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PM: Cong wants to show me my 'aukat' but silent on development

Points to Patkar at Rahul yatra: Punish those with Narmada protesters



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a public meeting in Gujarat's Surendranagar. *Express*

RITUSHARMA
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 21

HEATING UP the campaign trail in Gujarat where Assembly elections are to take place early next month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a frontal attack Monday on the Congress for calling him names, including the promise to show him his "aukat" (status or position), instead of focussing on development issues.

Addressing a public rally in

Surendranagar where votes will be cast December 1 in the first of the two-phase polls, the Prime Minister, pointing to Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar joining Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Maharashtra, asked voters to "punish" the "Narmada protesters".

Referring to Congress leader Madhusudan Mistry's remark that Modi will be shown his "aukat" this election, he said, "Shouldn't development be

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrives at Surat airport, on Monday. *PTI*

Adivasis first 'malik' for Cong, Vanvasis for BJP which takes their land, says Rahul

KAMAAL SAIYED
MAHUVA (SURAT DISTRICT), NOVEMBER 21

CHOOSING THE tribal-dominated Mahuva reserved constituency to hit the Gujarat campaign trail, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Monday that his party stood for the rights of the Adivasis and treated them as the "first owners of the country" while the BJP called them Vanvasis and "snatched their land to give them to industrialists".

He told a public rally that his

family always had a "deep relationship with Adivasis", that the late Indira Gandhi taught him that the Adivasis were the "first malik (owners) of this country".

"Meaning, the country was taken from you. But there is another thinking. The people of BJP don't call you Adivasi. What do they call you? Vanvasi. They don't tell you that you are the first owners of Hindustan. They tell you that you live in the jungles, meaning they don't wish that you live in cities, that your children become engineers,

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The Iranian team stands in silence before the start of their match against England at the Khalifa Stadium in Doha. *Reuters*

Team Iran speaks up for women back home — stays silent for national anthem



SANDIP G
DOHA, NOVEMBER 21

AS IRAN'S national anthem rang out inside the Khalifa Stadium before the team's opening World Cup match against England, the players stood together -- in silence. Some looked down at the turf, others gazed emptily into the skies. None of them uttered a word of "Sorude Melliye Jomhuriye Eslamiye Iran". That

silence was the most powerfully eloquent statement by the entire team, as they stood in solidarity with the protests led by women back home against the ruling regime.

Many Iranian supporters, too, abstained from singing the anthem. Some booed and, reflecting the national divide, some booed those that booed. Others held aloft placards in the colours of Iran's flag with the words: "Freedom for Iran"; "Freedom for women"; "Women. Life. Freedom." — and, "It's not Iran's national team, it's the Islamic Republic's team". Such was the mood that Iranian national

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Fans stand in solidarity with women protesting in Iran. *Reuters*

Narmada waters creating ripples in arid Kutch despite hiccups

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
MANDVI (KUTCH), NOV 21

THE NEARLY 150 families in Mod Kuba, a remote village on the edge of the Arabian Sea in Kutch district, prefer to retire early given that they start their day at dawn.

But July 7 this year was no ordinary day for the residents of Mod Kuba, which marks the tail-end of the 357-km-long Kutch Branch Canal (KBC) of the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) on the Narmada river, among the centrepieces of the BJP's campaign narrative in poll-bound Gujarat.

Under a shimmering moon,



The last stretch of the 357-km Kutch Branch Canal of the Sardar Sarovar Project at Mod Kuba. *Sourav Roy Barman*

as water started flowing through the Narmada canal around midnight, the villagers rejoiced, breaking into loud cheers and

setting off firecrackers. "We wanted to celebrate the moment we waited for months

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In 30 months, RBI fines Rs 73 cr in 48 cases, but no details on bank violations

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

ON AUGUST 5 this year, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 32 lakh on a public sector bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of Reserve Bank of India (Fraud classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs) Directions 2016. However, it did not provide details of the non-compliance or violations by the bank.

Since January 2020, the banking regulator has imposed monetary penalties worth Rs

EXPLAINED Need for transparency

CUSTOMERS AND investors of banks have only sparse access to information on non-compliance of RBI directions by banks. Unlike in the case of other financial regulators, RBI provides details only to the entity being penalised for violation. There is a need to keep stakeholders informed, and an appellate authority may serve the purpose, say governance and policy experts.

73.06 crore in 48 cases involving banks, including public, private and foreign banks, for violation of provisions or contravention of certain directions through orders that are brief and without

details. These sparsely worded orders from RBI have drawn criticism from various quarters, with some observers even calling for the setting up of an appellate court like the Securities

Appellate Tribunal (SAT) to challenge the central bank's decisions. The Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC), headed by Justice BN Srikrishna, had earlier recommended a financial sector appellate tribunal for all the regulators including the RBI.

In almost all these orders, the RBI said the action was taken against the bank for 'non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by the RBI'. The orders are released on its website in two to three paragraphs with minimum details giving hardly any clue to

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BODY IN SUITCASE DUMPED BY ROADSIDE

Man shot daughter over her marriage, mother helped him dispose body: Police

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR & JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE 21-YEAR-OLD woman whose body was found in a suitcase along the Yamuna Expressway was killed by her father who was against her marriage to a man from a different caste, police said Monday, adding that the mother helped dispose of the body.

The victim, Ayushi Yadav, had an Arya Samaj wedding, police said. While police initially struggled to identify her — forming 14 teams to look for clues along with a SWAT team — they made a breakthrough when they were tipped off by an informant in Delhi.

Police said she lived in Southeast Delhi's Badarpur with her family, and was a student of Bachelor of Computer Applications at DGIT. She was shot, allegedly by her father Nitesh Yadav, using a licenced .32 calibre pistol which he had bought



Ayushi Yadav's parents, accused in her murder case, in Mathura on Monday. *PTI*

in 2005, police said. The weapon has been seized.

Ayushi's mother, Brijbala, allegedly accompanied him to dispose of the body. According to police, they wrapped the body in plastic, stuffed it inside a suitcase and drove to the Yamuna Expressway.

After the body was discovered Friday, police had posted

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Port Blair gangrape: On the run, ex-Labour Commissioner held

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR (A&N) Labour Commissioner R L Rishi, wanted in connection with the gangrape of a 21-year-old woman, and absconding for over a month, was arrested Monday by the A&N Police. Sources said Rishi arrived at Port Blair airport from Chennai following which he was arrested.

This is the third arrest in the Port Blair sex-for-job racket in which former A&N Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain is the key accused. While Narain was arrested by the A&N Police on

November 10, hotel owner Sandeep Singh alias Rinku was arrested from Kamal in Haryana on November 14. Narain had earlier been denied bail and the A&N Police had announced a cash award for Rinku and Rishi.

On October 1, Narain and Rishi were named in the FIR filed at the Aberdeen police station in Port Blair based on the woman's complaint. Both Narain and Rishi have since been suspended.

As first reported by *The Indian Express* on October 15, the woman had accused Narain and Rishi of sexual assault and gangrape at the Chief Secretary's official residence, alleging that

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Through hills, under lake: Mumbai to Pune via Asia's widest road tunnels

SWEETY ADIMULAM
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

ON A weekday afternoon, men in hard hats and fluorescent reflective jackets worked to plaster the walls of the giant cavern, guided by their headlights and the string of lights on the roof. At the far end, their supervisors carried out a review of the unfinished stretch.

This is Tunnel 2 of Rs 6,600-crore 13.3-km-long 'missing link project' of the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, the second and the longer of two sets of twin tunnels,

which, at 24 metres each, are set to be Asia's widest.

If all goes to plan, by January 2024, the drive from Mumbai to Pune will pass through this 'missing link' — an engineering marvel that's expected to decongest the six-lane Mumbai-Pune Expressway.

Currently, those traveling between the two cities take either the six-lane, 94-km-long Mumbai-Pune Expressway or the old Mumbai-Pune Highway (or National Highway No-4), a four-lane, 111-km road stretching from Shil Phata to Dehu Road. But somewhere near the



Construction work on a cable bridge that is part of the project. *Express*



Khalapur toll plaza, the traffic on both the expressways merge, leading to a bottleneck until Khandala Exit as the traffic of 10 lanes converge on six lanes of the expressway. Besides, this stretch passes through ghats and is prone to landslides during the monsoons, leading to further congestion.

Last week, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited Tunnel 2 of the 'missing link' project, called this because it fills a key lacunae in the existing expressway.

"This will be a landmark project in the country, as it has used

modern technology which is currently used in some foreign countries. The width of the tunnel is 23.75 meters, making it the widest tunnel in the world. Measures have been taken to prevent fire incidents inside," he said.

The Rs 6,695-crore project comprises two sets of twin tunnels, and two viaducts, one of which is a cable-stayed bridge. Sources at MSRDC said that while the tunnels are almost 90 per cent complete, the entire project is around 60 per cent ready.

Once completed, those driving from Mumbai to Pune will get on to the 'missing link'

stretch at Khopoli, bypass the expressway and drive 840 metres on a viaduct, before entering Tunnel 1 (1.75 km long). Once out of this tunnel, vehicles will cover 640 metres on a cable-stayed viaduct bridge, before entering Tunnel 2, which is 8.9 km long. A part of this tunnel plunges around 170 feet below the ground, under the Lonavala lake, to finally emerge on the Sinhgad Institute side.

The link is expected to shave off around 6 km of the distance between the two cities and cut travel time by 20-25 minutes.

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Govt unveils framework to curb fake reviews on e-commerce sites

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE UNION government Monday unveiled a framework of standards to curb fake reviews on e-commerce websites. The framework, 'Indian Standard (IS) 19000:2022', has been prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards and will come into effect from November 25.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said the standards will apply to every online platform which publishes consumer reviews.

"IS 19000:2022 is the standard that the BIS [Bureau of Indian Standards] has formulated for us, in consultation with us and the industry. Public consultations have taken place. Now, this is ready to be launched. While we unveil the main provisions of this standard today, this will be published on Friday... On

25th [November] this will be in place," Singh said, addressing a press conference.

Singh said: "Reviews play a critical role in shopping in e-commerce. They are more important in three sectors — tour and travel; restaurant and eateries; and consumer durables."

"We were getting complaints that these reviews are becoming menace... Not only for us but all over the world, countries are struggling with how to handle the fake reviews... All the countries where e-commerce is getting more and more privileged and popular, so they are all struggling with this. Some are making rules; some are making legal provisions. But I think we are the first country... which is making a standard and we will take the standards rule," Singh said.

Singh made it clear that the framework of standards will be voluntary initially.

"We do not want to bulldoze

the industry. We want to take the standards route. We will first seek voluntary compliance and then, if the menace continues to grow, we will maybe make it mandatory in future depending on what happens," Singh said, explaining the rationale behind the standards.

Singh said that the new standards will be applicable to everyone who publishes reviews online and will cover solicited and unsolicited both kinds of reviews.

The reviews should be legitimate and the process of collecting, moderating and publishing of consumer reviews should be accurate, he said, adding that it should not be misleading. He said that protection of review authors' personal information should be ensured.

Singh said: "This is not a judicial order. We have developed a framework and we want all e-commerce entities to adopt this framework as soon as possible and adhere to the standards."

Poll bonds: SC to hear plea against additional 15-day sale window today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE SUPREME Court will Tuesday take up a fresh plea challenging the notification amending the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018, allowing the sale of electoral bonds by 15 more days in the year of general elections to legislative Assemblies of states and Union Territories with legislature.

The plea filed by Congress leader Jaya Thakur will be heard

by a three-judge bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud.

A bench presided by Justice B R Gavai is already seized of petitions filed by NGO, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) challenging the scheme and has fixed December 6 to hear them.

The top court had in March 2021 dismissed a plea filed by the NGO seeking stay on any fresh sale of electoral bonds ahead of the assembly elections that were due at the time.

The SC then questioned claims regarding "complete anonymity" of the purchasers of the bonds and said "it is not as though the operations under the scheme are behind iron curtains incapable of being pierced."

Dismissing the prayer not to allow any new window for their sale till its main petition challenging the Electoral Bond Scheme is decided, the court pointed out that the bonds had already been issued in the past without any impediment.

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talked about in the elections?

Who did how much work? Did water and electricity reach or not? We are ready to give hisab (account), but Congress knows that if they raise this issue then the BJP will counter because it has a tremendous record of work completed. So, they do not talk about development. The Congress says Modi ko uski aukat dikha denge. Look at their ahankar (arrogance)."

In Dhrangadhra in Surendranagar district, he said, "You are all royal families, but I am from a normal family. I have no aukat. I am a sevak and sevadar, and sevak and sevadar

have no aukat. You called me neechi jati, neechpan, you called me maut ka saudagar, gandhi nali ka keeda... and now you have come to show me my aukat. I have no aukat. Please talk about development, enter the contest to make Gujarat a developed Gujarat, and leave these games of showing a person his aukat."

"This time too, neither Modi nor Bhupendra (Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel) is contesting the elections, it is the people, mothers and sisters of Gujarat who are in the fray. Today, in Surendranagar district, it is natural to remember Maa Narmada. I would visit Surendranagar for

the Narmada Yojana several times since Surendranagar district would benefit the most, and it has been done."

"But think about those who have been removed from pad (position) by Indians. Such people are doing yatra for pad (position) now. In a democracy, they can do yatra for pad, but those who kept Gujarat thirsty, those who stopped Maa Narmada from entering Gujarat, stalled the project for 40 years due to court cases... for walking with such Narmada protesters, hand on shoulders and doing padyatra, the people of Gujarat will punish you," he said.

● Adivasis 'malik' for Congress, says Rahul

doctors, fly planes, speak in English."

"And they don't stop there... After that, they work to take away the forest from you. From today on, if their work progresses in 5-10 years, the entire forest will be in the hands of their 2-3 industrialist friends and you will have no place to stay, no education, no health, no employment," he said.

These were the two "perspectives", he said, that made the Congress different from the BJP.

He said the Congress brought in the PESA law (Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act), the land rights "revolutionary laws", but the BJP government did not implement them.

"They weaken these laws and not apply them. This is the difference between them and us. We gave you MGNREGA, scholarships, land rights, they don't give you. they only take your land," he said.

"The decision is before you. On the one hand is the Congress, the Adivasi. On the other hand is

the BJP, the Vanvasi. On the one hand is your land, your rights, education, health and employment. And on the other is sorrow, and all your dreams unfulfilled. We wish that your history, way of living, all be preserved," Gandhi said, adding that Adivasis knew better than environment leaders about forest, land and water.

"The job of the leaders is to listen to you. Not in a plane, or a chopper, but by walking on foot. Listening to you is our job," he said, referring to his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

● RBI fines Rs 73 cr in 48 cases

investors and bank customers about the violations.

Compared to this, the penalty orders passed by the two other regulators — the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) — for any non-compliance are more elaborate with details about the violation and the modus operandi.

The RBI did not respond to a mail from this paper on the issue. In a post-policy media interaction in September, the Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das had said, "We communicate our detailed order to the regulated entity. However, we mention the important highlight of that order in the press release, which is available to everyone in the public domain. But the reasoned orders are communicated with regulated entities which contain the reply they have given, our detailed analysis of that reply, points of agreements and points of disagreements." He was responding to a query on why the RBI's orders against any regulated entity for non-compliance are not detailed ones.

"The RBI is an old regulatory institution. It has developed certain kinds of practices over its existence in the last 80-85 years. Not only in the orders they pass they don't give reasons and detailed explanations, they also don't hear the party," former finance and economic affairs secretary Subhash Chandra Garg said.

On the other hand, Sebi, which was established much

later than the RBI, passes 'speaking orders' that are long, explanatory and give details on all aspects of the issue.

Garg, who also served on the board of RBI, said in most cases, Sebi hears the concerned party or at least gives them some opportunity to provide explanations, before taking action. If not satisfied, the party can also challenge the Sebi's decision in SAT. "The appellate authority hears the concerned party and if there are no reasons or bases for passing that order, the order would get simply thrown out," Garg said.

He believes a similar appellate kind of arrangement is required to challenge the RBI orders, going forward. Like Sebi and IRDAI, whose orders can be challenged in the SAT, the Debt Recovery Tribunals, Income Tax Department and National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) all have appellate tribunals. Currently, the RBI is the only regulatory institution which doesn't have an appellate body.

Corporate governance research and advisory firm Stakeholders Empowerment Services' co-founder and managing director J N Gupta said it is very important for a regulator to pass a speaking order so that any person reading it will know the issue at hand and will understand what went wrong and how it can be corrected. "In the case of RBI, it does not pass speaking orders and that is where the flaw is," said Gupta, who was earlier the Executive Director of the Sebi.

● Mumbai-Pune

While underground tunnels are usually 3+3 lanes (three lanes for oncoming traffic and three for downward traffic), with an average width of 12 metres, the tunnels of the 'missing link' have eight lanes each (4+4 lanes) along with 2.5-metre-wide emergency lanes on either side.

Engineers said the show-piece of the missing link project are the twin tunnels whose construction involved controlled blasting of the basaltic rock of the Sahyadris. Nearly 5.7 lakh truck trips were made to remove the 40 lakh cubic metres of rubble generated by the blasting process, with the waste being reused for road construction.

● Narmada waters creating ripples in arid Kutch

and years," says 68-year-old Kiritbhai Bhanushali, who places his support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi above his loyalty for the BJP since its Jan Sangh days.

But their joy was short-lived, with a section of the canal near the village developing a breach within 24 hours.

"In July, water was released as part of a test to assess the structural safety of the canal, which was delayed due to land acquisition issues. Later, the breaches were identified and repaired," says a top official of the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd (SSNNL).

On August 28, the Prime Minister officially inaugurated

the KBC, which is a branch of the Narmada Main Canal (NMC), which originates at Kevadia. The water supply, however, has again come to a halt in the canal due to another "breach", say villagers.

"There was an accident in which a few youths drowned in the canal recently, forcing us to stop the flow of water. Also, the Rabi sowing season has just started. Water will be released in phases based on assessment of aggregate demand from a number of areas at a time," says the SSNNL official.

For the ruling BJP, in the belts of Mod Kuba and the adjoining areas, which come under the Mandvi Assembly constituency

● Iran's footballers

television reportedly snapped the live telecast and resumed only for England's "God Save The Queen".

In fact, even before Iran's World Cup rolled out, the predominant narrative around the team was whether the players would protest. Every time an Iranian player or the coach turned up for a media interaction, they would invariably be peppered with this question.

Coach Carlos Quieroz said he was open to players staging a protest. And defender Ehsan Hajsafi expressed sympathy for those who had died in the protests, which escalated after 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died in custody following her arrest on September 13 for "breaching the dress code" for women.

"My condolences to all the mourning families in Iran... We stand with them and share their pain... We must accept that conditions in our country are not right and our people are not happy... My people are sad and our presence here does not mean that we cannot be a voice for them or should not respect them," Hajsafi said.

Several players also changed their social media profile pictures to a black square.

From an Iranian fan's perspective, meanwhile, the match was perhaps less about football. Many of the supporters had come to the stadium to show solidarity with the "struggles of the people", rather than cheer the team. Hours before the game, outside the Sports City Metro Station that leads to the stadium, a bunch of fans, with Iranian flags draped around them and national colours smeared on their faces, were passionately chanting: "Justice for Iran, peace for Iran."

One of them, Bahman Ahmadi, said: "Our struggles, our fight, the world should listen."

The anger was all the more because their Monday morning was ushered in with the news that the police in Iran had arrested two prominent actors who had expressed support for the protest movement and removed their headscarves in public. "With the mess in our country, we are not in a mood to enjoy a game of football. How can we when the nation is burning?" Ahmadi asked. But still, he de-

cided to watch the match — not for the country, not for the footballers, "but for the people, to show them total support". Ahmadi had flown in from Abu Dhabi in the UAE, where he runs a restaurant, along with a friend, Ali Hosseini, who was tooting a horn painted in the colours of Iran. "I am not supporting the team. It's not a team of Iranians, it's that of the government. But if they express their solidarity with the people back home, we would support them," said Hosseini.

The supporters were upset that the country was not unified in the "national cause". Even the national team was divided at one point. Sardar Azmoun, the forward, had posted on Instagram: "The ultimate [punishment] is to be kicked out of the national team, which is a small price to pay for even a single strand of Iranian women's hair. Shame on you for easily killing the people and viva women of Iran. Long live Iranian women!"

Days later, he deleted the post, apologising for the "hasty action". But Sardar's popularity only swelled, even though he did not start the game on Monday after failing to recover fully from a knee injury.

Others like teammate Mehdi Torabi had publicly supported the regime. In Doha, however, the team was one. Torabi netted two goals but did not celebrate. Nor did his teammates. Not because those goals meant little in their 6-2 thrashing, but because they did not want to.

On the other side, the England players made a statement of their own, too. Before kick-off, they took the knee. But Harry Kane did not wear the One Love armband after FIFA clarified that it would sanction captains with yellow cards if they wore unapproved armbands.

In the game that followed, England battered the already battered Iran, pummelling three goals in the first half itself. Iran seemed like they were sleep-running through the game, reducing the match to a sideshow, given the larger context.

Evidently, there were far more pressing concerns at the football World Cup on Monday than a game of football.

● Port Blair

they had lured her with the promise of a government job. It was Rinku who introduced the woman to Rishi.

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

The woman's complaint, accessed by *The Indian Express*, gives a detailed account of the violent sexual attack on her on two occasions in April and May at Narain's official residence in Port Blair.

In her complaint, the woman

alleged that in search of a job, she was introduced to the Labour Commissioner through a hotel owner and the Commissioner took her to the residence of the Chief Secretary.

There, she said, she was offered liquor which she refused and was assured government employment. Subsequently, she alleged, she was sexually abused by the two men. Two weeks later, she alleged in the complaint, she was again called by them to the Chief Secretary's residence and the assault was repeated.

Narain has alleged a "conspiracy" against him.

On November 14, *The Indian Express* reported that an audio clip purportedly features a phone call between Rinku and the woman with Rishi listening in.

FOR CITY’S PVT SCHOOLS

Nursery admission starts Dec 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE APPLICATION process for admissions to entry-level classes in Delhi’s private schools will begin on December 1. The admission process for these entry-level seats is starting two weeks earlier than it did last year.

According to the schedule released by the Delhi government’s Directorate of Education, all private schools will have to upload their admission criteria by November 28 and the application process will begin on December 1. The last date of submitting applications will be December 23. The first list of selected candidates and the waiting list will be issued by schools on January 20. Following this, the second list, if any, will be issued on February 6, and any subsequent list on March 1. The admission process will close on March 17.

This schedule is for admissions to entry-level classes to private schools in Delhi — nursery, KG or class I as the case may be for different schools.

“We welcome the decision taken by DoE. Schools had been receiving queries for couple of weeks so this notification comes as a relief to parents looking for

KEY DATES



The admission process will kick off two weeks earlier than it did last year. Amit Mehra

NOV 28: Private schools to upload admission criteria by this date

DEC 1: Application process begins

DEC 23: Last date to submit applications

JAN 20: First list of selected

candidates, waiting list will be issued by schools

FEB 6: Second list, if any, to be issued

MAR 1: Subsequent list, if any, to be issued

MAR 17: Admission process closes

nursery admissions. This will give enough time to all stakeholders and will ensure smoothness of the process,” said Bharat Arora, president, Action Committee of Unaided Private Schools.

There are no significant changes in the admission guide-

lines from previous years.

Most schools usually allot points to applicants based on their distance from the school, on having siblings in the school and if a parent is an alumnus.

The upper age limit for admissions is four, five and six years for nursery, KG and class I re-

EXPLAINED

Some rules

THE CRITERIA on the basis of which admission will take place is for the schools to formulate but there are certain “discriminatory” criteria which they are not allowed to adopt by the Directorate of Education. These include taking into consideration parents’ education qualifications, their food and drinking habits (vegetarianism and alcohol non-consumers), their professional fields or any kind of expertise, oral tests or interviews, or a first-come-first-get system.

spectively as of March 31, 2023.

All schools are required to reserve 22% of their seats in entry-level classes for EWS/DG students and 3% for children with special needs (CWSN). Admissions to these are conducted through a centralised process of draw of lots by the DoE. A separate schedule for this will be released by the DoE later.

4 held for beating dog to death

New Delhi: Days after a pregnant street dog was beaten to death in New Friends Colony, police arrested four college students in connection with the incident.

Police Monday said the incident took place on October 30 when the students were playing on a ground and the dog “came in

between”. “... The boys said they felt disturbed and their game was interrupted. They first started chasing the dog... and decided to... beat it. A few of them took the dog to a tin shed and (hit) it with sticks and stones. When they realised it had died, they... buried it (in the field),” said a police source. ENS

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Satyendar Jain has lost 28 kg since being imprisoned: Lawyers to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

AAP LEADER Satyendar Jain’s lawyers have moved a Delhi court alleging that Tihar jail authorities have stopped providing him food items as per his religious beliefs. The application was moved on Monday before a special judge at Rouse Avenue court.

His lawyers submitted that since Jain is unable to visit a temple as per his religious beliefs, he has been on a fast and is not having cooked food, pulses, grains and milk products. “He has suffered a major fall in jail, which led to severe spine injury for which he was treated by LNJP hospital. He also has lung patches, which is a post-Covid symptom,” his application read. It stated that for the last 12 days, jail administration has stopped providing him with basic food items as per his religious beliefs — fruits/vegetables, mixed seeds, dry fruits and dates — because of which he lost 2 kg last week. His lawyers stated that he has lost around 28 kg since the day of his arrest, indicating his debilitating health status. They alleged that an MRI scan that he was supposed to undergo was delayed by 30 days.

Jain’s lawyers submitted that he has “the right to a dignified human life, which is a wide-ranging and highly pervasive right inclusive of the right against unjust treatment by prison authorities”. “A prisoner does not cease to remain a human being even after punishment. That the applicant is currently an undertrial and as such cannot be made to starve, relinquish his religious beliefs and denied basic medical condition,” the application read. It sought reliance on Delhi Prison Rules 339 and 341 to state that all prisoners are allowed to observe their religious beliefs and have to be given a diet in accordance with those. Jain has been in custody since May in connection with an alleged money laundering case being investigated by the ED.

Vijay Nair arrest: 5 TV channels told to keep broadcast ‘in tune with press releases of CBI, ED’

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DELHI High Court Monday directed five TV news channels to ensure that all broadcasts on the excise policy case are in “tune with the official press releases” issued by central investigative agencies and “comply with the directives which govern them”.

A single-judge bench of Justice Yashwant Varma issued notices to the channels and directed the National Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority (NBDSA) to “duly examine the broadcasts and tell the court whether they have complied with their guidelines” or not. The directions were passed on a plea filed by AAP communications in-charge Vijay Nair, an accused in the case, who alleged that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) had leaked sensitive information to the media. Nair contended that the alleged leak had prejudiced his rights in the case.

Zohab Hussain, appearing for the ED, submitted that the agency had not issued any press release pertaining to the case, but CBI said it had issued three releases. After perusing the press releases, court observed that “there is simply no co-relation” between the news broadcasts and information provided by the agency. The court observed that “... it is not a case where information was collectively leaked by investigative agencies”.

The court expressed dismay at NBDSA’s submission that it did not have power to restrain channels. “If self-regulation is mere eyewash, why should we not disband you?... what action do you propose to take?” the court asked the authority’s counsel. It said whatever news channels publish has to be in tune with what has been disclosed by CBI and ED. The HC allowed Nair to implead the News Broadcasters and Digital Association, of which some respondent news channels are members.

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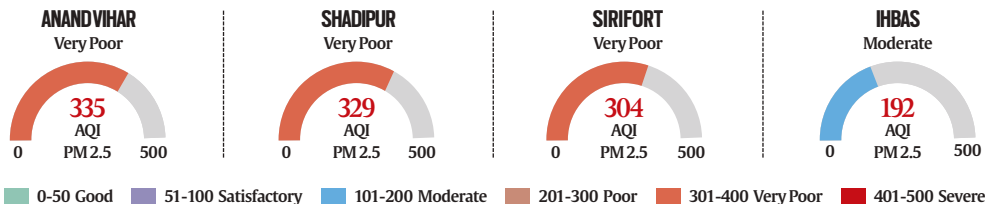
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POLLS 2 WEEKS AWAY, PARTY BRINGS 5,000 LEADERS — BIG AND SMALL — TO DELHI

For MCD firepower, BJP reaches far and wide

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

WITH JUST two weeks to go for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi elections, the BJP has pulled in about 5,000 leaders from across the country to woo voters in the national capital, keeping in mind the linguistic diversity in different wards. The influx, though, has led to some heartburn among local leaders, it is learnt.

While BJP's Chief Ministers and MPs being roped in has made headlines, the party has also reached out to unit presidents, zila adhyakshs (district presidents) and paarshads (councillors) from other states to lend heft to its campaign in Delhi.

"Senior leaders going to other states for campaigning during elections is usual, but this is perhaps the first time leaders lower in the hierarchy are also being involved at such a scale. This also indicates the party is cognizant of the challenge AAP poses," said a BJP leader, adding that the party has assigned wards and assemblies to these leaders keeping in mind the demography in each.

One leader explained: "For

example, Delhi has an estimated 50,000 voters from Assam and we have especially inducted 20 leaders from the state to campaign on the ground level and interact with people in their language." On Sunday, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma campaigned in Delhi's Ghonda area.

Sources said leaders from BJP-ruled states have been instructed to tell voters here how the party has rolled out development works and implemented

schemes for welfare of people back home.

"This way, even if we get 30,000-35,000 voters from a section of people, it will add to our tally," said a source.

Besides BJP-ruled states such as Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, the party has also involved senior leaders from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal.

Some in the party's local unit, though, aren't enthusiastic about the campaign style, with one leader explaining: "Although the party aims to win 100-plus seats with its detailed plan, some Delhi workers and former councillors are feeling ignored. The party will need to find a way to appease them so they don't work against its interests."

Delhi BJP suspends 11 for contesting against party's poll candidates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

DELHI BJP president Adesh Gupta Monday suspended about 11 party members for six years for "indiscipline", after they decided to independently contest against official candidates fielded by the party for the MCD polls.

These suspended members, one of whom is a former councillor, filed their nominations independently after the BJP denied them tickets for the polls.

In an official notification, the Delhi BJP said, "The following workers are contesting the

elections as rebel candidates against the official candidates of the party. This is indiscipline towards the party. According to the instructions of state president Adesh Gupta ji, the... 11 workers have been suspended with immediate effect for six years from the initial days of the party."

The Delhi BJP, which has ruled the MCD for the last 15 years, gave 50% tickets to new faces this time.

The elections for the reunified MCD and its 250 wards will be held on December 4. Counting of votes and declaration of results will take place on December 7.

Critical outside, AAP pitches double engine in Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

WITH TWO weeks to go for the municipal corporation polls, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) launched a new campaign called 'Kejriwal ki Sarkar, Kejriwal ka parshad' on Monday. While launching the campaign, senior AAP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia also attacked the BJP and called it a party with no "vision".

"People choose the Arvind Kejriwal government for the second time because of the work it has done in Delhi in the sectors of education, health, electricity,

water etc... BJP has ruled the MCD for the last 15 years, but it has not done a single work, it does not have an agenda to count on to show the people the work it has done in the civic sector," said Sisodia.

Saying the BJP only knows to abuse CM Kejriwal and ask for votes, he said "we will not indulge in their 'tu tu, main main'."

Even as the AAP pushes for uniformity in the party ruling the state and the MCD, it has been critical of BJP's "double engine" narrative — of the same party in the state and Centre — elsewhere. In Gujarat, Kejriwal had said the state needs a "naye engine ki sarkar" and not a "dou-



Among the top leaders who have campaigned is Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma who is increasingly becoming one of the BJP's most sought-after campaigners in state elections. Amit Mehra

BJP's strategy: Use top guns to keep Chief Minister Kejriwal tied to Delhi

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE BJP on Sunday rallied four chief ministers, its national president JP Nadda, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for a massive show of strength in the run-up to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) election on December 4.

The roadshows, party leaders said, were a "huge success". In the coming days, the national capital will see more of the party's top leaders, including Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath, deployed for campaigning for the elections to 250 wards in the national capital, said a source.

