



Need CEC who can't be bulldozed, Seshan happens once in a while: SC

To ensure 'neutrality', Bench suggests inclusion of CJI in appointment panel

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Former CEC
T N Seshan

SAYING THAT a Chief Election Commissioner should be someone "with character" who "does not allow himself to be bulldozed", and a person like former CEC, the late T N Seshan, "happens once in a while", the Supreme Court on Tuesday mooted the idea of including the Chief Justice of India in the appointment committee to ensure "neutrality".

Hearing petitions seeking reforms in the system of appointing the election commissioners, a five-judge Constitution bench comprising Justices K J Joseph, Ajay Rastogi, Aniruddha Bose, Hrishikesh Roy and C T Ravikumar, said the Constitution has vested vast powers on the

"fragile shoulders" of the CEC and the two election commissioners. "Apart from competence, what is important is that you need someone with character, someone who does not allow himself to be bulldozed. So the question is who will appoint this person? The least intrusive will be a system when there is a presence of the Chief Justice in the appointment committee. We feel his very presence will be a message that no mess-up will happen. We need the best man.

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Goods trains facing erratic brake system, Rlys seeks solution

Loco pilots flag over 80 cases in a year

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

ON OCTOBER 26, a goods train with 54 coal-laden wagons was moving down a slope in the ghats section of Jharkhand's Dhanbad division when the brakes failed to work. This immediately set off a complex safety measure. Officials cleared out all other trains from this path, moved the goods train — by then travelling at around 90 kmph — onto a loop line inside a yard at Gurpa in Bihar and effected a derailment.

This was just one incident in a string of failures in the braking system for goods trains, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

In various memorandums submitted to the Railways, sources said, loco pilots have flagged over 80 cases of goods

trains jumping signals over the past one year at least because of an erratic brakes system — the Bogie Mounted Brake System (BMBS).

These red flags come at a time when the Railways is moving to ramp up freight operations. The Dhanbad incident alone led to traffic on the Delhi-Mumbai main route being held up for about 24 hours.

In August, a letter sent by the Railways' design arm, Research, Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO), to all General Managers cited an internal report of a committee formed to probe the issue, and warned of "a known deficiency" in the BMBS.

Last Friday, an association of Chief Loco Inspectors held a day-long workshop in Delhi to discuss the "braking issue" and

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In shadow of BJP, a yearning for strong Opp, a move towards AAP

Cong voters in Saurashtra, Kutch say party discredited

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 22

"WHO SAID there is no anti-incumbency in Gujarat?"

On the face of it, Ashwin Solanki appears to be challenging the popular perception that the forthcoming Gujarat Assembly polls is "wave-less", with the incumbent BJP facing no major headwinds despite being at the helm for 27 consecutive years.



Then comes the twist. "That the BJP is returning to power is beyond doubt," he says. After a pause, the Bhavnagar resident, who works with a private engineering firm, adds, "Instead, the Congress is facing anti-incumbency. It stands discredited, opening up the opposition space for AAP."

A diminished Congress struggling to retain its core support base, which stood by the party even as power remained out of its reach for nearly three



Lionel Messi leaves the field after Argentina lost to Saudi Arabia (2-1) in a World Cup Group C match at the Lusail Stadium in Qatar on Tuesday. Messi scored a 10th-minute penalty. Reuters

Saudi shock shakes World Cup, stuns Lionel Messi's star-studded Argentina



SANDIP G
DOHA, NOVEMBER 22

EIGHT SECONDS short of 14 minutes in stoppage time, the referee blew his whistle. It could

have been the most beautiful tune that Saudi Arabia's tenacious wonder-men would have heard in their lives. Some of them knelt and kissed the boot-crushed grass of the Lusail Stadium. Some spread their arms to catch hold of their leaping teammates. Some sprinted to a section of the joyous crowd, furiously waving the country's flag and hurling their jerseys.

How they found the energy

to celebrate was baffling. For, they had shed every drop of sweat, stretched every sinew and expended every ounce of courage to grind out one of the most shocking defeats in World Cup history.

Rallying from a one-goal deficit and listlessness in the first half, the Saudis had managed to upset tournament favourites Argentina 2-1.

It was a moment that would

define the rest of their lives, make them immortal in footballing lore. The humble footballers who stunned Lionel Messi's team; the miracle men who may have possibly spoiled Messi's dream of a perfect World Cup farewell; the eternal underachievers who lit up the World Cup.

It's such shock defeats that enrich the World Cup experience — and victories like these that

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VIDEO CLIP

Man giving massage to jailed Delhi minister is a rape accused



Satyendar Jain; ED says didn't leak video clip

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DAYS AFTER a video emerged showing the AAP's jailed Delhi minister Satyendar Jain getting a massage inside his cell, Tihar officials said the person giving him a massage is an undertrial accused of rape, and not a physiotherapist. This comes after Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said during a press conference that Jain had been recommended physiotherapy by doctors for a spinal issue, and that the BJP was politicising his illness.

While Director General (Prisons) Sanjay Beniwal did not respond to queries on the issue, sources in the jail administration claimed the undertrial seen in the video is accused of raping his minor daughter and was charged under POCSO. He was arrested from his residence in

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Maharashtra grapples with loss: 9 of 10 parents who died of Covid were fathers

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RUPSA CHAKRABORTY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

IN APRIL last year, Nagesh Vishwas Unde, a daily-wage labourer in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar, died of Covid-19. With the family's only earning member gone, Unde's wife was forced to take up work as a farm labourer to ensure her children stayed on in school and college.

"I am in my second year of BCom and my 16-year-old sister is

in Class 10. My father couldn't study, but he wanted us to complete our education. After his death, my mother was forced to find work," says Unde's son Rohan.

After two years of the pandemic, as the Covid curve flattens across the country, data

from the Women and Child Development (WCD) Department in Maharashtra shows that for every child in the state who lost her mother to the novel coronavirus infection, nine lost their fathers.

Since the start of the pan-

demic in March 2020, 28,938 children in the state lost either of their parents to the infection — of those who died, 2,919 were mothers and 25,883 fathers. In 136 cases, more than one child from the same family lost either of their parents.

Between March 2020 and October 2021, Maharashtra recorded 1,39,007 Covid deaths — 92,212 men (66.3%) and 46,779 women (33.6%). According to the Union Health Ministry, Maharashtra's Covid death count till date, at 1,48,404, is the highest for any state, followed by Kerala's 71,477 deaths.

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CLOUD OVER BORDER TALKS

Assam Police open fire near Meghalaya village; 6 killed

Assam points to timber smuggling bid; Meghalaya delegation to meet Shah

DEBRAJ DEB &
DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
AGARTALA, NEW DELHI,
NOVEMBER 22

SIX PERSONS, including an Assam Forest Guard, were killed and several others injured in a clash between Assam Police and a mob early on Tuesday over an alleged timber-smuggling attempt near a village in Meghalaya, officials said.

The incident, which occurred around 3 am in an area bordering West Karbi Anglong district of Assam and Mukroh village in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills, comes ahead of the second round of talks scheduled for this month-end between the two states to resolve their boundary dispute.

In a statement, the office of Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said that a State Cabinet delegation will meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah on November 24 to demand an investigation into the incident by the NIA or CBI.

Sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs said the Centre is keeping a close watch on the situation. "As of now, it is under control," an official said.

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BORDER CLASH



EXPLAINED
E Old history of border dispute

ASSAM AND Meghalaya have a longstanding dispute in 12 stretches of the 884-km-long shared border. The two states had agreed in March to resolve part of their border dispute. In August, they decided to form regional committees. The second round of discussions was set to commence by the end of this month.

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HC seeks L-G response to Jasmine Shah’s plea

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday sought Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena’s response to AAP leader Jasmine Shah’s plea against the L-G’s decision asking CM Arvind Kejriwal to remove Shah from his post and restricting him from discharging his duties as vice-chairman of the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDCD).

A single-judge bench of Justice Yashwant Varma asked advocate Santosh Kumar Tripathi, appearing for the L-G, director (planning) and sub-divisional magistrate (Civil Lines), to seek instructions from his clients on the question of whether the L-G has the jurisdiction to pass such an order and the scope of the power the L-G can exercise.

Appearing for Shah, senior advocate Rajiv Nayar argued that the appointment of the DDCCDV-C is made by a decision of the Delhi Cabinet and is “coterminal with the government”.

The HC asked whether the L-G would have constitutional power to remove the DDCCDV-C. Nayar responded that the L-G does not have the power, and that he couldn’t have passed an interim direction. The HC asked the parties how the DDCCDV-C is appointed, and if any qualifications are required; it was informed that the position of V-C is honorary.

When Nayar started to point towards Shah’s accomplishments, court said, “You may be very accomplished...but what has been noted in L-G’s order, also gets us thinking... Once you take up an honorary position whether you are obliged to give up another part of activities, while holding that post and office...can you continue or whether you should be permitted to continue”.

The plea states that the decision against Shah bars him from using “any privileges and facilities connected with the office of V-C, DDCC, with immediate effect”. The plea challenges four orders issued by the L-G, planning department and the SDM (Civil Lines).

Classroom size at DU in centre of fresh row

New Delhi: A protest broke out at Delhi University’s Academic Council (AC) meeting on Tuesday, with several elected members opposing a recent notification specifying classroom sizes.

In the AC’s agenda, the notification had been listed as a decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor “in exercise of his powers/delegated power vested on him other than emergency powers”. The notification issued last week notified the size of undergraduate classrooms as 60 students for lectures, 30 for tutorials and 25 for practicals. The elected members also protested against another notification that stated that teachers are required to work 40 hours a week with 14 hours of direct teaching for assistant professors and 16 hours for associate professors and professors.

A dissent note signed by six elected AC members stated that notification on classroom sizes will have an adverse effect on academics. “The raising of tutorial group size...negates the very idea of small group interaction, and denies students the opportunity to develop deeper understanding and to clarify niggling doubts. Teachers too cannot do justice and consequent quality deterioration would be enormous... The increase in lecture class size... too would undermine the quality of teaching/learning process...unreasonably large number of students per teacher will make quality of internal assessment suffer. Unlike elsewhere, lecture classes too are not non-interactive, one-way delivery spaces... The fact that students from diverse schools, social and backgrounds come together in a lecture class requires a teacher’s ability to understand students and devise lectures accordingly. Various subjects, by their nature... may require drastically less number of students if any learning were to occur at all,” stated the note.

Members of Delhi University Teachers Association also protested outside the meeting venue Tuesday. The DUTA has submitted a letter to the V-C demanding that both notifications be withdrawn. **ENS**

Aaftab told court he hit Shraddha as he was provoked, says his lawyer

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

IN THE first admission in court of violence against Shraddha Walkar, her live-in partner Aaftab Poonawala told a Delhi court on Tuesday that he hit her because she “provoked” him.

During the hearing, Metropolitan Magistrate Aviral Shukla asked Poonawala if he was mistreated during questioning or had any issues. “Poonawala told the court that he had no issues and that he was fully cooperating with the investigation. He also told the judge that he was provoked, because of which he hit (her),” Advocate Abinash Kumar, Poonawala’s legal aid counsel, told *The Indian Express*.

L-G nod to hiring of judicial officers in 5 special courts

New Delhi: Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena has approved the hiring of five judicial officers and 35 other clerical and support staff in five special courts in a bid to clear backlog of cases registered under the Negotiable Instruments Act in city courts. **ENS**



Aaftab Poonawala was arrested last week for allegedly killing Shraddha Walkar, his live-in partner, in May

Poonawala was produced before the court via video conferencing, and the hearing took place before the designated time, keeping in consideration his safety, said his lawyer. As a result, the media was not privy to the hearing.

The court sent him to four more days of police custody in

connection with the case.

Poonawala (28) has been accused of allegedly killing 27-year-old Walkar on May 18, chopping her body into more than 30 parts, and disposing of the parts over two-three months.

During the hearing, Poonawala also told the court that

neither he nor his family have engaged private counsel, and he was happy with his legal aid counsel.

Opposing the police remand, his lawyer said 10 days’ remand had already been granted and two more days would suffice for the investigation.

The police told the court that some more suspected body parts of the deceased, including a set of jaws, were recovered from a forested area. They said more body parts need to be recovered on the basis of Poonawala’s disclosures.

“The police wanted his custody to take him to more places for more recoveries in the case. They said their investigation was at a crucial stage. Hence the court allowed four more days of custody,” said Kumar.

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TEAMS FROM the Central Forensic Science Lab (CFSL) have lifted traces of what they believe is blood from the bathroom and the kitchen of the Chattarpur Pahadi apartment where 28-year-old Aaftab Poonawala allegedly killed his live-in partner, 27-year-old Shraddha Walkar.

Sources said the CFSL teams pulled out bathroom tiles to collect the samples since some time has passed since the incident on May 18, and while Aaftab allegedly cleaned the apartment thoroughly, traces of blood may be left behind in small crevices.

A Delhi court meanwhile extended Aaftab’s custody by four

days after the police said they had recovered suspected parts of a skull and jaw from a forest area near the residence. Senior officers said he will undergo a polygraph test Tuesday evening and a narco-analysis test on Wednesday in connection with the investigation.

For the polygraph test, he will be taken to the FSL office in Rohini where the experts along with the police will conduct the test. The court has already given the approval for the test after police said they suspect that Aaftab is lying.

The narco-analysis is scheduled to be conducted the next day at Dr BR Ambedkar hospital. Before the test, doctors will test Aaftab to see if he’s fit for the test.

During preliminary questioning, police have found that Aaftab allegedly dumped the murder

weapon and tools at DLF Phase 3 forest area in Gurgaon after May. They are conducting searches there to recover the same. “We are still looking for the murder weapon. The teams have recovered close to 18 bones from forest areas and they will also be checked at FSL. The team visited the house and broke tiles of the bathroom. Traces of what appears to be blood were lifted from those tiles and kitchen area,” said an officer.

Samples will be tested against DNA samples collected from Shraddha’s father. Police have extended their search to Maidangarhi and Mehrauli ponds to recover more evidence. Sources said they drained out water from the pond and recovered a few bones.

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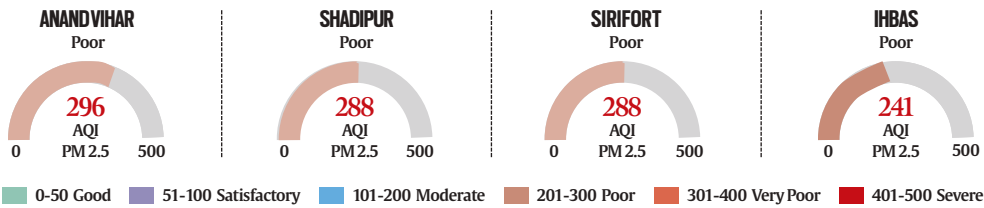
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However the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagees herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/Mortgagees in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorised Officer of the **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd.**, Chandigarh, Branch has taken **POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day of 18-11-2022.

The Applicants / Co-Applicants / Mortgagees in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd.**, Chandigarh, for an amount of **Rs. 22,61,115/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixty One Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Only)** as on 25-07-2022, together with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants/Co-Applicants/Mortgagees attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

Details of Immoveable Properties: Schedule 'A' property : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Khewat No. 1350, Kitta 2 Rakhta 12 Kanal 16 Marla Total Rakhta 2 Kanal 16 Marla) and Murabba No. 169, Killa No. 7 Rakhta 2 Kanal 0 Marla and Murabba No. 169 Kila No 6/2 west 16 marla, Situated at Gharanda, Tehsil Gharanda and District Karnal Haryana. East : Eshar Dass Agricultural Land, West : Rasta, North : Eshar Dass Agricultural Land, South : Ramesh Agricultural Land. Other, **Schedule 'B' property :** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Plot/Land Comprised in Khewat No.213, Murabba No. 50, Killa No. 7/1 (4-15), 6/2 (0-12) kite Rakhta 5 Kanal 7 Marla, situated at Malakpur Village, Gharanda Tehsil, Karnal District, Haryana. East : Eshar Dass Agricultural Land, West : Rasta, North : Eshar Dass Agricultural Land, South : Ramesh Agricultural Land. Other.

Date: 23-11-2022 Authorised Officer,
Place: Gharanda Sd/- Varthana Finance Private Limited



SKYWATCH
FORECAST: November 23
Mainly clear sky. Haze

MAX: 26
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Jain’s records point to fall in jail, 2 epidural procedures

ANKITA UPADHYAY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

WITH JAILED AAP leader Satyendar Jain’s health at the centre of a fierce political debate, medical records accessed by *The Indian Express* show a fall in the bathroom of Tihar jail in June ostensibly necessitated two procedures to administer transforaminal epidural steroid injections (TFESI) for back pain in July and August. These appear to be the two “surgeries” Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia referred to in a press conference recently, after a video emerged of Jain receiving a massage inside the jail.

“During his time in prison, he fell and his spine got injured. His L5-S1 vertebrae or L5-S1 disk got damaged. As per his medical records, his nerves got pinched and he was hospitalised. He underwent two surgeries through which nerve blocks were implanted. While discharging him from the hospital, doctors recommended that he need regular physiotherapy,” Sisodia had said.

As per Jain’s medical records, he was recommended physiotherapy by Lok Nayak’s neurosurgery department as well as by members of the medical board set up at the hospital.

According to the documents, after the fall, Jain complained of left lower backache and uneasiness. After evaluation at GB Pant’s cardiology department, he was referred to Lok Nayak, where a medical board was set up, which included medical di-



Satyendar Jain

rector Dr Suresh Kumar, Dr Sumit Arora from the orthopaedics department, and Dr Shipra Anand from pulmonary medicine department.

The three doctors refused to comment on his hospitalisation. Jain’s MRI report stated: “Degenerative disease of the spine with resultant L5-S1 compressive radiculopathy and diffuse disc bulge at C6-C7 spine with indentation of ventral thecal sac. He was managed initially with strict bed rest followed by physiotherapy exercises. Medical management as advised by the orthopaedics team was incorporated into his treatment.” Medical records also highlight post-Covid fibrosis in both lungs as well as cervical spondylosis.

The Lok Nayak discharge summary dated August 6, prepared by Dr P N Pandey, the neurosurgery department head, mentions that an “integrated treatment was started for Jain in the form of pharmacological therapy as well as non-pharmacological therapy (physiotherapy, lumbar and cervical collar)

in collaboration with medicine, pulmonary medicine, orthopaedics and physical medicine and rehabilitation along with minimal invasive therapy for pain management”.

It states that “due to inadequate response of pharmacological therapy and persistence of pain, the patient was planned for TFESI”. The two procedures were conducted on July 25 and August 3.

Jain was discharged after being advised strict bedrest for two weeks, regular physiotherapy, using a hard mattress for sleeping, cervical collar and lumbar belt application, and was advised to avoid jerky movements including weightlifting and travelling.

Further, a report submitted by the office of senior medical officer at the Central Jail dispensary to the Tihar Jail Superintendent on August 16 read: “The inmate/patient is a known case of Post Covid-19 fibrosis of both lungs, obstructive sleep apnoea, obesity, hypoxia induced abnormal fluctuation in heart rate, cervical spondylosis and prolapsed intervertebral disc disease (PIVD)... with compressive radiculopathy. He is under treatment with jail duty doctors, jail visiting specialist doctors and outside GB Pant Hospital (Cardiology department) and Lok Nayak Hospital (Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Orthopedics and neurosurgery department).”

Dheeraj Mathur, the Tihar Jail spokesperson, was unavailable for comment.

Ukrainian woman vs Indian husband: Court allows her time with their son

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday asked the father of the three-year-old boy to ensure that his son spends time with his mother and sister, both Ukrainian nationals, after the mother moved a plea alleging the father had kidnapped and brought their son to India.

During the hearing, when both parties, the Ukrainian woman (along with the couple’s daughter) and the father, were

present with the boy, a division bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Amit Sharma told the father to give some time to the mother and sister with the boy. “We expect the parties to sit together so that the mother and sister are able to reunite with the son... It is very important,” Justice Mridul remarked.

While the mother tried to interact with the child, she submitted that something may have been told to him. To which Justice Mridul said that the “child is so young that it is impossible to tutor him”. The HC told the fa-

ther to ensure that the boy spends time with his mother and sister, and that he can remain present. The father stated that he had no problem with it, to which the bench said, “You shouldn’t have a problem. She is his biological mother.”

Appearing for the father, advocate Harsh Gupta submitted that the child had been unwell, and the bench said that the father can remain indoors with the child, but his ill health “can’t be a reason for denying the mother” a meeting. The mother is represented by advocate Sravan

Kumar.

The High Court thereafter said, “...counsel appearing on behalf of the estranged couple on instructions state that they are desirous of spending some time together so that (the boy) can bond with his mother as well as his elder sister post the traumatic events that have separated them. In view of the foregoing family is requested to spend time till 4 pm today at the HC creche.” The HC directed the parties to appear on November 23 at 2.15 pm.

Earlier this month, the HC

had directed the Delhi Police to locate the father and the child after the former wife moved the court, alleging that he took her son out for a walk on March 27 and did not return. She submitted that although a Ukrainian court had already ruled the child’s custody in her favour after their divorce in 2021, the father took her son away without her consent.

In his reply before the HC, the father claimed that his son is an Indian citizen and an “Indian citizen cannot be sent to a war zone area”.

Undertrials cannot do such ‘personal work’, say jail officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

AFTER A video of jailed Delhi minister Satyendar Jain getting a massage inside a prison cell surfaced on social media, and the Aam Aadmi Party defended it saying he was undergoing physiotherapy, Tihar jail officials have clarified that it’s not allowed for a prisoner to indulge in “personal work”. Jail officials also said that the person seen giving the massage is not a physiotherapist but a rape accused inmate.

The man, police sources said, was arrested last year from Dwarka in a POCOS case.

Tihar jail officers said that undertrials and convicts can work at the jail but can only be involved in public work/service.

“Earlier, only convicts could work at the jail. As per new rules, undertrials can also work but



A screengrab of the purported video of Jain

they need permission from the jail superintendent. The jail depends on the services the prisoners provide. Some volunteer for cooking, others for cleaning, gardening or PWD work. This can be allowed by the officials but giving someone a massage is personal labour, which is not allowed,” said an officer.

Another officer said: “It’s a common practice – politicians, businessmen, influential people asking inmates for personal work.

However, this is strictly prohibited under the jail manual. Inmates need permission to leave their ward and go to another ward.”

The jail manual states that “no prisoner (is) to be employed for private work. “No prisoner shall at any time be employed by any officer of the prison or any other person for any private work or service of any kind whatsoever,” it states. If an inmate is facing health issues, he/she is sent to doctors at the Tihar Jail campus who help them. Inmates with severe/chronic issues are referred to other hospitals, the officer said.

After the video became public, the BJP had attacked it as an example of VIP culture. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, however, said Jain had been advised physiotherapy by doctors because of a spinal issue, and the BJP was politicising someone’s illness.

CHANGING CITY

INA-EAST KIDWAI NAGAR PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

FEATURES

- The underpass will start at Dilli Haat near INA Metro station, go beneath the elevated loop of Barapullah Road and connect to gate 4 of East Kidwai Nagar flats
- This underpass is expected to provide safe connectivity to pedestrians and residents of nearby govt residential colonies. It is likely to benefit about 3,000 families in newly developed NBCC society.

Delhi Haat-INA Metro station

Metro station exit gate

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Setu stretch

Maharaja Agrasen Marg

Sri Aurobindo Marg

KIDWAI NAGAR

UNDERPASS UNDERWAY

Cost ₹11.15cr

60 degree angle shaped construction

AIMS

- To provide a safe crossing facility for pedestrians and residents of East Kidwai Nagar government flats. It will also provide connectivity for NBCC govt colony and GPRA office complex.
- The INA-East Kidwai Nagar underpass is a part of the ‘Traffic decongestion Plan of Ring Road and Aurobindo Marg (around East Kidwai Nagar)’

CURRENT STATUS

Work started in Oct 2020	Estimated completion date was August 2021	Expected to open by Nov end
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SIGNIFICANCE

Currently, there is only one subway located on the Metro’s Yellow Line station at INA which provides a crossing facility for people of Kidwai Nagar and INA market and government staff in DDA office. But there is no crossing facility for newly built NBCC colonies across the busy Aurobindo Marg and Barapullah flyover. Thus, pedestrians from East Kidwai Nagar and South Extension dart across roads or walk a long distance to cross stretch

Internal height (depth): 2.7 metres

Length: 70 metres

Width: 5 metres

REPORTING BY GAYATHRI MANI

OFFICIALSPEAK

“Work started in 2020 but was delayed due to Covid and other restrictions. Most of the work is complete, remaining work on the Delhi Haat side and NBCC govt colony entry and exit side is in progress. Besides, traffic in the central portion has been opened to construct the part of the subway. Now, the work of shifting NDMC water and sewage lines is in progress and is expected to be finished in a week. By the end of this month, the pedestrian underpass will be completed. Shifting of NDMC water and sewage lines is in progress.

BRIEFLY

Proposal to supply treated wastewater under review

Gurgaon: The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) is examining a proposal to provide 200 MLD (million litres per day) of treated wastewater via the 35-km-long water pipeline from the sewage treatment plant in Behrampur to the existing Nuh distributory irrigation channel at village Koral, in Nuh district, for agricultural purposes.

Cops on patrol duty roughed by men at DJ party, one hurt

Gurgaon: Two policemen who had gone to check a complaint of blaring music at a DJ party were allegedly roughed up by three men on Monday night in Gurgaon, police said. One policeman suffered a head injury and was rushed to a hospital. The accused are yet to be arrested, said police. ENS

Over 26,200 candidates apply for DU spot admission

New Delhi: More than 26,200 candidates have applied for around 14,000 vacant seats in undergraduate courses in Delhi University colleges in the first round of spot seat allocation, a university official said on Tuesday.

Jain massage video will haunt AAP: Puri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 22

CALLING THE AAP the “most corrupt outfit” India has seen since independence, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri Tuesday slammed it over purported videos wherein jailed Delhi minister Satyendar Jain can be seen getting massage in Tihar jail.

“They (AAP) say he (person giving massage) is a medical therapist. Get checked where did he get his medical therapy degree from. It has come to fore that the

masseur is facing charges of a different kind,” Puri said, referring to reports that the man giving massage to Jain is an inmate booked in a rape case.

“Many have commented that Delhi did not become London, but it has become a Thailand spa,” the Union minister for housing and urban affairs told reporters on the sidelines of Rozgar Mela at BSF Headquarters in Chandigarh.

Purported videos of Jain, who is lodged in jail in an alleged money laundering case, getting massage inside his prison cell have gone viral on social media.

In AAP push, nukkad sabhas, magic shows, some dance



An AAP candidate campaigns at Navjeevan camp ahead of the MCD polls on Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

WITH A few weeks left for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections, the AAP has chalked out 1,000 nukkad sabhas, magic and guitar shows and other activities under the ‘Kejriwal ki sarkar, Kejriwal ka parshad’ campaign. The nukkad sabhas will be held by the party’s star campaigners from November 23 to December 2.

Through the campaign, announced by Deputy Chief Minister and senior party leader Manish Sisodia Monday, the party aims to raise awareness regarding

“rampant corruption and maladministration” of the BJP during its reign in MCD for 15 years, said AAP in a statement. During the sabhas, all the star campaigners, MLAs, ward candidates and local party leaders will have one-on-one interactions with locals to understand their issues. The party will also organise ‘Dance for Democracy’, nukkad natak, guitar and magic shows to woo voters across the districts and wards.

“Once the Kejriwal government comes to power in the MCD, we will work with the same passion in the MCD being carried out in the state by the Delhi government. From tomorrow, AAP is going to further intensify its elec-

tion campaign in the second phase under the theme ‘Kejriwal ki sarkar, Kejriwal ka parshad’. The public support we have received in our jansamvad, padyatras and door-to-door campaigns clearly indicates that Kejriwal will win in MCD,” said AAP minister and state convenor Gopal Rai.

The party will hold 45 nukkad sabhas on Wednesday, and 120 on November 25. Earlier, the party in its first phase, held padyatras, jansabhas and door-to-door campaigns in various booths under the theme of ‘MCD mein bhi Kejriwal’. The MCD polls will be held on December 4, and the votes will be counted and declared on December 7.

FIELDIED BY CONGRESS

Meet gold medalist wrestler, PhD candidate & MCD contender

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

DELHI UNIVERSITY Students Union (DUSU) is often considered the preschool for budding politicians and has produced several veterans, but former DUSU secretary Deepika Deshwal became a household name after her participation in sports and from championing issues pertaining to gender and human rights in Northwest Delhi’s Saraswati Vihar and Pitampura.

The Indian National Congress, in its pursuit to regain its lost ground during the upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) polls, has given a ticket to the national-level wrestler. She will contest from Saraswati Vihar ward number 58.

From being a wrestler to now a politician, Deshwal has a journey to recount, “Initially, during my school days, I was into basketball, but my father and uncle were wrestlers. In college, I took up wrestling and participated first in inter-college competitions. Later,

with professional training, I represented Delhi at the national level and won six gold medals. During graduation, I started participating in student politics and contested the DUSU elections and won.”

The 34-year-old, who is currently pursuing PhD in Buddhist history studies from DU’s Arts faculty, provides free self-defence classes to students and the underprivileged in her locality.

Interestingly, this is not Deshwal’s maiden attempt at contesting the polls. In 2012, she did not get a ticket as she was



Deepika Deshwal will contest from Saraswati Vihar ward number 58

considered too young. However, as a law graduate, she started working as a standing counsel in the MCD in 2014.

“As a child, my parents treated me equally with my brother; I have always been treated and raised as a boy. I always wanted to be recognised for who I am and wanted to do something different. I did law and worked for women’s rights, and against child and women trafficking,” she said.

Asked about the people’s response and how she is going to

win their hearts amidst the tough competition put forward by the AAP opposition, she said, “Both AAP and BJP have fielded outsiders, and I was born and raised in this locality. Due to my active participation in wrestling and mention in the Guinness Book of World Records, people recognise me. The locals pushed me into filing a nomination.”

Asked what her focus will be if she wins the seat, Deshwal said, “Besides garbage and cleaning, parks and roads in our area are in a poor condition. There is

no proper track or walking area for the elderly and there is no proper facility or sports complex or stadium where children can go and practice. If I win, my focus will be to rebuild the poorly maintained gaushala, develop parks with high-tech tracks and develop a sports complex for children.”

