draft law, the appointment of the chairperson and members of the board is completely left to the discretion of the central government.

"While the Data Protection Authority was earlier envisaged to be a statutory authority (under the 2019 Bill), the Data Protection Board is now a central government set up board. The government continues to have a say in the composition of the board, terms of service, etc.," said Nehaa Chaudhari, partner at the Delhi-based Ikkigai Law.

Notably, under the 2019 version of the Bill, the Data Protection Authority was empowered to frame regulations around data protection while the government was allowed to formulate rules. However, in the latest version, the Data Protection Board's powers to make regulations has been done

away with, Chaudhari said.

This seeming lack of independence of the Board, Rizvi said, could possibly prove to be detrimental when the Data Protection Board — to be appointed by the Centre — has to adjudicate on matters related to the government itself.

"The lack of information on the composition and aspects of the Data Protection Board is concerning, in addition to the central government constituting the same. Also, purely executive-driven appointments will bring into question the ability of such a board to perform as an independent arbitrator in cases involving the government," said Rizvi.

The government has invited comments to the Bill until December 17.

However, in a seeming lack of transparency, the government has said that stakeholders' comments submitted to the Bill will not be made public "to enable persons submitting feedback to provide the same freely".

GDP to grow at 6.1-6.3% in Q2 on supply strength: RBI report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

THE COUNTRY'S gross domestic product (GDP) is likely to grow between 6.1-6.3 per cent in the September quarter and may expand by 7 per cent in the fiscal 2022-23, RBI said in its monthly report. The GDP estimate for July-September quarter will be released on November 30. During the April-July period, the economy grew by 13.5 per cent.

"Based on high frequency indicators, our nowcasting and full information models peg real GDP growth in Q2 between 6.1 and 6.3 per cent. If this is realised, India is on course for a growth rate of about 7 per cent in 2022-23," RBI said in its 'State of the economy' report. In the third quarter, supply responses in the economy are gaining strength, it said.

Last week, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the country's economy will grow by about 7 per cent in the current year, helped by strong macroeconomic fundamentals and a stable financial sector.

The report has been authored by 26 RBI officials, including deputy governor Michael Patra.

'STATE OF THE ECONOMY' REPORT

■ The report said with headline inflation beginning to show signs of easing, the domestic macroeconomic outlook can best be characterised as resilient but sensitive to formidable global headwinds

The views expressed in the report are of the authors and not of the institution, the report said.

It said with headline inflation beginning to show signs of easing, the domestic macroeconomic outlook can best be characterised as resilient but sensitive to formidable global headwinds. The headline CPI inflation eased to 6.77 per cent in October after rising to a five-month high of 7.41 per cent in September.

"Urban demand appears robust, rural demand is muted but more recently picking up traction," it said.

On the financial sector, the report said the system liquidity is normalising in consonance with

the stance of monetary policy but it is still in surplus mode, with the Reserve Bank absorbing about Rs 1.5 lakh crore on a daily basis on average. The effective absorption rate rose by 1.75 percentage points between end-April and mid-November in response to monetary policy actions. In the first 11 days of November, net inflows of portfolio investment have more than doubled over the level for the full month of October inflow. Even the yield on the 10-year G-sec benchmark traded on a soft note in October and November in relation to its peak in mid-June.

Commercial bank credit growth has been surging, led by services, personal loans, agriculture and industry, in that order, the report said. The latest RBI data showed that bank credit grew by 18 per cent and deposits by 9.45 per cent in the fortnight ended October 21.

The report said the banking system is well-capitalised, with capital ratios for the system well above 16 per cent of total risk-weighted assets. On asset quality, the report said banks gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) have consistently declined, with net NPAs sliding down towards 1 per cent of total assets.

FOREX WATCH
At \$544.715 Bn

Forex reserves surge by \$14.72 bn

Biggest weekly gain since August 2021

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

THE COUNTRY'S foreign exchange reserves surged by \$14.72 billion in the week ended November 11, the biggest weekly jump in the last 15 months, as the Reserve Bank bought dollars from the spot market and due to revaluation gains. The reserves stood at \$544.715 billion in the reporting week, RBI data showed on Friday. It had risen by \$16.63 billion in the week ended August 27, 2021.

"RBI has been buying dollars at levels below \$1.50 from the spot market," said Anindya Banerjee, vice president - currency derivatives & interest rate derivatives, Kotak Securities Ltd. The rupee has appreciated in the last few sessions as the dollar has weakened on hope the US Federal Reserve may moderate the pace of its rate hikes.

