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NEXT IAS ANNOUNCES

Comprehensive Personality Test Training Program for CSE 2022

Commencing from 8th Dec, 2022

1. Focused & intensive program for CSE 2022
Mains qualified candidates, conducted by
a team of 20 experts including former Civil
Servants and renowned faculties of NEXT IAS.

2. The program is designed with multi-pronged
holistic approach in order to improve the skills
of a candidate such that the qualities needed for
CSE Personality Test can be inculcated.

3. Limited number of candidates will be taken on
the FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED basis so that
personalized support and one-to-one sessions
can be provided.

KEY FEATURES

1. Session on "DAF filling".
2. Session on "Facing the Interview".
3. One-to-one session with B.S. Bassi Sir.
4. Exclusive technical sessions for Engineering background students by B. Singh Sir and team.
5. Sessions on "Budget & Economic Survey" by Vibhas Jha Sir and "Current Affairs" by renowned NEXT IAS faculties.
6. Exclusive sessions on "home states" by experts.
7. Personalized support/sessions for key optional subjects by respective faculties.
8. In-depth practice mock by a team of experts.
9. UPSC simulator mock by a panel of former Civil Servants & personality test experts.
10. Interview guidebook and especially designed study material on Current Affairs and Engineering subjects.

GENERAL STUDIES FOUNDATION COURSE for CSE 2024

DELHI OFFLINE BATCHES

Morning Batch

24th Nov, 2022

(7:30 AM - 10:30 AM)

Morning Batch

15th Dec, 2022

(11:30 AM - 2:30 PM)

LIVE-ONLINE BATCHES

Morning Batch

**To be
announced
soon**

Evening Batch



15th Nov, 2022

(6:30 PM - 9:30 PM)



OPEN SESSION

OFFLINE  LIVE  ONLINE

 **2nd Dec, 2022**  **6:00 PM**

CSAT PAPER by Manjul Tiwari Sir

- Preparation strategy.
- Nature and difficulty level of questions.
- Decoding syllabus & trend analysis.
- Approach for qualifying CSAT paper.

Venue: 27-B, Pusa Road, Metro Pillar No. 118, Near Karol Bagh Metro, New Delhi-110060




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1.	THE ROHTAK CO OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	2022_HBC_245516_1	EXTENDED UPTO 03.12.2022 OPENING ON 03.12.2022	http://etenders.hry.nic. in	9996577829 vitarohetak@gmail.com
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हवामन्दल के पास, बडीबीचप, जयपुर, राजस्थान-302002

क्रमांक :- एक-6 ()उ.पा.राज. /होर्डिंग/जननी/हैरिटेज/2022/712

दिनांक :- 25/11/2022

ई-ऑक्शन (होर्डिंग) विज्ञापित सं. 04/2022

नगर निगम, ग्रेटर जयपुर द्वारा सार्वजनिक स्थलों पर विज्ञापन के लिए विभिन्न विज्ञापन साइटों का ई-ऑक्शन निम्नानुसार किया जाना है :-

क्र.सं.	विज्ञापन साइट	संख्या	ई-ऑक्शन दिनांक	समयावधि
1.	1. नए व पुराने सुनिपोल समस्त जोन हैरिटेज	28	12.12.2022	प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 4.00 बजे तक (अंतिम 15 मिनट में बोली लगने की स्थिति में 30 मिनट की वृद्धि साथ 06.00 बजे तक) की जायेगी।
	2. नये व पुराने लघु विज्ञापन साइट (6x4)	06 समूह में		
2.	1. ओवरहेड साइनेज (रोन्ट्री)	05	13.12.2022	प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 4.00 बजे तक
	2. सुलभ शौचालय	08		(अंतिम 15 मिनट में बोली लगने की स्थिति में 30 मिनट की वृद्धि साथ 06.00 बजे तक)
	3 पुराने बैकलिट टॉवर साइट	02 समूह में		
	4. नए बैकलिट टॉवर साइट	06		की जायेगी।

ई-ऑक्शन कार्यक्रम, शर्तें, अमानता राशि, भागीदारी राशि तथा ई-नौलामी बिजनेस रूल्स आदि की जानकारी हेतु नौलामी बेच साइट jaipurmerchitage.org में (E-Auction) पर देखी जा सकती है तथा इसी साइट पर वित्तिय वर्ष 2022-23 के लिए इच्छुक फर्म / व्यक्ति निर्धारित पंजीयन शुल्क राशि 1,000 /- (एक हजार रुपये) व अमानत राशि ऑनलाईन जमा करवाकर पंजीयन करवाकर ई-नौलामी में भाग ले सकते हैं। किसी भी प्रकार की तकनीकी समस्या /अथवा जानकारी हेतु श्री वैभव, (प्रोग्रामर), दूरभाष नं. 8764880056, 8875403031 पर सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

राज.संवाद/सी/22/10994

राज्यसभा सचिवालय

DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare headed by **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita, M.P., Rajya Sabha is presently examining the subject "Mental Health Care and its Management in Contemporary Times"**. In this process, the Committee may inter-aue examine the high prevalence of mental health issues and the rising cases of suicide in the country, shortage of mental healthcare workers in the country, urgent need to integrate mental health with other health care services being delivered at the grass-root level, impact of pandemic and related lockdown on mental well being, psychological support and mental health support provided by the Government during and after the pandemic, status of the implementation of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, goals envisioned under the National Mental Health Policy that focuses on reducing the mental health burden in the country, status of the dedicated healthcare infrastructure in the country, awareness generation programmes and other initiatives being carried out for overcoming the stigma associated with mental health.

2. Those desirous of submitting memoranda may send the same to **Shri Bhupendra Bhaskar, Additional Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Room No. 411, Parliament House Annexe Extension Building, New Delhi 110001 [Tel: 011-23035779 (O)], E-mail: rs-chfw@sansad.nic.in** within 15 days of publication of the advertisement. Those who are willing to appear before the Committee for oral evidence may indicate so in their memorandum. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final. The memoranda submitted to the Committee will form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as strictly confidential and may not be made public as such an act would constitute breach of privilege of the Committee.

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झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्यालयक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पूर्व, राँची।

ई0 प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट अति-अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र

Pr. No. :- 281306

T. Reference No. :- MVS-18/2022-23 Date 28.11.2022

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs.)	Bid Security (Lakhs.)	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)	Time of Completion
1.	Banta South & North And Adjoining villages Rural Water Supply Scheme in Silli Block under D.W. & S. Division Ranchi East on turnkey basis."	1595.13974 Lakh	15.96 Lakh	10000.00	18 Months +3 months Trial & run
2.	Date of Tender Uploading on Website	01.12.2022/04.00 PM.			
3.	Document Download / Sale Start Date	01.12.2022/04.00 PM.			
4.	Prebid Meting	02.12.2022/11.00 AM			
4.	Bid Submission Start Date	02.12.2022/04.00 PM.			
5.	Document Download / Sale End Date	09.12.2022/05.00 PM.			
6.	Bid Submission End Date	09.12.2022/05.00 PM.			
7.	Last date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard Copy)	10.12.2022/02.00 PM.			
8.	Date of Opening of Tender	12.12.2022/11.00 AM.			
9.	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.			
10.	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.			
11.	Contact No. Of Procurement Office	0651-2480155			
12.	Helpline No. Of e-procurement cell	0651-2480345			

नोट:-1. विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट - <http://jharkahndtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

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PR 283760 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 22-23 (D)



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आय वर्ग	संख्या	अनुमानित कीमत (रुपये लाख)
उच्च आय वर्ग (5BHK)	8	260.00
उच्च आय वर्ग (4BHK-Type I,II,III)	108	215.00
उच्च आय वर्ग (3BHK-Type I, II)	50	123.00

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ऑनलाईन आवेदन एवं अन्य जानकारी के लिए आवासन मण्डल की वेबसाइट www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rhb देखें

हेल्पलाइन नं. कार्यालय समय में : 0141-2744688, 0141-2740009, कार्यालय समय उपरान्त (सार्व 6:00 से 8:00 बजे तक) 9461054291 एवं 9460254319, 9983131666, 8852000770 या समन्वयक अधिकारी श्री भारत भूषण जैन 9828363615 से सम्पर्क करें। मौका दिखाने के लिए साइट पर हैल्प डेस्क की व्यवस्था।

राज.संवाद / सी / 22 / 11054

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आवासन आयुक्त

NOTICE BOARD

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EVENT-I.T.S DENTAL

Hon. Chairman I.T.S – The Education Group Dr. R.P Chadha welcomed and felicitated Hon. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath Ji on the occasion of “Prabudh Sammelan” held at Ghaziabad on 22nd November 2022. Dr Chadha welcomed him and thanked him for providing the pace to development of Ghaziabad district and setting new administrative benchmarks. The occasion was also graced by distinguished and celebrated citizens and heads of various institutions of the district.

CONFERENCE-JAMIA HAMDARD

Dept. of Biotechnology, Jamia Hamdard in collaboration with Department of Sc. & Tech. and Dept. of Biotechnology, GOI has organized a Two Day National Conference on Biotechnology for Sustainable Development and Human Welfare recently. The Chief Guest, Prof. Asim Ali Khan, Director General of CCRUM, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India emphasized the need for inter-disciplinary research and collaboration between industry and academic as well as research institutions. Prof. (Dr.) Deepak Penthal, in his Keynote lecture, talked about the future of agriculture and the positive role for genetically modified crops.

CEREMONY-RAJAGIRI COLLEGE

The Grand Finale and the Valedictory ceremony of the Indo-Pacific Quiz Competition 2022 organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in partnership with Rajagiri Business School and supported by the U.S. Mission in India took place in the Rajagiri Valley campus in Kakkanad, Kochi recently. US Consul General Judith Ravin, the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Ceremony stressed on the vision of the Indo-Pacific region as a community. She added that programmes such as the Indo-Pacific Quiz competition will help build awareness about opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.



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Invitation for Bids

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S. No.	NIT No.	Name of the Tender
1.	NIT No.: EdCIL/OTAS/CBT/2022	Tender for Empanelment of Agencies for Conduct of CBT for Various Clients of EdCIL.

Note: The Tender document is available on <http://www.edciliindia.co.in>, www.tenderwizard.com and Central Procurement Portal. Any further information shall be published on the referred website only and no separate press advertisement will be issued.



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NIT / Date	Detail of Goods/ Services	Last Date of Submission
IISERBpr/S&P/2022-23/49 dt. 22/11/2022	Annual rate contract for the supply of chemicals	December 12, 2022 (15:00 Hrs)

For participation, please visit the website i.e. <https://www.tenderwizard.com/IISERBP> Complete details of specification of goods and services, and tender documents are available on the Institute website i.e. <http://www.iiserbpr.ac.in/tender.php> and <https://eprocure.gov.in>. Any corrigendum etc will be notified on the above websites only.

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कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियंता, यांत्रिक शाखा उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, हरिद्वार

पत्रांक 2069/निविदा/47

निविदा सूचना

दिनांक: 29/11/2022

अध्यक्ष, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम/उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान में अर्ह श्रेणी में पंजीकृत फर्मों से मोहरबन्द निविदाएं दिनांक 06.12.2022 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे तक कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियंता, यांत्रिक शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, हरिद्वार में आमंत्रित की जाती है, जोकि उसी दिनांक को (अवकाश होने की स्थिति में अगले कार्य दिवस) को पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे अधिशासी अभियंता अथवा उनके द्वारा अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि द्वारा इच्छुक निविदाताओं को समक्ष खोली जायेगी।

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	निविदा प्रपत्रों की लागत (रु० में)	धरोहर राशि (रु० में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1.	भारुवाला जनपद हरिद्वार में नलकूप के जीर्णोद्धार कार्य, पम्पिंग प्लांट एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	1180.00	16800.00	1 माह
2.	रामनगर लखनौला जनपद हरिद्वार में नलकूप निर्माण, पम्पिंग प्लांट एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	1770.00	56100.00	4 माह
3.	कवादपुर लोधीवाला जनपद हरिद्वार में नलकूप निर्माण, पम्पिंग प्लांट एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	2360.00	62100.00	4 माह

नियम व शर्तें :-

- किसी अथवा समस्त निविदा को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त किया जा सकता है।
- निविदा प्रपत्रों को दिनांक 05.12.2022 तक किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियंता, यांत्रिक शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, हरिद्वार/ देहरादून/कोटद्वार के कार्यालय से निविदा मूल्य की धनराशि नगद जमा कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्यपालक अख्यता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, खूंटी

शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या—DWSD/KH-09(CLUS/SVS)/2021-22 (9th Call), Dt.- 02.11.2022 P.R. No.– 281243 (Drinking Water & Sanitation) 22-23#D के द्वारा प्रकाशित एवं प्रचारित निविदा (Name of Work- Construction of Solar based Mini Pipe Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in different Block comprising of suitable R.C.C./Framed Structure ESR distribution line sources (as required) and FHTC all complete job in the different blocks of District- Khunti under D.W. & S. Division, Khunti.) के विधियों में निम्न प्रकार से संशोधन किया जाता है।

Date Revision	Previous Date	Revised Date
Bid Submission End Date	30.11.2022/05.00 PM	15.12.2022/05.00 PM
Last date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy)	01.12.2022/05.00 PM	16.12.2022/05.00 PM
Date of Opening of Tender	02.12.2022/11.00 AM	17.12.2022/11.00 AM

निविदा की शेष शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी।

(ई० सुरेन्द्र कुमार दिनकर)

PR 283751 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)#D कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, खूंटी

ACHIEVEMENT-AMITY

Amity University has been conferred upon the prestigious “Questel IP Excellence Award 2022”, for creating incredible Intellectual Property & in recognition of its remarkable achievements & efforts in the field of research and innovation, in accordance with the assessment of the IP portfolio of the Questel team. Amity was selected amongst several Indian Universities, Pharma Companies, IPR divisions of govt. agencies, Corporates, research and government aided organizations, on the basis of filing of patents between Jan 2021 to October 2022.

EVENT-KIET

KIET Group of Institutions, Ghaziabad, organized the annual inter-institute technical fest “INNOTECH 2022-23” recently on the theme “providing solutions for sustainable development”. Innotech-22 began with the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Vinamra Mishra (Dir., Ministry of MSME, GOI), Atul Garg (Vice Chairman, MLA Ghaziabad Legislative Assembly), Dr. A. Garg (Director, KIET Group of Institutions), Dr. Manoj Goyal (Joint Director, KIET Group of Institutions), & Dr. Shailendra Kumar Tiwari (Professor and HOD Civil). Atul Garg was very happy to see the projects presented by the students.

CELEBRATION-AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY

First International Students Day was celebrated at Dr. B. R Ambedkar Univ. Delhi recently by the International Affairs Division (IAD). Event was graced by a number of dignitaries including Phalecy M. Yambayamba, First Secy., Zambia High Commission, Dr Reshma Verma, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Program Officer, Arkaprabha Biswas, Uni-Italia. The program was initiated by the Deputy Dean, IAD who shared that this is the first such celebration at the university with a message to mark the multiculturalism that International students bring to the univ. campuses, enriching educational experiences for all.

INAUGURATION -VIPS

Neeraj Singh, Young Leader Forum Chairman FICCI inaugurated VSLLS Youth Parliament at VIPS - TC. In his address, he emphasised on the strength of the youths of today. He appreciated the efforts of Dr S C Vats, Chairman VIPS TC and VSLLS team in giving proper direction, guidance and exposure to its students. Prof Dr Rashmi Salpekar,Dean, VSLLS shared in her welcome address that VSLLS enhance the skills of students through activities like youth parliament. The session was attended by huge number of students and faculty members.

AWARD- SHARDA UNIVERSITY

Sharda University was awarded with the “Excellence in Globalization of Education Award” at the 8th FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2022 international education summit held in ND. The award was presented by Dr. Bhagwat Karad, Minister of State for Finance, GOI, in the presence of Arun Chawla, Director General of FICCI. Sharda Univ. was the only university awarded in the category of “Excellence in Globalization of Education.”. Congratulating for the award, PK Gupta, Chancellor, Sharda University, said, “It was a proud moment for us to get this very prestigious award from the FICCI for “Excellence in Globalization of Education.”

AWARD-UTTARAKHAND UNIVERSITY

Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Dehradun was awarded the title of Best Emerging University in Asian Education Award 2022 organized in Bangkok, Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, which has taken important initiatives towards the all-round development of students and providing a concise look into the future, has received international recognition. In the Asian Education Award Ceremony held in Bangkok, Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University was awarded as the best emerging university in Asia. This ceremony was organized by the Asia Education Conclave and Asian College of Teachers.



PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Raja @ Bhadak S/o Sh. Vinod Gamoli R/o H.No. 67, MCD Flat Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **e-FIR No. 15531/2017, u/s 379/411 IPC, PS K.N.K. Marg, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Raja @ Bhadak** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Raja @ Bhadak** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Raja @ Bhadak of e-FIR No. 15531/2017, u/s 379/411 IPC, PS K.N.K. Marg, Delhi is required to appear before this court or before me to answer the said complaint on or before 12.01.2023.**

By order
Shri Parnav Joshi
Metropolitan Magistrate-03
North District, Room No. 213,
Rohini Court, Delhi

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ONLY 2 CLEARED AS JUDGES OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT

Standoff: Govt returns 19 names that Collegium sent, SC had reiterated 10

Nine pending since first sent; of the 10 returned, five were for Allahabad HC

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

SETTING THE stage for a standoff with the judiciary on appointment of judges, the government has returned 19 of the 21 pending recommendations by the Supreme Court Collegium for appointment of High Court judges, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

It is learnt that the recommendations were returned hours

before the Supreme Court hearing on judicial appointments on November 28. These include 10 names that were pending after they were reiterated by the Collegium, and 9 names pending after the first recommendation.

Two recommendations, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said in a tweet Tuesday, have been accepted.

These are for the appointment of advocates Santosh Govind Chapalgaonkar and

EXPLAINED
E System under the lens

A 1993 ruling and an SC opinion in 1998 evolved the Collegium system for appointments and transfer in the higher judiciary. It is this Collegium system that is now being questioned by the Law Minister and being called “opaque” and “not accountable”.

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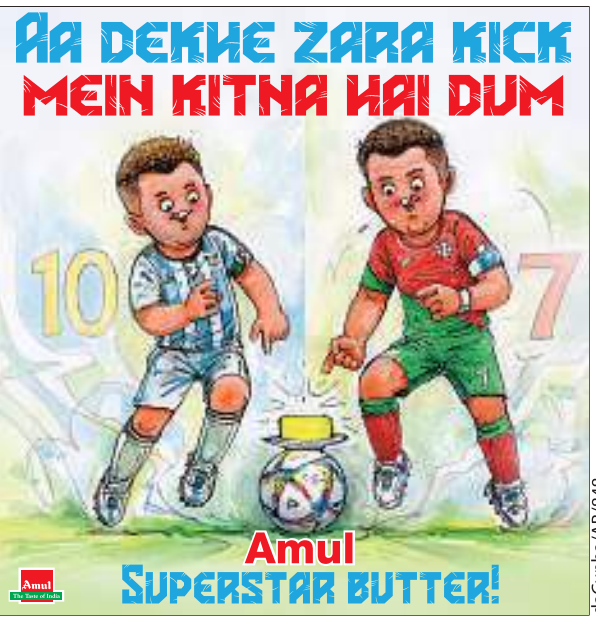
Milind Manohar Sathaye as judges of the Bombay HC. The Collegium had recommended their names on September 12.

Of the 10 names returned after the Collegium's reiteration, five were for Allahabad HC; two for Calcutta HC; two for Kerala HC; and one for Karnataka HC.

The Collegium's September 26 decision recommending Justice Dipankar Datta, Chief Justice of Bombay HC, as a judge of the Supreme Court is also pending with the government.

The 10 recommendations returned after being reiterated by the Collegium for HCs are:

ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT
■ Rishad Murtaza; recommended on 24/08/2021; reiterated on 14/07/2022
■ Shishir Jain; recommended on 24/08/2021; reiterated on 14/07/2022
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AIIMS cyber attack: At least five servers infected, have data of 3-4 crore patients

Two systems analysts suspended



Online services disabled at AIIMS for a week. *Ankita Upadhyay*

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M & ANKITA UPADHYAY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

AT LEAST five servers at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have been infected by the cyber attack which has disabled online services at the premier hospital for a week now.

Top government sources told *The Indian Express* that AIIMS-Delhi has 40 physical servers and 100 virtual servers. “Of these, five servers have been infected as a result of the cyber attack,” said sources.

Sources said the five servers hosted data of approximately 3-4 crore patients, but added that reports of patient data being stolen had “no factual basis”.

Meanwhile, two systems analysts are learnt to have been suspended on Monday for not responding to phone calls and

not attending an emergency meeting on November 23, when the cyber attack took place.

The duo were issued show-cause notices on November 24, and told to file their written replies the same evening. The showcause notice issued to one of the analysts, who is learnt to have been on leave at the time, mentioned that the official was contacted on phone, but did not respond. The notice, seen by *The Indian Express*, said a text message was also sent to him, but he did not turn up for the emergency meeting on the night of November 23.

Sources said the second showcause notice was similar in content.

While hospital services have been operating in manual mode since the cyber attack, a team of experts from the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in) and National

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Israeli envoys hit back at their filmmaker for IFFI remarks: ‘Abused invitation, be ashamed’



Anupam Kher with Israel Consul General Kobbi Shoshani in Mumbai on Tuesday. *ANI*

SHUBHAJIT ROY & MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

A DAY after Israeli filmmaker and a jury chief at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, Nadav Lapid, described the movie *The Kashmir Files* as “propaganda” and “vulgar”, the Israeli government stepped in Tuesday to distance itself from the remarks.

Taking to Twitter to post an “open letter” to Lapid, Israeli Ambassador Naor Gilon said, “You should be ashamed”. Writing that Lapid has “abused the Indian invitation” to chair the jury in the “worst way”, Gilon posted, “As a human being I feel

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Jury chair can speak mind, India-Israel ties deep enough to give him that space
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Voters have complaints, brush them aside to say: ‘Have to strengthen Modi’s hands’

LIZ MATHEW & LEENA MISRA
KHEDBRAHMA (SABARKANTHA), NOV 29

THERE IS a reason the BJP would not let go Tuesday of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's off-hand remark talking of Narendra Modi and Ravana in the same breath. Nothing works to rally Gujarat voters behind their former chief minister and current Prime Minister as a personal attack on him.

They may be unhappy about housing, education, health facilities, but across the state, the sentiment is common: “Can't humiliate Modiji.”

Among those who assert this is Champaben, of village Kathpur. Tucking in her *pallu* tightly as she gets down to chores, she says: “We do not have a house. Every time we ask for one under the Awaz Yojana, the local sarpanch dismisses our plea and helps his

cronies. Our village does not have a health centre nor a school for children after class 5... *Pan ame Modi saheb nu maan raakshu* (But we will not do anything to blemish Modi saheb's honour).”

The Chaudharys of a small village in the outskirts of Khedbrahma town are much higher on the social spectrum. Located here after displacement due to the Dharoi dam, they wear their affluence



from the compensation in the shape of bright saris, gold chains, bangles, heavy earrings — and their “bond” with Modi. “It will be an insult to Modiji if Gujarat does not support him. We have to strengthen the hands of Modiji,” says Veenaben.

Modi was the CM of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014. Eight years later, as the BJP seeks its seventh

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Vistara to merge with Air India; SIA to get 25.1% stake in new entity

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

TATA SONS and Singapore Airlines (SIA) announced Tuesday that they have agreed to merge Vistara with Air India, with SIA getting a 25.1% stake in the merged entity at an initial investment of Rs 2,058.5 crore (\$250 million) in Air India as part of the transaction.

The 25.1% stake for SIA, which currently owns 49% in Vistara, will be in an enlarged Air India group, which has Air India,



The merger is targeted for completion by March 2024. *File*

Vistara, AirAsia India and Air India Express. The merger of all airlines is targeted for completion by March 2024, subject to

regulatory approvals. Air India is already in the process of merging Air India Express and AirAsia

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Cars to planes to trains: Sanctions-hit Russia asks India for crucial parts

ADITI SHAH, AFTAB AHMED & GLEB STOLYAROV
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

MOSCOW HAS sent India a list of more than 500 products for potential delivery including parts for cars, aircraft and trains, four sources familiar with the matter said, as sanctions squeeze Russia's ability to keep vital industries running.

The list, a version of which

has been seen by *Reuters* in New Delhi, is provisional and it is unclear how many of the items will eventually be exported and in what quantity, but an Indian government source said the request was unusual in its scope.

India is keen to boost trade in this way, said the source, as it tries to narrow a ballooning trade deficit with Russia. Some companies have expressed concern, however, about potentially

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Pre-matric scholarship for minority students: Class 1-8 out, only Class 9-10

Govt says in line with scheme of Social Justice, Tribal Affairs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

THE GOVERNMENT'S pre-matric scholarship to students of minority communities studying in Classes I to VIII is being discontinued, and only those in Classes IX and X will now be eligible for this scholarship by the Ministry of Minority Affairs from 2022-2023.

A notice posted on the National Scholarship Portal stated that this is being done in

line with the pre-matric scholarship scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

“The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Accordingly, only students studying in classes IX and X are covered under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry

of Tribal Affairs. Likewise from 2022-23, the coverage under the Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs shall also be for classes IX and X only,” the notice stated. “The Institute Nodal Officer (INO)/District Nodal Officer (DNO)/State Nodal Officer (SNO) may accordingly verify applications only for classes IX and X under the Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs,” it stated.

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AVANEESH MISHRA
NAINITAL, NOVEMBER 29

A SIGNBOARD announcing the ‘Sukhatal Lake Recharge Zone Tourist Destination’, and a couple of JCB machines and concrete mixers are all that are left at the work site. By Friday, November 25, most of the workers had left, except for some who were putting away the raw materials — sacks of cement and rolls of electric wiring.