She aims to start free wrestling and martial art classes for girls in MCD. “I feel self-defence classes in schools are necessary for women’s safety,” she said.

Woman jumps to death from 16th-floor flat

Noida: A 35-year-old woman died after she allegedly jumped from the balcony of her 16th-floor apartment in Greater Noida in the early hours of Tuesday, police said. Police have questioned her husband. The couple had been married for four years and had moved to Greater Noida six months ago. She was pursuing her PhD from a private university in Greater Noida while her husband works for a media house in Noida, police said. PTI

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GUJARAT • HIMACHAL PRADESH

Can't be bought over: Jignesh's message in his campaign pitch

Talks about rising prices, his arrest by "intolerant" BJP, and felicitation of Bilkis convicts: "Is this the Gujarat of Patel?"

PARIMAL DABHI
VADGAM, NOVEMBER 22

A GROUP playing the tambourine sings "Gaon gaon se uthho, basti basti se uthho, aadmi aurat bhi uthho, bachche budhe bhi utho, desh ki surat badalne ke liye uthho; jiske haath mein kuchch bhi nahin, aawaz leke uthho (Rise from the villages, rise from the slums, men and women rise, children and elders too rise, to change the face of the country, rise; those who have nothing, raise your voice and rise)."

It is minutes to go for the arrival of Jignesh Mevani, and the singers are building the tempo while also talking about the Dalit leader's "struggles".

Mevani, the sitting MLA from Vadgam in Banaskantha district, who won last time as an Independent and is now fighting on a Congress ticket, takes up the theme as he arrives at Memadpur village. Legislators were bought for "Rs 5, 15, 25 crore", he says. "But I can say proudly that I did not break people's trust."

Mevani may only be a one-time MLA, but as one of the most popular Dalit faces of Gujarat, he is among the star campaigners on the Opposition side. The 42-year-old is also the only one of the 2017 campaign's young turks in the party's ranks — the other two, Hardik Patel and Alpesh Thakor, are both in the BJP now.

On Tuesday, Thakor, an OBC leader who in 2017 fought as a Congress candidate, campaigned in Vadgam for the BJP. Asked about this, Mevani simply grins. In his interactions, mostly in



Addressing a gathering in Pepol village of Vadgam. Express

small groups, Mevani focuses on issues like rising prices, unaffordable health facilities, paper leaks delaying government recruitments, farmers' debt and the BJP's "intolerance" for contrary views. With the Congress the sole party to raise the release of the Bilkis Bano case convicts as a poll issue, Mevani brings that up. Lastly, he talks about his agitation to get the Narmada water to the region, and again, promises to "remain loyal".

The welcome is generally enthusiastic, across communities. While Vadgam is considered a Congress bastion, the contest is four-pronged this time, including besides the BJP, the Aam Aadmi Party and AIMIM. Muslims form the 2017 campaign's young turks in the party's ranks — the other two, Hardik Patel and Alpesh Thakor, are both in the BJP now.

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25 seats," Mevani says.

In Pepol village, Mevani goes beyond the bread and butter issues. "If a single vote from your village is cast in favour of the BJP, you should know that you supported those rapists (in the Bilkis case)," he says. "The convicts were felicitated... Is this the Gujarat of Sardar Patel...? Is this the country of Ambedkar?"

Mevani refers to his own imprisonment over a tweet, after which he was frisked away overnight to Assam. He also talks about the imprisonment of former chairman of Dudhsagar Dairy Vipul Chaudhary, who commands support among his Chaudhary community.

While the Muslim vote is likely to split, the Congress is hoping that Chaudhary's arrest will create a friction between the BJP and the community.

Jayesh Chaudhary of Memadpur village says they like Mevani. "People always come to us for votes to fill their own pockets. Jigneshbhai comes to us for our issues. He will win for sure."

FROM THE GROUND

Education to inflation, Gujarat youth voters are confident about issues but not parties

"Jobs important, but govt must focus on education... Else, the Govt is fine"

RASHI MISHRA
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 22

RIGHT ACROSS the Sheth Damodardas School of Commerce on Gujarat University campus in Ahmedabad, Chetan CR runs a tea stall that he has named the 'Engineer Tea Bar'. A qualified textile engineer, the 25-year-old began selling tea about two months ago. From Pratapara village, about 170-odd km from Ahmedabad, he says he has been voting since he got his rights.

"Our village comes under the Talaja constituency and will vote for the BJP's Gautam Chauhan, who is from our village. Last time, he lost by a narrow margin," says Chetan, though he is himself unsure whom to support, Chauhan or incumbent MLA Kanu Baraiya of the Congress.

Chetan is part of a con-

stituency of voters, the youth, who have a major say on who will form the government. There are nearly 11.74 lakh first-time voters this time in Gujarat, up from 11.8 lakh five years ago. Prime Minister Narendra Modi enjoys a lot of support among the youth and, at a rally in Valsad on November 19, made a special appeal to them.

One such first-time voter is Neha Vaghela, a Master's student at the School of Languages in Gujarat University. But the prospect has the 20-year-old more confused than excited. "All the parties, especially the ruling party, campaign for a month just before the elections and ask for votes," she says.

Her friend Pratham Solanki, who studies at the private National College of Commerce and will also be voting for the first time, says, "The Congress



HE CAME, HE LEFT

A cutout of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at the site of his first public meeting of the Gujarat campaign, in Rajkot, Monday. PTI



Cutouts of BJP leaders at Jodhpur, Ahmedabad. Nirmal Harindran

was not seen anywhere in five years except now. And the Aam Aadmi Party cannot be trusted, it is an outsider." But he also points out that the BJP government did nothing about paper leaks for government recruitment exams, an issue AAP has taken up vociferously.

Vaghela also thinks that the government's focus should be on

education. "Otherwise, the ruling government is fine. Unemployment may be an issue, but education is a greater issue."

Down the street from Chetan's stall, Gujarat University students are eating snacks at a food stall. One of them, aged 22 years, is inclined towards AAP. "I have visited Delhi. They have done some good work in educa-

tion. In my family too, the decision is going to be between the AAP and Congress. The BJP has not worked."

At the Iskon Gathiya on S G Highway, where Modi had held a "Chai pe Charcha" in the run-up to the 2014 Lok Sabha elections that propelled him to power, 35-year-old Sheikh Abu Zar is a regular. Zar has always gone for NOTA. "I don't think any of these parties should come to power. The Assembly elections are sheer timepass," he says, sipping his tea amid a crowd of regulars savouring their *bun masks* and *gathiyas* (a deep-fried snack).

Zar has been running an automobile centre across the road for the last 15 years. "All the policies the BJP claims to have brought were initiated by the Congress," he says. So why won't he vote for the Congress if he admires the party so much?

Zar says, "Well, the candidate is important too. There are no solid leaders at the local level in our constituency, whom we can bank on."

BET DWARKA DEMOLITIONS

Fake mazaars, illegal kabra: Amit Shah raises poll heat

Cites demolitions on Muslim-majority island, says "not scared of vote banks"

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 22

CONTINUING HIS campaign for the Assembly polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday said the state government had demolished "nakli-type mazaars (fake shrines)" in Bet Dwarka, an island located in Devbhumi Dwarka district, and that the government will continue such a "clean-up" despite opposition from the Congress.

"They were encroachments in the name of mazaars and those were cleared. The Congress said we were polarising," Shah said, addressing a rally at Khambhat in central Gujarat.

Early last month, the local administration on the Bet Dwarka island that is mostly inhabited by the minority community carried out a week-long demolition drive that saw 100 structures, at least 33 of them religious, razed. The residents had told *The Indian Express* they were served notices the day before the drive.

The Dwarka constituency under which Bet Dwarka falls also has a high Muslim population.

"Shouldn't encroachments be removed — be they mazaar or kabra (grave)?" Shah asked the gathering, which replied in the affirmative. "The BJP government did the right thing, or not? The Congress does not like this. But you don't worry. Whether they like it or not, the BJP will continue the clean-up. And those in Khambhat need not fear, there is no need to fear anyone," he told the rally.

Shah went on to highlight the development work at the Pavagadh pilgrimage site. "For years, there was a mazaar at



A photo tweeted by Shah of a meeting in Dwarka

Pavagadh. The government built a Ma Kaali temple there... The Congress will not do such a thing... We are not scared of any vote bank. For the BJP government, the security of the country is more important."

He also warned the people that if the Congress assumes power in Gujarat, there would be "communal riots". "This time elect the BJP candidate with a strong majority," Shah said. The BJP had won the Khambhat seat in the 2017 Assembly polls by just over 2,300 votes.

Shah also claimed that no Congress leader had visited the Statue of Unity built to honour Sardar Patel. "(Now) I don't know why, Congressmen have started taking the name of Sardar Patel... The Congress did not lose any chance to humiliate Sardar Patel. From his last rites, which were not accorded proper honour, to a memorial, Jawaharlal Nehru to Sonia Gandhi... ensured there were no references to Sardar Patel," he said.

Shah also addressed rallies in Tharad, Deesa, and in Ahmedabad's Sabarmati constituency Tuesday.

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• POLL TALK

HIMANTA SARMA:
PAK KNOWS IF 2
BOMBS BLASTED IN
INDIA, 20 WILL
STRIKE THEREMALDHARI MAHAPANCHAYAT APPEALS
TO COMMUNITY TO VOTE AGAINST BJP

HASHTAGPOLITICS



• Robotic action



A VENKATA RAMANA, a Telangana leader of the BJP, shared the above photo, tweeting: "It is only the BJP that makes the best use of technology, both for development and deployment! A robot handing over pamphlets is proof of innovation in campaigning by BJP in #GujaratElections2022!"

THE ROBOT has been deployed by the BJP candidate and sitting MLA from Nadiad constituency, Pankaj Desai. A party leader said the use of the robot was in line with PM Modi's Digital India initiative.

GENDER GAP

Women below 10% in tickets, leaders say the party knows best

Congress state women's wing leader says was expecting at least 35 tickets; BJP's contests, "our women content"

RITU SHARMA
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 22

OF THE 560 candidates the BJP, Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and AIMIM have fielded for the Gujarat elections, only 40 are women. Seventeen of them are from the BJP, 14 from the Congress, seven are AAP nominees, and two of the AIMIM's 14 candidates are women.

Though more women are in the fray this time, compared to 22 in 2017 and 33 a decade ago, women still comprise a small percentage of the candidates of the big two: BJP (9.4 per cent) and Congress (7.7 per cent).

Both had given fewer tickets to women in 2017 than 2012 —

the BJP 19, down from 12, and the Congress 14, from 10 earlier. Consequently, the number of women MLAs had come down from 16 in 2012 to 13. All 13 were from the Congress and BJP.

Despite their low number, the success rate of woman nominees was not bad, with 59 per cent of them winning.

Gujarat Pradesh Mahila Congress president Jenny Thummar admits: "I was expecting at least 35 tickets for women out of 182 total candidates from the Congress."

She adds: "A total of 92 women had written seeking tickets. But ticket allotment depends on surveys, caste equations, and area equations."

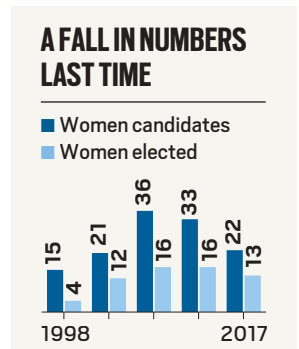
The 39-year-old is the former



BJP dropped Jignaben Pandya as candidate. Facebook

president of the Amreli district panchayat and the wife of the Congress's incumbent MLA from Lathi, Virji Thummar.

The BJP dropped at least one woman candidate after fielding her. Jignaben Pandya was given the ticket from Wadhwan in Surendranagar but just before



the nomination process for the first phase closed, she was replaced with Jagdish Makwana.

While Wadhwan has been won by the BJP since 1990, the change was apparently prompted by the need to balance caste equations. Pandya is a Brahmin while Makwana is from the OBC Dalwadi or Sathwara community. The Sathwaras are found mainly in Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Surendranagar and Junagadh.

"The BJP has lost 13 seats where Dalwadis or the Sathwara community is dominant. In Surendranagar district alone, the community is a deciding factor in Wadhwan and Dhrangadhra," says a BJP insider.

BJP state vice-president Varshaben Doshi accompanied Pandya to the party headquarters when she submitted a letter declining to contest. She claimed gender was not an issue.

Incidentally, five years ago, Doshi had been the sitting MLA from Wadhwan when replaced by Dhanjibhai Patel (Makson).

Defending the party, Doshi said: "Several factors are at play when deciding a candidate's name. The BJP not only gave tickets to women but appointed three who won the elections in 2017 as ministers and Speaker."

Thummar attacked that the incident showed that the BJP did not trust its women workers even in "safe" constituencies.

"The Congress is fighting to come to power but the BJP which is in power could have taken a risk by fielding women candidates."

BJP state Mahila Morcha general secretary Veena Prajapati disagreed. "Whatever the party decides is good. There is 50% reservation for women in urban local bodies and our women are content and happy," she said.

Disagreeing with Prajapati, Rajya Sabha MP Amee Yajnik, who has been fielded by the Congress from Ghatlodia against Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, told *The Indian Express*, "Political parties look at winnability factor. Women empowerment in politics is very challenging. There should be more of women in the field as they can be strong policy-makers. There should be acceptability by society. Rather than thinking why she is contesting, it should be, 'why not?' Society should encourage too."

6 GOVT & POLITICS



RETURN OF TAX BENCH

CHIEF JUSTICE of India D Y Chandrachud has announced the return of a special bench to hear taxation cases in the Supreme Court. The dedicated bench is likely to sit every Wednesday and Thursday. In 2015-16, a tax bench comprising Justices Rohinton Nariman and A K Sikri would sit and help in speedy disposal of tax cases. Similar special benches were set up then for environment and social justice issues. While successive CJs disbanded special benches, the tax bench is back.

STUDYING HARD

A FIVE-MEMBER team from New Zealand visited the office of National Commission for Minorities chairperson, Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura, on Tuesday. On their agenda was to learn more about the status of minorities in India. With a sizable population of minorities in New Zealand, the delegation, including three officials of Indian origin, wanted to discuss how India deals with its minorities and related issues. Lalpura says New Zealand has traditionally approached different domestic issues, including that of minorities, with studious research. He then recalls his days as SSP Kapurthala, when a New Zealand team had gone there more than two decades ago to study and learn about Sikh weddings — they stayed in the city for a fortnight, attending as many Sikh weddings as they could. During the current visit, too, the delegation is expected to visit the Golden Temple as well as numerous other gurdwaras.

AMCHI GOA

OUTSIDE THE main venue of the International Film Festival of India in Goa is an exhibition organised by Sanskar Bharati, a cultural organisation aligned with the RSS, on the contribution of Indian film personalities to the freedom movement. On Lata Mangeshkar's role in Goa's liberation, it focusses on a 1954 concert in Pune, which she was part of to raise funds for an armed liberation movement against the Portuguese. She is also hailed as being the youngest member of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's 'inter-caste dinner squads', and giving voice to his poems.

Supreme Court to hear pleas against poll bond scheme on December 6

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday said it will hear on December 6 the plea of a Congress leader challenging a recent notification by which the sale of electoral bonds has been extended by 15 more days in the year of elections to state Assemblies and Union Territories (UTs) with a legislature.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Justices Hima Kohli and J B Pardiwala said it will hear the fresh plea by Congress leader Jaya Thakur along with other pending petitions challenging the validity of the 2018 Electoral Bond Scheme on December 6.

Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding.

The government had notified the Electoral Bond Scheme on January 2, 2018.

According to provisions of the scheme, electoral bonds may be purchased by a person, who

is a citizen of India or a body incorporated or established in India. An individual can buy electoral bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.

Recently, a fresh notification was issued by the Centre amending the Electoral Bond Scheme of 2018 to provide "an additional period of 15 days" for sale of electoral bonds "in the year of general elections to the legislative assemblies of States and Union Territories with legislature".

Congress leader Thakur has challenged the fresh notification.

Another bench headed by Justice B R Gavai is seized of pending petitions including PILs by NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, the CPI(M) and some other petitioners.

The Centre had on October 14 told the bench that the electoral bonds scheme is an absolutely transparent mode of political funding and it is impossible to get any black or unaccounted money through it.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for Association for Democratic Reforms, had called it a very interconnected issue which affects democracy.

IIT Guwahati head T G Sitharam appointed chairperson of AICTE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

IIT GUWAHATI director T G Sitharam has been appointed chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

According to a government notification dated November 17, Sitharam will serve as the AICTE chief for three years or before he turns 65 years old, whichever is earlier.

AICTE vice chairman MP Poonia and a professor from IIT Kanpur were among the other front runners for the job, The Indian Express has learnt.

Sitharam will take over from UGC chairman Jagadeesh Kumar, who was holding interim charge



TG Sitharam. File

of the AICTE chairman post after Anil Sahasrabudhde was released from his duties on September 1, 2021, upon turning 65 years old.

His appointment comes at a time when the Ministry of Education is putting final touches to a Bill that intends to merge the

Rozgar Mela jobs a benefit of double-engine govts, says PM

Hands out over 71,000 job letters in second edition of the recruitment drive

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

CALLING NEW recruits under the 'Rozgar Melas' his "colleagues and co-travellers" in the country's development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the appointments made under the drive were "double benefit of the double-engine governments".

Modi handed out 71,056 job letters in various departments through video conferencing on Tuesday in the second edition of the Rozgar Mela, a month after the drive was launched.

Citing similar initiatives by state governments over the past one month in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat, and upcoming ones in Goa and Tripura, Modi said: "This is the



PM Modi addresses the Rozgar Mela via video conferencing, Tuesday. PTI

double benefit of the double-engine governments. This drive will continue in a sustained manner."

"Double engine" term means same party ruling in a state and the Centre. The BJP has in the past used this term in various state poll campaigns.

"In the past one month alone, Maharashtra and Gujarat have handed out thousands of job letters. A few days back, Uttar Pradesh government, too, handed out job letters to several youths. Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Chandigarh, too, have organised Rozgar Melas and handed out jobs to thousands," Modi said.

The PM also said that owing to the Performance-Linked Incentive scheme of the government to industries, 60-lakh jobs are likely to be created.

"Possibility of new jobs in both the government and private sectors is continuously increasing. More importantly, these opportunities are emerging for the youth in their own cities and vil-

lages. This has reduced the compulsion of migration for the youth and they are able to contribute in the development of their area," he said, adding that experts around the world are optimistic about India's growth and the possibility of the country becoming a manufacturing hub.

Launching an online orientation course for the new joiners called Karmayogi Prarambh module, Modi urged the recruits to give him feedback and suggestions on the portal like "colleagues and co-travellers".

"This course will be useful not just now but in your entire career in the future," he said.

Sources said, in this round of the drive, 24,000 recruitments were made in paramilitary forces, while 4,000 vacancies were filled by railways.



DINNER MEET

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar at a dinner he hosted for Rajya Sabha MPs on Tuesday. This was the fourth such dinner he has hosted since taking office on August 11. He is likely to host two more dinners before the Winter Session of Parliament, which begins on December 7. PTI

After caution, Tharoor's united Cong pitch: Not for factional politics

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 22

A DAY after Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief K Sudhakaran asked party leaders not to make public statements on differences arising out of the Shashi Tharoor episode, senior Congress MLA and Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan on Tuesday warned that factionalism would not be allowed in the party.

"After the defeat in the last Assembly elections, the Congress in Kerala is trying to make a comeback," Satheesan told reporters in Thiruvananthapuram.

"All leaders are working together. Every leader has space in the party. We haven't taken away anyone's space in the party. When the party is working unitedly for a comeback, we cannot allow any type of groupism or parallel activity from any leader."

Tharoor's visit to north Kerala, which began Sunday, has caused discord in the state unit after the Youth Congress, at the behest of Congress, was forced to pull out of an event in Kozhikode where Tharoor was scheduled to talk



Shashi Tharoor

about "Sangh Parivar and the challenges to secularism". Tharoor initially brushed off the incident but later demanded an internal inquiry into the matter. Some believe that he is looking to play a more active role in state politics following his failure to win the Congress presidential election in October.

Tharoor's backers in the party such as former KPCC president and Vatakara MP K Muralaeeharan and Kozhikode MP MK Raghavan have criticised his detractors. Muralaeeharan also alleged that "those eyeing the chief minister's post are behind it".

Tharoor on Tuesday met the leaders of Congress ally IUML in Malappuram. After the meeting, he said, "I am not for factional politics. I have no plan to float any group in the party. I am trying for a united Congress in Kerala."

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2023 Rajasthan polls: JJP will contest 18 seats

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 22

THE JANNAYAK Janata Party (JJP) will contest the Rajasthan Assembly elections, scheduled in 2023, preferably in alliance with the BJP, its leader and Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala Tuesday said. Dushyant said his party will field candidates in 18 out of the 200 Assembly constituencies.

A JJP leader said: "We will go to the polls alone if no alliance takes place with the BJP. This position will not have any impact on our alliance in Haryana. Even BJP has taken different stands on alliance with Shiromani Aakli Dal in Punjab and Haryana in the past".

Following a bitter split in the Chautala clan, Dushyant Chautala and his father Ajay Chautala had formed the JJP in 2018. This followed a formal split in the Indian National Lok Dal that is led by Dushyant's grandfather and former chief minister Om Prakash Chautala. In the 2019 Haryana assembly polls, JJP won 10 seats and entered into a post-poll alliance with the BJP, which fell short of majority mark by six, to form the government.

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Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma campaigns for the party candidate in Ahmedabad's Dariyapur, Tuesday. Nirmal Harindran

Himanta: Pak knows that for 2 blasts here, there will be 20 there

SOHINI GHOSH

AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 22

CAMPAIGNING IN the constituencies of Naroda and Dariyapur in Ahmedabad on Tuesday ahead of the Gujarat Assembly elections, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that since Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, "Pakistan knows that if two bombs are blasted in India Naroda constituency has then 20 bombs will be blasted in Pakistan".

Citing the example of the Shradha Walkar murder case in Delhi to push for "one law against 'love jihad' across the country" and polygamous marriages in "certain communities", Sarma said, "Aaj Bharat mein ek varg hai, woh varg ke vyakti ka swadhinata hai, ki ek ko shaadi karo, thode din baad dusre ko shaadi karo, thode din baad teesre ko shaadi karo. Agar aap talaq dete rahe toh chautha, panchva, chhattha, saatva, jitna shaadi kar sakte ho. Arre yeh desh ka kanoon ho sakta hai kya? Mahilaon ka itna apman ho sakta hai kya? Isiliye aaj humare desh ko kya zaroorat hai? Uniform civil code ko yeh desh ko zaroorat hai... yeh kaam khaadi BJP kar sakta hai, Mahila shashaktikaran ka kaam khaadi pradhan mantri Modiji kar sakta hai aur isiliye hum logon ko Modiji ko taakat dena hai (There is a class in India whose people have the freedom... takes one wife, then two wives, three wives, and if you keep divorcing then fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, as many you can marry. Can this be the law of the country? Can women be thus humiliated? That's why we need UCC (Uniform Civil Code)... this work can only be done by the BJP



been made. Today, if China comes from Lhasa to Tawang in two hours, then the Indian Army can reach from Tezpur in one hour. Earlier it took 14 days. Today our country's borders are protected. It is secure in Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh," he said.

Referring to the 26/11 attack in Mumbai and the Parliament attack in 2001, Sarma said, "Today our Prime Minister is Modiji, where are all that (acts of terror)? Where have all the gun-toting men, who would come to India from Pakistan, vanished now? Because today Pakistan knows that if two bombs are blasted in India then 20 bombs will be blasted in Pakistan."

At all three events, Sarma said that the Gujarat election this time is not much about BJP winning, of which the party is sure of, but rather to ensure that PM Narendra Modi returns as prime minister in the 2024 elections.

Patel puppet CM, can't appoint a peon: Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEVBHUMI DWARKA, SURAT, NOVEMBER 22

AAP LEADER Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday said Bhupendra Patel is a "puppet chief minister" of Gujarat who can not even appoint his peon.

Speaking at a campaign rally at Khambhalia in Devbhumi Dwarka for AAP's chief ministerial candidate Isudan Gadhvi, he also alleged that there is secret collusion between the BJP and Congress.

"There are two faces before the people of Gujarat. One is Isudan Gadhvi and the other is Bhupendra Patel. Who will you vote for, who will you make CM?" Kejriwal asked. Gadhvi is a young, educated man "whose heart beats for the poor" and he

is also the son of a farmer, the Delhi chief minister said.

"On the other hand, there is Bhupendra Patel. He has no power, he is a 'kathputli' (puppet) CM. He cannot even change his peon. He is a good man. I have heard that he is very religious. But nobody listens to him," the AAP leader said.

He compared the relationship between the BJP and Congress to that between a "boy and a girl who meet secretly before marriage".

"When you ask them, they will say there is nothing but friendship between them. Similarly, when you ask them (Congress and BJP), they will say there is nothing but friendship between us. I am telling them that this is enough, they are exposed now," he said.

Biopic on Khudiram Bose to be screened for MPs



The film will be commercially released in seven Indian languages next month. Instagram

December 17. The Winter Session will be held between December 7 and 19.

This is Vidya Sagar Raju's

Khudiram Bose," he said, adding that he had to undertake intensive research before developing the script of 'Kudiram Bose'.

The film shows the life and times of Khudiram Bose, who was executed by the British at the age of 18, and important events and personalities of the freedom movement such as the Partition of Bengal and Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Sister Nivedita and Barendranath Ghosh, he said.

Some lesser-known facts about the freedom struggle have also been shown in the film, the makers say. For instance, six lawyers had fought the case for Khudiram Bose, though they didn't win it. According to the film, the first flag of India was designed by Sister Nivedita. Raju

says, "The film takes us through the horrors of Partition of Bengal."

Debutant actor Rakesh Jagrlamudi, who played the title role, said it was challenging for him to portray the real-life character. The film's cast includes Vivek Oberoi and Atul Kulkarni, among others.

Speaking on the popularity of regional films, Raju said, "Emotions are the same around the world. Hence, regional films also appeal to an international audience." Other Telugu films being screened at the festival are 'RRR', 'Akhanda' and 'Cinema Bandi'.

Earlier in July, 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect', a film directed by R Madhavan based on the life of ISRO scientist Nambi Narayan, was screened at Parliament.

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BRIEFLY

JAMMU & KASHMIR Pak intruder killed, another held at border

Jammu: A Pakistani intruder was killed and another was arrested at two locations along the International Border (IB), the BSF said. In Armia sector, BSF troops shot a Pakistani intruder who was moving towards the barbed wire fence on this side of the IB and did not respond to calls to stop. In Ramgarh, Samba, the BSF arrested a Pakistani man when he approached the fence after crossing the IB. Nothing incriminating was found on him. **ENS**

TELANGANA I-T raids homes of minister's kin

Hyderabad: I-T officials searched houses of relatives of Telangana Minister for Labour and Employment C Malla Reddy, officials said Tuesday. Reddy owns a chain of institutions including medical colleges. The I-T department is scrutinising records of admissions under private quota, for which colleges charge crores of rupees as donations. Reddy said raids were ordered by BJP. **ENS**

JHARKHAND Maoists torch rail firm vehicles

Latehar: Maoists Tuesday set ablaze around a dozen vehicles, including trucks and excavators, used for construction of a railway line in Latehar, police said. A private firm is engaged in laying a 195-km-long third railway line between Barkakana in Ramgarh district and Barwadih in Latehar district. "The matter will be probed," DIG, Palamu range, Rajkumar Lakra said. **PTI**

MAHARASHTRA Student hangs self in hostel

Nashik: A 21-year-old student hanged himself to death in his hostel room in Nashik Tuesday. Police suspect financial distress to be the preliminary cause. The deceased was a third year BCom student, an official said. Another student, who knocked on his door and didn't get a response, alerted authorities, following which he was found hanging. **PTI**

WEST BENGAL Bihar woman found dead

Kolkata: An 18-year-old woman from Bihar was found dead in Kolkata Monday. Police identified the deceased as Anjali Kumari. Her body was found with throat slit in Entally. According to sources, one Chittaranjan Kumar accompanied Anjali to Kolkata. He lodged a murder complaint with police. **ENS**



UP CM Yogi Adityanath speaks at the curtain raiser event on Global Investors Summit in New Delhi on Tuesday. **PTI**

'NEW INDIA'S NEW UTTAR PRADESH'

Yogi woos industry, investors with UP's law & order, infra, commitment

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & MAULSHREE SETH
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, NOV 22

PRESENTING UTTAR Pradesh as a land that's successfully straddling the best of both worlds — from the "blessed land of Lord Ram" to the "modern land of Expressways"; the "Blessed land of Lord Krishna" to the "leading state with five international airports"; and India's cultural and spiritual capital that's fast transforming into a "growth engine" for the economy — Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday announced the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit (GIS), to be held February 10-12 next year in Lucknow, and urged investors to find UP as their next big destination.

He said UP has set a target of attracting investments amounting to Rs 10 lakh crore through the GIS. In the run-up to the event, Adityanath said, the state government will organise roadshows in 18 countries and seven major domestic cities to "invite industrial investors to (participate in) the summit".

Addressing a curtain-raiser in the national capital, Adityanath said UP government has approached more than 40 countries for support, of which 21 have "expressed their enthusiasm to par-

FIVE POINTS IN UP'S PITCH



- Uttar Pradesh, the 'expressway state', will be India's only state to have 5 international airports
- The 5,000-hectare Noida International Airport at Jewar is set to become India's largest
- Country's first 'freight

village' is being developed on 100 acres in Varanasi

- Uttar Pradesh is the third largest fabric producer in the country

- Developing Ramayana Circuit, Mahabharata Circuit, Buddhist Circuit to promote spiritual and cultural tourism

ticipate". Among nations that have confirmed their participation in the GIS as partner countries are the UK, the Netherlands, Denmark, Singapore, and Mauritius, he said.

Assuring investors that his government has established rule of law in the state, he said, "Through our zero-tolerance policy towards crime and criminals, we have assured our investment partners of security." Adityanath said UP's business climate has significantly improved over time as a result of effective policy assistance and infrastructure. The state has undertaken several reforms for ease of doing business, he said.