This is in line with the party's stand that "no election is less important". But party leaders admitted it was the first time the BJP was rolling out its heaviest artillery ahead of a civic election. BJP national president Bajajant Panda told *The Indian Express*, "As the largest political party, the BJP has the luxury of several popular faces. It will be a shame to not have them speak to the public in Delhi. Because Delhi shapes the national

and international narrative for India. Also, we do not want to hold an election in which only the state government of Delhi plays a role."

The MCD polls are expected to be a three-way fight between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the BJP, and the Congress. The BJP, which has been ruling the MCD for 15 years, is facing a tough fight from the AAP to retain control of the civic body for the fourth straight term.

With the top leadership of the party, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, busy with Gujarat elections, the party has had a discussion about its MCD poll campaign. "In the meeting attended by Nadda ji and (general secretary for organisation) BL Santhosh, the view was that we should not just leave our galaxy of leaders — who in their individual capacity have different constituencies — unutilised. The question was why should we leave this election as a one-man show by Arvind Kejriwal for the AAP and that the BJP should not follow the strategies of the AAP," a party leader familiar with the developments said, adding, "We

decided to reset the terms of engagement."

Among the top leaders who have campaigned is Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma who is increasingly becoming one of the BJP's most sought-after campaigners in state elections. Sarma made a clear attempt to consolidate Hindu majority votes by raking up Kejriwal's alleged anti-Hindu position on matters, seeking a law against "love jihad", and Uniform Civil Code, among other issues.

In the run-up to the Uttarakhand Assembly elections earlier this year, the BJP, in Sarma's presence, had assured it would set up a panel to draft UCC if voted back to power. "Our country doesn't need Aaftab (the accused in the Shraddha Walkar murder case) but a person like Lord Ram, a leader like Prime Minister Modi. We need a Uniform Civil Code and law against 'love jihad'. We need such laws where Aaftabs can be hanged to death," Sarma was heard saying in a video of a roadshow in the national capital on Sunday.

With initiatives such as the

demolition of madrasas and statements painting Opposition leaders as anti-Hindu, Sarma has now become one of the aggressive faces of the BJP.

The other CMs who attended Sunday's roadshows in Delhi were Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur, his Uttarakhand counterpart Pushkar Dhami, and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar.

Rallying its big guns against Kejriwal and the AAP is also a strategy to keep the Delhi CM tied to the national capital since his stakes in the local elections are high. Kejriwal has often blamed the BJP's dominance in local bodies as a hurdle for the developmental initiatives his government plans to take in Delhi.

The BJP is nervous about the "optics and the space" occupied by the AAP and Kejriwal in the campaign ahead of the Gujarat Assembly elections. "The party's strategists do not like the idea of projecting the Gujarat elections as Modi versus Kejriwal or BJP versus AAP. A hectic campaign in Delhi is something the AAP cannot stay away from," said a BJP leader.



Deputy CM Sisodia launched AAP's new MCD campaign, Monday. Abhinav Saha

ble engine ki sarkaar". Sisodia, meanwhile, said on Monday: "Taking our abhiyaan to the next level, today we launch our campaign. We know that Kejriwal is going to win and form the government in the MCD, but if the BJP wins even one or two seats in any ward, it will not let the AAP government work in that area. They will interfere and try to stop cleaning of garbage, construction of roads, hospitals and development of schools. So, I am appealing

ing to the people of Delhi to ensure that the Kejriwal government comes to power in the MCD and your ward councillor only belongs to AAP."

Sisodia also called the BJP a party that spreads hate and seeks votes by abusing Kejriwal, while Kejriwal and his party get votes by winning the hearts of people.

The AAP has launched several campaigns such as 'Kejriwal ka 20 guarantees' and 'MCD mai bhi Kejriwal' in the run up to the polls. The party is also holding 500 local level meetings daily and is interacting with the public with an aim to win a majority of seats.

Process starts to build MP Chambers next to Parliament

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT last week set the ball rolling for the construction of MP Chambers that would have offices for all MPs in the vicinity of the under-construction new Parliament building.

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on November 19 invited pre-qualification bids from companies for the project estimated to cost Rs 1,435 crore. The bids were invited till December 10, after which the selected bidders would be asked to submit financial bids.

As a part of its redevelopment of the Central Vista area, the government has proposed

constructing offices for all MPs to be connected to the Parliament complex through underground passageways. The proposed MP Chambers would have three blocks and one utility block constructed at the site of Transport Bhavan and Shram Shakti Bhavan.

"The site is located on existing Transport Bhavan and Shram Shakti Bhavan, adjacent to Press Trust of India in plot number 119, in high security zone. The proposed office buildings shall be of reinforced cement concrete framed structure building. The existing structures on plot number 119 are to be demolished before the start of new construction," the pre-qualification bid document said.

The office complex would

be spread over 1.18 lakh square metres in two 10-storied buildings, one two-storied building and a ground-floor utility block.

The CPWD document said the proposed buildings would be "designed to improve potency and functioning through carefully planned formation of all MP offices with supporting facilities".

Meanwhile, the new Parliament building, which was scheduled to be completed this month, is still under construction. Located adjacent to the existing Parliament House, the new building will have space to accommodate a larger number of MPs, keeping in mind any future expansion of the Lok Sabha following delimitation.

Shraddha murder: To trace evidence, cops seek polygraph test on Poonawala

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DELHI Police have approached a court to conduct a polygraph test on Aaftab Poonawala — apart from the narco analysis test that the court has already agreed to — to help investigators find the missing weapon and other evidence in the Shraddha Walkar murder case.

Poonawala is accused of allegedly chopping Walkar's body, who was his live-in partner, into multiple pieces and discarding them over the next few months.

The Forensic Science Laboratory in Delhi said they will conduct a polygraph test if and when the consent form comes. FSL officials said they have received consent for the narco test, which will be conducted within the next few days. "We will also need to conduct medical tests on him before the narco test. These will be done to check his physical and mental health to see if he's fit to take the test," said an officer.

Meanwhile, police found that nearly a month after Poonawala allegedly killed Walkar, he contacted a packers and movers company to shift 37 boxes from their shared flat in Maharashtra's Vasai to Chhattarpur Pahadi, paying Rs 20,000 for the process. Police sources said he allegedly took Rs 54,000 from Walkar's account and used this money to pay bills and also for moving the household items.

Govind Yadav, owner of Goodluck Packers and Movers, told *The Indian Express* that he was questioned by Mumbai Police and Delhi Police in Mumbai. Poonawala approached the company on June 5. "He found our number online and booked the boxes to be shifted from Vasai to Delhi. I asked my executives. They were all small boxes containing clothes, utensils and small furniture pieces. He paid Rs 20,000 online. I didn't speak to him over the phone," said Yadav.

As reported earlier, the couple allegedly had an argument before the murder on who



Aaftab Poonawala; Shraddha Walkar

would spend on getting their belongings to the national capital, since both were out of jobs and facing financial strain.

Police are continuing their searches in the Mehrauli forest, Chhattarpur Pahadi and Maidan Garhi lake to find Walkar's remains. Teams have also been sent to Gurgaon, Mumbai, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Poonawala's custody ends on Tuesday and police are yet to recover the mini-saw and blood-stained clothes. Police sources claim they have found a shop from where Aaftab allegedly purchased the mini-saw and other tools to chop the body.

While suspected body parts have been found, forensics is yet to confirm if they are indeed Walkar's. Sources said they have found 16-17 suspected body parts in the form of bones from forest areas, some of which appear to be part of a skull and jaw. "We are approaching doctors and other specialists who can ascertain if the suspected skull and jaw belong to Walkar. The Maidan Garhi lake was drained so we could look there too," said an officer.

Police said the bones have been handed over to the Central FSL for examination. Police have also contacted a dentist to examine the part of the jaw that was recovered.

Red suitcase murder: In neighbourhood, all seemed well till police team visited

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

NEWS OF 21-year-old Ayushi Yadav being murdered, allegedly by her parents, rocked the Southeast Delhi neighbourhood of Molar Band, Badarpur, on Monday.

The woman's body was found in a red suitcase along the Yamuna Expressway on Friday. On Monday, Mathura police said she had been killed allegedly by her father for marrying against her parents' wishes, while her mother helped dispose of the body. Both have been arrested.

The neighbourhood where they stayed is home to hundreds of lower middle-class families. When *The Indian Express* visited the location on Monday, the grandmother refused to speak about the incident, saying that members of the family who are in Mathura are the only ones who have knowledge of what may have happened. This was before police announced the arrests.

In the lane where she stayed,

Ayushi's murder was the main topic of conversation. Neighbours expressed shock at the turn of events and said a visit by an Uttar Pradesh Police team was their first clue that all was not well.

"I was taking tuition classes when police suddenly arrived and started showing missing person posters. After that, all of us found out about the matter. We never even got the impression that somebody was missing or dead at their house," said a neighbour.

Another resident of the lane said: "I knew her, though not very well, as she used to go to the gym at the same time as my daughter and cross the street in front of our house. She was a nice person. In fact, I had seen the photos of the body on Friday itself, but I did not look closely as it was macabre. When the police came, I realised it was familiar, and it turned out to be her."

Another neighbour, Divya, said: "The last time I saw her was earlier in the week."

The woman, police said, was a student of Bachelor of Computer Applications at DGIT.



The woman's body was found in a red suitcase along the Yamuna Expressway on Friday. Amit Mehra

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₹8.93 crore

CRIMINAL CASES
Three, including a corruption case in Gandhinagar. Two cases in Mumbai related to cheating. The trial is pending

SAGAR RABARI, 51
AAP candidate from Becharaji

A former activist, he has served as the president of Khedut Ekta Manch.

MOVABLE ASSETS

₹4.90 crore

IMMOVABLE ASSETS

₹85 LAKH
(including 7.86 acres of farm land in Dharoi in Mehsana worth Rs 60 lakh)

LIABILITIES

CRIMINAL CASES

None

None



TEAM BJP

Amit Shah and cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, whose wife Rivaba is the BJP candidate from Jamnagar North, in Jamnagar Monday. PTI

CANDIDATE WATCH

Up for re-election, Cong's Lalit Vasoya makes MLA work hard sell in Dhoraji

GOPAL KATESHIYA
VADLA (RAJKOT), NOV 21

LALIT VASOYA is the sitting Congress MLA from Gujarat's Dhoraji Assembly constituency in Rajkot district, where PM Narendra Modi addressed a public meeting on Sunday.

He tells villagers in Vadla village of Upleta taluka how he "toiled for their village for five years" and had come to seek compensation in the form of votes for the work he had done.

Vasoya, a prominent Patidar leader, then reels off details of some of his works – building the village roads for Rs 10.8 lakh and constructing a burial ground's compound wall at a cost of Rs 80,000 from his MLA local area development (LAD) fund. The MLA, 60, tells farmers that Vadla was among the 18 villages of Upleta which received excessive rainfall this monsoon but were not included by the BJP-ruled state



Vasoya, a prominent Patidar leader, interacts with people on the campaign trail in Dumiyani on Sunday. Chitral Khambhati

government for compensation.

Vasoya, who was the Saurashtra zone convener of the Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS) which was leading the Patidar quota agitation, was given ticket by the Congress to fight his maiden election from

Dhoraji in the 2017 polls.

While campaigning for his 2017 bid, Vasoya announced that he would use his MLA salary for welfare of people and not for personal use. While campaigning for his re-election as a Congress candidate in 2022, he gives an ac-

count to his voters in this regard.

In Sevantra village, he tells people that their drinking water woes are going to end soon as the Venu-Moj group drinking water supply project to supply treated drinking water to 48 villages of the area is nearing completion.

The MLA barely mentions any state or national leader of the Congress during his campaign, with Dhoraji being scheduled for polling in the first phase on December 1. "I hardly get around 10 minutes to talk during which I barely manage to give account of work we did over the past five years," he tells *The Indian Express*.

Vasoya targets the BJP over price rise and its candidate, Prof Mahendra Padalia, the Rajkot-based former chancellor of Saurashtra University who is a native of Panell village in Upleta. Calling the BJP candidate an "outsider", he asks a gathering in Dumiyani village, "Does anyone of you know him? Have you ever seen him?"

A trip in time saves 93? AAP's dash to Somnath before withdrawal deadline

RASHI MISHRA
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 21

SEQUESTERING MLAs after elections is passe. The Aam Aadmi Party has made a head start on others in Gujarat. On Sunday, a day before the last day of withdrawal of nominations for the second and final day of polling in the state, the party is believed to have whisked away all its 93 candidates for that phase to a huddle in Somnath.

Officially, the party's stand was that the candidates had gone to the Somnath temple for "darshan".

Sources said the party was spooked after its Surat (East) candidate Kanchan Jariwala disappeared one evening, to emerge the next day and withdraw his nomination. AAP

claims that he was "kidnapped" and forced to withdraw his nomination by the BJP, but has little substantial to back that up.

By Monday, some of the AAP candidates were "back on the field", as per what they told *The Indian Express*. Others admitted going to Somnath, but said it was for "prayers".

Om Prakash Tiwari, the AAP candidate from Naroda Assembly constituency in Ahmedabad, said they went for a party meeting to Veraval, Somnath. "We were there, so we did darshan at the nearby Somnath temple. I came back Sunday, some might be coming back today (Monday)."

Sources said the party had information about some of the candidates coming under BJP pressure to withdraw. "Once the date to withdraw nominations passed, the candidates

who were taken to a safe place were brought back," a source in the party told *The Indian Express*.

Other party candidates said they never went to Somnath. The party candidate from Deesa in Banaskantha district, Ramesh Patel, said he was "unaware" of any such pilgrimage to Somnath, and that he had been in his constituency for the past two-three days.

Nikhil Savani, the vice-president of AAP's youth wing, denied any herding of candidates by the party. "There is nothing like that. They are not here (Somnath) now, everyone is on the ground."

Candidates from two other seats – Manjalpur (Vadodara) and Ellisbridge (Ahmedabad) – who were believed to have camped in Somnath, could not be contacted.

VIEW FROM THE GROUND

Beneath the lustre of Statue of Unity, some dark spots for BJP

In first Assembly polls since statue inauguration, party faces rancour over land acquisition, unmet job promises

ADITI RAJA
NANDOD (NARMADA),
NOVEMBER 21

IT IS a usual Saturday at the Statue of Unity, with no particular excitement about this being the first Assembly elections since the 182-metre structure was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kevadia of Narmada district. The inauguration in 2018 was followed by the renaming of the village where the statue is located as Ektanagar, and the start of a 'Tourism Circuit' with over 35 attractions in 2020.

In 2017, the Nandod (ST reserved) Assembly seat under which Kevadia falls was wrested from the BJP by the Congress. So a lot is at stake for the BJP this time in the seat, which covers both the Statue of Unity and the Sardar Sarovar Dam, two of the Modi government's projects which are also at the heart of its campaign.

However, what is for the Modi government a record-setting feat, raising the world's tallest statue, does not hold as much appeal for tribals in the area. They have struggled to reorganise their lives around the project, particularly those who lost their land to the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited (SSNNL).

Ganpat Tadi, 40, had to give up his shop and now runs a tea stall near the statue's parking area, making half what he earned earlier, he says. "Outsiders benefited from the statue... what did tribal families get? Our properties were acquired while our children are still waiting for the promised jobs," he says, adding that his two sons had submitted their resumes for a job a year ago.

In September, two hotel projects by the Tata Group were inaugurated at Ektanagar.

A resident of Nana Pipadiya village, Ganpat says: "My older son has completed a computer course from Rajpipla and my younger son is studying at an ITI... A few thousand tribal youths have been employed in the statue but 70% are outsiders."

Natwar Tadi of Kevadia had attempted self-immolation in June 2020 to prevent SSNNL from fencing his fields. Now a parking lot with an Amul outlet stands where his farmland was. "We cannot trust the BJP... We are a family of 40 and have no land now, nor did we receive commensurate compensation as a family," Natwar says.

He also accuses the BJP of co-opting "one of our biggest voices in the local body elections". Natwar's reference is to his neighbour Dinesh Tadi, who had fought against the land acquisition before winning from Kevadia on a BJP ticket in the February 2021 district panchayat polls.

Also angry about "outsiders", Sharda Tadi of Navagam says all parties are the same. "Our MP is from Rathwa community (the

KEY CONSTITUENCIES



Visitors near the Statue of Unity in Ektanagar. Aditi Raja

2017 RESULTS



NANDOD

WINNER
Premsinhbhai Vasava
(Congress)
VOTES: 81,849
RUNNER-UP
Tadvi Shabdasharan
Bhailalbhai (BJP)
VOTES: 75,520

DEDIAPADA

WINNER
Mahesh Chhotubhai
Vasava (BTP)
VOTES: 83,026
RUNNER-UP
Motilal Punjabhai
Vasava (BJP)
VOTES: 61,275

BJP's Geeta Rathwa) while our MLA is a Vasava (PD Vasava of the Congress). This time, every party has fielded Vasavas though Tadv's outnumber them..."

Many nearby villages, however, have tapped into the tourism boom and converted their homes into home stays, some on their own, without government help.

Also on the side of the project is a villager whose music group performs the Narmada Aarti near the statue.

While projecting themselves as the real supporters of tribals, all parties, from BJP to Congress, lay claim to the Sardar Sarovar Dam

While close to 4,000 locals, mostly tribals, are hired with various tasks related to the statue, including as security guards and tourist guides, the number of aspirants remains long.

Addressing a rally in Jambughoda on November 1, much before the polls were announced, PM Modi had mentioned the Statue of Unity as one of the initiatives by his government to get the region jobs.

The BJP is also hoping to win back Dediapada, the other Assembly constituency in Narmada district, on the strength of the statue and its other efforts. In 2017, the Congress's ally Bharatiya Tribal Party won from Dediapada.

But there is another factor in the fray, in the form of AAP, which has fielded influential former BJP leaders from both seats. While its Nandod candidate Prafula Vasava had led the protests against the land acquisition but has lost steam since due to the Modi government's project push, AAP's Dediapada candidate, Chaitar Vasava, is on strong ground.

Apart from AAP, the BJP also faces a rebel in Nandod. It has fielded Darshana Deshmukh, a gynaecologist and the daughter of former BJP MP from Bharuch Chandu Deshmukh as its candidate. Harshad Vasava, its Tribal Morcha president and two-term MLA from Rajpipla, which after the delimitation in 2012 led to the creation of Nandod, is contesting as an Independent. On Sunday, the party suspended Harshad.

A BJP leader said that while Harshad will cause a dent, as an Independent he was not a big risk. "Times are gone when tribals could not envision what development looked like and fell for the emotional manipulation of parties. Now, they side with the BJP's policies."

The Congress, which won Nandod last time, has dropped veteran sitting MLA P D Vasava for Hareesh Vasava.

Ironically, while projecting themselves as the real supporters of tribals, all parties also lay claim to the Sardar Sarovar Dam. The Congress talks about PM Jawaharlal Nehru having laid the foundation stone for the dam in 1961. The BJP stresses it was Modi's dedication that saw the dam and "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision" through.

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SETBACK TO CONGRESS AS NCP CANDIDATE IN DAHOD WITHDRAWS

BATTLEFRONT GUJARAT

Five of seven candidates in billionaire club from BJP, two from Congress

Rajkot and Patan districts have two nominees each in the Rs 100 cr club, many of whom left school after Class 10

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 21

FROM TWO candidates in the 2012 Assembly polls who had assets worth over Rs 100 crore, there are at least seven candidates in the Rs 100 crore-plus club this time, five of them from the BJP. There were seven billionaires in the fray in 2017 too.

In Mansa of Gandhinagar, where Congress won in 2017 by

500-odd votes, BJP has Jayanti Patel, 64, who has immovable and movable assets worth Rs 661.28 crore in total, as declared in his affidavit. This also includes the assets of his spouse, Anandiben Jayantibhai Patel, as well as those held under an Hindu Unified Family (HUF) account.

A Class 10-pass businessman belonging to the Kadva Patidar caste, Jayanti has declared movable assets worth Rs 147 crore, with the remaining Rs 514 crore



(From left) Balvantsinh Rajput, Indranil Rajyaguru, Jayanti Patel and Ramesh Tilala. Express

as immovable assets.

Congress turncoat Balvantsinh Rajput, 61, who is contesting from Sidhpur in Patan district on a BJP ticket, where Congress's Chandanji Thakor had won in 2017 by 17,000 votes, has declared

assets worth Rs 367.89 crore. Rajput, who is a proprietor of the Gokul Group, has reported movable assets worth Rs 266 crore, which includes agricultural and non-agricultural land parcels, a commercial building in Guwahati,

Assam that is presently valued at approximately Rs 13.81 crore, along with other commercial spaces in Gujarat, as well as residential buildings and plots. Another Rs 101 crore has been declared as immovable assets.

Rajput, who was the richest candidate in the 2012 elections (declared assets worth Rs 268 crore then), has seen his assets' worth grow by nearly 40 per cent in the 10 intervening years. He switched from the Congress to the BJP in 2017 and contested for a Rajya Sabha seat against the Congress's Ahmed Patel, though the latter won the seat.

In another constituency in Patan – Radhanpur – where Congress's Alpesh Thakor had won in 2017 (Thakor joined BJP in 2019 and will be contesting this year from Gandhinagar South), the Congress has fielded Raghunath Desai, a builder with assets worth Rs 140 crore. Desai

had contested from the Chanasma seat in 2017, but lost. At the time, he had declared assets worth Rs 108 crore.

Rajkot district will also witness two billionaire candidates – the BJP's Ramesh Tilala from Rajkot South, and the Congress's Indranil Rajyaguru from Rajkot East.

Tilala, 57, is a school dropout and industrialist. He is also the trustee of the Shree Khodaldham Trust of the Leuva Patel caste, and has declared movable assets worth Rs 16.35 crore, which include those of his spouse, as well as under an HUF account. He has also declared immovable assets worth Rs 156.42 crore, bringing the total to around Rs 172 crore.

Rajguru, 56, has declared Rs 66.85 crore worth of movable assets and Rs 92.99 crore worth of immovable assets, totalling to nearly Rs 160 crore. Movable assets belonging to him and his wife include 16 vehicles. He had lost against former CM Vijay Rupani by a margin of over 53,000 votes in 2017.

BJP's Dwarka candidate Pabubha Manek, who won the 2017 elections by a margin of over 5,000 votes, has reported immovable and movable assets totalling Rs 115 crores while Jawahar Chavda, 58, the BJP candidate from Manavadar seat in Junagadh, where Congress won in 2017, has assets totalling to Rs 130 crore.

GOVT & POLITICS



RALLYING BIG GUNS

LIKE IN the past, when top BJP leaders had gone for campaigning in the municipal elections in Hyderabad, the party has rallied a battery of senior leaders in the national capital ahead of the MCD polls. Although the leadership had decided to utilise its full force to see that the party retains power in the municipal corporations, BJP national vice-president Bajiyant Panda's warm ties with many BJP chief ministers seemed to have helped the party put up an impressive show of strength on Sunday. Panda, BJP's Delhi in-charge, personally contacted the CMs to make it to Delhi the same day. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma of Assam (Panda was in charge of Assam BJP); Manohar Lal Khattar (Haryana); Jai Ram Thakur (Himachal Pradesh); and Pushkar Singh Dhami (Uttarakhand) participated in Sunday's roadshow.

LAYING ROAD MAP

LESS THAN a week after PM Narendra Modi was handed over the gavel at the G20 Summit in Bali on November 16, signifying India taking over the G20 presidency for the next year, senior US officials held meetings in New Delhi on Monday. Petroleum Minister Hardeep Puri held what he termed "extended and productive" interactions with the US G20 Sherpa and Deputy National Security Advisor, Michael Pyles — India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant was present in the meeting. Kant held his own "extremely constructive exchanges" with the US delegation.

FINDING FAULT

A VIDEO PUT out by BJP on its social media handles — of a young girl sitting with PM Narendra Modi and speaking in Gujarati about the party's governance record — has prompted the Congress to take potshots at the NCPCR, which had some time ago asked the Election Commission to initiate action and inquiry into a complaint against the party and Rahul Gandhi for allegedly "misusing children as political tools" during Bharat Jodo Yatra. While the video was shared by many BJP leaders and some Union ministers, several Congress leaders took to social media and asked NCPCR to take note.

MP: Cong MLA booked for rape, complainant claims to be his wife

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SITTING CONGRESS MLA and former Madhya Pradesh minister Umang Singhar (48) was booked by Naugaon police for rape and domestic violence, among other charges, based on a complaint from a woman who claimed to be his wife.

Police said a team was sent to arrest Singhar but he was not found at his house in Dhar.

In the complaint to the police, the woman alleged that Singhar had sexually exploited her on the pretext of marriage. "It was only after I threatened to lodge a complaint that he married me on April 16 at his Bhopal house. Two months after the marriage, his behaviour changed and he would beat me up... abused me often and even threatened to kill me," the woman alleged in her complaint. "It was at the police station that I learnt that a complaint had been filed against me by the wife of a former employee of Singhar," she said.

Town Inspector of Naugaon police station, Chandra Bhan



Umang Singhar is Cong's tribal face in MP

Chhadar, said, "An FIR was registered under sections 294 (obscene act), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 376 (2) (rape on promise of marriage), 377 (unnatural sex), 498(A) (cruelty by husband) and 506 (criminal intimidation) in Jabalpur and then transferred to Dhar."

Singhar released a video message to clarify his stand. "This is a personal matter... what made her level such allegations, only she can answer better... I respect her but she had put me through mental harassment. I had given a complaint to the police but no action was taken," he said.

State Home Minister Narottam Mishra attacked Congress's Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, saying: "I have learnt from the media the complainant is a Congress office-bearer. Priyanka ji you talk about the safety of women in the country when they are not safe in your own party."

India democratic since Vedic times: ICHR note

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

INDIA HAS been practising democratic traditions since the "Vedic times" when villages developed a hierarchy of self-governing institutions such as "panchayats and khaps," according to an Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) concept note on Constitution Day that has been been criticised as an attempt to negate the country's challenge of "caste-based social hierarchy". The note, circulated among Union ministries, underlines that the ancient democratic traditions explain the "survival of the Hindu culture and the civilisation in the face of the 2,000 years of invasions by alien ethnicities and cultures". The note, also circulated by

the UGC among higher education institutions requesting them to organise lectures on themes exploring India's democratic traditions, went on to add that was no aristocracy in India like in Greece. The "Hindu state rarely presented that high degree of centralisation associated with the Roman empire", it said, "...there was no concentration of the prestige of birth, influence of wealth and political office..." the note added.

Criticising the UGC circular, CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury demanded it be withdrawn. In a statement issued last Friday, the CPI(M) said the ICHR note was a "negation of the reality of Varnashram and caste-based social hierarchy that is a major challenge in evolution of our modern democracy".

On poll trail, Shah targets Congress: Party of NGOs, can't bring progress

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 21

ASKING CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi to book tickets for the inauguration of Ram Mandir on January 1, 2024, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Monday said the Congress belongs to NGOs and can never do any development.

"Friends, today Rahul Baba has come (to Gujarat). He should answer why infiltrators used to sneak from Pakistan and used to take the heads of our jawans. Nobody used to give answers. Mouni Baba, Manmohan Singh used to sit silently... Narendra Modi became the PM in 2014 and attacks happened in Pulwama and within 10 days, we entered Pakistan's territory, conducted surgical strikes and eliminated the terrorists," Shah said while addressing an election meeting in Devbhumi Dwarka's Khambhalia where Congress's Vikram Maadam is the sitting MLA. Isudan Gadhvi, AAP's CM face, is also fighting from the same seat.

In reference to the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Shah said, "Nobody had the guts to (rebuild) since Babar destroyed it. It is Gujarat's son Narendra Modi who laid the foundation stone." With respect to the Kashi Vishwanath corridor in Varanasi, Shah said, "Since Aurangzeb destroyed the temple, Baba Vishwanath was abandoned... Narendrabhai made the grand corridor".

Rozgar mela: PM to hand out 71k job letters today

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will distribute around 71,000 appointment letters to new recruits on Tuesday in the second Rozgar Mela (employment fair), a month after launching the initiative with the first such event, through video conferencing.

The Prime Minister's Office said the drive is a step towards fulfilling the PM's commitment to according highest priority to employment generation, and it is expected to be a catalyst in creating more jobs and providing meaningful opportunities to the youth. Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, where the Model Code of Conduct is in force, will not have the event. Apart from them, the event will be held at 45 locations across India where physical copies of the appointment letters will be distributed to new recruits.

Cong to seek SC review of Rajiv convicts' release

Party to decide on filing independent plea or join Centre's review application

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

DAYS AFTER the Congress severely criticised the Supreme Court verdict ordering premature release of all six remaining convicts who were serving life sentences in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, the party has now decided seek a review of the order.

The party, however, is yet to decide whether to file an independent review petition or join the Union government's review application. "We intend to intervene. Our statement of intent is there. But whether we will do it as an intervenor in the Central gov-



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal during a roadshow at Dhrangadhra in Surendranagar district. PTI

'AAP waives bills, BJP loans of the rich'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 21

TAKING AIM at the ruling BJP, Aam Aadmi Party national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said while his government waives off people's electricity bills, the saffron party writes off the loans of the rich.

Assuring that the AAP would win the elections, Kejriwal, during a roadshow in Amreli, said, "They say a third

party cannot come here. In Delhi, too, they used to say the same... out of the 70 seats, Congress got zero and the BJP just three."

His Punjab counterpart, Bhagwant Mann, while addressing rallies in the coastal constituencies of Umbergaon in Valsad district, said how he had brought back the Old Pension Scheme—a key demand from the government employees of Gujarat—in his state. Mann claimed that he recently cleared 20,000 jobs in Punjab. Umbergaon is the



Dhankhar in Doha: Emir grateful for contribution of Indians to WC shine

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE EMIR of Qatar expressed his gratitude for the contribution of Indian workers, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said while speaking at a diaspora event in Qatar on Monday.

Addressing the Indian community, Dhankhar recalled his interaction with the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the previous day when he attended the inauguration of the FIFA World Cup. "When I congratulated him (the Emir) on grandiose infrastructure and grandeur of the ceremony, he expressed his gratitude to the skilled contribution of Indian human resource. He expressed satisfaction to the Indian companies for turning around development in Qatar. This is a big achievement for us," Dhankhar said.

Saying that there were 8 lakh



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife Sudesh with members of Indian diaspora in Doha on Monday. PTI

Indians in Qatar, Dhankhar said they had contributed to the on-going development in India as well. "It is our sound culture and that makes us proud that we Indians strike wholesome balance between *janambhoomi* (birthplace) and *karambhoomi* (place of work)," he said.

He said India was rising like never before under the leader-

ship of PM Narendra Modi. He said the PM had given a clarion call in "consonance with our civilisational ethos" that war was not the solution to any problem.

The V-P said India overtaking the UK to become the fifth largest economy in the world recently. The milestone of becoming the third largest economy would be achieved this decade.

Monday came days after the government approached the Supreme Court seeking a review of its order for premature release of the convicts. The Centre had said that the order granting remission to the convicts was passed without affording it adequate opportunity for hearing, even though the government was a necessary party to the case.

On November 11, the SC had directed the premature release of the six, including Nalini Sriharan and R P Ravichandran, serving life terms in the case. It noted that the Tamil Nadu government has recommended remission of their sentence.

Members of the Gandhi family have made statements in the past suggesting they have forgiven th ex-PM's killers. Sonia Gandhi had in 1999 written to then President K R Narayanan, urging him to commute the capital punishment awarded to the convicts. In 2008, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had met Nalini at Vellore jail.

Neither Sonia nor Rahul or Priyanka has commented on the SC verdict. The party's decision, however, is unlikely to have come without their knowledge or approval. The party in the past maintained it respects the Gandhis' position but that it has to, as an institution, take a stand on the release of terror convicts.

BEFORE RAMPUR BY POLL Setback for SP as key Azam aide joins BJP

Says inspired by PM Modi, CM Yogi; SP plays down impact of his leaving

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 21

IN A setback for the Samajwadi Party and its senior leader Azam Khan ahead of the by-election for Rampur Assembly constituency, Khan's close aide and the party's media in-charge, Fasahat Ali Khan, alias Shanu, joined BJP on Monday with many supporters.