The rupee fell 6 paise to end at \$1.70 against the USD on Friday, compared to previous close of \$1.64. So far in November, foreign portfolio investors have pumped in Rs

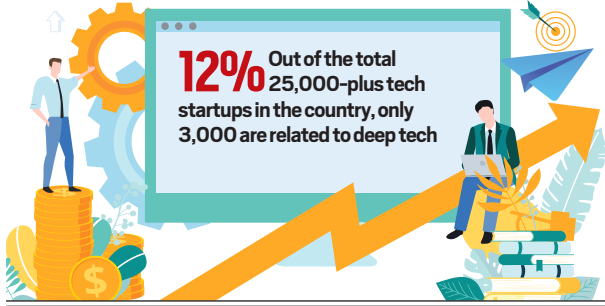
Foreign exchange reserves had risen by \$16.63 billion in the week ended August 27, 2021

30,385 crore, or \$3,709 million, in Indian equities, the latest NSDL data. According to IFA Global founder Abhishek Goenka, the increase in forex reserves was predominantly on account of revaluation impact of gold and currencies other than US dollar. "Between November 4 and 11, Euro, Pound and Yen appreciated 4-6 per cent against the dollar. Gold had appreciated about 5 per cent during the same period. All of this is likely to have resulted in a cumulative revaluation impact of about \$9 billion," he said.

The dollar index, which is a measure of the value of the greenback relative to a basket of six foreign currencies, has fallen from 114 in September to 106 currently. A fall in the dollar index shows the dollar has depreciated against major currencies. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

'Need higher seed funding for deep tech startups'

India's deep tech startups need higher seed and early stage funding to grow faster as only 11% of technology-related funds reach this ecosystem as of now, Nasscomm said



Deep tech or deep technology startups are enterprises that work in the area of emerging technologies like AI, robotics, quantum, blockchain, IoT, drones and augmented reality

China and the US are prioritising funds to deep tech startup ecosystem to drive innovation for their country, Nasscomm president Debanji Ghosh said

The deep tech startup ecosystem is not equal to the tech startup ecosystem as their life cycles are different

Source: National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)

ECB may have to cool growth to control inflation, says Lagarde

REUTERS

FRANKFURT, NOVEMBER 18

THE EUROPEAN Central Bank may need to raise interest rates so much that they dampen growth as it fights sky-high inflation, while any runoff in the ECB's bond holdings must be "measured and predictable", its chief Christine Lagarde said on Friday.

The ECB has raised rates by an unprecedented 200 basis points since July and flagged yet more policy tightening via rate hikes, the reduction of its \$5 trillion euro (\$5.2 trillion) debt holdings and more expensive bank funding. "We expect to raise rates further - and withdrawing accommodation may not be enough," Lagarde said in a speech at a conference.



Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank. File

"Interest rates are, and will remain, the main tool for adjusting our policy stance," she said. "Acknowledging that interest rates remain the most effective tool for shaping policy stance, it is appropriate that the balance sheet is normalised in a measured and predictable way."

ECB begins great cash mop-up

Frankfurt: Euro zone banks are set to repay nearly 300 billion euros (\$310 billion) in loans to the European Central Bank next week, the ECB said on Friday, the biggest cash withdrawal from the euro zone's financial system in the euro's 22-year history.

The move is part of ECB efforts to fight record-high inflation. The euro zone's central bank said lenders would repay 296 billion euros worth of the 2.1-trillion-euro, multi-year credit they have taken under its Targeted Longer-Term Refinancing Operations when they get their first chance to do so on November 23. **REUTERS**

FROM 5 YEARS

Govt extends tenure of PSB MD, CEO to 10 yrs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE GOVERNMENT has raised the maximum tenure of the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of public sector banks (PSBs) to 10 years from five years, while retaining the superannuation age at 60.

The move will help the government retain talents, who rise through the ranks relatively quickly at state-run banks. It will also enable the PSBs to have relatively young leadership teams that will be in a better position to realise a longer-term vision.

The change in the rule also applies to the whole-time directors of central public-sector enterprises, a senior government official said. It will benefit those whole-time directors who have joined the board at a relatively young age of 45-50 years.

Independence of CAs crucial for financial statements: FM

Mumbai: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Friday said the independence of chartered accountants is very crucial for the trust and integrity of a company's financial statements.