The Chief Minister pointed out that the state government has launched the Atal Industrial

Infrastructure Mission, and UP is one of the leading states in implementing the PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan.

Speaking about development projects, he said the Defence Industrial Corridor is being developed in the state. As part of this, out of six nodes — Agra, Aligarh, Kanpur, Lucknow, Jhansi and Chitrakoot — the Aligarh node has already been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while land allotment is in progress in other nodes, Adityanath said.

He said the BrahMos facility in Lucknow and Bharat Dynamics in Jhansi will be set up as part of the corridor. Adityanath said the state's first medical device park has been inaugurated near the Yamuna

Expressway, and, similarly, Film City, Toy Park, Apparel Park, Handicraft Park, Logistics Hub are being developed along the area.

He said, "Our state has more than 24 crore people, making it India's largest labour and consumer market. Government is developing infrastructure to ensure connectivity through air, water, road and railway, which will enhance accessibility of logistics and enable industries to access global and domestic markets."

Emphasising that UP has "infinite possibilities", Adityanath said the state contributes 8 per cent of national GDP and aims to become the second-largest economy in the country.

Presenting UP as a "lucrative" destination for investment, he said it offers 25 sectoral policies, good infrastructure, has the largest MSME units, fertile land, and India's largest dairy and sugarcane production, among others. "UP has implemented the PM's mantra — reform, perform and transform — and taken significant steps towards economic prosperity over the last five-and-half years," Adityanath told the gathering.

Asking investors to take advantage of the immense opportunities in UP, Adityanath invited them to join 'New India's New Uttar Pradesh' in its journey towards growth and development.

Man sacked from job makes threat call on police helpline, probe on

Mumbai: The Mumbai police have initiated a probe after its traffic department on Monday received audio messages claiming gangster Dawood Ibrahim has sent two handlers to eliminate Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Worli police revealed the accused appears to be mentally unsound and allegedly committed the crime to implicate his former bosses for sacking him. An officer said, "Sender claimed two persons namely Mustafa Ahmed and Nawaz Abubakar were sent by Dawood Ibrahim to kill the PM."

He sent 13 messages in total and a photo of his Aadhar card. Police identified the caller as Suprabhat Bej, currently in Kolkata, who was working for a diamond firm in Kerala. He purposely sent hoax message to implicate his former bosses identified as Ahmed and Abubakar. **ENS**

Telangana forest officer killed by tribals: Officials

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 22

A FOREST Range Officer (FRO) was killed after he was allegedly assaulted by a group of tribals, following a dispute over forest land, in Bhadradi Kothagudem district of Telangana on Tuesday.

The FRO, C Srinivasa Rao, 51, had recently won the KVS Babu Gold medal for his work in preventing encroachment of forest land, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao said.

According to forest department officials, the incident occurred in Errabodu plantation of Bendalapadu village, in Chandrugonda mandal of the district. The FRO had gone to meet some tribal leaders to resolve the issue of encroachment of reserve forest land and felling of trees planted by the forest department, said officials.

"Preliminary reports suggest that Srinivasa accosted some people who had let loose their cattle inside an area that was under the forest department and where officials had planted saplings," RM Dobriyal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, told *The Indian Express*.

"The attack happened when he tried to drive away the cattle and the people who were en-



C Srinivasa Rao had recently won the KVS Babu Gold medal for his work in preventing encroachment of forest land. *Express*

croaching on forest land. He was attacked with sickles and sharp weapons," said Dobriyal, adding that two persons had been arrested so far.

"He was an officer who was committed to protecting the forests," said Dobriyal.

According to a PTI report, Rao, who suffered severe bleeding injuries in the attack, was first taken to a hospital in Chandrugonda, from where he was shifted to a private hospital in Khammam where he succumbed to his injuries.

Expressing shock over the incident, the CM ordered Director General of Police M Mahender Reddy to ensure that



135 people were killed in the Morbi bridge collapse. *File*

GUJARAT MORBI BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Cables were rusted, bridge not dismantled despite pact: Govt

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THE CABLES of the Morbi bridge which collapsed last month were rusted and the bridge was supposed to be dismantled before renovation as per the agreement subcontracting the work to the fabrication firm, the state government told the Gujarat High Court Tuesday.

In the submission to the court based on the preliminary FSL report, opposing the bail application of the nine accused in the bridge collapse case, district government pleader Vijay Jani also said that 3,165 persons had visited the bridge on October 30, when it collapsed.

Addressing mediapersons, Jani said, "Primarily, the preliminary FSL report indicates that the cable was rusted and had not been changed since a long time, which led to it breaking. The anchor and the bolts too gave way

as a result. Oreva company, which gave the contract to Dev Prakash Fabrication, and has signature of Deepak Parekh, manager at Oreva and Devang Parmar at Dev Prakash Fabrication, states in its terms and conditions that the bridge had to be dismantled and then it was to be renovated."

"We submitted before the court that dismantling meant changing the entire bridge, not solely the platform. There was no oiling, greasing for a long time. The hearings in the bail applications have been completed and it has been reserved for orders Wednesday," he added.

All nine accused in the case over Morbi bridge collapse, that killed 135 people including 55 children, have moved the Morbi sessions court seeking bail.

The Gujarat High Court is due to further hear the suo motu public interest litigation concerning the bridge collapse on November 24.

the culprits are punished. He also announced an ex-gratia of Rs 50 lakh to the FRO's family, and a government job to an eligible family member.

The CM directed Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar to ensure the last rites are held with full state honours, and directed Forest Minister Allolla Indrakaran Reddy to attend the funeral. He made it clear that attacks on government employees who are on duty will not be tolerated, and strict action will be taken against the culprits.

This is the second major attack on an FRO in Telangana. On June 30, 2019, a woman FRO, K Anita, was beaten up by Koneru Krishna Rao, brother of TRS MLA from Sirpur, Koneru Konappa.

Anita had gone to Sarasala village in Sirpur mandal to plant saplings as part of the 'Haritha Haaram' plantation drive of the Telangana government. When she was planting the saplings in reserve forest land, some villagers, who claimed ownership of the land, attacked the forest officials with sticks and iron rods. Koneru Krishna Rao also arrived with his supporters and attacked the forest staff. Anita tried to escape by climbing on a tractor, but Krishna Rao followed her and assaulted her with a stick.

RAJASTHAN

Minister filmed rebuking IAS officer says video was 'distorted'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 22

A DAY after his video of rebuking Bikaner District Collector for talking on the phone went viral, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development minister Ramesh Meena on Tuesday said that the video has been 'distorted' and does not reflect reality.

"There was an important discussion going on in Bikaner on upliftment of poor women through Rajeevika Yojana. The government and the CM are also serious about this scheme; when we tried to talk to the Collector or ask a question, he repeatedly ignored. Talking on the phone can be important, but what about the people?" Meena said in a Twitter post Tuesday; in the same post, he shared a longer video of the incident.

On Monday, Meena was addressing a programme in Bikaner while Collector Bhagwati Prasad and others were on stage. During this, Meena looked at the Collector who appeared busy with his phone. Meena objected and asked why he was not listening.

In a letter to CM and Chief Secretary, Rajasthan IAS Association lodged a protest. "Using bureaucracy as a means to score political points only succeeds in creating fear amongst the officers and humiliating them," it said.

However, Meena said the issue was presented in a distorted manner. "The events have been presented in a distorted manner. First of all, I had indicated to the Collector 4-5 times that they (people) want answers and support. The schemes for the poor and women were being discussed."

As Asiatic elephants are here to stay, MP learns to co-exist with them

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 22

TO PEACEFULLY coexist with its new guests (wild Asiatic elephants), Madhya Pradesh is gearing up to launch a bunch of measures ranging from a mobile app for speedy disposal of damages to launching an elephant manual putting in place the roles and duties of various departments and ensuring minimum man-elephant conflict.

These measures were decided after a two-day workshop was held in August with wildlife officials and experts from Karnataka, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. It was also decided to set up electrical

fencing, preferably tentacle solar-powered fencing, to reduce crop raids, promote bee farming in villagers and dig up elephant-proof trenches to restrict wild tuskers from attacking houses in search of grains and mahua.

Learning from Karnataka, MP is in final stages of finalising a mobile app that will ensure compensation filed for damages to crops, cattle and human life is disposed of in less than a month. A senior official from forest department said in case of man-elephant conflict resulting in any kind of damage, the forest beat guard will enter details for compensation and within a week, if it is not addressed, the file will keep moving to top post official of the division, which is the Divisional Forest Official (DFO).

"At present, there is no way to ascertain what kind of compensation or how many compensation claims have been filed and at what level are they stuck unless that information is specifically called from a specific division. But this app will enable a user to review it any time," said a forest official, requesting anonymity.

A similar app being used in Karnataka is called e-Parihara. The MP government has called for suggestions from experts to name their app. Forest officials pointed out that delay in compensation often results in villagers getting agitated, which also leads to an attempt to harm the animal or the forest. Several forest fires reported in MP were attributed to villagers after their properties were dam-



Elephant migration to MP is part of their ongoing movement in east-central region. *Sudhir Mishra/Asst Director Bandhavgarh*

aged by animals and no compensation thereafter. In its report, an elephant task

force constituted in 2021 had pointed out that migration of wild elephants into MP is part of ongo-

ing dispersal and large-scale movement of elephants in the east-central region in India, which visibly began in 1980s with elephants from Jharkhand moving into West Bengal and Sarguja district of erstwhile MP. Since then, wild tuskers have continued to move from Jharkhand and Odisha into Chhattisgarh and onwards into MP. In MP, 17 people died between 2018 and 2022 and the highest of six deaths took place in 2021, followed by five in 2022.

After Chhattisgarh was carved out of MP in 2000, wild elephants began coming to MP's Sidhi, Singrauli and Shahdol districts, wherein they would stay for 2-3 months and then return to Chhattisgarh. But this changed in 2017 when a herd of seven ele-

phants did not leave MP and continued to stay in Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve of Sidhi. In 2018, another herd of 40 elephants entered MP and began residing in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Umaria. This herd has now increased to nearly 50 elephants, pointed out a forest official.

In the same year, two human casualties were reported in Sidhi and Singrauli, along with damage to crops and property, making it the first such incident of man-elephant conflict.

The elephant manual formulated by MP forest department codifying the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is pending for administrative approval, while the app is expected to be launched at the end of this year.

Meanwhile, forest officials have launched awareness drives to make villagers aware of how to react when attacked by an elephant and ensure minimum damage during a man-elephant conflict. These drives are being held in eight districts of Shahdol, Umaria, Sidhi, Singrauli, Annupur, Balaghat, Dindori and Mandla.

As per the population estimates of elephants in India, there were seven elephants in MP in 2007, but this figure, according to Chief Wildlife Warden JS Chauhan has increased to 60 at present. Besides, there are several elephant herds that come to MP and stay put for a few months taking that figure to over 100.

Activist appeals against Excise order on licence for Goa’s Silly Souls cafe

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ACTIVIST AIRES Rodrigues has filed an appeal before the Goa Chief Secretary against an order of the Excise Commissioner in connection with a licence issued to Silly Souls Café and Bar in the coastal state.

In October, Goa Excise Commissioner Narayan Gad had disallowed Rodrigues’s complaint and held that the documents submitted for renewal of the licence for the bar were valid.

In his appeal, Rodrigues has said that after licence-holder Anthony D’Gama’s death in May 2021, nothing prevented the surviving spouse — wife Merlyn — to take over and get the licence transferred in her name. The appeal said that without informing the authorities about D’Gama’s death, the licence could not be transferred.

“If she had claimed that she was claiming to exercise such a right, nothing prevented her from applying for such renewal in her name by showing her husband has deceased,” the appeal noted. It submitted that an application for renewal of excise licence in the name of the deceased was the “first fraud”.

Rodrigues stated in the appeal that while D’Gama’s son, Dean, had claimed that he had a power of attorney issued by his father, it was no longer valid once the person had died. The appeal claims that a “second fraud” was committed, as the licence was applied in the name of an invalid power of attorney.

It stated that the judgment did not consider these aspects while setting aside the complaint in October.

Chhattisgarh: Wanted Maoist found dead in forest area

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A MAOIST carrying a reward of Rs 8 lakh on his head was found dead under mysterious circumstances with a firearm next to him in a forest of Chhattisgarh’s Dantewada district on Tuesday, police said.

The body of Deva alias Tirri Madkami was found in Jhakotra forest near Bhusaras valley under Kuakonda police station, IG (Bastar range) Sundarraj P told PTI.

Madkami was wanted in nine Maoist-related incidents and carried a reward of Rs 8 lakh on his head, he said. A weapon, a bag and water bottle were recovered near the body, he said.

Madkami was a member of Katekalyan Area Committee of (Maoist), which was instrumental in executing several major attacks. Police had received information in the morning that a body of an unknown person was lying in Jhakotra forest. A joint team of the CRPF’s 230th battalion and police reached the spot, and the deceased as later identified as Madkami. The exact cause of death will be known once the post-mortem report arrives.

RAJASTHAN

Will oppose Rahul Yatra if Pilot not made CM, says Gurjar leader

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GURJAR LEADER Vijay Singh Bainsla has threatened to oppose Rahul Gandhi’s ‘Bharat Jodo Yatra’ in Rajasthan unless his demand to make Sachin Pilot, a prominent face from the community, the chief minister is accepted.

He said leaders of the Gurjar Arakshan Sangharh Samiti will be on the ground from Wednesday to make preparations for stopping the yatra. “The current Congress government has completed four years and one year is left. Now Sachin Pilot should be made the chief minister. If this happens, then you (Rahul Gandhi) are welcome. We will oppose otherwise,” he said on Monday night.

The Gurjar community constitutes five to six per cent of the state’s population and is influential in over 40 seats, mainly in eastern Rajasthan. This region includes the districts from where the yatra is scheduled to pass.

Mangaluru blast: Key suspect was on radar since Shivamogga stabbing

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 22

INVESTIGATIONS INTO a stabbing incident in Shivamogga on the Independence Day this year gave Karnataka Police the first pointer about 24-year-old Mohammed Shariq that he could be fiddling with improvised explosive devices (IEDs) under influence of extremist ideology.

On November 19, Shariq suffered 40 per cent burn injuries after an IED that he allegedly assembled and was carrying in an auto-rickshaw went off accidentally in Mangaluru.

Around a little more than two months before the accidental blast, police in the Shivamogga region of Karnataka had gathered information suggesting that Shariq was trying to fabricate IEDs with the help of a couple of engineering students.

In the aftermath of a stabbing incident in Shivamogga on August 15, the police arrested a group of locals, including one Mohammed Jabir alias Charbi, 30, who had a criminal record.

Jabi’s interrogation and the analysis of his mobile phone alerted the police as he allegedly was receiving content on the Islamic State, and tutorials on



Police search Shariq’s Mysuru home on Monday. PTI

how to make IEDs using easily available materials.

“We learnt that Shariq was behind radicalising Jabi. Based on his statement, Shariq too was considered an accused in the stabbing case. A separate case of terror under the UAPA was also filed on the basis of the statement by the suspect in the stabbing case,” police sources said.

“During investigations, police found a video on how to assemble an IED from Jabi’s mobile phone, which was sent by Shariq,” said another police source familiar with the probe.

The findings led to the arrest of two associates of Shariq — Maaz Ahmed and Syed Yasin, 21-year-old engineering students — for fiddling with techniques to

make bombs.

A commerce graduate, Shariq, who had been in jail for eight months in 2021 for writing provocative graffiti on the wall of a police station in Mangaluru, fled Shivamogga and went underground. Maaz was a co-accused with Shariq in the graffiti case, police said.

Shariq allegedly used to discuss fundamental ideas and concepts of Jihad, and would send content related to extremism, ISIS and other terror outfits through encrypted messenger apps, the Shivamogga police had said in September. The suspects were members of a Telegram app channel run by an ISIS-linked media centre, the police had claimed two months ago.

Police search houses of relatives of accused

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 22

KARNATAKA POLICE on Tuesday carried out raids at more locations across the state in connection with the November 19 Mangaluru bomb blast case.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra told the media that among other places, the police also raided some houses at Thirthahalli in Shivamogga district that belonged to relatives of prime suspect Mohammed Shariq, who is currently undergoing treatment for the injuries he had received in the blast.

Jnanendra added, “Security has been beefed up at Father Muller Hospital where the suspect is undergoing treatment. There is no danger to his life.”

Mangaluru Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar said, “We will take him in our custody for interrogation only after the doctor issues a medical fitness certificate.”

Kumar also dismissed rumours that another bomber had

entered the city with Shariq. “The video circulating on social media is a random one and it is not of the accused,” he said, requesting people not to fall prey to such unverified content. Police deployment has been ramped up in sensitive areas, he added.

Additional General of Police (law and order) Alok Kumar said that it was a misleading video.

“This misleading video is still doing rounds. Our investigation reveals that the persons appearing in this video are not involved in the Mangalore blast incident. Please don’t be cause for rumour mongering. Please don’t pay heed to rumours. Let’s work together to preserve peace,” he tweeted.

Sources said of the four people detained till Monday, one from Bengaluru was let off after questioning. A crude bomb had exploded in a moving autorickshaw in Mangaluru on November 19. The driver, Purushotham Pujari, and Mohammed Shariq, the passenger, were among those who sustained burn injuries.

MINORITY STATUS TO HINDUS

SC gives Centre six more weeks to consult states, UTs

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE SUPREME COURT on Tuesday gave Centre six more weeks to complete consultations with states on the demand to grant minority status to Hindus in states where their numbers have gone below other communities.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and AS Okla also asked states and Union Territories which have not submitted their views to the Centre to do the same within four weeks from receipt of its order.

In its latest affidavit intimating the court about the status of these consultations, the government said it had received comments from 14 states and Union Territories and has sent reminders to others to send in their views at the earliest.

The court was hearing a clutch of petitions, including one by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, challenging the constitutional validity of the National Minority Commission Act-1992 that gives the Centre power to notify minorities, and seeking implementation of the top court’s landmark 2002 ruling in TMA Pai case which said that for the purposes of Article 30 — that deals with the

rights of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions — religious and linguistic minorities will have to be identified at the state level.

On Tuesday, Upadhyay pointed out that besides the TMA Pai judgment, there was also an April 2007 Allahabad High Court ruling in a case — Committee of Management of Anjuman Madarsa Noorul Islam Dehra Kalan, Ghazipur, vs State of UP Through Secretary — that said “protection under Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution was given to such minorities categorised into three by the Constituent Assembly on the basis of population & strength which were non-dominant groups in India at the time of Partition, i.e., (i) having 1/2 per cent population and strength, (ii) having population and strength less than 1-1/2% and (iii) having population and strength above 1-1/2%. That will be the basis to determine minority”.

Accordingly, the HC held that “Muslims have now ceased to be a religious minority in India and in any case in Uttar Pradesh on the basis of their population & strength,” Upadhyay pointed out and added that the ruling is still unchallenged. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

After dry phase, ISRO back with a bang, eyes commercial market too

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE INDIAN Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to undertake its fifth launch mission for the year, aside from the sub-orbital flight undertaken by Skyroot Aerospace and launch of GSAT 24 by European launch provider Arianespace.

This comes after two slow years during the pandemic, when only two launch missions each were undertaken by the space agency.

Saturday’s launch will see India’s workhorse Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) carry ISRO’s own earth observation satellite designed for ocean monitoring along with eight other co-passengers. The main payload, EOS-06, previously referred to as Oceansat-3, has an ocean colour monitor, a sea surface temperature monitor, a scatterometer (to study wind directions over the sea), and a French payload Argos meant for monitoring the ocean and marine biology.

The passenger satellites for the mission include a nanosatellite — INS-2B — jointly developed by India and Bhutan for optical



On Saturday, workhorse PSLV will carry ISRO’s own earth observation satellite

imaging and radio systems and seven technology demonstrator satellites, including three from two Indian start-ups. The mission will carry four Astrocast satellites by spaceflight USA to be used for internet of things, two Thybolt communication satellites from Dhruvaspace, and one hyper-spectral earth observation satellite called Anand from Pixxel that aims to create a constellation of such satellites for better imaging.

This will be the 56th flight of PSLV and the third this year. The launch vehicle will fly in its XL configuration that uses four boosters along with the first stage to carry heavier payload.

This year, there have been two other PSLV launches — one

carrying another earth observation satellite, EOS-03, and a commercial mission carrying a satellite from Singapore. Other than that, ISRO also entered the commercial market with its heavier LVM3 (previously known as GSLV Mk III), carrying 36 OneWeb satellites for a broad-band constellation.

“It is good that India is now focusing on the commercial launch market, seizing the opportunity to launch the OneWeb satellites on LVM3 that were initially to be launched by Russia,” said Ajey Lele, senior fellow at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses. “ISRO will carry out another mission carrying 36 satellites for OneWeb. Although they have managed to fill the void created by Russia due to the war [in Ukraine], there is a need for ISRO to now create its own space in the sector.”

He said, “So far, ISRO had been launching only micro- and nano-satellites commercially, as co-passengers with its own satellites — barring, say, three missions where the commercial satellites were the primary payload. India made up for only 2% of the commercial space market and this can be increased.”



In December last year, Uttarakhand HC Chief Justice took suo motu cognizance of the encroachments at Sukhatal Lake after a letter by local activists and citizens. Express

Why Sukhatal Lake is important

IT IS believed that Sukhatal is a feeder lake for Naini Lake, as it acts as its upstream storage during monsoon by holding the runoff from catchment of water that would have otherwise flown out, thereby increasing erosion and silt deposition in Naini Lake. Studies show en-

croachment and dumping of construction waste have led to unprecedented deterioration of Sukhatal lakebed and its ability to recharge Naini Lake. Since 2000, Naini Lake has reached zero level — minimum water level to be maintained — on at least 10 occasions.

water recharge of Naini Lake and the state is wrong in making any construction over the bed.

“The use of impermeable material on Sukhatal lakebed is prohibited by all scientific bodies. However, ignoring all scientific reports, a project report was prepared by IIT Roorkee for the so-called beautification of Sukhatal area,” he stated. “The IIT report is faulty and cannot be relied upon for various reasons. First, IIT Roorkee has no expertise in doing any environmental impact assessment. Second, even that report suggested three options for beautification and containment of encroachment on Sukhatal.”

Gupta also submitted before the court that the government’s plan is to develop Sukhatal as a tourist spot, but Nainital does not need any more tourism, as the district is already burdened.

8 from Chhattisgarh killed in Andhra road accident

AMARAVATI: Eight people were killed in a road accident in Alluri Sitarama Raju district of Andhra Pradesh, bordering Telangana, on Tuesday.

The victims belonged to Chhattisgarh and were returning from a pilgrimage to the temple of Lord Rama in Bhadrachalam in Telangana, police said. A speeding lorry coming in the opposite direction rammed into the SUV they were

traveling in, killing six people on the spot. Two others died in the hospital later, police said, adding that two more passengers sustained injuries and were undergoing treatment in a hospital.

“Speeding caused the fatal accident. We have registered a case and are investigating the matter,” a police officer said. Arrangements were being made to shift the bodies to their native village in Chhattisgarh. **PTI**



Vijay Singh Bainsla

In a video statement after a meeting with community members, he said Gandhi should visit Rajasthan “either with a Gurjar chief minister or with a reply over the issue”.

He said the community had voted for the Congress in 2018 with the hope that a Gurjar will be made the chief minister. “We did not vote for an MLA, we voted for a Gurjar CM,” he said.

Bainsla also accused the Congress government of not fulfilling the promises made to the community. “We had agreements with the government in 2019 and 2020 over several issues but the agreement is not being executed. It

pressed concern about the “unscientific and unwanted” development of Sukhatal Lake. They said the proposed development of Sukhatal, which includes its preservation and concretisation, has the potential to collapse the ecology of Naini Lake and to en-

danger livelihood of Nainital residents.

In an information note issued, Advocate Kartikey Hari Gupta, amicus curiae to the court, said they have pointed out to the HC that as per hydrological studies, Sukhatal is a major source of lake

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THE IDEAS PAGE

A land with no joy

Those calling for a boycott of Pakistani film ‘Joyland’ want to maintain fraudulent culture of piety where people are forced underground, sexual abuse runs rampant and conversation on sex is suppressed



ARSHAD KHAN

JOYLAND IS AN ironic title for a film that is actually about a land with no joy. This year, Pakistan received record-breaking rainfall that inundated one-third of the country, leaving millions homeless, with diseases such as dengue rampant and crops rotting in fields. One would think that the number one issue on the minds of Pakistanis would be the economy and social welfare. Alas, it is the young filmmaker Saim Sadiq’s debut film *Joyland* that seems to be taking over the news cycle these past few days. The film is suffering the wrath of homophobic, religious zealots who, just from watching the trailer, feel that the film is normalising LGBTQIA folks and promoting a “gay agenda”.

I was at the world premiere of *Joyland* at the Cannes Film Festival this summer where it received the longest standing ovation I have ever experienced in an Un Certain Regard screening in all my years of visiting that festival. I knew right then that this film might win the jury prize. It is a film about desire and family dynamics in a lower middle class family living in the Gawalmandi neighbourhood of Lahore. It is a sensitive portrayal of men and women who are victims of patriarchy. Sadiq weaves a tale of family dynamics, with sensitive subject matter not often depicted in South Asian films. There is a deep honesty in the characters that the audience related to, sometimes unwittingly.

In Cannes, I thought the film might only resonate with other South Asians. I was wrong. The cinema hall was booming with applause. The fact is, everyone who understands the oppressive nature of patriarchy and repression of desire can empathise with it. The film features the transgender actor Alina Khan in the performance of a lifetime, as well as notable and seasoned cast members such as Sania Saeed, Sarwat Gilani and veteran filmmaker and actor Salman Peerzada. The incredible Rasti Farooq and Ali Junejo are the playful lead couple whose journey we connect with until the heart-breaking conclusion and even as we leave the cinema, forever moved after witnessing something that has always been there but never before articulated on screen so well.

The film has been to the Toronto International Film Festival, the Sydney International Film Festival, the Melbourne South Asian Film Festival, among many others. Besides the Jury Prize and Queer Palm in Cannes, the film won the prestigious Golden Pram at the Zagreb Film Festival. It screened to packed houses at India’s Dharamshala International Film Festival where some audience members gave moving testimonials regarding the power and resonance of the film.

In any civilised nation of the world, this film would be celebrated; not in Pakistan. There the release was derailed and the conversation diverted from the success and Oscar buzz of the film, into homophobic hysteria channelled against the perceived LGBTQIA agenda of the film. Comedian Shehzad Ghias Shaikh summed it up by saying that “a western fashion designer, an alleged wife beater



CR Sasikumar

and a failing provincial government are leading the calls to ban a film. This cultural war is being fought for cheap populism. You cannot put their hate down to anything but pure transphobia”.

In 2019, I took my autobiographical documentary film *Abu* to Pakistan. The distributors told me up front that it would never pass the censor board due to the fact that it has the word “gay” in it. I didn’t bother to pursue distribution any further. In 2021, director Sarmad Khoosat’s *Busan* and MISAFF award-winning film *Zindagi Tamasha* was similarly banned due to pressure from religious outfits because the film dared to criticise the clergy.

Similarly, after significant cuts, *Joyland* was finally approved by all four censor boards in Pakistan. It was then edited in accordance with their wishes and made ready for release countrywide. One would think that a film made by Lahoris, with the name of an amusement park in Lahore, should have no problem gracing the screens of the nation.

Every year hundreds of transgender folks are murdered in Pakistan. Those calling for a boycott do not care about the lives of LGBTQIA folks. They want to maintain a fraudulent culture of piety where people are forced underground, sexual abuse runs rampant and any conversation around sex or sexual awareness is suppressed.

A special commission was set up by the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, this time consisting of representatives of the civilian and army intelligence services. Two days before hitting the cinemas, they came to the conclusion that the film should be released countrywide. However, the Punjab government, which is led by the PTI party (of former Prime Minister Imran Khan) then upheld the ban in the province, apparently in order to spite the federal government. Prominent members of the PTI party have been vocal opponents of the film as well, which makes them and their political stance very similar to the ultra right wing Jamaat-e-Islami.

PTI flag bearer and clothing retailer Maria B is a vehement opponent of *Joyland* and LGBTQIA folks, baffling the artist community. According to researcher Hiba Sameen, most Twitter, Instagram and other social media accounts tagging #BanJoyland are bots. This leaves a big question as to who is really pressuring the government.

Political parties spewing vitriol have not actually watched the film. Pakistanis are not inherently homophobic, but the loudest mouths amongst them intimidate the oth-

Pakistanis are at a clear crossroads, politically, socially and religiously. In every nation, the pendulum swings from the extreme right to, sometimes, the extreme left. In Iran the war for freedom has already been ignited. With ‘Joyland’, Pakistanis seek freedom to decide for themselves what is or is not acceptable to them. Does the government care for the hundreds of people who worked on the film project and those who invested in Pakistani cinema and may consider future investment in independent voices from the country?

ers into silence and submission. They make it about Islam and they use the Islamic argument and of course you can’t question the word of god. Homophobia in Islam comes from the Judeo-Christian tradition and the story of Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah. It is argued by scholars that the story is about sexual abuse and statutory rape and inhospitality, rather than same sex love. Yet Pakistani society ignores all the other lessons of Sodom and Gomorrah and picks and chooses the LGBTQIA community for their religious wrath.

In many ways, *Joyland* is the opposite of a “gay agenda” film. It is very traditional in its treatment of the LGBTQIA characters and if those opposing it actually did watch the film, they may find the conclusions in their favour in the sense that only a life of punishment awaits those who may dare to step outside of accepted cultural norms.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The right to vociferous dissent on matters of public interest is an essential part of any functioning democracy.” — THE GUARDIAN

Where there is no inequality

I dream of an India more open-minded and egalitarian, where the walls of caste and class have broken down



SHAILAJA CHANDRA

WHEN INDIA CELEBRATES one hundred years since Independence, I may not be around. But no one can stop me from dreaming about an India that, by then, should become more egalitarian and more open-minded. It is that vision that permeates my thoughts today. While there will always be a need for improved health and education, better infrastructure and connectivity, growth in global competitiveness, and improvement in the quality of life, these are, in their very nature incremental. The way we are going, all these things will improve sooner than later. I would like instead to use this opportunity to dream and strike where it hurts. To me, four things stand out as most important.