After 19 months, work at Nainital's Sukhatal Lake came to a halt last week when the Uttarakhand High Court — ac-

ting on a PIL against the government's beautification plan that allegedly involved laying a layer of concrete on the lake bed — asked for all construction activities at the lake to be suspended till further orders.

The Sukhatal catchment area, spread across 23,000 square metres, serves as the main recharge zone for the renowned Naini Lake, a km away. The lake gets its name because it is “*sukha* (dry)” for most part of the year since most of its water gets drained into the Naini, sustaining the larger lake even during the lean summer months.

In May last year, the government, based on a project report prepared by IIT Roorkee, began work on the Rs 25.51-crore beautification plan that involves, among other things, a fence with iron railings around the lake area and a paved walkway. But it's the plan to make the lake impregnable, by allegedly lining the lake bed with concrete so that the lake retains water through the year, that raised the hackles of environmentalists.

Officials working at the site said around 80 per cent of the work was completed when the court order came in on November 22.



The Sukhatal Lake in Nainital. *Avaneesh Mishra*

“We were working at good speed and the plan was to finish everything in the next two months and open the site to the public. Work on the floor of the lake bed was about to begin when the court order came. Almost all of the workers have left since then,” said Naveen Agarwal, an engineer at the site.

The High Court's order followed a letter written by 104 signatories — local activists and citizen groups — to Uttarakhand HC Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi alleging an “ongoing destruction happening on Sukhatal Lake in the name of development”. In March this year, the court took

suo motu cognisance of the matter, converted the letter into a PIL and appointed Advocate Kartikey Hari Gupta as amicus curiae.

In the letter, the group expressed concern about the “unscientific and unwanted” development of Sukhatal Lake and said its proposed development plan, which includes concretisation, has the potential to damage the ecology of Naini Lake and endanger the livelihood of Nainital residents.

The government, however, has denied that its plan involved concretising the lake bed, and said that it only planned to use a

geosynthetic clay liner — factory-manufactured hydraulic barriers that do not make a surface completely impermeable but increase water retention.

Secretary of the District Level Development Authority, Pankaj Kumar Upadhyay, said that though the initial plan was to build a concrete bed in one portion of the lake to retain water, after meetings with civil society, it was decided that there should be no concrete bed. “Following the meeting, we again reached out to IIT-Roorkee and they suggested another option, which was to use a geosynthetic clay

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New Delhi





Gujarat economy, 'Har Ghar Gangajal' in Bihar, & more women in IITs

Understanding Gujarat's economy - from per capita income to inflation rates, the promise of drinking water in Bihar with Har Ghar Gangajal, and the supernumerary scheme for women candidates in IITs

development-oriented... Gujarat villages started getting water and power under the BJP. Every village is connected with roads. The Gujarat we see today is because of Modiji," he says.

His nephew Raghunbhai Patel also vouches for the BJP. Both the Patels believe that the BJP does not

If the pro-Modi sentiment is common, so are complaints about roads, education facilities, job opportunities, besides rising prices. It is this that makes some of them consider Kejriwal's promises of welfare measures. The other reason is a desire for "change" after 20-plus years of the BJP.

● Russia turns to India for parts

falling foul of Western sanctions.

An industry source in Moscow, who declined to be named, said Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade asked large companies to supply lists of raw materials and equipment they needed. The source added that further discussion would be needed to agree specifications and volumes and that the outreach was not limited to India.

Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Indian Foreign and Commerce ministries and the Prime Minister's Office did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Russia's requests were made weeks ahead of Foreign Minister S Jaishankar's visit to Moscow starting November 7, Indian sources said. It was not clear what New Delhi conveyed to Russia during the visit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has not joined Western countries in openly criticising Moscow for the war in Ukraine, and has sharply increased purchases of Russian oil that have cushioned it from some of the impact of sanctions. During the Moscow visit, Jaishankar said India needed to boost exports to

Russia to balance bilateral trade that is now tilted towards Russia.

Western sanctions have crippled supplies of some crucial products in Russia. Airlines are experiencing an acute shortage of parts because almost all planes are foreign-made. Car parts are also in demand, with global automakers having left the market.

A source in Russia's car sales industry said the trade ministry had sent a list of car parts needed to corresponding ministries and state agencies in other countries, including India. The list of items from Russia, which runs to nearly 14 pages, includes car engine parts like pistons, oil pumps and ignition coils. There is also demand for bumpers, seatbelts and infotainment systems.

For aircraft and helicopters, Russia requested 41 items including landing gear components, fuel systems, communication systems and fire extinguishing systems, life jackets and aviation tyres. Also on the list were raw materials to produce paper, paper bags and consumer packaging and materials and equipment to produce textiles, according to the document reviewed by Reuters. **REUTERS**

●Scholarship for minority students

In a statement in Parliament in March this year, the then Ministry Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi had said that after 2014-15, 5.20 crore scholarships had been disbursed throughout the country to minority students, as against 3.03 crore scholarships before 2014-15.

Between 2014-15 and 2021-22, Naqvi said, a total of 3,36,11,677 pre-matric scholarships were granted to Muslim students, 53,13,905 to Christian students, 35,90,880 to Sikh students, 12,98,637 to Buddhist students and 4,58,665 to Jain students – at a cost of Rs 9057.08 crore to the Centre. The total cost of all scholarships granted to minority students was Rs 15,154.70 crore for the same period. The Ministry had allocated Rs 1,425 crore for pre-matric scholarships for 2022-23 to minority students.

The government's announcement to restrict the pre-matric scholarship to only minority students of Classes IX and X drew a sharp response from the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind.

AIMPLB executive member Dr SQR Ilyas said, "The various schol-

arships provided to the minority community, in particular to the Muslim community, pre-matric, post-matric, merit-cum-means scholarships, were instituted after the Sachar committee report that children from the Muslim community were some of the most educationally backward in the country, even lagging behind the children from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes."

"Most of the dropouts in the Muslim community happen in Class V, so it is the Class V-VIII category of children who will be affected most by this withdrawal by the government," he said.

Niaz Ahmad Farooqui, Secretary, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, said, "This government can't mandate to pay teachers their due salaries, so what scholarships are they going to give?"

Targeting the government, BSP leader Kunwar Danish Ali claimed that a new way had been "found to keep poor children away" from education by stopping the scholarship to minority students (of Classes I to VIII).

Congress MP Randeep Singh Surjewala called it a "conspiracy" against the poor.

Gujarat unit president Gopal Uttal's old purported remarks against Modi and his mother this time dampened the "initial excitement" over the party's surge.

A BJP leader says: "Gujaratis have a different mindset and approach when it comes to the homeland. There was always a yearning to see a leader from the state of a national stature after Mahatma Gandhiji and Sardar Patel. Modiji realised that, and has worked on it since 2002.... Almost all his works and actions have been catering to that sentiment."

Ravindrabhai Patel, a former bank employee and ex-sarpanch in Gadu Kampa village, was a loyal Congressman till he shifted his loyalties to the BJP in 1995. "It was a mix of the pride in seeing Gujarat at the forefront and the desire to protect Hindu identity and esteem. Everyone here knows what Gujarat today is because of Modiji," Patel says. "I left as the Congress indulged in factionalism, appeasement politics and played the communal card. The BJP was development-oriented... Gujarat villages started getting water and power under the BJP. Every village is connected with roads. The Gujarat we see today is because of Modiji," he says.

His nephew Raghubhai Patel also vouches for the BJP. Both the Patels believe that the BJP does not

adding that the tribals and a section of the backwards will continue to vote for the Congress.

Prabhubhai, 75, is grateful to Modi both for the work he has done in the state as well as lately for the Ayushman Bharat scheme, under which he got financial assistance for the amputation his gangrene-affected right leg needed. He is still in bandages but swears he will vote for Modi on December 5.

In nearby Prantji constituency, unlike Champaben, her extended family of 20, that does brisk business selling guava and corn from stalls along the highway, talks of dissatisfaction with the state government. "The road to our village is very bad, we have not received any support to build a house. The village sarpanch always favours his own cronies. Our children have to walk several miles to go to the school after Class 5 and we don't have a health centre," lists Suresh, Champaben's brother-in-law. But the fault, the family argues, lies with the local authorities.

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Court highlights contradiction in police probe, 8 ‘PFI members’ get bail

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

A DELHI court has granted bail to eight men accused of being members of the banned outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) after police failed to show how they were involved in unlawful activities when they were, in fact, inside Tihar jail. The men have been charged under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

In the aftermath of the ban on PFI, police arrested the accused after they received information that they had allegedly raised PFI *zindabad* slogans. The police also claimed to have recovered six PFI flags from the accused.

Additional Sessions Judge Sanjay Khanagwal said the accused were arrested on September 27 and the PFI was banned on September 28, with a notification coming into effect on September 29.

The judge also took note of the fact that the accused persons were released from Tihar jail on October 2 and 4, and were arrested again during the early morning hours.

"The IO has not been able to show sufficient incriminating material against the accused persons collected during the investigation that as to when accused persons were in custody from 27.09.2022 and remained in Tihar Jail till 04.10.2022 or 03.10.2022, then how the accused persons have carried out such activities which are aimed at advocating, abetting or inciting/assisting any unlawful activity of unlawful organisation (sic)," the court said.

The investigating officer submitted that the bank details of PFI have been recovered and investigation in this regard is going on to establish the link of the accused with the funding.

The court, however, said that the "material collected during the investigation is silent as to the role of accused persons in financial activities or in advocating the activities of unlawful organisation after its ban...".

After perusing the call record details of the accused, it noted that "even from that also, nothing could be shown to prove that the accused persons were involved in unlawful activity from the date of declaring PFI as unlawful organisation till their arrest in the present case".

Advocate Mubeen Rehman, who appeared for some of the accused, argued that they were unlawfully picked up and detained by the police.

The defence counsel submitted that "they were in fact picked up from the jail itself and were not apprehended from the place as alleged against them", and that the activities alleged against them were carried out prior to the ban on the outfit.

The defence counsel for the accused played a CCTV footage in court to argue that the accused can be seen on October 2 and 4 "being picked up forcibly by the police officials" and later on, following release from judicial custody, they "were picked up by the police officials from the exit gate of the jail itself and were taken to the police station for their false implication".

However, the court said that it would not comment on this piece of evidence since the people and the registration numbers of the vehicles appearing in the CCTV footage were not clear.

36 of 110 FOBs disabled friendly in city: Delhi govt tells HC

New Delhi: While perusing a status report of the Delhi government, which states there are 36 disabled-friendly foot overbridges (FOB) in the city, the Delhi High Court Tuesday sought a status report from the government on making foot over-bridges disabled friendly.

The HC said "for those...which are not disabled-friendly, make some arrangement". The Delhi government submitted that a survey will be done in four months to make all 110 foot overbridges, under the PWD, disabled-friendly, and sought time for it. **ENS**

3 Ugandan witnesses untraced, court drops them from witness list in case against Somnath Bharti

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A DELHI court has dropped three Ugandan nationals as witnesses after they remained untraced in a criminal case against AAP MLA Somnath Bharti, in which he was accused of allegedly undertaking a midnight raid

on some Ugandan women in Khirki Extension.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vaibhav Mehta was informed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) that their efforts to serve the summons upon the witnesses were fruitless and the witnesses could not be traced, despite best efforts. The court had also

granted numerous opportunities to the prosecution to trace the witnesses, and also warned that if they could not be produced in the court on the next date of hearing, then they shall be dropped from the list of witnesses and the prosecution will not get any opportunity for their examination.

"More than two and half years have passed since the directions of

predecessor court, however, prosecution has not been able to trace the abovesaid witnesses...In view of the report filed by MHA, and considering that numerous opportunities have already been granted to the prosecution to trace the...witnesses, this court does not deem it fit to grant any more opportunity to prosecution for tracing these witnesses," the court said.

Court seeks report from Tihar on Jain's weight loss

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday sought a report from Tihar jail authorities on follow-up action being taken as AAP leader Satyendar Jain allegedly lost weight after he was admitted to jail.

Special Judge Vikas Dhull has asked jail authorities to submit the report by December 3. The authorities had verbally told the court that Jain weighed 75 kg at present. "Let medical officer, Tihar jail, file a report as to what follow-up action is being taken since... Jain has lost weight from the date of his admission in terms of Rule 475 (VI) of Delhi Prison Rules, 2018, and the report of MRI scan too," the court said.

Senior advocate Rahul Mehra, appearing for Jain, told the court that though authorities had to record his weight frequently, the

fact that his weight was not recorded was a violation of prison rules. "Because of bias, they don't want to show how much weight I have lost....," he told the court. Jain's lawyers alleged that he lost 28 kg since his special diet of fruits, vegetables, and nuts, was withdrawn by jail authorities. The court rejected this by stating that jail officials showed preferential treatment towards Jain. The court held that weight loss cannot be attributed to jail administration as it was Jain's decision to go on a religious fast, and said that a person loses weight if they go on a fast.

Meanwhile, Jain has moved the Delhi High Court against a trial court order denying him bail in an alleged money laundering case probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). **ENS**

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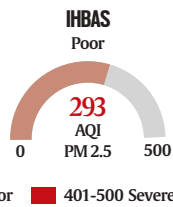
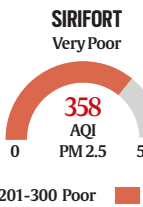
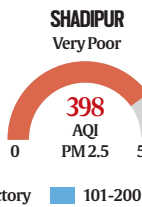
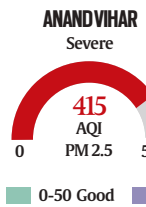
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Amid cyber attack, AIIMS seeks a helping hand from DRDO

ANKITA UPADHYAY

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

AMID A ransomware attack on the institute which has crippled services since Wednesday, AIIMS Delhi has decided to get four new servers from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) so it can resume its e-hospital facility for patients, said officials on Tuesday.

According to official sources, a meeting was conducted by the director of the institute, Dr M Srinivas, with all department heads, where it was decided that

four servers will be purchased immediately to resume the functioning of the institute.

"The four servers will be used on an immediate basis for OPD, IPD and emergency ward of the institute. These four servers will help generate bills, UHID cards, lab reports," said an official.

He added that the institute's computer facility department along with other agencies are trying to retrieve the data from the existing servers, but it is possible some of it will be restored and transferred to the new servers. The four servers will be beneficial for new patients but perhaps not



Patients were affected after the servers were down for the seventh consecutive day. Praveen Khanna

much for patients who are undergoing treatment at the institute.

However, faculty members will still have to deal with not being able to retrieve e-library or using other websites, halting academic work. "This is set to impact the functioning of the faculty as there is research and reports of past patients for future references, which all the doctors used to revisit for retrospective analysis and teaching students. Downloading of such studies and research, data and case history will not be possible in the new server," the official added.

"There are thousands of com-

puters in the institute and the administration is trying to sanitise them all. An anti-virus system is also being installed. This will take almost a week. However, there is no assurance that the patient data and other material will be retrieved as well," he added.

According to a senior doctor, it is not confirmed whether the four servers will be purchased or taken on loan from DRDO but the organisation is helping out the institute.

Meanwhile, the AIIMS public relations officer said that the eHospital data has been restored on the servers. Network is being sanitised before the services can

be restored. The process is taking some time due to the volume of data and large number of servers for hospital services..., he added.

Senior doctors said they have not been informed anything about the investigation process and are conducting all the medical work manually. "Had this been ministry or bank website, it would have been restored in a day or two," said a resident doctor.

Sources in the Delhi Police said they are checking how the AIIMS server was hacked. "It is suspected that most of the data is gone and won't be recovered soon," said the officer.

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Fuel shortage in Delhi Police

New Delhi: Due to a few technical errors in billing and funds, Delhi Police have fallen short of their petrol and diesel supply affecting police duties. Senior police officers said it is a minor error that occurred in 2-3 places and is being fixed. The petrol/diesel is used in police bikes, PCR cars, vans and other police vehicles that are used for patrolling, conducting checks or for investigation.

Man held for 'raping' minor in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: A 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly raping a five-year-old girl in Gurgaon on Tuesday, said police, adding that the incident took place on Monday evening when the girl was playing near her home. In the police complaint, her mother, a labourer, said that she was cooking and her four children had gone to play outside. Police said the girl was taken to civil hospital for treatment. **ENS**

Manhandling of cop: Bail denied to ex-Cong MLA

New Delhi: A court here on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of former Congress legislator Asif Khan in a case of alleged manhandling of a police officer. **PTI**

'COMPLAINTS GO UNHEARD'

Walking through first-class colonies, and third-rate roads

GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

THE ROADS of the national capital are known for being wide, but a safe walk on these roads, be it arterial or ones inside residential colonies, is still a distant dream for pedestrians. With the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections ahead, *The Indian Express* took a walk through some of the upscale colonies of the city to find that most roads under the MCD colonies do not have proper pavements or a safe footpath.

At six colonies in South Delhi — Greater Kailash-II, East of Kailash, RK Puram, Green Park Extension, Kalkaji, Chittaranjan Park — most roads were dilapidated, unpaved and riddled with potholes. The ability to walk safely through these roads was the biggest grievance, especially for senior citizens and children.

D-Block in East of Kailash, which houses about 4,000 houses, hardly had any space for pedestrians. Pavements were either encroached on by vendors and illegal parking or were broken and teeming with broken bricks, dust, open manholes, and non-functioning stormwater drains.

"Poor roads, potholes and waterlogging are major problems the residents face. Complaints have fallen on deaf ears. Due to poorly maintained stormwater drains, roads get waterlogged and soggy with mud, resulting in potholes. Besides, a lack of pavements poses challenges for residents, especially senior citizens," said Karan Aggarwal, general secretary, RWA.

Roads at GK-II and Green Park Extension were encroached on by cars and old vehicles. At



some junctions, roads were dug up after sewerage and underwire work.

"A portion of the road was cordoned off by a telecom company as wires lay haphazardly. Similar is the situation with the Delhi Jal Board projects. When the RWAs raise this matter with the municipal body, the blame game begins. There is no synergy between the departments of the MCD. There are 30 departments and they will make you run from pillar to post. Online services are just a sham," said Nakul Sharan, former president of Green Park extension, H Block.

Residents at CR Park and Greater Kailash-II too seemed equally peeved. Besides the condition of colony roads, they complained about waterlogging during monsoon, improper parking, and poorly maintained

stormwater drains.

"We don't care which party comes in the MCD, our grievances are surrounding basic civic amenities. We pay huge amounts as house tax expecting better roads and sewer lines, but the MCD says they don't have funds. People are left in the lurch, caught between AAP and BJP's politics," said Manish Kumar, a resident of CR Park.

In RK Puram's Sector-1, a similar issue persists. Although the area is a well-developed government residential colony, roads are in poor shape. A resident said, "I am a differently-abled person and rely on a wheelchair. The roads inside the colony are uneven, and when we complain, they just do patchwork. Disabled-friendly walkways and roads in colonies are no politician's concern."



About 15,500 km of inner roads with 60 feet or less come under the MCD. According to officials, the corporation requires approximately Rs 150 crore to repair all roads maintained by the civic body. *Express*

Residents also complained about collected water in open manholes and ditches, providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

About 15,500 km of inner roads with 60 feet or less come under the MCD. According to officials, the corporation requires approximately Rs 150 crore to repair all roads maintained by the civic body. However, due to the ongoing politics between the BJP and AAP over funding, several projects are on hold, said an MCD official.

He added, "The erstwhile North and South MCDs earmarked budget to repair about 200 km of MCD roads but after the merging of the MCD, projects were delayed." MCD has set a target to develop about 75 km of roads by March 2023 and the remaining 125 km by June 2023.

GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

ONLY A handful of Aam Aadmi Party workers stood at the entrance of Chirag Dilli village on a usual Tuesday morning as campaigning for the MCD polls took off. Within minutes, however, most of the residents were out on the streets realising that it was Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at their doorstep.

From octogenarians to children — people poured out into the narrow street to get a glimpse as he walked through their lanes, stopping for a word every now and then.

Taking over the party's final leg of campaigning ahead of the polls in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Kejriwal's campaign was a surprise. He took selfies with residents and asked them if they were happy with AAP and were receiving the promised water and electricity.

Savitri, an 80-year-old who met Kejriwal for the first time, blessed him and said, "You are our son, god bless you. *Hume aap jaise neta chahiye.*" When the CM asked her if she had been on the

government-sponsored teerth yatra, she said, "*Haan, mujhe ek baar aur jana hai.*"

As he walked through the streets and waved, a woman asked, "*Sir, aapne muffler nahi pehna?*" to which the CM laughed and said, "*Abhi thand nahi aayi hai.*" Kejriwal later walked to the Prajapati Chowk, the centre point of the village and spoke to people in a dhaba over a cup of tea. Exchanging greetings, the CM promised, "Last time I took you to Rameshwaram, this time if I come to power in MCD, will take you all to Ayodhya dharshan."

Addressing the residents, the CM said, "I came here last in 2013 and found out that the main issue here was water availability. I promised to provide 24*7 water supply. Have you all got it?" he asked. He added, "Now, I see there is garbage everywhere across Delhi. Give me one chance. I will clean the garbage and landfill site and make the city clean and shine in the next five years."

Shambhu Yadav, a resident, said, "I wanted to meet the CM but could not because of the crowd. I have no complaints except for water. The supply has improved but we get limited water. The other major issue here is

garbage, even this road was cleaned just because of his visit."

An upset 19-year-old said, "I wanted to take a selfie and post it on my Instagram story but could not get inside."

Interacting further with the public there, Kejriwal said, "Chirag Dilli village now has a mohalla clinic and hospital. The only thing that is lacking is cleanliness, and I could not clean this place because the MCD does not come under us. Now, I want one chance, and we will make Delhi shine."

The CM attacked BJP over their campaign by CMs of other states and central cabinet ministers. "If the BJP had done any good work in the last 15 years, there would have been no need to bring 17 central ministers, Chief Ministers and MPs on the ground to seek votes for the MCD polls. See, I am campaigning alone," he said.

He referred to the BJP as a "film production company" over the recently leaked videos of AAP minister Satyendar Jain purportedly showing him taking "massage" and having food in jail. "The BJP has become a film production company. The only difference is, normal movies are released on Friday. These people release a movie every day...", he added.



Taking over AAP's final leg of campaigning, Kejriwal visited Chirag Dilli on Tuesday. *Abhinav Saha*

Driven by 'revenge', Hindu Sena men often discussed Aaftab attack

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA

GURGAON, NOVEMBER 29

AMONG THE sword-wielding men who attacked a police van taking murder-accused Aaftab Poonawala from the forensic science laboratory in Rohini to Tihar jail on Monday was the current Haryana state president of the Hindu Sena who went there looking for "revenge".

Delhi Police have arrested two members of the outfit, Kuldeep Thakur and Nigam Gujjar, both Gurgaon residents. According to the FIR, they came to the FSL office with their associates after watching the news about the Shraddha Walkar case. "They had come to know that... Aaftab, who allegedly killed Shraddha, will be taken to FSL. They were waiting outside the office in their car to take revenge. They said that when police came out with Aaftab, they first blocked the way of the vehicle with theirs and attacked the police vehicle with swords," the FIR reads. Police have recovered at least three swords.

Thakur (34), Haryana state president, Hindu Sena, hails from Bhiwani district in Haryana and has been associated with Hindu Sena for four-five years. A father of three, including two girls, he is a contractor in welding, construction as well as a second-hand car salesman. "He has been working for the Hindu cause and would often put up banners," said Surjit



Men attack the police van carrying Aaftab. *ANI*

Yadav, national vice-president of the Hindu Sena. Surjit said Thakur and at least 8-10 men from Gurgaon left for Rohini Monday.

"I was not aware that people from the Hindu Sena from Gurgaon had gone to attack the accused... they had been discussing recently beating him... *baat toh karte hi the ki peetenge...* but he was in police custody. I heard they went in two cars — some were from Mohammadpur Jharsa village and Dhanvapuri. I saw them later on television speaking to the media," said Surjit.

In Rohini on Monday evening, before the alleged attack, Thakur told the media: "He killed someone's daughter... he cut a girl into 35 pieces. I am a father of two girls... *Jab hmari behn beti surakshit nahi toh kya karenin...* hum maareinge inko."

A police source in Gurgaon said Thakur has a criminal record and was booked in Gurgaon for an assault case at Rajendra Park police station and in another case related to possession of arms in

Manesar a few years ago.

Surjit told *The Indian Express*, "I do not know where they got the swords. In our organisation, we often give swords symbolically, but they are not as sharp and bend easily. The ones in the video were sharp. I think they were procured from Delhi."

He added that another suspect named in the FIR, Dhan Singh alias Lilu Gujjar, is the Gurgaon district president of Hindu Sena and a contractor in construction. His associate from Mohammadpur Jharsa village, Nigam Gujjar (32) alias Narender, has also been arrested. "Nigam does not hold any post. He is an associate of Lilo and occupies a musclemen type of role in the organisation," said Surjit.

Vishnu Gupta, national president of Hindu Sena, said, "We will get bail for all the arrested workers of the Hindu Sena... Aaftab killed a Hindu girl... The workers were angry and they took such a step, which they should not have. Through this, a message has been sent. *Kanoon toh saza dega hi, par samaj bi chhodega nahi.*" he said.

Delhi Police said that during questioning, the accused claimed they wanted to "take revenge". DCP Rohini G S Sidhu said, "We arrested the two men and sent them to judicial custody in the morning. They were interrogated. Police stopped them in time and controlled the situation. As per our records, they don't have a criminal record."

Personnel guarding him say attackers came out of nowhere

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

A TEAM of five policemen, led by sub-inspectors Ravinder and Vikram, had boarded the police van with Aaftab Poonawala outside the FSL office in Rohini when a group of men stopped the vehicle and attacked it with swords. The officers say they were "shocked" as they had no idea the miscreants were hiding outside the office.