Fasahat joined the ruling party during a booth conference at the election office of BJP candidate for Rampur by-election, Akash Saxena. BJP state president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary was present on the occasion. While Chaudhary welcomed him into BJP, the SP tried to play down any possible impact of his leaving the party.

Fasahat, who was associated with Azam Khan from over two decades, refused to comment on the former Rampur legislator. Rampur, seen as the Azam Khan family's pocket borough, is scheduled to go to bypolls on December 5 — it was necessitated after Khan's disqualification from the Assembly over his conviction in a 2019 hate speech case last month.

Asked about the reason for joining BJP, Fasahat said he was inspired by the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, as well as the policies of BJP governments. He claimed that the "lotus" — BJP's election symbol — will bloom in Rampur in the upcoming elections.

Accusing the SP, BSP and the Congress of duping Muslims once



Fasahat Ali Khan. File

elections get over, Fasahat said, "During elections, these parties treat Muslims the same way as a bay leaf is used in cooking biryani. After the biryani is cooked, the bay leaf is thrown away."

In April, weeks after SP's defeat in UP Assembly polls, Fasahat had accused party's national president Akhilesh Yadav of ignoring Azam Khan and the Muslim community, leading to speculation over a rift in the party in Rampur. Fasahat had also claimed to be the district general secretary of SP in Rampur.

Fasahat had accused Akhilesh of maintaining silence on the issues of Muslims and making no efforts to get Azam Khan out of the jail. He had also alleged that Yadav met Khan only once in prison and the party made no attempt to secure his release in two-and-a-half years — Khan was released from jail in May.

SP's Rampur district working president Virendra Goel said Fasahat did not hold any position in the party at present, as the district unit was dissolved a few months ago.

The SP has fielded Mohammed Asim Raja, an Azam Khan loyalist, against BJP's Akash Saxena in the by-election.

CONTROVERSY BREWING IN TELANGANA

Have you cut quota for Muslims: Cong to govt

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 21

A CONTROVERSY is brewing in Telangana regarding quotas in jobs and education for Muslims, after the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) sought clarification on whether the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (formerly the TRS) government has reduced the quota of Muslims from 4 per cent to 3 per cent.

Former minister and ex-Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Mohammed Ali Shabbir, on Monday, said while the government has increased the quota for STs from 6 per cent to 10 per cent, its new directions don't include the fourth roster point that confirms the 4 per cent quota for the state's Muslims in the layman's eyes.

"The roster points clearly show that Roster No. 19, 44 and 94 have been earmarked for BC-E (Muslim) category. As per law, Roster No. 69 should also be reserved for BC-E to ensure a 4 per cent quota for Muslims. When we pointed out the 'mistake' on

media, the state government sent a 'rejoinder' through its publicity cell, denying any fall in the Muslim quota. But it doesn't resolve the issue," Ali said. "I reiterate the demand that the state government issue a proper clarification," he said.

Shabbir Ali was part of the delegation led by TPCC President A Revanth Reddy that met Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar on farmers' issues. Later, Ali submitted a separate memorandum to the Chief Secretary.

Ali said the Chief Secretary has been requested to issue a proper clarification on the new roster points for direct recruitment, which led to the confusion over the 4 per cent Muslim quota. He said the state government 'rejoinder' claimed that Roster Nos 19, 44, 69 and 94 were reserved for BC-E but that it did not look official as it was not issued on any official letterhead, nor was it signed.

SC Development and Minority Welfare Minister, Koppula Eshwar, said there was no question of reducing the quota for Muslims, and that he would look into the matter raised by Ali.



Shashi Tharoor in Kozhikode on Sunday. PTI

Kozhikode district president Praveen Kumar, who claimed that Tharoor was denied the venue since the talk was deemed "factional activity".

On Monday, former KPCC president and Vatakara MP K Muraleedharan added a new twist to the controversy, claiming that certain leaders in the party

EXPLAINED A churn in state Cong

WITH THAROOR said to be looking to become active in Kerala politics, the equations in the state Congress are likely to change. With the party's upper-caste Hindu Nair camp already full of ambitious leaders, Tharoor's entry is set to trigger a churning.

viewed Tharoor as a threat. Without naming anyone, Muraleedharan said, "Those eyeing the CM's post are behind it (withdrawal of the party venue).

The ban on Tharoor should not have happened." Asked about MK Raghavan's demand for an internal probe into the episode, Muraleedharan said, "No probe is required. Tharoor should not have been prevented from using the YC platform." Sathesan, ex-opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala, and AICC general secretary have been silent on the issue.

The Congress's ally Indian Union Muslim League on Monday threw its weight behind Tharoor, with party leader PK Kunhalikutty saying, "When the Congress is leading the secular front in the country, Tharoor is its vanguard fighter." Tharoor will hold discussions with IUML chief and Kunhalikutty in Malappuram on Tuesday. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

BARUIPUR MURDER

Hacksaw used to chop ex-Navy man's body recovered: cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 21

POLICE ON Monday recovered a hacksaw that they claimed was used to chop the body of a former Navy official, Ujjawal Chakraborty, by his son and wife at Hariharpur village in South 24 Parganas district's Baruiপুর area, officials said.

The woman, Shyamoli Chakraborty, and her son Raju, alias Joy, have been arrested. The weapon was recovered from the same pond where Chakraborty's head and torso were found, officials said. "Based on the information extracted from the accused, the weapon has been recovered. The investigation is on," a senior police official said.

Ujjawal Chakraborty was murdered allegedly by his son Raju who with the help of his mother chopped the body into six pieces and dumped it in the pond and the bush near their house, officials said.

Cops: 3 missing persons from Karnataka terror cases guided Mangaluru suspect



Police conduct searches on Monday at Mysuru house of Mohd Shariq, accused in the Mangaluru explosion case. PTI

the local police for the creation of an ISIS-inspired terrorist gang with members drawn from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The case was later handed to the NIA. "Arafath Ali is still absconding (in the graffiti case) and as per our information he is in

Dubai. He was the immediate handler. Above him there was Abdul Matheen Taha — against whom NIA has announced a reward of Rs 5 lakh — who was the main handler. He was also in touch with one Musabir Hussain who is also a missing accused in

a 2020 UAPA case," the Karnataka ADGP said Monday. Karnataka Police are looking at the sources of funding and motivation that drove Shariq into making an IED and transporting it to Mangaluru from Mysuru on November 19 for a suspected terror attack. "We do not know where he was taking the device and what he was planning since he is still hospitalised. He visited the city for a suspected recce on November 10 and went to a few crowded places," ADGP Alok Kumar said. "There were also one or two local supporters involved and we are working on it," he said. The Karnataka ADGP said police are investigating Shariq's use of cryptocurrencies for transactions and whether he was receiving funding for his activities through this route. He had fled Shivamogga in September over a police investigation of a terror plot — where two of his associates, Maaz Ahmed and Syed Yasin, were arrested. The inves-

tigations in Shivamogga in September had revealed that Shariq had allegedly sent money required to make a bomb to Yasin through cryptocurrency. The police, meanwhile, have found a picture on Shariq's mobile phone where he is posing like IS cadre with the suspected pressure cooker IED that exploded in Mangaluru on Saturday. A police raid on the Mysuru house where Sharik is alleged to have constructed the IED between September 20 and November 19 — when he traveled to Mangaluru — unearthed a cache of explosives, including over 150 match-boxes. The phosphorus on the tips of match-sticks was stripped to increase the potency of primary explosive material (gunpowder or potassium nitrate) in the IED. Among other materials directly linking Shariq to fabrication of the IED that was found at the Mysuru rented house were 9 volt batteries, sizable quantities of phosphorus and sulphur, police said.

BROTHERS ESCAPED CUSTODY IN PATNA

2 undertrial escapees who shot at constable gunned down in UP

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 21

TWO UNDERTRIALS, who had escaped from police custody when they were brought to a court from a jail in Bihar's Patna in September, were gunned down in an encounter in the Baraigan area of Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi district on Monday morning, officials said. A constable of Varanasi police also suffered a bullet injury in the cross-firing, it was claimed. The deceased were identified as Rajneesh Singh (32), alias Bauua, and his younger brother Manish Singh (29), residents of Samastipur in Bihar. Officials said the third brother, identified as Lallan (35), managed to escape from the spot. Manish and Rajneesh had eight and seven cases of murder, attempt to murder, robbery and dacoity against them, officials said. Lallan has eight cases of murder and attempt to murder etc against him, they added. The brothers are also accused of murder of two policemen in Bihar and killing of five persons in two cases of bank robbery, they claimed. The police recovered a motorcycle, a .9mm Browning pistol and a .32 bore automatic pistol along with a cellphone and some documents from their possession during Monday's encounter. They are now conducting raids to trace Lallan.

The police suspect that the three brothers were involved in a last week's incident in which a sub-inspector was shot at in Varanasi's Jagatpur. The assailants had fled with SI Ajay Yadav's service pistol, a .9mm Browning pistol. A senior police officer said the pistol recovered from assailants has been sent to the "head armourer" to match it with records. The police said their counterparts in Bihar were looking for the trio since their escape from the Patna jail. They have sought crime history of Rajneesh and Manish from Bihar officials. Varanasi police commissioner A Satish Ganesh said a police team cordoned off the trio at Baraigan on an input. The accused opened fire on the cops following which constable Shiv Babu got injured, it was claimed. The police retaliated with fire, leaving Rajneesh and Manish injured, and nabbed them. The three injured, including the cop, were rushed to hospital where the two assailants died during treatment. The condition of injured constable was stable. Varanasi Circle Officer Atul Anjaan Tripathi said the three targeted cops to rob them of their service weapon(s) which they used in robberies and other crimes. "They had attacked four SIs in Bihar and robbed them of their service weapons. The attack on SI Ajay Yadav appeared to be planned," said Tripathi.

Court takes note of ED charge sheet against PFI, office-bearers

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

OVER A month after the government banned the Popular Front of India (PFI) under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), a special court in Delhi on Monday took cognisance of a charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the organisation and its three jailed office-bearers — Perwez Ahmad, Mohammad Ilias and Abdul Muqeet.

Ilias had contested the 2020 Delhi assembly polls as a candidate of PFI's political arm, the SDPI, and was arrested by Delhi Police along with Muqeet for their alleged role in the February 2020 Delhi riots.

According to the ED, Ahmad being the president of PFI's Delhi

unit, supervised the fund-raising activities of the organisation and also its public relations. Ilias, general secretary of its Delhi unit, mobilised funds for PFI and its related organisations in the NCR region, the ED claimed. Muqeet, office secretary of Delhi PFI, was also actively involved in the fund-raising activities of PFI and in preparing bogus cash donation slips, the ED claimed. The ED, along with the NIA, had arrested the trio following seizure of alleged incriminating documents during searches at their premises on September 22. It was after these raids that the government banned the organisation. The ED had initiated money laundering investigation against the PFI, its office-bearers and related entities on the basis of an FIR registered by the NIA under the UAPA. "PMLA investigation re-

vealed that PFI generated proceeds of crime, both in India and abroad, by way of criminal conspiracy (Section 120B of IPC)... as a part of a larger conspiracy to raise funds for its unlawful and anti-national activities, prejudicial to the unity, integrity and security of the state," the ED said in a statement. "Investigation further revealed that the PFI has a well-structured and organised presence in the Gulf countries for raising and mobilising funds... clandestinely routed to India through underground and illegal channels," the ED has claimed. The agency has alleged that the proceeds of crime were generated, placed, layered, integrated and then projected as untainted money in the bank accounts of PFI. The ED has provisionally attached Rs 86.36 lakh lying in 24 bank accounts of the PFI.

Morbi: Top court asks HC to regularly look into probe, other matters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

STATING THAT the Morbi bridge collapse in Gujarat that killed 135 people was "no doubt" an "enormous tragedy", the Supreme Court on Monday said the matter would require regular monitoring, and the state High Court, which has "acted with alacrity" and taken suo motu cognisance of the matter, is better placed to do.

The court directed petitioners who had approached it seeking a CBI probe in the matter to move the HC, which is already looking into the matter. The bench presided by CJ D Y Chandrabud also urged the HC "to take it up on a periodical basis so that the purpose underlying the assumption of jurisdiction is duly fulfilled".


"It's an enormous tragedy. There's no doubt about it," the bench, also comprising Justice Hima Kohli, said the apex court "would have issued notice and taken this over ourselves but for the fact that there is a High Court which has already taken charge and is passing successive orders".

The court said, "This will require virtually a weekly monitoring on what steps have been taken, including for the investigation, award of the contract, credentials of the party to whom the contract is awarded, the actual work of maintenance which was carried out by them... the attribution of responsibility of those



135 people were killed in the Morbi bridge collapse

guilty of lapses in the actual work carried out and the award of the work, the role of the nagarpalika (municipality), the award of compensation and the need for an independent investigation". The HC can do that, the SC said. The SC also asked HC to consider going into the issues highlighted by the petitioners, including need for an independent probe on acts or omissions that would amount to criminal wrongdoing, need to affix responsibility against officials of the nagarpalika, need to ensure that the agency that was entrusted with the task of maintaining the bridge and its management are held accountable. Court would undoubtedly be also seized of ensuring to put a regulatory mechanism so that such cases do not recur. Since Division Bench of Gujarat HC has already entertained suo motu proceedings, we are of the view that it will be appropriate if further conduct of proceedings continue to remain with that division bench of HC."



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CIN No. U40109BR2012SGC018890
(Department of Stores & Purchase)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. 67/PR/SBPDCL/2022
(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (SBPDCL), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites online tender for procurement of DPC Aluminium Winding Wire of Various Sizes for SBPDCL in Two-tier (Techno-Commercial & Price) online bid from eligible and experienced Original Manufacturer as detailed below:-

NIT No.	Name of material	Quantity, in Kg	Cost of tender Documents including GST, Rs	Estimated Cost(Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit, Rs.
67/PR/SBPDCL/ 2022	DPC Aluminium Winding Wire of Various	176,000	23,600/-	5,47,36,000/-	10,94,720/-

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:

Last Date of Online Submission of bid along with Tender Cost & processing fees:	13.12.2022, up to 18:00 Hrs
Last Date of submission of EMD and hard copy of receipt of BSEDCL processing fee & tender cost	14.12.2022, up to 15:00 Hrs
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial bid (Part-I)	14.12.2022, after 17:00 Hrs
Date of Pre Bid Meeting	06.12.2022, at 13:00 Hrs; Venue: SBPDCL, Vidhyut Bhawan, Patna

BSEDCL(BELTRON) Processing fee & tender cost are mandatory to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet Payment gateway (credit / debit card), net banking, NEFT/RTGS. Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date and time specified in the NIT. EMD in prescribed format and hard copy of receipt of BSEDCL processing fee & tender cost must be submitted to Electrical Superintending Engineer (Purchase), SBPDCL within specified time failing which bid of the firm shall be summarily rejected. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay / Non submission of Tender / Non Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Non-availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/ Holidays or any other reason. **Date of opening of price part: To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation at www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in**

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Tender Notice No.: S/31/2022-23, Dtd: 18-11-2022. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. SI.No.:1: Tender No.: 61/22/5051/OT/110/2022-23; Brief Description: Manufacture and Supply of Mono Black Pre-Stressed concrete Line Sleeper (pre-tensioned type) conforming to RDSO Drg. No. T-8746 and IRS specification No. T-39 (as amended up to date of tender opening) duly loaded into wagons/road vehicles). Closing/Opening Date: 07-12-2022. SI.No.:2; Tender No.: 79/22/0847G/OT/111/2022-23; Brief Description: Bed sheet, cotton handloom bleached white Size: 140 X 229 cms with strip of 1 cm wide to be printed all along the length on both sides of bed sheet with legend "Northeast Frontier Railway" in English & Hindi scripts in attractive sky blue colour. The strip shall be 25 cms from edges. Marking of Manufacturer Name, Month & Year of manufacturing (Batch Number) Lot Number to be given on every Bed Sheet to BIS Specification No.IS:745/2003, Varsity No.12. Closing/Opening Date: 05-12-2022. SI.No.:3; Tender No.: 40/21/0543A/OT/112/2022-23; Brief Description: 500Amp, 750V, Inter Vehicular (IV) Coupler Unit for EOG type AC Coaches/Power car conforming to RDSO's Specification No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0177 (Rev.1)-2013. Closing/Opening Date: 18-12-2022. Note - For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

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3 killed as train ploughs into waiting hall in Odisha

SUJIT BISOI
BHUBANESWAR, NOV 21

A GOODS train derailed at Korei railway station in Odisha's Jajpur district on Monday morning, with 11 wagons plunging into the waiting hall, killing at least three passengers, all women, and injuring at least four others including a two-and-half-month-old infant. East Coast Railway (ECOR) officials said the accident took place at 6.44 am when the loco pilot of the empty goods train moving from Dongaoposi to Chhatrapur in Ganjam applied sudden brakes, causing 11 wagons to derail and plough into the passengers on the platform and the waiting hall. Parbati Bindhani (55) and her daughter Kandhei (26) of Tapzur village were among the three killed. The duo was waiting at the platform for a passenger train to reach Cuttack, around 80 km from their native place,



The goods train that derailed at Korei railway station in Odisha. PTI

for Kandhei's MRI scan as she had developed a tumour in the abdomen. Kandhei's two-and-half-month son, Biswajit had a miraculous escape as the infant sustained only minor in-

juries. Kandhei's husband Balam, who was a few metres away from the waiting hall, remained unhurt. "My wife was the only earning member of our family as I am not well. Her death

is an irreparable loss to us. I also lost my daughter, who has three kids. The government should support us," Parbati's husband Kuna Bindhani said.

While Parbati was declared dead at Korei hospital, Kandhei was rushed to Jajpur district headquarters hospital, which is 24 km away, where doctors declared her brought dead. Another woman, Abujani Bibi (47), of Fajalpur, who was reportedly waiting for a train to Cuttack to get medicine for her differently-abled husband, was also killed in the incident. As many as 19 trains were cancelled while six were partially cancelled and 20 were diverted after the accident.

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced Rs 5 lakh ex gratia for the next of kin of the deceased, Rs 1 lakh for those sustained grievous injuries and Rs 25,000 for minor injuries. Chief minister Naveen Patnaik announced Rs 2 lakh each for the family members of the deceased.

HC rejects JeM militant's plea for transfer from Tihar to J&K jail

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DELHI High Court has dismissed a plea seeking transfer of convicted JeM militant Abdul Majeed Baba from Tihar Jail, New Delhi, to his native state jail — Central Jail in Srinagar — on medical grounds. Baba was convicted of offences under different sections of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code and was serving life sentence at the "High Risk Ward" in Tihar. Baba argued before a single judge bench of Justice Poonam A. Bamba that he is 66 years old, is suffering from multiple ailments and his health is deteriorating every day. His family members compris-

ing two daughters (18 and 20 years old), a son, 26, and his mother are unable to visit him frequently from Kashmir and being close to his family would help him recover better. He further said Rules 664 and 672 of the Delhi Prison Rules, 2018, provide for transfer of prisoners on humanitarian as well as medical grounds; and therefore, he deserves to be transferred to Srinagar Central Jail. He, however, said his application for transfer to Srinagar jail was rejected by the Lieutenant Governor, Delhi, on September 24, 2021. The prosecution argued that Baba is a "hard core militant" of banned terrorist organisation JeM. They argued that while his appeal was pending before the High Court, Baba was released on bail and then had absconded.

BRIEFLY



NEW DELHI
Election
Commissioner
takes charge

New Delhi: Retired Punjab cadre IAS officer Arun Goel on Monday assumed the office of Election Commissioner, two days after President Droupadi Murmu appointed him to the post. Goel was Union Heavy Industries Secretary till he took voluntary retirement on November 18. In a statement on Monday, the ECI said Goel had “catalysed e-vehicle movement in India to a tipping point” as Heavy Industries Secretary. The CEC welcomed Goel to the ECI and said the commission’s efforts to make elections more inclusive would be strengthened by Goel’s “vast and diverse administrative experience”. **ENS**

JHARKHAND
3 Maoists killed
in gunfight with
security forces

Ranchi: Three armed Maoists of the banned Jharkhand Jan Mukti Parishad (JJMP), a CPI(Maoist) splinter group, were killed in Latehar forests on Monday, police said. They were ambushed in Bendi forest while combing the forest area around 3 pm, they said. A police statement said: “The personnel were ambushed, leading to a gunfight. When the security forces started dominating, they ran away. During the initial search, three bodies have been recovered along with three firearms, which were looted from the police earlier. They belonged to the JJMP group.” The deceased have been identified as Shvinnath Lohra of Herhanj, Manoj Ram of Manika and the third one is yet to be identified. **ENS**

KERALA
Chief Justice
waylaid, abused,
youth in custody

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala High Court Chief Justice S Manikumar was waylaid and verbally abused by a youth in Kochi city on Saturday night. Police have taken Dijo of Idukki in custody in connection with the incident. According to police, the Chief Justice was returning to his official residence from Kochi airport when the incident took place near Goshree bridge in the city. The youth, allegedly in an inebriated condition, followed the Chief Justice on a two-wheeler and tried to manhandle his security officer. Police registered a case under Section 308 (attempt to murder) of IPC following a complaint from the security officer. **ENS**

TAMIL NADU
Commentator
held for anti-CM
posts online

Chennai: Online commentator Kishore K Swamy was arrested by the cybercrime wing of the Central Crime Branch on Monday for his derogatory remarks online against CM M K Stalin. According to police, his arrest recorded in Puducherry was after he failed to respond to four notices issued earlier to appear before investigators. “The arrest was in a case filed against him on November 3,” said an officer. Swamy, who used to be close to AIADMK leaders before joining hands with BJP-RSS propaganda groups online, was arrested in June 2021 too under Goondas Act for defaming Stalin. **ENS**

Suspected terrorist held
from Delhi airport: NIA

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THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested an alleged Khalistani terrorist at IGI Airport in New Delhi after he was deported from Thailand.

Alleged to be associated with Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF), Kulwinderjit Singh alias Khanpura was allegedly involved in attacks on Dera Sacha Sauda and police. NIA said Khanpura had been absconding since 2019.

NIA produced Khanpura in a special court in Mohali on November 18 and he was remanded to police custody till November 25. “He was involved and wanted in many terrorist cases, including the conspiracy to carry out targeted killings in Punjab. He was also involved in a bomb blast case in Connaught Place, and grenade attacks in other states in the nineties,” NIA said.

According to NIA, probe revealed Khanpura is the mastermind behind conspiracy for carry-



Kulwinderjit was deported from Thailand

ing out terrorist attacks in India by targeting establishments connected to Dera Sacha Sauda as well as those of police and security forces in Punjab.

“Besides, he was also targeting senior officers of Bhakra Beas Management Board, Chandigarh, with an overall objective of creating terror in Punjab and across the country,” the NIA statement said.

While abroad, he colluded with Harmeet alias PhD, and with wanted Pakistan-based ISYF chief Lakhbir Singh Rode to use his India-based terrorist associates to target identified individuals and establishments.

Air Suvidha form, RT-PCR tests
scrapped for international arrivals

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT Monday scrapped the requirement to fill out Air Suvidha form for people flying into India from foreign countries amid a declining number of coronavirus cases.

The requirement to submit a negative RT-PCR report or details of the primary vaccination schedule has also been done away with for international arrivals.

The revised guidelines for international arrivals will be effective from November 22, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

Earlier, the guidelines had required that passengers arriving in India from overseas should fill up the Air Suvidha form. The form was introduced in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Last week, the civil aviation ministry said the use of masks is not compulsory during air travel but passengers should preferably use them.

As per the MoHFW’s latest guidelines, air travellers should preferably be fully vaccinated as per the approved primary schedule of vaccination against COVID-19 in their country. The latest guidelines supersede the guidelines issued in September, wherein those arriving from foreign countries were required to submit the Air Suvidha form.

They also had to provide “details of negative Covid-19 RT-PCR report (the test should have been conducted within 72 hrs prior to undertaking the journey) or submit details of full primary vaccination scheduled of COVID-19 vaccination”, as per the earlier guidelines. Only children under the age of 5 years were exempted from testing, it had said.

On Monday, the MoHFW said that on arrival, passengers should ensure physical distancing and thermal screening of all the arriving international passengers will be done by the health officials present at the point of entry. “Passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated, taken to a

designated medical facility as per health protocol,” it said.

Further, the ministry said that all travellers should self-monitor post-arrival.

They should report to their “nearest health facility or call National helpline number (1075)/ state helpline number in case they have any symptoms,” it added.

According to the ministry, the present guidelines are being revised in light of the sustained declining Covid-19 trajectory and significant advances being made in Covid-19 vaccination coverage both globally as well as in India.

During air travel, ministry said in-flight announcements about the pandemic, including precautionary measures such as preferable use of masks and physical distancing, should be made in flights at all points of entry. Any passenger having symptoms of coronavirus during travel should be isolated as per standard protocol, it added.

India on Monday logged 406 Covid-19 cases taking tally of cases to 4,46,69,421 while active cases dipped to 6,402, as per official data.

SC refuses to stay Kerala HC order
setting aside V-C’s appointment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday issued notice on a plea by K Riji John challenging the Kerala High Court order setting aside his appointment as Vice Chancellor of the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUPOS).

A bench presided by CJI D Y Chandrachud, however, refused to stay November 14 Kerala HC order and said it will hear the matter.

Appearing for John, senior advocate Jaideep Gupta said the matter involves dispute between en-

tries in state and union lists. Fisheries falls under the head agriculture and is in state list, he added. UGC regulations will not therefore apply in the case of the varsity. Senior Advocate K K Venugopal, appearing for Kerala, supported the argument and said specific entries in state list govern the varsity.

Venugopal told the bench a “stay may be required”. John is a “highly qualified person” and it’s “highly humiliating for him to demit office for no fault of his”. However, the bench said it will issue notice and hear the matter. “If he succeeds, we will put him back,” said the CJI.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF JUSTICE NIKHIL KARIEL

Gujarat HC lawyers discuss proposed
transfer of judge with SC Collegium

APURVA VISHWANATH &
SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AHMEDABAD,
NOVEMBER 21

A DELEGATION of Gujarat High Court Advocates Association (GHAA) met with three members of the Supreme Court Collegium on Monday to discuss their concerns over the proposed transfer of Justice Nikhil Kariel of the Gujarat High Court.

Lawyers in the Gujarat HC have been abstaining from work since November 17 to protest against the proposed transfer of Justice Kariel.

The delegation met with Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M R Shah, it is learnt. Justices KM Joseph and Abdul Nazeer, who are



Justice Kariel is likely to be transferred as a judge of Patna HC. @GujaratHighCourt

also part of the five-member collegium that decides on transfers of HC judges, were not present. “A detailed representation was made and anguish and objections of the Bar against transfer of Justice Nikhil Kariel were conveyed to Hon’ble Chief Justice of India... who assured that the issues raised would be duly examined but strongly conveyed that since such

assurance has been given, the advocates should not abstain from work,” the GHAA said.

The GHAA will take a call on the future course in a meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

Although the SC Collegium is yet to formally make the recommendation to the government, it is learnt that Justice Kariel is likely to be transferred as a judge of the Patna HC. Amid protests over Justice Kariel’s transfer, the SC Collegium Monday made public a decision taken on September 29 to transfer another Gujarat HC judge, Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi, to Patna HC. A bench headed by Justice Pancholi is hearing appeals against conviction of policemen, including former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt, in the 1990 Jamnagar custodial death case.


Another judge of
Gujarat HC is
headed to Patna
High Court

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended transfer of Gujarat High Court Judge Justice Vipul M Pancholi to Patna High Court.

The decision of the Collegium, taken on September 29, was uploaded on the court’s official page on Friday. The Collegium was then headed by the then CJI U U Lalit. “Collegium in its meeting held on 29th September, 2022 recommended transfer of Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi, Judge, Gujarat High Court, to the Patna High Court,” said the Collegium.

Pancholi enrolled as an advocate in September 1991 and started his practice in Gujarat HC. In 2014, he was elevated as Additional Judge and Permanent Judge of Gujarat HC in 2016. **ENS**

WANTED ACCUSED



Name and address- Sri Mithu Agarwal, (39 years)
S/o- Om Prakash Agarwal,
House No. 10, Kundli Nagar, Basistha Chariali, Guwahati- 781028, Assam.
170 CMs (approximately)
Height- Wheatish
Complexion- Medium

The above mentioned accused person has been absconding evading police investigation, interrogation and apprehension since the date of registration of the case Vide Case No. 04/2022 U/S 120 (B)/420/406/409/468/471 IPC, R/W Sec. 13 (1) (a)/ 13 (2) of P.C. Act, 1988.

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CARBON-DATING PLEA

Gyanvapi: ASI
seeks time, HC
to hear Nov 30

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WITH THE Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) seeking more time to file its response, the Allahabad High Court on Monday fixed November 30 for hearing the revision petition against a Varanasi district court order rejecting a plea for carbon-dating the “Shivling” said to have been found in the Gyanvapi mosque complex.

Last month, the Varanasi court had rejected the plea for carbon-dating the structure following a survey of the complex earlier this year. Monday’s High Court order came on a revision petition filed by Laxmi Devi and three others.

In its last hearing on November 4, the High Court had asked the ASI Director-General to submit his opinion on the possibility of the structure being damaged if it is examined through methods such as carbon dating, ground-penetrating radar and excavation to determine its age, nature and other information.

On Monday, ASI counsel Manoj Kumar Singh said he filed an application and affidavit seek-

ing more time to file a reply. “In the application, we stated that the subject involves consultation with specialised bodies to submit a comprehensive reply and sought three months time for filing the report. The court is likely to take up our application at the next hearing,” he said.

Earlier, five Hindu women had filed petitions seeking the right to worship Maa Shringar Gauri on the outer wall of the mosque complex located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

While the Hindu side said the mosque was built on the site of a temple, the Muslim side argued that the mosque was built on Wakf premises, and the Places of Worship Act barred changing the character of the mosque.

In April, the Civil Judge (Senior Division) allowed a video survey of the mosque complex. Subsequently, a “Shivling” was said to have been found in the wazu khana. But the mosque management said it was part of the fountain system.

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WHOSE DATA

Revised Personal Data Protection Bill is a step forward, but vesting more powers with government is not a good idea

AFTER MONTHS OF uncertainty, last week, the Union government released the revised version of the Personal Data Protection Bill for public comments. The Bill, now called the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, comes three months after an earlier draft version of the Bill was withdrawn following considerable backlash over its onerous provisions. Some of the changes made in the latest version of the bill indicate a rethink on these provisions within the government. For instance, the revised Bill has dropped some of the more contentious rules that govern cross-border data flows after facing considerable opposition from Big Tech. There remain, however, some areas of worry. One concern centres over the independence and the extent of authority vested in the proposed Data Protection Board that will be tasked with overseeing compliance with the Bill. The other relates to the exemptions extended to government agencies from adhering to some of the provisions of the Bill.

The earlier version of the Bill had imposed stringent conditions on cross-border data flows. Companies were mandated to store a copy of “sensitive” personal data within India, while taking out “critical” personal data from the country was barred. The new draft makes a significant departure on this issue by not imposing any such requirements on firms. Companies do not have to store data exclusively in India. They can now transfer the data to countries which are listed by the government. However, on what basis the government chooses a particular country is not yet clear. Will it be determined by considerations other than privacy, such as trade and geopolitics? Notwithstanding that, easing the rules on data storage will be welcomed not only by Big Tech but also by the burgeoning start-up ecosystem in the country.

Some of the other aspects of the Bill, however, warrant greater introspection. Take for instance the proposal to set up a Data Protection Board. The board’s members and its chairperson will be appointed at the government’s discretion. This along with indications that the latest version ends up curtailing the board’s powers raise concerns over its independence. Equally contentious are the expansive exemptions that have been afforded to the government and its agencies with limited safeguards. The joint parliamentary committee, which had dwelt on the earlier version of the bill, had suggested that the exemption be provided under a “just, fair, reasonable and proportionate procedure”. However, as reported in this newspaper, this finds no mention in the revised draft. By simple notifications, government agencies can be exempted from the Bill’s provisions on grounds of national security. At a time of government overreach, these arguably contentious provisions, which will vest greater power with government as opposed to an independent statutory authority, need to be reexamined.