First, to have a country free of caste — where being a Brahmin, a Kshatriya, a Bania, an OBC, a Dalit or a tribal does not matter. Second, to see those responsible for governing and protecting citizens made much more accountable — not so much by the law and the courts, as much as by citizens. By voters being able to distinguish between good governance and pretence. Third, to bridge the class divide in a country where paymasters and workers, no matter how skilled or how loyal, are underpaid, kept at arm’s length, and notoriously underpaid. I

share my thoughts on making it happen.

My first vision is to secure freedom from casteism — something that has not happened in 75 years. The Scheduled Castes and Tribes listed in the Constitution have over 1,000 castes identified as once having faced deprivation, oppression, and social isolation. Over 740 tribes, who have distinct cultures and live in geographical isolation, are similarly protected. These groups constitute around 22 per cent of the population and have been receiving the benefit of laws, reservation, and a slew of social and economic benefits to overcome past and ongoing discrimination. Notwithstanding their finding political voice and reservation in government services, these efforts have been effective only in small proportions — those who were better placed initially, through access to education or their own initiative, continue to benefit. Affirmative action has not addressed the root causes of the continuing predicament of these groups.

So, while not even suggesting changing the Constitution, has the time come to identify deprivation differently? I would like to see an India where we identify deprivation not just by the caste name being included in the state lists by nativity, but by identifying families among these very groups where not even one woman in the family has studied beyond Class 8 or is a wage earner in the labour force. These signs of deprivation have many longer-term effects on the wellbeing of the family and on children’s health and education. We need to have a census of such women among the Scheduled Castes and



representatives have been doing or will do for them and force them to debate on issues that matter; it would shame those who simply ride the wave of a party. I would like the media to be assertive, not choosing their targets. In the UK, ministers are forced to resign over unethical conduct or immoral behaviour. By the time, the Indian Republic is 100, our citizens must gather voice to question, debate, discuss and kick out those who only sit as cheerleaders for their political party.

Finally, I would like to see a classless society which exists in India but which we have never taken note of. On a posting to Manipur in 1971, I was unaccustomed to seeing the baby minder (ayah) sleeping on my bed, the baby alongside. Likewise, my office peon came straight into our drawing room and occupied the sofa. The Manipuris, whether they are Meities from the Imphal Valley or tribals from the hills, live in a classless society. In Mizoram, those cooking and serving the food for a party, eat at the same table — not in some corner at the back of the house! We see our children living outside India coughing up hundreds of dollars for a plumber’s visit and offering tea while we do not even offer cold water!

My thoughts are big and small. Twenty-five years is a long time to make this happen!

The writer is a former secretary in the Ministry of Health. This article is part of an ongoing series, which began on August 15, by women who have made a mark, across sectors



SHAHRUKH ALAM

THE UNION LAW Minister recently made a public speech in which he suggested — presuming to reflect the “thinking of the common people of India” — that the large number of bail pleas being filed add to the pendency in the country’s courts. He then proposed that these pleas should only be heard by trial courts, and not be allowed to go to even the high courts, “forget the Supreme Court”. Given the easy alacrity with which the common people of India could get themselves arrested, I doubt they would want their chance at bail being restricted.

The Chief Justice of India, in an apparent response, said that the higher judiciary is being flooded with bail matters because of the reluctance of the district courts to grant bail. He spoke of a latent fear amongst trial court judges when deciding bail applications of the undertrial accused who have allegedly committed “grave crimes”.

The Indian justice system is indeed overburdened. A State of the Indian Judiciary Report published in 2019 records that on average, at the district court level, a case remains pending for five years. If the losing side goes up in appeal, then the average time for the case to be settled may go up to 13 years. It must be said that the minister’s idea does not relate to the pendency at the district court level. He only wants to bar bail applications from being heard in the higher courts. His argument also assumes that it is only the accused who file bail applications in the higher courts, neglecting the recent trend of

prosecuting agencies — at least in some cases — challenging the grant of bail by lower courts up to the apex court level.

There are other ways of thinking about the problem, some of which do not breach any rights. It might be worthwhile to focus our attention on the excess in the justice system. There are very few restraints on the filing of avoidable cases, and often the government is the biggest litigant in the courts. The various departments of the central and state governments are a party in 46 per cent of all cases. There is a serious need also to review the superfluous cases that are forced into the system by investigating agencies and by the tendency to make gratuitous arrests, in the face of overwhelming pendency in Indian courts. We must remember that each arrest is an additional case before the magistrate in an already overburdened system. It impacts the right to access justice, and also the more fundamental right to personal liberty.

I encountered a case where a slum-dweller registered a complaint against some men who had looted and assaulted him. A criminal case was registered and the magistrate summoned him as a witness in his own case. In the interim, his house was demolished in an anti-encroachment drive and he moved to another area. The summons remained undelivered. The magistrate got annoyed and issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against the slum-dweller. This time, the local police found him at his new address and arrested him. He was presented before the

magistrate, who rather mechanically remanded him to judicial custody. Eventually, a bail application had to be moved. In our country, the contingencies of peoples’ lives seem to breed criminal cases.

As a principle of law, the “arrest” or remand of an accused should take place at the end of the investigative process. The process of investigation, especially in the wired world, should ideally not be dependent on keeping the suspect in custody and badgering him for information. Once charged, the accused is remanded to judicial custody (or custody of the court) with the express purpose of facing trial for the alleged offence. When the accused is granted bail, he is entrusted to the custody of his sureties, who are bound to produce him to appear at his trial at a specified time and place. Thus, the purpose of “arrest” is to ensure appearance at trial, and not as an “aid to investigation” as is commonly understood.

In India, this common law principle has been lost over the years. The law here permits the police to arrest a person on “reasonable suspicion” of him having committed an offence. The practice is to arrest people on suspicion and then interrogate them in custody, thus treating arrest as an “investigative tool” rather than the culmination of the investigation. The suspect may be kept in custody for up to 90 days before the police formally charge her. On the other hand, most common law jurisdictions allow only between 12 hours to four days of pre-charge

detention.

When arrests are made easily, as an investigative tool, it floods the system with “suspects”. Not too long ago, a public prosecutor genuinely expressed surprise at the defence counsel’s vociferous opposition to the suspect’s continued detention. “Why are you opposing custody, when you know investigations are going on? We don’t know what the investigations will reveal, and neither do you. If we don’t find that he is involved, he will come out eventually.” Thus, it is left for the courts to do the work of sifting through the evidence.

Typically a criminal trial could take anything between 5–10 years. Naturally then, for those under-trials who are detained pending trial, the only remedy is to keep filing bail applications. On the other hand, if we were to take the law minister’s proposal seriously, it would result in persons who have not been held guilty — they are merely awaiting trial, spending up to 10 years in prison, in the absence of bail. A much better idea might be to make arrests and mechanical custodial remand more restricted and de-clog the system. Otherwise, the citizen is twice affected: First, by being vulnerable to arrests in a system that takes an increasingly expansive view of the need for incarceration, and second because each such arrest causes the already overcrowded justice system to further flounder.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE BAIL ISSUE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Walk the talk’ (IE, November 22). CJI has rightly spoken of the need for dignity and confidence in the district judiciary. Many laws also discourage bail. It’s worth noting that conviction rates are just 42 per cent for murder, 28 per cent for rape, and 29 per cent in economic offences. As the SC observed, low conviction rates have increased undertrial imprisonment, thus reversing the rule of “innocent until proven guilty”. Undoubtedly, we need more judges today. But, if the present judges utilise the bail rule properly, the criminal justice system can get better.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

CONCERNING DRAFT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Whose data’ (IE, November 22). The latest draft legislation has, once again, rung alarm bells for privacy experts. The proposed bill limits itself to the processing of digital personal data. This is a narrow ambit and amounts to a virtual rejection of the recommendation of the JPC report which had suggested that the legislation should cover both personal and non-personal data because it is impossible to differentiate between the two. Besides, it has diluted the role of the regulator. The refusal to spell out the factors that will be consid-

ered while cherry-picking nations to which data transfer will be allowed only serves to amplify concerns.

SS Paul, Nadia

REFORM NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Lost opportunity’ (IE, November 21). The member countries were not as proactive as they needed to be during COP27. On the last day, they came out with the ambiguous “loss and damage” formula. Perhaps, the Russia-Ukraine war has clouded the vision of the conference given that many nations have to now resort to coal energy, at odds with the basic premise of COP. COP’s past record is not encouraging, either. An urgent change is needed if we are to address the climate crisis.

Deepak Singh, Noida

HOLLOW GESTURE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The BJP’s Muslim outreach’ (IE, November 21). The BJP’s move to attract Pasmanda Muslims lacks sincerity. At best, it can be termed as a political gimmick. Under the current circumstances, where the entire political system as well as the media seems to be against them, only further marginalisation awaits Muslims.

Sultan Fari, New Delhi

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Kamala Harris (left) in Puerto Princesa, Philippines. AP

PHILIPPINES

Harris promises support to Philippines, denounces China

Puerto Princesa: Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday denounced China for what she called “intimidation and coercion” in the disputed waters of the South China Sea and promised that the US would stand by the Philippines, at a time when the Biden administration is looking for ways to counter Beijing’s influence in the region. Harris made her remarks in a speech to members of the Philippine Coast Guard in Palawan. “Communities like this have seen the consequences when foreign vessels enter Philippine waters and illegally deplete the fishing stock, when they pollute the ocean and destroy the marine ecosystem,” she said. **NYT**

PAKISTAN

Toshakhana case: Hearing begins against Imran

Islamabad: Criminal proceedings were initiated against Imran Khan at a court on Tuesday in a case filed against the deposed Pakistan PM for concealing information about the expensive Toshakhana gifts. The proceedings were initiated on the EC of Pakistan’s complaint after it found him guilty of “false statements and incorrect declaration” in his election papers. Additional Sessions Judge adjoined till December 8 the hearing of the case against Khan, who on Tuesday failed to appear before the court. **PTI**

USA

Proposed merger of two publishing giants called off

New York: Simon & Schuster’s corporate parent has officially ended the agreement for Penguin Random House to purchase the publisher, a proposed sale a federal judge already had blocked last month. Paramount Global also announced Monday that it still plans to sell Simon & Schuster, a nearly century-old company where authors include Stephen King, Colleen Hoover and Bob Woodward. The proposed merger of the two publishing giants, which would have resulted in by far the biggest book publishing house in U.S. history, was first announced late in 2020. **AP**

MALAYSIA

King to pick PM in post-poll crisis

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia’s king said on Tuesday he will pick the next prime minister, after the leading two contenders failed to win a majority in last weekend’s election and his proposal for the two to work together was turned down. The vote resulted in an unprecedented hung parliament. To break the stalemate, King Al-Sultan Abdullah suggested the two rivals work together to form a ‘unity government’. Muhyiddin said, but added that he will not work with Anwar. Muhyiddin runs a Malay Muslim conservation alliance, while Anwar runs a multi-ethnic coalition. **REUTERS**



Rescue operation underway at a landslide site caused by the quake in Cugenang, Indonesia. Reuters

Indonesia quake toll rises to 268, many of them children at school

REUTERS

CIANJUR, NOVEMBER 22

AN EARTHQUAKE that struck Indonesia’s West Java killed at least 268 people, many of them children, with 151 still missing, disaster relief officials said on Tuesday, as rescuers searched the rubble of destroyed buildings for survivors.

The shallow 5.6-magnitude quake struck in Indonesia’s most populous province on Monday afternoon, causing significant damage to the town of Cianjur, about 75 km southeast of the capital, Jakarta, and burying at least one village under a landslide. Disaster agency chief

Suharyanto told reporters that over 1,000 people had been injured, 58,000 displaced and 22,000 houses damaged.

Landslides and rough terrain hampered rescue efforts on Tuesday, said Henri Alfandi, head of National Search and Rescue Agency (Basamas).

“The challenge is the affected area is spread out... On top of that, the roads in these villages are damaged,” Alfandi told reporters. Many of the victims were children who had been at school at the time the quake hit, he said.

Officials said many of the dead were killed when poorly constructed buildings collapsed, with the president calling for re-

construction efforts to include earthquake-proof housing.

President Joko Widodo travelled to Cianjur on Tuesday to encourage rescuers. “My instruction is to prioritise evacuating victims that are still trapped under rubble,” he said. Widodo said the government would hand out compensation to victims and their families.

National police chief Listyo Sigit Prabowo said over 1,000 police had been deployed to assist in the recovery. Rescue efforts were complicated by electricity outages in some areas and 145 aftershocks, with officials warning more landslides could follow in coming weeks.

Ahead of budget vote, 2 Sri Lanka ministers sacked

Colombo: Sri Lanka’s Parliament on Tuesday approved the 2023 budget, with 121 lawmakers voting for and 84 opposing it in the 225-member House. President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is also the finance minister, had presented the budget on November 14 featuring tax reforms to raise government revenue.

Meanwhile, two front-line ministers in the Sri Lankan government have been suspended by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) for breach of party discipline, it was announced on Tuesday. Minister of Aviation Nimal Siripala de Silva and Minister of Agriculture Mahinda Amaraweera along with three other junior ministers in the government of President Ranil Wickremesinghe were sacked by the SLFP’s central committee which met last night. **PTI**

38 killed, 2 injured in textile plant blaze in China’s Henan

K J M VARMA

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 22

A MASSIVE fire at a cloth manufacturing plant in central China’s Henan province has killed at least 38 people and injured two others, officials said on Tuesday. It took firefighters more than four hours to douse the fire that broke out on Monday at the plant in the Wenfeng district of Anyang city in Henan province, according to the city’s publicity department. Firefighters put out the fire at 11pm on Monday, it said.

Thirty-eight people were killed and two others were injured in the blaze, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. The injured have been hospitalised. Local authorities blamed the company, which mainly manufactures clothes, for carrying out



A CCTV footage of the blaze at an industrial wholesaler in Anyang in central China’s Henan province, Monday. AP

operations against rules and regulations. Preliminary investigation revealed that sparks during welding operations caused the fire, igniting cotton fabric in the factory, the municipal emergency management department said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping

DARK WINTER A DAY CLOSER

Massive strikes by Russia flatten power grid in Ukraine

REUTERS

KYIV, NOVEMBER 22

PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR Zelenskyy appealed to Ukrainians to conserve energy amid relentless Russian strikes that have halved the country’s power capacity, as the UN health body warned of a humanitarian disaster in Ukraine this winter.

Authorities said millions of Ukrainians, including in the capital Kyiv, could face power cuts at least until the end of March due to the missile attacks, which Ukraine’s national grid operator Ukrenergo said had wreaked “colossal” damage.

Temperatures have been unseasonably mild in Ukraine this autumn, but are starting to dip below zero and are expected to drop to -20 Celsius or even lower in some areas during the winter months. “The systematic damage to our energy system from strikes by the Russian terrorists is so considerable that all our people and businesses should be mindful and redistribute their consumption throughout the day,” Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address.

Ukrenergo’s chief Volodymyr Kudrytskyi said on Tuesday that practically no thermal or hydro-electric stations had been left unscathed, though he dismissed the need to evacuate civilians.

“We cannot generate as much energy as consumers can use,” Kudrytskyi told a briefing, adding that after a brief cold snap on Wednesday temperatures were expected to rise again, providing an opportunity to stabilise the power generating system.

BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL

SPIELBERG TO GET LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Steven Spielberg will be honoured for his life’s work at the Berlin International Film Festival in February. Festival organisers said Tuesday that the 75-year-old American director, producer and screenwriter will be awarded an honorary Golden Bear, the annual event’s top prize, for a body of work that comprises more than 100 movies and series.



A fuel storage site after shelling in Makiivka (Makeyevka), Russian-controlled Ukraine. Reuters

EXPLAINED

Ukraine’s pivotal gains

UKRAINE’S SUCCESS has brought the war to a pivotal juncture. Because it is on the offensive, it can shape the next phase of the fighting, determining whether to push its advantage farther into Russian-occupied territory, or settle in for the winter, as military analysts say Russia would like to do.

Polish leader briefs Russian pranksters posing as Macron

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WARSAW, NOVEMBER 22

RUSSIAN COMEDIANS pretending to be the French president tricked the Polish president, Andrzej Duda, into giving them sensitive information after a missile exploded in eastern Poland last week.

Duda’s office confirmed on Tuesday that last week he was put through to a person claiming to be Emmanuel Macron. The office said it was one of many international calls that Duda received at a tense time on November 15, just after a missile hit in eastern Poland, close to the border with Ukraine, killing two men.

The office said appropriate services are checking how the pranksters could have reached

Duda, for the second time. In 2020 they talked to him posing as UN secretary-general.

In the new recording posted on YouTube by Russian pranksters Vladimir Kuznetsov and Alexei Stolyarov, known as Vovan and Lexus, Duda can be heard thanking a man whom he believes to be Macron for calling.

Speaking in English, Duda relays details of the missile incident, of his plans to request NATO consultations and of being careful not to exacerbate the situation with Russia. During more than seven minutes, Duda, tells the caller that US Biden does not blame Russia for the missile incident, but that Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy insists it was a Russian projectile. He says he himself is being “extra careful” not to blame Russia.

Young TV anchor as its face, RSP rise takes Nepal by surprise

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHAMANDU, NOVEMBER 22

RABI LAMICHHANE, a television anchor, who highlighted public issues and pushed the government to sit up and take notice, is now preparing for a larger national role.

Lamichhane (48), is contesting election to the Parliament from the Rashtriya Swatantra Party (RSP) ticket and has already emerged as a national phenomenon that the people of Nepal believe may shape the country’s politics and power, at least for now. Not just him, other candidates from his party, all below 40, are establishing their presence, and in some places emerging as possible winners, as the counting progresses.

For the existing major parties, all led by the older generation in their 70s, the pressure seems to be growing two-folds — to pave way for the youth and to take responsibility for the likely decline in their credibility and outcome in the polls.

Gagan Thapa, General Secretary of the Nepali Congress, who won Kathmandu-4 seat on Tuesday, said he would challenge Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba for the Congress Parliamentary Party leadership. While the RSP did not field any candidate against Thapa, it supported Sagar Dhakal, an Oxford scholar who fought as an Independent candidate against Deuba in his constituency in far west Nepal. “My victory today, and the trust people have bestowed on me, gives me enough legitimacy to aspire for the top post,” Thapa said.

Early trends also indicate that most stalwarts of the Communist Party of Nepal—Unified Marxist Leninist who are close to its chief KP Oli are trailing, making his continuation as party leader difficult. “Oli has to take responsibility for all these



Counting of votes underway in Kathmandu. Reuters

reverses,” one of the leaders said. The Maoist Centre, a major partner in the Nepali Congress-led coalition, is another party that appears poised for a decline. The latest trend shows, while the NC is leading in about 42 of the 165 constituencies, UML is ahead in 35. The Madhes Centric Samajbadi Janata Dal, the Lokshakti Party and United Communist, a splinter group of the UML, indicate a decline.

With all speculation and early trend in favour of a hung Parliament, and with the big three and Madhes-based parties demoralised, the two emerging forces—RSP and the RPP—may stand to gain the bargain for power. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

In first, Oxford Word of the Year to be chosen by people

AGENCIES

LONDON, NOVEMBER 22

FOR THE first time, people from across the world will vote to choose the Oxford Word of the Year 2022, Oxford Languages has announced.

A team of expert lexicographers have narrowed down a longlist of worthy contestants to

a final choice of three words — metaverse, #StandWith, and goblin mode. The voting, which started on November 21, will close on December 2.

Voting is now open online, and over the next two weeks English speakers can cast their vote, choosing from three words selected by Oxford University Press (OUP)’s lexicographers, each of which is believed to cap-

ture “the mood and ethos of the last year in its own way”

Last year ‘Vax’ was adjudged word of the year. ‘2022 has been a year defined by opening back up. However, although we have finally been able to physically reunite and come together again, our world somehow feels more divided than ever,” Oxford Languages said.

The three words are each rel-

evant to the year in a different way. In ‘metaverse’, there is a conceptual future brought into the vernacular in 2022. ‘#StandWith’ recognises the activism and division that has characterised this year. ‘Goblin mode’ is another relatively new concept: the idea of rejecting societal expectations put upon people, in favour of doing whatever one wants to.

RAPPING GRANNIES, CROONING 70-YEAR-OLDS AND GAMERS IN THEIR 80s ARE CHALLENGING TRADITIONAL VIEWS

China’s grandparents are done babysitting and ready to go viral

ALEXANDRA STEVENSON & ZIXU WANG

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 22

THE 65-YEAR-OLD woman crouches in a field and holds up a head of cabbage. Behind her, two friends sway back and forth, cucumber and radish in their hands. “This rotten cabbage, let’s pull it out, eat it, achieve some foodie freedom,” Guo Yifen, the woman with the cabbage, raps in a low and creaky voice in the song “Spicy Hot Pot Real Rap.”

The trio, known as Sister Wang Is Coming, is known for sharing playful videos on Douyin, the Chinese version of TikTok. Guo

and her musical partners, Wang Shuping, 64, and Wang Xiurong, 66, have more than half a million followers who watch their food-related music videos, featuring jams like “Fried Mushrooms” and “Country Food Rap.”

The group is part of a growing number of older Chinese who have found viral success sharing their daily lives online. In this corner of the Chinese internet, octogenarians croon, septuagenarians tango and gray-haired fashionistas strut down catwalks and offer makeup tips to millions of fans. There’s even an 86-year-old man who just sits and plays video games like Call of Duty. With more than 260 million



Grandmoms of Glamma, Beijing-based startup, during a livestream in which they sold their own line of clothing. NYT

residents over 60, China has the largest, and fastest-growing, population of old people in the world. Nearly half are online, where some

choose to live out their professional dreams, while others are simply having a little fun. Many find companionship through their fans, an antidote to an otherwise lonely life. They are among a new generation of Chinese retirees who have fewer grandchildren than those before and the financial freedom to pursue hobbies and share their experiences online.

The singers, dancers and accidental celebrities are part of a global community of seniors who have embraced the highs, and sometimes lows, of social media.

In China, influencers are helping to challenge a particularly entrenched stereotype that grandparents are expected to stay

home or help care for their families by cleaning, cooking and looking after their grandchildren while their adult children work. For some retirees, grandchildren aren’t a factor at all, with more young Chinese rejecting marriage or choosing not to start a family.

“We look at our parents’ old age and we think, we have to live in a different way,” said Sun Yang, 66. A former English teacher who retired more than a decade ago, Sun and three of her friends are fashion influencers who go by the name Glamma Beijing. In their videos, they model vintage and modern clothes and weave style tips with everyday advice on life.

“What we do now is something we could only dream of when we were young,” she said. Many of Glamma Beijing’s more than two million followers are in their 50s and 60s. But there are younger ones, too, who ask the women about school and dating.

Independence is a common theme among many of the influencers’ videos, as they push back against the thought that seniors should stay home in retirement and help raise the next generation.

In the music videos by Sister Wang Is Coming, Guo and her friends run around in fields, playing pranks on one another, or lie in the grass and daydream. They rap about their love of cooking

and eating. It’s a world away from the daily routines they once had as mothers and wives. “Times are changing,” said Lin Wei, 67, another Glamma and a former nurse who vowed to stay active in her old age. “We need to keep up with society and integrate into it.”

China is facing a host of demographic challenges — including plummeting rates of marriages and a low number of births — that have helped change the cultural norms around what growing old means. With one of the lowest retirement ages in the world — the average is 60 for men and 55 for women — Chinese seniors have plenty of time to pursue new creative endeavors online. **NYT**

SIMPLY PUT

India's unusual abstention in CITES vote on reopening ivory trade

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

ALTHOUGH INCREASINGLY squeezed for space and support in a crowded land, the elephant remains one of India's most powerful cultural and religious symbols. A pioneer in banning even the domestic trade in ivory in 1986, India has always been at the forefront of global elephant conservation initiatives.

That is why India's decision not to vote against a proposal to re-open the international trade in ivory at the ongoing conference of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) surprised many.

That proposal, to allow a regular form of controlled trade in ivory from Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, was defeated 83-15 in Panama City on Friday.

CITES agreement

CITES is an international agreement between governments — 184 at present — to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species. The convention entered into force in 1975 and India became the 25th party — a state that voluntarily agrees to be

bound by the Convention — in 1976.

All import, export and re-export of species covered under CITES must be authorised through a permit system.

CITES Appendix I lists species threatened with extinction — import or export permits for these are issued rarely and only if the purpose is not primarily commercial. CITES Appendix II includes species not necessarily threatened with extinction but in which trade must be strictly regulated.

Every two years, the Conference of the Parties (CoP), the supreme decision-making body of CITES, applies a set of biological and trade criteria to evaluate proposals from parties to decide if a species should be in Appendix I or II.

Tussle over ivory

The international ivory trade was globally banned in 1989 when all African elephant populations were put in CITES Appendix I. However, the populations of Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe were transferred to Appendix II in 1997, and South Africa's in 2000 to allow two "one-off sales" in 1999 and 2008 of ivory stockpiled from natural elephant deaths and seizures from poachers.

Subsequently, Namibia's proposal for allowing a regular form of controlled trade in ivory by delisting the elephant populations of



Pyres of ivory are set on fire in Nairobi National Park, Kenya, in 2016. AP

the four countries from Appendix II was rejected at CoP17 (2016) and CoP18 (2019). At the ongoing CoP19, the proposal was moved by Zimbabwe but met the same fate.

The four southern African countries argue that their elephant populations have bounced back and that their stockpiled ivory, if sold internationally, can generate much-needed revenue for elephant conservation and incentivising communities.

Opponents of the ivory trade counter that any form of supply stokes demand and that sharp spikes in elephant poaching were

recorded across the globe after the one-off sales allowed by the CITES in 1999 and 2008.

India and ivory trade

The endangered Asian elephant was included in CITES Appendix I in 1975, which banned the export of ivory from the Asian range countries. In 1986, India amended The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to ban even domestic sales of ivory. After the ivory trade was globally banned, India again amended the law to ban the import of African ivory in 1991.

In 1981 when New Delhi hosted CoP3,

India designed the iconic CITES logo in the form of an elephant. Over the years, India's stand has been unequivocal on the ivory issue.

1992 CoP8: In Kyoto, Japan, Indian delegate Anin Ghosh, then director of Project Tiger, noted a polarisation of parties — one for sustainable use and trade in wildlife, the other favouring total ban and stricter control — with the latter, fortunately, outnumbering the former.

1994 CoP9: At Lauderdale, US, India opposed the down-listing of the elephant population of South Africa from Appendix I to II.

1997 CoP10: At Harare, Zimbabwe, India opposed the proposal to down-list the southern African elephant populations, expressing "concern over...repercussions for the Asian elephant, particularly with regard to poaching".

2000 CoP11: At Gigen, Kenya, India moved a proposal along with the host country to up-list all elephant populations in Appendix II to I.

At CoP17 and CoP18, India voted against proposals to re-open trade in ivory from the southern African states. In Johannesburg, South Africa, five years ago, "India expressed its willingness to share their experiences of protecting elephants and supporting rural development without recourse to trade in ivory".

What has changed

After protracted negotiation, India signed

an agreement in July with Namibia to fly in cheetahs. Last month, *The Indian Express* reported that India has agreed to promote "sustainable utilisation and management of biodiversity" by supporting advances in this area of bilateral cooperation "at international forums including meetings of" CITES.

While the word "ivory" was not mentioned, Namibia sought India's support under this agreement for the longstanding proposal to re-open the ivory trade at CITES. A Namibian government spokesperson confirmed the same to *The Indian Express*.

Reacting to the report, the Environment Ministry said that the "Government of India has not received any written communication from the Republic of Namibia regarding lifting of ban on ivory trade".

"Though the agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and Government of the Republic of India includes 'wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization' as one of the areas of cooperation, this cannot be construed as support for lifting the ban on trade in endangered species," the Ministry said on October 13.

However, on November 19, when the proposal on the ivory trade was put to vote at CoP19, India chose to abstain and not vote against it.

EXPLAINED HEALTH

AIR SUVIDHA IS SCRAPPED: RELIEF, AND A POSITIVE SIGNAL ON COVID

MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

STARTING TUESDAY, passengers travelling to India no longer need to fill forms and upload negative RT-PCR test reports on the government's Air Suvidha portal. Doing away with this pre-embarkation requirement will bring relief to international fliers. The decision is also in sync with the times, with Covid-19 having entered the endemic stage on the back of massive vaccination coverage.

What was Air Suvidha requirement?

The Air Suvidha portal was launched in August 2020. International passengers were required to submit details of their journey and vaccination/testing status. The pre-arrival self-registration portal enabled authorities to ascertain whether a person was arriving from a high-risk region.

Late last year, as the Omicron variant of the coronavirus spread rapidly, the Union Health Ministry mandated submitting additional details on the portal, including passengers' 14-day travel history and negative RT-PCR test reports to map whether the traveller was arriving from an "at-risk" country.

Why was Air Suvidha criticised?

There was no pushback when Covid infections were rising, international passenger numbers were low, and there was a risk of India importing a new variant of the virus.

However, when the number of international passengers started to increase after India lifted its two-year ban on reg-

ular international flights on March 27, 2022, the travel requirement started to appear as an impediment to many. A part of the reason was that the system was not able to cope with the increased number of international passengers after regular international flights were restored.

Travellers complained of not being able to upload Covid negative certificates, and that it took hours for passengers to get an Air Suvidha acknowledgment certificate, which was mandated for travel. Systems were updated but the complaints continued.

When did the process of change start?

A plea was made at the time regular international flights started in March, but it began to be pursued seriously only around June. The Aviation and Tourism Ministries were of the view that the requirement should be abolished, but the Health Ministry was reluctant. Aviation and Tourism were assured that a review would be done around August to abolish the Air Suvidha requirement.

So has India removed all Covid restrictions for fliers now?

The abolition of Air Suvidha is the last Covid restriction to go. Last week, the government removed the mandatory requirement of wearing face masks on board aircraft. India's Covid-era restrictions included limiting the number of domestic flights, ban on regular international flights, fare restrictions, no meal service on board, etc. The move towards returning normalcy to the aviation sector began primarily after Jyotiraditya Scindia took charge as Aviation minister in July 2021.