"They had been waiting there for a long time. We had just boarded the van when they came. It was a shock as 4-5 sword-wielding men surrounded the vehicle. They even pelted stones. One of them opened the van door from behind but one of our constables stepped out and stopped them. Meanwhile, we jumped and asked them to stop. They were wielding their swords and threatening to kill the inmate. After some time, we managed to stop them with pistols. We returned to our seats. They tried hitting the back of the van again with swords but we safely left the place," said a police personnel.

As per security norms, five policemen — two sub-inspectors, two head constables and a constable — were deputed to bring Poonawala back to Tihar jail safely after the polygraph test.

"The team reached Tihar jail

around 8 am and took the custody of the undertrial... Around 6.45 pm, when he was being escorted from the FSL laboratory to Tihar jail, the outside area of FSL was checked by the team as well as by local police. No suspicious movement was noticed. When the van moved from FSL Rohini's office and crossed the gate, suddenly a group of people attacked the jail van with swords in their hands, but the Delhi Armed Police displayed exemplary presence of mind and swiftly moved the jail van from the place to avoid any harm to the inmate and the escorting staff," said DCP Dhal Singh (Third Battalion).

The third battalion of the Delhi Armed Police takes care of the inmates outside prison complex.

"The police van is built with triple security. The outer door must have been open but Poonawaala was inside a small cell in the van. The cell was guarded by another constable and the area is covered. It's not easy to break into the cell. We also took Poonawaala to the FSL office today with additional guards and vans. The BSF personnel also provided security. We are taking all measures to ensure the safety of the inmate" said an officer.

Meanwhile, forensic science lab officials said they have completed the polygraph test and preparations for narco analysis test on Poonawala will begin soon.

RWAs could get more power if CM has his way

MALLICA JOSHI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Tuesday that Resident Welfare Associations in the capital will be given the status of 'mini-councillors' if the Aam Aadmi Party is voted to power.

In Delhi, RWAs are a phenomenon of gated colonies and are elected by homeowners. They are responsible for security arrangements, beautification and greening of public areas and managing control of community halls and spaces.

"If voted into power, AAP will launch a scheme called Janta Chalayege MCD. Presently, to get any work done, people have to run after leaders from pillar to post. Under this scheme, this system will end. Now, the people will make decisions and the government will work for them. Under this scheme, an RWA will be given mini-parshad (councillor) status; they will be given all power to address the issues of their locality. Funds will be allocated to the RWAs," Kejriwal said.

The move is politically significant as RWAs hold sway in the city's planned, authorised areas, especially in DDA colonies.

What are the contours of the scheme?

While senior party leaders said that a step-by-step roadmap of the scheme is not ready yet, it will entail RWAs being in touch with their area MLAs regarding any work that is to be done inside the society.

RWAs will tell the MLA about their problems and coordinate with them, government officials said. Depending on the work, MLAs will allocate money to RWAs using their MLALAD fund of Rs 4 crore per year.

"Once the project is discussed and sanctioned, the RWA will have to ensure that it is executed in a time-bound manner and a report is submitted to the MLA. A fund cap for each RWA has not been decided yet," said an official.

What kind of work can RWAs seek money for?

RWAs, which charge maintenance or development charges from residents, can approach MLAs for work regarding internal roads, beautification of parks and common areas, cleanliness and other issues such as sewer and water. Maintenance of internal roads, parks and cleanliness come under the jurisdiction of civic bodies.

"Our main aim is to make the people of Delhi leaders. People should be the councillor and CM in the state. Governance will be handed over to the public, they will run the government through

RWAs," Kejriwal said on Tuesday.

What was the need for a new system?

According to officials, councillors would not be able to act on hundreds of requests from residents in their wards and RWAs would act as helping hands. "Councillors may not be able to handle all the complaints. The fund allocated to them (around Rs 50 lakh) is also far less than that for MLAs and that has to be used for small streets and roads in their area, cleanliness, and other civic issues. This scheme will give people a direct line with the MLA," said an official.

Asked about setting accountability and answerability, Kejriwal said, "A proper system will be set up both online and offline. It will be completely transparent."

This is not the first time the government has tied up with resident associations.

In 2003, the then Sheila Dikshit government had launched the Bhagidari scheme with RWAs, wherein Dikshit would attend web meetings with them, alongside government officials where grievances were raised and addressed. The initiative won the 2005 UN Public Service award. Over the years, however, it fizzled out and stopped once the Congress government was voted out in 2013.

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SAURASHTRA

BJP repairs the 2017 cracks in bedrock

“(If I were Rahul) I would have started my Bharat Jodo Yatra from Somnath... Last time, Congress was fighting for *satta* (power), now it’s for *astitva* (identity). AAP is fighting for the Congress’s place,” says former BJP CM Vijay Rupani

VANDITA MISHRA
RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 29

THE PRIME MINISTER’S late evening rally in Rajkot didn’t come close to filling up its Race Course ground two days before the city goes to vote. Rows of empty white plastic chairs were conspicuous and most of Narendra Modi’s audience seemed made of party cadres.

In village Vanapari, about 30 km from Rajkot city, a group of women say they will vote for the BJP because of the (BJP) sarpanch. “Our village is small, our work gets done through the sarpanch,” says Manju. It has been the same BJP sarpanch for 25 years. “For us, sarpanch is *raja* (king),” says Rama ben. “*Modi se koi lena dena nahin hai* (we have nothing to do with Modi),” Manju says.

Those two images are deceptive and telling.

The empty seats at the PM’s rally are not a political sign in an election in which one thing seems clear — Modi’s charisma is undimmed in the state where he was Chief Minister and which he is still tied to by a kind of benign remote control that allows him to enjoy presence and power but shields him from the growing calls for accountability.

Anti-incumbency is real in Gujarat. It is made of grievances on issues ranging from price rise

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to low MSPs, the State’s retreat from education to government job examination paper leaks. But Modi remains the only towering pan-Gujarat figure — the Congress has only regional satraps, while the AAP’s big leader, Arvind Kejriwal, is neither PM nor son of the state.

The apparent preference of the BJP sarpanch over Modi expressed by the women in Vanpari village is actually a statement of the political infrastructure the BJP has built in this state over its 27 years in power.

This is especially so in Saurashtra. In this election, this region is being closely tracked because the BJP’s relatively poor performance and the Congress’s



good showing here in 2017 had narrowed the gap between the two parties to 99 vs 77.

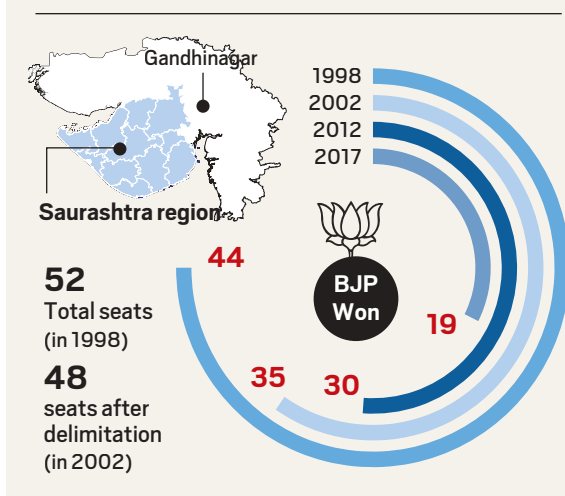
At that time, resentments against the BJP government were sparked by the coming-together of several storms — the Patidar quota agitation, the farmers’ unrest that had sharpened after floods and fumbles in the introduction of the GST.

Five years later, those resentments have faded. Now, a more traditional Saurashtra picture may be re-surfacing: In this region, of the 52 seats in 1998, the BJP won 44. In 2002, after delimitation, of the 48 seats, the BJP won 35. In 2012, the BJP won 30, before dropping to 19 in 2017.

Over the last five years, political change in Saurashtra may be framed by another set of figures: 99, 112, 9. The BJP tally, which had come down to 99 in 2017, went up to 112 on the back of cross-overs by Congress MLAs who got re-elected on a BJP ticket — as many as nine in Saurashtra.

In these five years, the BJP has also won almost all local elections of panchayat and corpora-

BJP’S SAURASHTRA DECLINE



tion, in Saurashtra.

Caste rears its head, most sharply in Gujarat, in Saurashtra. Patidars and Kolis — excluded from the Congress’s traditional formula of KHAM — are the two big communities and the AAP’s entry has made the caste configuration a talking point.

Congress disadvantage in this region is also made of older factors like the anti-Congress

sentiment fuelled by the Navnirman Aandolan which kicked off from here, in Morbi. The BJP has grown in this region as a party of *aandolan* or movement, since the days of the Jan Sangh. Modi fought his first election from Rajkot’s “safe seat”.

Now, as the skies overhead buzz with private helicopters carrying BJP and AAP heavyweights, the Congress seems al-

most oblivious to the stakes.

At the Congress office in Bhavnagar, candidate Kishorsinh Kumbhaji Gohil speaks optimistically of an older caste formula falling into place: “15 per cent vote of Patidar vote is still ours, and then the whole of Muslim, Kshatriya and Dalit vote.”

“(If I were Rahul) I would have started my Bharat Jodo Yatra from Somnath,” says Vijay Rupani, who belongs to Rajkot and who was abruptly removed as chief minister by the BJP in 2021 to blunt anti-incumbency. Now *prabhari* for Punjab and Chandigarh, Rupani says: “In the last election, the Congress was fighting for *satta* (power), in this election for *astitva* (identity). The AAP is fighting for the Congress’s place.”

For now, the AAP has injected itself into conversations in Saurashtra — not just in the urban centres but also in villages.

In MVM Science and Home Science women’s college at Rajkot, Trupti, a student, argues for Kejriwal’s party: “Because education fee will go down... The AAP has worked in Delhi.”

In the AAP’s Bhavnagar office, to the sound of patriotic Bollywood numbers, Mahipal



(Left) Modi arrives for a meeting in Rajkot. PTI (Above) Vijay Rupani, a sitting MLA from Rajkot, at his residence. Bhupendra Rana

Singh Zala, city president, reels off numbers: “We have registered 24,000 families for guarantee cards in Bhavnagar East, held 86 sabhas...”

Unlike in Punjab, however, here in Gujarat, the AAP’s lack of organisation is a formidable obstacle. Especially in Saurashtra where the BJP’s grip runs deep, there is scepticism of a third force, and suspicion about the AAP’s Hindu credentials is fuelled by BJP-led campaigns.

In Paddhari taluka, Praveen Gadvi, a shop owner, says: “*Neeche se shuruat karni padti hai* (you must begin from below). The third party doesn’t succeed in Gujarat — look what happened to Keshubhai, Shankersinh Vaghela... You have to pass class 10 to become a graduate.”

Modi’s Rajkot speech skirted the polarising issues — he spoke of economic development and end of cumbersome rules and regulations. But on the ground, even in Saurashtra where the politics of communalisation doesn’t show as stark, BJP candidates are not leaving the divisiveness unsaid.

In a *mohalla sabha*, Bhavnagar candidate and Education Minister, Jitubhai Vaghani says: “Kashmir flag came down... Amit Bhai said we will take the whole of PoK... The Congress gave an affidavit in court saying Lord Ram is a myth.”

INTERVIEW: ANANT PATEL, TRIBAL LEADER

‘They promised Adivasis progress, jobs. Changing sheets in a hotel or doing dishes is employment?’

LEENA MISRA &
KAMAAL SAIYED
VANSDA (NAVSAI DISTRICT),
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ANANT PATEL, 45, successfully led the agitation to block the Par Tapi Narmada river-linking project. A Dodhia tribal, he won his first Assembly election in 2017 to become the Congress MLA from Vansda. Contesting from the seat for the second time, Patel speaks about the Adivasi vs Vanvasi debate, and why joining politics was important. *Excerpts:*



Is there a single English-medium school in villages except Eklavya schools?

What damage would the river-linking project cause?

PATEL: Nearly 50,000 families would have got displaced. Our culture, hopes and identity would go... You take water for drinking, we have no problem. But not for industries...

How do you see Medha Patkar participating in Rahul Gandhi’s Bharat Jodo Yatra?

Isn’t Medha Patkar a citizen of the country?... Anybody who tries to do good for Adivasis, their image is slowly distorted... They might call me Naxalite soon.

How important is being in a party for a leader from a community like yours?

I believe that any leader, if he wants to do something for their community, be it Hardik (Patel), Jignesh (Mevani) or Alpesh (Thakor), they must join a party. If it forms the government, they can get work done.

PM Narendra Modi said that projects like the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana give opportunities to Adivasis...

ON THE ROAD

Sitting MLA in the shade; it’s a Yogi show, bulldozer in tow, in Godhra

SOHINI GHOSH
GODHRA, NOVEMBER 29

CAMPAIGNING in Godhra Tuesday, 3 km from where the fire in a coach of the Sabarmati train in 2002 set off the Gujarat riots, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the “sacrifice of the Ram bhakts” 20 years ago had ushered in an era of peace and development in the state.

“20 varsh pehle, jo balidaan Godhra mein hua... Ram bhakton ke uss balidan ne Gujarat ko ek model ke roop mein aage badhaya aur Gujarat ne uss samay curfew par sadev ke liye curfew laga dala. Ab curfew nahin lagta Gujarat mein, dange nahin hote Gujarat mein. Gujarat mein har vyakti surakshit hai, vyapar phal-phool raha hai, beti aur behnen surakshit hain (20 years ago, the sacrifice made by Ram bhakts in Gujarat resulted in a ‘Gujarat model’, and a curfew was put forever on frequent curfews, making the state curfew-free, riot free. Every person in Gujarat is safe, business is flourishing, women are safe),” Adityanath said.

To chants of *Jai Shri Ram* from the crowd, the BJP leader added that the “*balidan*” by the Ram bhakts had led to the country getting the “*yashaswi netritva* (dynamic leadership)” of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. “It’s thanks to it that work began in Ayodhya for the construction of a grand temple of Lord Ram.”

Leading the roadshow at Godhra was a bulldozer adorned with BJP flags, trailed by 100-odd



BJP supporters lined up to see, hear Yogi Adityanath in Godhra Tuesday. Nirmal Harindran

bikes, before Adityanath made an appearance, atop a truck.

Throughout his series of rallies Tuesday, Adityanath’s message was similar. He invoked Hindu pride, talked of temples, and spoke about Modi’s administration ensuring an end to riots, and consolidation of security.

Apart from religious references, Adityanath also made it a point to mention Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in his speeches, specifically talking of the Junagadh and Hyderabad States conceding to join India due to Patel’s efforts.

Cutting an awkward figure in his own constituency though was incumbent Godhra BJP MLA C K Raulji, on whose behalf Adityanath took out the kilometre-long roadshow, followed by a public address. At least a dozen persons *The Indian Express* spoke

to during the roadshow did not know who the sitting MLA was, and admitted they had come to see or hear the UP CM. At one point during the public address, Raulji, 68, bent down to touch 50-year-old Adityanath’s feet.

A five-term MLA from Godhra, who won last time by a wafer-thin margin of 258 votes, Raulji was part of the Jail Advisory Committee that recommended the early release of the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case.

Raulji was earlier with the Congress, winning in 2012 by over 2,800 votes and in 2007 by 14,500 votes. He switched over to the BJP ahead of the 2017 Assembly polls. A Godhra BJP member said he would have it easy this time. “One of the key reasons for his low margin (in 2017) was that nearly 18,000 votes went to Independent

Jashvantsinh Parmar. The bulk of those will come to Raulji this time.” Parmar, having crossed back to the BJP, has been campaigning for Raulji this season.

For many lined up to see Adityanath Tuesday, these calculations were far from their minds. “We have come here to see Yogi... we know he has done a lot of work in Mathura,” said a woman, who along with two others said she was referring to the development of Krishna Janmabhoomi by the UP CM. The group cheered and hooted from as Adityanath passed by waving.

Advocate and notary Divyesh Sheth, who had come to the Godhra rally with his wife and two young kids, said he had come to “listen to Yogi”. “Modiji and Yoggi have my blind support. Even if they put up a thief, my vote will go to them.”

HASHTAG POLITICS



• On social media, AAP ahead, Cong focus on Rahul Yatra



From live rallies to poll promises, raps to trolling, social media reflects the high-octane Gujarat poll battle in its spirit and essence, with Twitter and Facebook leading.

• AAP

Among the three major players, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)’s social media accounts are the most up-to-date on the Gujarat Assembly elections. Even though the party is also battling crucial Delhi civic polls, every second post from its main handles is related to Gujarat. According to a PTI report, more than 95% of content shared from AAP’s main Facebook, Twitter accounts was on the party’s activities in Gujarat on Sunday.



6.4 MILLION FOLLOWERS

THE PARTY’S REGIONAL TWITTER HANDLE, WITH 138K FOLLOWERS, SHARES DETAILED SCHEDULE OF ITS STAR CAMPAIGNERS EVERY DAY. AAP FOCUS IS PROMISE OF ‘SACHE DIN’.



5.5 MILLION FOLLOWERS

• BJP

The ruling BJP is close behind AAP. More than 40% of its tweets and above 35% of its Facebook posts between November 21 and November 27 were related to the party’s campaign in Gujarat, the PTI report said.

The party relies heavily on PM Modi’s popularity in its campaign and prominently features BJP government’s pride projects in the state, from Statue of Unity to the bullet train



19.5 MILLION FOLLOWERS

THE PARTY’S STATE HANDLE, WHICH HAS 1.5 MILLION FOLLOWERS, FEATURES GUJARATI FOLK SINGER ARVIND VEGDA, AND HIS RAP SONG



16 MILLION FOLLOWERS

• Congress

Most of the content posted by the grand old party is regarding Rahul Gandhi’s Bharat Jodo Yatra. Out of 280 tweets posted between November 21-27, only 42 were related to the party’s campaigns and party leaders’ rallies in Gujarat, said the PTI report.

On Facebook, 22% of the content of the Congress was related to Gujarat, while 75% of the posts from the main handles (198 tweets, 194 Facebook posts) were related to the Yatra from November 21 to November 27.



9 MILLION FOLLOWERS

ITS GUJARAT HANDLES ARE MUCH MORE ACTIVE ON THE ELECTIONS. APART FROM POLL PROMISES, THERE IS CRITICISM OF BJP GOVT ON FARMERS, WOMEN, AND TRIBAL ISSUES.



6.3 MILLION FOLLOWERS

125 MLAs recontesting, MoS, Home, among top 5 with highest rise in assets

All 5 are from BJP; of 125 contesting again, assets of 105 grew: ADR data

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 29

OF THE 125 MLAs in Gujarat who have been fielded again by their parties, Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi clocked the highest increase in assets, at 721%, in five years, as per data released by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) Tuesday. The top five such legislators are from the BJP.

Sanghavi and his spouse’s assets rose from Rs 2.12 crore in 2017 to Rs 17.42 crore. The minister who has income from a diamond business is contesting again from Majura in Surat. The assets of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel in comparison increased 58% from Rs 5.19 crore in 2017 to Rs 8.22 crore in 2022.

Apart from Sanghavi, the other four legislators who saw family assets rise the most are Rural Development Minister Arjunsinh Chauhan (573% rise); Shailesh Bhabhor (481%); Ramanlal Patkar (335%); and Manisha Vakil (308%). Of the 125 MLAs who are contesting again this time, the assets of 105 grew.

Among the Congress candidates, Imran Khedawala, who is



Harsh Sanghavi saw highest increase, at 721% in 5 years

contesting from Jamalpur-Khadia in Ahmedabad City, saw his assets rise 224%. He had assets worth Rs 46.86 lakh in 2017 and now he is worth Rs 1.51 crore. The Congress MLA from Danta, Kanti Kharadi, saw his assets grow 252% from Rs 32.03 lakh in 2017 to Rs 1.12 crore. Vadgam (Banaskantha) MLA Jignesh Mevani who contested in 2017 as an Independent saw his assets rise from Rs 10.25 lakh to Rs 35.48 lakh, a 246% growth.

The average assets growth of BJP MLAs was 39% while that of Congress was 26%. The average size of the assets of BJP MLAs in the race is Rs 11.9 crore. The figure is Rs 8.11 crore for Congress.

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‘I’m happy BJP is changing course...it’s become Muslim Bharatiya Janata Party’

THE PRESTIGE of Samajwadi Party stalwart **AZAM KHAN** hinges on the December 5 bypoll to the Rampur Assembly seat, which he has won 10 times. The candidate is his aide Asim Raza, who lost the bypoll for the Rampur parliamentary seat earlier this year, after Khan vacated it to fight the Assembly elections. Now, with Khan's conviction and the Rampur Assembly seat falling vacant, Raza has again stepped in to fight, against the BJP. Khan speaks to **DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** about BJP's claims of winning over Muslims, and why he remains confident of the SP retaining the seat. Excerpts:

The BJP is saying that they won the Rampur Lok Sabha seat and will win the Assembly seat as well.
No, they did not win the Lok Sabha seat, they only got the cer-

tificate (saying so). They could not have won. After creating so much terror and fear, they got only 3.6 lakh votes. They know it, as does the winning candidate. Go and ask him, and he will talk to you with his head lowered.

It is said that Azam Khan never loses polls in Rampur.

It is not Azam Khan. It is the issues with which we go to the people. Before 1980, there were just two big buildings here, the palace and the fort. Rest there was nothing, except huts and flying dust. The Rampur that you see today is the Rampur that has been built after that.

The BJP is accusing you of winning elections by creating fear among the electorate, and that it will provide actual development.

Every day, 10-20 doors are bro-



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AZAM KHAN
SENIOR LEADER,
SAMAJWADI PARTY

unscrupulous contractors are joining the BJP. That is how well-meaning the BJP campaign is here. A small town is being terrorised.

But there is talk that with Azam Khan not the candidate this time, the SP might lose.

Who else is the candidate? I have lost my right to vote too, so obviously, I can't contest. My nationality is intact, what greater grace can there be from those who run the country? That is why people will vote for me, because I have no right to vote.

The BJP is also accusing 'secular' parties of ignoring Pasmanda Muslims, and is wooing them and claiming they will vote for the party.

I am so happy that the BJP is at least changing course. Now it has come down to Muslim appeasement. I want to congratulate

them for this. If they start thinking about all Muslims, it will be even better. All those engaged in cow slaughter in Rampur, and accused in scores of such cases, have all become the pride of the BJP's dais. All hardened Muslim criminals have joined the BJP. It has now become the Muslim Bharatiya Janata Party. The good work that they are doing for Muslims here, by scaring them, by beating them up and by threatening them, if they start doing this with all Muslims in the country, all issues will be over. The issues of Mandir-Masjid, loudspeaker, naqab, will all disappear. We also want the same. So why only Pasmanda Muslims? All Muslims are Pasmanda (backward). But the question is when all those who slaughter cows sit with the BJP, who will protect the cows?

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ken down, women are slapped, my wife is misbehaved with, police station lock-ups are full of locals, flag marches of armed forces are happening in the city, and all



Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, AICC in-charge for Organisation K C Venugopal, Sachin Pilot and Rajasthan Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra in Jaipur on Tuesday. *Rohit Jain Paras*

Truce for Gehlot, Pilot after Cong high command steps in

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 29

IN JAIPUR to review the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) preparations, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in charge for Organisation, K C Venugopal, brokered a truce between Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and former deputy CM Sachin Pilot on Tuesday. The Rahul Gandhi-led Yatra is set to enter Rajasthan over the weekend.

Venugopal met the two leaders separately behind closed doors for about half an hour and is said to have communicated the AICC's opinion on the recent developments in the state. In a recent interview to NDTV, Gehlot said Pilot cannot be made the CM as party MLAs will not accept a "gaddar (traitor)" who colluded with the BJP to topple the government in 2020. Gehlot also alleged that the BJP had given Rs 10 crore to each MLA to bring down his government.

In the BJJ review meeting with party leaders, which lasted for about two hours, Venugopal also gave a stern warning that there should not be any more incendiary public statements by party leaders. If a minister is

found making such comments, he may even be dropped from the council of ministers, Venugopal is learnt to have said, emphasising that this is applicable to everyone.

While the closed-door meeting with both leaders is said to have been "positive", the results may be temporary. Sources said the party wants both leaders to keep their differences aside and focus on the BJJ.

Later, addressing a press conference flanked by Gehlot and Pilot, both of whom spoke before him, Venugopal raised their hands in the air and said "this is Rajasthan Congress" to indicate unity in the faction-ridden state unit.

"We are very much united. Here Ashok ji (and) Sachin Pilot ji both already told you that the Congress party is united in Rajasthan. This yatra is not going to be a short-term event. Till election, we will fight together and we will win the election in Rajasthan again," Venugopal said.

Asked about comments by state Congress leaders despite his September 29 advisory, Venugopal said, "Whoever has given statements since the advisory, I asked for an explanation

from the PCC president ... we will take (it) up separately." On September 29, Venugopal had directed party leaders in Rajasthan to refrain from making "public statements against other leaders or about party's internal matters". However, several party leaders from both factions, including Gehlot, have been commenting against each other since then.

"Yesterday that (the issue of factionalism) has been cleared by Rahul Gandhi, our leader, very clearly. Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot, both are assets for the party," Venugopal declared.

At the joint press conference, Gehlot said, "We all are united in Rajasthan. I have said that Rahul Gandhi ji yesterday said...that Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot are assets...and our party's virtue is that when our leader's message comes, then everyone down to the base work together..."

While the closed-door meeting with both leaders is said to have been 'positive', the results may be temporary. Sources said that the party wants both leaders to keep their differences aside and focus on the BJJ.

In that regard, the truce may be short lived.

Day after Kharage's 'Raavan' jibe at PM, a BJP-Cong slugfest

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A DAY after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharage, while taking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for asking people in all constituencies to vote for BJP on the basis of his face, asked whether he is hundred-headed Raavan with a head everywhere, the BJP hit back, calling it an insult of Modi and every Gujarati. The ruling party called it a "testimony to their hate for Gujaratis", and asked people of the state to teach the party a "lesson" by voting for BJP.

The Congress countered the attack on its chief — and the party's tallest leader from Dalit community — by accusing BJP leaders of unleashing an "anti-Dalit tirade".