WALK THE TALK

The CJI’s observations on bail are important. The onus is on judiciary to provide redress

CHIEF JUSTICE OF India D Y Chandrachud’s observations on trial courts being reluctant to grant bail to accused are significant. Speaking at an event organised by the Bar Council of India, the CJI said the reason the higher judiciary is flooded with bail cases is because of a certain reluctance from trial courts to grant bail. The CJI spoke about a “sense of fear” in judges in district courts in granting bail, especially in cases involving heinous crime. “This sense of fear nobody talks about but, which we must confront because unless we do that, we are going to render our district courts toothless and our higher courts dysfunctional,” he said. When there are over four crore cases currently pending in district courts and 76 per cent of the prisoners in jails are undertrials, the CJI’s assessment of the issue has great significance to safeguarding personal liberty of individuals.

In an interview to this newspaper, Chandrachud’s predecessor, U U Lalit, acknowledged that trial courts have very little discretion because laws are increasingly stacked against granting bail. Special laws such as Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Atrocities Act or NDPS law are designed to ensure that bail can be granted only when strict statutory conditions are satisfied. The language of these laws leaves trial judges with very little room to grant bail. To add to the issue, the higher courts too on occasion interpret bail provisions strictly, virtually tying the hands of trial courts. For instance, when it comes to UAPA, a 2019 ruling of the Supreme Court states that trial courts must accept the state’s case without examining its merits while considering grant of bail. The pressure faced by courts of first instance, when it comes to sensational heinous crimes is not new. Judicial reasoning has long included the dubious “collective conscience of the society” in place of evidence-backed rational decision making. The problem lies also in the same structural inequities in accessing justice: Even when bail has been granted, ability to afford bail bonds becomes an issue. Studies show that two in three undertrial inmates belong to either Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or Other Backward Classes.

The CJI spoke of instilling a sense of confidence in the district courts, starting from doing away with the nomenclature of subordinate or lower judiciary. While the acknowledgement of the judicial culture driven by fear by the CJI himself is an encouraging first step, the challenge is to find solutions. It is not as if all district court judges are afraid of being targeted. Backing the radical orders of trial courts will inspire confidence in standing up to pressures of the day. The onus is on the judiciary.

THE GENTLE VOICE

A pioneering celebrity chat show host, Tabassum knew how to probe without prying

IN A RECENT interview with Twinkle Khanna, filmmaker Karan Johar revealed that he wanted to “become Tabassum” when he grew up. His revelation that the late chat show host, who died this week at 78, was the inspiration for his show *Koffee with Karan*, is not surprising. To Indians of a certain vintage, the line of descent from Tabassum’s popular Doordarshan chat show, *Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan*, to Johar’s show couldn’t be clearer. At a time when mystique was an essential part of the celebrity toolkit, Tabassum nudged her famous guests to let their guard down. Others, like Johar or Simi Garewal, have only followed the path she laid down.

It helped that Tabassum — born Kiranbala — was a Bollywood insider almost from the start. She began acting before she turned three, debuting in the 1947 film *Nargis* as Baby Tabassum. She took on more mature roles as she grew up, but her biggest success came as an interviewer, where she used her considerable charm to coax revelations out of her celebrity interviewees. With a flower tucked in her hair and her sari drawn over both shoulders, she soon came to be as recognisable a figure as some of the stars on her show.

Celebrity chat shows have been a mainstay of television since the 1990s. One might argue that Tabassum’s gentle interviewing style won’t work today. But as much as Tabassum relied on her native charm, she also deployed craft in her interviews. To watch her, for example, draw out a young, painfully shy Nazia Hassan, then still in school, to talk about her aspirations and even sing “Aap jaisa koi”, is to get a masterclass in the art of the interview. Tabassum knew how to probe without prying, with conversations that remain, to this day, a pleasure to watch.



SHYAM SARAN

THE 27TH CONFERENCE of Parties (COP-27) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change concluded on Sunday, November 20, after the inevitable extension beyond the scheduled closure on Friday. The outcome was underwhelming. The UN Secretary-General had declared at the start of the conference, “We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator.” Post the climate summit, we are still hurtling towards the abyss even if the foot is marginally off the accelerator.

There has been celebration over the agreement, in principle, to set up a fund for compensating vulnerable countries, which have suffered irreversible damage from climate change. This has been a longstanding demand, particularly of vulnerable African and small island developing states. But the funding source and scale of this financial facility and its operating procedures have been left to a transitional committee which will present its report at COP28 next year. Having been through such tortuous negotiations in the past, I see the focus on the loss and damage issue as a clever play by developed countries to use up all the oxygen at the summit and deflect attention from the really critical issues, including the repeated failure of the developed countries to own up to their historical responsibility for climate change, their refusal to make deep cuts in their own emissions and deliver on commitments for providing adequate finance and technology to enable developing countries to undertake climate action. On this score, the can has been rolled further down the road.

The Sharm El-Sheikh Implementation Plan is an advance over Glasgow in its more categorical commitment to pursue “efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees centigrade.” It acknowledges that such a goal will require “rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions”. Drawing from the latest 6th Assessment Report of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), it even quantifies the scale of reduction required by 2030 over the 2019 level — 43 per cent. It fails to mention another finding from the IPCC Report, that global emissions must peak by 2025, barely three years from now. However, the Implementation Plan does not spell out how this ambitious outcome is to be

India depends on imports for 90 per cent of its oil needs and 60 per cent of its natural gas requirements. Even 30 per cent of its coal requirements have to be imported. The sources of supply are in politically-sensitive regions and disruptions can be costly. India has abundant solar energy and recent advances have made green hydrogen a promising source of clean energy. It makes sense for India to engage wholeheartedly in carrying out this energy transition, which will also be a significant contribution to dealing with global climate change.



DEEPIKA SARASWAT

THE NATIONWIDE protests in Iran triggered by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of Tehran’s Morality Police have sustained for over two months. Following the terrorist shooting in Shah-e-Cheragh shrine in Shiraz in October — for which ISIS claimed responsibility — the commander-in-chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Major General Hossein Salami, blamed the US, the UK, Israel and Saudi Arabia. He then advised the protesting youth: “Return to the nation, don’t play into the hands of enemies.” Bot farms and Persian-language media have amplified the regime-change narrative. But by externalising the driving force of protests, Iran’s ruling elites cannot wish away the entrenched political, sociocultural conditions that have regularly forced the country’s youth to take to the streets.

The Islamic Republic is essentially a hybrid political system, with the “velayat-e-faqih” (guardianship of jurist(s)) embodying divine sovereignty, while the institutions of the president and parliament represent popular sovereignty. Since the early 1990s, Iranian political culture has been defined by contestation between the conservatives, whose ideological totalitarianism limits political participation for the people to mass mobilisation, and the reformists, who have argued for a freer public sphere and popularised the concepts of civil society and rule of law. However, unelected clerical-dominated institutions asserted control by creating a narrative about a

PEOPLE VERSUS THE STATE

Protests by women are part of broader movement Iran has witnessed over a decade

cultural invasion by a hostile West.

In 1999, when conservative-controlled courts forced the shutdown of an influential reformist daily *Salam*, student protests broke out across the country. They lasted six days until the IRGC-affiliated Basij militia and police raided Tehran University dormitories in a violent crackdown. Ten years later, tens of thousands of young Iranians thronged the streets against what they saw as the rigging of elections in favour of hardline president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Called the “Green Movement”, the slogans of the protest — “Down with the dictator”, “Neither Gaza, nor Lebanon”, “my life is sacrificed for Iran” — underscored the rise of an avowedly nationalist, post-ideological, and liberal political consciousness among the country’s youth. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei had denounced the movement as “fitna”, an internal strife orchestrated by external enemies.

While the Islamic Republic has successfully weathered spontaneous popular protests, it has found it harder to deal with what sociologist Asef Bayat has described as “social non-movements”. These embody the shared practices of large numbers of ordinary people, whose fragmented — but similar — actions trigger social change. These practices are rarely guided by ideology or recognisable leadership and organisations. This “non-movement” has thrived in Iran in the last decade. A proliferation of cafes as alternative cultural spaces across major Iranian cities, mil-

lions of young women testing the boundaries of state-enforced “Islamic” dress code and the estimated 45 million Instagram users, blurring the line between virtual and reality, attest to the phenomenon. During a trip to Iran in January 2020, I visited a café in Tehran which displayed a portrait of the iconoclast Iranian feminist Forough Farrokhzad next to one of Marilyn Monroe. At another cafe in Shiraz, a mural of Iranian maestro Mohammad-Reza Shajarian shared space with a poster of filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock.

In 2019, the Tehran police shut down over 500 hundred cafes and restaurants for failing to observe “Islamic principles”. Last year’s presidential election, in which President Ebrahim Raisi faced no serious moderate or reformist rival thanks to the Guardian Council’s heavy vetting of candidates, was met with apathy from the majority of youth. The lack of economic prospects and an unresponsive political system may have contributed to militant tendencies among the youth. By pushing the narrative about protests benefiting external enemies, the regime is hoping to appeal to nationalist sentiments, while also justifying its violent crackdown. The protests may eventually die down, but without genuine reforms, Iran’s leaders might well be engaging in a temporary firefighting exercise.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

AKALI MORCHA

THE AKALI DAL is understood to have decided to step up the momentum of both morchas at New Delhi and Amritsar, amidst reports of settlement between the party and the Centre being round the corner. With the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee president, G S Tohra, a member of the five-man Akali negotiating team, having courted arrest in Delhi, there is no likelihood yet of any settlement with the Akalis.

BANS IN VALLEY

JAMMU AND KASHMIR Chief Minister

Farooq Abdullah said at a Meet the Press event organised by the Delhi Journalists’ Association that he would ban “communal” organisations like the RSS and “secessionist” bodies like the “Muslim League” in the Valley and the Liberation Front. However, he said that he had no intention of banning the Bharatiya Janata Party as its leaders said their party was not communal but secular.

K P S MENON DIES

K P S MENON, former Indian Ambassador to China and the Soviet Union, died at Ottapalam following a heart attack. He was 84. Menon had a fall two months ago, and

had been under treatment for some time.

FARMERS ARRESTED

SIX PERSONS WERE injured when the police lathi-charged and fired tear-gas shells to quell violence by ryots who had set up road-blocks on the Mysore-Bangalore highway and set on fire one KSRTC bus, besides damaging two others near Mandya, reports said. According to the Mandya police, 18 persons were arrested and the situation is now peaceful. The ryots have been protesting for the last two days demanding higher price for their sugarcane supplied to Chamundeswari sugar mills in Mandya district.



New frontiers in space

Launch of India's first private rocket signals foray into a field dominated by government. Expansion of private sector's footprint has been complemented by changing contours of international cooperation



THE LAUNCH OF the Vikram S rocket last week has been rightly hailed as an important milestone in India's outer space journey. It is the first privately built Indian rocket to make it to space, and is a result of a major push by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to open up the Indian space programme for greater participation by Indian start-ups.

While the "Prarambh" mission of Vikram is a good beginning, India has much distance to travel before it catches up with the rest of the world in private sector participation in space programmes. The country's private sector has the talent and experience to shorten that distance if Delhi creates the enabling policy environment.

When space emerged as an important endeavour in the second half of the 20th century, governments were in the lead. The cost, complexity and research-intensity of the space effort meant the space programmes everywhere became a government monopoly.

But in the 21st century, the role of the private sector has dramatically expanded. Satellites were once owned only by governments but today private companies lead the satellite business. Elon Musk's Starlink satellite system is now a major player with more than 2,300 satellites in low earth orbit — they deliver a variety of space services including useful military information to the armed forces of Ukraine in their fight against Russian forces.

Amazon's Project Kuiper plans to launch more than 3,000 satellites in the coming years to offer a range of services, including broadband internet. This will involve making at least three satellites a day. Airtel in India is a partner in the OneWeb corporation that offers connectivity through its system of nearly 500 satellites.

The business of launch vehicles — the most demanding of space activities — remained a state monopoly until recently. Elon Musk's SpaceX has broken through that launch monopoly and Amazon's Blue Origin rocket will soon be in the market too.

The private sector's rise has been complemented by growing international cooperation to realise the new commercial possibilities in space. The idea of international cooperation in outer space was indeed codified in the early multilateral treaties. But it was the intense geopolitical competition that shaped the space programmes of the major powers during the Cold War. As the military uses of space expanded, the role of the state in the space programmes became even more significant in the second half of the 20th century.

The US and Soviet space programmes became very important elements of the all-encompassing competition between Washington and Moscow — ideological, political, economic, and military. Both sides engaged in space cooperation with other countries as part of the Cold War strategy of winning friends and influencing nations.

The Cold War rivals — US and the Soviet Union — had also developed bilateral cooperation in space as a demonstration of their de-



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sire for peace. Some of that endured until recently, despite the persistent friction between Washington and Moscow.

As the Europeans brought their continent together, they joined hands to develop the European Space Agency that now is a major force in outer space. Many other countries, including India, embarked on national space programmes. Delhi's main objective was to leverage outer space to accelerate national development. Eventually, military and commercial dimensions began to envelop the Indian space programme. India's space programme began with intensive cooperation with the Western countries and later with the Soviet Union. Delhi also offered space cooperation to other developing countries within the rubric of engagement with friendly governments.

The non-proliferation sanctions on India after its first nuclear test in 1974 severely restricted the space for the country in international space cooperation. It was only after the historic civil nuclear initiative that the sanctions regime began to ease. India is now part of the Missile Technology Control Regime that regulates commerce in space related commodities and technologies. India is also part of the Wassenaar Arrangement that controls trade in dual use technologies that can be used for both civilian and military purposes.

As India emerged out of its past technological isolation, four new imperatives have presented themselves. One is the growing range of new space possibilities — from using satellites for delivering broadband internet to the mining of the Moon and from space manufacturing to deep space exploration. Put simply, the scale of the global economy is rapidly growing — its value is expected to more than double from about \$450 billion in 2022 to nearly one trillion dollars within a decade.

For India, outer space can no longer be about narrowly framed ideas of "development" and "national prestige". It must be about business and economy. The current Indian share of the global space economy is barely 2 per cent. PM Modi has been demanding that India rapidly increase its share to 8 per cent in the coming years.

Second, raising the Indian share of the global space economy can only be done by drawing in the private sector companies to play a larger role. Consider, for example, the large number of private companies involved in the US Artemis project of returning to the Moon. The Artemis 1 rocket was launched last

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week and the programme involves a number of leading aerospace companies like Boeing, Lockheed, Northrop Grumman, Airbus and Space X.

It is not that the Indian private sector had no role in the evolution of India's space programme. Godrej & Boyce, Larsen & Toubro, and Walchandnagar Industries are among the many private sector companies that have contributed to the Indian space programme.

The trick for the government is to activate their full mobilisation into the Indian space effort. While startups like Skyroot can bring much needed innovation into space activity, it is only the large corporations that can bring much needed scale to make India an economic powerhouse in space.

Third is the growing weight of international cooperation in national space programmes. If Apollo was a purely national project of the United States, the Artemis programme is a multinational endeavour between the US and its partners, including France, Canada, and Japan.

Meanwhile Russia and China are coming together to collaborate not only on their space programmes, but also on building a joint base on the Moon that will establish long term human presence there.

The US Artemis programme — being developed in partnership with allies and friends — is complemented by an American effort to put together a coalition that will develop principles for peaceful exploration of the Moon and other celestial objects. Cooperation in space has already emerged as an important theme in the discussions among the Quad partners — Australia, India, Japan, and the United States.

India has just about embarked on a programme to enhance the contribution of its private sector in outer space. India is also drawing on foreign capital to support its startups. Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, for example, is a major investor in Skyroot Aerospace that launched the Vikram S rocket.

Many Western aerospace companies will be eager to invest in India's space programme as it begins to open up. Delhi is also coming to terms with the fact that international cooperation is not just an "add-on" to the national space programme, but must be an integral part of India's space strategy.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"This year's milestone achievement — the new fund — is essentially a victory for collective action among developing countries. COP27 shows that they will have to continue to fight for every modest step forward." — THE GUARDIAN

The Bar and the Bench

Protests over shifting of HC judges suggest need to streamline the process of appointments and transfers



DUSHYANT DAVE

THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING the transfers of high court judges, especially from Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh High Courts, once again necessitates a larger debate. Have the learned judges been transferred on an objective basis or on account of subjective material made available to the Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud?

I began practising at the Gujarat High Court in 1978 and shifted to New Delhi in 1986. It is obvious, therefore, that I have a strong affinity with that court. The consensus among the members of the High Court of Gujarat Bar appears to be that Justice Nikhil Kariel is a fine, able, independent and honest judge. The Bar feels strongly about his transfer and hence, their efforts to stop it. Their open support to the judge is heartening. In the 1980s, the same Bar strongly protested against the transfer of the late Justice P D Desai of the Gujarat HC to the Himachal Pradesh HC. I, a young lawyer then, supported that protest.

Later, Justice Desai went on to head the high courts of Calcutta and Bombay. In my 44 years as a lawyer, I have not seen a judge comparable to Justice Desai who was extraordinarily competent, hardworking, judicious, fearless, independent, honest and just. So were other outstanding judges of the Gujarat HC — the late Chief Justice B J Divan and Justice S H Sheth, who were transferred during the Emergency to the Andhra Pradesh HC and won the hearts of all in that court. But then, these transfers were done by the executive before the celebrated judgment in *Supreme Court Advocates-On-Record Associations & Anr. Vs Union of India* delivered on October 6, 1993.

So, how is this power of transfer to be exercised, especially when its exercise is not justiciable either to the judge concerned or to a public interest litigant? In his leading judgment, speaking for the nine-judge bench referred to above, Justice J S Verma gave a fundamental justification as follows: "These questions have to be considered in the context of independence of the judiciary as the part of the basic structure of the Constitution, to secure the rule of law, essential for the preservation of democratic system". He called upon all the constitutional functionaries, who are involved in the process of appointing superior judges, to "be fully alive to the serious implications of their constitutional obligations and be zealous in its discharge in order to ensure that no doubtful appointment can be made".

Justice Verma emphasised that the primacy of the CJ and of the HCs was to ensure the best suitability and "to eliminate political influence". He held that "the constitutional purpose to be served by these provisions is to select the best from amongst those available for the appointment as judges of the superior judiciary" and that only such

persons should be considered, who "combine the attributes essential for making an able, independent and fearless judge" and having proper personal conduct, ethical behaviour, firmness.

On transfers of HC judges, Justice Verma said "every power vested in a public authority is to subserve a public purpose and must invariably be exercised to promote public interest"... and "this guideline is inherent in Article 222 of Constitution". Article 222 deals with the transfer of a judge from one high court to another by the President after consultation with the CJ. Again, he holds, in the effecting transfers, "the personal factors relating to the judge concerned, and his response to the proposal, including his preference of places of transfer, should be taken into account by the Chief Justice of India before forming his final opinion." But then he emphasised, "that such final opinion must be formed objectively, on the available material, in the public interest for better administration of justice". The CJ, in forming his opinion, is expected to take into account the views of the chief justice of the high court from which the judge is to be transferred, any judge of the Supreme Court whose opinion may be of significance in that case, as well as the views of one other senior judge of the high court or any other person who views are considered relevant by the CJ. In my view, the CJ must always take the views of those senior members of the Bar who in his opinion can express views which may be considered relevant.

The above being declared as law by the Supreme Court, binds the Court itself and particularly the collegium, which exercises power under the Constitution. Clearly, the collegium is bound by the above law and I am sure it has taken the necessary care to follow it. If not done so, the collegium must show courage and reconsider its decision, particularly considering the sentiments of the entire Bar of the high courts of Telangana and Gujarat.

If indeed the judges transferred are fiercely independent as the Bar feels, their transfers will send a chilling message to all those young and competent members of the Bar who may wish to become judges. The desire to protect the independence of the judiciary was the bedrock of the Supreme Court's subsequent decision in 2016 declaring the Constitution (99th Amendment) Act, including Article 124 A of the Constitution — National Judicial Appointments Commission — to be unconstitutional. Yet, time and again, decisions of the collegium have raised serious doubt about their intentions to protect the independence of the judiciary and to select the best from amongst those available, much less to act only to "subserve public purpose and to promote public interest".

Let us hope CJ D Y Chandrachud and the learned judges in the collegium, who are much respected, will turn the tide and put the process of appointments and transfer on a just, fair and independent course.

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YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

THE WORLD AT large may not take notice of the one-day general election in Nepal that took place on November 20. The voter turnout was estimated at 61 per cent, which was lower than expected and the results are likely to take days, if not weeks. But a country that is located strategically and is vulnerable to outside pressures and manipulation never truly loses its importance. Nepal's two powerful and competing neighbours have undiminished interests in the country and enjoy fluctuating levels of trust. The United States, now often referred to as a "distant neighbour", will also be interested in the election as it will spell out how stable Nepal's politics will be in the time to come. Depending on which party leads the new government — and may well be a mixed-ideology coalition — the larger political stakeholders will perhaps need to review their policies and cultivate emerging power centres. India, which has traditionally been a dominant factor in Nepal's politics, will have much to be concerned about.

The monarchy ruled as more or less an absolutist power from 1951-1990, with the brief 18-month exception in starting mid-1960 when the country had its first elected government. This was followed by the 1991-2005 phase of multi-party democracy, when the monarchy had a constitutional role. After that, came the Republic and the left-dominated phases. The latter may have a sort of consistency abroad, including in Indian foreign pol-

An election after radicalisation

Nepal polls may force India to review policies, cultivate emerging power centres

ity circles, but the different and contradictory orientation of three dominant forces in Nepal — the Maoists, other communist parties and Nepali Congress — also make the external world suspicious.

India has indicated that it will be cautiously watching the electoral outcome. It has said so earlier as well, but this time the words seem more sincere as they are matched by a lack of visibility on the ground. The decline of Madhes-centric forces and parties that India credited as the force for the five-month-long border blockade after the last elections (2017), which brought Nepal-India relations to a low ebb, may not make New Delhi happy. Worse, some of them have joined the alliance led by K P Oli, the man India is likely uncomfortable dealing with for reasons that are now well-known. Oli, chief of the Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist, is a potential prime minister in case his alliance — pitted against the one comprising the Nepali Congress and Maoists — wins. Oli, who started his election campaign from Darchula, has stated that he will bring Kalapani, Limpiadhura and Lipulek under Nepal's control.

India lost its traditional allies in Nepal — first the monarchy and then Nepali Congress after New Delhi backed the Maoists (calling them true representatives of the future of Nepal) and recently, Madhes forces. The Indian backers of the radical changes in Nepal and their supporters in academia from both coun-

tries succeeded in bringing the Maoists — then with an official "terrorist" tag — to the centre of power and politics in Nepal in 2006. Side by side, a narrative was created that the Tarai region — with around 51 per cent population and 17 per cent of the area — was a sort of "colony" of the hill-origin rulers and needed to be "liberated".

The Indian narrative was incorrect as it was based on a belief that the entire Tarai was a homogenous "Indian-origin" entity. This ignored its diversity in terms of ethnicity and caste, including affinities with Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. It also ignored the internal competition and rivalry in the region. The fact that the ancient Janakpur — a Ramayan-era city — and a huge stretch of Mithila was partly in the Tarai is evidence of a common heritage, culture and ancestry. But this does not mean that these regions are the political responsibility of either nation, crossing borders.

India's unprecedented level of involvement in the Tarai, along with the rest of Nepal, and the presence of the western countries in identity and ethnicity-based politics in the post-monarchy phase made Beijing more suspicious than ever. As a result, China enlarged its presence, investment and counter-diplomacy vis a vis India and the West in Nepal. The years that followed saw radical and violent movements in the Tarai region, with some demanding the right to secede. The perceived Indian blockade and visible social and politi-

cal divide between the hills and plains, often exacerbated by European donors, pitted castes and ethnic groups against each other. This created an environment for proselytization.

In fact, the over-stated "civilisational and cultural" ties between Nepal and India also suffered hugely as the radical change of 2006 undermined the "common culture factor".

Maoist chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" shifted his constituency from Chitwan to Gorkha where Guru Gorakhanath, legend has it, blessed King Prithvi Narayan Shah, the architect of the modern and unified Nepal. Gorakhnath was the presiding deity till the monarchy held power. Prachanda has apologised for his cadres vandalising the statue of the great king and insulting the chief priest of the peeth during the insurgency. This has emboldened both pro-monarchy and pro-Hindu politics, which seem to be resurgent.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently called for joint action to address radicalisation and extremism. Ironically, India and other external players may well have to work with the beneficiaries of the radicalisation of politics in Nepal. The global community may also need to deal with unstable politics and actors who stand discredited for promising the sky and delivering far less in terms of stability, consolidation of democracy and prosperity.

The writer is a senior journalist based in Kathmandu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHO WILL PAY?

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Lost opportunity' (IE, November 21). The two week long COP27 summit at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt, after a great deal of deliberation, concluded on a happy note. Member countries agreed to set up a global fund to compensate smaller, developing countries that suffer the consequences of climate change through no fault of their own. While this makes for a good first step, unless the modalities are carved out to evaluate and quantify the actual loss or damage incurred to a nation as a result of climate change, and how the payment would be made and by whom, it is too early to celebrate.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

UNFAIR CRITIQUE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Cup of joy' (IE, November 21). There is no country today that does not violate human rights or exercise discrimination of one kind or another. The oldest democracy in the world, the US, is probably the worst offender. It is hypocritical to use these parameters to choose the venue for global sporting events. The test for Qatar in hosting the World Cup is how competently it conducts the matches. Moreover, football is played in all the five major continents. Football is a unique leveller, too. Access to the World Cup is no longer

limited to large or rich nations. It is time to savour the World Cup and bury the controversies.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

WRONG APPROACH

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The BJP's Muslim outreach' (IE, November 21). It is true that Pasmanda Muslims are amongst the most socially and educationally backward groups in India. However, the divide-and-rule strategy in the BJP's approach towards Muslims would only help it create another vote-bank. The development of the Muslim community will not be the party's focus. For the community's growth, the Sachar Committee recommendations should serve as guidelines.

H Upadhyay, via email

CHOOSE WELL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Moving ahead in J&K' (IE, November 21). For any political process in J&K to succeed, the people of the state must learn to correctly appreciate the difference between the Indian and Pakistani experiment with political liberty during the last 75 years. The Indian experiment, however faulty, is based on secular notions of identity, while Pakistan still harks back to religion to define its politics. Political maturity is the need of the hour.

Shubhada H, via email

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work and its Location:-

30-Elect-52-T-2022-23-E3
Electrical work regarding improvements/ strengthening of power supply, lighting, cabling etc. in DUK section.

Approx Cost of the works in:-

Rs. 42.56 Lacs

Address of the Office:-

Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

Bid Security:-

Rs. 85100.00

Date & time of submission of tender:-

19.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender:-

19.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.

Website & Notice Board:-

www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

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दिनांक 21.11.22

e-Procurement Tender Notice No. DMC/27/2022-23 दिनांक 19.10.2022 जो कार्यालय के पत्रांक 3263 दिनांक 19.10.2022 द्वारा समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित है, जिसका P.R. 280424 (Rural Development) 22-23 (D) में Pre-Bid meeting के पश्चात आवश्यक सुधार के उपरांत अनुमोदित RFP Document एवं Contract Agreement https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app देखा जा सकता है।

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नगर आयुक्त, धनबाद।

PR.NO.282935 Urban Development and Housing(22-23):D

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.
Ph No.: +91-651-2225878; e-mail Id:- pdt.juidco@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

NIT No: - JUIDCO/NIT/PPP/ISBTDhanbad/506

Date: 21th Nov, 2022

Tender ID: - 2022 UDD 62055_1 PR No.: 279650

Corrigendum- 2

All bidders are hereby announced that Corrigendum- 2 is released for tender having details as mentioned above for "Development of Inter-State Bus Terminal at Dhanbad in Jharkhand on PPP basis". The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids against the tender.

Note: Corrigendum- 02 can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e., (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

-Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

PR.NO.282969 Urban Development and Housing(22-23):D

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
"e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-29/2022-23

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : Road work
3. No. of work : 1 No.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs. 10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : Special Class / Super Class
6. Available of bid document in the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 28.11.2022 to 5.30 PM of 19.12.2022
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 20.12.2022 at 11.30 AM
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha
OIPR-34111/11/0058/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bid Identification No 30 of 2022-23

The Superintending Engineer RWS&S Division, Balangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage bid through e - Procurement in double cover system according to norm of e - Procurement system in online mode for the different work in different blocks under Balangir District.

01. Nature of Work

Construction of ESR , UGR , pump house with laying of rising main and distribution in different villages of Balangir District.

02. Total No of work

06 Nos.

03. Estimated oost

Rs. 330.70 to 481.68 Lakh

04. Eligible Class of Contractor

'A' Contractor

05. Period of completion

Eighteen month

06. Other Details

Procurement Officer

Bid Identification No.

Availability of tender online for bidding

From

To

Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balangir

30 of 2022-23

25.11.2022 At 11.00 Hrs

01.12.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs

Further details can be had in the DTCN available in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
RWS&S Division, Balangir
OIPR/25033/11/0030/2223

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
JUIDCO BHAWAN, KUTCHERY CHOWK,
RANCHI 834 001, Jharkhand
PH: +91 651 2225878, E-MAIL: juidcolimited@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

NIT No.: JUIDCO/PHUSRO/STP&D/22/517

Date: 21.11.2022

Notice Inviting Tender

National Competitive Bidding

1.	Name of the Work	Interception & Diversion and STP works in Ramgarh Town, Jharkhand
2.	Mode of bid submission	Online Tender
3.	Tender Fee	Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only Non-refundable. Bid Security Amount: 1% of the Project Cost (Capex)
4.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on website	25.11.2022 & 09:00 Hrs
5.	Last Date & Time of submission of Pre Bid queries	04.12.2022 & 17:00 Hrs
6.	Date & Time of Pre Bid Meeting	05.12.2022 & 12:00 Hrs
7.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	26.12.2022 & 17:00Hrs
8.	Last Date & Time of submission of Tender fee and EMD	27.12.2022 & 17:00Hrs
9.	Date & Time of bid opening	27.12.2022 & 17:30Hrs
10.	Bid submission address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd, 3rd Floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001. +91651 2225878
11.	Helpline no.	

Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>
Sd/-
Project Director (Tech)
JUIDCO Ltd, Ranchi.
PR 282976 Urban Development(22-23):D

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) name **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown** age about **45-50 years** was found dead at **Near Police Booth Ajmeri Gate, Delhi on 19.11.2022**. In this regard a vide DD No. **50-A**, Dated **19.11.2022** has been lodged at **PS Kamla Market, Delhi**. The dead body has been preserved in the mortuary of MAMC, Delhi for 72 hours for identification.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** about 45-50 years., **Height:** 5' 6" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black & White Jersey, Blue Shirt & Black Lower.
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers:-
SHO
Website:<http://cbi.nic.in> **PS:** Kamla Market, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph.:** 011-22230623, 23233743
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.:** 8750870424
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/3048/CD/2022**



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
Phone: 0680-2281582, e-mail: ccescbam@gmail.com
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]

Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-13/2022-23

No. 4377 /! Dated: 10.11.2022

1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction of **Road / Bridge Works** as detailed in the table below.
2) **Nature of work** : Road / Bridge works
3) **No. of work** : 07 Nos.
4) **Tender Cost** : Rs. 10,000/- (online)
5) **Class of Contractor** : "B" Class, "A" Class & Special Class
6) **Availability of Bid document in the website** : From 22.11.2022 10.00 AM to 07.12.2022 4.00 PM
7) **Date of Opening of Bid** : 08.12.2022 at 11.30 A.M.
8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>.
9) Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/- (D.C. Behera)
Chief Construction Engineer
Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur
OIPR-34103/11/0016/2223

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General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Age** : About 55 years, **Height** : 5'6", **Face** : Long, **Complexion** : Shallow, **Build:** Normal, wearing white colour T-shirt and blue colour payjama was found dead on 12.11.2022 at G-Block, Bus Stand, Dakshinpuri, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 60-A dated 12.11.2022 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.
SHO - P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi
Tel. No.: 011-29052304, 29051917, 08750870832
DP/3066/SD/22

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

OPEN TENDER NO.RS (POL)058/508/2022/Re-tender

BID INVITATION

Offers are invited for and on behalf of the President of India from the Companies registered with Insurance Regulatory Development Authority for carrying out General Insurance, including Marine Insurance in India, for Marine Insurance of :-

Description of the Covers	Last date for submission of bids
Open Cover (Basic) ICC(B) for bulk consignments inclusive of broad conditions: Steel items, wheel, tyres, axles, rails & sheets, angles and other similar items, in bulk only. Open Cover (All Risk) ICC(A) for specific items, inclusive of defective packaging losses due to handling etc. throughout the passage of insured items upto the ultimate consignee inclusive of broad conditions. (a) Locomotives/pares, Plant/ Machinery/ signaling/ Telecommunication/ Micr owave/X-ray equipments and Instruments, Hospital Equipments/Diesel & Electrical Loco components/Electrical/Electronic items, similar spares/components and stores of non-fragile nature only. (b) Locomotive and Coaches in knocked down/ Semi Knocked down condition as per ICC (A) Clause. (c) Wheel sets and axles (d) All other materials in form of liquid, thinner, paints, varnish etc, in new drums (subject to an excess of 1/2% on whole consignment) (e) All material of fragile nature like Insulators/Ceremics/ Asbestos/Porcelain and Graphite. (f) Locos fully assembled. (g) Coaches fully assembled. (h) Crane Fully assembled. (i)Track machine fully assembled/complete knocked down condition/semi knocked down condition.	13.12.2022
2. Estimated value of the tender is Rs. 27, 81,000.	
2.1 Non-transferable bid documents containing detailed terms & conditions may be collected from the Director, Railway Stores (M), Room No.306, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. (Between 9.30 hrs. and 17.30 hrs.) on all working days.	
3. The tender document can also be downloaded for use on the website www. indianrailways.gov.in .	
4. Offers submitted through the agents will not be accepted.	
5. Tender can be submitted on all working days, to DRS(M) in room No. 306, upto 14:30 hours on 13.12.2022 and the same shall be opened at 15:00 Hrs on the same day in room No. 306, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, in the presence of bidders who choose to witness the opening of offers. In case 13.12.2022 happens to be a holiday, the date of submission and opening shall be extended to the next working day.	
6. Acceptance of the Tender: The purchaser reserves the right to accept a tender for a part or whole of the offer, reject any tender without assigning any reason and may not accept the lowest or any tender. Time for submission of bids would be upto 14.30 hrs. and same will be opened at 15.00 hrs. on 13.12.2022.	

**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**
3098/2022

(Sunil Kumar Verma)
Director, Railway Stores (M)
For & on behalf of the President of India
Room No. 306, Rail Bhawan,
Raisina Road, New Delhi-110001



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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HAFED SUGAR MILLS ASSANDH	SALE OF NEW BAGASSE FOR SEASON 2022-23 PROVIDING AND INSTALLING 01 NO.TUBE- WELL AT HSM, ASSANDH AND PURCHASE OF R.O SPARES AND AMC FOR R.O.S INSTALLED AT MILL CAMPUS	19.11.2022 24.11.2022	A PER TENDER NOTICE DOCUMENTS	hafed.gov.in	9053008707 dgmhfd@gmail.com

13870 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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1.	GURUGRAM UNIVERSITY: GURUGRAM	SUPPLY OF 5 LAKH ANSWER BOOKS OF 40 PAGES (38+2 PAGES) OMR SHEET HAVING 3 BAR CODE DETACHABLE PORTION OF GOOD QUALITY (105GM PAPER) PER ANNUM FABRICATED WITH 606SM MAP LITHO PAPER OF VIR. GIN PULP WITH 85% BRIGHTNESS JULY WITH UNIVERSITY LOGO IN BLUE AND PAGE NUMBERING ON EACH LEAF IN THE SIZE OF 8.96"X11 AFTER TRIMMING.	17.11.2022 02.12.2022	45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9999649966

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Single-packet system for the following work :-

1. Name of work and location	Miscellaneous repair in RCC Box No. 3 at Delhi Kishanganj and Provision of approach Road from LC No. 10 to Dobh station and other allied works in connection with new crossing station at Dobh on Rohtak-Bhiwani Section.
2. Completion of the work	08 (Eight) months
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 2.84 crore only
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 2,92,000/- (Rupees Two lacs Ninety two Thousand) only
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tender may be uploaded up to 11:30 hrs on 14.12.2022 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the Bids of which will be opened at 11:30 hrs on 14.12.2022.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed tender's document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 30.11.2022 to 14.12.2022 and bidders will be able to offer their technical and financial bid from 30.11.2022. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

Tender Notice No. -477-ACS-C-DKZ-DOBHRD-TKJ Dated 18.11.2022 3095/2022

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NORTHERN RAILWAY e-OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest Money	1. CTR(S) of loop lines at HUK, NUR, BBDE., etc in DUK section under ADEN/KUN & ADEN/PNP. Approx. Cost : Rs. 1,86,84,629.72/- Earnest Money : Rs. 2,43,400.00/-
	Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note : FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.
Completion Period	10 Months
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 16.12.2022 opening of e-tender at 15.00 hrs. on 16.12.2022.
Website particulars, published-tender, notice location etc complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
Similar nature of work	CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machines & TRR by T-28.

Note: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsory.

No.-: 128-W/280/Tender Notice/22-23/W-I (NIT-51) Dated: 21.11.2022 3104/2022

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Govt. of Bihar

Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
A Government of Bihar Undertaking

NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

FOR
Construction of Crematorium (Electrical & Wooden) Under Nischay-2 in Various ULB, Bihar.
(Through e-procurement mode only- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
NIT.No- BUIDCO/ Yo-2096/21 - 46

A. Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (BUIDCO) invites bids from eligible experienced Firms / Contractors / Agencies / Bidders registered in appropriate category in any government organisation/PSUs for execution of works as given below :-

Gr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (INR)	Bid Security (EMD) (INR)	Bid Document Cost (INR)	Bid Processing Fee with GST (INR)	Time for completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of Crematorium (Electrical 01 Set & Wooden 02 Set) under Nischay-2 in Gopalganj, Nagar Parishad, Bihar	3,97,80,315.00	7,95,607.00	20,000.00	17,700.00	09 Months
2	Construction of Crematorium (Electrical 01 Set & Wooden 02 set) under Nischay-2 in Arrah, Nagar Nigam, Bihar	3,77,58,878.00	7,55,176.00	20,000.00	17,700.00	09 Months
3	Construction of Crematorium (Electrical 01 Set & Wooden 02 set) under Nischay-2 in Munger, Nagar Nigam, Bihar	3,90,96,166.00	7,81,924.00	20,000.00	17,700.00	09 Months

B. Date of Downloading of Bid Document

:

From 28.11.2022 to 19.12.2022 up to 12:00 P.M. Through website : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .

C. Place & Date of pre-bid meeting

:

BUIDCo Office, West Boring Cannal Road (Rajapul) Patna, Bihar, India, PIN -800 001

D. Last date of Receiving Queries

:

Date:-02.12.2022, Time 05.00 P.M.

E. Last Date and time for uploading of bid.

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Date:-20.12.2022 up to 03.00 P.M. Through website : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .

F. Last Date and time for submission of hard copy of bid

:

Date:-21.12.2022, Time 03.00 P.M

G. Time & Date of opening technical bids

:

Date:-21.12.2022, Time 04.00 P.M

H. Time & date of opening financial bids

:

To be communicated later on.

I. Place of opening of Bid

:

Through website : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .

J. Periods of bids validity

:

120 Days.

K. Officer inviting bids

:

Chief Engineer, Design, Planning & Monitoring, BUIDCo, Patna.

L For participation in E-tendering proc, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get User ID, Password & digital signature. This will enable accessing the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in & download/participate in E-tender.

M The tender documents can be obtained through our website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in & <http://buidco.in>.

N (i) Bid processing fees to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet payment getaway (Credit/Debit Card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS.
(ii) Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-procurement portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date & time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay/Non availability of internet connection, Network Traffic/Holidays or any other reasons"

O Bid document cost should be paid by draft of any scheduled banks payable in favour of Managing Director, Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, Original Bank Draft will have to be submitted in the office of Managing Director, Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, Near Rajapur Pul, West Boring Canal Road, Patna-800001 on or before 03:00 PM on 21.12.2022 failing which the tender will be rejected.

P Earnest Money should be in the form of Bank Guarantee of any scheduled banks payable in favour of Managing Director, Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, on or before 03:00 PM on 21.12.2022 failing which the tender will be rejected. The Estimated Cost may increase or decrease. All the information/corrigendum/addendum related to the project shall be published on the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and www.buidco.in.

Q The authority shall have the right to reject the bid without assigning any reason what so ever. For any information department help line No. 18003456109 may be used

R Estimate amount may vary. So EMD will be deposited as per Technical Sheet uploaded on the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in . Tender has been invited based on model BOQ and architectural drawing. This is a composite tender, in which a bidder shall quote percentage rate for schedule items and item rate for non schedule items. Contractor will prepare detailed design and drawings as per site conditions and will get it vetted from any NIT/IIT institution. Accordingly estimate and BOQ shall be prepared by contractor and will be submitted for TS and approval by competent authority. Work shall be executed according to approved design and drawings, TS and BOQ. For any deviation or any new items, approval shall be granted by competent authority.

S Further details of works can be obtained from the office of Chief Engineer, Design, Planning & Monitoring For clarification, regarding the E –tendering process, please contact e-procurement, Helpdesk, first Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna – 800 001, Telephone no. 0612-2523006, Mobile No – 07542028164.

Superintending Engineer
Design, Planning, Monitoring,
BUIDCO, Patna.

#West Boring Cannal Road (Rajapul) Patna, Bihar, India, PIN -800 001
(Tel: +91 612-2558412, Web:-<http://buidco.in>, Email: mbuidco@gmail.com)

For further details please visit website State.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम
01, कॉलेज रोड, रतलाम (Pin-457001)
Email: commratlam@mpurban.gov.in | Contact: 07412-270555 | Website- www.mcratlam.in | ULB Code: 802222

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प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रण

दिनांक : 18/11/2022

नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम द्वारा जुलवानिया ठोस अपशिष्ट प्रसंस्करण केंद्र पर उपलब्ध लेगसी वेस्ट के उपचार हेतु mptenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य का विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

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TELLING NUMBERS

The world’s costliest climate change disasters

COP27, THE United Nations Climate Change Conference, closed on Sunday in Sharm El-Sheikh with an agreement to create a landmark “loss and damage fund”, in which countries decided to create a fund to help vulnerable nations hit by climate-induced extreme weather events.

Climate change has raised the cost of natural disasters as floods, droughts, and wildfires have become more frequent and more severe.

Reuters published a list of the 10 most expensive events of the last decade, based on estimates by risk modelling firm RMS. While the biggest losses are usually in richer countries with more expensive assets, developing countries such as Pakistan, which suffered catastrophic flooding this year, often bear the brunt of extreme weather. Here’s a list of the top five disasters, ranked by economic losses — insured and uninsured.



The Thomas Fire in Ventura, California, in Dec 2017. *The NYT*

1 CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES 2017-18

After a multi-year drought, numerous fires destroyed more than 100 million trees. The worst fires were the Tubbs Fire of October 2017, and Camp Fire of November 2018

2 ATLANTIC HURRICANES, 2017

Three hurricanes, Harvey, Irma, and Maria devastated parts of Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean in August-September

TOTAL LOSSES: \$297 BILLION
(\$125 billion from Harvey)
TOTAL DEATHS: 4,822
(4,600 deaths from Maria)

3 AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES 2019-20

Nearly 11 months of fires affected 80% of Australians and killed or displaced at least 3 billion animals.

TOTAL LOSS: \$110 BILLION
DEATHS: 34

4 HURRICANE IAN, SEPT 2022

The hurricane hit southwestern Florida and South Carolina, with a 4-metre high storm surge on the west coast of Florida.

TOTAL LOSS: MORE THAN \$100 BILLION
DEATHS: 101

5 HURRICANE IDA, AUG 2021

The hurricane hit Louisiana and also brought heavy rain and flooding to New Jersey and New York.

TOTAL LOSS: \$75 BILLION
DEATHS: 107

7. PAKISTAN FLOODS, JUNE-AUG 2022

Intense monsoon rain and unusual heat in the Karakoram Mountains led to unprecedented glacial melt, starting floods on June 14, which displaced 8 million people.

TOTAL LOSS: \$40 BILLION | DEATHS: 1,717

ALSO IN TOP 10 LIST: Floods in Germany and Belgium, July 2021 (total losses \$40.93 billion, deaths 230); Typhoons Faxai and Hagibis in Japan, Aug-Oct 2019 (total losses \$26.1 billion, deaths 85); the European heatwave in summer of 2022 (total losses more than € 10 billion, deaths 1,500); Northwestern US and British Columbia, Canada heatwave, June-July 2021 (total losses \$8.9 billion, deaths 1,400)

SIMPLY PUT

Slowing dragon, racing elephant

China is set to register an absolute population decline. Its crisis from a dwindling and ageing workforce can be an opportunity for India. But rapid job creation will be key

HARISH DAMODARAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THIS YEAR and the next will see two landmark demographic events. In 2022, China will for the first time register an absolute decline in its population. And in 2023, India’s population, projected by the United Nations to reach 1,428.63 million, will surpass China’s 1,425.67 million.

The potential economic implications are huge. But the first question to ask is: What has been behind these shifts? There are two primary drivers of population change.

Mortality and fertility

Mortality falls with increased education levels, public health and vaccination programmes, access to food and medical care, and provision of safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. The crude death rate (CDR) — the number of persons dying per year per 1,000 population — was 23.2 for China and 22.2 for India in 1950. It fell to single digits for China first in 1974 (to 9.5) and for India in 1994 (9.8), and further to 7.3-7.4 for both in 2020.

Another mortality indicator is life expectancy at birth. Between 1950 and 2020, it went up from 43.7 to 78.1 years for China and from 41.7 to 70.1 years for India.

Reduction in mortality normally leads to a rising population. A drop in fertility, on the other hand, slows down population growth, ultimately resulting in absolute declines. The total fertility rate (TFR) — the number of babies an average woman bears over her lifetime — was as high as 5.8 for China and 5.7 for India in 1950.

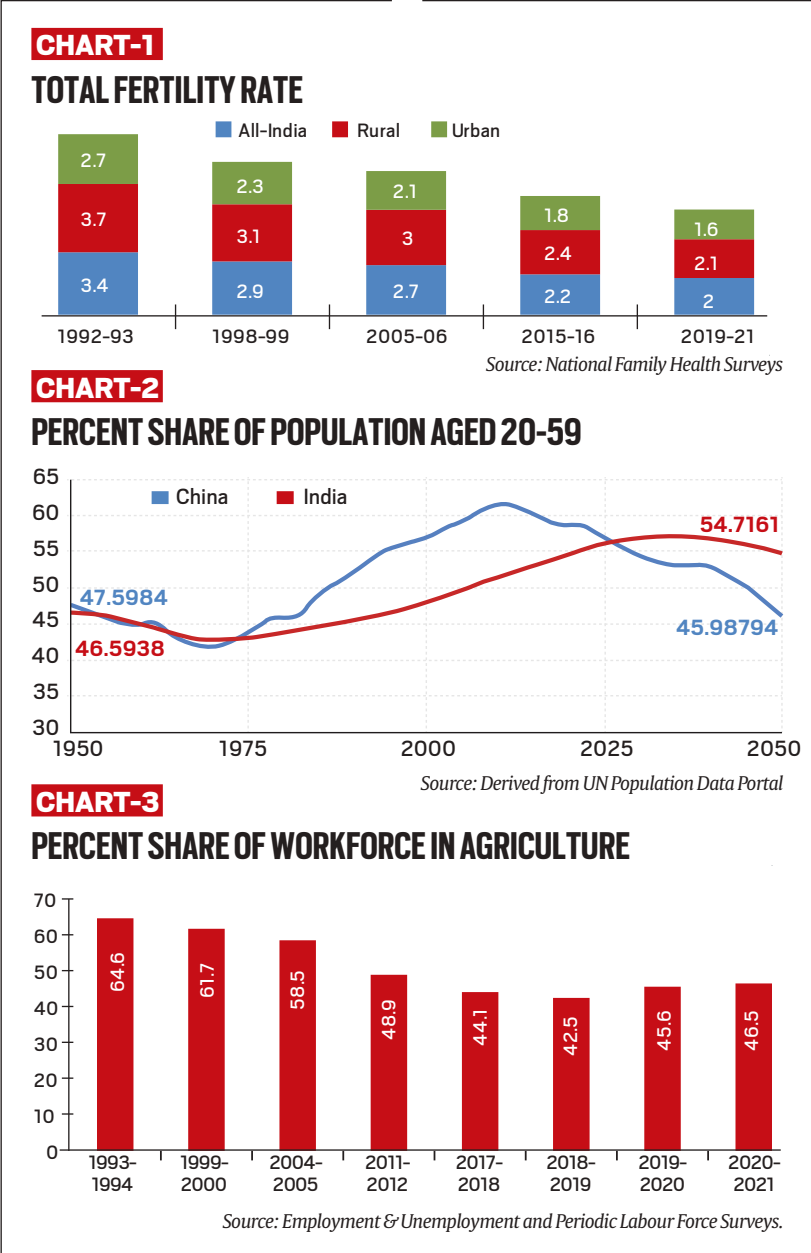
Chart 1 shows how sharply the TFR has fallen for India in the last three decades. Between 1992-93 and 2019-21, it came down from 3.4 to 2; the fall was especially significant in the rural areas. In 1992-93, the average rural Indian woman produced one extra child compared to her urban counterpart (3.7 versus 2.7). By 2019-21, that gap had halved (2.1 versus 1.6).

A TFR of 2.1 is considered as “replacement-level fertility”. Simply understood, a woman having two children basically replaces herself and her partner with two new lives. Since all infants may not survive to realise their reproductive potential, the replacement TFR is taken at slightly above two. It ensures that each generation replaces itself.

The next question then is: If India’s TFR is already below-replacement, why is its population still increasing?

Sustained lows necessary

The TFR is the average number of births by women aged 15-49 based on surveys for a particular period/year. Populations can keep growing even with TFRs falling. De-growth requires TFRs to remain below replacement levels for extended periods. The



effects of that — fewer children today becoming parents tomorrow and procreating just as much or less — may reflect only after a couple of generations.

China’s TFR dipped below replacement first in 1991, which was almost 30 years before India’s. Recall that the CDR decline below 10, too, happened two decades earlier for China. Not surprising, China’s population more than doubled from 544 million in 1950 to 1.1 billion in 1987 — underpinned by falling CDRs — and continued to grow, peaking at 1,426 million in 2021. It took over 30 years for below-replacement fertility rates to translate into negative population growth.

China faces a crisis...

China’s TFR, according to its 2020 Census,

was 1.3 births per woman — marginally up from the 1.2 in the 2010 and 2000 censuses, but way below the replacement rate of 2.1. China officially ended its one-child policy, introduced in 1980, from 2016. The UN, nevertheless, projects its total population at 1.31 billion in 2050, a 113 million-plus drop from the 2021 peak.

The real crisis for China, however, is the decline in its population that is of prime working age. The proportion of the population aged between 20 and 59 years crossed 50% in 1987 and peaked at 61.5% in 2011. This period also coincided with high economic growth, with China successfully harnessing the “demographic dividend” that comes from a young labour force. If there is a large population that’s able to work and earn, not

SHEJIEDATHARA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

SAUDI ARABIA’S Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman met Thailand’s prime minister last week and signed agreements to expand diplomatic relations. The relations were restored earlier this year, three decades after a jewellery theft, known as the Blue Diamond Affair, derailed ties between the two nations.

What is the Blue Diamond Affair?

In 1989, jewellery and gems were stolen from the palace of Prince Faisal bin Fahd, son

of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, by Kriangkrai Techamong, a Thai worker employed as a servant at the palace. The valuables were worth \$20 million and included a rare 50-carat blue diamond, which is still missing, and which has lent its name to the whole affair.

According to media reports from the time, Kriangkrai hid his loot in a large cargo delivery he was sending home to Thailand. Kriangkrai was arrested in January 1990 and sentenced to seven years in prison, but was released after three years as he cooperated with the police and had confessed.

Soon after, much of the loot was retrieved. However, Saudi officials have claimed that

many of the recovered jewels were fake.

Amidst all this, the investigations took a bloody turn with a series of murders in Thailand. Three Saudi diplomats were shot in Bangkok in February 1990. Weeks later, a businessman close to the Saudi royal family, who had travelled to Bangkok, went missing, and was presumed killed.

In retaliation, Saudi Arabia downgraded its relations with Thailand, resulting in loss of jobs for thousands of Thai migrant workers. The Gulf country stopped issuing work visas for Thais and discouraged its citizens from visiting the nation. Diplomatic missions were downgraded to the charge d’affaires level.

Present Saudi-Thailand relations

The ice was broken in January this year, when Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha visited Saudi and held talks with Salman. The two leaders agreed to appoint ambassadors “in the near future”.

Saudi Arabia restarted direct flights to Thailand in February. Since January, friendly exchanges have taken place between the two countries, including an agreement between state-owned energy firms Saudi Aramco and Thailand’s PTT for cooperation in carbon capture and crude oil sourcing.

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Developing Great Nicobar: strategic imperative, ecological concerns

ESHAROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

LAST MONTH, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change gave environmental clearance for the ambitious Rs 72,000 crore development project on the strategically important Great Nicobar Island. The project is to be implemented in three phases over the next 30 years.

The proposal

A “greenfield city” has been proposed, including an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), a greenfield international airport, a power plant, and a township for the personnel who will implement the project. “The proposed port will allow Great Nicobar to participate in the regional and global maritime economy by becoming a major player in cargo transshipment,” the Niti Aayog has said in a report.

The port will be controlled by the Indian Navy, while the airport will have dual military-civilian functions. Roads, public trans-

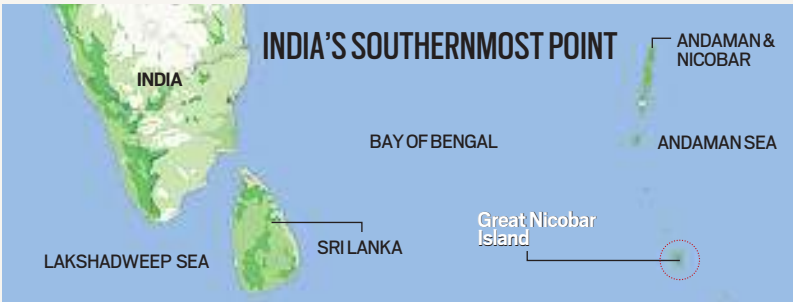
port, water supply and waste management facilities, and several hotels have been planned to cater to tourists.

Some 130 sq km of forests have been sanctioned for diversion, and 9,64 lakh trees are likely to be felled. Development activities are proposed to commence in the current financial year, and the port is expected to be commissioned by 2027-28. More than 1 lakh new direct jobs and 1.5 lakh indirect jobs are likely to be created on the island over the period of development.

The island

Great Nicobar, the southernmost of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has an area of 910 sq km. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a cluster of about 836 islands in the eastern Bay of Bengal, the two groups of which are separated by the 150-km wide Ten Degree Channel. The Andaman Islands lie to the north of the channel, and the Nicobar Islands to the south.

Indira Point on the southern tip of Great Nicobar Island is India’s southernmost point, less than 150 km from the northern-



most island of the Indonesian archipelago. Great Nicobar is home to two national parks, a biosphere reserve, and the Shompen and Nicobarese tribal peoples, along with ex-servicemen from Punjab, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh who were settled on the island in the 1970s.

The Shompen are hunter-gatherers who depend on forest and marine resources for sustenance. The Nicobarese, who lived along the west coast of the island, were mostly relocated after the 2004 tsunami. An estimated 237 Shompen and 1,094 Nicobarese

individuals now live in a 751 sq km tribal reserve, some 84 sq km of which is proposed to be denotified. The approximately 8,000 settlers who live on the island are engaged in agriculture, horticulture, and fishing.

The Great Nicobar Island has tropical wet evergreen forests, mountain ranges reaching almost 650 m above sea level, and coastal plains. Fourteen species of mammals, 71 species of birds, 26 species of reptiles, 10 species of amphibians, and 113 species of fish are found on the island, some of which are endangered. The leatherback

sea turtle is the island’s flagship species.

The purpose

The island has a lot of tourism potential, but the government’s greater goal is to leverage the locational advantage of the island for economic and strategic reasons.

Great Nicobar is equidistant from Colombo to the southwest and Port Klang and Singapore to the southeast, and positioned close to the East-West international shipping corridor, through which a very large part of the world’s trade passes. The proposed ICTT can potentially become a hub for cargo ships travelling on this route.

The proposal to develop Great Nicobar was first floated in the 1970s, and its importance for national security and consolidation of the Indian Ocean Region has been repeatedly underlined. Increasing Chinese assertion in the Bay of Bengal and the Indo-Pacific has added great urgency to this imperative in recent years.

The concerns

The proposed massive infrastructure de-

velopment in an ecologically important and fragile region, including the felling of almost a million trees, has alarmed environmentalists. The loss of tree cover will not only affect the island, it will also lead to increased runoff and sediment deposits in the ocean, impacting the coral reefs in the area, they have cautioned. Environmentalists have also flagged the loss of mangroves. India has translocated a coral reef from the Gulf of Mannar to the Gulf of Kutch earlier. The Zoological Survey of India is currently in the process of assessing how much of the reef will have to be relocated for the project. The government has said a conservation plan for the leatherback turtle is also being put in place.

According to the government, expediting the project is of paramount security and strategic importance. Officials said after the grant of stage I clearance on October 27, all aspects will be weighed before final approval.

The project site is outside the eco-sensitive zones of Campbell Bay and Galathea National Park. The Centre has said that the development area is only a small percentage of the area of the island and its forest cover.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number: 96461-18774)

Tender Enquiry No. MQP-209/2022-23/PR Dated: 21.11.2022
CE/Metering, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-Tender for procurement of 39,000 4-in-1 Metal Meter Boxes (Cabinets) for incorporating Single Phase Energy Meters.
For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 21.11.2022 (04.00 P.M. onward).
NOTE: Corrigendum & amendments, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
E-AUCTION NOTICE REFERENCE NO. MCB/2022-23/002
The Municipal Corporation, Bathinda invites E-Auction on double bid system.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount (in Lacs)	Closing Date & Time
1.	Leasing of Municipal Skating Rink at Rose Garden, Bathinda for a period of 3 years.	To be Quoted by the Contractor	06.12.2022 upto 11.00 A.M.

NOTE: Any corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on www.tenderwizard.com/DLGP website only.

Sd/-
Corporation Engineer,
Municipal Corporation, Bathinda

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 45/2022-23/SE/PHCMVPA
Jal Jeevan Mission 2021-2024 - Vazhathoppue and Idukki - Kanjikkuzhy (Part) Panchayath
EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/-
Tender fee : Rs. 16540/-
Last Date for submitting Tender : 13-12-2022 04:00 pm
Phone : 04852835637
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle
Muvattupuzha

KWA-JB-GL-6-1096-2022-23

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE Short term E-tenders are invited for supply of:- (1) 2500 nos. LT TVM Cat (C) Meter against tender specification No. PVVNL-MT/COM/20(s)/22-23. EMD is Rs. 65,000.00 (2) 2500 nos. LT Metering Cubicle with CT against tender specification No. PVVNL-MT/COM/21(s)/22-23. EMD is Rs. 1,42,500.00 Above tenders are to be submitted by 14.00 hrs of 06.12.2022 and the Part-I of tender shall be opened after 14.30 hrs of the same date. In case of amendment in NIT or extension in opening date, information will be published on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and on www.pvvn.org. "Help line Number for Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut) & 1800-180-8752 (Lucknow)" "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Commercial) For Managing Director पत्रांक: 390 दिनांक: 21.11.2022

E-Procurement cell
Office of the Executive Officer Nagar Parishad Mihijam, Jharkhand Urban Development & Housing Department

e-procurement Notice Very short Tender notice
NIT No. -10/2022-23(15th FC) Date:-19.11.2022

SL. NO	E-TENDER REF NO.	NAME OF WORK	TENDER VALUE	PERIOD OF WORK	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT	TENDER FEES
1	NPM/SBD/22-23/03	EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME	4,80,92,858.00	18 months	4,81,000.00	10,000.00
2		Date of Publication of tender on website		23.11.2022		
3		Closing date and time for receipt of tender on website		06.12.2022 at 15.00 hours		
4		Date and place of receiving hard copy tender fee/EMD/copy of all uploaded documents		07.12.2022 till 14.00 hours at tenders inviting office		
5		Opening date and time of opening of technical bid		07.12.2022 at 15.00 hours		
6		Name and address of office inviting tender		Office of Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad Mihijam		
7		Helpline number of e-procurement cell		+91 7781947390		

NOTE: TENDER VALUE MAY INCREASE/DECREASE.
AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL TENDER WITHOUT SIGHTING ANY REASON THEREOF. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE SEEN ON WEBSITE
<https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> Executive Officer
Nagar Parishad Mihijam

PR282898 (Urban Development and Housing)22-23*D

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा

शुद्धि पत्र एवं सूचना

इस कार्यलय के ई0 निविदा आमंत्रित सूचना सं0-DWSD/EE/JAMTARA-11/DWSD/JMT/2022-23 जिसका PR No.- 280516, (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 22-23 (D) है मैं निम्नलिखित हदतक संशोधित समझा जाए।

Name of Work :- Details survey , designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House ,R.C.C. Gangway, Unconventional water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir ,Staff Quarter, Compound wall , Approach Road , Supplying and laying Raw and Clear water rising main and distribution Network , House Connection , Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal Pump motor and Five Year Operation & Maintenance with allied works etc . All Complete job for Dalabar and Mahesh Munda Panchayat Adjoining villages Rural pipe Water Supply Scheme under D.W. & S. Division Jamtara on Turnkey basis.	विवरण	पूर्व की तिथि एवं समय	संशोधित तिथि एवं समय
Website पर निविदा का प्रकाशन की तिथि / समय	07.11.2022 को 4:00 बजे अपराह्न	03.12.2022, समय 4:00 बजे अपराह्न	
Pre Bid meeting की तिथि/समय	16.11.2022 को 12:30 बजे अपराह्न	09.12.2022, समय 12:30 बजे अपराह्न	
निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि/समय	29.11.2022 को 4:00 बजे अपराह्न तक	19.12.2022, समय 4:00 बजे अपराह्न तक	
अग्रघन की राशि एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने का अंतिम तिथि	30.11.2022 को 1:30 बजे अपराह्न तक	20.12.2022, समय 1:00 बजे अपराह्न तक	
निविदा प्राप्त कर टेक्नीकल बौद्ध खोलने की तिथि	30.11.2022, समय 4:00 बजे अपराह्न	20.12.2022, समय 4:00 बजे अपराह्न	

शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेगी। (ई0 राहुल प्रियदर्शी)
कार्यपालक अभियंता

PR 282902 Drinking Water and Sanitation((22-23)#D पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा

CANCELLATION/ FREQUENCY REDUCTION OF TRAINS TO DEAL WITH UPCOMING FOGGY SEASON 2022-23

In order to manage the train operations in the upcoming foggy season 2022-23, Railway Board has decided to cancel/frequency reduction of trains with effect from 1st December 2022 to 28th Feb/2023 as under:

(A) Cancellation of Trains:

SN	Train No.	Cancellation Day & Date
1	15903 Dibrugarh-Chandigarh Express	Friday, Monday, 02 nd , 05 th , 09 th , 12 th , 16 th , 19 th , 23 rd , 26 th , 30 th December 2022 & 02 nd , 05 th , 09 th , 13 th , 16 th , 20 th , 23 rd , 27 th , 30 th January 2023 & 03 rd , 06 th , 10 th , 13 th , 17 th , 20 th , 24 th & 27 th February 2023
2	15904 Chandigarh-Dibrugarh Express	Sunday, Wednesday, 04 th , 07 th , 11 th , 14 th , 18 th , 21 st , 25 th , 28 th , December 2022, 01 st , 04 th , 08 th , 11 th , 15 th , 18 th , 22 nd , 25 th , 29 th January 2023 & 01 st , 05 th , 08 th , 12 th , 15 th , 19 th , 22 nd , 26 th February 2023 & 01 st March 2023
3	15620 Kamakhya-Gaya Express	Monday, 05 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th December 2022, 02 nd , 09 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th January 2023 & 06 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th February 2023
4	15619 Gaya-Kamakhya Express	Tuesday, 06 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th December 2022, 03 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st January 2023, & 07 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th February 2023
5	15621 Kamakhya-Anand Vihar Terminal Express	Thursday, 01 st , 08 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th December 2022, 05 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th January 2023 & 02 nd , 09 th , 16 th , 23 rd February 2023
6	15622 Anand Vihar Terminal-Kamakhya Exp	Friday, 02 nd , 09 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th December 2022 & 05 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th January 2023 & 03 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th February 2023

(B) Frequency Reduction of Trains

SN	Train No.	Cancellation Day & Date
1	12505 Kamakhya-Anand Vihar Terminal North East Express	Friday, Wednesday, 02 nd , 04 th , 7 th , 9 th , 11 th , 14 th , 16 th , 18 th , 21 st , 23 rd , 25 th , 28 th , December 2022, 01 st , 4 th , 6 th , 8 th , 11 th , 13 th , 15 th , 18 th , 20 th , 22 nd , 25 th , 27 th , 29 th , January 2023 & 01 st , 03 rd , 05 th , 08 th , 10 th , 12 th , 15 th , 17 th , 19 th , 22 nd , 24 th , 26 th , February 2023
2	12506 Anand Vihar Terminal-Kamakhya North East Express	Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, 04 th , 6 th , 9 th , 11 th , 13 th , 16 th , 18 th , 20 th , 23 rd , 25 th , 27 th , 30 th , December 2022, 01 st , 3 rd , 6 th , 8 th , 10 th , 13 th , 15 th , 17 th , 20 th , 22 nd , 24 th , 27 th , 29 th , 31 st January 2023 & 03 rd , 05 th , 07 th , 10 th , 12 th , 14 th , 17 th , 19 th , 21 st , 24 th , 26 th , 28 th , February 2023
3	12523 New Jalpaiguri-New Delhi Express	Saturday, 03 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st December 2022, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th January 2023 & 04 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th February 2023
4	12524 New Delhi-New Jalpaiguri Express	Sunday, 04 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th December 2022, 01 st , 6 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th January 2023 & 05 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th , February 2023
5	15609 Dibrugarh-Langat Abadhi Assam Express	Saturday, 03 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st December 2022, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th January 2023 & 04 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th February 2023
6	15910 Langat Dibrugarh Abadhi Assam Express	Tuesday, 05 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th December 2022 & 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st January 2023 & 07 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th February 2023

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Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUVANNAMALAI HIGHWAYS
(Construction and Maintenance) Circle

TENDER NOTICE
TN.No.27/2022-23 / HDO / DATED : 18.11.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender under two cover system through online only will be received upto 28 - 12 - 2022 / 13.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tiruvannamalai Circle for CRIDP 2022 - 2023 (CMRDP 4 Laning) (2 works) pertaining Tiruvannamalai (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 26-11-2022 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in> If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Tiruvannamalai.