AMITABH SINHA

THE SHARM EL-SHEIKH climate meeting will probably always be remembered for its decision to set up a loss and damage fund. This decision has earned it a place among the major milestones in the global response to climate change.

But on most other parameters, the Sharm el-Sheikh meeting — the 27th session of the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, or COP27 — proved to be an underachiever. The meeting was built up as the 'implementation COP' or the meeting that would accelerate the actions being taken on climate change. The final agreement had little to justify that expectation.

Mitigation

Going into the conference, it was expected that COP27 would respond to the growing urgency for greater emission cuts. Most scientific estimates now suggest that the 1.5 degree Celsius target for temperature rise is likely to be breached within a decade. With current efforts to reduce emissions, the world is headed to a temperature rise of about 3 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times by the end of this century.

There were different ways in which COP27 was expected to respond to this. One of the ideas, floated by the European Union, was to ask every country to strengthen their respective climate actions every year from now to 2030, a radical suggestion that was unlikely to have met with approval from most countries. As of now, the countries have to upgrade their climate actions every five years. The latest upgrade was just this year. Another idea was to call for a phase-down



A protest at the COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. AP

of all fossil fuel use. This was unlikely to have done much to reduce emissions in the short term, but would still have been meaningful towards the larger objective of curbing the use of the main causes of global warming.

The idea, proposed by India, was initially expected to be opposed by developed countries, especially since their dependence on oil and gas has increased in the last one year. However, after initial hesitation, both the EU as well as the United States backed the proposal. The opposition came from within the ranks of the developing countries, especially from the oil-producing Gulf nations. The matter was not pushed.

The least that was hoped for on this front was an inclusion of a stronger mention of the goal of pursuing the 1.5 degree Celsius target. It would have been little more than a statement of intent. But even that was not agreeable to all.

The only decision in this regard was to continue the discussions on a work programme set up last year to "urgently" scale up mitigation action. COP27 decided that two global dialogues would be held each year as part of this work programme.

EXPLAINED CLIMATE CHANGE

COP27: One hit, many misses

The decision to set up a loss and damage fund has earned the conference a place among the major milestones in global climate change response. But on other fronts, the final agreement delivered little.

that at least half of climate finance should be directed towards adaptation projects. Some countries, including the United States, did promise some money, but it wasn't more than a trickle.

An important initiative on adaptation came from the UN Secretary General, who unveiled plans of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) to set up early warning systems in areas that do not have them. About one-third of the world, including about 60 per cent of Africa, is not equipped with early warning and climate information systems. The WMO said this needs to be corrected in the next five years. The COP27 agreement said it fully supported the initiative, and invited development organisations and international financial institutions to help the effort.

Finance

The biggest disappointment, not surprisingly, came in matters related to money. The developed countries have not yet delivered on their promise to mobilise USD 100 billion every year, something that should have happened in 2020. All that the COP27 final agreement did about this was to "express serious concern".

Interestingly, the COP27 agreement, for the first time, quantified the financial needs for climate action. It said about USD 4 trillion had to be invested in the renewable energy sector every year till 2030 if the 2050 net zero target was to be achieved. Additionally, at least USD 4-6 trillion was required every year for global transformation to a low-carbon economy. About USD 5.9 trillion was needed by the developing countries in the pre-2030 period, just to implement their climate action plans.

The developed countries have said they will ensure the USD 100 billion flow from 2023. A parallel discussion is going on to scale up this amount from 2025.

Additionally, the COP27 agreement has urged international financial institutions to simplify their procedures and priorities, so that it is easier for developing countries to access money for climate actions.

Vanvasi vs Adivasi: History and context of the RSS term for tribals

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Monday criticised the use of the word 'Vanvasi' for India's tribal populations by the BJP-RSS.

"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, doctors, fly planes, speak in English..." Rahul said at an election rally in Gujarat.

Adivasi and Vanvasi

Many tribal people choose to call themselves Adivasi, which means 'first inhabitants'. The word is used in public discourse, in documents, textbooks, and in the media. The Constitution of India uses the term Scheduled Tribes or 'Anusuchit Janajati'.

Vanvasi, which means forest dwellers, is a term used by the Sangh Parivar, which works extensively in tribal areas "to protect

them from the clutches of Christian missionaries". With the marginalised tribal communities traditionally treated as a unit outside the main caste structure, the term Vanvasi was used to convey their distinct identity.

Alarmed by the changing culture of the tribal communities and their increasing distance from the Hindu religion, Ramakant Keshav Deshpande, in consultation with MS Golwalkar, the second Sarsangchalak, set up the Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (ABVKA) on December 26, 1952 in Jashpur, Chhattisgarh. The primary objective was to 'Hinduise' tribals — which the Sangh felt was necessary for national integration — and to protect tribal identity and culture. The Sangh's activities in the tribal areas has traditionally helped the BJP in elections.

Against Aryan invasion theory

"We call them Vanvasi. We do not call them Adivasi because Adivasi means original inhabitants or aboriginals, which implies all others are from outside, But the Sangh believes that we all are original inhabitants of this continent," RSS leader Ram



Rahul Gandhi in Rajkot on Monday. Chitral Khambhati

Madhav told *The Indian Express*.

Madhav said the Aryan invasion theory — that the Aryans migrated from somewhere in Central Asia to an already settled Indian subcontinent — had always been re-

jected by the RSS. "We are fine with the constitutional term Anusuchit Janajati, or Scheduled Tribes, for the tribals," he said.

Vanvasi an 'Indian' term

Harsh Chouhan, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and a Sangh leader who has worked among India's tribal people for years, said: "Those who lived in the forests were traditionally referred to as Vanvasis. Even in the *Ramayana*, this reference is there, to identify communities living in the forests. Vanvasi conveys the right idea about forest dwellers and is a term of pride."

The term Adivasi or 'aboriginal' was more suited to the American context, Chouhan told *The Indian Express*.

"The term 'Adivasi' was brought in by the British in the 1930s. There is no harm in using the word Adivasi. But in the context of India, it is wrong. In the US, the word aboriginals is used to convey identity to the tribals, because they were marginalised. But the word Vanvasi simply conveys that they are forest dwellers," Chouhan said.

He rejected Rahul's allegation that 'Vanvasi' suggests tribals should "live in the jungles": "If you are called 'Bharatvasi', it does not mean that you should live only in India."

Also, Chouhan said, "It is a Western narrative that those who live in jungles or forests cannot have culture. In India, we believe that our culture stems from forest dwellers. In earlier times, those who lived in villages were called 'gramvasi', those living in cities were 'nagarvasi', and those in forests were called 'vanvasi'."

The Sangh, Chouhan said, had set up the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram to "protect and preserve the culture of the forest dwellers to help them contribute to the nation's growth"; not just to "stop the conversion process."

Not just forest dwellers

Many have pointed out that tribal communities don't necessarily live in forests.

During the Constituent Assembly debates, tribal representative Jaipal Singh Munda asked for the word 'Adibasi', and questioned why 'tribals' became 'Banjati' when translated into Hindi.

"The word 'Adibasi' has not been used in any of the translations made by the several Committees. How is it?... Why has the word 'Adibasi' not been used and the word 'Banjati' has been used? Most of the members of our tribes do not live in jungles.... I wish that you should issue instructions to your translation Committee that the translation of Scheduled tribes should be 'Adibasi'. The word Adibasi has grace. I do not understand why this old abusive epithet of Banjati is being used, for till recently it meant an uncivilised barbarian," he said.

Even in the RSS, there is a view that the word "Vanvasi" is obsolete.

"Many volunteers have stopped using the term Vanvasi, and our *ashrams* are now known simply as Kalyan Ashrams — mainly because our work also covers coastal tribes. Some tribals do not want to be called Vanvasi, claiming that the term sounds like "jungles", an RSS volunteer who works among tribals in central India said.

Madhav said no review of the use of 'Vanvasi' was planned, but the RSS accepts the word Janajati as used in the Constitution.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,hitherto known as Renu Bala Saini, Daughter of, Krishan Kumar Batra, wife of, Gurcharan Singh, residing at, 17-A-R-Block, Dilshad Garden, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Renu Saini. 0040642075-2

I, NIDHI GIRI, D/O- Late Shri. JAGNANDAN GIRI, W/O- HEMANT KUMAR GUPTA, H.NO-D-17, GREEN-PARK EXTENSION, SOUTH-WEST, DELHI-110016, have changed my name to NANDINI GUPTA, for all, future purpose. 0040642075-3

I, Sameeksha Saini D/o Gurcharan Singh R/O-17-A, R Block, Dilshad Garden, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Sameeksha permanently. 0040642075-4

I, Saidan W/O. Mahdi Hasan R/O-C-274, J.J Colony, Khayala, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Saeeddan, for all purposes. 0040642056-7

I, SURBHI ARORA, W/O- GAURAV ARORA, R/O- PLOT- NO- 1/4, FLAT-B-2 MANSHA KUNJ, SECTOR-5, RAJENDRA-NAGAR SAHIBABAD- GHAZIABAD, UP-201005, Changed my name to SURBHI SRIVASTAVA ARORA. 0040642056-10

I, SUDESH W/O SATYABHAN DHANKHAR R/O, HOUSE, NO.298, GALI, NO.14, CHETAN VIHAR, NAJAFGARH, DELHI-110043, have changed my name to SUDESH DHANKHAR. I, SUDESH W/O SATYABHAN DHANKHAR R/O, HOUSE, NO.298, GALI, NO.14, CHETAN VIHAR, NAJAFGARH, DELHI-110043, have changed my name to SUDESH DHANKHAR. 0040642056-4

I, SHIPRA BHOWMICK W/O SATYENDRA KUMAR PRASAD R/O G-1204 DHOOT RESIDENCY SECTOR-63 GURUGRAM HARYANA-122001 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SHIPRA TO SHIPRA BHOWMICK FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040642059-7

I, SARABJIT KAUR, W/O. GURNAM SINGH ADD-1445F, GALI-NO-13 MANOJ STORE, GOVINDPURI KALKAJI, SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110019, changed my name to SARABJEET KAUR, for all future Purposes. 0040642056-1

I, Rukhsar D/o Mohd Shokeen R/O B-51, Vijay Vihar, Phase-1, Rohini, Delhi-110085, India have changed my name to Rukhsar Alivi. 0040642059-1

I, Ramesh Kumar S/o, Kishori Lal Saini R/o-Flat- No-208, Plot- No-4, Bhartiya CGHS Ltd, Sec-19, Dwarka, N.D-110075, have changed my -name to Ramesh Kumar Saini for-all-purposes. 0040642063-1

I, Rajni Singh D/o Shri Jitendra Kumar Singh R/o A-28A Balaji Puram Kulesra Greater Noida Distt-GB, Nagar have changed my name to Roohi Singh Permanently. 0040641977-1

I, Rajesh Kumar Kataria S/o, Durga Prasad Kataria R/o- C-65, JVTs, Garden, Neelanchal-Vihar, Chattarpur Extn., New Delhi-110074, have changed my-name to Rajesh Kataria for-all-purposes. 0040642063-2

I, Rajendra Jain, S/O- Jugmandar Das Jain, R/o 4/1532, Mahavir Block, BOLA Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Rajender Jain. 0040642083-1

I, RASHID AHMED YAQUBI, S/O JAN MOHAMMAD QASMI, R/O- MOHALLA SHEKHUPURA KHEKRA, GANDHIGANJ MANDI, KHEKADA, BAGHPAT, U.P. 250101, have changed my name to RASHEED AHMAD. 0040642075-6

I, R. BHUVANSHAWARI, W/O KANNIYAN RAVI, R/O, RZ-M-17 GROUND-FLOOR TAMIL ENCLAVE SOUT WEST DELHI-110045, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHUVANSHWARI RAVI. 0040642066-2

I, Pankaj Rautan S/O Puran Singh R/O-K-2-801/A, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Pankaj Singh for-all-purposes. 0040642063-3

I, PREM S/O NAND LAL CHAWLA R/O FLATNO.80, CHARDHAM APARTMENT, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, CHANGED MY NAME TO PREM CHAWLA. 0040642059-4

I, PHILOMINA KUJUR, W/o Albert Toppo R/o.F-92/S-4, Dilshad-Colony, Delhi-110095, have changed my name, from Philomina Toppo to Philomina Kujur, both are same person, for all, the future purposes. 0040642056-3

I, PATIL BHARATI MARUTI W/O TUKARAM PATIL R/O 136/B, 9/4TH-FLOOR, GAUTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110049, CHANGED MY NAME TO BHARTI PATIL. 0040642059-5

I Sunny S/O, Jwala Prasad R/o B 37a, East Krishna Nagar, East Delhi, have changed my name to Sunny Gupta for all purposes. 0040642053-1

I Lakhveer Singh S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh R/o H.No.72-C, SG Pocket, Dilshad Garden, Jhilmil H.O., East Delhi, Delhi-110095 have changed the name of my minor son from Kunwarveer Pratap Singh to Harshal Singh for all purposes. 0040641978-3

I, PARUL, W/O RAHUL, R/o 205/A, Sector 2E, Kamna, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010, changed my name to PARUL YADAV. 0040642075-8

I, Nirmala Sood W/o Bhupinder Singh Sood R/o-38, Ashoka-Park Extension, East Punjab-Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Nirmal Sood. 0040642063-5

I, Mohit Yadav S/o- Devender Yadav, R/o WZ-254, Shakurpur-Village, Delhi, inform that my 10th-Certificate my father name-written Devender Singh, whereas his correct-name Devender Yadav. 0040642075-5

I, Mohan Lal S/o- Hukam Chand Pahwa R/o, 6.1788, Sector-4, Urban-Estate, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Mohan Lal Pahwa, for all Purposes. 0040642075-1

I, Mohammad Shafiq S/O Mehandi Hasan R/O-C-274, J.J.Colony, Khayala, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Mohd.Shafiq, for all purposes. 0040642056-9

I, Mesar Ali, s/o Ahamdulla kha, R/o, H.No-1/11546/F, F, Gali No-10, Subhash-Park Extn. Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Have Changed my name to Meshar Alii. permanently. 0040642056-2

I, Mamta Dabas, W/o Vikas Khatri, R/o H.No-17, Second Floor, Pocket E-21, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Mamta, for all Purposes. 0040642059-3

I, MONIKA w/o- Ravi Kumar, Residing at, B-6/16, Sector-3, Rohini, New DELHI-110085, have changed my name to Monika Arya, for all, future Purposes. 0040642056-5

I, MANMOHAN S/O DARSHAN LAL, R/O D-13, SUDERSHAN PARK, MOTI NAGAR, DELHI-110015, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANMOHAN MINOCHA. 0040642059-6

I, MAHINDER SINGH S/O NANU SINGH R/O C-121D, TILAK VIHAR, TILAK NAGAR, DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHENDER SINGH. 0040642084-4

I, Kishori Lal S/o, Shri Gyarsi Lal Saini R/o-119, Ward-2, Vikash-Nagar, Riwari-Road, Narnaul, Haryana-123001, have changed my -name to Kishori Lal Saini for-all-purposes. 0040642063-4

I, Kartik Kumar, S/O Virender Kumar, R/O House.No.427/4, Savitri Nagar, Patiala Chawh, Jind, Haryana-126102, Have Changed my Name to Kartikh Kumar. 0040642063-8

I, SAMI S/O RAFI R/O-2051 GALI GANJ MEER KHAN TURKMAN GATE, DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD SAMI. 0040642057-5

I, KRISHNA RAMESHCHANDRA VARMA ROHILLA, W/O Sachin Kumar Rohilla, R/O 39-B, DG-2, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018, Changed name after-marriage is KRISHNA VARMA ROHILLA. 0040642063-7

I, Gurcharan Singh Saini S/o Jagdish Chand, R/o 17-A, R Block, Dilshad-Garden, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Gurcharan Singh permanently 0040642075-3

I, Gurbax Singh, S/O. H.L Verma R/O, RZ-46-B, gali, no. 7, Raghu Nagar, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Shanti Saroop Verma, for all purposes. 0040642056-6

I, Faizan Khan, S/O Imran R/O-D-12, DDA Colony, New Jafrabad, Shahdara, North East, Delhi Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name To Faizan. 0040642059-9

I, Balbir Singh Gusain, S/o Gopi Singh, R/o A-57A, 3rd Floor, Front- Side, Block-A, Janta Colony, Shivaji Vihar, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Balbir Singh. 0040642084-3

I, Arti W/o- Abhinav Dahiya R/O-G-7/24, 2nd-Floor, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name Aarti Dahiya, for all Purposes. 0040642059-2

I, Anjana, W/o- Sanjay Kharwal Resident of W-734, Jal Vayu Vihar, Sector-Builders' Area, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201308, has changed my name from Anjana to Anjana Kharwal for all future purpose/ references. 0040642083-2

I, ASHISH KUMARI, W/O AMARJEET SINGH R/O.H.NO-63 AND, 64/ U/G/ F, GURU NAKA- VIHAR PHASE-2 NILOTHI-EXTN NANGLOI, DELHI-110041, have changed my name to ASHISH KAUR. 0040642084-2

I, ANITA BERI W/O- Sachin Arora, R/O 14-D, Raavi- Apartment, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018, Changed name after-marriage is ANITA BERI ARORA. 0040642063-6

I, Shakti Kumar, S/o Roshan Lal, R/O A-15/3, Lehri Colony, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Shakti Kumar Saini. 0070814021-1

I, Asya Bano W/O, Mohammad Shafiq R/O-C-274, J.J.Colony, Khayala, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Ashiya Bano, for all purposes. 0040642056-8

I, RAVI SHARMA S/O RAMESH CHAND SHARMA R/O AC-14, GROUND-FLOOR, GANGA RAM VATIKA, TILAK NAGAR, DELHI-110018. CHANGED MY CHILD NAME PRISHA TO PRISHA SHARMA. 0040642066-1

I, NIKHIL KUMAR TAKKAR S/o Ashok Kumar, R/O 146/2, Govindpuri, New Delhi-110019 have changed the name of my minor daughter TISHYA KUMAR, aged 04 years, to TISHYA TAKKAR for all purposes. 0040641981-2

I, NIKHIL KUMAR TAKKAR S/o Ashok Kumar, R/O 146/2, Govindpuri, New Delhi-110019 have changed the name of my minor son HARIANSH KUMAR, aged 01 years, to HARIANSH KUMAR TAKKAR for all purposes 0040641981-3

I, NIKHIL KUMAR S/O Ashok Kumar, R/o 146/2, Govindpuri, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to NIKHIL KUMAR TAKKAR for all purposes 0040641981-4

I, Kiran D/O Prem Pal Shakaya, W/O Tej Pal R/o Gram Post Langura, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh- 243402, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anita Shakya 0070814029-1

I, Bhavna Tyagi, W/O Chandra Shekhar Vats R/O F-177, Sector-36, Greater Noida, Eachachhar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 203130, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Usha Vats 0070814030-1

I, Bella Jaicob, W/o Powlose Jacob, R/o 2/C-3, Ganesh Apartment, Ambika Enclave, Sector-15, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Bella Jacob. 0070814023-1

I, ANUBHA GOEL W/O Nikhil Kumar Takkar, R/o 4A, D-20/22, Saket Gali, Old Gobindpura, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to ANUBHA GOEL TAKKAR for all purposes 0040641981-1

I hitherto known as AAMINA KHATOON W/O MD. Shamsher Alam, R/O B-2/24, Kailash Vihar, Prahlad Pur Banger, North West Delhi-110042, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as REHANA PRAVEEN. 0040641978-2

I, SIYONA SARA D/O SATYENDRA KUMAR PRASAD R/O G-1204, DHOOT TIME RESIDENCY SECTOR-63 GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SIYONA TO SIYONA SARA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040642059-8

I, Amrapali W/o No.6602777 Rank SGT Debasis Kumar Sinha R/O H/o, N.Z/L, A/11, L-Block, Bengali Colony, Mahavir Enclave, Palam Village Delhi-45, have changed my name to Amrapali Sinha vide affidavit dt.22.11.2022 before Delhi. 0040642059-10

I, Vinay Kumar, S/O Late Hari Ram Verma r/o Q-433, Dilshad garden, Delhi, have changed my name to Vinay Kumar Verma, for all future Purposes. 0040642084-1

LOST & FOUND

Original-possession letter dated-16.03.1988, allotment letter dated-18.07.1989 Sale-Deed dated-30.06.2003 and approved map of Property- No.House- No.21, HIG, Brij Vihar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh have been lost.Finder contact:Sudhir Kumar S/O,Randhir Singh R/O,H.No.21, HIG, Brij-Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P. Mobile-No.9810604500. 0040642063-10

This is to inform that I, Prem Prakash Gupta have lost Builder Buyer Agreement dt 22.5.2012 with RPS Infrastructure Ltd. for unit no T 04/BB -04/90, Savana, Sector-88, Faridabad. If found, it may be returned to me at House no 88, Sector-16A, Faridabad. 0040641969-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that Freehold Property Bearing No. A-3/292, 3rd Floor, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, presently owned and possessed by Shikha Bhatr by virtue of Sale Deed, duly registered vide Regd. No. 1993, dated 05.04.2022, is offered as Security with State Bank of India, Branch: RACPC, Naraina, New Delhi and as per present owner(s) version the said property is free from all sorts of encumbrance and original few title documents has been reported as missing and FIRI Lost Report in this regard has been lodged as missing! Lost vide LR No. 1003397/2022, dated 21.11.2022. It is hereby notified that any person, entity, firm company, society and/or any member of society, Bank/financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim and/or objection to thereof, he/she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further / future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected and my client/ prospective buyer (s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title/ Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client or in the name of his/her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment.

AJEET KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
Chamber No. 561, 5th Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi-16, 9810039471

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that my client MUKESH KUMAR SHARMA S/O LATE SRI. BALDEV RAJ SHARMA R/O-122N/61 FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-N, Near SHANTI MANDIR, VISHNU GARDEN, DELHI-110018 have severed his relation from his son named GANGANSHU SHARMA age 36 years due to his disobeying and harassing behavior towards my above named client and have named and debarred him from his entire moveable and immovable assets/ properties and anyone dealing with him in future in any manner shall do so at their own risk and consequences and my client will not be responsible for his any acts and deeds done by Ganganshu Sharma in future.

ASHISH RANA (ADVOCATE)
Ch.No.236, Ff, Western Wing, Tri Hazari Court, Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
This to inform all that my client **SMT. MAMTA CHAUHAN W/O LATE SH. SHYAM SINGH CHAUHAN** R/O G-4, LIC JEEVAN SARITA COLONY, DILSHAD GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110095, have severed her on relations from her two daughters namely **BHAVNA CHAUHAN** W/O **SUMIT CHAUHAN** D/O **LT. SHYAM SINGH CHAUHAN** AND **DHANI CHAUHAN** D/O **LT. SHYAM SINGH CHAUHAN** and debar both daughter from her all moveable and immovable properties and in this regard my client is going to published a notice in daily newspapers and preset letter in being issued on the instructions my client **MAMTA CHAUHAN**.
Sd/-
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New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that my client(s) interested to buy property bearing House No.10/B, 1st floor without roof and with car parking right in site area/paragang, area measuring-100 Sq. Yards, Gurgaon, New Delhi-120004 presently owned & possessed by Mr. B.S. Sahrawat & 1/2 share of Mr. B.S. Sahrawat by virtue of Sale Deed vide regt. no.5274, Dt. 27.09.2008, 58/VIU New Delhi/Delhi-110012 & as per owner version the said property/flat is free from all sorts of encumbrances. I/Us documents which are missing if and & any referred vide LR No. 100184/2022, dated 21.12.2022 with SDO Crime Branch, Delhi-110012. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank, MRP Member of MRP, Financial Institution having any claim, any Charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents and/or objection to thereof, whether my further/future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected by my client/prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser/conclude the title Sale deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client(s) or in the name of his/her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, encumbrances, flaw & impediment.

Mithlesh Kumar (Advocate)
Ch.No.236, Ff, Western Wing, Tri Hazari Court, Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that, We, (1) Smt. VINOD BALA W/o Shri J.K.Midha R/o Flat No.12, Block C-32, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087 and (2) Smt. NEHA MIDHA W/o Nandan Singh and daughter of Late Shri J.K. Midha R/o House No.104, D-13, Rohini, Sector-7, Raj Park, Kaban, Rohini, Delhi-110085, as allottee/ owner of Flat Bearing No.11-B, on First Floor, Situated In The OCS Friends Co-operative Group Housing Society Limited, bearing No. OCS Apartments, Mayapuri Vihar Phase-I Extn., Delhi-110091, have applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to freehold in DDA. The original Share Certificate and Allotment cum Possession Letter issued by the Society for the above flat has been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch, New Delhi, vide FIR/NCR No./LR.No.102014/2022, dated 21-11-2022. Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the above said original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone No.9810396389 within 30 days from the date of issue of Public notice. The person claiming any rights, interest, objected with respect to the property can personally inform or write to the Dy. Director (GH) 2nd Floor, Block C-3, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients RAJENDER KUMAR S/O GURUDUTT AND BEER KAUR W/O RAJENDER KUMAR, both R/O 28/131B, KASTURBA NAGAR, SHAHADRA EAST DELHI, DELHI-110032, PRESENT ADDRESS: 28/46B, KASTURBA NAGAR, SHAHADRA EAST DELHI, DELHI-110032, have severed all relations disowned/ debarred their DAUGHTER "RAJNI RANI" & RAJINI from all moveable/ immovable property & assets due to her misbehaviour and out of control. Anybody dealing with her shall do at his/her own risk.
Sd/-
A. SHINGAL (ADVOCATE)
CH. NO. 223, 2ND FLOOR, LAWYERS CHAMBER ROHINI COURT, DELHI-85

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client **SOMWATI WIFE OF SHRI BABU LAL RESIDENT OF F-592, J.J. COLONY RAGHUBIR NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110027**, have disowned and debarred her DAUGHTER IN LAW **KIRAN WIFE OF SHRI RAJESH AND GRAND SON VIVEK** from her all moveable and immovable properties and she have no relation with them in future. **WASEEM AHMAD (ADVOCATE)** CH.NO. 3,DDA VISION, INA NEW DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE
Re: Third Floor without roof rights (hereinafter referred to as "said floor" of Property bearing No. C-16, area measuring 294 sq. yds. approx., situated at Malviya Nagar, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that our clients, Mr. Chandar Parkash S/O Shri Baldev Raj and Mrs. Priyanka Batra W/o Shri Chandar Pareekash, both residents of 80/17-B, Third Floor, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor from Mrs Seema Sarna W/o Shri Ajay Sarna R/o C-16, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 (hereinafter called the "Seller"). The seller has informed the purchaser that she is the owner of the said property. In this connection, she also informed that the said property was owned by her mother, Mrs. Bhagwanti, vide Lease Deed dated 24.05.88 (document No. 6102) and a Gift Deed was executed by Mrs. Bhagwanti in her favour vide Document No. 1498 dated 09.02.1998 (SRO-VI) in respect of half undivided share in the said property. Accordingly, a Conveyance Deed was executed in her favour and in favour of Mrs. Bhagwanti by POI thru &SD vide document No. 1290 Book No. 1, Volume No. 1785, pages 121-124 dated 14.02.2000 (SRO VII). Later on, Mrs. Bhagwanti executed a Will dated 16.09.2000 in respect of her share in the said property and also executed a GPA in her favour vide document No. 643 dated 25.01.2012. Mrs. Bhagwanti expired on 05.12.2013 and after her expiry, her 1/2 undivided share in the said property devolved on her (the seller) and thus she became sole and absolute owner of the said property and is in possession of the same since then. The seller has further informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person including Banks, Financial Institutions, relatives having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 10 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

Amit Kumar Khurana, Advocate,
For M/s Intellectual Law Offices,
A-74, Lower Ground Floor,
Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be It Known that my clients (1) MUDRAI LAL S/O SURAT SINGH (2) MANJU DEVI W/O MURARI LAL R/o C/8/51, Keshav Puram Delhi-110035 have disowned and severed all their relation with their son namely RAMAN VERMA and daughter-in-law NEHA DEVI and debarred them from their moveable and immovable properties/assets with their mis-behaviour. Any body dealing with him in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their Own risk. Cost and responsibility.
Sd/- **KAMAL SINGH (Advocate)**
Enrl. No. D-748/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that, I, Virendra Gupta S/o Shri H.K. Gupta R/o Flat No.B-61, 7th Floor, IFS Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-81, as allottee/owner of Flat Bearing No. 8th Floor, Situated in Indian Foreign Service Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd., known as IFS Apartments, Plot No.1, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110091, have applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to freehold in DDA. The original Share Certificate & Allotment cum Possession Letter Issued by the Society for the above flat has been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch, New Delhi, vide FIR No./LR.No.98393/2022, dated 19-11-2022. Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the above said original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone No.9810201954, within 30 days from the date of issue of Public notice. The person claiming any rights, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to the Dy. Director (GH) 2nd Floor, Block C-3, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

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This is to declare that I Murni Devi owner of B-579 J.J. colony Budh Nagar, Indrapuri, New Delhi-110012 is very disturbed and anguished about continued misbehaviour, irresponsible conduct of my daughter-in-law i.e. Kamlesh gop33narma and has decided to give a public notice to disown her from all my moveable and immovable properties and also to claim the share of my deceased son late Sh. Lalit Sharma in B-579 situated at J.J. colony Budh Nagar, Indrapuri, New Delhi-110012. Delmy of my moveable or immovable property.
Sd/- **AUA LEGAL LLP**
B-11, Basement, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi-110024, India

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Kamal Singh
Advocate
Enrl.No.D/748/2014

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ASHISH RANA (ADVOCATE)
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Kamal Singh
Advocate
Enrl.No.D/748/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE
This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mrs. Pooja who claimed to be owner and in possession of the Property Bearing No. 210 (Northern Portion), now known as Mrs. P. Doria, area measuring 57 1/2 sq. yds., c/o DDA, 5534, Situated in the abut of Gopal Park, In the area of Village Khuruli Khas, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi-110051, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 07.11.2022, notice, Post dated, approached IDFC First Bank Ltd., for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. We give the public notice that if any person having any claim/objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property or any part of the said property in favour of IDFC First Bank Ltd. is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence the address mention below within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any claim, if any, of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof.
For Juris NextGen Law Offices
E-66, LGF, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110048

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the general public that Mr. Anees s/o Sadiq R/o Ward No. 8 Mohalla Kureshtyan Dasra Ghaziabad is the owner of Land area measuring 498 sq. yds., situated in Village Dasna, Pargana Dasna, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad, U.P "said property" by virtue of Sale Deed dated 21.10.2021 executed by Akhtar s/o Fakrudin as attorney of Zama, Meena, Gulshan, Sabir & Shokeen in his favour duly registered as Doc No. 8452, Book No.1, Vol.No.18408, Pages 365-408, SRO 1 Ghaziabad. Whereas the Original Sale Deed dated 11.03.1980 executed by Mr. Lala Ramn

SECTOR WATCH
TELECOM

How Airtel's tariffs impact other telcos

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

AS IT looks to increase revenue collected from users, Bharti Airtel has hiked its entry level tariff in two circles – Haryana and Odisha – by as much as 57 per cent. The telco's move could prompt other operators, especially cash strapped Vodafone Idea to undertake similar tariff hikes.