"The independence of chartered accountants is extremely important and significant for the trust and integrity of financial statements. Therefore, their responsibility is not limited just to the shareholders since statutory filings and audit reports are public documents and they are relied on by various stakeholders, including financial institutions, government and common retail investors," Sitharaman said, while addressing the World Congress of Accountants. **ENS**

Oriental Insurance CMD opts for VRS

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

ANJAN DEY, 58, Chairman and MD, Oriental Insurance Company, has put in his papers by opting for the voluntary retirement scheme. Dey who joined OIC in March 2021 had a tenure of service till November 2023. "Yes, Dey has opted for VRS on health and personal grounds," said an insurance source. N Ramaswamy, general manager, GIC Re and RR Singh, director & general manager, OIC, are two top contenders for the OIC top post. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

BRIEFLY
I-T, MG Motors

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department on Friday conducted searches on the business premises of MG Motors in Gurugram and Gujarat, officials said. The taxmen are looking into the company's books of accounts for alleged discrepancies and financial irregularities, a tax official said but did not share any further details. MG Motors, which is owned by China's SAIC Motor, had earlier this month stated that it was sent a notice by MCA asking for the reason for losses in 2019-2020, its first year of operations in India. **ENS**

Amazon CEO

New York: The mass layoffs that began in Amazon's corporate ranks this week will extend into next year, CEO Andy Jassy said on Thursday.

Zomato

New Delhi: Zomato on Friday said its co-founder Mohit Gupta has resigned from his post. **PTI**

TPG Growth sells Nykaa shares worth ₹1,000 crore

New Delhi: Private equity player TPG Growth on Friday sold shares of e-commerce beauty company Nykaa for more than Rs 1,000 crore. As many as 5.42 crore shares of FSN E-Commerce Ventures, which runs Nykaa, were offloaded at a price of Rs 184.55 apiece through a block deal, as per data from the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

The total value of the transaction is a little over Rs 1,000 crore, the data showed.

These shares were acquired by various entities, including Societe Generale, HSBC Indian Equity Mother Fund and Goldman Sachs (Singapore) Pte, among others.

The stock of Nykaa, which got listed last November, is in focus as the mandatory lock-in period for pre-offer investors came to an end on November 10. Shares of the company rose more than 3 per cent to close at Rs 192 apiece on the NSE on Friday. **PTI**

Why 'finfluencers' are under Sebi radar?

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is working on guidelines for financial influencers — popularly known as 'finfluencers' — who give advice to stock market investors on various social media platforms like Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

Finfluencers are people with public social media platforms offering advice and sharing personal experiences about money and investment in stocks. Their videos cover budgeting, investing, property buying, cryptocurrency advice and financial trend tracking.

Why is this significant?

The Sebi move follows a sharp rise in the number of 'unregistered' investment advisors giving unsolicited social media 'stock' tips on various platforms. There were also reports that certain companies used social media platforms to boost their share prices through such finfluencers. More often than

'UNREGISTERED'

THE SEBI MOVE follows a sharp rise in the number of various 'unregistered' investment advisors

not, it is unclear if these influencers have any educational or professional qualification to offer such financial advice, and if there is any kind of monetary transaction that happens between them and the entity they are promoting.

Are other influencers also under the lens?

In February, the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) released new guidelines for social media influencers and other advertisers about publishing ads about virtual digital assets including cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens (NFTs), in line with the government and Reserve Bank of India's long held

stance on cryptocurrencies. Per the guidelines, all advertisements for VDA products, VDA exchanges or featuring VDAs should carry a disclaimer that says, "Crypto products and NFTs are unregulated and can be highly risky. There may be no regulatory recourse for any loss from such transactions".

Earlier this week, ASCI also released its half yearly report of complaints its received between April-September 2022, detailing social media influencers that

were found to be non-compliant with its advertising guidelines. Among those that allegedly violated its guidelines was a top Bollywood actor who posted an ad about 'Beyond Life NFT'. ASCI said that between April 2022 and September 2022 it processed 781 complaints against social media influencers of which around 2 per cent were related to ads about financial instruments, mostly cryptocurrencies. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