Taking a strong exception to Kharage's remarks, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel tweeted, "Bereft of any development agenda and support from the people, Congress is out to abuse Gujarat and Gujaratis. The statement made by Kharage-ji against PM Narendra Modi-ji is a testimony to their hate for Gujaratis..."

Patel was reacting to Kharage's address at a public rally on Monday night at Ahmedabad's Behrampura. Hitting out at BJP for relying on Modi for every election, Kharage said, "We see your (Modi's) face in corporation elections, MLA elections or MP elections, everywhere... Do you have a hundred heads like Raavan?"

He also said, "I have been seeing that votes are sought in the name of Modi-ji -- be it municipality elections, corporation elections (or Assembly polls)... Ask for vote in the name of the candidate...is Modi going to come and work at the municipi-



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharage. *File*

ality? Is he going to help you in times of your need?

Reacting sharply, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra on Tuesday asked people in Gujarat to cast "100 per cent" votes for "son of the soil" Modi and take "revenge" in a democratic

manner. At a press conference, he alleged Kharage was voicing the views of Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. Personal attacks on Modi started with Sonia's "maut ka saudagar" (merchant of death) remarks during

2007 Gujarat Assembly polls, Patra pointed out.

"What Kharage said is condemnable and shows the mindset of the Congress. This is not merely an insult of Modi but of every Gujarati," he said.

BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya tweeted, "Unable to take the heat of Gujarat election, pushed to the fringe, Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharage loses control over his words, calls Prime Minister Narendra Modi 'Ravan'. From 'Maut ka Saudagar' to 'Ravan', Congress continues to insult Gujarat and its son."

Congress media department head Pawan Khara shot back, "Why can't you digest the fact that a Dalit who has worked his way up is the elected president of the Congress? Calling him fringe shows what you and your party thinks of Dalits."



As India takes G20 charge, govt plans year-long cultural splash

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

AS INDIA assumes the Presidency of G20 on December 1, the government plans to begin its diplomatic calendar with a series of cultural initiatives. On the agenda is an interaction with 75 educational institutions, lighting up 100 monuments with the G20 logo, showcasing G20 at the Hornbill festival in Nagaland, and sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik etching the 20-nation global forum's logo on Puri beach, among others.

Sources said this will be the beginning of India's activities as it prepares to host more than 200 meetings across the country at more than 50 locations. These will include ministerial meetings, and those at official and non-governmental levels, to be held between December 1, 2022, and November 30, 2023. India will host the G20 leaders' summit in New Delhi on September 9-10, 2023.

Sources said the meetings in

EXPLAINED
All eyes on big-ticket event

THE G20 summit will be the first international event at the highest level in India to be attended by world's leading economies. It will be interesting to see the response of some members if the meetings are in J&K and the N-E, especially in Arunachal Pradesh.

the run-up to the summit will take place at exotic locations across the country. Some of them will be held alongside festivals in those states and regions — for example, the kite festival in Gujarat.

Sources said the venues will include J&K, but there is no clarity yet on Arunachal Pradesh. According to sources, the meetings are being scheduled in remote parts of the

Complaint over Shah's '2002 lesson' remark 'under process' in poll panel

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THREE DAYS after a retired IAS officer complained to the EC seeking action against Home Minister Amit Shah for saying the BJP had taught a lesson to rioters in 2002, an EC official Tuesday said the matter is "under process".

The official said the poll panel has sought a report from the Chief Electoral Officer in Gujarat, where Shah had made the remark while campaigning on November 25.

When contacted, additional chief electoral officer of Gujarat, Kuldeep Arya, however, told *The Indian Express* the report was sent to the EC "two days back".

"We had sought a report from the District Election Officer of Kheda regarding a speech carrying a reference of 'lesson being taught in 2002'. The report, which includes a video clip, does not have anything objectionable," Arya said.

Arya further said: "He (Shah) is directly not inciting anyone. He is saying rioters were at large and we have taught a lesson and after that no rioting has taken place in Gujarat. So no particular community has been targeted. We have sent the report two days back to ECI," Arya said.

In his letter to the EC on November 26, a retired bureaucrat, E A S Sarma, said Shah had allegedly violated the poll code restrictions on seeking votes on communal basis. Sarma cited news reports which quoted Shah as saying a section of society had been "taught a lesson in 2002".

"The statement, if found to be true, violates the MCC in force, especially with reference to the following clause, 'There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes'," he added.

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PUSH FOR LADAKH

NATIONAL COMMISSION for Minorities Chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura on Tuesday met with officials of Ayush Ministry and pushed for employment to youths from Buddhist and Muslim communities in Ladakh. He also directed the Ayush officials to promote cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants to help the locals. Singh will be visiting Ladakh in summers and has informed the Ladakh administration in this regard.

HI BEFORE BYE

WORLD FOOD Programme representative and its India director Bishow Parajuli is set to bid adieu to New Delhi as his term ends this month. A day before leaving for his home country Nepal, he visited Krishi Bhawan on Tuesday and met Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja and other officials in the Food Ministry. Earlier, he had organised a get together for some of the top government officials, which was attended by former food secretary Sudhanshu Pandey, who attained superannuation just a month back, and NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, among others.

Sena name, symbol dispute: EC fixes hearing on Dec 12

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) will hold its first hearing in the Shiv Sena factions' dispute on December 12, an EC official said Tuesday.

The poll body had on November 12 asked the two factions led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and former CM Uddhav Thackeray to submit documents supporting their claims to the party's name and symbol by November 23.

While the hearing will be held on December 12, the two sides have been told they can submit further documents or statements by 5pm on December 9, the official said.

Meanwhile, the EC has deferred its hearing in the dispute between the two factions of the Lok Janshakti Party led by Chirag Paswan and Union Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras. The hearing was scheduled to be held Tuesday. **ENS**

Benefits only for those who worship PM: Rahul

MANOJ CG
UJJAIN (MP), NOVEMBER 29

AFTER OFFERING prayers at the Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at a rally on Tuesday invoked Hindu religion to attack the BJP government saying that it disrespects those who toil hard such as workers, farmers and small businessmen — the real 'tapasvis' akin to Hindu gods Shiva, Rama and Krishna.

With vermilion smeared on his forehead, Gandhi peppered his speech with references about Hindu Gods and Bhagawad Gita at a well-attended rally as part of his Bharat Jodo Yatra in this temple town.

He said Hinduism teaches to worship 'tapasvis'. Rahul said the government instead of honouring the 'tapasvis' is giving everything to those who do 'puja' of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Rahul Gandhi at Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, on Tuesday. *PTI*

Just a few days ago, he had offered prayers at the Omkareshwar temple. There are

12 Jyotirlinga sites in India, considered a manifestation of Shiva. Mahakal and Omkareshwar are

among the 12. His visits to the two revered temples besides paying homage to B R Ambedkar

at his birthplace in Mhow, and tribal icon and freedom fighter Tantya Bhil at his birthplace in Khandwa are aimed at sending political messages.

Rahul said he has not done any 'tapasya' by walking across the country. "I will tell you who all are doing real 'tapasya' in India...the workers...farmers, carpenters, barbers, gardeners, electricians, small shopkeepers, labourers...they do 'tapasya'...day in day out...their entire life. The Hindu religion teaches us to worship 'tapasvis'...so why are they not worshipped...the government does not give them anything...it gives everything to those who do 'puja' of Narendra Modi," he said.

"Those who worship Modi...they get everything they want...railways, ports, airports...roads, power, water...everything. A handful of individuals worship the PM and the country's entire wealth is given to them," he said.

India's rise deeply linked with rise of Indian tech: Jaishankar

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UNDERLINING THAT India's rise is deeply linked to the rise of Indian technology, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said India's geopolitical positioning will be a net assessment of politics of energy; economics and technological interests.

Speaking at the Global Technology Summit in New Delhi — organised by Carnegie India and the Ministry of External Affairs — Jaishankar said, "Geopolitics ultimately comes down to partners and choices. For India, who gives access; who provides markets and who collaborates are the key criteria."

He said that in a world of civil-military fusion, the definition of strategic technologies has changed. Building deep strengths alone will drive re-bal-



S Jaishankar. *File*

ancing, he said.

He said the rise of India was deeply linked with the rise of Indian technology and the country cannot remain agnostic to the developments in the sector that has acquired strong political connotation.

India would like to use its G20 Presidency to reflect the interests and concerns of the global south that have been sidelined over the years, he said.

"The rise of India is deeply

linked to the rise of Indian technology. It could be semiconductors, it could be 5G, artificial intelligence, commercial space launches, satellite fabrication," Jaishankar said.

He said technology should be given substantial weight in deciding India's geopolitical positioning as it would play a key role in striking alliances in a multipolar world.

"We cannot be agnostic about technology. We have to stop thinking that there is something neutral about technology...more and more things are technology driven and we need to understand that there is a very strong political connotation in-built into technology," Jaishankar said.

He said the principle of economic strategic autonomy will hold the key to global rebalancing and big players will constantly strive to be more capable technologically.



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UTTARAKHAND

More stringent anti-conversion Bill in House

Dehradun: The government on Tuesday moved a more stringent anti-conversion Bill in the Assembly that seeks to make unlawful religious conversion a cognisable and non-bailable offence punishable with jail for at least three years to a maximum of 10 years. The Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Act, 2022, also seeks to make an offender liable to be imposed with a fine of at least Rs 50,000. As per the amendment, the offender may also be liable to pay a compensation of up to ₹5 lakh to victim. **ENS**

ODISHA

Investor summit begins today

Bhubaneswar: 'Make in Odisha', the state's global conclave for investors is set to begin Wednesday, with top industrialists expected to take part in the flagship event. The event will be inaugurated by CM Naveen Patnaik. Aimed at showcasing the state's manufacturing prowess, the 5-day event will be attended by delegates from China, Japan, Norway, Germany, Nepal, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Australia. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH

6 of family killed in fire, 3 injured

Firozabad: At least six members of a family including three children were killed on Tuesday after a fire broke out in their electronics-cum-furniture shop on the ground floor of the building they lived in, police said. Prima facie, it appears that a short circuit led to the fire. CM Yogi Adityanath ordered relief of Rs 2 lakh to the kin of the deceased, officials said. **PTI**

TELANGANA

5 juveniles held for assault on girl

Hyderabad: Five school students who allegedly sexually assaulted their 17-year-old schoolmate here and filmed the act, were apprehended, police said on Tuesday. The boys, aged between 14 and 15, had sexually assaulted the girl in August, they said. The girl's parents lodged a complaint Monday after the boys circulated the recording, police said. **PTI**

ROW OVER IFFI JURY CHIEF'S CRITICISM OF THE KASHMIR FILES AS A 'PROPAGANDA FILM'

Agnihotri dares Lapid: Prove even one scene wrong, will quit filmmaking

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A DAY AFTER Israeli filmmaker and a jury chief at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Nadav Lapid, slammed the inclusion of Vivek Agnihotri's film, *The Kashmir Files*, in the competitive section of the festival, calling it a "vulgar" work of "propaganda", Agnihotri Tuesday put up a video on social media and stated that "what was surprising was that a terrorist's narrative was given a platform at an event organised by the Indian government, and Indians living in India used this narrative against their own country".

The Kashmir Files, released earlier this year, is based on mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley in the 1990s. Agnihotri said the fact that his film was slammed "isn't new for me, (as) Urban Naxals, members of the Tukde Tukde gang, and terrorists have been saying this for a long time".

He stated, "...I conducted 700 interviews for this film. Are they saying people that I interviewed, people whose family members were murdered and gang-raped, are lying? A land that used to be occupied by Hindus is no longer occupied by Hindus. They are still being killed there. Is this propaganda? They keep calling *The Kashmir Files* a propaganda film. Are they saying that the genocide of Hindus didn't happen? Today, I challenge all intellectuals of the world, all the Urban Naxals of the world — and even this great filmmaker from



Vivek Agnihotri, director

Israel — if they can prove even one scene, one dialogue in *The Kashmir Files* is fictional, I will stop making films."

The only Indian member in the jury panel for the section, filmmaker Sudipto Sen, said Nadav's statements "were done in his personal capacity". Other members of the jury included film producer Jinko Gotoh from the US, documentary filmmaker and film critic Javier Angulo Barturen and film editor Pascale Chavance from France. Vani Tripathi, a member of IFFI's steering committee, said: "You can have creative differences but to comment so sharply as he (Lapid) has done is unusual. There can be creative differences of opinion but as a jury chief you have to keep...politics out."

BJP leader Shivam Chhabra, who was part of the IFFI preview committee, told *The Indian Express*, "It is not the prerogative of jury members to question the selection of films; their mandate is to adjudge films selected by a competent panel, which has on board filmmakers, film critics and other eminent people from the society."

Indian jury member distances self from Lapid's 'personal view'

ALAKA SAHANI
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 29

DISTANCING HIMSELF from Nadav Lapid's statement on *The Kashmir Files* at the closing ceremony of IFFI, filmmaker Sudipto Sen on Tuesday said the Israeli filmmaker made the remarks in his "personal capacity".

Stating that all winners were chosen "unanimously", Sen, a member of the International Competition section, said that after the meeting with the festival director, and the subsequent press conference, Lapid should not have shared his "personal opinion" at a "public platform".

He told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday: "Nadav went to speak...as the jury chairman of the International Competition. However, the statements he made there were in his personal capacity. Whatever we had to say as part of the Jury Board about the films in competition, we said in the official presentation to the festival director and other officials on November 27, and later at a press conference. We are proud of the selection, but we are hurt by Nadav's action."

Mumbai-based Sen, writer-director of films such as 'Akhnoor', 'Aasma', 'Lucknow Times' and 'The Last Monk', whose controver-



Sudipto Sen, jury member

sial film upcoming film *The Kerala Story* "will be ready for release by January-end", said the jury watched a selection of 15 international and Indian feature films competing for the top awards in the international section.

"We got 22 films to watch. Out of them, five were chosen for awards. To select the winners we followed different parameters such as artistic, sociological, aesthetics and technical qualities," he said. "Officially, we were supposed to discuss those five films which were chosen for awards. We were not supposed to discuss in public about those which were not considered for awards." He said even though *Perfect Number*, renowned Polish film director Krzysztof Zanussi's latest film, was in competition, they couldn't consider it for an award. "So you can imagine how tough the competition was. We discussed the merits and demerits of every film," he said.

SC shifts trial in former Andhra minister murder case to Hyderabad

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday ordered shifting of the trial in the murder of former Andhra Pradesh minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy from the state to the CBI Special Court in Hyderabad, Telangana, finding substance in contentions that a fair trial may not be possible in AP.

A bench presided by Justice M R Shah also asked the CBI to complete at the earliest the probe into the larger conspiracy in an independent and unbiased manner. The SC order came on a petition by Vivekananda's daughter Suneetha Narreddy and her mother. Reddy, who had switched from the Congress to YSR Congress, was hacked to death at his residence in Pulivendula on March 15, 2019. The CBI took over the case following Andhra Pradesh High Court's order in March 2020.

Ulemas have vital role to play in countering extremism, says Doval

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

ASSERTING THAT scholars of Islam and Islamic law have a "vital role" to play in countering radicalisation and extremism by propagating progressive ideas and thought, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval Tuesday told a gathering of ulemas from India and Indonesia that there was no space for hate speech, prejudice, propaganda and violence in a democracy.

He said "extremism and terrorism are against the very meaning of Islam because Islam means peace and well-being". "This is a distortion of religion against which all of us need to raise our voices effectively," he said.

At the end of the event, the delegation issued a joint statement, saying that the "participants agreed on the need to work together to develop common narratives on de-radicalisation". Earlier, NSA Doval said the ends for which extremism, radicalisation and the misuse of religion are employed is not justifiable on any ground.

"Opposition to such forces should not be painted as a confrontation with any religion. Instead, we should focus on the real message of our religions, which stand for the values of humanism, peace and understanding. As the Quran teaches, killing one person is like killing all humanity and saving one is like saving humanity," he said.

"It is crucial that we share and



NSA Ajit Doval with participants of a discussion on 'Role of Ulema in Fostering a Culture of Interfaith Peace and Social Harmony' held in Delhi on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

understand the historical and cultural context of Islam in our respective countries which have peaceful and tolerant underpinnings," he said. "In a democracy, there is no space for hate speech, prejudice, propaganda, violence, conflict and misuse of religion for narrow ends."

Doval said that the aim of Tuesday's event 'The Role of Ulema in Fostering a Culture of Interfaith Peace and Social Harmony in India and Indonesia' is to bring together scholars to promote tolerance, harmony and peaceful co-operation, which will bolster the fight against violent extremism, terrorism and radicalisation. Stressing on the need to counter disinformation and propaganda that can "impede peaceful co-existence", the NSA said the ulemas have a "leading role in ed-

ucating the people on the original tolerant and moderate principles of Islam". He also said that the two countries need to build a common narrative on deradicalisation, and that their state institutions need to come together to identify and detect potential negative influences.

The Indonesian delegation is on a three-day visit led by that country's coordinating minister for political, legal and security affairs Mohammad Mahfud MD. Mahfud said such discussions offer an opportunity to learn from each other and be inspired by the best practices in preserving a peaceful and harmonious society.

"Religion should be a source of peace, not the reason for discord, conflict, or violence. It should be a unifying tool, not a divisive instrument," he said.

No material to link girls' deaths with Covid vaccine: Govt to SC

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STATING THAT it "made substantial efforts to ensure a safe Covid-19 vaccination programme", the Centre has told the Supreme Court that the vaccination was voluntary, and there is no material to link vaccination with the "tragic" death of two girls who were administered Covishield.

In an affidavit filed in response to petitions by the parents of the two girls, the Health ministry elaborated on the process of development, testing, manufacturing and administration of vaccines, including post-administration surveillance and Adverse Effects Following Immunisation (AEFI).

The government said that Covid-19 vaccines, including Covishield, went through a rigorous regulatory approval process

with several layers of independent expert review. "The data submitted by the vaccine manufacturer on the safety and efficacy of the said vaccine has been closely examined by various expert bodies...", it said, adding "all decisions on vaccine administration are made on the basis of relevant scientific evidence".

The ministry said that AEFI are expected to occur in the administration of every vaccine and are as such monitored by all countries. It added that AEFI "may or may not have a causal relationship with the usage of the vaccine".

The government said that till November 19, 2022, a total of 210.96-crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines were administered in the country and that a total of 92,114 AEFI cases were reported during this period, which works out to 0.0042 per cent. Of this, 89,332 (0.0041 per cent) are "minor" cases and 2,782 (0.00013 per cent)

are "serious and severe".

It added that "...any such serious/severe AEFI, including death, cannot be attributed to vaccination till the same is causally assessed by the National AEFI Committee".

The affidavit pointed out that in the case of one of the girls, the committee officially classified Thrombosis and Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) as the cause of death. A total of 26 TTS cases linked to AEFI were reported in India till September 30, 2022, of which 12 patients died, it said.

The other girl, it said, was diagnosed with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome of Children (MIS-C) and that "as of now, there is no global evidence to associate" it "with Covid-19 vaccines..." and, hence, can only be considered an Adverse Event of Special Interest (AESI) and not AEFI.

Cops stop Sharmila from meeting KCR, tow away car with her inside

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOV 29

YS SHARMILA, the founder-president of YSR Telangana Party (YSRTP) and the sister of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, was detained for the second time in as many days as she proceeded towards Pragathi Bhavan, the office-cum-residence of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao in Hyderabad Tuesday, officers said.

The police towed Sharmila's car away even as the YSRTP chief was seated in it. Many YSRTP activists were also detained.

On Tuesday morning, Sharmila arrived at Punjagutta along with YSRTP leaders and cadre, and tried to proceed towards Pragathi Bhavan in protest against the TRS workers' attack on her convoy on Monday and the subsequent cancellation of permission for her padayatra.

High drama was witnessed as Sharmila was driving a vehicle from her convoy, the windshield and windows of which were smashed by activists of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) at Chennaraopet on Monday. The YSRTP chief was, however,



YSRTP chief YS Sharmila on her way to the residence of the Telangana Chief Minister in Hyderabad on Monday. PTI

stopped by the police at Somajiguda circle.

Even as several YSRTP members surrounded Sharmila's car to prevent her from being detained, she locked herself in the SUV and the police summoned a tow vehicle. As she refused to come out of the vehicle, the tow truck lifted the SUV and took it away with Sharmila inside. She asked her driver and personal security officer to leave the vehicle just before it was towed away to SR Nagar Police Station where she continued to remain inside the vehicle

even as the police tried to convince her to step out.

On Monday afternoon, TRS workers had attacked Sharmila's convoy in Warangal district, smashing the windshields of vehicles. They were upset over Sharmila's allegations against TRS MLA P Sudarshan Reddy. Narsampet assistant commissioner of police Sampat Rao told *The Indian Express* that they cancelled the permission granted for Sharmila's padayatra as the law and order situation was not conducive.

Maternal mortality ratio dips to 97 in 2018-20 from 130 in 2014-16

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MATERNAL MORTALITY Ratio has declined from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20, according to a special bulletin released by the office of the Registrar General of India.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya attributed the improvement to the Narendra Modi government's various healthcare initiatives.

Maternal mortality in a region is a measure of the reproductive health of women in the area. Many women of reproductive age die due to complications during and following pregnancy and childbirth or abortion, the Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India 2018-20 said.

According to World Health Organization, "Maternal death is the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental causes."

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DRAWING THE LINE

SC is right in pushing back at government’s signals on judges’ appointments. It must resist overreach — and look within, too

THE SUPREME COURT has gently, yet firmly, spoken its mind on the recent remarks by Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on the Collegium system that decides on the appointment of judges. In a recent interview, Rijiju, who described the Collegium system as “alien” to the Constitution, said, “Never say that the government is sitting on the files, then don’t send the files to the government, you appoint yourself, you run the show.” Justice S K Kaul’s response to this petulant framing of the matter as a Court versus government faceoff was measured: “It came from somebody high. Should not have. All I can say is, it should not have happened.” The bare facts are that there are vacancies in the apex court while the government is refusing to approve the names cleared by the Collegium for appointment as judges. The Court had reiterated the same suggestions after the government returned the files for reconsideration. If propriety and the law suggest that the government approve them, the law minister has sought to discredit the process itself by suggesting that it is also unconstitutional.

For long, the judiciary and the government have had their disagreements on how SC judges are to be appointed. The Centre proposed the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) to replace the Collegium system in 2015, but a five-judge constitutional bench of the Supreme Court struck down the Act a year later. Clearly, the executive has not reconciled with the rejection of the NJAC. But as Justice Kaul said on Monday, “maybe you have reservations on the law... But till the law stands, it is the law of the law... if the government says it will delay or not adhere to the law of the land, tomorrow somebody else may say something like this about another portion of the law”. As Justice Kaul said, the government should “look at the larger picture”. The larger picture is dismal. Despite a 2020 judgment that fixed timelines to clear appointments, recommendations are stuck at the government’s end. Such delays, Justice Kaul remarked, have affected recruitments with good candidates reluctant to join the judiciary. Shortage of judicial officers is a major reason for pendencies, which has been repeatedly flagged by the Court.

Yet, Rijiju has a point about the opacity in the system and, fortunately, judges, too, are veering towards the idea of institutionalising a system of transparency and evaluation that brings some sunlight into the appointment process without compromising its integrity. As this government has said so many times, and with reason, especially during Emergency anniversaries, that Indira Gandhi’s idea of a “committed judiciary” is the death knell of a democracy. The Constitution is clear on the balance of powers, the Supreme Court’s pushback against what tantamounts to overreach by the political executive is timely and welcome. In parallel, the court should step into overdrive when it comes to reforms within — that make it more transparent and accountable, the twin pillars on which independence often rests.

THE BIG PICTURE

IFFI jury chair can speak his mind, India-Israel ties are strong enough to give him that space

OVER THE SEVEN decades of its existence, the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has developed into a prestigious show by a country that makes more films than any other in the world. It may not be a Cannes or Berlin, and despite being a government-run show, the IFFI has the convening power to attract some of the world’s best cinema and filmmakers aside from providing coveted space to India’s own best. As such, multiple views, not all of the same shade, are bound to be aired and exchanged. Thus it was natural that a film director of the eminence of Nadav Lapid, who headed the jury for the international competitive section, would have strong views about films and cinema. Presumably, this is what made him the right choice to chair the jury of the showcase segment of the film festival.

Lapid’s opinion of the film *The Kashmir Files*, which he described as “vulgar propaganda”, may not have gone down well with many who packed cinema halls earlier this year to see it and who saw, in the film, the breaking of a long silence — over the treatment of minority Kashmiri Hindus — in popular art. Of course, it is odd that a losing film was singled out for criticism — jury speeches are usually about the winners. Moreover, one of the jury members has come out to say that this wasn’t, as Lapid claims, a consensus view. But then what is a film festival where an artist, especially one invited to chair a jury, can’t speak his mind? Lapid, who has never made the specious claim of being “apolitical” — a term celebrities often use to mask their political choices — is not known for mincing his words including in his own country, Israel. Those who run the IFFI should know that without this freedom that top practitioners of the art like to take for granted, its annual celebration of India’s formidable soft power will be just another polite back-scratching film awards night. So the Lapid controversy must not become a justification for the IFFI to pack the jury with the like-minded.

Israel’s ambassador to India, Naor Gilon, took it upon himself to give Lapid a tongue lashing and apologise to India for the offence caused by the filmmaker’s remarks. This was uncalled for diplomatic intervention in a matter that had nothing to do with him or the Israeli state. For one, Lapid did not identify his views as those of Israel. More importantly, India-Israel ties, do not not hang by the slender thread of a film review even if it was promoted by government leaders as a must-watch. As two countries that have come together in a considered and deliberate way to build their bilateral relationship over the last three decades, their ties are surely strong enough to shrug off Lapid’s remarks as par for the democratic course.