In Haryana and Odisha circles, Airtel has decided to scrap its cheapest Rs 99 plan that, along with talktime, offered users 200 MB of 2G mobile data for 28 days. With the plan's withdrawal, the cheapest plan in these circles now starts from Rs 155.

Why is Airtel's move significant?

A senior executive at the company said that Airtel decided to raise prices first in these circles to see how users, and more importantly its competitors, react. "If we see the other players also undertake hikes, that would be great for the industry overall. If the others also increase their prices in these circles, then we can think of hiking plan prices across the country," this person said. Haryana and Odisha circles together contributed

EXPLAINED

4.4 per cent of Airtel's adjusted gross revenues (AGR) in the first quarter of FY2023. Bharti Airtel has, for a long time, suggested that the average revenue per user (ARPU) of the industry needs to be around Rs 200 per month in the short term and eventually rise to Rs 300 for the industry's sustainability.

How could Airtel's move impact the company?

Aside from allowing other telcos to hike tariffs, Airtel's hike is not expected to affect its 4G users since the plan scrapped by the telco only offered 2G internet speeds. "By limiting the effective tariff hike only to 2G customers, Airtel has ensured its peers cannot take advantage of the situation to poach its 4G customers," IICI Securities said. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

RBI DATA ON RURAL DAILY WAGES

Gujarat, MP farmers lowest paid; Kerala, J&K at the top

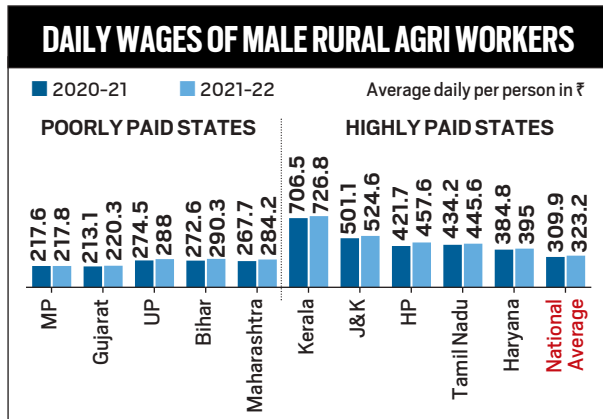
GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh get the lowest daily wages in the country, shows data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The wages are received at a time when inflation is at an elevated level and interest rates are on the rise.

According to the data, male agricultural workers in MP's rural areas received a daily wage of just Rs 217.8, while it was Rs 220.3 in Gujarat, during the year ended March 2022. Significantly, daily wages in both the states are below the national average of Rs 323.2.

If a rural farm worker gets work for 25 days in a month in Gujarat, his monthly earning will be around Rs 5,500 per month which may not be sufficient to



meet the expenses of a family of four or five people. However, a rural farm worker in Kerala, which pays the highest wage among states, gets an average of Rs 18,170 for the same number of days.

The financial year 2021-22 was poor for the rural economy with

the Covid pandemic hitting the jobs and income levels. In MP's case, the monthly wage for a farm worker would have been around Rs 5,445. Among other poorly paid states, rural farm workers in Uttar Pradesh got an average daily wage of Rs 270, Maharashtra Rs 284.2

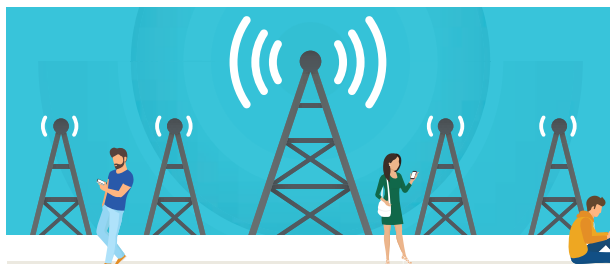
and Odisha Rs 269.5 in 2021-22. Kerala leads in highly paid agricultural workers with an average wage of Rs 726.8 per worker. The high wages in Kerala have attracted farm workers from other poorly paid states with around 25 lakh migrant workers reportedly living in the state.

In Jammu & Kashmir, farm workers get an average wage of Rs 524.6, Himachal Pradesh Rs 457.6 and Tamil Nadu Rs 445.6 per person. According to the RBI data, in the case of male non-agricultural workers, the lowest wage was in MP with an average wage of Rs 230.3 while Gujarat workers got a daily wage of Rs 252.5 and Tripura Rs 250 — all below the national average of Rs 326.6.

On the other hand, Kerala again leads in non-agricultural workers' wages with Rs 681.8 wage per person. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

'Voda Idea loses subscribers as Jio, Airtel strengthen user tally'

India's total mobile subscriber base fell by 3.6 million in September, with Vodafone Idea suffering a decline even as larger rivals Jio and Airtel added users, shows TRAI data



Top five service providers constituted 98.36% market share of the total broadband subscribers at the end of September 2022

Source: TRAI/PTI

7.2 lakh: Jio cemented its position, while Airtel increased its mobile users' tally by 4.12 lakh

32.81 lakh: While Jio led peers in subscriber additions, its net adds this time were lower than in August

40 lakh: Vodafone Idea faced subscriber count decline, its base shrank to 24.91 crore

1,145.45 mn: Total wireless subscribers decreased at the end of September

India to see unprecedented explosion in economy: Ambani

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES Ltd (RIL) chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani Tuesday said India will witness an unprecedented explosion in economic growth and expects the country to become a \$40 trillion economy by 2047.

"As the *Amrit Kaal* unfolds, India will witness an unprecedented explosion in economic growth and opportunities. From

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE AUSTRALIAN Parliament on Tuesday approved the free trade agreement inked with India in April, paving the way for the roll-out of the pact on a mutually agreed date -- a move which would help in almost doubling the two-way commerce to \$45-50 billion in about five years. The pact is expected to come into force from January 2023.

The agreement, which was signed on April 2, would provide duty-free access to Indian exporters of over 6,000 broad sectors including textiles, leather, furniture, jewellery and machinery in the Australian market.

Labour-intensive sectors which would gain immensely include textiles and apparel, few agricultural and fish products, leather, footwear, furniture, sports

The pact will likely to push the bilateral trade to \$45-50 billion

goods, jewellery, machinery, and electrical goods.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said the agreement is likely to push the bilateral trade to \$45-50 billion in the next five-six years. "Australia will open 100 per cent of their lines (products) with no restriction on even quota. This is the first time Australia has done for any country... We see job opportunities when Australian investment comes here," Goyal told reporters here. Soon after getting approval from the Executive Council of Australia and assent from the Indian President, both the countries will fix a date and implement the pact.

HC allows Future Group's arbitration to continue Paytm shares plunges over 11% to record low

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed pleas moved by Kishore Biyani's Future Coupons Private Limited (FCPL) seeking termination of arbitration proceedings moved by e-commerce platform Amazon before Singapore International Arbitration Centre over Future Retail Ltd.'s (FRL's) Rs 24,731 crore merger deal with Reliance Retail.

A single judge bench of Justice CHani Shankar observed, "It is clarified that I have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the controversy between the parties and that the arbitral proceedings may continue unimpeded and uninfluenced by any observation contained in this judgment".

The issue dates back to 2020, when Amazon approached the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) arguing that the Future Group's deal with Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Retail was a violation of their contract. The SIAC subsequently put the Future-Reliance deal on hold.

The Delhi High Court — in its October 29 verdict last year — said it will not interfere with SIAC's order on the Rs 24,713 crore merger deal.

The HC on February 2, 2021 had directed status quo to be maintained concerning the merger deal, and on March 18, 2021 it attached the properties of Future Group promoter Kishore Biyani and other officials linked to the company.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE PAYTM stock on Tuesday plunged more than 11 per cent to a record low of Rs 474.30 after analysts at Macquarie highlighted risks to its business from

the entry of Reliance Industries (RIL) into the financial services space.

RIL said recently it plans to build a financial services business called Jio Financial Services (JFS) and leverage its fast-growing retail business.

The entity will eventually list

OTTs can pay telcos directly: COAI tells DoT

New Delhi: Internet-based communication platforms can pay directly to telecom operators for using their networks and providing similar services, the telecom operators' body Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has told the Department of Telecommunications. In its comments to the DoT

on the draft telecom Bill, COAI said that such platforms should be clearly defined in the Bill.

COAI, which represents all three telcom operators in the country, said that over-the-top (OTT) platforms can pay operators "in a fair and equitable manner". *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

Nykaa CFO Arvind Agarwal resigns

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

BEAUTY PRODUCTS retailer Nykaa's chief financial officer (CFO) Arvind Agarwal has resigned from the company, its parent firm FSNE-Commerce Ventures said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

Agarwal is leaving "effective close of business hours on November 25, 2022, to pursue other opportunities in the digital economy and start-up space," it said. The company is in the process of appointing a new CFO, the company said.

Agarwal on-boarded Nykaa as the company's CFO in July 2020. **FE**

BRIEFLY

HDFC fund

New Delhi: The HDFC Business Cycle Fund, a new fund offering by HDFC Mutual Fund, aims to invest in businesses that are "on the cusp of favorable business cycles" with the aim of tapping the dual benefits of improvement in earnings and valuations, a company statement said. **ENS**

E-gaming GST

New Delhi: The state finance ministers' panel is likely to recommend a GST levy of 28 per cent on online gaming, irrespective of whether it is a game of skill. **PTI**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR
TENDER NOTICE (ONLINE ONLY)
Tender Notice No.05/2022-23/ SDO /Dated:18.11.2022.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Schedule Tender Under Two Cover System through online only**, will be received upto **04.01.2023, 15.00 hours (Server Time)** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Thanjavur for 1 work under RWP 2014-15 and 1work under CRIDP2022-23** pertaining to **Thanjavur (H) Projects Division**.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **29.11.2022** onwards in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), A/c Project Circle, Thanjavur.
DIPR/ 5176 /TENDER/2022
"சேராதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சுதந்திரம் படைப்போம்"

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR
AT/PO- NAYABAZAR, CUTTACK-753004, Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email- serw_kpd@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online RCK - 32/22 Letter No.- 2882 Date:- 17.11.2022

e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the work : Tender for the road projects of Constituency wise R.D. Roads developed under TRIP Scheme during 2022-23 in the Dist. of Jajpur

2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the column 5 of the Annexure.

3. Time for Completion : As specified in the column 6 of the Annexure.

4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached

5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender
		From	To	Technical Bid
1	2	3	4	5
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara- Jajpur	Tender Online RCK - 32 /22	30.11.2022 at 11.30 A.M.	15.12.2022 to 05.00 P.M.	14.12.2022 up to 02.00 P.M.
				16.12.2022 at 11.30 A.M.
				To be Intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur
OIPR-25129/11/0037/2223

AJMER VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) – U40109RJ2005GCO16482
(Regd. Office: Vidhyut Bhawan, Panchsheel Nagar, Malakwari Road, Ajmer-305004)
Office of The Superintending Engineer (MM)
Vidhyut Bhawan, Panchsheel Nagar, Malakwari Road, Ajmer-305004

"E" TENDERING INVITING TENDER NOTICE

"E"- TENDERING ARE INVITED FOR INSULATED RABBIT CONDUCTOR TN-1698, EARTHING SET ROD TYPE TN-1699, 11 KV XLPE CABLES 185 SQ MM, 11 KV XLPE CABLES 120 SQ MM TN-1700, LT PVC ARMOURD CABLE 2 C X 4 SQ MM TN-1701, 33 KV STRAIN INSULATORS, 11 KV STRAIN INSULATORS TN-1702, CT PT Set 11 KV/30/5 0.5 class CT 15 VA PT 50 VA, CT PT Set 11 KV/20/5 0.5 class CT 15 VA PT 50 VA, CT PT Set 11 KV/10/5 0.5 class CT 15 VA PT 50 VA, CT PT Set 11 KV/5/5 0.5 class CT 15 VA PT 50 VA/1N-1703, FABRICATED STEEL ITEMS 33 KV LATTIS STRUCT 42" TN-1704, 33 KV LIGHTNING ARRESTOR TN-1705, LT POWER CAPACITORS 9 KVAR, LT POWER CAPACITORS 6 KVAR, LT POWER CAPACITORS 3 KVAR TN-1706, LT PVC ARMOURD CABLE 4C X 16 Sq. MM, LT PVC ARMOURD CABLE 4C X 16 Sq. MM, LT PVC ARMOURD CABLE 4C X 6 Sq. MM TN-1707, FABRICATED STEEL ITEMS 33 KV LINE D/P SET, FABRICATED STEEL ITEMS 33 KV S/S SET, FABRICATED STEEL ITEMS 33 KV CROSS ARM TN-1708, M.S. NUT & BOLTS Assorted Size TN-1709, Rate Contract for supply of Pre-printed continuous computer stationery TN-1710, Rate Contract for printing of stationary without paper & allied works TN-1711 ISOLATING SWITCHES 33KV/800 A W/O EB, ISOLATING SWITCHES 11KV/400 A W/O EB TN-1712, PIN INSULATOR & PINS 33 KV PIN INSULATOR TN-1713, PIN INSULATOR PIN INSULATOR & PINS PINS 33 KV G.I PIN TN-1714, Rate Contract for repairing of Three Phase Distribution Transformers TN-1715, 9 Meter long 200 Kg PCC Poles TN-1716, G.I. STAY SET 8'X3/4"TN-1717, G.I. STAY WIRE 7/10 SWG, G.I. STAY WIRE 7/8 SWG TN-1718, G.I. EARTH WIRE, BSWG/4 MM, G.I. EARTH WIRE 6SWG/5 MM TN-1719, Transformer oil TN-1720, LT TV METER STATIC 5 A With 30 Mts. Integration period TN-1721, 33 KV XLPE CABLES 300 SQ MM TN-1722, TONG TESTER TN-1723, HT-TV METERS STATIC C TYPE TN-1724, SEMI AUTOMATIC METER TESTING BENCH FOR 3 PHASE METER TN-1725, EMD and date of uploading /opening of tender and G.C.C. etc WILL be available at web site **WWW.AVVNL.COM** & **HTTP://EPROC.RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN** UBN- AVV2223GLOB00553
Raj.Samwad/C/22/10713 Superintending Engineer (MM)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR
e-Procurement Notice
O-1302

1. Name of work	: Construction of bridge over Naiken Jore at 1st k.m. Kudasingha Siris to Kuthurla PS road in the district of Bolangir under BSY
2. No. of work	: 1 (one) bridge work.
3. Time for completion	: 18 calendar months
4. Approximate estimated Cost	: Rs. 463.00 lakhs
5. Mode of Submission of tender	: Tender Should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6. Other details are as follow	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on line for bidding		Last date and time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir	BLGR-Online- 15/2022-23	29.11.2022 at 11.00 A.M	14.12.2022 upto 5.00 P.M	13.12.2022 upto 5.00 P.M	15.12.2022 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated to the technically qualified bidders later on

● Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**.

● Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only

Sd/- **D.K. Seth**
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir
OIPR- 25118/11/0019/2223

Directorate of Mines & Geology
Steel & Mines Department
Government of Odisha
Email: **directormines1@orissaminerals.gov.in**
Date: **November 23, 2022**

Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Bauxite and Limestone"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified **05 (five) Minerals Blocks** as under for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of Mining Lease:

a) 3 (three) mineral blocks of Bauxite
b) 2 (two) mineral blocks of Limestone

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (**https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is January 09, 2023 and the last date for submission of the bid is January 16, 2023 on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time). The Price of Tender Document for each mineral block is Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh) for the 3 (three) bauxite block, and the Price of Tender Document for each of the 2 (two) limestone block is Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh). Garamura Limestone Block and Uskalvagu Limestone Block are being auctioned under second attempt of auction as per clause (b) of sub-rule (11) of rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereunder. The bidders who had purchased the Tender Document for limestone blocks in the first attempt of auction vide. NIT dated October 22, 2021 are exempted from paying the Tender Document Fee.

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

Sr. No.	Name of the Block	District	Mineral	Type of Block
1.	Ballada Bauxite Block	Koraput	Bauxite	Virgin Block
2.	Sijimali Bauxite Block	Kalahandi & Rayagada	Bauxite	Virgin Block
3.	Kutrumali Bauxite Block	Kalahandi & Rayagada	Bauxite	Virgin Block
4.	Garamura Limestone Block	Nuapada	Limestone	Virgin Block
5.	Uskalvagu Limestone Block	Malkangiri	Limestone	Virgin Block

Sd/-
Director of Mines & Geology, Odisha
OIPR-30028/11/0003/2223

Govt. of Bihar

Rural Works Department

Notice Inviting Re-Tender (No.-RWD/MMGSY (NDB)/HQ/ET/45(R)/2022-23)

The Government of Bihar has a **loan no. [18IN01]** from New Development Bank (NDB) towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Mukhya Mantri Gram Sampark Yojana) to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction & maintenance of works as detailed in the Table-1 below. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Works Department, on behalf of Governor of Bihar invites, **SBD** based Percentage rate tender in electronic tendering system under **MukhyaMantri Gram Sampark Yojana (MMGSY)** for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with RWD/RCD/CPWD/MES /Railways/Other State/Central Govt. departments.

Table-1

Sl. No.	Package	Description of the Works [CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS (A) / BRIDGES (B)]			Length as per DPR (KM)	T/A for Construc- tion Amount in (Lacs)	T/A for Mainte- nance Amount in (Lacs)	Total Amount	Earnest Money Payable (Lacs)	Amount Payable to Works Division	
			From	To							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP- 145- BEGUSARAI	A1	Pannapur	Gupta Bandh	1.980	95.88	16.32	112.20	8.23	Begusarai	
		A2	Bind Toli	Shiv Nagar Ghat	4.050	180.89	34.35	215.24			
		A3	MDR	Govindpur Tola	1.330	72.90	11.20	84.10			
		MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-145-BEGUSARAI Total				3	7.360	349.67	61.87	411.54	8.23
2	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP- 257- FULPARAS	A1	Pirojgarh Goth AnusuchiTato Dalan	DahapattiAnusuchi Tlati Tol	1.237	99.51	10.81	110.31	11.93	Fulparas	
		A2	WKT	Piprahi	1.013	99.70	6.66	106.36			
		A3	Pmgsy Road	BhuthaiTatbandh(Mahadalit Tol)	0.994	84.27	11.63	95.90			
		A4	Bahewa Mahadev Math	Belhi	1.895	154.59	22.59	177.19			
		A5	Mauj Tol Basuara	Raudi Tol Basuara Via Mauj Tol	1.190	96.50	10.04	106.54			
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP- 257-FULPARAS Total				5	6.329	534.57	61.73	596.30	11.93		
3	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP- 269- MANIHARI	A1	PwdManihari-Amdabad Road	ShersahwadiBabup ur	0.500	36.02	3.99	40.01	14.13	Manihari	
		A2	Pmgsy Nawabganj- Simlapara Road	Gori Tola	0.600	44.78	2.92	47.70			
		A3	PwdManihariAmdab ad Road To Choudhary TolaManoharpur Proposed Road	KoyriTola Babupur	0.625	36.31	5.07	41.38			
		A4	PwdManihari-Amdabad Road Chaudhary Tola	KantakoshGangota Tola	0.200	17.20	2.40	19.60			
		A5	T01 Bengal Sima Bandh	Lakhanpur With 6 Nos. Box Cell Culverts	3.200	530.83	27.19	558.02			
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP- 269-MANIHARI Total				5	5.125	665.15	41.56	706.71	14.13		
4	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP- 279- FORBESGA NJ	A1	Bara	Mushahar Tola	2.180	227.33	21.66	248.99	17.30	Forbesga nj	
		A2	Amhara	Khamkol	2.000	188.93	20.34	209.27			
		A3	Bathnaha	Mandal Tola	0.700	62.93	5.80	68.73			
		A4	Bhag Kohaliya	Mandal Tola	1.100	113.43	7.41	120.85			
		A5	Nh 57 Near PBC Canal	Refugee Tola Railway Line	2.300	192.65	24.74	217.39			
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP- 279-FORBESGANJ Total				5	8.280	785.28	79.95	865.23	17.30		
5	MMGSY -NDB-BRRP -335- FORBESGANJ	A	Rishideo Tola (Kundilpur)	Garibdas Tola	5.000	490.74	53.58	544.32	25.41	Forbesga nj	
		B1	H.L.Bridge Of Size1x18.75m At Ch.0160.00m Of Road- Rishideo Tola (Kundilpur) To Garibdas Tola			20.29 M	170.85	2.69			173.54
		B2	H.L.Bridge Of Size1x18.75m At Ch.1900.00m Of Road- Rishideo Tola (Kundilpur) To Garibdas Tola			20.29 M	163.34	1.38			164.72
		B3	H.L.Bridge Of Size3x18.75m At Ch.2200.00m Of Road- Rishideo Tola (Kundilpur) To Garibdas Tola			60.87 M	385.45	2.62			388.07
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-335-FORBESGANJ Total				1	5.000	1210.39	60.27	1270.66	25.41		
6	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP -336- FORBESGANJ	A	ChhaviDhayo	ParihariKewat Tola	3.420	355.21	33.03	388.24	28.11	Forbesga nj	
		B1	H.L.Bridge Of Size 2x18.75M At Ch.0160.00M - ChhaviDhayo To ParihariKewat Tola			40.58 M	289.03	2.39			291.42
		B2	H.L.Bridge Of Size1x18.75M At Ch.1200.00M - ChhaviDhayo To ParihariKewat Tola			20.29 M	161.34	1.85			163.19
		B3	H.L.Bridge Of Size5x18.75M At Ch.1600.00M - ChhaviDhayo To ParihariKewat Tola			101.4 5 M	558.89	3.79			562.68
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-336-FORBESGANJ Total				1	3.420	1364.47	41.06	1405.53	28.11		
7	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP- 354- JHANJHARP UR	A1	Reo Path Near Gadh Tol	Kauahi	1.281	108.97	13.83	122.80	5.31	Jhanjharp ur	
		A2	Naruar	Haithi	0.987	82.21	10.64	92.85			
		A3	Main RaodPmgsy	Chaupal Tol	0.501	44.10	5.50	49.60			
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-354-JHANJHARPUR Total				3	2.769	235.28	29.97	265.26	5.31		
8	MMGSY- NDB-BRRP- 376-Patori	A1	Simaisipurchauk	Gidaraganj tola hote to Rajajan holt station	2.000	143.07	15.71	158.78	10.93	Patori	
		A2	Jodpurachauk	Naresh Sahanikeshgharhote hue DSP Avashtak	2.115	149.20	16.55	165.75			
		A3	PWD Path	Vataravejvadhohote hue to ram nihora thakur keghar	1.500	142.15	7.56	149.71			
		A4	Emansarai Durga Asthan chowk	Hatharua School	0.810	66.11	6.08	72.19			
MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-376-Patori Total				4	6.425	500.53	45.90	546.43	10.93		
Grand Total				27	44.708	5645.33	422.32	6067.65	121.35		

Table-2

Downloading of Bidding Documents	From 06.12.2022(0900 Hours)to 16.12.2022(1500 Hours)
Online Bid Submission last Date	on 16.12.2022 up to 1500 Hours
Offline Bid Submission last Date	on 16.12.2022 up to 1500 Hours
Online Bid Opening Date	on 16.12.2022at1530 Hours
Cost of Bid	Rs. 10000.00 per package (non-refundable) only in form of Demand Draft in favour of concerned Executive Engineer.
Place, date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Concerned office of Superintending Engineer on11.12.2022from 1100 Hours

1. All documents submitted by the bidder with an affidavit shall be considered in technical bid evaluation but after award all the documents shall be duly verified.

2.As per notification no.-447(s), dated- 16/01/2020 issued by the Road Construction Department, Government of Bihar, it is to amend that in the percentage rate tenders the maximum lower limit of the rate quoted by the tenderer is herewith deleted and thereby the tenderer is liable to submit Additional Performance Guarantee for the unbalanced bid in accordance with Clause-26.3 of ITB and Clause-46 Part-1 General Condition of the Standard Bidding Document (SBD).

3.As per letter No.-29 encl. dated:25.01.2021 issued by Home Department, Government of Bihar and subsequently department letter No.-489 enl. dated:29.01.2021, it is mandatory to submit a Character certificate by bidders.

4.LoA issued after verification of Bid Security Instrument and during Agreement on any B.G. issued other than the State of Bihar will be accepted.

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

6.For any queries regarding e-tendering process kindly contact -MMGSY Cell, 6th floor, Vishveshwaraiaya Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-15. Phone -8986915039 or email at mmgsyrwd@gmail.com

7.As per Department Letter No.-511(E) Patna dated 29.01.2020 it is mandatory to submit the advocates welfare fund of Rupees 25.00 in the affidavit for all Tenders.

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

PR- 10905 (R W D) 2022-23

Engineer-in-Chief
Rural Works Department

नरो से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है

	TAMIL NADU SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	
A-28, Thiru-Vi-Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-32.		
<u>e-TENDER NOTICE</u>		
Telephone No.044-2250 1632	<u>Rc. No.2036/PA/2022</u>	FAX No.044-2250 0411
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement of ERW CR Square Pipe of various sizes and thickness as per IS:4923:1997 2. Procurement of 2 Ply Corrugated Packing Sheet of various size made out of 125 GSM paper with 2.5mm 'V' flute 3. Procurement of 25.4mm Dia Adjustable Bush with 3/8x1" Bolt and Nut, 4. Labour charges for Fabrication of student Steel Dual Desk 5. Labour contract for Fabrication and Carpentry work for Steel Dual Desk (L Top with Book Shelf) and Steel Plain Table ("M" top) 6. Transport charges for steel Dual Desk delivery at various places 		
REFER THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE FOR DOWNLOAD TENDER DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION www.tntenders.gov.in		
DPR/5204/ Tender/2022	Principal Secretary/ Chairman and Managing Director	



CHENNAI METRO RAIL
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METROS, No.327, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035

NIT No: CMRL / SYS / ASA-02A / 2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-procurement tender)

International Competitive Bidding

e-Tender No.: ASA-02A



CMRL invites e-tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who will fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) as detailed below:

“Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Training, Operational Acceptance and Technical / Maintenance support of CCTV Video Surveillance System for Chennai Metro Rail Project.”

Tender Documents can be downloaded from **e-procurement** website.