DIPR/5165/Tender/2022

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CHENNAI EAST-I CIRCLE, NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender Notice No.TNUHDB /669/ HD / SE (East-I) / 2022/ Date:18.11.2022

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD and another for Price Bid with name of work duly superscribed in both covers are invited from eligible Contractors who are in the field of Construction Industry and are registered contractors under Class - I (Above Rs. 75.00 lakhs) Revised Monetary Limit under eligible category of classes vide G.O (Ms) No 37/Public Works (S2) Department Dated 17.06.2022 in TNUHDB or Government Departments / Government undertakings / Government / Semi Government Bodies / Quasi Government / Public Sector undertakings / Housing Boards / Corporation Undertakings / CPWD and registered as a legal entity in India, by the Superintending Engineer, Chennai East- I Circle, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board No.130, R.K Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004 UPON 23.12.2022 and the same will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee and bidders, their authorised agents.

Sl. No	Name of work / Estimate No.	Approximate Tender Value (including GST@18%) (Rs. in lakhs) ----- Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)	To whom EMD / Tender Schedule cost to be drawn
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Construction of 229 no. of tenements (S+9) floors including internal water supply, sanitary, electrification arrangements with development works at Baruvanagar in Corporation Dn . No 122 , Chennai under HFA of PMAY (AHP) CER.No.05/CE (E)/2022-2023	3037.20 24 Months	15,30,000/-	Executive Engineer / Division V, Chennai-4

The EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque or FDR / Bank Guarantee from any Nationalised / Scheduled Banks, payable at Chennai in favour of Executive Engineer, mentioned in Column (5). The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai East-I Circle, TNUHDB, No.130, R.K Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004 on written requisition along with cost of the tender documents to a value of 17,700/- (Non-Refundable) in the form of Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque upto 3.00 PM on 23.12.2022 drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer / Division V, Chennai - 600 004

Note: 1) Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai East- I Circle, TNUHDB, Chennai - 600 004. 2) Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender and the tender documents are also available at www.tenders.in.gov.in which can be downloaded at free of cost. The downloaded tender documents shall be submitted without any alteration, whatsoever it may be, in full shape or otherwise while the tender will be liable for rejection. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the web site till the preceding date for any notifications. 3) If the due date of opening of tender happens to be a holiday the same will be received and opened on the succeeding working day without any change in time indicated. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. Address:No.130, R.K Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

Superintending Engineer Chennai East- I Circle

DIPR/5166/Tender / 2022

TENDER NOTICE

TALUKA Sports Complex Committee, Thane invites sealed tenders form for following Works from contractors registered with State Government or Semi Government or Private in the form of e-Tendering. The tender form and other relevant document will be available for download on e-Tendering web site www.mahatenders.gov.in from 21.11.2022 to 09.12.2022 till 05.20 pm. Tender Form Fee and EMD should be submitted through online Receipt system, failing which the tender will be disqualified.

There is no any concession to qualified unemployed Engineer for EMD/ Security Deposit. The last date for submission of tenders completed in all respects on 09.12.2022 up to 05.20 pm on the above mentioned web site Mahatenders.gov.in The tenders shall be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives on the next day on 12.12.2022 at 11.30 am at the tender cell of District Sports Complex Committee, Thane.

President Taluka Sports Complex Committee, Thane has reserve right to accept or reject any or all bids, without assigning any reason.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Contractor Class	Type of Tender	Cost of Tender Documents (in Rs.)	Period of Completion
1.	Construction of Taluka Sports Complex including rain water Harvesting, Sump well & Pump House, Royalty Charges, Testing Charges, GST 18% along with Labour charges 1% in CTS No. 983 (PT) & 1024 (PT) at Village Naupada and Kopri, Thane (W).	12,47,13,000/-	12,47,000/-	Class IV and above or Private Contractor	B-1 Tender	15,000/-	06 Months

Place : Thane
Date : 16.11.2022

DGIPR/2022-23/4212

New Delhi

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Web: www.grse.in, (CIN: L3511WB1934GOI007891)

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING
NIT No.: SCG/AJKOT(PRESS)/CANTEEN SERVICE/057/ET-1911
SUB: Rate Contract for Preparing and Serving Lunch and Other Allied Services in GRSE Contractor's Workmen Canteens
Due Date: 21 days from date of publication

1. Details will be available in e-tendering portal www.grse.in tender and websites <http://www.grse.in/tenderhome.php> & <http://eprocure.gov.in/cpppl>
2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above websites only.

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MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, RANCHI.
e-Tender e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/ RANCHI F, - 12/2022-23

1.	Name of the work	Under Minor Irrigation Division, Ranchi. Construction of Single Check Dam on Jumar Nala, Block:- Kanke, Dist- Ranchi.
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,81,00,600.00
3.	Time of Completion	(11 months)
4.	Date of Publication of E - Tender on website	28.11.2022 at 2.00 pm
5.	Last date/Time for submission of E-Tender BID's	07.12.2022 up to 5:00 pm
6.	Last Date for receipt of e-tender hard copy of bid's fee, security and other document's at	(1) Executive Engineer, M. I. Division, Ranchi (2) Superintending Engineer, M. I Circle, Ranchi (3) Executive Engineer, Design Division, Ranchi. till 10.12.2022 up to 5:00 pm
7.	Date of Opining Tender	13.12.2022 at 2:00 pm
8.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, M.I. Division, Ranchi, Room No. 302, Abhiyantran Bhawan, Kutchery Chowak, Ranchi
a.	Contact no. of e-Procurement officer	9431190681
b.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-3512781/Email ID- cemidran-cemr-jhr@nic.in

Note :- (1) Only e-Tenders will be accepted.
(2) Published Estimated Cost may be Increase or Decrease
Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>
Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation Division, Ranchi.

PR.NO.282940 Minor Irrigation(22-23):D

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida - 201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

A) Fresh-Tender Work:

S.No.	Jobs No.	Name of the work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1	23/GM/SM(WC-6) / 2022-23	D/o Sector-75, 76, 77, 78 & 79 (C/o G.I. Chain Link Fencing along 45M wide road and near Village Sarfabad in sector-74) Noida.	45.62
2	19/PGM/SM(WC-3)/ 2022-23	M/o Road (Repairing of footpath & Painting of footpath & C/o of road between sector-42, 48, 43, 46 & 47), Noida.	54.10
3	28/PGM/SM(WC-3)/ 2022-23	M/o Road (Repair of damaged road with C.C. work and Jaal repair in village Challera sector-44), Noida.	51.10
4	24/PGM/SM(WC-3)/ 2022-23	M/o Road (Repair of footpath & drain sector-52 side of MP-3 road), Noida.	69.13
5	33/DGM/SM(WC-8)/ ET/2022-23	Resurfacing of Road (P/L DBM & BC Internal road 5% Abadi Plot-II in sector-104) Noida.	69.51
6	29/GM/SM(WC-6) / 2022-23	D/o Village (Renovation work for Centorium Village Parthala Khanjarpur), Noida.	69.45

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 05.12.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 06.12.2022 at 11.00 AM.

B) Re-Tender Work:

S.No.	Jobs No.	Name of the work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
7	07/GM/SM(WC-2)/ 2022-23	M/o Road (Repair of Brick work, Plaster & Chequered tile along Parallel road from Atta Peer crossing to DLF Mall near MP-2 Road), Noida.	87.41
8	34/PGM/SM(WC-10)/ ET/2022-23	D/o & M/o Noida Greater Noida Expressway (Repair and Painting of Jhatta & Mohiyapur Underpass of Noida Greater Noida Expressway), Noida.	38.12

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 28.11.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 29.11.2022 at 11.00 AM.

Dy. General Manager NOIDA

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)
RAIL BHAWAN, RAISINA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110001
CORRIGENDUM NO. 2 to the Tender No. WTA-532
No. 2022/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/532 New Delhi, dated 18.11.2022
Sub:- E-Tender No. WTA-532 due on 25.11.2022 for "Manufacturing cum Maintenance of 100 nos. of New Generation Energy Efficient Vande Bharat Trainsets with Concentrated Power System including upgradation of the Government Manufacturing Units & Trainset Depots".
The due date of the subject tender is postponed from 25.11.2022 to 27.02.2023 (Monday). The prospective Bidders are requested to visit website - <https://ireps.gov.in> for more details.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RAILWAY STORES (RS) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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No: 484/P&I-3/15-XXV Dated: 21.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
H.P. Milkfed invites the online bids on item wise/rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the following item on FOR basis:-
01. Black Gram = 650 qtls, Soyabean (Yellow) = 800 qtls, Ground Nut Seed =

LAST BIG STEP BEFORE LUNAR ORBIT

NASA CAPSULE OVER MOON

NASA's Orion capsule reached the moon Monday, whipping around the far side and buzzing the lunar surface on its way to a record-breaking orbit with test dummies sitting in for astronauts. It's the first time a capsule has visited the moon since NASA's Apollo programme 50 years ago, and represents a huge milestone in the \$4.1 billion test flight.



TOP OF THE WORLD



Jason David Frank's cause of death was unknown. AP File

USA

'Power Rangers' star Jason David Frank dies at 49

New York: Jason David Frank, who played the Green Power Ranger Tommy Oliver on the 1990s children's series "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers," has died. He was 49. Justine Hunt, Frank's manager, said on Sunday Frank passed away. She did not name the cause of death or say when he died, but asked for "privacy of his family and friends during this horrible time as we come to terms with the loss of such a wonderful human being." Walter Emmanuel Jones, the original Black Power Ranger who co-starred with Frank in "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers," wrote on Instagram, that he couldn't believe it. "My heart is sad to have lost another member of our family," wrote Jones. AP

CHINA

Covid cases up, Beijing tightens entry rules

Beijing: China's capital warned on Monday that it was facing its most severe test of Covid pandemic, shutting businesses and schools in hard-hit districts and tightening rules for entering the city as infections ticked higher in Beijing and nationally. China is fighting numerous Covid flare ups, from Zhengzhou in central Henan province to Chongqing in the south-west. It reported 26,824 new local cases for Sunday. REUTERS

NEW ZEALAND

Country debate on voting age

Wellington: New Zealand's highest court ruled on Monday that the country's current voting age of 18 was discriminatory, forcing Parliament to discuss whether it should be lowered. The case was bought by advocacy group Makel 16, which wants the age lowered to include 16 and 17 year olds. The SC found that the current voting age of 18 was inconsistent with the country's Bill of Rights, which gives people a right to be free from age discrimination when they have reached 16. REUTERS

KAZAKHSTAN

President wins new term

Astana: Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev easily won a new seven-year term in a snap election in which the second biggest choice by voters was to reject all six candidates, the country's central elections commission said Monday. Tokayev received over 81% of the votes in Sunday's election, according to elections commission chairman Nurlan Abdirov. AP

UK

PM unveils plans for tech talent

London: British PM Rishi Sunak on Monday unveiled a new scheme for the world's 100 most talented young professionals in the field of AI as part of his vision to make the UK a "beacon" to attract the "brightest and best" from around the world. PTI



Over 13,000 homes were heavily damaged in Cianjur, West Java. People were taken to evacuation centres. Reuters

At least 162 dead as earthquake topples houses in West Java

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIANJUR, NOVEMBER 21

A POWERFUL earthquake killed at least 162 people and injured hundreds on Indonesia's main island on Monday. Terrified residents fled into the street, some covered in blood and debris.

Many of the dead were public-school students who had finished their classes for the day and were taking extra lessons at several Islamic schools when they collapsed, West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil said as he announced the new toll in the remote, rural area.

The toll is expected to rise further, but no estimates were immediately available because of the area's far-flung, rural population. Roughly 175,000 people live in the town of Cianjur, part of a mountainous district of the same name with over 2.5 million people. Known for their piety,



An injured child is rushed to a hospital in Cianjur. Reuters

the people of Cianjur live mostly in towns of one- and two-story buildings and in smaller homes in the surrounding countryside.

Kamil said over 13,000 people whose homes were heavily damaged were taken to evacuation centres. Emergency workers treated the injured on stretchers

and blankets outside hospitals, on terraces and in parking lots in the Cianjur region, about three hours drive from the capital, Java. The injured, including children, were given oxygen masks and IV lines. Some were resuscitated.

"I fainted. It was very strong," said Hasan, a construction worker

who, like many Indonesians, uses one name. "I saw my friends running to escape from the building. But it was too late to get out and I was hit by the wall."

Residents, some crying and holding their children, fled damaged homes after the magnitude 5.6 quake shook the region in West Java province in the late afternoon, at a depth of 10 km. It also caused panic in the greater Jakarta area, where high-rises swayed and some people evacuated.

Twenty-five people were still stuck buried in the debris in Cijedil village, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Abdul Muhari said earlier in the day. Several landslides closed roads around the Cianjur district. Among the dozens of buildings that were damaged was a hospital, the agency said. Power outages were reported. Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency recorded at least 25 aftershocks.

COUNTING ON VOTES UNDERWAY

Nepal's lesser known RSP emerging as dark horse

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 21

THE RASTRIYA Swatantra Party, floated by a former television personality, has emerged as the dark horse in the Nepal elections, coming third behind heavyweights like the Nepali Congress and the CPN-UML, and leading in seven constituencies.

The counting of votes started after elections to House of Representatives and seven provincial assemblies were held on Sunday.

The Rastriya Swatantra



Counting of votes underway in Kathmandu Monday. PTI

Party (RSP) is floated by Rabi Lamichhane, a 48-year-old former TV personality, who shot to fame while attempting to set

the Guinness world record for hosting the longest-ever marathon talk show in 2013. The RSP is leading in three constituencies in Kathmandu and one in Lalitpur district.

The ruling Nepali Congress (NC), which has so far won in one constituency, is leading in 32 constituencies, while CPN-UML led by former PM KP Sharma Oli is leading in 17 constituencies. Prem Bahadur Maharjan of CPN-UML won from Lalitpur — 2 constituency, according to the EC sources, as the party bagged its first seat from the constituency. He secured 19,834 votes

against his nearest rival Sudin Shakyu of Hamro Nepal Party, who got 10,440. Earlier, Nepali Congress won its first seat from Mustang constituency.

RSP is leading in 7 constituencies, while the Rastriya Prajatantra Party has the lead in 5 constituencies and CPN-Maoist Centre in 4 constituencies, respectively.

Meanwhile, four Nepal police personnel who were on election duty were killed and eight others injured on Monday when a jeep carrying them skidded off the road in Sudurpashchim province, police said.

Escape of death row convicts: 5 cops suspended in Bangladesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DHAKA, NOVEMBER 21

AUTHORITIES in Bangladesh on Monday suspended five policemen, including a court inspector and ordered a manhunt to recapture the two death row Islamist militants, who were whisked away from a court premises a day earlier.

Two Islamist militants, Moinul Hasan Shamim and Abu Siddiq Sohel, who were sentenced to death for killing prominent Bangladeshi-American secular blogger Avijit Roy and his publisher, escaped with the help of unidentified bikers who sprayed some chemical substance on police and created a smoke screen before whisking away the convicts. "Five policemen including the court inspector have been suspended for their apparent failure while investigations are underway," Dhaka metropolitan police's detective branch chief Mohammad Harunur Rashid told the media. He said an investigation was underway to unearth the reason behind the incident and identities of those who whisked away these two convicts.

Colorado killings: Suspect gave bomb threat last year

REUTERS & NYT

COLORADO SPRINGS, NOV 21

INVESTIGATORS FILED murder and hate crimes charges on Monday against the suspect accused of shooting up an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs on Saturday night, killing five people. At least 25 were injured in the mayhem before the gunman was subdued by patrons, according to the authorities and the

club's owners. Police on Monday were expected to release more details about the weekend shooting in what rights advocates suspect was a hate crime.

Local authorities identified the suspect as Anderson Lee Aldrich, 22, who was arrested last year after a nearly four-hour standoff with local sheriff's deputies for allegedly making a bomb threat against his mother.

Multiple firearms were found at the scene of the brief but deadly



People at the Club Q gay club in Colorado. Reuters

nightclub attack, according to police, who said Aldrich used a "long rifle" to shoot his victims.

Aldrich was known to law enforcement before the nightclub shooting. He was arrested in June 2021 after his mother reported to authorities that he had threatened to detonate a bomb and harm her with multiple weapons, according to a press release from the sheriff's office in El Paso County. It was unclear when and how he was released.

HENGAMEH GHAZIANI AND KATAYOUN RIAHI WERE DETAINED FOR CRITICISING GOVT

Two Iranian actors arrested for removing hijab, joining protests

CORA ENGELBRECHT

NOVEMBER 21

THE SECURITY forces in Iran have arrested two prominent actresses, Hengameh Ghaziani and Katayoun Riahi, for removing their head scarves and participating in the anti-government protests that have swept the country for the past two months, according to state-run news media.

The government charged the actresses with "collusion with the intention of acting against the state security" and "propaganda

against the state," IRNA, Iran's state-run news agency, said on Sunday. The arrests came after both women were seen in public without wearing a head scarf, or hijab — defying the stringent dress code that the Iranian government enforces for women.

Anger over those rules and their enforcement has fueled the recent protests in Iran, which were kindled by the death of Mahsa Amini, a young Iranian Kurdish woman.

Ghaziani and Riahi are among a group of high-profile Iranians, including artists, musicians, ath-



Hengameh Ghaziani and Katayoun Riahi (right) Instagram/@hengamehghaziani, @KatayounRiahiFC

letes and activists, who have publicly supported the movement since mid-September.

EXPLAINED Govt crackdown

THE ARRESTS were the latest in a wider attempt by the government to quash the uprising, which has continued for two months in dozens of cities across Iran and has been fueled largely by the thousands of women on the streets week after week.

In a statement posted to her personal Instagram account on Saturday, Ghaziani, 52, denounced the government for their crackdown on the young people who have joined the demonstrations. "How many children, teenagers and young people have you killed — is it not enough with the bloodshed?" she said in her post. "I hate you, and your historical reputation." "This may be my last post," she added.

Ghaziani was arrested the next day, hours after upload-

ing another video, from the streets of Tehran, in which she is seen staring defiantly into the camera with no head covering before turning her back and tying a ponytail in her hair.

"From this moment on, whatever happens to me, know that I will be with the people of Iran until my last breath," she wrote in the post.

Ghaziani was taken to the prosecutor's office hours later by security personnel, who said that the charges against her included "communication with opposition and counterrevolutionary

media," according to IRNA.

Riahi, 60, who was also arrested on Sunday, removed her hijab publicly in mid-September for an interview with the TV channel Iran International in which she said she had always opposed the law and was ready "to show the truth." Security forces arrested her at her villa in Qazvin, north-west of Tehran, according to the semiofficial news agency Tasmin. Some 15,000 Iranians have been arrested and several hundred have been killed, according to rights groups. NYT

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POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

NO. SB/Store/2022-25(326), Bhopal, Dated 18.11.2022

“ONLINE E-TENDER NOTICE”

E-tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police, Special Branch (G) M.P., Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following item on website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>:-

S. No.	Name of Item(s)	Qty.	Tender Fees (Rs.) Paid Online Through mptender.gov.in	EMD (Rs.)	Tender No.
1	Disaster Recovery & Information Security with Backup Solution	1	20,000/-	30,00,000/-	1 st Tender

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & **must submit online through website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>**.
2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>
4. **Tender Schedule:**

No.	Tender Activity	Tentative Date & Time
i	Submission of written queries- through e-mail: sec24-sb@mppolice.gov.in	29.11.2022 up to 1700 hrs.
ii	Pre Bid Meeting along with written queries	30.11.2022 at 1100 hrs.
iii	Bid Submission Start Date	12.12.2022 at 1000 hrs.
iv	Last date of online e-Tender submission	20.12.2022 up to 1700 hrs.
v	Bid will be opened on	21.12.2022 up to 1700 hrs.
vi	Demonstration from	27.12.2022 at 1100 hrs.

Sd/-
A.I.G. of Police
Special Branch (G) M.P. Bhopal
Tel. No. 0755-2443654

G-19455/22

कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी,
 टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपना ना गेज दूरी।

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
OKHLA NEW DELHI-110025
PHONE NO:- 01126940377
E-mail:- eicidokhland25@gmail.com
E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tender No- 09/EE/2022-23

Online Quotation/rates (inclusive all taxes/G.S.T. w.a.f.t.t. 01.17.2017) of supply of O.P.C. (43 grade) Cement IS Code 8112/1989 and P.P.C. Cement IS Code 1489/1991 at 28 destinations/stores of U.P. are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, from original Cement manufacturers (having production capacity not less than one lac bag per day) only.

The rates/Quotation must be submitted online in website "<https://etender.up.nic.in>" under Irrigation Department during date 30.11.2022 (02:00 P.M.) to 12.12.2022 till 02:30 P.M. and the tender will open on 12-12-2022 at 03:00 P.M. All quotations may be downloaded and uploaded in requisite BOQ "Excel Format" on e- procurement website "<https://etender.up.nic.in>" during above said period ONLY. Bidders' digital signature issued by the nominated agency website "<https://etender.up.nic.in>" during e-tender process by registering in above said e-tender Website.

>Remaining detail can be had from above said "<https://etender.up.nic.in>" during stipulated period.

Sl. No.	supply of O.P.C. (43 grade) Cement IS Code 8112/1989 and P.P.C. Cement Code 1489/1991 as per (50 kg. pack) at following departmental stores including loading, transportation up to stores, unloading, stacking and all taxes (G.S.T. etc.)	Tentative Quantity of OPC (43 Grade) IS Code 8112-1989/ 269-2015 Cement Supply (in 50 kg. pack)	Tentative Quantity of PPC IS Code 1489-1991/part-1 2015 Cement Supply (in 50 kg. pack)
1	Ghaziabad	500	500
2	Meerut	1000	800
3	Saharanpur	1000	800
4	Moradabad	1000	800
5	Bareilly	1000	800
6	Pilibhit	1000	800
7	Aligarh	1000	800
8	Mathura	500	500
9	Bijnor	1000	800
10	Kasganj	500	500
11	Bulandshahr	1000	800
12	Mainpuri	500	500
13	Rampur	1000	800
14	Shikohabad	500	500
15	Firozabad	500	500
16	Muzaffarnagar	500	500
17	Agra	500	500
18	Etah	1000	800
19	Amroha	1000	800
20	Shamli	500	500
21	Khurja	500	500
22	Bodaun	500	500
23	Hapur	1000	800
24	Bagpat	500	500
25	Hathras	500	500
26	Sambhal	1000	800
27	Gautam Buddha Nagar	500	500
28	Kaimgarh (Uttarakhand)	500	500
29	Haridwar (Uttarakhand)	500	500

Note: Terms and conditions related to above tender/quotation are available on website <https://etender.up.nic.in>

Sd/-
(Nagender Singh Kataria)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
OKHLA NEW DELHI-110025

UPID-181883 Dt. 18.11.2022
www.up.gov.nic.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely (1) **Santra Devi, W/o. Bishan Lal, (2) Sunil Kumar, S/o Bishan Lal, Both R/o. H.No. B-44, Gali No. 01, Sidhartha Vihar, P.S. Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P.),** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR 161/2013 dated 06.03.2013 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC** registered at P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said (1) **Santra Devi, (2) Sunil Kumar,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said (1) **Santra Devi, (2) Sunil Kumar,** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said (1) **Santra Devi, (2) Sunil Kumar,** accused of **FIR 161/2013 dated 06.03.2013 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.12.2022**

By Order
Ms. Shazadi Halima Sadiya
Metropolitan Magistrate
Mahila Court-02, East,
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/3022/ED/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Mohd. Mahboob

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Mohd. Mahboob S/o Wasi Ahmad, R/o: H.No.-132, 4th Floor, Street No. -9, Wazirabad, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **06.09.2022** from the area of P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi in this regard a case vide **DD No. 70A dated 05.11.2022** at 05:00 pm. has been registered at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped person is as under: **Age: 35 years, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Hair: Half head bald, Built: Healthy, Wearing: Brown colour T-shirt, blue colour lower and slipper in his feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/3018/N/2022

SHO
P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 23810076, 8750870131

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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर											
ई-निविदा सूचना											
शुद्धि-पत्र											
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि ई-निविदा सं: --DWS/D/SVS/ADITYAPUR/10/2022-23 दिनांक--06.10.2022 PR No. 279383 Drinking Water and Sanitation (22-23)_D के निविदा की राशि एवं अग्रधन की राशि को निम्न प्रकार संग्रहित की जाती है।											
पूर्व में प्रकाशित							संशोधित				
S/No	Name of Work	Sub Cluster/ Group No.	Block	Estimated Cost in (in Lac)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	BOQ Cost in Rs.	Sub Cluster/ Group No.	Block	Estimated Cost in (in Lac)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	BOQ Cost in Rs.
1.	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme(SVS) in Block Potka, comprising of suitable R.C.C-Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) and providing FHTC all complete job in the Potka block of district East Singhbhum for the year of 2022-23(underSub Cluster(A) D.W. & S. Division, Adityapur(on Turn Key Basis)	1A	Potka	507.14	5.07	10000/-	1A	Potka	539.42	5.40	10000/-
2.	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme(SVS) in Block Potka, comprising of suitable R.C.C-Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) and Providing FHTC all complete job in the Potka block of district East Singhbhum for the year of 2022-23(SubCluster-C) under D.W. & S. Division, Adityapur(Turn Key Basis)	1C	Potka	501.29	5.01	10000/-	1C	Potka	531.82	5.32	10000/-

निविदा की शेष सभी नियम एवं शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल,
आदित्यपुर।

PR 282918 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D

INDOSTAR HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office : One World Center, Tower 2A, 20th Floor, Jupiter Mills Compound, S B Marg,
Mumbai - 400013, India

Notice under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

I, the undersigned being the authorized officer of IndoStar Home Finance Private Limited ("IHFL"), hereby give the following notice to the below mentioned Borrower(s) who have deliberately failed to discharge their legal and contractual liability(ies) i.e. defaulted in the repayment of the loan amount i.e. principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued thereon under the Home Loan advanced/granted to them by IndoStar Home Finance Private Limited and as a consequence thereof, the said Loan(s) have become Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in the books of the IHFL in accordance with applicable RBI regulations. Accordingly, Demand Notice(s) were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to ("SARFAESI Act"), on their last Known addresses through India Post and were also affixed on outer door/ other conspicuous part thereto as per the applicable provisions of SARFAESI Act. As such the said Borrower(s) are hereby intimated/put to notice by way of publication of this Demand Notice to clear their entire outstanding dues under the Home Loan advanced/granted by them from IHFL against securities created by them in favour of IHFL, the details of which are specified hereunder:

LOAN ACCOUNT NO.	BORROWER(S) DETAILS	PROPERTY DETAILS	DEMAND NOTICE DETAILS
LNDEL0HL-06180002756, LNDEL0HL-06180002757	BORROWER:- NISHA KUMARI CO-BORROWER:- JAGDISH	Property Bearing:- Flat No. 305, Second Floor, Gokul Dham Apartment, Property No. 663, Khasra Four Boundaries:- North - Stair, South - Flat No 302, East - Flat No 301, West - Gali/lift	09-11-2022, ₹ 24,98,398/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Lakh Ninety-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Only)
LNDEL0HL-06180002762, LNDEL0HL-06180002763	BORROWER:- LAXMI CO-BORROWER:- JAGDISH	Property Bearing:- Flat No 307, 2nd Floor, Property No 663. Khasra No 663 Min, Gokul Dham Apartment, Saini Vihar, Extended Lal Dora of Mundka, New Delhi - 110041 Four Boundaries:- North :- Flat No 303, South:- Stair, East:- Other's Plot, West:- Other Flat	09-11-2022, ₹ 24,26,391/- (Rupees Twenty-four Lakh Twenty-six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-one Only)
LNNGHA0HL-08180004729, LNNGHA0HL-08180004730	BORROWER:- YOGENDRA KUMAR CO-BORROWER:- ANITA KUMARI	Property Bearing:- Upper Ground Floor, Without Roof Rights, Back Side, Property No.- 34, Khasra No.-275, Village- Nawada, Bhagwati Garden Extension, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 Four Boundaries:- North :- Service Lane (Lane 10 Feet), South :- Entrance of Flat (Road 20 Feet), East :- Property No. 33 (Plot No. 33), West :- Other Property (Portion of Plot)	09-11-2022, ₹ 14,14,204/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Four Only)
LNNGHA0HL-07190011195	BORROWER:- BABU RAMKATARIYA CO-BORROWER:- PUSHPA DEVI, AVINASH, RAHUL	Property Bearing:- Property No.- 58, Khasra No.- 512, Laxmi Garden Colony, D-Block, Village- Dharoli Road, Pargana- Loni, Tehsil & District- Ghaziabad, Uttarpradesh- 201102 Four Boundaries:- North :- Property of Bhrum Prakash Yadav (Plot Digar Malik), South :- Property Of Beggal (Plot Digar Malik), East :- Other Property (Part of Property), West :- Gali No.- 6 (Rasta 30 Ft. Wide)	09-11-2022, ₹ 17,35,941/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One Only)
LNDEL0HL-11170000037	BORROWER:- ASHISH KUMAR CO-BORROWER:- ANAPURNA SUDHIR DEVI	Property Bearing:- Flat No.- B-4, 3rd Floor, Khasra No. 490, Rear Side of Flat, AT FT Flat Village Mundka, New Delhi, India-110041 Four Boundaries:- North :- Road 18 Ft, South :- Vacant Plot, East :- Other's Property, West :- Property No. 485/2	14-11-2022, ₹ 28,21,783/- (Rupees Twenty-Eight Lakh Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Three Only)



GOLD

₹52,847



RUPEE

₹81.84



OIL

\$85.33



SILVER

₹61,075

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg. Crude oil (Indian basket) as of November 18

International market data till 1900 IST

Rasna founder Areez Khambatta passes away

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, November 21

THE RASNA Group on Monday said its founder and Chairman Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta has passed away.