EXPLAINED

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : (I) SE/PHC/KKD/56/2022-23, (II) SE/PHC/KKD/57/2022-23 (I) Jai Jeevan Mission JIM-PHASE-I: WSS to Karassery Kodyathur Omassery and Thiruvambady Grama Panchayath in Kozhikode District. Providing Functional Household Connections in Koodanarathi Grama Panchayath, Golden Hill Zone-II, Jai Jeevan Mission-PHASE-II: WSS to Chattramangalam and adjoining 7 Panchayaths in Kozhikode District. (II) Providing Functional Household Tap Connection to Kodanchery Grama Panchayath -Thussaragiri scheme. (II) Providing Functional House hold Tap Connection to Kodanchery Grama Panchayath -Thervamala scheme. **EMD :** Rs. (US\$ 20,000/-) (INR) 2,00,000/- (INR) 2,00,000/- **Tender fee :** Rs. (I) 16540/-GST, (II) 11025/-GST, (II) 16540/-GST, **Last Date for submitting tender :** 12-12-2022 05:00pm **Phone :** 0495 - 2371046 **Website :** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer PH Circle Kozhikode

KWA-JL-GJ-6-1068-2022-23

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PIONEERS IN PROGRESS (A Government of India Enterprise) Regd. Office: Floor **CORPORATE MATERIALS, FACT-PO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, UDOYGAMANDAL, KOCHI- 683 501 (KERALA)**

Tel: (0484) - 256 8273/ 8260
E-mail: noble@factittd.com; aneeshya@factittd.com Website: <http://www.fact.co.in>

TRANSPORTATION OF BAGGED PRODUCTS BY ROAD

Enquiry No. MM/181/E24695-3 dtd. 18.11.2022
FACT invites Online Bids (TWO PART) for Road Transportation of bagged products from FACT production units at Udyogamandal and Ambalamadu to various destinations of specified districts in Kerala & Tamil Nadu through <https://eprocure.gov.in>, for 2 years. Estimated quantity: **43,800 MT**.

Any change / Extensions to this tender will be informed only through CPP e-procurement portal / FACT website and will not be published in newspapers. Due date/ time for submission of bids is **03.12.2022 / 3.00 P.M.** Hindi Version is published in our website www.fact.co.in.

Sr. Manager (Materials) T&S-C

NMDC Limited (A Government of India Enterprise)

'Khanji Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - L13100TG1958G01001674

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT/Engineering & Project Division

E-Tender Notice (Open Tender Enquiry for Domestic Bidding)
Tender Enquiry No: HO/Contracts/INT. FINISH/Quarters/DNM/2022/901 dated 19-11-2022.

[MSTC Ref.No. : NMDC/HO/71/22-23/ET/597]
NMDC Limited, A 'NAVARATNA' Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from experienced domestic bidders for the work of 'Internal Finishing, Distemping and Providing Tiles of Vacated Quarters for the Year 2022-23 (Type-1D, II, A, C and Type-III), Donimalai'.

The detailed NITs and Bid documents can be viewed and /or downloaded from 19-11-2022 to 19-12-2022 from following website links;
1. NMDC website - <http://tenders.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender>
2. Central Public Procurement portal - <http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> and
3. MSTC portal - https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocure/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp

For accessing the bid document from MSTC portal, bidder has to register as 'New Vendor' at MSTC website link https://www.mstcecommerce.co.in/eprocure/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp and search Tender Event No. NMDC/HO/71/22-23/ET/597. For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited e-procurement website. For further clarification, the following can be contacted: Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, Fax No. 040-23534746, Tel No. 040-23532800, email: contracts@nmdc.co.in
For and on behalf of NMDC Ltd
Chief General Manager (Contracts)

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INAUGURATION-ITPO

The ITPO deserves all appreciation as this fair edition has been organised with larger participation than the previous edition. M/o C&I, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the 41st edition of the ITF of IPTO at a well attended function held at Pragati Maidan.



AWARD-PRSI

Neelam Yadav, Manager (PR), POWERGRID has been conferred with the prestigious Chanakya Award for "PR Person of the Year at 16th Global Communication Conclave, 2022 organized by PRCI at Kolkata.



BILATERAL MEETING-FICCI

Uttarakhand's CM, Pushkar Singh Dhami & govt. officials held bilateral meetings with the officials of the Japan Embassy, JICA & JETRO to strengthen economic ties with Japan. Officials from the Govt. of Uttarakhand, JBIC, JICA & FICCI graced the event.



INAUGURATION-PNB

AK Goel, MD & CEO, PNB, inaugurated the bank's stall at the 41st ITF at Pragati Maidan. The PNB stall displayed a bouquet of banks products and services to the visitors. On this occasion, CGM S Bajpai, GMs and other officials of PNB were present.