SIXER FATIGUE

Ruturaj Gaikwad’s record seven sixes raises the bar. But six-hitting in the T20 age has become non-events

MAHARASHTRA’S TALENTED BATSMAN Ruturaj Gaikwad’s seven sixes in a domestic 50-overs game received muted reactions. The feat trended briefly on social media, making the meme-lovers chuckle at the numerical oddity of the seventh six. The young star did make it to the headlines but he didn’t quite set the cricketing world on fire. How did cricket reach this space of no-surprise? When cricket stopped gasping at such feats, it wasn’t the proverbial loss of innocence, but a landmark in its continuous evolution. A six lost its visceral thrill a long time back. Ravi Shastri and Gary Sobers didn’t do it in international matches either, but a generation would talk about it. They are still finding the ball that rolled out onto the road from the Sobers hit; fake ones wink in auction. Similarly talked about was the last-ball six by Javed Miandad in Sharjah in 1986. Now, the cricketing world is over all that mush.

For Indians, from the last decade, was MS Dhoni’s twirl at Wankhede stadium in 2011 the last six that has stayed in the mind? Now, it has to be something sensational for it to stick: Like Virat Kohli’s twin sixes against Haris Rauf in the World T20 game against Pakistan at MCG. Suryakumar Yadav contorts his body into scarcely believable positions to unfurl sixes. Otherwise, not much stays for long.

Over the years, even the batsmen have started to treat sixes as non-events. There is a ridiculous nonchalance in the new-age six strikers. So used to hitting the ball outside the park, there seems to be an obvious absence of the adrenaline rush. For many T20 stars, it’s a bread and butter stroke — as routine a cover drive for a Test opener. The modern-day batsmen have honed and practised big hitting so thoroughly that they retain their “shape”. There is nothing visceral about the hitting to gasp. Even if there are seven sixes.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

IT IS A cliché about protests in authoritarian societies that they appear unlikely ex ante, inevitable in retrospect, and uncertain in the train of events they unleash. But, based on preliminary assessment, the widespread protests against China’s Covid policy are unprecedented and will test President Xi Jinping’s authority. In all likelihood, the protests will be quelled with a combination of repression and some concessions. But in significant ways these protests have already challenged the authority of Xi.

Protests in China are not new. For years, the Chinese state used protests as a safety valve and an information conduit, a way of identifying fault lines in society and responding to them. Most of those protests did not dent the authority of the Communist Party. They were used to strengthen it. But that strategy had four assumptions.

First, the issues taken up in the protest were usually very specific. Second, they worked in a system of relative decentralisation, where the protests could be taken as an indicator of local performance, while the central leadership could step in as a knight in shining armour. So, traditionally, in surveys, distrust of local government was always much higher than central government. Third, the protest was used as information. But the guiding assumption was that the central leadership had some kind of knowledge authority that was in a position to correct errors. And the fourth, was the ability to control the information order enough to stop any possible contagion effects.

All four assumptions are being tested in these protests. The first is harder to gauge. The protests are ostensibly against Covid policies. In some places they are becoming a magnet for other grievances including labour rights and curbs on freedom. But we have to be very cautious in assessing the scale and grammar of these protests. But the fact that China has become more centralised is a problem for Xi. Though local governments institute region-specific policies, there is no doubt that the failures of Covid policy will be attributed entirely to the central government. The spectacle of Xi’s politburo being entirely constituted of “yes men” also suggests that channelling up discontent through party channels is no longer considered an easy option. Ironically,

Protests in China are unlikely to lead to regime change, but it has dented the authority of the President

the successful consolidation of power at the top takes away the possibility of engaging with alternative viewpoints within the system. Perhaps the people are willing to see this. Xi cannot displace the blame to protect his own aura. But most importantly, the protests have dented Xi and the leadership’s epistemic authority. The protests are a statement that the leadership is not in the best position to judge what trade-offs are appropriate. It cannot endlessly use people as fodder for its own preferred targets. The regime cannot disguise its failure to vaccinate or prepare the health system enough to open up. And ironically, increasing ambiguity about on the ground policies may have made the situation worse. With steep slowdown in economic growth, this authority will be challenged further. Even if Xi cracks down, this dent in authority might surreptitiously work itself out in the party over the coming few months.

And, finally, there is control over the information order. Despite censorship and propaganda, two lessons are clear. It is impossible to suppress or distract from information in the long run: One uncensored shot of a football World Cup game being watched without masks can trigger emotions. It is also a reminder that closed societies that put nationalist pride over the wellbeing of people run risks. In this case, China’s refusal to use vaccines made elsewhere left it vulnerable to a larger lockdown. There is no direct line from economic development to political freedom, but the modern world does require space for personal freedom that political orders challenge in the long run at their own peril. Whether the protests are sustained depends on a number of things. First, the dynamics of contagion effects cannot be predicted. Could a precipitating incident galvanise more protests, or does the fear of anarchy lead to holding back? Major changes almost always come as a surprise because of the dynamics of collective action. But it is equally sobering to remember how most protests end up being domesticated or repressed. The second issue is elite cohesion. In protests that lead to major upheavals, usually there is a crack in the power elite that allows popular protest to channel up into change. This seems unlikely at the moment, partly because Xi has marginalised anyone with independent authority.

Third, a lot depends on how Xi responds. Tactful concessions and some targeted repression may work. Giving concessions may not be as significant a loss of face as everyone assumes. The greater danger is Xi appearing indecisive, as, in fact, he has in his management of Covid. But he does have a problem that he is stuck with Covid — opening up risks steep rise in infections and deaths. But a lockdown is not sustainable either. We also don’t know how the generational divide might work out in this — the protest seems to be led by young people — and Xi may have to do a balancing act. But it would be out of character for this regime not to want to reassert its authority very quickly. Even in 1989, where there was arguably more elite division, the revolt was snuffed out. And the analogies with Arab Spring are a bit far-fetched, since the Chinese state has deeper social roots.

These protests have global implications. The global mood affiliation about democracy will undergo a shift. Democracies might be in crisis. But authoritarian regimes are in a deeper crisis. The protests underscore the fact that demands for a fair degree of personal freedom, freer information, or that governments justify themselves to their citizens are not parochial cultural values. But the economic and strategic implications of this shift are uncertain. Is a Xi regime, with its authority dented, more likely to mobilise nationalism and assert Chinese power on the international stage?

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THE REMARKS MADE by Nadav Lapid, the jury chairman of the recently concluded International Film Festival of India at Goa, about the Indian film *The Kashmir Files*, raises disturbing questions about the film and the festival. While commenting on films that were included in the competition section, he expressed his concern about *The Kashmir Files*. He thought it was “like a propaganda, vulgar movie inappropriate for an artistic competitive section of such a prestigious film festival”. This comment has triggered a series of responses for and against him and the movie.

The damning comment by a respected filmmaker and jury chairman says a lot. Lapid was making this observation representing the jury consisting of eminent filmmakers whose very mandate is to evaluate the films. What else is expected of a responsible jury but such honest and open evaluation of the films? Isn’t his duty to the spirit of cinema and to an illustrious film festival to speak honestly?

Another disturbing aspect is the polemical response of a large section of society to the comment. There is a category error here: While talking about the film, Lapid was commenting upon its artistic merit — as to whether or not it is a work of art worth being considered in the competition section of a prestigious film festival in terms of its aesthetic quality. The idea of “quality” or “merit” of

A QUESTION OF MERIT

IFFI jury chair criticised not the content of *The Kashmir Files*, but its quality

a work of art is, of course, a very slippery one. Though such judgements are subjective, they can be discussed in discourses on art in aesthetic terms — the very idea of a jury and the process of judgement are based on it. This is a jury of peers from the domain who are knowledgeable about the field and capable of free and fair judgement. Lapid’s mandate as a jury member was to judge and comment upon the artistic merits of the movie rather than its political in/correctness — which is exactly what he did, sharply and passionately. In doing so, he was upholding the jury’s mandate and also being true to himself, the spirit of cinema and the festival. An international film festival owes its reputation to the values and concerns it upholds, which is reflected in its programme content and organisational intent. There has been a lot of criticism about the selection process for the festival, but no one knows who is answerable or to whom one should complain or appeal. After the unplanned and hurried merger of all national film institutions into the National Film Development Corporation, and the dissolution of the Directorate of Film Festivals, the mystery regarding who actually runs IFFI remains unresolved. All this naturally gets reflected in the priorities and packaging of content which, in turn, lead to embarrassing situations like this. This comment, in fact, is a stark reminder to the festival authorities about the philosophy of the festival and an appeal to re-

think the process of film selection. It is unfair to criticise the jury for commenting on a film based on its artistic merit by using categories or arguments from a totally different domain. In this category confusion between artistic merit and political opinion, aesthetic perception and vested interests, what is lost is art. Art is something that does not lend itself to the whims of the status quo or political exigencies. It is based on far deeper concerns and understanding about aesthetic imagination. So, it transcends both the expectations of the popular and also the woke. Art unsettles fixed identities and rigid notions, and dreams about other modes of being and radical futures. Art does take sides — for justice and peace. It looks beyond boundaries and borders of all kinds. So, judgements about art are not about assuaging or justifying something or the other, but to keep on interrogating the given, the accepted, the taken-for-granted things, and to open up our imaginations to diverse experiences and possibilities of life.

Lapid’s comments too come from such an artistic urge and political responsibility, as his own words testify: “I feel comfortable to openly share this feeling with you since the spirit of the festival can truly accept critical discussion which is essential for art and life.”

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NOVEMBER 30, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

CPM TITAN DEAD

PROMODE DASGUPTA, THE undisputed leader of the CPI(M) in West Bengal and the senior most member of the party’s politburo, died in Beijing following a heart attack. He was 73. Dasgupta, who left for China on October 26, was undergoing treatment for asthma in a Beijing hospital.

PAK OPPOSITION HELD

A NUMBER OF leading opponents of the martial law regime in Pakistan have been arrested, BBC reported. Those rounded up include Khwaja Khairuddin, secretary general

of Pakistan’s Movement for the Restoration of Democracy. The Khwaja had given a call for a country-wide campaign against the five-year military rule of President Zia-ul Haq. For the first time in the history of Pakistan, a woman was also given 10 lashes at the central jail in Peshawar on the charge of adultery by an Islamic court.

GATT COMPROMISE

THE GENERAL AGREEMENT on Tariffs and Trade conference agreed on a new set of guidelines for encouraging free trade and halting a rising tide of global protectionism. Bilateral disputes had threatened the con-

ference but compromise was reached through an emergency working group of countries.

INDIA-FRANCE DEAL

FRENCH PRESIDENT FRANCOIS Mitterrand rejected the suggestion that there is a link between his government’s decision to supply nuclear fuel for the Tarapur atomic power plant and French sales of arms to India. He disclosed that discussions were continuing for the production in India of about 110 Mirage 2000 aircraft over and above the 40 Mirages India has already contracted to acquire from France.

13 THE IDEAS PAGE

The climate change generation

Education should be leveraged to avert climate-related crises and shape opportunities that a green economy will bring



AARAN PATEL

INSTEAD OF MIRRORING a broken development paradigm predicated on an extractive relationship with nature, India can lead with an approach that's better for both people and the planet. A climate-resilient education system will be essential to realising this opportunity. This will enable Indians to move from vulnerability to agency, for forest-dwelling youth to be entrepreneurs in a nature-based economy, for children displaced by climate-induced disasters to attain a transformative education and be on pathways towards green jobs.

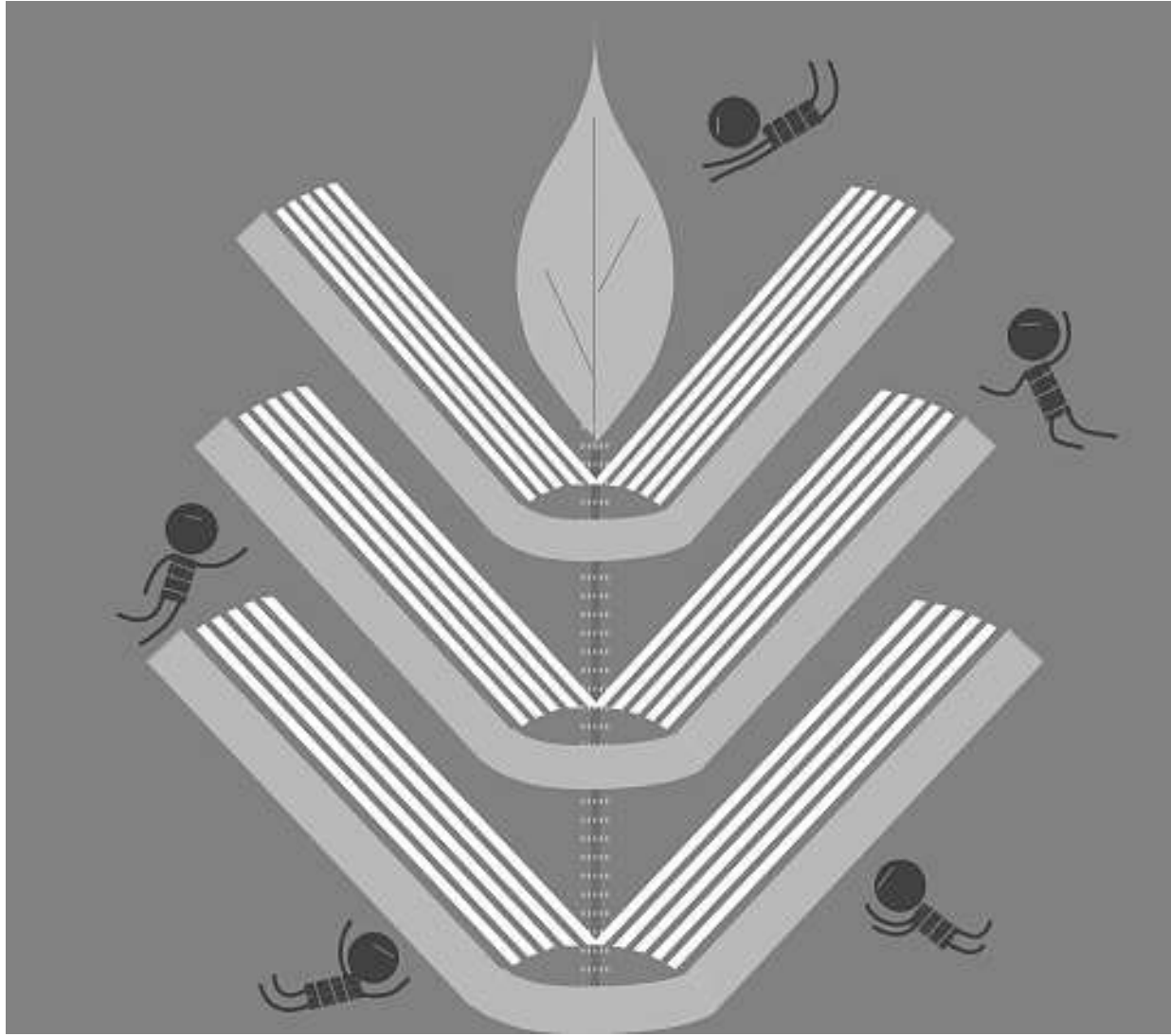
At COP27, India released its Long-Term Low Emissions and Development Strategies (LT-LEDS). This outlines priorities for carbon-intensive sectors like electricity and industry and transport, and emphasises the role of a Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) as a mass movement towards sustainable consumption and production. From behavioural shifts of individuals to the re-shaping of markets, education has a vital role in the LiFE movement. This could make a significant dent in reducing planet-warming gases — demand-side actions have the potential to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40-70 per cent in 2050, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

However, the education sector and children face several headwinds. First, school closures during the pandemic have led to a learning deficit that's getting reflected in reduced test scores. This will likely impact productivity and per capita income levels in the long term. One year of school closures could reduce GDP levels by anywhere from 1.1 to 4.7 per cent by mid-century, according to a paper by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The lasting impacts of Covid-19 could hinder economic mobility for a generation of Indians and alter the arithmetic for public finance.

Second, climate impacts are already disrupting children's learning and well-being globally. For instance, extreme heat reduces students' learning levels and causes physiological harm. Schools are temporarily shut down and children's health is affected due to persistently poor air quality in cities like Delhi. Debilitating deluges are permanently displacing families, often leading to children (and disproportionately girls) dropping out of schools and being trafficked or subject to child labour due to distressed household incomes. As these disasters grow more frequent and intense, we must prepare the infrastructure, content, and delivery of the public education system to protect the most vulnerable citizens, many of whom will be climate refugees.

Third, the lived experiences of climate-induced disasters and anxiety about the future are causing despair and dread among young people. This is compounded by digital platforms and news cycles that don't linger long enough to make sense of challenges or build a widespread understanding of breakthroughs like the significant reductions in the costs of renewable energy.

Consequently, the education system ought to be leveraged to both avert crises and shape opportunities. At a national level, a strong enabling framework for a climate-resilient education system could cover matters from curricula to nutrition to school building codes in a climate-changed world. With its scale and reach, the public school system is not only a



C R Sasikumar

source of learning but also shelter, clothing, food, and community for millions. Building off a recent UNICEF paper, India should create this framework through a consultative exercise with educators, students, experts from the humanities and sciences, and relevant ministries and departments.

Design and implementation in states and districts should be shaped by existing local needs and anticipated climate risks. This could involve infrastructure investments so school buildings can double up as emergency shelters in cyclone-prone areas and capacity additions so government schools in mega-cities that are destinations for climate migrants can integrate and empower children. Across the board, children should be able to access clean water and nutritious food. Students' mental health needs should be served through an empathic expansion and an emphasis on social and emotional learning.

Curricula can be infused with scientific and technical know-how alongside indigenous and local knowledge. In pockets, there are already innovative initiatives under-way where non-government organisations are adding tremendous value through contextualisation and close work with communities. These efforts range from the buffer zone of Kanha National Park where Baiga and Gond students are learning about the potential of integrating biodiversity conservation with regenerative agriculture to the by-lanes of Bengaluru where youth are taking civic and climate actions from waste management to lake restorations to make their city more liveable.

The cross-cutting imperative should be to foster critical thinking instead of rote learning so that the next generation can embrace complexity and make informed choices. While we must strive for abundance and equity, societies and individuals will likely need to nego-

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tiating scarcity and trade-offs.

There are important considerations that could qualify these arguments. Some may rightly point out the need for climate education across society rather than simply at the primary and secondary levels. The imperative to retrain workers in industries that have a limited future in a green economy is being underlined in recent times. So is the need to prioritise technical training in colleges and universities so we can rapidly accelerate our decarbonisation pathway.

While each of these goals should be pursued, decades of data reflect how investments in primary and secondary education are the greatest lever for development and can often be net positive for public finance in the long term. Furthermore, we can't afford to be narrowly focusing on technical training for the innovation, research, and development of climate technologies. Rather, we should develop strong analytical capabilities and holistic thinking about societal transformations and how new technologies will be embedded in communities. A blinkered short-term approach could lead to a suboptimal transition addressing symptoms rather than the root causes and merely shifting unsustainable demand from one set of finite resources to another. As Elizabeth Kolbert, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist put it, "the 'invisible hand' always grasps for more".

From consumer choices to innovation to policy to finance, each aspect of a green economy will be underpinned by a strong education system that is resilient to climate change. This could be the greatest enabler of a uniquely Indian Lifestyle for Environment that taps into our civilisational richness and becomes a model and movement to be emulated by the world.

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SUMA SHIRUR

WHEN THE INDIAN women's hockey team came fourth at the Olympics, we still celebrated them on their amazing rollercoaster ride. At the end of the day, in sport, these are the sort of fighters we want to watch. That's why when I think of where Indian sport should be at 100, in 2047, I don't want to put a dull number to the medals we ought to win. Sport should be about stand-out memories. In 2047, I want to see fire-brand Indian athletes, like the women's hockey team, make headlines. I want every Indian athlete to make the finals and put themselves in a position to stand tall on the biggest stages.

When we started shooting 25 years ago, we had nothing, but then each of us from that generation decided to give back through coaching and setting up academies. Back then, we were only riding our talent. We made winning four Olympic medals look easy. After two Olympic Games with no medals, we now want our shooters to be far better prepared. We are not the US or China or Russia — we are unique and shouldn't ape other countries. We should be wise and mature in setting goals. The aim isn't just

medals. We should have athletes who can perform at will.

We are 10 years behind everyone in terms of sports science. We have only recently started looking at coaches' training programmes, and our own data collection, analysis and research. The results that you see today are largely due to shooters from a generation ago. Over the years, the number of aspirants has grown exponentially. Now, we must focus on quality. In 25 years, we should be a consistent and confident medalling nation.

In team sports like hockey and cricket, I want parity for women — in what they earn, number of matches and leagues they play, and what facilities they get. Every child's first love is football; I've seen that among shooters and in my two sons. And by 2047, if India can get to the FIFA World Cup level in men's and women's football, they will be gods and goddesses in this country.

While I'm a big believer in capitalising on traditional hubs in wrestling and boxing, I

also know so many girls from cities who want to take up boxing. By 2047, we should be able to provide young people options — shooting for those in rural areas, boxing in big cities and wrestling in urban schools and universities. Sponsorship, infrastructure and sports programs at universities like in the US, ought to be the trajectory to aim at.

Athletes from smaller towns are more driven, but the willingness to work hard doesn't come easily to city kids, in my experience. They lead cushioned lives, and many schools are air-conditioned now — who will go out and sweat it out in the sun? Maybe golf and tennis operate in elite circles, but we need urban kids to play sports and aspire to be elite athletes.

Young people from privileged backgrounds have opportunities galore, which gives them a greater chance to shine brighter in sports. On the other hand, those from less privileged families find themselves struggling for opportunities and facilities. The skill and talent are there but there

are small things like travelling abroad, performing in a different set-up, and different food and language — getting that confidence takes a while, which we should make available to all athletes irrespective of their backgrounds, from early on.

I think by 2047, every Indian child should get some kind of exposure to all the options in sport, so they know if they get a sense of where their interest and talent lie. Competition is good, but not to the point where it becomes a mental health issue or is unsafe for children. We need good structures for this, and the whole sporting ecosystem should know how far to push young athletes.

Medals are won or lost on decimals. A mature approach which thinks of athletes first — win or lose — and makes sport enjoyable should be the aim for India at 100.

The writer is an Olympian and world record holder in sports shooting, and recently won the Dronacharya award for coaching. This article is part of an ongoing series, which began on August 15, by women who have made a mark, across sectors

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Once careful to proclaim its secularism, India's government appears content to export its Hindu chauvinism. That should trouble everyone.” — THE GUARDIAN

Poor get their due

Verdict in EWS case is in keeping with the vision of a dynamic Constitution with equity at its heart



ASHWANI KUMAR

THE SUPREME COURT'S majority judgment in *Janhit Abhiyan* is a watershed moment in the nation's endeavour to advance inter-generational justice. It views reservation in government employment and educational institutions as a tool of affirmative action and reparative justice, beyond identity and representation. Endorsing the 103rd constitutional amendment, the Court has expanded the sweep of affirmative action by extending the benefit of quotas to the hitherto excluded economically weaker sections (EWS) of the "forward classes". It repelled the legal challenge to the amendment, mounted principally on the ground that reservation on the basis of economic backwardness alone was a species of class discrimination constitutionally impermissible and violative of the Constitution's basic structure (*Kesavanand Bharti*, 1973). The Court also rejected the argument that the exclusion of SCs, STs and the non-creamy layer of OBCs from the 10 per cent reservation was discriminatory and that the amendment breached the judicially-mandated 50 per cent cap on reservation. The majority thus endorsed the central premise of the amendment — economic deprivation, with its attendant consequences, must be addressed as part of the government's affirmative action policies for empowerment of the poor, not covered by caste based reservation.

The defining logic of the majority view, also accepted in principle by the minority, is that the debasing impact of poverty on human dignity is caste neutral. Indeed, the ravages of history and histories of marginalisation including our own experience as an oppressed colonial nation tell us that "calculated oppression" is a function of economic deprivation that scars the soul in a dehumanising perpetuation of poverty. An acute awareness of the social and economic inequities that have inspired the Constitution's preamble promise, elaborated in the inter-play of Directive Principles (Articles 38, 39A, 46) and Fundamental Rights provide the edifice for the Court's majority judgment. In upholding the challenged amendment, the majority reasoned that reservation was an exception to the equality principle and therefore, not a part of the basic structure of the Constitution. It could thus be modulated for the benefit of those not already availing of the benefits of affirmative action. It held that the new beneficiaries could be treated as a distinct and separate category for the purpose of reservation with reference to the twin constitutional tests of rational differentiation and the object sought to be achieved. Breaching of the 50 per cent cap on reservation has been justified on the basis that it was judicially conceived only in respect of the backward classes and is not "inflexible and immovable for all times to come".

Recalling its judgment in *N M Thomas* (1976) and logic of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in *Jagdish Rai* (1977), as also the dissenting judgment of Chief Justice of Patna

High Court in *Sudarshan Thakur* (1957) endorsing the State's power to provide reservation in case of "undeserved want", the Court rejected "the tying (of) substantive equality to a fixed category of backwardness". It recognised "a constantly evolving situation where groups that are the sites of social and institutional disadvantages can change over time and even new groups can be added as times change".

In a compelling construct of the nation's democratic arrangement enshrined in a dynamic Constitution, the Court affirmed that each generation must invest the document with new content to make it a "living organic thing"; "not bound to be understood or acceptable to the original understanding of the constitutional economics..." (*Association of United Tele services Providers*, 2014). The majority view builds upon a stated deference to Living Tree Constitutionalism and unfolds an expansive judicial gaze upon the Constitution, not frozen in time, to ensure its continuing relevance in the advancement of national goals. The majority decision affirms that in a parliamentary democracy, policy choices representing the harmonising of conflicting interests through pragmatic adjustments is essentially a legislative function that ought not to be overridden by judicial fiat, unless plainly offensive to the Constitution.