Khambatta, 85, who was also the Chairman of Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust and Rasna Foundation, passed away on Saturday, a statement from the group said. He was also the former Chairman of WAPIZ (World Alliance of Parsi Irani Zarthostis) and past President of Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat, Vice President of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India.

"Khambatta has contributed immensely to Indian industry, business, and most importantly societal development through social service," the statement said. Khambatta is known for creating the iconic home-grown beverage brand Rasna, which is sold at 1.8 million retail outlets in the country.

SOCIAL WATCH

Why Elon Musk restored Trump's Twitter account

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

TWITTER HAS reinstated Donald Trump's account on the basis of a poll run by its new owner Elon Musk, where users on the social media platform voted – by a slim majority – to lift a ban on the former US president placed more than a year ago. The account restoration took place despite Musk admitting that the user poll results were being affected by automated bots.

Trump's replatforming on Twitter by means of a user poll came despite Musk's earlier insistence that the company will form a content moderation council and "no major content decisions or account reinstatements will happen before that council convenes". So far, it is unclear whether the council has been formed.

Why was Trump banned from Twitter?

Twitter banned Trump after the January 6 attack on the US Capitol last year saying his posts were "highly likely to encourage and inspire people to replicate the criminal acts that took place at the US Capitol". He was subsequently also banned from Facebook, Instagram and YouTube after

the riot. It was an overnight reversal of the tech companies' policy on Trump, and other political leaders, which has largely been one of symbiotic association. Most of these companies thrive around the amplification of spectacle, as Prof Ramesh Srinivasan of the Department of Information Studies at UCLA puts it. Trump, provided the spectacle almost daily, allowing platforms such as Twitter the chance to amplify it for assured traffic. In banning him, Twitter and

Facebook clearly responded to growing calls for coercive action against them for having allowed the President to peddle lies and hate on their platforms during his tenure.

Why was Trump's Twitter account restored?

On Saturday (November 19), Musk started a poll on Twitter, asking if Trump's account should be reinstated. The poll received over 15 million responses, with a slim majority of 51.8 per cent accounts saying that his account should be restored. However, it is worth noting that by Musk's own admission, over 134 million people saw the poll, meaning that only about 11 per cent of them participated in it. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

DNPA meet

New Delhi: The Digital News Publishers Association, which represents 17 key media publishers in India, is slated to meet Friday and discuss antitrust practices by big tech companies and possible safeguard mechanisms for news publishers. The meet will provide an opportunity for Indian publishers to learn first-hand from the experience of publishers globally. Rod Sims, former chief of Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, will be the keynote speaker. **ENS**

Disney CEO

Bengaluru: Bob Iger is returning to Walt Disney Co as chief executive less than a year after he retired, with the entertainment company's attempt to boost investor confidence and profits at its streaming media unit. **REUTERS**

PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

India Inc suggests I-T cuts, job creation, capex boost

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

KICKSTARTING THE pre-Budget consultations with industry and other sectoral experts, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday held meetings with industry chambers and experts on infrastructure and climate change. Focus on job creation, rationalisation of income tax slabs to boost consumption demand, privatisation of public sector units and increasing allocation for capital expenditure were some of the key suggestions made by industry chambers in the meetings, which were held virtually with key finance ministry officials.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) called for revenue augmentation through aggressive focus on privatisation of public sec-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. File

tor units and higher asset monetisation along with increasing allocation to capital expenditure with focus on an investment-led growth strategy to pump India's economy amidst the global uncertainty. It also suggested focusing on job generation by proposing employment-linked incentive schemes for employment intensive sectors along with pilots in

metro cities for urban employment guarantee schemes.

"The external scenario is likely to stay unfavourable for some time. Hence, we must broad-base our domestic economy by creating new sectors of growth and driving employment generation to boost domestic demand, inclusion, and growth," CII president Sanjiv Bajaj said. Going forward, to provide tax certainty to businesses, the corporate tax rates should be maintained at the current levels, he said adding "further simplification, rationalisation, ease of paying taxes, and reducing tax litigation should be key priorities."

Industry body PHDCCI also submitted its suggestions for the Budget virtually suggesting a five-pronged strategy to revitalise the private investments through measures to enhance consumption, increase capacity utilisation

in factories, boost job creation, improve quality of social infrastructure, and accelerate India's economic growth.

"The Union Budget 2023-24 is being presented at a crucial juncture of geo-political uncertainties, high inflation and slowing world economic growth. At this juncture, calibrated steps to enhance domestic sources of growth would be crucial to maintain the steady economic growth trajectory," said Saket Dalmia, president, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).

"Union Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman chairs her 1st #PreBudget2023 consultation with the first group of captains from Industry & experts of #Infrastructure and #ClimateChange, in New Delhi, today," the Ministry of Finance said in a tweet.

'Bengaluru sees highest office rental growth'

According to Knight Frank data, the rental growth in Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi-NCR remained flat compared with the April-June quarter

7% Mumbai was at the 3rd rank in the index, followed by Delhi-NCR at 14th rank

10.9% Jakarta was in the second position

5.5% Taipei stood at fourth rank, followed by Singapore with a 5.3% rise, Brisbane with a 3.9% appreciation and Seoul with a 3.7% rise

3.4% Sydney ranked 8th, while Perth was at 9th position with 2.4% rental growth and Shanghai at 10th rank with 1.9% appreciation

Source: Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index/PTI

During the third quarter of the 2022, Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index remained stationary quarter-on-quarter after observing 3 consecutive quarters of expansion

Irdai chief meets insurance CEOs to review industry performance

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

IRDAI CHAIRMAN Debasish Panda met CEOs of some general insurers, including health insurers, in Mumbai to review the performance of the industry and seek ideas from the leaders to improve insurance penetration in the country.

Unlike earlier meetings, titled 'Bima Manthan' where Panda had met CEOs of the entire industry, with elaborate agenda, there was no pre-set agenda for the meeting and select CEOs of general insurance industry, mostly Mumbai based, were invited for last week.

"This meeting was for general update and to review general industry performance in terms of growth, loss ratio, claim settlement ratios, initiatives taken by the IRDAI in the last few months and as an industry what else can be done to improve penetration and market growth," said a CEO of a company who had attended the meeting.

The discussion had focused on penetration and what all is required from the regulator to push reforms in the industry, said another CEO, adding emphasis was on how to provide more products and expand distribution reach.

Panda, after taking over as the chairman of the IRDAI in mid-March, has been unveiling extensive plans and changes across the functioning of the industry promoting the ease of doing business, technology and insurance penetration in the country.

Panda had earlier said after two decades of opening up, the sector is quite low on global standards and set a high target of 2.52 per cent penetration and Rs 11.73 lakh crore of premium for the industry by FY 2027-28.

The general insurance industry ended FY 2021-22 with a total premium of Rs 2.20 lakh crore and it has to grow at 40 per cent annually to achieve targets set by the IRDAI. Several plans like reducing minimum capital and allowing smaller insurance firms in the country need amendments in the Insurance Act.

Now, the industry is keenly waiting whether these amendments can go through in the winter session of the parliament.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN: U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
KAUSINIDH THERMAL POWER PROJECT, JHALAWAR (RAJASTHAN)
E-TENDER NOTICE TN-944(RVU2223GLOB01545)
Online tenders are invited for Supply of 2 nos. coal sampling machine (Auger machine) for coal sampling from railway wagons at KaTPP, Jhalawar. Tender details are available on websites www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvunl & <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in>.
Raj.samwad/C/22/10662 RVUN/PR-3760 Chief Engineer (KaTPP)

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
NIT No.HSCC/ESIC-Siliguri/BW&STP/2022 Dated: 01.11.2022
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
HSCC (India) Limited on behalf of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) invites open e-tender from eligible contractors/firms for the "Construction of Boundary Wall & STP allied work including Civil, PHE & Electrical Works etc. & and their maintenance during defects liability period, at Siliguri, West Bengal".
Estimated project cost: Rs.3.32 Cr., Completion period: 09 Months. Further, details are available in detailed NIT and Tender documents available online from 22.11.2022 on HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in, e-tender portal www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC, and CPP portal. Last Date of submission of Bids is 07.12.2022. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.
GM (Projects), HSCC (India) Ltd.

NPCL NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED
CIN:U31200UP1992PLC014506
Notice Inviting Bids for Procurement of Non-Solar Renewable Power on Medium Term basis
Bids are invited by "Noida Power Company Limited having its registered office at Electric Sub-station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida – 201310 (U.P.)" for procurement of 100 MW non-solar renewable power from 01.05.2023 to 30.09.2025 in accordance with Guidelines dated 30.01.2019 issued by Ministry of Power, GOI. Bid Document is available on DEEP Portal of www.msstcecommerce.com.
The Company reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or cancel the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and without any liability.
For any clarification, contact at e-mail powertrading@noidapower.com or mobile no. 9718804966. Head (Power Purchase)

Bharti Airtel hikes entry-level tariffs by massive 57% to ₹155

JATINGROVER
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

IN ORDER to achieve its target of monthly average revenue per user (Arpu) of Rs 200 within the current fiscal, Bharti Airtel has embarked on a market testing initiative. The country's second-largest telecom service provider has raised the entry-level tariff in two circles – Haryana and Odisha – by a massive 57 per cent. Accordingly, the starting tariff package (24 days) for 2G subscribers in these two circles is now Rs 155 from the earlier Rs 99.

During the July-September quarter, Bharti's Arpu had seen a jump of 3.8 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 190, which is higher than Jio's Rs177.2 and Vodafone Idea's Rs131.

Bharti wants to test the market with this move and if it sees users upgrading to the Rs 155 pack instead of leaving the network, it is likely to hike the same across other circles in one go or in a staggered manner, sources aware of

In terms of subscriber base, Haryana and Odisha comprise 4.8 per cent of Bharti's total user base with 2G users making 33 per cent of the total user base

the developments told FE.

Bharti had done a similar market-testing exercise in November 2021 when it increased its minimum recharge offer from Rs 79 to Rs 99 in select circles.

Haryana and Odisha circles together contributed 4.4 per cent of Bharti's adjusted gross revenue during the April-June quarter. In terms of subscriber base, the two circles comprise 4.8 per cent of Bharti's total user base with 2G users making 33 per cent of the total user base. The adjusted gross revenue (AGR) figures for the July-September quarter are yet to be released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.

According to analysts, the risks are minimal because the starting tariffs at Reliance Jio, which is Bharti's closest competitor, also starts at Rs 155.

Further, since Jio is a fully 4G network, a 2G subscriber moving from Bharti needs to upgrade to a new handset (JioPhone). This leaves Vodafone Idea where the entry-level tariff is at Rs 99. However, analysts said that the threat of losing users is slim because if Bharti's strategy works, there is every likelihood that Vodafone Idea may follow suit as it needs to improve its Arpu.

"Bharti has taken a calculated risk to check how customers respond, and this pack is largely being sold to 2G customers only. It does not impact the remunerative 4G customers. Besides, peers cannot take advantage of the situation to poach its 4G customers," analysts at ICICI Securities said.

Analysts are not sure at this point whether Bharti would hike tariffs on its 4G packs following this move. **FE**

Essar concludes sale of port, infra assets for ₹16,500 crore

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

ESSAR GROUP Monday said it has concluded sale of its two port assets and a power plant to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited (AM/NS India) for \$2.05 billion, or Rs 16,500 crore.

The sale consisted of infra assets which include a 270 MW power plant and 25 MPTA port at Hazira, Gujarat and a 12 MPTA port at Paradip, Odisha. An agreement for this transaction was signed by both the companies in August this year.

"Essar Ports & Terminals Ltd (EPTL) and Essar Power Ltd (EPL) today concluded the \$2.05 billion (Rs16,500 crore) sale of captive ports and power assets located in Hazira and Paradip to

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Ltd (AM/NS)," Essar said in a statement.

"Essar has concluded its asset monetisation programme and completed the debt repayment of \$25 billion (Rs 2 lakh crore) effectively making the group debt-free from Indian banks and financial institutions," said Prashant Ruia, director, Essar Capital.

"Owning these strategically located assets also supports our recently announced decision to proceed with a Rs 60,000 crore capacity expansion plan at Hazira, including the ability for AM/NS India to realise additional synergies from rising throughput at the port assets in both Gujarat and Odisha," AM/NS India chief executive officer Dilip Oommen said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BENGAL GAS COMPANY LIMITED (BGCL)
(A JV Company of GAIL (INDIA) Limited & GGCSCIL)
Regd. Office: Finance Centre, 4th Floor, Block-B, Action Area-II B, New Town, Kolkata- 700161,
Phone No: 033-68203040, Email: info@bgcl.co.in,
Web: www.bgcl.co.in, CIN - U40300WB2019GOI229618
NOTICE FOR INVITATION OF TENDER (NIT)
Bengal Gas Company Limited invites GeM-bid for Hiring of Vehicles through GeM portal as per the following brief details:

GeM Bid No.	Bids Document to be web hosted on	Date of Pre-bid Meeting	Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid
GEM/2022/B/2752762	https://gem.gov.in www.bgcl.co.in https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app	30/11/2022, 14:00 hours	14/12/2022 till 14:00 hours

For further details, please visit the aforementioned websites. For any queries, Bidders may contact (Head C&P), BGCL, Kolkata, Ph. No: 033-68203040, Email Id: bsonowal@bgcl.co.in
The vendors are required to submit their bids on GeM portal only i.e. <https://gem.gov.in> as per the terms and conditions of bid document. Any revision, clarification, addendum, corrigendum, time extension etc to the above Tender will be hosted on the above websites only and no separate notification shall be issued in the press. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly to keep themselves updated.
Advertisement No. BGCL/OPEN/NIT/01/2022

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka enterprise)
Executive Engineer,VJNL, UBP, Division No.04, Hosadurga
Ph/Fax No: 08199 – 230018 e-mail I.D: eeubpdvn4@gmail.com
NO:EE/VJNL/UBP/D-04/HSD/Tender-25/TBC-Drip-P3/2022-23/1181 Date:-16-11-2022
SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO SEPARATE E-TENDER)
(only through E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)
The Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No.04 Hosadurga as per KW-4, invited **TURNKEY BASIS tender (TWO SEPARATE E-TENDER)** through e-procurement only vide tender no:25/ 2022-23, Date:16-11-2022 on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, Bangalore form the eligible KPWD Class-1 of contractors who fulfils the pre-Qualification conditions for the **INDENT NO:VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT 2380**. The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.erproc.karnataka.gov.in from 19-11-2022 to 07-12-2022 upto 17.30 hours. Details such as Name of work/Amount put to tender/qualification of Bidders/Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours upto 07-12-2022 upto 17.30 hours. The tender will be opened on 09-12-2022 @ 11.00 hours at the office of the Executive Engineer , VJNL, UBP, Division No.04 Hosadurga through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons.
DIPR/CTA/MCA/709/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Izharul Haque Azimul Haque, S/o Azimul Haque, R/o FG-03, Sir Syed Apartment, Sec-110, G.B.Nagar, have changed my name to Izharul Haque.

0070813893-1

I, Faij Khan, S/o Quayamuddin Khan, R/o F-140, Alpha-2, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Faiz Khan for all future purposes.

0070813903-1

I, Dharmendra Rathore, S/o Sunderlal Rathore, R/o Makan No. 20, Ward No-7, Pani Tankin Ktanki, Indrapuri Colony, Jaswadi Road, Khandwa, East Nimar, Madhya Pradesh-450001, have changed my name to Pankaj Rathore.

0070813905-1

I, Arshad Jamal, S/o Basiruddin, R/o Ward No-16, Makan No-12, Near Janta School, Post- Renukot, Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh-231217, that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Arshad, Samsuddin and Sara Bano respectively in my 10th & 12th Class Certificate cum Marksheet and Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) Degree. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother is Arshad Jamal, Basiruddin and Jamila Bano respectively.

0070813908-1

I, Anitha Unnithan W/o Sh. Prabhakaran Sreelan Unnithan R/o Flat No. 1106-A, Tower-1, Panchsheel Wellington, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name to Anita Unnithan.

0040641863-1

I, Amit Kumar Rohela, S/o Subhash Kumar Rohela, R/o 161, Flat-C3, Gyan Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Amit Rohela.

0070813894-1

I, Aman Kumar, S/o Gulshan Kumar, R/o D/6/368, 1st Floor, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Aman Kumar Chhabra.

0070813887-1

I am Amitava Roy S/o Satchidananda Roy R/o W-1601, Amrapali Sapphire, Sector-45, Noida, U.P. 201303. My name was wrongly spelled as Amitabha Ray in my MSC & Migration certificate. My Actual name is Amitava Roy.

0040641812-1

I Sunil Bhardwaj S/o OP Sharma R/o 61/A J Extention, Krishna Kunj, Street No. 6, Laxmi Nagar Delhi 92 have changed my Minor Daughter's Name Surbhi To Swara all purpose.

0040641870-1

I Nisha Kamboj D/o Ramesh Lal R/o B-313 (New No 1030) New Ashok Nagar, Vashundhra Enclave, Delhi-110096 solemnly affirms that correct name of my father is Ramesh Lal which is wrongly written Ramesh Lal Kamboj on my 10th class marks sheet.

0040641809-1

I Gurjit Singh S/o Sh. Karnail Singh R/o 52/4D, Sector-2, DIZ Area, Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Gurjeet Singh for all purposes.

0040641808-4

It is for general information that I, **DEEPIKA RANI D/o DHARMENDRA KUMAR SINGH, R/o- RZ-141, (14/91), Gali No.2, near Sabji, Mandi East, Sagar pur South West, Delhi-110046, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as D K SINGH in my all educational, documents. The actual name of my father is DHARMENDRA KUMAR SINGH respectively, which may be amended accordingly.**

0040641918-3

I, RAJU, S/O JAG MOHAN, ADD-5-470, ALAKNANDA-ROAD ROAD, DON BOSCO, GREATER KAILASH-2 SOUTH DELHI-110048, changed my name to RAJU KANOJIA, for all, future Purposes.

0040641898-2

I, Durgeshal Gupta, S/o Ram Sureish Gupta, R/o House No. D-770, Street No. 19, Bhajanpura, Garhi Mendu, North East Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Harshit Gupta.

0070813895-1

I, RAJNI W/O RAJU KANOJIA, ADD-5-470, ALAKNANDA ROAD ROAD, DON BOSCO, GREATER KAILASH-2 SOUTH DELHI-110048, Changed my name to RAJNI KANOJIA, for all, future Purposes.

0040641898-1

I, Mohd inam, S/O Mohd Akram, R/O,1075,Shanta-Public School Gali-Haveli Anwar Ali Kamra Bangash Chitli-Qabar, DaryaGanj, Delhi-110002, Have Changed My Minor-Son's Name Mohd Aryan To Mohd Aryaan, Permanently.

0040641918-1

I, Kajal Jawa D/o, Manohar Lal R/o, D-40, Rana Pratap Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-33, have declare, that Kajal Jawa and Kajal pertaining to the name, of one, and the same person.

0040641898-8

It is for general information that I, **Rambir Singh S/o Itwari Lal, R/o-1070, Gali No.-8, Meetha Khan, Arthala, Mohan-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201007, declare that name of mine has been written as Ram Bir Singh in my-10th and 12th-class record. The actual-name of mine is Rambir Singh, which may be amended accordingly**

0040641908-6

It is for general information that I, **Kanika Chopra, D/o-Krishan Kumar, R/o D-7-D,1st Floor, Gali, No.-2, New Layalpur Colony, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, declare that name of father has been written as Krishan Kumar Chopra in my-10th class record. The actual-name of my-father is Krishan Kumar, which may be amended accordingly**

0040641908-5

It is for general information that I, **SACHIN KUMAR, S/o RAVINDRA KUMAR, R/o House No. C-150, Sector-9, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as SACHIN KATARIA and RAVINDRA KATARIA in my BBA, B.PHARMA Degree and Marksheets. The actual name of mine and my father are SACHIN KUMAR and RAVINDRA KUMAR respectively, which may be amended accordingly.**

0070813861-1

I, hitherto known as Pramod kumar, s/o Shiv Prasad, Add:E-4/124, street, No.5, Pusta 4.5 Sonia-Vihar, karawal-Nagar, District North-East-Delhi, Delhi 110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Virat Sehgal.

0040641898-10

I, hitherto known as Gulshan Gulshan Ilahi, S/o Suleman, residing at, F-2/52, Sunder-Nagri, Delhi-110093, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gulshan Sharma.

0040641908-4

I, VIPIN KUMAR GUPTA S/O-SUBHASH CHAND GUPTA, H.N.F-92 S.N.-9 WEST JYOTI-NAGAR SHAHDARA, DELHI-110094, have changed my name to VIPIN GUPTA.

0040641902-4

I, JUVESH S/O.ABID KHAN R/O.277/176 G/F, GALI NO.6, WAZIRABAD RAM GHAT BURARI, DELHI-110084, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS MUHAMMAD UVESH, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES.

0040641902-8

I, Tracy Ann Willcott, Resident of, the American Embassy School, Chandragupta-marg, New-Delhi, have changed my minor-daughter's name, from Amaya Josephine Benitez Willcott to Jack Benitez Willcott, for all-purposes.

0040641898-7

I, Sumita Kumari, W/o Sh. Rakesh Singh Chauhan, D/O Sh. Mansha Ram, R/O-74/2, Gali, No.-2, near-Shiv Mandir, Shiv Colony, Pallai-1, Faridabad-121003, have changed my name after-Marriage to Sunita Chauhan, for all, Future Purposes & Records.

0040641908-5

I, Tarun Kumar Kapoor S/o Ramesh Chander R/o 6/11, Back, Side Block-6 Ramesh Nagar Delhi-110015, changed my name to Tarun Kapoor.

0040641924-1

I, Shehzad Ali, S/o Late Ahsan Ali, R/o-K-360, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053 that my father name, mistakenly entered in my passport as Ehsan, Instead of Ahsan Ali

0040641937-2

I, Seema Rajat Jetley W/o-Rajat Jetley, Address-C-74 IInd-floor Chander-Nagar Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, Changed my name to Seema Jetley.

0040641908-2

I, Sachin S/o Shri Trilok Chand, R/o A-125, Paryavaran Complex, Ignou Road, Post Office Mehrauli, Saiduilajp, South Delhi, Delhi-110030, have changed my name to Sachin Raikwar, for all purposes.

0040641924-9

I, SUNIL KUMAR, S/O-RAMESH CHAND, R/O-B-12, MAHENDRU-ENCLAVE BLOCK-B NEAR-GUJRANWALA TOWN DELHI-110009, changed my name to SUNIL KUMAR GUPTA.

0040641898-4

I, SIRDAR MOHAMMED KHAN, S/O JAIN KHAN, R/O.VIII-Birtoli P/O-Shorka Kalan Thesil-Mundawar Distt-Alwar Rajasthan-301404, have changed my name, from SIRDAR MOHAMMED KHAN to SIRDAR MOHAMMAD KHAN, VIDE AFFIDAVIT, DATED-21/11/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

0040641902-9

I, SANJAY CHOPRA, S/O OM PRAKASH CHOPRA R/O.C-/106, Sector-36, NOIDA GAUTAM BU DH, NAGAR UTTAR- PRADESH-201303, have changed my name to SANJAY KUMAR CHOPRA, permanently.

0040641902-2

I, Robin Kumar S/o Yogendra Singh, R/o E-1205, Officer City-1, Rajnagar Extension, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Robin Kumar Singh, for all purposes.

0040641924-6

I, Rama W/o Sanjeeet Dahiya, R/o-81-82, 3rd Floor, Pocket-26, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Rama Dahiya

0040641937-4

I, Rajwati w/o, No.6913967H Rank ExHAV Darshan Kumar Shokeen R/o, H/no.717, Bakko Gali, Dichaon Kalan, Delhi-43, have changed my name to Rajwati Shokeen vide affidavit 21.11.22, before, Delhi.

0040641898-9

I, Rajinder Kumar Gupta, S/O Raghunath Prasad, R/o WZ-668/B, Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti, Delhi Changed Name To Rajender Gupta.

0040641902-6

I, MOHD KAMYAB, S/o NOOR MOHAMAD, R/o House No.-296, Masuri, Dasna, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201302, have changed my name to KAMYAB ALI.

0070813859-1

I, Rajat Sukh Sagar Jetley, S/o-Sukh Sagar Jetley, Address-C-74 IInd-floor Chander-Nagar Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, Changed my name to Rajat Jetley.

0040641908-1

I, Raj Kumar, S/o-Phool Chand Sharma, R/o-A1/170, 2nd floor hastsal road Uttam Nagar Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Raj Kumar Sharma

0040641937-3

I, RUNI DEVI W/O BHUSHAN, R/O, H.No -133/1, Chatak Gali, Mauj Pur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name, from GUDDI to RUNI DEVI, for all, future purposes.

0040641908-8

I, Pradeep Kumar Nair, S/o-Kumarapillai Divakaran Nair, R/O-797, Arun-Vihar, Sector-29, Noida, Gautam Budh-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh, PIN-201301, have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar, for all, future purposes.

0040641908-3

I, Pankaj Dhanias S/o Amar Singh R/O, H.No.76, Village Dhanwapur, Tehsil Gurgaon, Destt. Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Pannkaj Dhaania, for all Purposes.

0040641940-1

I, Rafakat Ali Khan, S/o Rafayat Ali, R/o Sudeshpur, Aligarh, UP, have changed my name to Rafakat Ali.

0070813891-1

I, Nikhel B Mahajan, R/o-A-38, 4th Floor, Priyadarshini Vihar, Shakarpur, Delhi, have changed my son's name, from Kabbeer Nikhil Mahajan, to Kabbeer N Mahajan, for all purposes.

0040641937-6

I, Neha Mahajan, W/o Nikhel B Mahajan, R/o-A-38, 4th Floor, Priyadarshini Vihar, Shakarpur, Delhi, have changed my name to Neha Arora Mahajan, for all purposes

0040641937-5

I, Narendra Yadav, S/O Rammurati Singh Yadav, R/O-H. N-1072, Tower-1, 16th Avenue, Gaur city-2, Sec-16C, Greater Noida West, Gautam Budh Nagar-201009, U.P.- have changed my name to Narendra Kumar Yadav for all future purposes.

0040641937-6

I, Narender Yadav, S/o Rajjan Singh Yadav, R/O Sabbalpur Kalan, Ghaziapur, UP-232340, have changed my name to Ramphal Singh Yadav for all future purposes.

0040641928-3

I, Mohd inam, S/O Mohd Akram, R/O-1075, Shanta-Public School Gali-Haveli Anwar Ali Kamra Bangash Chitli-Qabar, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, Have Changed My Minor-Son's name Mohammed Rehan To Mohd Rehaan, Permanently

0040641918-2

I, Meenu W/o Robin Kumar Singh R/o E-1205, Officer City-1, Rajnagar Extension, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Meenu Singh for all purposes.

0040641924-5

I, Manoj Saxena S/o Shiv Nandan Swaroop, R/o A-180, Lajpat Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201005, have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Saxena.

0040641924-4

I, Lovedeep santoliya, S/o Late Shri Chander prakash santoliya, R/o-16/254-I, Bapa Nagar, pyare lal road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Lovedeep santolia for all future purposes.

0040641928-4

I, Khavinder S/o Sharat Chander R/O Near Pole no-7, Tajpur Khurd, Delhi-110071, have changed my name to Khavinder Kaushik for all purposes.

0040641902-3

I, KARUNESH KUMAR/KARUNESH SINHA S/O. RAJESHWAR PRASAD SINHA, ADD-151, SURAJ-APARTMENT SURAJ-KUND ROAD PUL-PEHLADPUR, BADARPUR SOUTH, DELHI-110044, changed my name to KARUNESH KUMAR SINHA, for all, future Purposes.

0040641902-5

I, KANCHAN KUMAR W/O PARVEEN ARORA, R/O HOUSE, NO-E-45, BLOCK-E, ARUNA NAGAR, CIVIL-LINES, DELHI-110054, have changed my name to KANCHAN ARORA

0040641902-1

I, Jatinder Kaur Kullar W/o Yashpal Kullar R/o C-4/119, 3rd Floor, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi have changed my name to Jatinder Kaur.

0040641902-7

I, INDRA KUMARI GUPTAW/O-RAMESH CHAND GUPTA, R/O-B-12, MAHENDRU-ENCLAVE, BLOCK-B NEAR-GUJRANWALA TOWN, DELHI-110009, changed my name to INDRA KUMARI.

0040641898-3

I, Harsha D/o Shri Prem Singh Thakran, R/o House, No.1395, Near Bhanwarl Dharam Shala, Jharsa, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003, have changed my name to Harsha Thakran, for all purposes.

0040641924-3

I, Farhana W/o-Naseem Ahmed R/o-10009, Gali Nal Wali, Nawab Ganj, Azad Market, Delhi-110006, declare that Farhana, and Farhana Nasim, both names are one and same person.

0070813904-1

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

0040641548-2

I, ATUL S/O, DHARMVEER R/O.H.NO.8-1/42, Brij Puri, Dayalpur, North East-Delhi-110094, have changed my Son name, from SHANU to ANSH, for all future purposes.

0040641908-7

I, DINESH KUMAR, S/O MR.PRATAP RAM R/O,K-3/60, BLOCK K3, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI 110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DINESH KUMAR DONIA FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040641898-6

I, DEVENDAR KUMAR, S/O CHEDDI LAL TRIPATHI, HOUSE, NO-C-285, CHANAKYA MARG, CHHAJAJPUR, BABARPUR, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032, have changed my name to DEVENDRA KUMAR TRIPATHI, for all, future purpose.

0040641924-7

I, CHEDDI LAL S/O INDER NARAYAN TRIPATHI, HOUSE, NO-C-285, CHANAKYA MARG, CHHAJAJPUR, BABARPUR, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032, have changed my name to CHEDDI LAL TRIPATHI, for all, future purpose.

0040641924-8

I, Amit S/o Rajender Singh R/o 281 Nizampur, Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Amit Chhilar for all purposes.

0040641924-2

I, Aayush Gurnani, S/O Naresh Gurnani, R/O B-1/112, Ashok Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Ayush Gurnani.

0040641928-1

I, Aakriti, D/o Sh. Pradeep Kumar Shokeen, R/o E-8-222, Kaba Mohalla, Chhauva, New-Delhi-110071, Declare that My-Father Names Pradeep Kumar and Pradeep Kumar Shokeen Both are Same and One-Person.

0040641918-10

I, hereto known as Sarita Gupta alias Shakshi Goel D/o Shri Kailash Chand and W/o Shri Ajay Kumar Goel Residential address 69-D, Pocket-E, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shakshi Goel.

0040641801-1

I, Vivek Kumar Jain, S/o Subhash Chand Jain, R/o 987/66, Lekhu Nagar, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Vivek Jain for all future purposes.