AWARD-REC

REC bagged the prestigious Golden Peacock Award 2022 for Excellence in Corporate Governance recently. The award, conferred by the Institute of Directors, was received by A Choudhury, Dir (Fin), REC & JS Amitabh, ED.



FLAGGED-EIL

IndJet unit at IOCL-Barauni flagged off first batch of ATF from its facility recently. The flagging off ceremony was remotely performed by Chairman, IOCL, S M Vaidya & conveyed greetings to CMD, EIL, Ms Vartika Shukla.



VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK-PNB

CSR activity was organised by PNB, Circle Office, Dehradun on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week 2022. Stationary items, Uniforms & shoes were distributed to children at Ashram by Yeshpal Singh Rajput, Circle Head, PNB Dehradun.



COMMENCEMENT-CRPF

The 23rd All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship-2022 commenced at RK Khanna Tennis Stadium with great fervour & enthusiasm. N Pramanik, MoS, Home Affairs, Youth Affairs & Sports was the Chief Guest of the Opening Ceremony.



MoU- NBCC

NBCC signed MoU with National Law University Odisha recently for construction of various infrastructure projects. The MoU was inked by RP Tripathy, Registrar, NLUO & RN Sinha, GM, NBCC in the presence of Dr V Kumari, VC, NLUO.



INAUGURATION-LIC

Dinesh Bhagat, Zonal Head, Northern Region inaugurated LIC pavilion 41st India International Trade Fair on 14th Nov. The visitors to the stall will get complete information about LIC policies and also on career opportunities as an agent of LIC.



MEETING -M/O AYUSH

The second meeting of the India-Germany Joint Working Group on Alternative Medicine is being held between the M/o Ayush & the Federal M/o Health of Germany from November 14-16, 2022, in India, under the aegis of the JDI.



PREMIERE-ERFH

Premiere of a documentary movie produced by "Equal Rights For Hindus" was conducted at the Constitution Club of India. Post Movie premiere a brief presentation given by the founder of ERFH & Former Dir of CBI MN Rao.



CERTIFICATION-SAIL

SAIL has achieved the distinction of becoming the first Maharatna Public Sector Unit to have implemented the ABMS. BIS awarded the certificate to SAIL in the presence of Soma Mondal, Chairman, SAIL.



EVENT - HIGH COMMISSION OF UGANDA

The High Commission of Uganda hosted the 60th Independence Anniversary reception. The audience was addressed by HC of Uganda to India Prof. Joyce Kakuramatsi Kikafunda, & the Chief Guest— MoS for External Affairs & Mos for Culture Meenakshi Lekhi. She said that India-Uganda friendship will further deepen in all sectors for the mutual benefit of our people.

POWERGRID: POSOCO announced that it has changed its name to "Grid Controller of India Ltd.". The change in name has been made to reflect the critical role of Grid Operators in ensuring integrity, reliability, economy, resilience & sustainable operation of the Indian Electricity Grid.

NBCC: The Board of Directors in its meeting held on Monday i.e. Nov 14, 2022 approved the Financial Results of the company for the Quarter & Half Year ended on 30.09.2022. Company reported Turnover of Rs. 1542.45 Cr. for Quarter ended on 30.09.2022, representing a growth of 19.84% YOY basis for Q2. Company also earned Profit Before Tax of Rs. 130.12 Cr. for the Quarter ended on 30.09.2022, showcasing a jump of 53.61% on YOY basis for Q2.

CONCOR is pleased to offer an Additional Discount scheme on empty containers moved from various Gateway Ports/Portside CFSs to hinterland terminals for export purpose based on the incremental import volumes offered by the shipping lines.

NR: Ashutosh Gangal, GM NR held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of NR & DRMs at NR headquarter office in ND. Amongst many issues deliberations were on Preparedness for winter season precautions Safety on tracks, enhancement of speed, train operations keeping in mind the upcoming foggy weather, Business Development Units and Freight loading.



AWARD- NFI

NFI has bagged eight awards in the 12th PRCI Excellence Awards. BV Vittal, CGM (HR) won Dr. R Sudarshan Memorial Award for Administration & Good Governance. S Randevara, DGM (CC & HR) won 'Social Media person of the year Award'.