However, in a never-ending process of justice, the split verdict in the case will keep the competing arguments alive on complex questions at the intersection of law and politics. For the moment, the majority view with its precedential value must hold the field. Legal finesse apart, the distinction of the majority view rests upon its exposition of an idea of constitutional justice consistent with current popular sensitivities and aspirations and is grounded in "reasoned engagement". It addresses the disquiet amongst the economically disadvantaged sections at being excluded so far from the orbit of the state's empowering policies, validating thereby the Constitution's stabilising function through the redressal of remedial injustices.

Political parties, reportedly having politically expedient second thoughts on the validity of the amendment, even after unreservedly supporting its passage in Parliament, must know that politics based on compromised principles inevitably fails. And only those who appealed to "the brooding spirit of the law, to the intelligence of a future day..." post *Indira Sawhney* (1992), can now claim vindication.

However, for the new architecture of "compensatory discrimination" scripted by the majority in *Janhit* to endure, it is necessary to ensure that reverse discrimination is not stretched to a point where it "eat(s) up the rule of equality". This is a burden of statesmanship and of the quality of our democratic politics. In the final analysis, constitutional doctrines and changes in the temper of intellectual speculations reflect the fluctuating conditions of social, economic and political life. B R Ambedkar's reminder that "the spirit of the Constitution is the spirit of the age", is the unmistakable message of the majority judgment in the *Janhit* case.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PREVENTIVE ACTION

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A story too familiar' (IE, November 28). The article strikes the right chord amidst the increasing cases of gendered abuse and violence. While justice for the reported cases is non-negotiable, we also need preventive action through coordinated efforts from various sections including government, media, NGOs and civil society. The increasing number of shows portraying violence on electronic media and the ease of access to all sorts of pornography will only worsen things. To effectively counter these, we need to take sustained action.

Priya Parikh, via email

REFORM SYSTEM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Bail vs jail' (IE, November 28). Overcrowded prisons don't necessarily mean that the crime rates in society have increased. A systemic failure on part of the criminal justice system may contribute to this problem. Policymakers have failed to initiate reform in the penal system. We need alternatives to custodial sentencing in certain categories of crimes. Trial courts should be encouraged to order sentences like a public apology, monetary compensation, unpaid community services, and conditional discharge of undertrials in certain cases.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

CENTRE'S OVERREACH

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'SC upset over Rijiju remarks, says can name judges if given power' (IE, November 29). It is disheartening that the government is leaving no opportunity to interfere in the decisions of the judiciary. This only highlights the insecurity of the Centre and its thirst for absolute power. The judiciary is meant to be an autonomous body. The government ought to understand that it cannot direct every institution. With the Centre already being infamous for unleashing central agencies such as ED, CBI at its whims and fancy, these actions further dents its credibility.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

WHAT CHINA NEEDS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Restive China' (IE, November 29). The pandemic has severely impacted the global economy. While many countries are retreating to normalcy, this prospect still eludes China. The stringent norms to tackle the spread of the virus have also impacted the learning process, leading to resentment, frustration and anger, which those in power may not have anticipated. The zero-Covid rule seems to have destabilised the economic situation in the country as well. Freedom of expression is the need of the hour.

SS Paul, Nadia

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SELECTING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

जहिर सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि म.प्र.पश्चिम क्षेत्र विद्युत वितरण कंपनी लिमिटेड, कार्पोरेट कार्यालय : पोलोग्राउण्ड, इंदौर म.प्र. द्वारा निम्नानुसार जारी एन.आई.टी. के संबंध में माननीय उच्च न्यायालय मध्य प्रदेश खण्डपीठ इंदौर के समक्ष केविट्टे याचिका प्रस्तुत की जा रही है।

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1	18/DGM(Civil)/SM (WC-4)/ET/2022-23	M/o Village (Repair and renovation of Primary and Jr. High School under operation Kayakalp in Village Rasoolpur Nawada in Sector-62), Noida	35.94
2	19/DGM(Civil)/SM (WC-4)/ET/2022-23	M/o Village (Repair and renovation of Primary and Jr. High School under operation Kayakalp in Village Hazratpur Wazidpur, Sector-63), Noida	31.03
3	20/DGM(Civil)/SM (WC-4)/ET/2022-23	M/o Village (Repair and renovation under Kayakalp of Primary and Junior High School in village Behlohpur), Noida	34.72
4	21/DGM(Civil)/SM (WC-4)/ET/2022-23	M/o Village (Various maintenance under Kayakalp of Composite School in Village Chhijarsi), Noida	35.70
5	33/DGM/SM(WC-6)/2022-23	M/o Village Sorkha Jahidabad (Renovation of Primary School under Kayakalp Operation in Village Sorkha Jahidabad), Noida	36.00
6	34/DGM/SM (WC-6)/2022-23	D/o Village (Renovation of Primary School and C/o One Room in Primary School under Kayakalp Operation in Village Sarfabad), Noida.	86.89
7	35/DGM/SM (WC-6)/2022-23	D/o Sector-112 (Covering of External drain Towards Sector-113 along 45m wide road between Sector-113 and 115), Noida	93.36
8	36/DGM/SM (WC-6)/2022-23	M/o Village (Maintenance of Valmiki Panchayat Ghar, Peer Baba, Bharatghar and Shamshan Ghat in Village Sarfabad), NOIDA.	43.41
9	37/DGM/SM (WC-6)/2022-23	D/o Village (Renovation of Primary School and Junior High School Building under Kayakalp Operation in Village Parthala Khanjarpur), Noida.	47.85
10	18/GM/SM(WC-9) ET/2022-23	M/o road (Widening of Service road infront of 5% abadi plot in Village Shahpur Goverdhanpur Bangar Sector-128) Noida.	52.82
11	21/GM/SM(WC-9) ET/2022-23	D/o sector-168 (Repair of drain work & P/f S.F.R.C. drain cover in sector-168)Noida	44.23
12	22/PGM/SM(WC-9) ET/2022-23	M/o drain (R/o drain & laying of new drain cover & R/o footpath on 45.00 mtr wide road both sides of genesis School in sector-132) Noida.	61.08
13	33/DGM/SM(WC-9) ET/2022-23	D/o Sector-94 & 94A (C/o Drain & Box culvert around the Gol chakkar in Sector-94) Noida.	35.45
14	49/DGM/SM(WC-8) ET/2022-23	M/o Village and Development work (Kayakalp & Beautification of Primary Pathshala School in Village Bhangel), Noida.	30.76
15	16/DGM/SM(WC-1)/2022-23	D/o Village (P/F Kota Stone Flooring, All Class Rooms and Varmandha, Repair of Building and Toilet in Water proofing treatment over roofs in Primary School Village -Jhundpura and Primary School in V-Block Sector-12 Under Operation Kayakalp), Noida.	39.79
16	17/DGM/SM(WC-1)/2022-23	D/o Village (Repair of Junior High & Primary School By Operation Kayakalp in Village-Nayabans), Noida.	31.17
17	18/DGM/SM(WC-1)/2022-23	M/o Building (P/F Kota Stone Flooring, All Class Rooms and Varmandha, Repair of Building and Toilet in Water proofing treatment over roofs in Adarsh Primary School and Junior High School Sector-12 Under Operation Kayakalp), Noida.	50.92
18	19/DGM/SM(WC-1)/2022-23	D/o Village (Repair of Plaster, Painting, Kota Stone etc in Primary and Junior High School in Village-Harola Under Operation Kayakalp), Noida.	48.17
19	34/DGM/SM(WC-3)/2022-23	M/o Building (Renovation of Primary and junior High School in Village aghapur under kayakalp) Noida.	31.40
20	22/GM/SM(WC-5)/2022-2023	M/o Road (Repair and Raising of Drain and Culvert & P/F M.S. Jal in Sector-61), Noida.	83.76
21	54/DGM(C)/SM (WC-5)/2022-2023	D/o Village (Repair and Painting work of Composite School in Village-Gijhore under "Operation Kayakalp"), Noida.	41.47
22	55/DGM(C)/SM (WC-5)/2022-2023	D/o Village (Under Operation Kayakalp Renovation of Primary School in Village-Mamura, Sector-66), Noida.	33.04
23	56/DGM(C)/SM (WC-5)/2022-2023	D/o Village (Under Operation Kayakalp Renovation of Junior School in Village-Mamura, Sector-66), Noida.	43.68
24	57/DGM(C)/SM (WC-5)/2022-2023	D/o Village (Under "Operation Kayakalp" P/L C.C. Pavement, R/o School building Toilet/Urinal Blocks, Painting and other Maintenance work in Primary School, Village-Chaura, Noida.	36.12
25	58/DGM(C)/SM (WC-5)/2022-2023	D/o Village (Under "Operation Kayakalp" P/L C.C. Pavement, R/o School building Toilet/Urinal Blocks, Painting and other Maintenance work in Junior School, Village-Chaura Sadatpur, Noida.	36.56

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **13.12.2022 up to 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated **14.12.2022 at 11.00 AM**.

B) Re-Tender Work:

Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (In Lacs.)
26	16/GM/SM(WC-9) /ET/2022-23	Strengthening of road (Strengthening of Service road & drain along plot no. 3CA Sector-129 on 45.00 wide road between Sector-132 & 129) Noida	86.80
27	32/DGM/SM(WC-9) ET/2022-23	D/o Village Maintenance and Beautification of pond on Village Shahpur Goverdhanpur Bangar) Noida.	34.30
28	34/GM/SM(WC-8) ET/2022-23	C/o Boundary wall (C/o Boundary wall Vacant Land in front of Rajdhani Banquet Hall in sector-104) Noida.	44.01
29	11/GM/SM(WC-3) /2022-23	M/o Road (Renovation of Market area Block-A Sector-44) Noida.	46.77
30	25/GM/SM(WC-3) /2022-23	M/o Road (Raising of Road and drain in 5% Abadi Plot of Sector-45) Noida Rs.	81.23

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **06.12.2022 up to 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated **07.12.2022 at 11.00 AM**.

Dy. General Manager
NOIDA

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E- TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work :

1	N.I.T. No.	232-Elect-EMU-WC-07-22-23	
2	Name of the work	Replacement of defective/missing cushioned seats/back rests of two seater and three seater of MEMU coaches at EMU Car Shed, Ghaziabad as per technical specification.	
3	Tender Cost	Rs. 00.00	
4	Approximate Cost	Rs. 5,00,000.00	
5	Earnest Money	Rs. 10,000.00 (online payment mode available on IREPS website)	
6	Completion period	18 Months	
7	Validity of offer	60 days	
8	Date & Time from tender advertised on IREPS website		28.11.2022 (17:54 Hrs.)
9	Date & Time from tender submission start and end		06.12.2022 (00:00 Hrs.) to 20.12.2022 (15:00 Hrs.)
10	Tender closing Date & Time		20.12.2022 (15:00 Hrs.)
11	Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends)		20.12.2022 (15:00 Hrs.)

Note 1 : All participant Tenderer/Tenderers will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void"

Note 2 : Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/uploaded.

Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in

232-Elect-EMU-WC-07-22-22 Date : 28.11.2022.

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MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	
(An Agency of Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of M.P.)	
5th Floor, Block-II, Paryavas Bhawan, Bhopal (M.P.) 462011 (GST No. 23AAATM9054A3ZX) No./16633/22/D-12/MPRRDA/2022 Bhopal, Dated : 29/11/2022	

NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 1031 (PMGSY-III, Batch-I, Year 2021-22)


Online item rate Tenders for Construction/Up-gradation of Rural Roads/CDs with 5 years maintenance are invited on the E-Procurement System portal <https://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in>. as detailed below :

● **Name of work** - Construction/Up-gradation of Rural Roads under PMGSY using "Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) by in-situ Stabilization using cement/cement with additives", including maintenance for Five Year after construction.

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Packages	Total PAC (In Rs.)
1.	Indore	1	232832000.00
1. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission : The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytenders.gov.in . The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. 2. Bid document may be purchase online from 01.12.2022 (17:30 hrs.) and last date for online bid submission is 16.12.2022 (17:00 hrs.) 3. Other Critical dates and details can be viewed in the detailed N.I.T. and tender document (June-2020) on the above-mentioned portal and concerned PIU. <div style="text-align: right;">CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (TENDER)</div> M.P. Madhyam/107467/2022			



Govt. of Bihar



Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

A Government Bihar Undertaking

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR

Construction of River Front Development at Manihari, Katihar Bihar.

(Through e-procurement mode only- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

NIT.No- BUIDCO/ Yo-1955/2020-49

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

Name of Work	Estimated Cost (INR Crore)	Bid Document (INR Rs)	Bid Security (EMD) (INR Lakh)	Bid Processing Fee	Time for completion
Construction of 02 Ghat (60Mtrsx2) and allied structures under Ganga River Front Development Project at Manihari, Katihar Bihar, India.	Rs. 10.96 Cr.	Rs. 25,000.00	Rs. 21.00	As per eproc2	24 Months.

2. Date of Downloading of Bid Document

:

From 02.12.2022 to 20.12.2022 up to 05:00 P.M.
Through website : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

3. Place & Date of pre-bid meeting

:

Date:-06.12.2022, Time 03.00 P.M;
BUIDCO Office, West Boring Canal Road (Rajapal) Patna, Bihar, India, PIN -800 001

4. Last date of Receiving Queries

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Date:-07.12.2022, Time 05.00 P.M.

5. Last Date and time for uploading of bid.

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Date:-21.12.2022 up to 03.00 P.M.
Through website : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

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

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Date:-22.12.2022, Time 03.00 P.M

7. Time & Date of opening technical bids

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Date:-22.12.2022, Time 03.30 P.M

8. Time & date of opening financial bids

:

To be communicated later on.

9. Place of opening of Bid

:

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

10. Periods of bids validity

:

120 Days.

11. Officer inviting bids

:

General Manager, Design, Planning & Monitoring, BUIDCO,Patna.

12.

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

13.

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

14.(i)

Bid processing fees to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit Card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS.

(ii)

Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-procurement portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date & time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay/Non availability of internet connection, Network Traffic/Holidays or any other reasons"

15.

Bid document cost should be paid by draft of any scheduled banks payable in favour of Managing Director, Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, Original Bank Draft will have to be submitted in the office of Managing Director, Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, Near RajapurPul, West Boring Canal Road, Patna-800001 on or before 03:00 PM on22.12.2022 failing which the tender will be rejected.

16.

Earnest Money should be in the form of Bank Guarantee of any scheduled banks payable in favour of Managing Director, Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development CorporationLtd, on or before 03:00 PM on 22.12.2022 failing which the tender will be rejected. The Estimated Cost may increase or decrease. All the information/corrigendum/addendum related to the project shall be published on the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and www.buidco.in.

17.

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

18.

Estimate amount may vary. So EMD will be deposited as per Technical Sheet uploaded on the website www.eproc2bihar.gov.in

19.

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

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

General Manager,

Design, Planning, Monitoring,

BUIDCO, Patna.

#West Boring Canal Road (Rajapal) Patna, Bihar, India, PIN -800 001

(Tel: +91 612-2558412, Web-<http://buidco.in>, Email: mbuidco@gmail.com)

PR- 11144 (Ni Ni) 2022-23

नरो से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, CUTTACK FOREST DIVISION, CUTTACK-10	
E-Mail ID : dfco.cuttack@odisha.gov.in	
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA "e" procurement Notice e-procurement Notice for Building Works	
Bid Identification No. DFO-CTC - 01 of 2022-23	
1. The DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, CUTTACK FOREST DIVISION, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in Double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractor for Building work as mentioned below.	
2. No. of work	05 Nos.
3. Nature of work	SWC Work such as GRADED BUND, LBOD, WLBCD, STAGGERED TRENCH, RCC CHECK DAM, WATER BODY & SUB-SURFACE DYKE
4. Class of contractor	"B", "A" & "Special" Class
5. Tender paper cost	Rs.1000/- (online)
6. Available of bid documents in the website	From 03.12.2022 to 5PM of 19.12.2022
7. Date of opening of bid	11 AM of 20.12.2022
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tenders.odisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.	
<div style="text-align: right;">Sd/- (Dr. S K SWAIN, IFS) Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division OIPR-08025/11/0008/2223</div>	

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED	
NOTIFICATION	
APTRANSCO proposed for Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 400/132kv sub- station and connected Transmission Network at Ainavilli in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District" (zone-5) as per powers conferred vide G.O.Ms. No. 115, Dt.: 07.10.2003. Any person aggrieved may make representation to the Chief Engineer/Projects, APTRANSCO, Vijay Soudha, Vijayawada within two (2) months from the date of publication of this notification. Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, PROJECTS, RO. No. 1391PP Dt: 29.11.2022	
APTRANSCO, VIJAYAWADA	

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC-02/2022-23

Name of the Work :

- I. Improvement to Kathajodi Sirua Devi Right Embankment from RD 0.100Km to 0.700Km, RD 17.80 Km to 19.70 Km & RD 27.00 Km to 31.00 Km.
- II. Improvement to Canal Service Road on Right Bank of Puri Main Canal from RD 20.080 Km to RD 24.300 Km & from RD 26.180Km to 29.00Km.
- III. Improvement to Canal Service Road on Right Bank of Sakhipogal Branch Canal from RD 2.40Km to 10.065 km.
- IV. Improvement to Road on Sukal Distributary from RD. 16.00 Km to 25.30 Km of Sakhipogal Branch Canal System.
- V. Improvement to Road on Left Bank of Kanak Branch Canal from RD. 24.650 Km to 35.400 Km from Village Kumundal to Katapada.

Amount put to Tender: Varies from Rs. 441.17 Lakhs to 646.18 Lakhs

Bid Document Cost : Rs.10,000.00 for Each Work (online).

E.M.D. : Bid Security Declaration to be furnished as per Annexure-III of Section-06 of Technical Bid Document.

Class of Contractor : "A" & Special Class

Period of Completion : 6 Calendar months

Other details are as follows :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
		From	To	
1	2	3	9	10
Additional Chief Engineer, Central Irrigation Circle, Bhubaneswar	ACECIC/ PRD-01 to PRD- 02 of 2022-23 & ACECIC/ PID-01, PID- 02 & PID-03 of 2022-23	02.12.2022 at 1000 Hrs.	16.12.2022 at 1700 Hrs.	19.12.2022 1100Hrs.

e-mail ID : secic_dowr@yahoo.com

Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. web site www.tenderodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
Central Irrigation Circle
Bhubaneswar
OIPR-32168/11/0003/2223



MADHYA PRADESH HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 792/EE/TS/ DATED : 28.11.202

Terror-gangsters nexus: NIA searches 13 spots in two UTs, three states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

DAYS AFTER arresting three jailed gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi, Navin Bali and Sunil Man alias Tilly Tajpuriya, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday carried out searches at 13 locations in three states and two Union Territories as part of its crackdown on the alleged nexus between terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers.

“The third round of raids and searches were conducted in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Union Territories of Chandigarh and Delhi. The raids and searches were conducted in Fazilka, Taran Taran, Ludhiana, Sangrur and Mohali districts of Punjab, Yamuna Nagar district of Haryana, Sikar district of Rajasthan and Outer North district of Delhi/NCR to dismantle and disrupt the emerging nexus between terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers and traffickers based in India and abroad in two cases registered in August,” said a NIA spokesperson.

According to the NIA, the raids and searches are part of the crackdown against organised criminal syndicates and networks, top gangsters, their criminal and business associates based in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and arms suppliers based in Rajasthan and Delhi. “Searches were conducted at houses and other premises of Kaushal Chaudhary of Gurugram, Rajasthan, Vishal Maan of Prahladpur, Delhi, Binny Gurjar of Sangrur, Punjab, Ravi Rajgarh of Ludhiana, Punjab, and their associates,” the spokesperson said.

“During the searches, incriminating materials, including various types of contraband and ammunition have been seized,” the spokesperson said.

“These gangs were carrying out targeted killings and raising funds for criminal activities through smuggling of drugs and weapons. The recent crimes and extortion calls by syndicates and gangsters to businessmen and professionals, including doctors, had created a widespread scare among the people. These gangs were using cyber space to publicise these crimes to create terror among the public at large,” the spokesperson added.

Aligarh RTI activist beaten, dies: kin say killed for exposing graft, blame pradhan

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
ALIGARH, NOVEMBER 29

TWO DAYS after an RTI activist from Aligarh district of western Uttar Pradesh died, after he was severely assaulted, allegedly by the village pradhan and his supporters, over filing RTI queries on sub-standard work and alleged corruption by the pradhan, his family on Tuesday said the pradhan’s accomplices have “long been involved in crimes and of harassing people”, but this was the first time they retaliated so violently.

“And a life has been lost,” said Sunil Singh, cousin of RTI activist and farmer Devjit Singh, 32, who succumbed to injuries on Sunday evening.

According to the family, Devjit was working on the family’s farm, along with younger brother Surendra, when eight people, allegedly including village pradhan Devendra and his son, attacked them around 6 pm.

“I saw them (assailants) leaving on their two-wheelers. They attacked my sons with sticks and other weapons...Devjit survived until he could tell a constable what had happened and then he passed away. Surendra is still in hospital — he has sustained injuries in the rib and has a broken arm...,” said Mahendra Singh, Devjit’s father, who had just left the field, where wheat has been sown, when the attack took place.

Wife Nisha, a daughter aged two and a son aged three survive Devjit. Surendra is still in hospital. One of the eight accused, Harvir, has been arrested, police said on Tuesday. The others are on the run. Police have registered an FIR for rioting, criminal intimidation, grievous hurt, murder, attempt to murder, and others.

When *The Indian Express* went to Amarpur Dahana village in



TAKING A SHOT

US Army soldiers of 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division along with Indian Army soldiers take part in Yudh Abhyas, a joint exercise, in Auli, Uttarakhand on Tuesday. The training exercise began two weeks ago. It is conducted annually with the aim of exchanging best practices, tactics, techniques and procedures between the armies of both the nations. AP

POLICE TEAM IN CHHATTISGARH TO NAB ACCUSED POLITICIAN

Girl taken to three states, raped; Jharkhand cops hunt for accused

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 29

A POLICE team from Jharkhand’s East Singhbhum district has gone to Chhattisgarh to arrest a political leader in a rape and POCSO case registered in the district in 2019, police said on Tuesday.

According to the police, this is the fifth time that a team is visiting the neighbouring state to nab the accused political leader — he was found “absconding” on each previous occasion.

The case relates to rape and gangrape of the girl, who was 15 when the case was registered in 2019 — a victim of sex trafficking, she was sexually assaulted by multiple accused in multiple locations across at least four states, according to records.

Court records say she was raped in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, and back again in East Singhbhum district.

Details of investigation from police records show the minor had a diary, which contained names and numbers of some of the alleged accused, and in which

she used to draw a line for each person who allegedly raped her; and she would later count the numbers. The case was registered in 2019 when a hotel owner in East Singhbhum informed police when she was brought to the hotel for the crime.

Police have invoked IPC Sections 366A (inducement of any minor girl, forced or otherwise, to illicit intercourse), 370 (trafficking), 376(3) (rape with a minor), 376(D) (gang rape), among others, besides POCSO and Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Acts.

Senior Superintendent of Police, East Singhbhum, Prabhat Kumar said: “This is not the first time police have gone to Chhattisgarh to arrest (the accused persons). We have arrested five out of 10 accused and have filed a charge sheet against them. The remaining five, including a political party leader, will be arrested soon.”

Asked about the delay in arrest of all the accused men, SSP Kumar said, “It is an ongoing investigation... We could not arrest the political leader earlier (in Chhattisgarh), but we will arrest him soon.”

INDO-PAK BORDER

BSF downs two Pak drones in Punjab, another flies back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 29

THE BORDER Security Force troops shot down two Pakistani drones along the India-Pakistan border in Punjab foiling the drug smuggling bids in Amritsar and Tarn Taran districts, an official spokesperson Tuesday said. Two hexacopters were carrying around 10kg heroin, which were recovered by the troops.

In the first incident in Amritsar, a women squad of the BSF shot down a hexacopter, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) with six rotors, which was entering India from Pakistan with 3.11 kg of narcotics. The troops noticed the drone was entering the Indian territory near Chaharpur village, around 40 km north of Amritsar city, on Monday night, according to officials.

Two woman constables of



The drone that was gunned down along India-Pakistan border, near Amritsar. PTI

the 73 battalion fired 25 rounds at the drone and brought it down at 11.05 pm. During a search operation, the BSF recovered a partially-damaged hexacopter. The drone, weighing 18 kg,

was carrying 3.11 kg of narcotics, which was wrapped in a white polythene that was attached underneath it, the BSF said.

Another hexacopter, carrying 6.6 kg heroin, was shot down near Kalash Havelian village in Tarn Taran district. It was spotted on Monday, prompting the BSF personnel to open fire.

During the search operation, the hexacopter weighing 20 kg was found in a partially-damaged near village Kalash Havelian, the BSF officials said. Another drone was spotted near the Vadai Cheema border outpost at 10.57 pm on Monday, an official said. After the BSF troops opened fire at the UAV, it went back to Pakistan. Meanwhile, five assault rifles and five pistols were recovered by the Punjab Police and the BSF in a joint operation near the India-Pakistan border in Ferozepur. WITH PTI

“Police immediately registered an FIR and swung into action and have arrested all the accused. ENS/PTI

Adani Group wins Dharavi slum redevelopment bid

SWEETY ADIMULAM
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 29

THE ADANI Group on Tuesday won the bid for the redevelopment of Dharavi in Mumbai, giving fillip to a project that was conceptualised nearly two decades ago. The redevelopment of the area, which is one of the largest slum clusters in Asia, will be carried out by Adani Realty, the real estate wing of Adani Group.

Adani emerged as the winning bidder by quoting a sum of Rs 5,069 crore, trumping the DLF Group, which had quoted Rs 2,025 crore.

“There were three bidders in all. However, only Adani and DLF remained in the race in the final bidding since the other bidder, Naman Group, did not qualify for the technical bid. Adani Group quoted Rs 5,069 crore while DLF submitted a bid of Rs 2,025 cr,” said S V R Srinivas, Chief Executive Officer of Dharavi Redevelopment Project.