0070813896-1

I, Vinay Kumar S/o Sh. Tej Pal Singh R/o Flat No. 1406, Skytech Merion Residence 1, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my son's name from Vinayak Kumar to Rudraksh Singh.

0040641863-2

I, Srinivasulu D, S/O D Mohan Rao, R/o H.No.128, D-Block, Sector-47, Noida, G.B.Nagar-201303, have changed my name to Srinivasulu Dampur Permanently.

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I, Shazi Shafiq, W/o Saim Zafar, R/o Flat No. N-303, Homes 121, Sector-121, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my minor daughter's name from MYESHA ZAFAR to MYESHA (given name) ZAFAR (surname) for all future purposes.

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I, Meenakshi Bansal, W/o Tarun Garg, R/O A-112, Ashok Vihar, Ph-3, Delhi-52, have changed my name to Meenakshi Garg for all purposes.

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Will India give Malik and Samson a chance in final T20?

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A DRASTIC change in approach is need of the hour for India but question remains if the likes of Umran Malik and Sanju Samson will be tested in third and final T20 against New Zealand here on Tuesday.

India were expected to try out a bunch of players after another World Cup debacle but if the team combination for the second T20 was any indication, they seemed reluctant to start with a clean slate.

Take out the individual brilliance of Suryakumar Yadav, the team would have struggled to post 160 on Sunday, a grim reminder of its travails in the World Cup Down Under. India's powerplay approach has been a major concern. Rishabh Pant was tried at the top with Ishan Kishan in the second game but the move did not work. Considering Pant's class, one can expect him to fire in the series-decider.

Samson is another batter who can make instant impact but the team did not start with him. Going by skipper Hardik Pandya's post match comments, the management is unlikely to make too many changes for the third T20. India lead the series 1-0 with the series opener washed out.

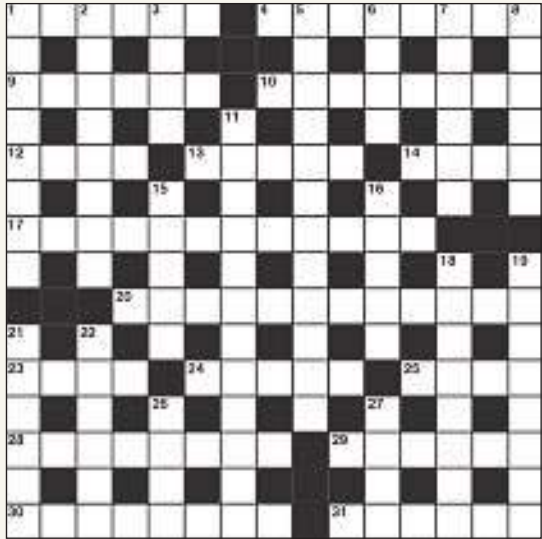
"I don't know (about changes for the next game). I'd like to give everyone in the squad a chance but it's just one more game, so it's a bit tough," said Hardik, who is seen as the next full captain in the shortest format.

Shubman Gill was in the running for opening too in the absence of senior players but the team went ahead with two left-handers. He is likely to get his chances only in the ODI series to follow. Pandya is keen on having more batters who can bowl in the playing eleven and Deepak Hooda has given him one option. However, the biggest disappointment was the non-inclusion of Umran Malik in the first game. It has been proved that there is a pressing needed for an out and out pace bowler in T20 cricket and the New Zealand series is crucial to the development of the Jammu and Kashmir-based tearaway pacer.

In Jasprit Bumrah's absence, Malik, who played three T20s earlier this year, should be exposed to the pressure of playing a top team and given a long run. Playing his first game in a while, Yuzvendra Chahal showed why he should be a regular in the team but fellow wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav might only get to play the ODIs. Facing a must win scenario, New Zealand will take the field without their skipper Kane Williamson who will miss the game to due to a pre-arranged medical appointment.

Playing today: New Zealand vs India 12 pm at Prime Video

CROSSWORD 4905



- ACROSS
1 Tear after father — or mother (6)
4 Converse of those doing nothing (4,4)
9 Does badly without copper for currency (6)
10 Order out in test given to university students (8)
12 Instruments that break the laws (4)
13 Tracks of birds (5)
14 Backward island not lacking in skill (4)
17 Physical training manual? (8,4)
20 Livid having been beaten badly (5,3,4)
23 Male and female parent (4)
24 It's used in a row or a sword fight (5)
25 Fit properly (4)
28 A course that is purely experimental? (5,3)
29 Will a nut go into this? Yes (6)
30 Untidy room used for a guest at the tea party (8)
31 Having the flavour of the seasons (6)
- DOWN
1 Is ready having shaved in advance (8)
2 Remembered and telephoned again (8)
3 Out of gear (4)
5 Bouncer badly shaken might need it (6,6)
6 Where they teach only ten letters of the alphabet? (4)
7 A disposition of arms (6)
8 He finishes off the game with hesitation (6)
11 An impostor's standard (5,7)
15 Rate at which colds get better? (5)
16 Believes they're used for cargo (5)
18 Being so one may react rashly (8)
19 Humiliated being dejected indeed (8)
21 Put on the hook from a debit? (6)
22 Repair broken weapon (6)
26 A voice raised in a loyal toast (4)
27 It helps with the cleaning as shown on TV (4)

Solutions Crossword 4904: Across: 1 Chill, 4 Actress, 8 Imp, 9 Versatile, 10 Deredid, 11 Excel, 13 Treble, 15 Rebutts, 18 Set-to, 19 Logical, 21 Oversight, 23 Inn, 24 Parapet, 25 Pulse. Down: 1 Chindri, 2 Imperfect, 3 Lived, 4 Abrade, 5 Trapeze, 6 Eli, 7 Shell, 12 Churchill, 14 Looks up, 16 Silence, 17 Flight, 18 Sloop, 20 Get up, 22 Ear.

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.

Real _____ don't take you in circles. They can be overcome. Invented ones are like a maze. - Barbara Sher (9)

BVAEO
BOYSS

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AHLNBC

SOLUTION: ABOVE, BOSSY, LATELY, BLANCH
Answers: Real _____ don't take you in circles. They can be overcome. Invented ones are like a maze. - Barbara Sher



Record streak: 114*, 107, 168, 127, 277 and counting

TN batter N Jagadeesan slams five tons in five Vijay Hazare Trophy games

VENKATA KRISHNA B
NOVEMBER 21

LAST TUESDAY as the news filtered in that Chennai Super Kings had decided to release N Jagadeesan was on his way to the second of his five hundreds. On Monday, he would slam 277 against Arunachal Pradesh in the 50-over Vijay Hazare Trophy in Bengaluru but he remembers that second hundred (168) against Goa just after the CSK news.

A special message slid down his WhatsApp. It was from the Australian and CSK veteran Mike Hussey. "He sent a lovely congratulatory message and asked me to keep going. Hopefully, there is more in store," Jagadeesan tells The Indian Express.

The CSK jolt had woken him up, he says. "You do start thinking about it. But it was good in a way to be honest as it gave me a new perception as to where I should improve my game. I was actually very happy about how I handled it," he says. Jagadeesan started with 114 against Andhra and followed it up with 107 vs Chhattisgarh, 168 vs Goa, 128 vs Haryana before making a headline-making 277 against Arunachal Pradesh on Monday to surpass Kumar Sangakkara, Alvaro Petersen, Devdutt Padikkal. En route, he combined with Sai Sudarshan to stitch 416 runs for the first wicket (another world record).

To say no batter has come close to frustrating the selectors and the Tamil Nadu team management in recent times would be an understatement. From being touted as the next big thing, in Chennai's league cricket circles, Jagadeesan was now being referred to as the "second innings batter." It was a dig at his habit of making runs when the outcome of the match was more or less decided.

The only other time Jagadeesan trended on social media, prior to his accomplishments on Monday, was back in June. In a TNPL fixture, after being run-out at the non-striker's end for backing-up far, he showed his middle-finger to state team-mate Baba Aparajith.

And as he endured another disappointing Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 outing where he tallied only 118 runs in six innings, Chennai Super Kings released him back into the auction pool earlier this week. One-by-one the doors were being shut on a talented player and the last one by CSK, must have been especially hurting as he represents Vijay CC, a First Division team owned by India Cements under whose umbrella CSK is part of. "Over the moon and relieved," is how AG Guruswamy, Jagadeesan's coach, feels just minutes after his ward wrote his name into history books. The 70-year-old has been coaching Jagadeesan at the SNR College



N Jagadeesan hit 277 against Arunachal Pradesh on Monday.

PREVIOUS RECORDS

- 2008-09: Virat Kohli (DELHI)
- 2020-21: Devdutt Padikkal (KAR)
- 2020-21: Prithvi Shaw (MUM)
- 2021-22: Ruturaj Gaikwad (MAHA)
- All had four hundreds in a season

Grounds ever since he was an eight-year-old. "I've been waiting for this for a long time... not the five hundreds or world record, but just to see him score again. He was under pressure before he left and if he had failed in the opening game, he may have been dropped. But he has made the opportunity count," the coach told this newspaper.

Before the tournament began, Jagadeesan dashed off to Coimbatore to cut all the noise. With a strong family support — his father Rajan Narayanan has even prepared a wicket on the terrace of one of their properties — Jagadeesan would slowly regain the confidence back. And Guruswamy would suggest one most important thing. "The boy has always had a good work ethic. But it looked like too many cooks had spoiled him. So it was hard to find where he was going wrong. But when we dug deeper, we found that he was looking to improve his T20 strike-rate (118.61) to 150 and above. Now, that is not his game. So we told him to forget about that for the time being and

look to get back to runs," Guruswamy added.

"The T20 influence was there to see. He was taking power-hitting training and it is bound to have affected other aspects of the game. So before the tournament, all that he did was to play the defensive shots and play as close to the body. That is a non-negotiable for an opener. It was all about getting the basics right... I know it is a cliché, but it is what it is," Guruswamy says. When he boarded the flight to Bengaluru for the Vijay Hazare Trophy campaign, everyone including the opener knew that he was on borrowed time as the selectors were sharpening the axe.

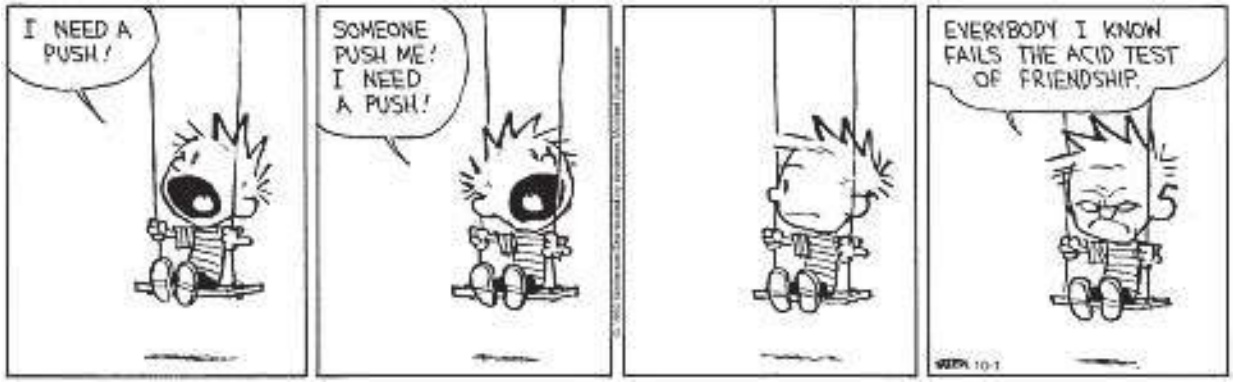
And having seen the fitness parameters, during the middle of the recent IPL, Jagadeesan even converted into a non-vegetarian as he didn't want to miss out on anything extra. It is something that came totally out of the blue for his parents, and while they agreed to it, it came with a condition. "We never stopped him. If it is going to improve his fitness, then why not. The only condition from his Amma was, he shouldn't eat non-veg at home."

It isn't an easy ask by any means to try meat, something Jagadeesan hasn't been fond of since childhood. "I just depends on how you think about it. When I started, I felt it was going to make me better and obviously when I'm in that sort of mindset, it is going to be easy to adapt. You have to keep learning new things to make you better and food, diet is just another aspect," Jagadeesan says.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5026

Difficulty Level 5s
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 5025



FIFA WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

Fans face problems entering the stadium

PROBLEMS with FIFA's mobile application for World Cup tickets caused hundreds of fans to miss the start of England's match against Iran on Monday. Fans said their tickets had disappeared from their phone apps and lines began to form outside the Khalifa International Stadium about an hour before the 4 p.m. kickoff in Doha. Although some fans had their ticket purchase verified with email checks, others appeared to have been sent to the stadium without further checks. The lines cleared at a ticketing help desk about 30 minutes into the game. It was unclear if each ticket holder's problem was resolved or if fans had simply been sent in to see the game.

Qatari police push back crowds at fan zone

THE fan zone set up in central Doha turned into a chaotic scene on Sunday the opening day of the World Cup as tens of thousands of fans pushed and shoved against police lines to enter the venue. Fans were trying to enter the enclosed area that contains a big-screen television for viewing matches, places to buy beer, and little else. Riot police armed with batons and shields stood guard at the entrance. Some fans pleaded with officers to let them through the line.

Ronaldo defends tell-all TV interview

CRISTIANO Ronaldo is unfazed by the drama created by his explosive pre-World Cup interview on British TV and maintained Monday the atmosphere in Portugal's squad was "excellent" heading into the tournament.

The Manchester United striker gave an impromptu news conference at Portugal's training base in the outskirts of Doha where he attempted to quell any concerns his tell-all interview with Piers Morgan published last week had affected squad morale.

"The timing for me is my timing," Ronaldo said. "I don't have to worry about what others think. I am totally convinced this won't have any influence



Teams nix One Love armbands

THE captains of England, Wales, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark will not wear 'OneLove' armbands at the World Cup under pressure from FIFA, their associations said in a joint statement on Monday.

FIFA has threatened to issue yellow cards to any player wearing the multi-coloured armband which was introduced to support diversity and inclusion. England captain Harry Kane spoke on Sunday of his desire to wear the armband in Monday's Group B opener against Iran.

on the national team. Every player, manager, president and kit man, they all know who I am, what I think. They know me since I was 11 years old. They won't be influenced by what people say or write," Manchester United is weighing up how to deal with Ronaldo in the wake of an interview the club didn't sanction, which contained criticism of the attitude of some of his teammates.

Valencia injury not serious, says coach

ENNER Valencia, Ecuador's all-time top scorer and hero of their opening game win over World Cup hosts Qatar, should be fit for their second Group A game against the Netherlands on Friday, according to his coach. The 33-year-old, who lived up to fans' nickname of "Superman" with both goals in the South Americans' 2-0 win on Sunday night, limped off in the second half, triggering fears his tournament might be over despite the blistering start. "I have some discomfort in my knee and ankle. The doctors will assess and see how serious it is," Valencia said. "I hope to play in the second game against Holland."

—AP/Reuters

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
There are times when a major career change seems to be unavoidable. Yet, although an upheaval is indicated in your chart, the stars' impact may now have diminished, and you'll be susceptible to pleas for improvement. Welcome developments will follow.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
This is a decisive period of the year for matters related to matrimonial contacts and all intimate relationships. In some senses emotional encounters and experiences will be a prologue to what will be taking place over the next three, marvellous months.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The future is not here yet, but it's coming fast. The great thing to remember is that approaching emotional lunar alignments are already having an initial impact on your consciousness. Happily, it is due to signify a whole new fresh start in family and domestic affairs.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You would be well advised to play safe and not try to even the score on the home front — even if a loved one has got the better of you. You have almost played your last card, and must now move with great circumspection. The emphasis must be on getting on with partners at all costs.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You need to do your sums and not allow yourself to be sidetracked by what other people, perhaps lovers, or children, may want. At the heart of the matter is your need to press ahead with projects which may make very much more sense to you than to others.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You're walking a very thin tightrope and even a minor disagreement with loved ones could turn into a major source of conflict. It might be in your best interests to throw all arrangements and agreements into the melting pot, enabling new decisions to be made.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Current planetary positions indicate that you have all the ingenuity and intelligence to deal effectively with the tasks that lie ahead. But you may have to recognise that you will have to do without the personal support that has sustained you so far.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Your imagination is colourful indeed, but you have been rather over-influenced by your fantasies, and if you have taken them too far you may soon have some explaining to do. You must proceed with maximum caution, especially in joint financial matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
It is important to establish who is responsible for what, so you can feel more confident about the chances for success. This may not be a time for genuine partnership, but it is a fine moment for doing your own thing. Strike out by yourself and show other people the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
The past couple of years have undoubtedly been ones of upheaval, combined with periods of confusion. Your current stars indicate that now is the time to enquire within, coming up with unusual answers to familiar problems. If you're out on the town, be sure to let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Your current experiences relate to developments which took place a few months ago, when Saturn, planet of long-range hopes, last occupied a similar position. When dealing with long-term responsibilities you should realise that only genuine teamwork will allow you a way out.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
It is beginning to look very much as if you are in the middle of a major career push. You must press ahead as hard as you can, making no allowance for other people's weakness or failure to fulfil their promises. This also happens to be a highly romantic period, so if you're ready for love, you could be pleasantly surprised.



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FIFA WORLD CUP 2022



PREVIEW

SHOWCASE GAME IN A NUTSHELL

GROUP C

Argentina vs Saudi Arabia

3:30 PM IST, Lusail Stadium

(LIVE ON SPORTS 18 AND JIO CINEMA)

The script

ARGENTINA'S FORM has been the stuff of dreams. They haven't lost a game since 2019. Under Lionel Scaloni, Argentina have one of their more talented squads in recent years. The trio of Angel di Maria, Lautaro Martinez and Lionel Messi will be a problem for the best teams and the Saudi Arabia game should be a breeze.

How they'll line up

Argentina: 4-3-2-1

While an attacking line-up is commonplace at this World Cup, it is the lack of key midfield options for many contending teams that could be their downfall. Not for Argentina though, as they play through Rodrigo de Paul and Leandro Parades, who play for Atletico Madrid and Juventus respectively. They are key to allowing Argentina to play through the middle and not rely on their wings – positions where they are weaker than other teams.

Likely XI: E. Martinez; Molina, Otamendi, Romero, Tagliafico; Rodriguez, Parades, De Paul; Di Maria, Messi; L. Martinez

Saudi Arabia: 4-2-3-1

Low defensive blocks are going to be Saudi Arabia's best friend come Tuesday. One four-man defensive wall, behind a four-man midfield that protects the backline is the best option that Saudi Arabia have against an Argentine team that has the ability to pile on the goals. Hitting Argentina on the counter is key for Saudi success. **Likely XI:** Al-Owais; Al-Burayk, Al-Amri, Al-Bulahi, Al-Shahrani; Kanno, Al-Malki; Al-Shehri, Al-Faraj, Al-Dawsari; Al-Buraikan

The schemer

If Saudi Arabia score on Tuesday against Argentina, it will likely be through Salem Al-Dawsari. Predominantly a left winger, Al-Dawsari enjoyed a resurgence when he started occupying the role of a second striker. His battle with, say, Nicolas Otamendi could be one to look forward to. Al-Dawsari has scored 15 goals and made six assists in 31 games, making him Al Hilal's top goal contributor in 2021-22.

Language of football

- **Giddam**
- **Origin: Saudi Arabia**
- **Translation: Come on!**

The word was promoted by the Saudi Football Association to be the rallying cry for their team come the World Cup. Whether that faith is repaid on Tuesday is another matter.

Other Matches

Denmark vs Tunisia: 6:30 PM
Mexico vs Poland: 9:30 PM
France vs Australia: 12:30 am (Wednesday)

Qatar finally witnesses a contest, Dutch two shades better than Senegal

ANIL DIAS
NOVEMBER 21

Netherlands 2-0 Senegal

A CURLING cross, a superbly-timed run and a glancing header. That's all it took for The Netherlands to turn the tide in their favour and win their opening FIFA World Cup match against Senegal 2-0 on Monday.

Frenkie de Jong seemed to be struggling the entire match since missing a great opportunity in the 19th minute. He was struggling with his positioning and a style of play he is not accustomed to. But he did what he does best, though it came late, in the 84th minute.

With Senegal pushing deeper and deeper, De Jong had the ball at the edge of the Senegal box, with plenty of space around him. Instead of going for a shot, he perfectly

picked out Cody Gakpo's run, playing in a brilliantly-weighted, curling, teasing cross. Gakpo, who timed his run to perfection, connected with a glancing header past the on-rushing Edouard Mendy from the edge of the six-yard box to give his team the lead.

Super substitute Davy Klaassen then put the game beyond doubt deep in injury time (90+9) by making the most of an error from Mendy. A shot from Barcelona man Memphis Depay, who also came off the bench, was parried into the path of Klaassen who made no mistake, striking it home on the follow-up.

A lot was expected of 23-year-old Gakpo and he managed to live up to the expectations in some style. The 6ft 2in winger, whose father is from Togo and whose mother played rugby for the Netherlands, made a decisive run into the box to get the opener, but it was his decision to stay at PSV at the start of the season is what sees him reap rewards.

With Manchester United, Southampton and Leeds all circling, he sought the counsel



Davy Klaassen scored Netherlands' second goal deep into injury time. AP

of Netherlands manager Louis van Gaal. Van Gaal advised Gakpo that in a World Cup year he should prioritise minutes at PSV over the unpredictability of the Premier League.

Gakpo decided to stay and has become an indispensable member of the Netherlands

squad with a remarkable return of 13 goals and 17 assists so far for PSV this season, the leading combined tally out of any player in the Premier League, Serie A, LaLiga, Bundesliga, Ligue 1 and Eredivisie.

After two one-sided games in the tournament, it finally seemed like the World Cup properly began. The Netherlands have bigger names on paper but Senegal, who were on a high after their Africa Cup of Nations triumph earlier this year, troubled the Dutch defence marshalled by the ever-imposing, no-nonsense Virgil Van Dijk.

Senegal have had a fairytale 2022 which began by them beating Mohamed Salah's Egypt on penalties to win the AFCON for the first time. They then had to do it again in their World Cup qualification match. Coached by Aliou Cisse, captain of the team which shocked world champions France at the 2002 World Cup, Senegal have great group o players. They have goalkeeper Mendy and his Chelsea teammate Kalidou Koulibaly who is a strongman in defence. Their mid-

fielders Nampalys Mendy of Leicester City and Idrissa Gueye of Everton make Senegal a force to reckon with.

Of course, there's nobody as experienced and talismanic as Bayern Munich star Sadio Mane. A tibia injury means his World Cup was over before it started, the toughest blow that Senegal had to deal with yet, especially since he was inspirational and instrumental in them reaching the World Cup.

With Mane injured, it was Watford hero Ismaila Sarr, who was shouldering Senegal's attacking responsibilities. And he was an extremely imposing figure, troubling the might of Van Dijk and Matthijs de Ligt.

But Mane's absence was felt. Senegal made ample spaces and created a myriad of chances but lacked that final finish which Mane is known for. While Netherlands will breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that they've just about managed to escape with a win, Senegal will have to find their flourish in front of goal against Qatar and Ecuador if they are to make it out of their group.

Messi fine, world breathes easy

Argentine star allays fitness fears ahead of Saudi Arabia game, as his presence lights up media interaction



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SANDIP G
NOVEMBER 21

THE ROOM was dimly lit, the light-brown ceiling and plywood-panelled walls amplifying the dimness. Like before the screening of a movie, there were hushed whispers. There were worried brows and excited faces as the seconds ticked down with the length of an hour.

"It's so long, where is he?" one among the hundreds of journalists asked and then looked at his watch, "Oh! five more minutes!". The cameramen, slumped on the floor, kept readjusting for that perfect frame. Some were composing a selfie frame.

Then Lionel Messi gushed into the room, pulled a chair and flashed the equivalent of Mona Lisa's smile in the sporting world. A smile that could be interpreted as cryptic, mysterious, or even not a smile at all. The room, suddenly, seemed brighter. A feeble hola escaped his mouth.

The press officer quietly announces: "We have the Argentina captain here."

"We have Lionel Messi" would have sounded awkward. Introductions are redundant. Even before she could complete her next sentence – raise your hands – a hundred hands had been flung in the air.

A flash of surprise flickered across her face. "We can't have so many!" she says coldly. Messi comes out of his Mona Lisa smile. He pierces the earplug of the microphone into his right ear. Like standing over the ball before a free kick. He runs his left palm through the stubble and tunes in diligently into the question.

The question amuses him. He might have been anticipating it. It would inevitably centre on his fitness.

Rumours of a potentially dangerous injury were floating around after he was spotted training alone with coach Lionel Scaloni on Saturday.

Messi allayed the fears. First with a giggle, a throwback to his fresh-faced teenage avatar, and then with reassuring words: "I'm hearing what you say about me about training alone and things, but I'm very fine physically and have no issues whatsoever. I heard there were rumours about me having to miss part of the training," he explains.

He then reassured: "No, it's just precautions. Nothing strange or out of the ordinary".



Lionel Messi during a press conference on the eve of the Group C match against Saudi Arabia. AP

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LIONEL MESSI, ON HIS FITNESS AND FAN SUPPORT

There was not a scent of irritation in his tone. It's a routine pre-tournament hoax of sorts, says Alejandro Lopez, a freelance photographer.

"Someone would speculate that Leo is injured and it becomes a national concern, obviously. Maybe, you could sell a few more copies of the paper or get more watch-time. We have been hearing such stuff for ages, before every season, every COPA, World Cup and qualification games. Our country always needs to hear something about Leo."

Nonetheless, the Argentinian press heaved a sigh of relief. Perhaps the whole world would have too.

It's beautiful that a lot of people who aren't Argentine want Argentina to be champion in large part because of me. I'm grateful for all the love I've received throughout my career. This World Cup is very special for me. Probably the last one to try and achieve my dream. I enjoy all this a lot more."

Hero of the world

The questions rattled in and the answers rushed out, so fast that it felt like one was in the middle of a torrential outpour. But to one specific question, his answer was slower than usual. He turned emotional, smiled a smile of gratitude. The query was: "What do you feel about the universal love you get?"

"Muchas Gracias," he begins the sentence, then pauses, perhaps searching for the perfect words, and then resumes: "It's beautiful that a lot of people who aren't Argentine want Argentina to be champion in large part because of me. I'm grateful for all the love I've received throughout my career," he says.

Then with a twinkle in his eyes, he elab-

orates his Qatar World Cup dreams: "This World Cup is very special for me. Probably the last one to try and achieve my dream. I enjoy all this a lot more. I felt more comfortable the more minutes I played and that's what I tried to do until I reached the World Cup."

A little regret

There is a bead of regret too: "I kind of missed a lot of important things that happened to me during my career."

He then moves on to tactics and team spirit and such-like platitudes, before the press officer announces the end of the 15-minute interaction. No one pestered, "One more question, please."

They probably had more questions, but they would not disturb. Everyone wanted to present their most polished side before Messi. Instead, they rose from their seats and clapped. Messi was overwhelmed, turned back, flashed a thumbs-up and flew a louder Muchas Gracias and strolled to the exit.

But on the edge of the dais, a few journalists quietly asked him for a selfie. He bent and obliged. As he walked out of the room, the light in the room dimmed too. The ceiling and walls wore a pallid, lifeless look.

Able support

cast gives

Argentina best

shot at glory

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LIONEL MESSI has a chance. It might not be as good a chance as on that night at the Maracana when Mario Goetze took away what he yearned for. But it is a chance nonetheless.

While 2014 had the star names of Gonzalo Higuain and Sergio Aguero but a large imbalance otherwise, and 2018 saw the Argentines collide into eventual champions France, the 2022 Argentina World Cup squad checks all the right boxes.

It starts with the defence

One of the key statistics to look out for in this World Cup will be how high the defensive line for most teams is going to be. Argentina employ two of Nicolas Otamendi, Christian Romero and **Lisandro Martinez** at the heart of their defence. Martinez plays near the halfway line and is crucial as the first stab at an interception, or a tackle when the opposition attempt to free up their attackers. His reliability on the ball should ideally assure him of a spot in the starting line-up. Martinez is not only a capable passer of the ball, but also has the skill-set to shimmy away from dangerous positions. He can also pass in tight spaces, with impeccable timing to boot.



A midfield to watch out

One of the advantages that Argentina have over other top teams at this World Cup is a settled midfield. The combination of Rodrigo de Paul and Leandro Paredes provide them with a key metric – progressive play.

The Argentine midfield has the ability to gather the ball and move it forward. They can pass the ball, carry it forward and press the opposition midfield when not in possession.

It doesn't put the onus on Messi to come deep into midfield, collect the ball and move it forward. All that is left now is for Lionel Scaloni to pick his third midfielder. A player he could very well look at is Exequiel Palacios. The Bayer Leverkusen player provides tackles and interceptions while having the ability to make effective passes.

An forward line of dreams

In Lautaro Martinez and Messi, Argentina have the ability to hold the ball in the final third of the pitch. Martinez often likes to drop back and pull a defender or two out of the opposition's defensive line. The result – two attackers on the flank with space to exploit. Argentina can either play an attacking trio of Angel Di Maria, Martinez and Messi, or field Martinez and Di Maria as two strikers and allow Messi to roam as a shadow No. 9.

Three Lions roar: Saka's sweet redemption and World Cup's first Gen Z goal scorer

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England 6-2 Iran

AT THE 2018 World Cup, England had fewer shots on target from open play (six) than everyone except Iran. The way Iran were set-up in this game, with an ultra-defensive system, they ended with few attempts on goal and put the onus will be on England to ensure this doesn't end up being a yawn fest. And the Three Lions ensured a roaring start to their campaign, beating the Asian giants 6-2 in their Group B opener at the Khalifa Stadium.

Hey Jude!

Jude Bellingham gave England the lead after heading home from a Luke Shaw cross. It

was a landmark goal on many fronts – his first goal for England; the second youngest player to score for England at a World Cup after Michael Owen and the World Cup's first goal scorer who was born after the year 2000.

Bellingham, interestingly, was the only player in England's starting XI, flush with Premier League stars, who doesn't play club football in his country. He plies his trade in Germany for Borussia Dortmund and his stock would've only increased after Monday's performance.

No wonder Pep Guardiola had this to say about the 19-year-old: "I said when he was 17, it wasn't just the quality, it was about he was shouting, leading, kicking, and going to the referee. I thought this guy was something special in terms of mentality. Now, at 19 years old, he is already one of the captains of the team, and when that happens at 19 years old it is quite impressive. The quality and skills, everyone knows it, but it's not just about that. It's about



Jude Bellingham (left) celebrates after scoring with Bukayo Saka. AP

the whole package. He's really good. He's already in the national team playing with them at 19. That is quite impressive."

Sweet redemption for Saka

He's a straight-A student, a top tennis player and a talented runner. And now, he is a World Cup goal scorer. Seeing Bukayo Saka celebrate with his teammates after scoring England's second goal against Iran in their opening World Cup match against Iran, one couldn't help but go back to the last time he played a major tournament for England.

In the 2020 European Championship final against Italy, Saka, then 19, took England's fifth and final kick in the shootout. His shot was saved by Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma meaning that England lost the final and Saka was reduced the tears.

What followed was a barrage of racist abuse, mostly online, towards him, Jadon Sancho and Marcus Rashford, all of who failed

to score in the shoot-out. A few days later, describing how he was "hurting so much", Saka promised he would "not let that moment or the negativity that I've received this week break me".

In a rare foray into public affairs, he also told Instagram, Twitter and Facebook that "it is a sad reality that your powerful platforms are not doing enough to stop these messages".

Born to Nigerian parents Yomi, a building surveyor, and Nike, a chartered accountant, in Ealing, Saka and his older brother Yomi played in the back garden and that's where he spent most of his time, taking steps that would see him play for England in the biggest of stages.

As a child, he would go to school every day and recite a prayer, according to the Sunday Times. "Heavenly Father, you have given this new day to me, help me to make it one that pleases you by doing my best in everything. Amen." His prayers have been answered. And so have the prayers of England fans.