ONGC: PM Modi dedicated ONGC's U-field Onshore facilities of KG-DWN-98/2 Deep Water Block, situated in Odalarevu, Dr. B R Ambedkar Konaseema district of AP to the Nation recently. The inauguration/foundation-stone laying of various other development projects worth over Rs.10,700 crs in Visakhapatnam, AP, took place. The Governor of AP, BB Harichandan, CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Union Min. for Railways, Communication, Electronics, & IT, Ashwini Vaishnav graced the event along with ONGC CMD RK Srivastava along with Dir. (Offshore) P Kumar.

EIL: PM Modi dedicated to the nation, Ramagundam Fertilizer plant- a Gas based Urea Manufacturing Fertilizer Plant at Ramagundam, Peddapalli Telangana, with capacity of 2200 MTPD Ammonia Unit & 3850 MTPD Urea Unit. This is a big step towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat. Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. has been incorporated as a joint venture company of EIL, NFI & FCIL along with other equity partners. EIL, while having 26% stake in the JV company, also provided its EPCM services for the project.

OIL INDIA: India's 2nd largest National Exploration & Production Company recorded the highest ever quarterly profit after tax in Q2 FY-23 at Rs.1,720.53 cr. For the half yr ended 30th Sept. 2022, the profit after tax was Rs. 3,276.02 cr. The EPS also increased to Rs.15.87/share in Q2 FY-23 & to Rs. 30.21/share in H1 FY-23. OIL Board has declared an interim dividend of Rs. 4.50 per share at Face Value of Rs. 10. The Crude Oil Production increased by 3.95%, while Natural Gas Production rose by 2.11% in Q2 FY-23.

IRFC: Schedule 'A' Public Sector Enterprise ("IRFC" or the "Company"), the dedicated market borrowing arm of the Indian Railways, has announced its un-audited financial results for the 2nd quarter & half year ending 30th September 2022. The Company posted profit growth of 14.19% for Q2 FY 2022-23 at Rs. 1,714 cr vis-a-vis Rs. 1,501 cr reported in Q2 FY 2021-22. The Company also posted a profit growth of 12.40% for H1 FY 2022-23 at Rs. 3,376 cr vis-a-vis Rs. 3,003 crore reported in H1 FY 2021-22.

The Muthoot Group: Alexander George Muthoot, Joint MD, The Muthoot Group has been conferred with prestigious Chanakya Award – Responsible Leader of the year for significant contribution to the field of Administration & Good Governance.

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

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT TO LEASE OUT PARCEL SLR

E-Auction for the contract to lease out parcel SLR in trains originating from Mumbai Division has been invited. The catalogue has already been published on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in, the details are furnished as under:-

Type of contract: Parcel, Category: Parcel SLR, Contract period: 2 Years

1. Auction Catalogue No. MMCT-PLS-22-67

Lot No.	Lot No.
19001-SLR-F1-VR-ST-22-1	22933-SLR-F1-BDTS-JP-22-1
22828-SLR-F1-ST-PURI-22-2	12995-SLR-R1-BDTS-AII-22-1
19001-SLR-F2-VR-ST-22-1	22828-SLR-R1-ST-PURI-22-1
19002-SLR-F2-ST-VR-22-1	12921-SLR-R1-MMCT-ST-22-1
19002-SLR-R1-ST-VR-22-1	19001-SLR-R1-VR-ST-22-1
19002-SLR-F1-ST-VR-22-1	

Date & time of e-Auction: E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 28.11.2022. Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.

2. Auction Catalogue No. MMCT- PLS-22-68

Lot No.	Lot No.
22909-SLR-R1-BL-PURI-22-1	19015-SLR-R1-MMCT-PBR-22-1
12922-SLR-F1-ST-MMCT-22-1	22909-SLR-F1-BL-PURI-22-1
19055-SLR-R1-BL-JU-22-1	19015-SLR-F1-MMCT-PBR-22-1
12922-SLR-F2-ST-MMCT-22-1	19055-SLR-F1-BL-JU-22-1
20925-SLR-F1-ST-AMI-22-1	19015-SLR-F2-MMCT-PBR-22-1
20925-SLR-R1-ST-AMI-22-1	

Date & time of e-Auction: E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 29.11.2022. Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.

3. Auction Catalogue No. MMCT- PLS-22-69

Lot No.	Lot No.
12239-SLR-R1-MMCT-HSR-22-1	19425-SLR-R1-MMCT-NDB-22-1
19425-SLR-F1-MMCT-NDB-22-1	19426-SLR-R1-NDB-MMCT-22-1
19426-SLR-F1-NDB-MMCT-22-1	19425-SLR-F2-MMCT-NDB-22-1
19417-SLR-R1-MMCT-ADI-22-1	19426-SLR-F2-NDB-MMCT-22-1
19417-SLR-F2-MMCT-ADI-22-1	12239-SLR-F1-MMCT-HSR-22-1
19417-SLR-F1-MMCT-ADI-22-1	

Date & time of e-Auction: E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 30.11.2022. Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.