While the entire redevelopment project is estimated to cost Rs 20,000 crore, the winner was selected based on the highest initial investment commitment shown by the bidder, said officials. The entire project is expected to be completed in 17 years and the government has set a seven-year target to rehabilitate all eligible tenants.

“We will now send the proposal to the high-power committee led by secretaries of Maharashtra government. Once the committee gives its nod, a special purpose vehicle (SPV) will be formed with the bidder as the lead partner and the Maharashtra government before work commences,” Srinivas said. He added that tenants who



The project is likely to be completed in 17 years. A seven-year target has been set to rehabilitate eligible tenants. File

will be eligible for rehabilitation will be finalised following a detailed survey.

Dharavi is a mere stone’s throw from India’s richest business district, the Bandra-Kurla Complex, where commercial office premiums are among the highest in the country.

The slum sprawl, spread over 2.8 sq km, is home to an informal leather and pottery industry, which employs over a lakh people. The state government had envisaged this sprawl to be transformed into a cluster of high-rises with improved urban infrastructure. It entailed resettling 68,000 people, including slum dwellers and those with commercial establishments.

The state was to provide 300-sq ft houses for free to residents with proof that their slum structure was in existence before January 1, 2000, and for a price to those who settled in Dharavi between 2000 and 2011.

In 1999, the BJP-Shiv Sena government first proposed to redevelop Dharavi. Thereafter, the Maharashtra government in

PETITION BEFORE TREE AUTHORITY

SC allows MMRCCL to pursue plea for felling 84 trees at Aarey

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REFUSING TO stay the Maharashtra government’s decision to allow the car depot for Line 3 of Mumbai Metro to be located in Aarey region, the Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) to pursue its application before the Tree Authority for felling 84 trees to construct a ramp for the project.

A bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha said, “It would not be possible for the court at the interim stage to stay the decision.”

The court said the Tree Authority will be at liberty to take an independent decision and impose such conditions as it deems necessary. The court was hearing an application by the MMRCL urging it to modify its October 7, 2019 order by which it had directed status quo to be maintained at Aarey and stopped felling of trees.

The MMRCL said although it had moved an application before the Tree Authority seeking permission to fell trees, no action was forthcoming on it yet due to the operation of the SC’s status quo order.

Allowing the request, the bench said, “The order of this court, which has the effect of directing the preservation of the status quo on the felling of trees, shall

stand modified to the above extent thereby permitting the MMRCL to move the Tree Authority on its application for felling 84 trees.”

Those opposing the construction of the car shed at Aarey opposed the grant of any relief before their pending appeals against the project are decided by the apex court.

The Supreme Court, however, said, “Prima facie, there is a view of the Bombay High Court which held the permission for felling of trees and the decision to locate the Metro car shed on the land at Aarey as valid.”

“In such projects involving large outlay of public funds, the court cannot be oblivious to the serious dislocation, which would be caused if the public investment that has gone into the project were to be disregarded. Undoubtedly, considerations pertaining to the environment are of concern. It is well settled, be sustainable,” it said.

“As already noted earlier, 2,144 trees were felled in executing the work pertaining to the car depot, while 212 trees were felled for executing the work relating to the ramp. What is now sought is a permission to apply to the Tree Authority for the felling of 84 trees pertaining to the ramp...” said the bench.

The court said it will hear the appeals against the plans to locate the car shed on Aarey land in the first week of February 2023.

2003-04 decided to redevelop Dharavi as an integrated planned township, and an action plan for this was approved.

It was decided to develop Dharavi by using land as a resource to cross-subsidise the cost of development through a sale component on the basis of the Slum Rehabilitation Scheme. It would be divided into sectors and developers appointed for the same. The government also decided to notify the whole of Dharavi as an undeveloped area and to appoint a special planning authority for its development.

In 2007, global tenders were floated by the Dharavi Redevelopment Authority evoking a response from 101 companies. The process, however, got stuck and the entire tendering process got cancelled in 2011.

Although Dubai-based infrastructure firm Seclink Technologies Corporation turned out to be a successful bidder in January 2019 against Adani, the tender was not awarded following the decision to include Railways land in the redevelopment project.

Of 110 nations, India tops global minority index, finds study

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PATNA-BASED research institute Centre for Policy Analysis (CPA) has put India on top of the ‘global minority index’, followed by South Korea, Japan, Panama and the US, in its Global Minority Report tabulating 110 countries. Maldives, Afghanistan and Somalia figure at the bottom of the list, while the UK is ranked 54, and the UAE 61.

Durga Nand Jha, CPA executive chairman and author of the report, said their approach has been mathematical and the grading of countries was done on the basis of approach of the State towards minority religions, and the extent of their inclusiveness.

This report only takes into account macro parameters to analyse the status of religious minorities in a country, and the approach of a state towards them, said Jha. “Only those parameters have been taken into account to assess the status of religious minorities which relate to Constitutional provisions, policies of a government, and other broader indicators, such as the laws of the land,” he said.

Unveiling the report, former vice president of India M Venkaiah Naidu, said India, through the centuries, has been a cradle of cosmopolitan culture, and a melting pot of belief systems, religions, dogmas, ideologies and cults. “India is a living example of our ancient belief of ‘vasudhaiva kutumbakam (the world is a family),” he said.

TEACHING MBBS IN TAMIL VIA WHATSAPP

Think in mother tongue, practise in English: Medicos tip to students

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 29

ON OCTOBER 16, Union home minister Amit Shah launched an MBBS course in Hindi in Bhopal for the first time in the country, describing it as a “moment of renaissance and reconstruction” of the education sector.

Several months earlier, a voluntary group of senior medical professionals from various Tamil Nadu medical colleges started a similar initiative to teach some MBBS textbooks in Tamil, to help primarily first-year medical students who attended Tamil-medium schools.

Dr Subash Gandhi, a 41-year-old Tamil Nadu public health official, said the group “Tamilini

Thunaivan” was now wrapping up the first batch of MBBS students this year after having completed 107 classes for about 350 first-year students from different parts of the state. “This is the time for practicals, and we will also be conducting tests for them before the next batch’s classes start,” said Gandhi, who founded the group on WhatsApp in light of the challenges he encountered as a student from a Tamil-medium school while starting his MBBS studies in Thanjavur Medical College in the late 1990s.

“Being from a Tamil-medium school, MBBS was difficult for me initially. Later, I learned a PG in public health from ICMR and published a paper in the British Medical Council journal. A key reason for us to launch this project



Dr Subash Gandhi founded Tamilini Thunaivan WhatsApp group

was not to help the students get high marks, but to help them get the idea and concept in medical education, help them continue to think in their mother tongue, which is important, while presenting and practising in English is a necessity. So we help them understand basic terminologies, teach them to write in simple English, about how to present a case or explain a scenario,” he said.

On whether their group was

doing the groundwork for teaching the MBBS programme in Tamil, similar to the one in Hindi in Madhya Pradesh, Gandhi said: “No. Because creating an MBBS programme in Tamil or Hindi is not about translating those textbooks. It is also about whether an Indian language has enough scientific terminologies, words and usages for modern science, like Spanish or many European languages which have achieved that. The evolution of local languages to have meaningful modern scientific terminologies may be a gradual process facilitated by local collectives interested in research. I had looked at some of the Hindi MBBS textbooks used in Madhya Pradesh and found that the same English terminologies were used in Physiology

text books though written in Hindi, and that many diagrams were marked in English itself.”

A slew of medical professionals interested in Tamil language and literature established a forum “Tamilini” three years ago, which launched the “Tamilini Thunaivan” for Tamil MBBS students earlier this year.

“Tamilini Thunaivan” uses WhatsApp and Google Meet to run the medical teaching project and follows the National Medical Council (NMC) guidelines. About 48 senior medical professors from several private and government medical colleges are taking classes for it. They include some of the state medical colleges’ department heads, top surgeons and Puducherry JIPMER doctors. Anatomy, physiology and bio-

chemistry are the three departments, which are coordinated by three retired doctors.

The classes under this initiative are held on Google Meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. “We schedule classes between 6 pm and 7 pm to avoid disrupting students’ playtime and mess time. Even if they’re the brightest students from Tamil medium schools, they face an unusual challenge when they encounter English medicine and terminologies,” Dr. Gandhi said.

In Tamil language, artery is “thamani”, vein is “sirai” and nerve is “narambu”. Being one of the world’s most ancient languages, Tamil has a lot of terminologies to go with modern science literature.

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I,Shazia W/O Mohammad Sharif residing at I-169, 5th Avenue, Gaur City 1, Sec -4, Greater Noida West hereby declares that my complete name Shazia Ansari to be considered for all purposes as per Affidavit dtd 21/11/2022.
0050208805-1

I,Rajendra son of Shri Tiddimal R/O HNo 3221 , Sec A Pocket B/C Vasant Kunj Delhi 110070 have changed my name from Rajendra to Rajendra Kumar Rudra for all purpose.
0050208824-1

We Ramu Gandhi S/o T.A.Ramanandhan and Sudha Srinivasan (also known as Sudha Srinivasan Gandhi) W/o Ramu Gandhi have lost the original Flat Buyer Agreement dated 19th Oct 2000 and Possession Certificate of B-33, 2 Floor Platinum, Ardee City, Sector-52, Gurgaon, Haryana. FIR has been lodged on 19th Nov 2022. If anyone finds these documents, please contact 9896173387.
0070815198-1

I,hitherto known as SNEHA MONGA alias MAANYA UPPAL,D/O-KUSHAL MONGA W/O-ADITYA UPPAL,R/O-13/16,2ND-Floor,West Patel-Nagar,Delhi-110008,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MAANYA UPPAL.
0040643070-5

I,Vinod S/o Beer Singh, R/O House No.26-A, Sector-17A, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Vinod Kumar, for all purposes.
0040643066-3

I,VIJAY KUMAR S/O,LAXMAN KUMAR R/O,A-44, Mangolpur-Kalan, Rajapur-Kalan, North-West-Delhi, Delhi-110085, that name of my-father and my-mother has-been wrongly-written as LAKSHMAN KUMAR and RAJNI in my Educational-Documents.The actual-name of my-father and my-mother are LAXMAN KUMAR and RAJNI RANI.
0040643084-10

I,TARUN,S/O VED PRAKASH,R/O HNO.208,AGCR ENCLAVE,KARKARDOOMA,LAX MI NAGAR,DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TARUN TAKKAR.
0040643070-6

I,Umamah yousuf,D/o-Mohammad Yusuf Ansari,Address-705,1IInd-floor,gali Hakim sharifuddin haveil Azam Khan Jama masjid delhi-11006,have changed my name to Naniya yousuf.
0040643072-2

I,Syed Nadeem Ali S/o,Mukhtar Ali, R/O 2757,Gali Chand Wali,Churiwalan, Pahari Bhojla,Delhi-110006,Have Changed my name to Nadeem Ali,permanently.
0040643065-1

I,Sujata Yadav,W/o-Amit Kumar Yadav R/O,H.No.29, Sector-1 B,Block-I,Palam Vihar, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Sujata,for all Purposes.
0040643062-2

I,Suhail ur Rehman,S/o,Abdul Rehman Baqai,R/o.653/4,Gali mem Wali Chitli Qabar Jama Masjid Delhi-110006,Have Changed my name to Suhail ur Rehman Baqai,permanently.
0040643062-10

I,Shashi Aneja alias Deepti Kochar D/o,Nand Lal Aneja W/o,Dilbag Kochar R/o-H.No.RZ-55, Raghu Nagar, Pankha-Road,New Delhi-110045,have changed my-name to Deepti Kochar.
0040643084-5

I,Satish Kumar,S/o Maniram Kapoor R/O-A-941,Arjun Nagar,Kotla Mubarakpur, Delhi-110003,have changed my name to Satish Kapoor,for all purposes.
0040643062-6

I,Sarvesh Rustagi,S/o-Bhagwan Swaroop R/O.59/5,Ward No.04,Pataudi-Gurgaon (Haryana)-122503,have changed my Minor Son's name,from Hardik to Hardik Rustagi,for all Purposes.
0040643066-4

I,SUNIL CUTINHA,S/O-JEROME CUTINHA,R/O-F-1301,JAIPURIA SUNRISE GREENS,PLOT-12A,AHINSA KHAND,INDIRAPURAM,GAZIA BAD,U.P. 201014,changed my name to SUNIL ANTHONY CUTINHA.
0040643091-2

I,SONIA W/O NEERAJ GARG R/O,H.No-2009 RAILWAY STATION ROAD NARELA, DELHI-110040,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SONIA GARG.
0040643070-2

I,SHAHJAHAN Khatun,W/o-Shoyab Ali,R/O-A-182,Majlis Park,Adarsh Nagar,Delhi-110033,have changed my name SHAHJAHAN Khatoon to SHAHJAHAN Khatun for all future purposes.
0040643072-3

I,SANDEEP KUMAR SETHI,S/O-CHAMAN LAL SETHI,R/O-10 KAILASH ENCLAVE,PITAM PURA,DELHI-110034,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SANDEEP SETHI TO SANDEEP KUMAR SETHI,FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040643072-1

I,Rajesh Kumar Khandelwal,S/o-nathu Lal khandelwal,Address-249, Sri-nagar Shakur basti delhi 110034, changed my name to Rajesh khandelwal.
0040643084-4

I,Ishwar Singh S/O Chet Ram Singla R/O, 2, Pocket-B5, Sector-7, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Ishwar Chand Singla.
0040643066-1

I,Raj Sharma,D/o-Jagdish Prasad Mishra W/o Surinder Kumar Sharma,R/O-B-7, Ground-Floor,Suncity,Sector-54, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122003, have changed my name to Raj Kumari Sharma,for all purposes.
0040643066-2

I,RAJ BALA SHARMA,W/O SHRI NARESH CHAND SHARMA,R/O-F-9, GALLI.NO.11, LAXMI-NAGAR,DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME RAJBALA TO RAJBALA SHARMA,FOR FUTURE,ALL PURPOSES.
0040643062-8

I,Pooja W/o-Gaurav Jain,R/o 519,1st Floor,Sector-7,Gurgaon(Haryana),have changed my name to Pooja Jain,for all Purposes.
0040643062-4

I,Pawan Kumar Sharma,S/O-Kailash Chand Sharma,R/O-X/1840,Gali No.9,Rajgarh Colony,Gandhi-Nagar,Delhi-110031,Have Changed My-Minor Daughter Name,From Gungun To Priya Sharma,For All Purposes.
0040643070-8

I,Sunita W/O Satish Kapoor,R/O A-941, Arjun-Nagar,Kotla Mubarakpur,Delhi-110003 have changed my name to Sunita Kapoor,for all purposes.
0040643062-7

I,No-12984677N, Sep Mehraj ud din ,Unit 163 INF BN TA H&H Sikhi, in my service records name of my wife has been wrongly mentioned as Halima Banoo instead of Halima Banoo.I t needs correction,Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days.
0020449311-1

I,NEETA W/O RAVINDRA KUMAR CHANDOLIA, ADDRESS-A-1/5,THIRD FLOOR SAFDAR JUNG-ENCLAVE DELHI-29,changed my name to NEETA CHANDOLIA.
0040643065-2

I,NEERAJ S/O MAHABIR PRASADR/ O,H.NO-2009, RAILWAY STATION ROAD-NARELA DELHI-110040,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NEERAJ GARG.
0040643070-3

I,Mubashera Asif w/o,Suhail ur Rehman Baqai, R/O.653/4,Gali Mem Wali, Chitli Qabar Jama Masjid,Delhi-110006,have changed my name to Mubashera permanently.
0040643062-9

I,Monika Mittal,W/o-Mr. Rishi Gupta,R/O-D3,Plot no 219C,Shakti khand 2,Indirapuram,Ghaziabad,U.P., have changed my name to Monika Gupta and same shall be used for all future purposes.
0040643072-2

I,Md.Mustak Safi S/o.Salim Safi R/O-238, Sant Nagar,East of Kailash,New Delhi-110065 have changed my name from Mohammad Alam to Md.Mustak Safi for allfuture purposes.
0040642992-1

I,Manjot Singh S/o-Kawaljit Singh,R/O-H-78 &-79,Gali.No-6,Montushacable Sant Nagar,TilakNagar,Delhi-110018,declare that Manjot is my given-name and my surname is Singh.
0040643070-4

I,MINI W/o-Narendra singh,R/O WZ-239 STREET NO-5, VIRENDER NAGAR JAIL ROAD,NEW DELHI-110058,Have Changed My Name ToINDERJEET KAUR.
0040643066-9

I,Karan Singh Sirohi S/o Rajinder Singh R/O-A-369-370,Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi-110042,Have Changed My Name To Karan Singh.
0040643065-8

I,Karan S/o Satish Kapoor R/O 14/8,2nd Floor,Pant Nagar,Delhi-110014,have changed my name to Karan Kapoor for all purposes.
0040643062-5

I,KSHMA D/O-DINESH PATHAK R/O-H.No.-226/2,J-2-B,SANGAM VIHAR,SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110062,Declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as KSHAMA in my,Bank of Baroda Savings Account.No.-71000100000289. The actual name of mine is KSHMA, which may be amended accordingly.It is certified that I have compiled with other legal,requirements in this connection.0040643070-9
0040643091-2

I,Jaya Bharti,D/o-Darshan Joshi,R/o-E-Block,Lane.No.6B,Saraswati-Vihar, Ajabpur Khurd,Distt-Dehradun Uttarakhand, have changed my name,from Jaiwanti Joshi to Jaya Bharti and henceforth I shall be known as Jaya Bharti,for all Purposes.
0040643066-8

I,Duli Chand Gupta,S/o-Durga Dass Gupta,R/O-H.No.A-255,Shastri Nagar,Delhi-110052,declare that Duli Chand Gupta, and Duli Chand,both names,are same, and one, person shall hereafter be,knwon as Duli Chand Gupta
0040643084-1

I,DONNA CUTINHA,W/O SUNIL ANTHONY CUTINHA,R/O F 1301, JAIPURIA SUNRISE GREENS, PLOT 12 A, AHINSA KHAND, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P. 201014, changed my name to DONNA MARIA CUTINHA.
0040643091-1

I,RENU KUMARI, W/O LALIT PRAKASH BHARDWAJ, R/O- H No-2267/31, Anand Garden, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 have changed my name to RENU BHARDWAJ for all purposes.
0070815179-1

I, RAVI GOAL s/o VIRENDER GOAL r/o House No-233, Market Block, Tirthankar Nagar, Jain Nagar Karla, Delhi-110081 have changed my name to RAVI GOYAL.
0040643051-1

I,Dinesh Kumar,S/o Shri Veshambhar Dayal, permanent,R/O Samant Singh ka Pura(Sikroda), Gormi, Sikroda, Bhind, Madhya Pradesh-477660,presently,R/O C-438/8,Om Nagar,Meethapur, Badapur,New Delhi-110044,have changed my name,from Dinesh Kumar to Dinesh Singh,for all future purposes.
0040643091-3

I,Charu Shrivastava,W/o-Shyam Sunder Sharma,R/o-C-353,Alpha-1, Greater Noida, U.P.have changed my son's name,from Sahas, to Saahas Sharma,for all future purposes.
0040643084-11

I,Ananya D/o Vikas Beniwal R/o A-106, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura,Delhi-34,have changed my name from Ananya to Ananya Beniwal.
0040643065-3

I,ANIL KUMAR ARORA,S/O VED PRAKASH,R/O,AGCR ENCLAVE,KARKARDOOMA,LAX MI NAGAR,DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL TAKKAR.
0040643070-7

I,AMITA W/O,VIRENDER KUMAR,R/O-B-101, SECOND-FLOOR,GANESH NAGAR, WEST DELHI 110018,HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO AMITA KAMRA,FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE & CORRESPONDANCE
0040643066-7

I, hitherto known as Manish Garg(old name) son of Shri Daya Chand Jain residing at F-96, Jal Vayu Vihar Sector-21, Noida 201301 Dist. GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR UTTAR PRADESH have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manish Jain(New Name)
0040643058-1

I, hitherto known as KAVISH CHUGH S/O SAURABH CHUGH, R/O H.No.-279, 3rd Floor, Jagriti Enclave, Vikas Marg, Shakar Pur Babamad, East Delhi, Delhi-110942 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MUKUND MOHAN CHUGH.
0040642994-1

I, Yogesh Kumar Dixit S/O Radheshyam Dixit R/O I-441, Delta-2, Greater Noida have changed my name to Yogesh Dixit.
0070815241-1

I, Sumesh Solanki S/o Shri.Bhagwan, R/O-H.No-16, Baprola,West-Delhi, Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Sumesh Kumar, for all future purposes.
0040643054-1

I, Shiv Kumar S/o Mr. Barham Dutt Sharma R/O A-278, Sector-37, Greater Noida, GB Nagar have changed my name from Shiv Kumar to Shiv Kumar Sharma for all future purposes.
0070815217-1

I, Sham Lal R/O H No 82 Gali No 37C Burari Delhi-84 that my name Shamlii Swangila is wrongly mentioned in my son's (Yash Kumar) 10th marksheet but my correct and actual name is Sham Lal for all purposes.
0040642496-1

I, Roopali Mehta D/o Anil Mehta R/o 6/2, First-Floor, South-Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Yashika Mehta.
0040643084-7

I, Ramesh Chand S/O Late Sh. Haru Ram, R/O 52 Rajpur Khurd Extn Chhatrapur 110068 have changed my name to Ramesh Chander for all future purposes.
0040643052-1

I, Ram Beer S/O Jagdish Singh R/O Flat No. T-4, 602, Unitech Height, Sector Chi-3, Greater Noida U.P.-201310 have changed my name to Rambir Singh for all future purposes.
0070815233-1

I, Rakesh Maharaj S/O Mohan Maharaj, R/O H. No. 177/16, Flat No. 303, 3rd Floor, Shubh Apartments, Shivaji Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001. I have changed the name of my minor Son Vivan Kumar aged about 8 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Vivaan Kumar Maharaj.
0070815169-1

I, Aman s/o Ravinder Thakral, R/O A-2/28, Jeevan Jyoti Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to AMAN THAKRAL, permanently.
0040643000-1

I, Radhika D/o Praveen Kumar R/O 10349, Gali No.1, West Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Near Shiv Mandir, East Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Radhika Sharma for all future purposes.
0040642984-1

I, RICHA KUMAR D/O SURESH KUMAR VERMA W/O TUSHAR ARORA R/O,C-8/292, Yamuna-Vihar, Delhi-110053,have changed my name to HANEET ARORA for-all-purposes.
0040643084-6

I, Norattan Kumar S/o Chattru Ram R/o H.No.33/395, P.K. Road, Gole Market, New Delhi-110001, have changed my minor daughter's name from AKSHITA BASETIA to AKSHITA for all future purposes.
0040642983-9

I,Praveen Kumar Chawla S/O, Tara Chand Chawla R/O D-310, Anand Vihar, Delhi- 110092 have changed my name to Praveen Chawla for all purposes.
0040643048-1

I,Meenakshi Mehta D/o Sh. Proushattam Das Sharma R/O 134-C, Pocket-F, Mayur Vihar Phase-2, Patparganj, East Delhi, Delhi-110091 have changed my name to Meenakshi Sharma for all purposes.
0040642983-8

I, Ram Kumari W/O Naresh Kumar Kanolja R/O L-42, Chanakya Place, Part-2, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Reeta Devi
0070815218-1

I, Nitin Dixit S/O Arun Kumar Dixit, R/O 63A/154A/1, Defence Colony, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as A K Dixit in my 10th Class Certificate and That the name of My Father has been wrongly written Ak Dixit in 12th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father is Arun Kumar Dixit, which may be amended accordingly.
0070815173-1

I, Martand Sawarnik S/O Awadh Bihari Panday, R/o C-1, E-12B, Mahavir Campus, Rajpur Khurd Extension, Delhi Chhatarpur, South Delhi-110068, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Marttand Sawarnik.
0070815185-1

I, Kamlesh w/o Mr. Shiv Kumar Sharma R/O A-278, Sector-37, Gr.Noida. GB Nagar have changed my name from Kamlesh to Kamelesh Devi Sharma for all future purposes. In my children's school records, my name is wrongly mentioned as Kamlesh Sharma, while the correct name is Kamelesh Devi Sharma.
0070815220-1

I, Janak kumari D/o Svarup Singh and W/o Vijay Kumar Chhuneja R/o House number 22, India monor city, ahinsa Khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010 have changed my name to Meenakshi Chhuneja
0070815272-1

I, JASVIR SINGH, S/o AVTAR SINGH KALRA, R/O- 2108, Block-E, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017 have changed my name to JASVIR SINGH KALRA for all purposes.
0070815182-1

I, Ignatius Kumar S/O Theodore, R/O 90/7, Diggli Mohalla, Kaseru Kherra, Meerut Cant, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh- 250001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ignatius.
0070815176-1

I, IFTKHAR ZAMAN SIDDIQUI S/O Abdul Sattar Siddiqui, R/O 411, TF, Zakir Nagar West, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, declare that I have changed my name to IFTAKHARUL ZAMAN SIDDIQUI for all purposes
0040642997-1

I, Gaurav Bansal S/O Mohan Bansal, R/o Flat No-B, 703, Anjara Integrity, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201017 I have changed the name of my minor Son Hrian Bansal Alias Hriaan Bansal aged about 7 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Riaan Bansal.
0070815184-1

I, GINA MALKANI SINGH W/o Nihal Singh R/O A-145, Sector-40, Noida, Gautam Buddh Nagar-201301 have changed my name to GINA HIRO MALKANI for all future purposes.
0040643070-1

I, LATA w/o VIRENDER KUMAR r/o B-17, New Gupta Colony, Delhi -110009 have changed my name to LATA KHOWAL.
0040643051-2

I, Ankita Kaur Goomber w/o Jaspreet Singh Dhingra, R/o H.No.29, Road No.6, First Floor, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Ankita Kaur, permanently.
0040643000-2

I, Aish Raj Singh S/o Kamal Jeet Singh R/O R-6, Partap Market Jangpura-B, Mathura Road Bhogal, South Delhi, Delhi-110014, have changed my name To Aishraj Singh.
0070815237-1

I, Afsana, D/O MD. Younus Khan R/o Flat no-1391, sector A pocket B & C Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Afsana Khan
0070815177-1

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THIS WORD MEANS

WET LEASING AN AIRCRAFT

The govt has allowed airlines to take planes on wet lease for up to one year, up from the six months allowed so far



The country's largest airline, IndiGo, plans to take aircraft on wet lease. *File*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

IN EFFORTS to boost international air traffic, the civil aviation ministry has allowed Indian airlines to take wide-body planes on wet lease for up to one year.