For further details, please visit websites:
www.chennaiMetroRail.org
<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
 DIPR/ 5189 /TENDER/2022

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Chennai Metro Rail Limited

Advisor (S&T)

Chennai Metro Rail Limited

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, गोडडा**

ई-प्रोक्वायर्मेंट सूचना ई-निविदा सूचना सं०-RCD/GODDA/1257/2022-23 दिनांक - 21.11.2022	
1.	<p>कार्य का नाम</p> <p>पथ प्रमण्डल, गोड्डा अंतर्गत "सिनरा-बोआरीजोर-बोरियी पथ (MDR-208) के कि०मी० 4.00 से कि०मी० 17.150 (कुल लम्बाई- 13.150 कि०मी०) तक का पुनर्निर्माण कार्य (पुल निर्माण सहित)"</p>
2.	<p>प्राकलित राशि</p> <p>रु० 60.24,72.688 /-</p> <p>(साठ करोड़ चौबीस लाख बहतर हजार छः सौ अठारवी रुपये) मात्र</p>
3.	<p>बीड जमानत की राशि</p> <p>रु० 60.25 लाख</p>
4.	<p>कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि</p> <p>12 (बारह) माह</p>
5.	<p>वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि</p> <p>24.11.2022 के पूर्वान्ह 10:30 बजे से</p>
6.	<p>प्री-बीड बैठक का दिनांक /समय</p> <p>01.12.2022 के पूर्वान्ह 11:30 बजे</p>
7.	<p>ऑनलाईन निविदा प्राप्त करने की अन्तिम तिथि /समय</p> <p>16.12.2022 के दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक</p>
8.	<p>निविदा खोलने की तिथि /समय</p> <p>19.12.2022 के अपराह्न 12:30 बजे</p>
9.	<p>निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले अधिकारी के कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता</p> <p>कार्यपालक अभियंता पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, गोड्डा</p>
10.	<p>निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले अधिकारी का मो० नं०</p> <p>9431557521</p>
11.	<p>ई-प्रोक्वायर्मेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन सं० / दूरभाष सं०</p> <p>0651-2446007</p>

नोट :- विशेष जानकारी के लिये <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा
विशले जाइत है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पथ प्रमण्डल, गोड्डा

 <p>NOTIFICATION</p>	 <p>Indian Overseas Bank INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT Central Office: 763, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002</p>
<p>044-2250 0411</p>	<p>Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:</p>
<p>23:1997</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT E-MARKET PORTAL- PROCUREMENT OF 6451 DESKTOPS FOR VARIOUS BRANCH LOCATIONS ACROSS INDIA</p>
<p>GSM paper with</p>	<p>BID NO: GEM/2022/B/2727099</p>
<p>with Book Shelf)</p>	<p>Dated: 21.11.2022</p>
<p>TS AND OTHER</p>	<p>The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites</p>
<p>Principal Secretary/ Managing Director</p>	<p>www.iob.in & www.gem.gov.in</p>
	<p>For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website www.gem.gov.in</p>

निविदा सूचना

जिला स्तरीय गीता जयंती समारोह 2 से 4 दिसम्बर 2022 तक क्रिडोमंडल पार्क भिवानी में मनाया जा रहा है। इसके लिए निम्नलिखित वस्तुओं व सेवाओं के लिए निविदाएं व कुटेशन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. टैंड सर्विस वाटर प्रूफ व सामान्य दोनों के रेट्स, कुर्सियां, सोफा सैट, सैटर टेबल, स्टाल, कार्पाट, पर्दे, कालीन, स्पीच चैयर, प्रेडेश द्वारा, पंडाल को बुनियोय से कवक करना। (प्रतिदिन के हिसाब से)
2. लाईट, साउंड सिस्टम व जनरेटर (62 केवी) वायरिंग व डीजल के साथ।
3. होर्डिंग्स, पलटेल, बैनर, गेट, निमंत्रण कार्ड व प्रशास्त्रि पत्र।
4. वात परतडी बैक ड्राप के लिए (12 फुटX24 फुट), 1, एलस्टडी (12 फुटX12 फुट) - 2.
5. वीडियोग्राफी/फोटोग्राफी - एकडी वीडियोग्राफी, एडिटिंग सहित व प्रतिदिन की 100 फोटो की एक एलबम सहित।
6. स्मृति विन्हे, शाल, चंदर व गिफ्ट आईटम।
7. गीता पुस्तक व अन्य पुस्तकें।
8. खाद्य सामग्री (नाश्ता, लंच, डीनर व वाय-काफी आदि)।
9. बैंडबाज।
10. गेंदे की पत्ती, हरि पत्ती, गेंदे के फूल मालाएं, हरे पते की फूल मालाएं, गुलाब की पत्ती, बूके व स्ट्रेज सजावट सामग्री आदि, फूल प्रति कि. ग्राम की दर से।



11. हवन सामग्री।

नोट: ड्रामाक 1 व 4 तक के लिए इच्छुक फर्म अपनी निविदाएं तथा क्वांकम 5 से 10 तक के लिए इच्छुक फर्म अपनी कुटेशन में बंद लिफाफे में डी.आई.पी.आर. ए.ओ., भिवानी के नाम से दिनांक 25.11.2022 को सांघक 11.00 बजे तक जिला सुचना एवं जनसंस्कृति अधिकारी कार्यालय व अधिकारी कमरा नगर सत में भिजवाना सुनिश्चित करें। निविदाएं व कुटेशन नगराधीश, भिवानी की अध्यक्षता में गठित कमेटी के सदस्यों के समक्ष व फर्म सदस्यों की उपस्थिति में 25.11.2022 को दोपहर 3.00 बजे नगराधीश, भिवानी के कार्यालय में खोली जाएंगी। वस्तुओं की मात्रा में कमी व बढ़ावो की जा सकती है। ड्रामाक एवं वात के लिए इच्छुक फर्म को कुटेशन के साथ 10 हजार रुपय नगद जमा करवाने पड़ेंगे। फर्म को टैंडर व छूटने पर मीके के लिए 10 हजार रुपय वापिस कर दिए जाएंगे। जिस फर्म को टैंडर छूटने पर कार्य करने से मना करने पर उनकी 10 हजार रुपय की राशि का वापिस भुगतान नहीं किया जाएगा। निविदा के संबंध में वस्तुतः जिला सुचना एवं जनसंस्कृति अधिकारी, भिवानी के कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

हस्ता/-

नगराधीश एवं नॉडल अधिकारी,
गीता जयंती महोत्सव, भिवानी

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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/FMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	THE BALLABGARH. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	HIRING THE SERVICES OF HALWAI FOR MANUFACTURING, SHAPING & PACKING OF PINNI	23.11.2022 01.12.2022	20000/-	www.vitaindia.org.in	9968604725 vitabb@gmail.com

कार्यालय महाप्रबन्धक, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, रोहताक।		
विज्ञापित		
विद्युत अभियन्ता, 1984 को अर्थात्गत निम्नलिखित शिष्टुओं को समय को होना निश्चित हुआ है। जिसके लिये शिष्टुओं का विवरण निम्न प्रकार से है :-		
क्रमांक	पद का नाम	शिष्टुओं को रिक्त पद
1	MMV	20
2	Electrician	06
3	Diesel Mechanic	10
4	Welder	01
5	Fitter	04
6	BlackSmith/Sheet Metal worker	02
7	Carpainter	01
8	Painter	01
9	Plumber	01
10	Turner	01
11	Steno(Hindi)	02
12	Steno (English)	02
Total		51

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Copy of E-Tender Notice for Different Electrical Works open Tender for Electrical (TRD). DRM (Electrical)/TRD/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for execution of the work indicated as under. **E-Tender No.:** TRD/OT/12/RNP/Plate/2022-23. **(01) Name of work with location and Completion of work:** Replacement of Enamelled number plate with Retro Reflective Number plate in Dhanbad Division. (Completion period (12) (Twelve Months) **(02) Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 1,51,80,700/-. (Cost of e-tender form=Nil) **(3) Bid/ Security to be deposited:** Rs. 2,26,000/-. **(04) Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of E-Tender:** Closing of E-Tender-On 13.12.2022 at 11:00 hrs. Opening of E-Tender - On 13.12.2022 at 11:30 hrs. **(05) Website particulars:** Website : www.ireps.gov.in Manual tender offer note accepted under e-tender.

Divl.Railway Manager (Elect.)/TRD
East Central Railway, Dhanbad

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TENDER NOTICE NO.3/FOR PROCUREMENT OF MACHINERIES AND ALLIED WORKS FOR THE YEAR,2022-23.

Sealed tenders in separate sealed covers (Technical bid along with E.M.D./Bid Security declaration in one cover and price bid in another cover) in prescribed form are invited from bona fide Manufacturers or their Authorised Dealers for supply of different Machineries and Allied Works for the year, 2022-23 to the Directorate of Printing, Stationery and Publication, Odisha, Madhupatna, Cuttack as per terms and conditions mentioned in the tender documents. The tender details have been hoisted in the Odisha State Government Website i.e. www.odisha.gov.nic.in/www.ogpress.nic.in.

2. Details of tender documents with specification of machines can be obtained on any working day during office hours from 24.11.2022 to 14.12.22 (both days inclusive) from **11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.** from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs.1515/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred fifteen) only including tax (non-refundable) on deposit in cash only.
3. The tender documents can also be downloaded from Odisha Government Website i.e. www.odisha.gov.nic.in/www.ogpress.nic.in. In such cases the tender is to be submitted along with a Bank Draft of Rs.1515/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred fifteen) only (non-refundable) drawn in favour of the Director, Printing, Stationery and Publication, Odisha, Cuttack.

4. The tender documents along with Bid security Declaration in lieu of E.M.D in prescribed manner shall be received by 1.30 P.M. on **15.12.2022** and the documents (Technical Bid) will be opened on the same day at 3.00 P.M. in presence of bidders or one of their representative in the Mini Conference Hall of the Administrative Building.

5. Tender shall be finalized by the Authority.

6. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and to alter/amend the terms and conditions of tender without assigning any reason thereof.

7. Disputes, if any, arises are subject to the Court of Cuttack jurisdiction.

Sd/-
Director
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Odisha, Madhupatna, Cuttack.

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SCRAP FOR SALE (E-AUCTION)

E-Auction forms are invited from intending buyers for disposal, strictly on "As is Where is" basis on lot basis of Fire effected/damaged Building Shed around 44 MT, Machines/55kg/s/accessories around 21 MT and Fire/water effected/damaged Pesticides/Insecticides/Herbicides etc. about 100 MT - taxes extra. Salvage belonging to M/s Blossadi India Limited, Poomam Chambers, A/Wing, 8th Floor, Dr. AB Road, Worli, Mumbai-400018. The above damage/fire effected materials can be inspected at M/s Blossadi India Limited, SIDCO Industrial Complex, Lane-III, Sant Brahmins (J&K)-101123 between 23.11.2022 to 03.12.2022 after taking prior appointment from Mr. Rajesh Salathia-7006201864. E-Auction date/time-06.12.2022 between 03:00 PM to 04:30 PM. Interested buyers/ bidders have to deposit an EMD (D.D.) of Rs. 4 Lacs in favour of "M/s Blossadi India Limited" payable at Jamnuli/Mumbai to participate in the e-auction. One or all bids/offers can be cancelled without assigning any reason. E-Auction forms can be obtained from the Auctioneers Salvor Settlers Pvt. Ltd., 101 & 10B, 1st Floor, Gupta Tower, Azadpur Commercial Complex, Near Akash Cinema, New Delhi-110003. Contact Mr. Jitender Thakur: 8744011006, 9654177227.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location

30-Elect-43-T-2022-23-E3
A) Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of Johnson make escalators installed at Delhi Main (02 Nos.) and NDLS station (10 Nos) total 12 Nos. for three years.
B) Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of Johnson make escalators installed over Delhi Division for three years.
C) Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of 02 nos. Johnson make escalators installed at ANVT Railway Station for three years.

Approx. cost of the works in

Rs. 30001285.75

Address of the office

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

Bid Security

Rs. 300000.00

Date & time of submission of tender

15.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender

15.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.

Website & notice board

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

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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

(One-Envelope Bidding Process without e-Procurement)

NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

BID INVITATION NO: 29 / PBC / T.V.MALAI / 2022-2023 / F.142 (TN_ IAMP) / JDO.4 / DATE: 21.11.2022.

(SECOND CALL)

NAME OF PROJECTS :

Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Chengam Block & Taluk, 21 Tanks and 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel in Puthupalayam Block of Chengam Taluk, 4 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Thuringapuram Block of Tiruvannamalai Taluk, 18 Tanks and 11 Anicuts and its Supply Channel in Kalasapakkam Block & Taluk, 41 Tanks, 2 Anicuts and its Supply channel and 1 Channel in Polur Block & Taluk, 17 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block of Polur Taluk, 14 Tanks and its Supply channel in Chetpet Block & Taluk, 5 Tanks in Peranamallur Block of Chetpet Taluk, 2 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni West Block of Chetpet Taluk, 8 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni West Block of Arni Taluk, 22 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni Block & Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Cheyyar Block & Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Anakkavur Block in Cheyyar Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District & 2 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arcot Block of Walaja Taluk, 7 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arcot Block of Taluk, 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Timiri Block of Arcot Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Timiri Block of Kalavai Taluk of Ranipet District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.

RFB REFERENCE NOS. :

(Package No. 01 / TNIAMP / WRD / CHY / WORKS / Phase – III / 2020 – 2021)/R1

- The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
- Bidding will be conducted through national open competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, Revised August 2018" ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamil Nadu under Class I or other State Governments/Government of India, or State / Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders.
- The Water Resources Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the **Superintending Engineer, WRD, Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of works detailed below in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the works indicated therein. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 of the "Procurement Regulations" setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- The bidding document (and additional copies) may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders from the office of the **Superintending Engineer, WRD, Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu** from 24.11.2022 to 28.12.2022 upon payment of a non-refundable fee (three sets) as indicated in the table below, in the form of Demand Draft (DD) on any Scheduled / Nationalized bank payable in favour of the **Executive Engineer, WRD, Middle Pennaiyar Basin Division, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603**. Bidding document requested by mail will be dispatched by courier/speed post on payment of an extra amount of Rs.500/-. The **Superintending Engineer, WRD, Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu** will not be held responsible for the postal delay if any, in the delivery of the documents or non-receipt of the same. The bidding document can be downloaded from the website <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in> at free of cost. In such cases, the bidder is responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and Incorporated.
- Bids must be delivered to the **Superintending Engineer, WRD, Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu** on or before 12.00 Hours (IST) on 29.12.2022 and will be publicly opened on the same day for Lot No. 1 at 12.30 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 2 at 13.00 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 3 at 13.30 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 4 at 14.00 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 5 at 15.00 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 6 at 15.30 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 7 at 16.00 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 8 at 16.30 Hours (IST), for Lot No. 9 at 17.00 Hours (IST), in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Late Bids will be rejected.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (or "Bid-Securing Declaration," as appropriate) of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of the **Executive Engineer, WRD, Middle Pennaiyar Basin Division, Tiruvannamalai – 3**. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 16.12.2022 at 11.00 Hours (IST) at the office of **The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu** to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of "Instructions to Bidders" of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to obtain the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding document.
- The address for communication is as under :
**Superintending Engineer's Chamber,
Er. R. MANIMOHAN, B.E., M.B.A.,
Superintending Engineer, WRD,
Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603,
Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu
04175 – 236921. sepbcs52@yahoo.co.in / sepbctvmalai2007@rediffmail.com / <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>**

TABLE							
Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of work	Bid Value (Rs. in Lakhs) (inclusive of GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lakhs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Period of completion (Including Six months rainy season and 6 month of Water Regulation period)	Last Date and Time for receipt of Bids and Opening Time
	01 / TN IAMP / WRD / CHY / WORKS / Phase – III / 2020 – 2021/R1	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Chengam Block & Taluk, 21 Tanks and 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel in Puthupalayam Block of Chengam Taluk, 4 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Thuringapuram Block of Tiruvannamalai Taluk, 18 Tanks and 11 Anicuts and its Supply Channel in Kalasapakkam Block and Taluk, 41 Tanks, 2 Anicuts and its Supply channel and 1 Channel in Polur Block and Taluk, 17 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block of Polur Taluk, 14 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block and Taluk, 5 Tanks in Peranamallur Block of Chetpet Taluk, 2 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni West Block of Chetpet Taluk, 8 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni West Block of Arni Taluk, 22 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni Block and Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Cheyyar Block and Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Anakkavur Block in Cheyyar Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District and 2 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arcot Block of Walaja Taluk, 7 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arcot Block and Taluk, 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Timiri Block of Arcot Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Timiri Block of Kalavai Taluk of Ranipet District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	—	—	---	---	—
1.	LOT No.1	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 16 Tanks, 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel and 1 Channel in Polur Block & Taluk, 4 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block of Polur Taluk, 10 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block & Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	1663.95	33.50	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 12.30 Hours (IST)
2.	LOT No.2	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 25 Tanks & 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel in Polur Block & Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block of Polur Taluk, 8 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni West Block of Arni Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	1485.26	29.75	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 13.00 Hours (IST)
3.	LOT No.3	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 22 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni Block & Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Cheyyar Block & Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	1035.13	20.75	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 13.30 Hours (IST)
4.	LOT No.4	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 10 Tanks and 4 Anicuts and its Supply Channel in Kalasapakkam Block & Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	651.44	13.05	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 14.00 Hours (IST)
5.	LOT No.5	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 5 Tanks and 1 Anicuts and its Supply Channel in Kalasapakkam Block & Taluk, 4 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Thuringapuram Block of Tiruvannamalai Taluk, 2 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Puthupalayam Block of Chengam Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	434.98	8.75	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 15.00 Hours (IST)
6.	LOT No.6	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 5 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Puthupalayam Block of Chengam Taluk, 3 Tanks and 6 Anicuts and its Supply Channel in Kalasapakkam Block & Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin	702.36	14.10	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 15.30 Hours (IST)
7.	LOT No.7	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Chengam Block & Taluk, 14 Tanks and 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel in Puthupalayam Block of Chengam Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	614.20	12.30	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 16.00 Hours (IST)
8.	LOT No.8	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 10 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block of Polur Taluk, 4 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Chetpet Block & Taluk, 5 Tanks in peranamallur block of Chetpet Taluk, 2 tanks and its Supply Channel in Arni west Block of Chetpet Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Anakkavur Block in Cheyyar Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	875.32	17.60	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 16.30 Hours (IST)
9.	LOT No.9	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 2 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arcot Block of Walaja Taluk, 7 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Arcot Block & Taluk, 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Timiri Block of Arcot Taluk, 3 Tanks and its Supply Channel in Timiri Block of Kalavai Taluk of Ranipet District under Cheyyar Sub Basin.	285.80	5.75	15000 + 2,700	24 Months	29.12.2022 upto 12.00 Hours (IST) opening Time 29.12.2022 at 17.00 Hours (IST)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this man namely **Imran Khan**, S/o Irshad Ullah Khan, R/o G-60, First Floor, Nizamuddin West, Delhi, is missing/kidnapped since 02.10.2021 from his house. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 273/21, U/s 365 IPC, dated 15.10.2021** has been lodged at **P.S. H. Nizamuddin, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far.

Imran Khan

The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under:
Gender: Male, **Age:** 51 years, **Height:** 180 cm., **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Blue shirt, black pant and leather slippers.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped man, kindly inform to the following:
SHO
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. H. Nizamuddin, Delhi
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph. No.: 011-24355758, 24354060,
Fax : 011-24368639 8750870929
DP/3007/SE/2022 E-mail: sho.hndin@delhipolice.gov.in

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one female **Namely: Arti, D/o Ravinder Singh, R/o: E-44, Sakurpur, New Delhi** has been missing since **18.11.2022** at 11:00 am. from W-Block, Rajouri Garden, Delhi from the area of P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 126A dated 18.11.2022** has been registered at P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. The description of the missing girl is as under:- **Age:** 24 years, **Sex:** Female, **Height:** 4'11", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** Mentally weak and dumb, **Wearing:** Blue colour kurta, red colour salwar and slipper in his feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing female kindly inform to the following.
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/3035/WD/2022 Tel.No. 011-25453990, 8750871127

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T No.	S.N.	27-2022-23-W-V
1.	Name of work with Its Location	Crossing of Airport Storm water drain at Km 201/-2 on Delhi-Rewari section by providing 2 x 2 x (5.0 x 3.0 m) RCC box for Delhi International Airport Ltd. Similar nature of work:- Construction of bridges / Limited high subway with AIR pushing / cut & cover method.
2.	Approx Cost of Work	Rs. 43320268.19
3.	Earnest Money Deposit	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 201025/CE-I/CT/51 dated 31.08.2016) Rs. 366600.00
4.	Completion period of Work	4 Months
5.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs. on 16.12.2022 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 16.12.2022
6.	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.128-W/280/OET/2022-23/W-V/NIT-27-2022-23-W-V Dated: 22.11.2022 3109/22

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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.	THE HARYANA STATE FEDERATION OF CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVE WHOLE STORES LIMITED (CONFD)	DOORSTEP DELIVERY OF GOODS AND COMMODITIES UNDER PDS AND OTHER WELFARE SCHEME TO FAIR PRICE SHOPS FOR DISTRICT FARIDABAD (OLD AND NIT), GURUGRAM (SUB DIVISION SOHNA), KARNAUL (SUB DIVISION ASSANDH), MEWAT (NUH, PUNHANA AND PP. JHRIKA) AND PALWAL (HODAL AND HATHINI), + 1 OTHER WORK	22.11.2022 30.11.2022	4.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2590011 confedgm-business@gmail.com

13912/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

CHARTER SERVICES BETWEEN BHUBANESWAR & ROURKELA FOR TEAMS & OFFICIALS OF FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2023

Government of Odisha, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department desires to hire twin engine turbo prop ATR-72 Aircraft(s) complying to all safety norms as prescribed by the DGCA from time to time. The charter service will be required for movement of teams & officials of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 between Bhubaneswar & Rourkela from 07.01.2023 till 29.01.2023.

Eligible and interested scheduled Airline operators may download the Request for Quotation (RFQ) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer, <https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgpp/app> & <https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders>.

Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by 05:00 PM on 08.12.2022. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Additional Secretary to Govt. C&T (Transport) Deptt. & Director of Aviation, Government of Odisha

OIPR-38001/11/0009/2223

Office of The Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Latehar

E-procurement Very Short Tender Notice(SBD)

Tender Reference No- DWSD/LTR/SVS/CLTR/17-21-22 (10th Call) Dt- 22.11.2022

Sl No	Particular Name of Work	Detail of Work						
		Detailed Survey Designing and Drawing Construction of 2020 nos FHTC in Different Block of Latehar Comprising of Suitable R.C.C Frame, Structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as Required) & 05 Year Oereation & Maintenance all Complete Job "on Turn Key Basis" under D. W & S Division Latehar For The Year 2021 -22 under (JIM)	No of Panchayat	No Of FHTC	Estimated Cost (In Lakh)	Earnest Money (In Lakh)	Cost Of BOQ (In Rs)	Time of Completion
1	BRD/SVS/CLTR/07(A)(ii)	3	2020	707.87	7.08	10000.00	09 month	
2	Date of Tender Uploading in Website	23.11.2022	at 04.00 P.M					
3	Date of Starting Submission of Bid	23.11.2022	at 04.00 P.M					
4	Last Date of Submission of Bid	29.11.2022	upto 05.00 P.M					
5	Last Date Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy)	30.11.2022	upto 05.00 P.M					
6	Date of Opening Tender	01.12.2022	at 04.00 P.M					
7	Name & Address of Tender Opening Officer	Executive Engineer , D . W & S Division Latehar						
8	Name & Address of Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, D . W & S Division Latehar						
9	Contact No of Procurement Office	9430725642, 6201242103						
10	Contact No of Procurement cell	0651-2480342						

• Estimated Cost & EMD Cost May Be Changed.
• Further Details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer
D. W & S Division Latehar.
PR 283066 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 22-23 (D)

ONGC

OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED
Onshore Engineering Services
Deendayal Urja Bhawan, B wing, 2nd floor, Nelson Mandela Marg
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi -110070

Expression of Interest

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), a Government of India "MAHARATNA" Category Enterprise, is an integrated hydrocarbon company with interests that span not only across the entire hydrocarbon value chain but also in the emerging domains of renewable and alternative sources of energy. ONGC invites Global Expression of Interest (EOI) against EOI No. DLH/OES/EOI/AIC/01/2022 for Exploration of Compressor Configuration Technology satisfying EOI scope of work, at Delhi, India.
Last date for submission of proposals: 30.11.2022 (Wednesday), 23:55 hrs.
All details of the request for EOI including corrigendum (if any) can be downloaded from <https://tenders.ongc.co.in>.

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2nd Floor, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri - 522 503
email: apmhdc@gmail.com & ed.apmsdc16@gmail.com

Tender Notice No. 13/APMSIDC/2022-23, Dated: 21.11.2022

APMSIDC invites tenders through e-procurement platform (<https://tender.aaprocurement.gov.in>) for Equipment Wing: Procure and supply of 1. hearse Van Services (Mahaprasthanam) to Govt. Hospitals under PPP Mode 2. Balance Major Equipment to new medical colleges in A. P 3. Medical Equipment to Existing medical Colleges 4. Balance Medical Equipment and other Items for PG Seats Upgradation 5. Balance items under NABARD 6. Balance items under ECRP-II 7. Balance items under NFSP 8. Balance items under 15th finance commission. 9. Equipment and other items to various Govt. Hospitals in A.P under NHM Funds.10. Medical equipment under CSS.11. Medical equipment for Kidney care Palasa research center.12. CCTV camera for Dr. YSRACHT. Civil Wing: -1. Standardization of Labour Rooms (Civil works as per LaQshya Guidelines) at (37) SUMAN identified facilities under APVPV Hospitals in various places of Andhra Pradesh- Rs.210.00 lakhs (3rd call).

R.O. No.: 1380PP/CL/ADVT/11/1/2021-22 Sd/- for Managing Director

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

PWD CIRCLE, AJMER

No.- SE/Ajmer/TS/2022-23/D-3078 Date:- 15.11.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID NO. 07/2022-23 7
NIB Code No.- PWD2223A2800

Tender for 02 Nos road works and 01 Nos work for building work are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on 5th December, 2022. Other particulars of the bids may be visit on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 607.00 Lacs.
UBN No.- PWD2223WSOB10974 UBN No.- PWD2223WSOB10975
UBN No.- PWD2223WSOB10976

Sd/-
(Ashok Kumar Tanwar)
Superintending Engineer
DIPR/C/14802/2022 PWD Circle Ajmer Mobile No. 9252131153

UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone.: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508,
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvn.com

पत्रांक सं. 851 दिनांक 21.11.2022

e-Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) Maneri Bhali Stage – Ist Maneri, Uttarkashi invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :
NIT No: 18/EE(Civil)/MB-4/TN-2022-23
Name of work: Replacement of old Roof of P-II Type Residences of Tiloth Colony, Uttarkashi.
Estimated cost : Rs 35.83 Lac (GST Extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website : 21 /11/2022
Last Date for submission of bids: 12/12/2022 (17:00 hrs)
For fuller & further details, kindly visit "e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>"
Executive Engineer (Civil) MB-I, Maneri
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

North Eastern Railway

E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 62/2022

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), N.E. Railways, Izatnagar for and behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through online (E-Tendering) for the following work :
S. No. : 1, Description of Works :
Linking of Track for Rebuilding of Bridge No. 104 between KPV-Bazpur Station (Under Sanctioned Work Rebuilding of major bridge no. 104 (5x45.70) Span at Km. 48/9-10 between Bazpur-Kashipur), Approx. Value : Rs. 56,16,168.80, E.M.D. Money : Rs. 1,12,000/-, Cost of Tender Form : Rs. NIL, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter: 03 Months.
1. Online e-tender can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs. of dated 12.12.2022. 2. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) CPRO/W-256 Izatnagar
About any Passenger Amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955
Do not travel with inflammable article in train

SUPPLY OF 200 VA SINGLE PHASE, N CLASS INSULATION 6KV, 750/ 415 V CONTROL TRANSFORMER

Tender No.: NS3225587, dtd. 14-11-2022. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. Item Description : 200 VA single phase. H class insulation 6KV, 750/415 V Control Transformer (idly fitted with 2A, 1.2KV fuse link with fuse base for Primary approved make and duly fitted with 4A, 500V fuse link with fuse base for Secondary approved make) as per RDSO specification No RDSO/PE/ISPEC/INCR/0203-2020 (Rev.0) for Control Transformer Approved Make: Ebasan Packard / Tolex / Trintron / Abrol / NACEI / Ramyaal / Kontakt consortium. Note: In 1 LHB AC Coach 1 Set (2nos Transformer) is required. Qty:- 108 (Hundred) Set. PLNO (Item Code): 337303480011; Estimated Value: ₹ 50,00,000/-; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,00,000/-; Closing/Opening Date: at 14:30 hrs on 14-12-2022. The complete information along with the tender document of above E-Procurement tender is available in website on <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

Dy. CMMO, New Bongaigaon

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OFFICE OF THE

CROSSWORD 4906

ACROSS

DOWN

1 Shake hands and tackle the situation (4,2,5)

9 So-called lion man abroad (7)

10 She's a match for anyone (5)

11 An encore from the choir (4)

12 Slash the price of flimsy material (8)

14 Some direct orders for the parson (6)

16 Go over a fault (6)

18 Back at sea (2,6)

19 No handy measure (4)

22 Ten is about all right as a symbol (5)

23 One task the fewer for the unemployed (7)

24 Distinctive character is only a priest perhaps (11)

2 Go round twice at speed (5)

3 Bird in the wilderness (4)

4 Boring chap perhaps, but he keeps us going (6)

5 Watched a repeat on TV maybe and was critical (8)

6 Father's wise to make the crossing (7)

7 Question of treating one in a new way (11)

8 Told off for having caged a lift to work? (5,2,4)

13 Large sums made out of composing songs? (8)

15 Sound expert the French follow (7)

17 Hard worker in the city sacked long ago (6)

20 Apparent reduction of overtime (5)

21 Third man sounds competent enough (4)

Solutions Crossword 4905: Across: 1 Parent, 4 Idle talk, 9 Escudo, 10 Tutorial, 12 Awls, 13 Rails, 14 Able, 17 Exercise book, 20 Black and blue, 23 Adam, 24 Blade, 25 Well, 28 Trial run, 29 Nougat, 30 Dormouse, 31 Spiced. Down: 1 Prepared, 2 Recalled, 3 Nude, 5 Double brandy, 6 Eton, 7 Akimbo, 8 Killer, 11 False colours, 15 Scold, 16 Holds, 18 Allergic, 19 Deflated, 21 Baited, 22 Rapier, 26 Alto, 27 Soap.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

JUMBLLED 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.

People may hear you ___, but they feel your ___. John C. Maxwell (5,_,8)

PAEOR

DEFTTU

DDIST

DEEDDW

SOLUTION: OPEER, DDIST, TURTED, WPEDED

SUDOKU 5027

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5026

Difficulty Level 1s Instructions

Difficulty Level

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES & GROUND WATER SURVEY CIRCLE
SIHAYA BHAWAN CAMPUS, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> (1st Call)

System Tender No.:114376/NIT No.:19/SAC/2022-23, Raipur, Dated 17.11.2022

Online Tenders are Invited for The Following Works up to 08.12.2022 at 17:30 Hour (IST) :-

Name of Work : RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK, WASTE WEIR, HEAD SLUICE, REMODELLING AND C.C.LINING OF MAIN CANAL FROM R.D. 0 TO 1200 M AND, CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NOV.R.B., 2 NO. FALL AND 9 NO OUTLETS OF MALOUD DIVERSION SCHEME OF DHARSIWA BLOCK OF RAIPUR DISTRICT.

Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 125.85 Lakhs (As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 01.08.2014))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 24.11.2022, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Water Resources Division, Raipur
for, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources & Ground Water Survey Circle, Raipur (C.G.)

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
INDRAWATI PROJECT CIRCLE, JAGDALPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (First Call)

System Tender No. 114444/NIT No.: 03/SAC/22-23 Dated: 18.11.2022

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 09.12.2022 at 17.30 Hour

Name of work - Construction of Jarandi Anicut at Block Makdi of District Kondagaon.

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 195.15 Lakhs (As per S.O.R dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated 01.08.2014).

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 25.11.2022, at 17.31 Hours.(IST) onwards.

NOTE:- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Endt. No. 242-6/ SAC/2022-23

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division, Kondagaon
For, Superintending Engineer
Indrawati Project Circle, Jagdalpur (C.G.)

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UJVNL

UJVNL Limited
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O.:- "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763508, 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866
Website: www.ujvnl.com

R.O. No.: 856

TENDER NOTICE

Date: 22.11.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer PCM Dhalpur, Dehradun invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of the tender is given below: Tender No-24/EE/PCM/Dhalpur/ 2022-23

Name of work-M&R of Asan Barrage, Power Channel and other appurtenant structures at Dhalpur, Dehradun

Estimated value of Tender: Rs.19,87,816.22 (excluding GST)

Date & Time of availability of bid document on website- From 17:00 Hrs of 23.11.2022

Last Date & Time for submission of tender- Up to 15:00 Hrs 16.12.2022

For fuller and further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com.