For more details please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in, 0596

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E-TENDER NOTICE

United India Insurance Company Limited, a public sector insurance company invites Bids for "Supply/Installation/ Maintenance of Flatbed ADF Network Scanners".

Please visit our website <https://uilc.co.in/tender> for details of the bid.

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IRDAI Regn. No. 545
CIN: U93090TN1938GOI000108

PROVISION OF 132/27KV STANDBY POWER TRANSFORMERS IN KATHAR

Tender Notice No.: EL25/TRD/12/2022-23K Dated: 16-11-2022

E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work:

Tender No.: TRD-12/2022-23

Name of Work: Provision of 132/27KV Standby power transformers of 21.6/30.24MVA. ONAN/ONAF, single phase at Tractor sub-station Kathar. Tender Value: ₹ 9,29,82,904.84, Earnest Money: ₹ 3,14,950/-

Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 08-12-2022. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 08-12-2022 in website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DEE/TRD, Katihar

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E-Tendering Tender Notice No.: 59/2022

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways Iztanagar For and behalf of president of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through on Line (E-tendering) for the following work:

S.N. 1:- Description of works: Balance work of Provision of piped water supply at 7 stations (KDJ, UTP, BAPR, KXF, SSD, RDN & DRO) under ADEN/FGR section under the sanctioned work of Provision of piped water supply at 03 nos D class & 41 Nos E Class stations. Approx. Value (Rs.): ₹ 45,36,781.15, E.M.D Money(Rs.): ₹ 90,700/-, Cost of Tender Forms-Rs.Nil, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 03 Months

S.N. 2:- Description of works: Licensing of management and control over the Railway land for realization of Tehbazari due in the Railway land at New Model Railway colony Iztanagar (for One Year-2022-23). Approx. Value (Rs.): ₹ 27,59,432.40, E.M.D Money(Rs.): ₹ 5,51,800/-, Cost of Tender Forms Rs.Nil, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 12 Months.

1-On line e-tender can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs of dated 09.12.2022.

2-For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) Iztanagar

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RO No. 844 e-TENDER NOTICE Date: 18.11.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Maneri Dam, Maneri, Uttarkashi invited online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

1. Tender No.02/EE(E&M)/Maneri Dam/2022-23 Name of work: Annual Routine Maintenance (ARM) of Hydro-Mechanical and Electro-Mechanical equipment of Maneri Dam, Maneri Uttarkashi

2. Tender No.03/EE(E&M)/Maneri Dam/2022-23 Name of work: Annual operation and routine maintenance contract of Sirror Irrigation lift scheme at Heena, Uttarkashi

Estimated cost: ₹27,14,431.00 (excluding taxes), ₹9,94,680 (excluding taxes) respectively

Date of availability of bid document on website: 21.11.2022 at 10:00 hrs.

Last date of submission of bid on website: 13.12.2022 at 17:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer (E&M)

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E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, **ONLINE BIDS** on prescribed tender form **UNDER CUSTOM BID ON GeM PORTAL** are invited from firms who are registered with GeM (Government e Marketplace) portal and developed sources for supply of the following item. Details are as under:-

Description and specification	INSTALLATION OF IAF PUBLICITY HOARDINGS
Specification as per Additional Terms and conditions (ATC) uploaded on GeM portal	
Tender ID on GeM portal	GEM/2022/B/2746580 dated 16 Nov 2022
Period and terms of delivery	As per Additional Terms and Conditions (ATC) uploaded on GeM portal
Published date	16 Nov 2022 at 1708 Hrs
Pre bid meeting	22 Nov 2022 at 1100 Hrs
Bid submission end	08 Dec 2022 at 1600 Hrs.
Bid opening starts	08 Dec 2022 at 1630 Hrs.

DAVP 10802/11/0024/2223

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Lt Col Mandar Nene
02 Dec 1974-19 Nov 2010

Lt. Col Mandar Nene was indeed a brave officer and had made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.

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Govt. of Jharkhand

Energy Department

Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)

3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.

Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165, E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

e-Procurement Notice

Tender reference no.: 32/JREDA/SHWS/22-23 Dated: 17.11.2022

	Name of the work	Empanelment of Agencies for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 300000 LPD Solar Hot Water System (SHWS) of different capacities including five years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) anywhere in the state of Jharkhand.
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2	Total quantity (LPD)	300000 LPD
3	Estimated cost (Rs.)	5,10,00,000/-
4	Period of contract	12 (Twelve) Months
5	Period of Completion	03 (Three) Months
6	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in	21.11.2022 (Monday)
7	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	29.11.2022 (Tuesday) at 2.00 P.M.
8	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	13.12.2022 (Tuesday) upto 05:00 PM
9	Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD	13.12.2022 and 14.12.2022 up to 5.00 P.M.
10	Technical Bid Opening Date	15.12.2022 (Thursday) at 3.00 P.M.
11	Name & address of office inviting tender	Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3 rd Floor, S.L.D.C Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand)
12	Contact no. of procurement officer	0651-2491163/67/61
13	Helpline no. of e-procurement	0651-2491163/67/61

Any corrigendum/addendum can be seen on website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & www.jreda.com. Further details can be seen on website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & www.jreda.com

Sd/- Director, JREDA, Ranchi

PR282597 (Energy)/22-23'D

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, उतराखण्ड

जल संस्थान कर्णप्रयाग।

ई-टेंडर नोटिस

निविदा सूचना सं0 2538/ई-टेंडर नोटिस/2022-23/ दिनांक 17/11/2022

1. कार्य का नाम :- जनपद चमोली के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित पेयजल योजना के जल जीवन मिशन द्वितीय फेज के कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	पेयजल योजना का नाम	विकास क्षेत्र	कार्य का विवरण	निविदा प्रतिभूति	अवधि	श्रेणी
1	पालछुनी	नारायणवगड़	श्रोत कार्य, जलाशय निर्माण कार्य, पाइप लाइन बिछाने का कार्य FHTC कार्य एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	177000	5 माह डी० एवं उच्चतर	

2. पोर्टल पर निविदा उपलब्ध होने की तिथि :- 21/11/2022 समय : 17:00 बजे

3. पोर्टल पर निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि :- 05/12/2022 समय : 17:00 बजे

4. पोर्टल पर निविदा खुलने की तिथि :- 06/12/2022 समय : 13:00 बजे

5. उक्त पेयजल योजना टू बिड निविदा है, की पूर्ण जानकारी, शुद्धि पत्र एवं निरस्तकरण आदि हेतु www.uktenders.gov.in पर लॉग इन करते रहें।

6. जिन ठेकेदारों द्वारा पूर्व में अनुबन्ध के उपरान्त भी अभी तक कार्य प्रारम्भ नहीं किया गया है उनकी निविदा को निरस्त करने की कार्यवाही की जायेगी।

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TENDER NOTICE

MG ASC HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WESTERN COMMAND, JAIPUR ARMY SERVICE CORPS CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF WHEAT ATTA WHOLE MEAL, DALIA, SUJI, FLOUR, WHEAT BRAN AND VACUUM EVAPORATED IODIZED/ REFINED IODIZED SALT FOR THE PERIOD 01 APR 2023 TO 31 MAR 2024

1. On line bids are invited from registered ASC Contractors / Firms for Contracts to be concluded by respective Executive Officers various formations for the period 01 Apr 2023 to 31 Mar 2024. The tenders will be opened at 1200 hours on the dates as shown below:-

S No	Executive Officer	Date of Opening Tender								
		Initial Call	2 nd Call (1st Re-tender)	3rd Call (2 nd Re-tender)	4 th Call (3 rd Re-tender)	5 th Call (4 th Re-tender)	6 th Call (5 th Re-tender)	7 th Call (6 th Re-tender)	8 th Call (7 th Re-tender)	9 th Call (8 th Re-tender)
(a)	MG ASC South Western Comd. Jaipur (Wheat Atta Whole Meal, Dalia, Suji, Flour, Wheat Bran and Vacuum Evaporated Iodized/Refined Iodized Salt)	30 Dec 2022 (Friday)	13 Jan 2023 (Friday)	27 Jan 2023 (Friday)	10 Feb 2023 (Friday)	03 Mar 2023 (Friday)	24 Mar 2023 (Friday)	14 Apr 2023 (Friday)	05 May 2023 (Friday)	26 May 2023 (Friday)

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Sd/- MG ASC HQ South Western Command Jaipur - 302012