Executive Engineer (PCM)

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Chhabili

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Chhabili, D/o Ram Swaroop, R/o: H. No. C-468, Street No. 3, Shivaji Marg, 2nd Floor, Chhajipur, Shahdara, Delhi,** has been Missing/ Kidnaped since **15.11.2022** at 08:00 am from the area of P.S. Welcome, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 55A dated 15.11.2022** has been registered at P.S. Welcome, Delhi. The description of the missing girl is as under: **Age: 20 years, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Wearing: Green colour salwar, blue colour jacket and red colour slipper in her feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl 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/2948/NE/2022

SHO
P.S. Welcome, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 22826808, 8750870731

AURANGABAD HOUSING & AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Regional Unit of MHADA)

E-Tender Notice

No.: EE /AB/03 of 2022-23

Executive Engineer/Aurangabad Housing and Area Development Board (A regional unit of MHADA), Near Mahavir Stambh, C.B.S.Road, Aurangabad, invites digitally signed & unconditional online tenders from prospective bidders for below mentioned work.

Name of Work: Survey, Soil Investigation, Planning, Designing, Construction & Obtaining all relevant permissions and required Completion Certificate from concerned Competent Authority on Lump-Sum Turn-Key basis for Construction of 1056 T/S EWS and 336 T/S LIG schemes tenements on Gut No.09 (P), Nakshatrawadi, Dist. Aurangabad, under PMAY. **Estimated cost put to tender: ₹1,28,03,47,200/- Cost of Tender: ₹5,900/-** (Including G.S.T.) **Publish and download start date:** 23/11/2022 **Document sale end & submission end date:** 09/01/2023, 1. Blank tender document and other details can be downloaded by the competitive bidder from website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> All the notifications and detailed terms and conditions regarding this tender notice hereafter will be published online on website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

2. Right to reject any or all bids /offers without assigning any reason thereof is reserved by Competent Authority/MHADA.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Aurangabad Housing & Area Development Board, Aurangabad

CPRO/A/648

MHADA - Leading Housing Authority in the Nation

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Shahila Bi

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Shahila Bi, D/o. Asmat Ali, R/o: A-148/1, near Buland Masjid, Shastri Park, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from his house since **14.11.2022** at 7:15 pm. from the area of P.S. Shastri Park, Delhi In this regard a case vide **DD No. 69-A dated 15.11.2022** has been registered at P.S. Shastri Park, Delhi. The description of the missing girl is as under: **Age: 18 years, Height: 5'5", Face: Square, Complexion: Fair, Hair: Long & black, Built: Normal, Wearing: White colour skirt, brown colour stall, white colour plazo and brown colour bellies in her feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

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E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in
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Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/2932/NE/2022

SHO
P.S. Shastri Park, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 22170120, 8750870723

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Radhika

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Radhika, D/o: Ramesh Chand, R/o: Street No. 2, Radha Vihar, Mukundpur, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **07.11.2022** at 9:00 am from her house from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 881/22 U/s 363 IPC dated 07.11.2022** has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: **Age: 15 years, Height: 4'9", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Wearing: Sky blue colour suit-salwar.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl kindly inform to the following.

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Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/3029/ON/2022

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P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 011-27811933, 7065036328

Office of the Nagar Parishad, Lohardaga

E-Procurement Notice

NIT No: RFP/LNP/09/2022-23

Corrigendum

{PR 280209 Lohardaga 22-23 (D)}

Sl No.	Particulars	Date	Corrigendum Date
1	End Date of online Bid Submission	21-11-2022 at 05:00 PM	23-11-2022 at 05:00 PM
2	End Date for Submission of tender fee and earnest money (Hard Copy)	22-11-2022 up to 03:00 PM	24-11-2022 up to 03:00 PM
3	Date of Bid Opening (Online)	22.11.2022 up to 04:30 PM	24.11.2022 up to 04:30 PM

Note:- Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Excutive Officer
PR 283061 (Lohardaga)22-23*D
Nagar parishad Lohardaga

DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's always good to consider your options. Events towards the end of last week, or at the weekend, may have made you think twice about a particular relationship. Today, the main issue may be financial, perhaps concerning custody of joint possessions or resources.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

The spread of positive planets in your horoscope, suggests that the only important considerations at the moment are purely personal. Even at work you will have to be true to yourself - nobody will respect you if you pretend you can accomplish tasks which are not in your normal line.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You could easily overstep the mark this week, perhaps encouraged now by the Moon's emotional alignments. You may, for example, be easily provoked, but you'd do well to listen to what partners are trying to say. You might realise that they were really on your side all the time.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You may be in the right, and more than entitled to challenge others' statements and opinions. However, time has moved on, and even though you might be quite correct, some people may be chronically incapable of realising the truth of what you say. That, though, is their problem.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you are still licking your wounds you are likely to completely miss fresh warning signals alerting you to new irritations. You may be out-classed and out-gunned, so a tactical withdrawal could be in your best interests. Until you are ready for a second chance, that is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

What comes to light in a roundabout manner should at last enable you to issue the odd ultimatum - or three! If people don't submit right away, you may give them another few days at least. And if they still don't agree then you might have to change your plans.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You may be preoccupied with personal affairs. It would be very much wiser to face up to challenges at work, but it may not be possible to make a clean sweep. There does still seem to be a great deal more to take place before you can see the final outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You probably feel like taking a sabbatical from several important tasks, challenges or responsibilities. You may have to concede that there is no chance of getting to the root of a current predicament. Perhaps some mysteries are not meant to be solved.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

It's time to make up your mind. Decisions that are finalised or agreed now, should encourage you to stop prevaricating over a domestic upheaval, perhaps to do with children, or a creative matter, but only if you recognise the value of authority and tradition.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Other people can be so maddening at times. If you are to ensure that team and group activities turn out in your favour, you will have to admit to rather more than you ever thought possible. Still, sometimes the more you give, the greater your rewards in the end.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The Sun is related to that decisive planet Uranus, providing an interesting subplot for today's planetary sermon, encouraging you to change direction at home. A domestic gamble, for example, should pay off. First, though, ask people you live with what they really want.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You will do well to concentrate either on knowing your rights, or on pursuing an ethical course of action. A continuing emphasis on foreign places and distant parts stimulates your nomadic tendencies. You could even be dreaming of a journey to the far side of the earth.

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PREVIEW

SHOWCASE GAME IN A NUTSHELL

GROUP C
Costa Rica vs Spain
9:30 PM IST, Al Thumama Stadium

(LIVE ON SPORTS 18 AND JIO CINEMA)

The script

AFTER LIFTING the Cup in 2010, Spain have had lacklustre shows in the next two editions of the mega event. Luis Enrique would be eager to change that, leading a young yet talented pool of players. Spain, with their high-pressing tactical game, are favourites against Costa Rica, the lowest-ranked side in the group. The Central Americans will focus on keeping their shape and breaking out whenever an opportunity arises. With Germany and Japan as the other two teams, it's imperative for the Spaniards at least to get maximum points from their opening fixture.

How they'll line up

Spain: 4-3-3

Spain has a stunning roster of young talents like Barcelona's teenage stars Pedri and Gavi, who will look to continue their form from LaLiga. Some of their older and long-serving stalwarts like Sergio Ramos and Gerard Pique are no longer there to guide the youngsters on whom Spain's progress would depend. Forwards Nico Williams and Yeremy Pino, both 20, have proved their mettle at club level and will give Spain a little more potency in the goal-scoring department.

Likely XI: Simon; Carvajal, Laporte, P Torres, Alba; Pedri, Busquets, Gavi; F Torres, Morata, Williams.

Costa Rica: 4-3-3

Luis Fernando Suarez's side is not going to go down without a fight. Costa Rica are built on defensive solidity, which saw them concede only eight goals in qualifying. They are swift in executing counterattacks.

Likely XI: Navas; Martinez, Calvo, Duarte, Oviedo; Tejada, Bennette, Torres; Borges, Contreras, Campbell.

The schemer

Anthony Contreras: Just 22, he could very well be Costa Rica's breakaway star. He has been among the goals for his club Herediano and would hope to be on the scoring sheet for his country as well. Contreras is quick on his feet and is known to give defenders a tough time when he gets going.

Language of football

- **Barra brava**
- **Origin: Latin America**
- **Translation: Fierce gang!**

A term used for an organised group of hardcore supporters who are known to create a ruckus at stadiums or outside.

Other Matches

Morocco vs Croatia: 3:30 PM
Germany vs Japan: 6:30 PM
Belgium vs Canada: 12:30 am (Thursday)

Lionel Messi's goal may have put Argentina ahead, but more goals could have come had it not been for the high defensive line employed by Saudi Arabia.

HIGH LINE PLOY

Saudi Arabia's four-man backline stayed closer to the half line than their own goal. They maintained this impenetrable line through the game.

WHY WAS IT RISKY

The pace of the Argentine front three meant that one tiny mistake by any of the Saudi four-man defence would be penalised.

WHY IT WORKED

Each Saudi player in the backline scanned their lines at all times and got into the perfect positions at every step of the way.

18TH MINUTE: LAUTARO MARTINEZ **21ST MINUTE:** PAPU GOMEZ **22ND MINUTE:** LIONEL MESSI (GOAL DISALLOWED) **24TH MINUTE:** ANGEL DI MARIA **27TH MINUTE:** LAUTARO MARTINEZ GOAL DISALLOWED **32ND MINUTE:** DI MARIA **35TH MINUTE:** LAUTARO MARTINEZ (GOAL DISALLOWED) **47TH MINUTE:** DI MARIA **83RD MINUTE:** JULIAN ALVAREZ **90+1 MINUTE:** NICOLAS OTAMENDI

Off-colour Argentina caught in offside trap

Sloppy defending also adds to woes as Saudi Arabia pull off sensational upset and end Messi & Co's 36-match unbeaten run



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Argentina 1-2 Saudi Arabia

ARGENTINA WOULD curse two spells in the game. The five-minute span of madness between the 48th and 53th minutes when Saudi Arabia belted in the game-defining goals. And the 13-minute stretch from the 22nd and 35th when three 'goals' were adjudged offside.

In a wicked sleight, those two passages embodied the best and worst of Argentina. One illustrates the casualness in possession as well as the fleeting propensity to panic when defending around the box; the other, offside goals though they were and justifiably so, demonstrated the silk and style they possess when everything clicks, an indication of the quality they possess to rebound and salvage their tournament.

The build-up to the first Saudi goal originated from clumsy possession. Cristian Romero, usually an indomitable defender, let Firas Al Buraikan snatch the ball from him. Romero's weighty touch was all it took for Buraikan to gain possession and thrust a long ball into the path of Saleh-el-Shehri.

A more physically defensive approach would have averted the second Saudi goal. Two Argentines had converged into Salem-al-Dawsari, yet both were cagey. Maybe, they were the wrong players (Angel di Maria and Alejandro Gomez) for hard, bruising tackling. Dawsari was afforded space to swivel and turn.

But in the end, those were a pair of gorgeous strikes. Those were just the two shots Saudi Arabia could manage on goal in the entire game. As clinical as those strikes were, the prospect of a team scoring from their only shots on goal is rare. Agreed Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni: "It's difficult to digest. In four-five minutes, they scored two goals, two out of two shots on goal."

It's equally rare that three goals are ruled offside in the space of 13 minutes. The first was when Lionel Messi hoodwinked his marker with a drop of the shoulder, opened up his body and just slipped the ball teasingly past Saudi goalkeeper Mohammed Alowais. But he had mistimed his run fractionally as his right shoulder was behind the last defender's body. Nonetheless, the pass from Leandro Paredes was delightful, with the perfect flight, weight and dip. Six minutes later, Lautaro Martinez lobbed a simple, straight pass from Rodrigo de Paul over the sliding goalkeeper. But like Messi, Martinez had just mistimed his run. Seven minutes on, he rolled the ball into the net again, but Messi, who had conceptualised the move with a curling ball, had strayed offside. One could say that Saudi's precarious high line performed its duties ably. But the difference be-

tween the strategy looking silly and successful was thin.

Not all is lost

So the incessant criticism that Argentina could face after the defeat is harsh on them. Their title-winning stocks might have plummeted, but their route to the pre-quarters is still in their hands, and the defeat does not make a side that had gone unbeaten for 36 games, lifted the COPA America beating Brazil last year and thrashed Italy in the clash of the continental champions, bad overnight. Even the best of teams stutter and stumble, or so suggests history. Spain had lost to Switzerland in their opening game of the 2010 World Cup that they went on to win. Argentina had lost famously to Cameroon in the 1990 opener, before they reached the final.

But more than seeking refuge in history, they need to watch the first half to lift their spirits. Everything, from tactics to movement, were synchronised to perfection. The runs were swift and precise, there was little confusion or deliberation. The forwards delightfully interchanged position; Di Maria would switch flanks, Messi would dart upfield, Martinez would fall back. De Paul and Alejandro Gomes would press high and drop deep.

Messi started as the second striker, but would often drift higher than Martinez, the designated striker, in an irresistible storming of the Saudi box in the first 15 minutes. Later in the half, he would assume playmaking duties. The speed and fluency of the game rattled the Saudi defenders, who were often late in their tackles. Not that they were flawless. Oftentimes, they left too much space behind, gifting pockets of space for Saudi to exploit in the second game.

There were a couple of semi-alarming signs towards the end of the first half that they left

unattended and Saudi, with a less elaborate style of play, exposed. There was tactical inflexibility too, as they didn't conceive a counter-ploy to break the off-side trap. They let them be, and when they suddenly found themselves 2-1 down, they panicked. It could happen to the best sides, when they are winning everything and suddenly find themselves

projected to be. They have qualified six times for the World Cup, won the Asian Championship three times, and Rene Havard has instilled fight and feistiness in them. "We fully respect Saudi Arabia as we do with other teams, that's not the reason for our defeat. They are a good team with technical players, they are very well prepared physically," Scaloni said.

He did not dwell too long on the offside goals either. "The reasons were millimetric. The off-sides, they have a high defensive line, we knew that any goal situation would go for or against us," said Scaloni. "In this case, the semi-automatic offside technology took a goal away from us," he added.

He urged his team to move on — "the analysis is over" — though they could revisit those two moments, one of madness and the other of misfortune.



Argentina had three goals ruled out as offside in the span of 13 minutes against Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

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The no-nonsense, superstitious coach

MIHIR VASAVDA

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HERVE RENARD spent the majority of his early years as a coach at lower-rung teams. He started in 1999 at little-known French club SC Draguignan. After helping them gain three back-to-back promotions, he took charge of Cambridge United who were in the third division of English football at that time. From there, his journeyman career took him to Vietnam to coach Nam Dinh. After a few months in South-East Asia, he returned to France where he joined fifth-division side AS Cherbourg.

No matter where he was or what level he coached, Renard's teams developed a signature style: for the Frenchman, possession-based football was paramount; when his players were out of possession, they were expected to employ a high press to win back the ball. To play with such intensity, he paid plenty of emphasis on improving fitness, and wherever he went, there was a change in the off-field culture, be it in terms of food and nutrition or recovery post-matches.

So, while Saudi Arabia's strategy to employ a high defensive line and high press against Argentina was termed as 'bold' by experts, it was the most basic approach for Renard. The 54-year-old was doing what he's always done and he wasn't going to turn his back on his style, even while risking a humiliating loss in his team's World Cup opener.

For a few minutes, it seemed like that — Lionel Messi had put Argentina ahead, they then had two goals disallowed and were caught offside seven times in the first half

alone. Some might have thought that they were lucky reprieves, but from Renard's point of view, it meant his offside trap was operating perfectly.

The high-risk-high-reward strategy paid off eventually, with Saudi Arabia — who had just three wins in World Cup history before Tuesday — pulling off a seismic 2-1 win over tournament-favourites Argentina in the Pool C match.

'Shake like a dog'

Saudi Arabia showed remarkable tenacity and fitness to first neutralise Argentina's threats and then launch counterattacks on them. Again, what came as a surprise to the world was routine for a typical Renard team. In an interview with The Guardian, former Cambridge player John Ruddy recalled how Renard made players 'shake like a dog' after training.

"One of the biggest memories I have of Hervé is the work rate not only he demanded of us but also showed himself in the gym. The pre-season under him was and still is the hardest one I have ever done," Ruddy said.

"Hervé used to have us in the gym doing planks for two minutes and I remember shaking like a dog. All he was doing was laughing and shouting: 'Come on John!' He used to do crunches for five-minute sets too and was in exceptional shape himself. It looks like he still is."

He's done the same with the Saudis, making them one of Asia's most improved teams since the 5-0 loss to Russia four years ago in the opening match of the 2018 World Cup.

Tuesday's win was another moment under the sun for the unfancied coach who has often turned underdogs into winners, espe-

cially national teams. Renard hasn't always been successful at club level — his earlier stints produced mixed results whereas later in his career, Renard-coached Sochaux were relegated from the French top division in 2014, and in the following year, he was sacked by Lille after 13 games.

But with national teams, it's been a different story. He is the only coach to have won the African Cup of Nations with two countries — with Zambia in 2012 and three years later with Ivory Coast. In 2016, Renard became Africa's highest-paid manager when he became the coach of Morocco, whom he guided to a first World Cup appearance since 1998 in 2018.

Renard's Morocco opened that campaign with a surprising 2-2 draw with Spain. That result pales in comparison to the stunning win on Tuesday.

Not just the Green shirts that fought in the middle, Renard's white shirt is likely to become one of the most iconic in world football. The white shirt, worn unbuttoned at the top, is a sort of superstition for Renard.

He told Espire how and why he started wearing the shirt during games. "We (Zambia) were playing in the second game of the (2010) Africa Cup of Nations against Cameroon," Renard recalled to Esquire. "I wore a light blue shirt, but we lost 3-2 so in the following game, I wore a white shirt. We won and finished first in the group, in front of Cameroon."

From then on, the white shirt has been the Frenchman's favourite.

"Of course, I have lost some games since then," laughs the Frenchman. "Maybe I even lost a lot. But I also won many. I like this style but I'd say the weather has to be nice. When I coached in England, the white shirt in December was not possible. Or maybe this is the reason I wasn't successful in England!"

Lewandowski misses penalty as Poland, Mexico settle for goalless draw

SHASHANK NAIR

NOVEMBER 22

Poland 0-0 Mexico

ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI had never scored at the World Cup and Guillermo Ochoa simply refuses to pick the football from his own net when the biggest tournament comes around. Therefore it was no real surprise when the Mexican custodian saved the star striker's penalty, the only real attempt either of the teams had on goal, in a 0-0 draw in their Group C encounter at Stadium 974 on Tuesday.

The Poland-Mexico clash skyrocketed in importance after Saudi Arabia took one look at the script and decided that their role in this World Cup needed a rewrite or two.

The game began exactly as one believed

Poland would operate. They were content when Mexico kept the ball, allowed them to stay on the flanks and waited for crosses to be dropped in from those areas or the Mexicans to cut in and take a few pops at Wojciech Szczesny's goal.

It was almost like the golden opportunity provided to the Poles by Saudi Arabia hours earlier was known to everyone but them.

Mexico, on their part, were all about width. Their flanks were overloaded and they constantly kept switching the ball. However, there was some dissatisfaction towards their approach from a smattering of their own supporters who wanted a little more direct style to the Mexican attack and could be heard groaning when a pass went sideways or back. The first 30 minutes of the game passed with no real chances created by both teams but Mexico definitely being the better of the two sides.

The Central Americans continued to grow into the game. They pressed frantically if they



Poland's Robert Lewandowski is yet to score in a World Cup.

Reuters

lost the ball in the final third of the pitch, never letting Poland gain time and space when in possession. But when the Mexicans won the ball, their final ball was all that was missing as the half came to a close with the score still

firmly lodged at 0-0.

Ochoa does it again

Poland have become masters of grinding out wins. They're known to sit and wait until a moment of opportunity beckons. That moment presented itself in the 55th minute. Hector Moreno pulled Robert Lewandowski in the box and while initially not seen by the referee, the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system put matters into Chris Beath's hands. It took a few seconds but the verdict was a penalty to Poland and a yellow card to Hector.

Up stepped Lewandowski. Never having celebrated a goal at the World Cup but now with the best opportunity that could ever drop into his lap. Facing him was yet another legend in Ochoa.

The Mexican goalie, who gained cult status when he made eight saves against Germany at the 2018 World Cup, now had to stop another monster in Lewandowski. And Ochoa did just that, diving low to his left and

putting a strong palm in front of a weak shot to make the Polish striker's wait for a World Cup goal extend further.

For a team that barely seemed like they were trying, that was the golden opportunity that the Poles let slip from their hands. They fashioned no other real chances, nor did they ever seem like a genuine threat to the Mexicans.

Mexico, on their part, controlled the game with their relentless press and energy moving forward. But their efforts were rarely rewarded and an insistence on playing through the flanks allowed any and all opportunities to be swiftly extinguished by the Poles, who had congregated in the middle of the park. A draw was a fair result for both but not many would have complained if Mexico had taken the honours. Both teams took one point apiece and have essentially given Argentina the reprieve they were hoping for. Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, top the group with three points after the first round of group matches.

Denmark held by fired-up Tunisia

Al Rayyan: Substitute Andreas Cornelius hit the post and Denmark had a late penalty appeal turned down, while Tunisia wasted two clear chances in a 0-0 draw in their World Cup Group D opener at Education City Stadium on Tuesday.

North Africa's Tunisia were roared on by their sizeable following in the 42,925 crowd, whose deafening whistles and roars gave energy to their side and helped secure what had seemed an unlikely point before kick-off, despite the fact they are unbeaten in nine of their last 10 internationals.

Denmark thought they should have had a penalty in stoppage time for handball that was checked at the VAR screen but the referee instead gave a free kick to Tunisia. **REUTERS**

Youth World Boxing C'ships: Seven Indians confirm medals

REIGNING YOUTH Asian champions Ravina, Vishwanath Suresh and Vanshaj secured medals along with four other Indians by entering the semifinals of the Youth men's and women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain.

Bhawna Sharma (48kg), Kunjarani Devi (Thomang) (60kg), Lashu Yadav (70kg) and Ashish (54kg) are the country's other boxers who are also assured of at least bronze medals after securing last four berths. Extending their spectacular show at the prestigious tournament, all four women boxers marched ahead by scoring identical 5-0 victories in their respective quarterfinal bouts.

While Ravina thrashed Romania's Alexandra Cretu in the 63kg contest, Bhavana and Kunjarani out-punched Venezuela's Evimir Brito and Aigerim Kabdolda of Kazakhstan respectively. Lashu dominated Mexican boxer Zuzet Hernandez. Griyeva Devi Huidrom (54kg) was the lone Indian woman to end up on the losing side as she went down to Kazakhstan's Elina Bazarova by 0-5.

Meanwhile, it was a mixed day for India in the men's section as three of the five pugilists in action managed to progress into the medal rounds. Vishwanath (48kg) and Vanshaj (63.5kg) posted unanimous wins over Australia's Jye Kerr and Omar Livaza of Kyrgyzstan respectively. Ashish, on the other hand, had to work hard against Scotland's Aaron Cullen as the result was declared 4-3 in the Indian's favour after the bout was reviewed.

Deepak (75kg) and Mohit (86kg) were the two Indian male pugilists to suffer defeats in the quarterfinals. The ongoing event has been witnessing the participation of close to 600 boxers from 73 countries.

New hope Down Under

Rain-marred third T20I at Napier ends in a tie as Pandya & Co clinch series 1-0

THERE IS a sense of Déjà vu to this. A T20 series win against New Zealand under a new captain, coming closely on the heels of an embarrassing T20 World Cup exit. A perception of a new awakening, only for the story to repeat itself at the biggest showpiece event in the format – the T20 World Cup. Time will tell how this turns out.

When Rohit Sharma led India on to the field at Jaipur on November 17, 2020, just three days after the Black Caps lost the T20 World Cup final in Dubai, it was supposed to usher in a new era. New faces came in, new combinations were tried, a new-found approach was injected in, experiments became the theme for the next 10 months. In the end, when the T20 World Cup arrived a year later, England showed in the semifinals how out of depth India are in the format.

And as India clinched the series in Napier with a 1-0 scoreline after the third and final T20I ended in a tie, (rains arrived when India needed one more run to be considered victors as per Duckworth-Lewis) the lingering question on everyone's lips is where do they go from here.

For all the talk of change of approach, entering the T20 World Cup in Australia with a similar batting unit from the previous edition proved to be the biggest undoing. And over here in New Zealand, India sent in a different squad, mostly comprising of players who will be integral to the team going forward. Of course, there are a few back home like Prithvi Shaw, but there is surely time for it.

When the Chetan Sharma-led selection panel handed over the reins to Rohit Sharma – a decorated T20 captain with most IPL titles, it seemed a logical decision. Never mind the fact, at 34, he was a year older than Virat Kohli. Successful T20 sides, unless it happens to be Chennai Super Kings, don't fall up on



Pandya scored an unbeaten 30. *AP*

an older captain to replace the incumbent. It is a format where you are constantly told to move forward. But with India, names and reputations take precedence. Which is why the latest T20 World Cup debacle has not just woken up the team, but even the board.

A new selection panel will take charge soon and although they have their task cut out, it is no means going to be as challenging as it is being made out to be. In Hardik Pandya, they have a captain, who seems to be ready-made for the format. As he showed in the IPL with Gujarat Titans, and his fans keep reminding us on social media how there are similarities with MS Dhoni especially in the manner in which he is keeping it simple.

For instance, at McLean Park, Devon Conway and Glenn Phillips were running away with the game for New Zealand with an 86-run stand for the third wicket. With each over, the momentum was tilting the Kiwis way as the hosts were placed 105/2 at

the end of 13 overs. With Arsheep Singh, Harshal Patel to take care of the death overs, Pandya didn't hesitate to bowl out Bhuvneshwar Kumar – who has struggled to bowl at the death – by the 14th over. Never mind the fact that Bhuvneshwar ended up conceding 15 runs in the over, it allowed Pandya to fall back on specialists in the end. And he also had the luxury of Mohammed Siraj, who had pegged back the hosts with the wicket of Mark Chapman in the last over of powerplay. It meant Conway and Phillips had to consolidate first.

While the left-right swiftly changed gears as the innings progressed, Pandya's move to keep the specialists for the death brought India back into the game. Off the last six overs, India ended up conceding only 40 runs and accounted for eight wickets with Siraj and Arshdeep ending-up with four wickets each as New Zealand eventually folded up for 160.

Given the short boundaries on either side of the square, it was total well below par. And New Zealand, as expected, came out on the attack and India were equally up to it. With forecasts of rain around, India's top-order didn't waste any time to get off the blocks. Though it led to quick wickets – Ishan Kishan, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav, the fact that they never let the innings stall meant India's total of 75/4 at the end of 9 overs was on par with DLS score. It was good enough to give them a series win.

And as the rain poured at the McLean Park, and the umbrellas came out, another bilateral series was done and dusted. It may not live in the memory for long, but for India there is plenty to take home about. They have the players in place, it is over to the selectors to pick the players ahead of big names and reputations.

Brief scores: New Zealand 160 in 19.4 overs (Devon Conway 59, Glen Phillips 54, Mohammed Siraj 4/17, Arshdeep Singh 4/37) tied with India 75/4 in 9 overs (Hardik Pandya 30 n.o) via DLS method.



Frappart first female official at men's WC

FRANCE'S Stephanie Frappart became the first female official at a men's World Cup match when she was named the fourth official for Tuesday's Group C clash between Mexico and Poland at 974 Stadium. Frappart, Salima Mukansanga of Rwanda and Yamashita Yoshiomi of Japan have been named among the tournament's referees along with three female assistant referees at the global showpiece event in Qatar. Frappart was also the first woman to officiate a men's Champions League game in 2020.

Federations complain of blackmail

FOOTBALL FEDERATIONS who had planned to wear the 'OneLove' armbands to make a statement against discrimination during the World Cup in Qatar were faced with "extreme blackmail" that led to dropping the planned action, the German Football Association (DFB) said on Tuesday. The federations of England, Wales, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark had said on Monday they had been put under pressure by FIFA, who had threatened to issue yellow cards to any player wearing the multi-coloured armband. Homosexuality is illegal in the Gulf state.

At 6'6" Dutch 'keeper makes heads turn

THE biggest player at the World Cup has



Sane to miss Germany opener

GERMANY winger Leroy Sané has suffered a knee injury and will miss their World Cup Group E opener against Japan but coach Hansi Flick said he hoped the player could be fit for their second group match in five days time. The 26-year-old did not take part in their final training session in northern Qatar ahead of Wednesday's game in Doha and it was still unclear how long he would be sidelined. "It is extremely bitter to have to play without Leroy because with his qualities he is a player who can turn a game around by himself," Flick told a news conference on Tuesday.

emerged as one of the biggest surprises after the 2.03 metre (6.66 feet) Noppert made an unexpected international debut for the Netherlands last Monday. Veteran Dutch coach Louis van Gaal has penchant for springing a surprise, but picking the 28-year-old defender as his first-choice left-back was a surprise goal in Monday's World Cup warm-up match against Senegal. The 28-year-old Senegalese was one of his more outlandish moves. However, the giant defender proved to be a revelation. He was everywhere, a goalkeeper, with a total of 32 appearances in the Dutch national team. He did not put a foot wrong as he made a handful of impressive saves and kept a clean sheet in the 2-0 victory at the Thamsma Stadium. —Agencia



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Date: November 23 - 25, 2022



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

<p style="background-color: #c06014; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">November 23, 2022</p> <p>Inauguration of Exhibition</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chief Guest Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Hon'ble Minister of Corporate Affairs, Government of India</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Venue: Ground Floor, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Panel Discussion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Topic: The Ahom Saga of Hope, Skills and Courage</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hall No.-6, 2nd Floor, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Cultural Evening</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chief Guest Shri Kiren Rijiju Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice, Government of India</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Venue: Sunder Nursery, City Park, Nizamuddin, New Delhi</p>	<p style="background-color: #c06014; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">November 24, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Topic: Ignored Historiography of Assam's Assertion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hall No.-6, 2nd Floor, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px; text-align: center;">Plenary Session of the 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chief Guest Shri Amit Shah Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation, Government of India</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Venue: Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi</p>	<p style="background-color: #c06014; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">November 25, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Valedictory Function of the 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chief Guest Shri Narendra Modi Hon'ble Prime Minister of India</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Venue: Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi</p>
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