A senior ministry official said on Sunday that the rules had been relaxed, allowing the wet leasing for a year as opposed to the six months permitted so far.

What is wet leasing

Wet leasing means renting the plane along with operating crew and engineers, while dry leasing refers to taking only the aircraft on rent.

OAG, a global travel data provider, says on its website, "The technical term for wet leasing is ACMI which stands for aircraft, crew, maintenance and insurance. These are the aspects of the operation that the wet lease airline takes care of, while the airline client will still be responsible for paying for direct operating costs such as catering and fuel as well as fees such as airport fees, ground handling charges and navigation fees."

Operations of an aircraft on wet lease is not encouraged by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as the crew is often not approved by Indian authorities.

Also, wet leasing is generally a short-term arrangement, as it is more expensive than a dry lease.

Why limit extended

The country's largest airline, IndiGo, has announced it plans to wet lease some aircraft. "We have plans for inducting B777 aircraft on wet/damp lease basis during the current winter schedule," the airline said.

The relaxation will be available to all Indian carriers and will be granted based on international destinations they wish to operate to.

With Covid-related restrictions lifting, international travel is picking up, and the wet leasing will allow airlines to add more flights at a short notice. Wide-body planes can accommodate more passengers and fly longer flights, boosting revenue. Also, as most airlines acquire more aircraft to scale up operations, there is a shortage of planes, and wet leasing is sometimes the only solution.

Why airlines lease aircraft

A lot of planes used by airlines in India are not owned but leased. Airlines and aircraft operators prefer leasing planes in order to avoid massive lump sum payments that buying them would entail, and to quickly increase capacity, perhaps temporarily, on certain routes or sectors.



AMITABH SINHA

AS THE world struggles to check rising global temperatures, it is getting increasingly clear that the single-biggest challenge in putting up an effective response to climate change is the failure to mobilise adequate financial resources. The money currently being channelised for climate action is barely one to 10 per cent of the estimated requirements.

At the recently concluded climate change meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, countries agreed that a transformation of the international financial system was needed to significantly scale up resources for climate action. Accordingly, the meeting called upon the multilateral development banks, lending agencies and other financial institutions to align their priorities with the global climate goals, and redesign their structures and processes.

Enormity of the problem

The final Sharm el-Sheikh agreement includes an estimate of the scale of money required. It says that the global transition to a low-carbon economy would likely require about US\$ 4-6 trillion every year till 2050. About US\$ 4 trillion would need to be invested annually in the renewable energy sector till 2030 if the net-zero emissions targets were to be achieved.

The cumulative requirement of the developing countries, just for implementing their climate action plans, was about US\$ 6 trillion between now and 2030.

Of course, these are not mutually exclusive requirements. There would be considerable overlap. But even US\$ 5-7 trillion every year is a huge ask. It means that at least five per cent of the global GDP would need to be directed into climate action every year. It also shows how quickly the cost of inaction has been rising. Just a few years ago, the estimated requirements ranged between 1 and 1.5 per cent of global GDP.

The current requirements are, therefore, about two orders of magnitude higher than the money being made available. The US\$ 100 billion amount that the developed countries have promised to mobilise every year represents practically the entire money in play right now. And even this US\$ 100 billion has not yet been fully realised. Developed countries say they would reach this target by 2023. As of now, all that is flowing in is about US\$ 50-80 billion every year.

EXPLAINED CLIMATE CHANGE

Mobilising green funds

The COP27 agreement included an estimate of the money required to fight climate change. To meet the demand, corporates will have to step in. New taxes may have to be imposed, and innovative solutions found



Women and children shelter from the devastating flood that hit Pakistan in August. Disasters related to climate change are becoming more frequent, creating an urgent need for money to fight it. *Reuters*

Overhaul of financial system

There are two main dimensions to the problem of climate finance — availability and access. The transformation of the financial sector needs to address both of these.

One straightforward way of ensuring funds is for developed countries to increase their contributions. But even if this happens, it will likely result in only a marginal increase in the overall pie. The more significant jump would come from businesses and corporations investing money into green projects.

In social or health sector projects, every dollar of public money invested is expected to mobilise about four dollars in private money. In climate finance thus far, private investments have lagged behind public money. Barely 30 per cent of current financial flows are coming from private sources. There is a clear opportunity here.

But businesses and corporations do not invest unless they are reasonably sure of healthy returns. It is here that the international financial institutions can engage with governments, central banks, commercial banks and other financial players operating at national or regional levels to create the right environment for investments in green projects. Incentivising climate-friendly investments and discouraging, or even penalising, dirty investments would be at the heart of this approach.

The current rules and regulations of the global financial system make it extremely

difficult for large number of countries to access international finance, particularly those with political instabilities, or weaker institutional and governance structures. The transformation would, therefore, also involve simplification of practices, changes in the way risks to investments are assessed, and an overhaul of the credit rating systems.

Besides availability and access, there is a third element as well — transparency. Climate finance flows through a maze of channels — bilateral, regional, multilateral. It is in the form of grants, concessionary loans, debt, equity, carbon credits, and more. There are differences of opinion over whether a particular sum of money is actually climate-related. As a result, there are widely differing assessments of the quantum of climate finance currently being mobilised. This needs to be addressed.

New sources

Whether we like it or not, the bulk of the additional financial resources to fight climate change would come from the pockets of the common citizen. There already are growing number of voices calling for an early fixing of carbon price, so that the carbon markets can start functioning quickly.

Invariably, this would, sooner or later, also result in different types of carbon taxes, even at the consumer level. The use of petrol and diesel, and other fossil fuels is almost surely going to be taxed. The production of coal is al-

ready being taxed for several years in India, and it has been generating valuable resources for the government, which has utilised it mainly for investing in clean technologies. These funds have also been utilised for works in the Clean Ganga Mission and during the Covid-19 pandemic. Newer forms of carbon tax are likely to be imposed on businesses too. In many cases, these would filter down to the common person.

Many more innovative sources of money would have to be explored. For example, the efforts to prevent urban flooding in a city like Mumbai or Bengaluru can seek financial participation of the corporate houses who suffer losses because of damage to their assets or disruptions in activities.

As of now, it is the job of the government to build resilient infrastructure or early warning systems. But very soon, it would make sense for the corporates to join hands and facilitate these processes. Bankers who have lent money to build up corporate assets, or the insurers of those assets, would have an interest in pushing businesses into doing so. It is likely that more climate money would be raised locally, rather than sourced from outside.

More money is flowing into the green economy than a few years ago, but the pace of increase is nowhere adequate. Unfortunately, when it comes to climate action, the other thing in short supply, besides money, is time.

Racist, stigmatising: Why WHO will now call monkeypox 'mpox'

THE WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) announced on Monday that it would start using the term "mpox" for monkeypox, which has infected about 80,000 people in the first major outbreak of the viral disease outside Africa early this summer. The disease spread mainly in the Americas, including the United States and Europe, primarily among men who have sex with men (MSM).

The change of name, announced after a series of consultations with global experts, has been provoked by the racist connotations that "monkeypox" sometimes carries. Both names used to be used simultaneously for one year while "monkeypox" is phased out, the WHO said.

"When the outbreak of monkeypox expanded earlier this year, racist and stigmatising language online, in other settings and in some communities was observed and reported to WHO. In several meetings, public and private, a number of individuals and countries raised concerns and asked WHO to propose a way forward to change the name," the WHO said in a news release.

In fact, monkeypox, which was named in 1970 because the virus that causes the disease was first discovered in captive monkeys in 1958, does not have much to do with monkeys. The most likely reservoir for the virus, which has circulated for several years in a few central African countries

after jumping to humans through zoonosis in the bush, are rodents.

This year's outbreak mainly among MSM has increased the marginalisation of the community that has traditionally been stigmatised for its association with HIV and AIDS.

The WHO said that assigning names to new and, in some cases, existing diseases is the responsibility of the global body under the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and the WHO Family of International Health Related Classifications through a consultative process which includes WHO Member States. In the case of monkeypox, the process was accelerated, the release said.

According to WHO best practices, "new disease names should be given with the aim to minimize unnecessary negative impact of names on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare, and avoid causing offence to any cultural, social, national, regional, professional or ethnic groups".

The release said "various advisory bodies were heard during the consultation process, including experts from the medical and scientific and classification and statistics advisory committees which constituted representatives from government authorities of 45 different countries".

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OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 29

THE SUPREME Court on Monday rejected a plea by Tarun Tejpal, former editor of Tehelka magazine, for in-camera hearing of a rape case against him. The High Court of Bombay in Goa is to hear the Goa government's appeal against Tejpal's acquittal in the case his colleague's rape.

Tejpal was accused of sexually assaulting a then colleague in Goa in November 2013. After an in-camera trial, Additional Sessions Judge Kshama Joshi had acquitted him of all charges on May 21, 2021.

What are in-camera proceedings?

In-camera proceedings are private, unlike open court proceedings. Conducted as per the court's discretion in sensitive matters to ensure protection and privacy of the parties involved, the proceedings are usually

held through video conferencing or in closed chambers, from which the public and press are excluded.

In an open court or open justice system, which is the usual course of proceedings, the press is allowed to report on the matter being heard.

In-camera trial in rape cases

Section 327 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) has detailed the types of cases that should be recorded on camera, including inquiry into and trial in rape case.

The said section states that if the presiding judge or a magistrate thinks fit, she can order at any stage of the proceedings that the public generally, or any particular person, shall not remain present in the courtroom or the court building.



Goa has challenged Tejpal's acquittal in a rape case. *File*

The said provision says that the inquiry into and trial be held in camera for various offences punishable under section 376 (rape) of the Indian Penal Code; or offences including rape that could lead the victim to be in a vegetative state or death; rape of woman under 12 years of age; intercourse with wife during separation; intercourse by public servant with woman in his custody; sexual intercourse by person in authority; and gang rapes on adult and minor women. The law also prescribes that in such cases, the trial be conducted as far as possible by

a woman judge or a magistrate. Section 327 of the CrPC states that it shall not be lawful to publish any matter in relation to in-camera proceedings except with the previous permission of the court. It adds that the ban on publishing of trial proceed-

ings for offence of rape may be lifted subject to maintaining confidentiality of name and address of the parties.

In which other cases are in-camera proceedings held?

In-camera proceedings are usually conducted at family courts in cases of matrimonial disputes, including judicial separation, divorce proceedings, impotence, and more. In-camera proceedings are also conducted during the deposition of witnesses of terrorist activities as per the court's discretion, so as to protect them and maintain national security.

What did SC say in Tejpal case?

The Supreme Court bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud said that the object of section 327 of CrPC is to protect the victim's rights so that she can depose fearlessly. It noted that while inquiry leading up to the trial is to be conducted in-camera and the proceedings have crossed that stage, the accused has no vested right to demand in-camera hearing.

'Arc of moral universe bends toward justice': What the famous phrase means

YASHEE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

SPEAKING AT the Constitution Day celebrations at the Supreme Court on Saturday, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud used the famous phrase about the arc of the moral universe bending towards justice.

Talking about the accessibility of the justice system, the CJI said, "The Indian judiciary has been adopting several measures of institutional reform with the single objective — and I borrow the celebrated phrase of American civil rights activist Dr Martin Luther King Junior to describe it — to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice."

The phrase has been used several times by former US President Barack Obama too,

who even had it woven into a rug at the Oval Office during his presidency.

What is the full quote?

Martin Luther King had used the phrase several times in different contexts. One of its recorded uses, according to the US's National Public Radio (NPR), is during the march from Selma in 1965, which had been taken out over the issue of African-American people's right to vote. Asked how long it would take to see social justice, Dr King said, "How long? Not long. Because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice. How long? Not long."

On another occasion, he wrote, "Evil may so shape events that Caesar will occupy a palace and Christ a cross, but that same Christ will rise up and split history into AD and BC,



President Murmu with CJI DY Chandrachud at Constitution Day celebrations in Supreme Court. *PTI*

so that even the life of Caesar must be dated by his name. Yes, 'the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.'"

Note the single quote marks around 'the arc of...' that Dr King put. This is because the statement is not originally his, and he was in fact borrowing from the 19th-century Unitarian minister and abolitionist Theodore Parker, of Massachusetts.

Thanks to Dr King's popularity and his prominent role in the US civil rights movement, the quote is often believed to be his.

So what is the original quote?

Dr King had paraphrased the words of Parker, who, in a sermon in 1853, said, "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe. The arc is a long one. My eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by experience of sight. I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends toward justice."

Meaning, criticism

Put very simply, the phrase means that though justice may take long, the universe moves towards it.

However, many have pointed out that the version popular today — "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice" — makes it sound like justice is a foregone conclusion, and will eventually come about on its own because that is how the arc of the universe bends. What is often missed is that the arc won't automatically bend towards justice, but has to be made to do so through human efforts.

While the quote paraphrased by Dr King is punchier and cheering, the original is more circumspect. Parker has written that he can't see the long arc, but "can divine it by conscience", and "from what I see I am sure

it bends toward justice." Thus, while as a clergyman, Parker believed in an eventually just world, he was offering cautious hope, not an easy certainty.

CJI Chandrachud, in his speech, made the need for effort clear when he said the judiciary is "adopting several measures" to attain the objective of bending "the arc of the moral universe towards justice."

Another criticism of the phrase — and one relevant to the Indian context — is that it seems to assume everyone is agreed upon what is "justice". Often, competing interest groups in a diverse population, like in India, can have very different ideas of what is "justice", and critics claim that before trotting the phrase around like a happy platitude, a robust debate is needed to arrive at an informed and fair definition of justice.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Maria Kolesnikova.
Reuters

BELARUS

Jailed Belarus protest leader in intensive care

Kyiv: Jailed Belarusian protest leader Maria Kolesnikova has been taken to the intensive care unit of a hospital in the city of Gomel for unknown reasons, jailed opposition politician Viktor Babariko's Telegram account said on Tuesday. The Telegram channel said Kolesnikova, a critic of Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, was taken to the hospital on Monday. "Our dear Masha (Maria), we all hope that you are going to be okay!" exiled opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya wrote on Telegram. Kolesnikova is serving an 11-year sentence for what she said were trumped allegations of involvement in mass unrest. She had recently been held in a punishment cell in her prison, Babariko's Telegram account said. **REUTERS**

SINGAPORE

Govt repeals gay sex ban

Singapore: Singapore's Parliament on Tuesday decriminalised sex between men, but, in a blow to the LGBT community, also amended the Constitution to prevent court challenges that in other countries have led to the legalisation of same-sex marriage. Activists cheered the repeal, but said the amendment to the constitution is disappointing because it means citizens will not be able to mount legal challenges to issues like the definition of marriage, family, and related policies since these will only be decided by the executive and legislature. **REUTERS**

NEW ZEALAND

PIO businessman store attacked

Melbourne: A store owned by an Indian-origin businessman was attacked by a group of young armed robbers in New Zealand and they held a knife to a worker's neck during the incident, a media report said. The owner of the vape store, Sidhu Naresh, said his store in Hamilton was targeted on Friday by four young offenders, the New Zealand Herald newspaper reported on Monday. "My staff was made to kneel at knife point... They came and smashed everything and walked away with the till," he said. He said a courier who tried to stop the offenders was injured, and 4,000 New Zealand dollars in cash was stolen. **PTI**

AUTHORITIES SEEK OUT PROTESTERS

Students sent home, police on patrol as China curbs growing Covid protests

AGENCIES

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 29

CHINESE UNIVERSITIES sent students home and police fanned out in Beijing and Shanghai to prevent more protests Tuesday after crowds angered by severe anti-virus restrictions called for leader Xi Jinping to resign in the biggest show of public dissent in decades.

Authorities have also begun inquiries into some of the people who gathered at weekend protests, people who were at the Beijing demonstrations said. They have also eased some controls after demonstrations in at least eight mainland cities and Hong Kong, but maintained they would stick to a "zero-COVID" strategy. Security forces have detained an unknown number of people and stepped up surveillance.

Two protesters said callers identifying themselves as Beijing police officers asked them to report to a police station on Tuesday with written accounts of their activities on Sunday night.

With police out in force, there was no word of protests Tuesday in Beijing, Shanghai or other mainland cities. A far smaller group did gather at a university in Hong Kong on Tuesday to protest virus restrictions. Meanwhile, Beijing's Tsinghua University, where students rallied over the weekend, and other schools said they were protecting students from Covid by sending them home. But dispersing them to hometowns also reduces the likelihood of demonstrations. Chinese leaders are especially wary of universities.



Protests at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), in Hong Kong, China, on Tuesday. *Reuters*

EXPLAINED Adilemma for Xi

THE PROTESTS magnify what has been a mounting predicament for Xi: how to walk back from a policy that was initially a point of pride but is becoming a growing liability. If he were to bend to public pressure and roll back zero-Covid, he would appear weak, which might encourage people to take to the streets in future.

Dating apps, Telegram turn tools to defy govt

REUTERS

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 29

OPPONENTS OF China's anti-Covid measures are resorting to dating apps and social media platforms blocked on the mainland to evade censors, spread the word about their defiance and strategy, in a high-tech game of cat and mouse with police.

Videos, images and accounts of the opposition to China's tough Covid-19 curbs have poured onto China's tightly censored cyberspace since weekend

protests, with activists saving them to platforms abroad before the censors delete them, social media users say. Protesters communicating via the most popular but highly censored WeChat app keep information to a bare minimum, according to online discussions.

Locations of planned gatherings are given without an explanation, or conveyed with map coordinates, or by a faint map in the background of a post.

"It was in the morning of the 27th that I got this secret clue: 11.27, 9:30, Urumqi office," said

one person who took part in a Beijing protest planned for that day and time outside the Urumqi municipal government office in the capital. Many people are relying on VPN software to get past China's Great Firewall and on to encrypted messaging apps.

People have set up Telegram groups to share information for their cities, social media users say, while dating app messaging services are also being used in the hope they face less scrutiny, according to one Beijing-based protester who declined to be identified, citing safety.

Gen Munir takes charge as Pak Army chief

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 29

GENERAL ASIM Munir, a former ISI head, assumed charge as the Pakistan Army chief on Tuesday, at a time when the cash-strapped country was in the midst of a political slugfest between the government and opposition leader Imran Khan over holding of snap polls and fresh threats from the dreaded Taliban militants.

General Munir replaced General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Munir, who is in his mid-50s, assumed charge at an impressive ceremony at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, becoming the 17th Chief of the Army Staff. The ceremony was attended by senior officers, diplomats and politicians.

"I am happy that I am leaving the command of the Army in safe hands," said 61-year-old General Bajwa who handed over



Outgoing Army Chief General Qamar Bajwa (right) hands over a ceremonial baton to General Asim Munir. *AP*

the "baton of command" to his successor. Gen Bajwa hoped the appointment of Gen Munir as the army chief would prove to be positive for both the country and the army. He quoted a saying from American military leader

Douglas MacArthur, which states: "Old soldiers don't die, they just fade away." "I will also into fade into irrelevance but my spiritual relationship with the army will remain," he said.

Prime Minister Shehbaz

FORMER ISI CHIEF TO RETIRE EARLY

Islamabad: Lieutenant General Faiz Hamid, the former ISI chief and one of the top military officers of Pakistan, has opted to seek an early retirement, days after he was shortlisted but not appointed as the Army chief. Commander Lieutenant-General Hamid has decided to seek an early retirement days after he was not selected as the Army chief, *the Dawn* reported quoting **PTI**

Sharif on November 24 nominated senior-most General Munir to the most powerful position in the coup-prone country, where the army has ruled for more than half of its 75-plus years of existence.

Over 300 dead in unrest, admits Iranian General

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 29

AN IRANIAN general on Monday acknowledged that over 300 people have been killed in the unrest surrounding nationwide protests, giving the first official word on casualties in two months.

That estimate is considerably lower than the toll reported by Human Rights Activists in Iran, a US-based group that has been closely tracking the protests since they erupted after the

September 16 death of a young woman being held by the country's morality police.

The activist group says 451 protesters and 60 security forces have been killed since the start of the unrest and that more than 18,000 people have been detained. General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, the commander of the aerospace division of the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, was quoted by a website close to the Guard as saying that over 300 people have been killed, including "martyrs," an apparent refer-

ence to security forces. He also suggested that many of those killed were ordinary Iranians not involved in the protests. He did not provide an exact figure or say where his estimate came from.

Authorities have heavily restricted media coverage of the protests. State-linked media have not reported an overall toll and have largely focused on attacks on security forces, which officials blame on shadowy militant and separatist groups.

Hajizadeh reiterated the official claim that the protests have

been fomented by Iran's enemies, including Western countries and Saudi Arabia, without providing evidence. The protesters say they are fed up after decades of social and political repression, and deny having any foreign agenda.

In a separate development, Iran released a 76-year-old dual Iranian-Austrian citizen from prison for health reasons, the Austria Press Agency reported. APA quoted the Austrian Foreign Ministry confirming that Massud Mossaheb was given indefinite medical leave.



Eleonora Pucci at work in the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence, Italy. *NYT*

hers "the best job in the world," Pucci said. "Is there anything greater than passing on beauty?"

It was early last Monday, the one day the Galleria is closed to the public, and the clanging of metal echoed throughout the museum as a specialised team built a scaffold tower in the airy rotunda that housed the David. Over the course of the morning, the tower would be gingerly repositioned so that Pucci could reach the 17-foot-tall statue from all sides.

Pucci nimbly scampered up until she was eye to giant eye with the statue that Michelangelo carved from a sin-

gle block of marble from 1501 to 1504, the first nude colossal statue made since antiquity. The David has called the Galleria home since 1873.

The job begins with a photographic close-up to better track any wear and tear on the statue and to verify how much dust and debris (of microscopic dimension) has settled on it since the last time it was cleaned.

That can change depending on the season, the number of visitors and the kind of clothes they may be wearing. Microscopic fibers can get caught in tiny spiderwebs among the sculpted

locks of the David's hair. "It's pretty normal," Pucci said — and all the more reason to ensure works are constantly monitored. Then the dusting begins.

Using a smallish brush with synthetic bristles — "They're better at capturing dust," she said — Pucci began to stroke the David's head. It was strapped to her back, reminiscent of the proton pack in the "Ghostbusters" movies.

After nearly four years on the job, she has developed strong feelings for Michelangelo and his genius. Dusting the David, Pucci said, brings on "big emotion" and admiration for an artist able to craft such

UK delivering on new FTA with India, golden era with China over: Sunak

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, NOVEMBER 29

BRITISH PRIME Minister Rishi Sunak has reiterated the UK's commitment to a free trade agreement (FTA) with India as part of the country's wider focus on enhancing ties with the Indo-Pacific region and standing up to competitors with "robust pragmatism".

Delivering his first major foreign policy speech since taking charge at the Lord Mayor of London's Banquet on Monday, Sunak reflected on his heritage and committed to promoting British values of "freedom and openness" around the world.

He also pledged to "do things differently" far removed from the so-called "golden era" with China, which he said poses a "systemic challenge" to British values and interests. "Before I came into politics, I invested in businesses around the world. And the opportunity in the Indo-Pacific is compelling," Sunak said.

"By 2050, the Indo-Pacific will deliver over half of global growth compared with just a quarter from Europe and North America combined. That's why we're joining the Trans-Pacific trade deal, the CPTPP, delivering a new FTA with India and pursuing one with Indonesia," he said.

On China, the PM said he wants to "evolve" the UK's approach. "Let's be clear, the so-called 'golden era' is over, along with the naive idea that trade would lead to social and political reform. But nor



Rishi Sunak during the annual Lord Mayors Banquet at the Guildhall in central London, Monday. *AP*

UK WATERS DOWN INTERNET RULES PLAN

London: The British government has abandoned a plan to force tech firms to remove internet content that is harmful but legal, after the proposal drew strong criticism from lawmakers and civil liberties groups. The UK on Tuesday defended its decision to water down the Online Safety Bill, an ambitious but controversial attempt to crack down on online racism, sexual abuse, bullying, fraud and other harmful material. **AP**

should we rely on simplistic Cold War rhetoric. We recognise China poses a systemic challenge to our values and interests, a challenge that grows more acute as it moves towards even greater authoritarianism," Sunak cautioned. **PTI**

Census: Christians minority in England, non-religious grow

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, NOVEMBER 29

FEWER THAN half the people in England and Wales consider themselves Christian, according to the most recent census — the first time the country's official religion has been followed by a minority of the population.

Britain has become less religious — and less white — in the decade since the last census, figures from the 2021 census released Tuesday by the Office for National Statistics revealed.

Some 46.2% of the population of England and Wales described themselves as Christian on the day of the 2021 census, down from 59.3% a decade earlier. The

Muslim population grew from 4.9% to 6.5% of the population, while 1.7% identified as Hindu, up from 1.5%. More than 1 in 3 people — 37% — said they had no religion, up from 25% in 2011.

The other parts of the UK, Scotland and Northern Ireland, report their census results separately. Secularism campaigners said the shift should trigger a re-think of the way religion is entrenched in British society.

Andrew Copson, chief executive of charity Humanists UK, said "the dramatic growth of the non-religious" had made the UK "almost certainly one of the least religious countries". "One of the most striking things about these results is how at odds the population is from the state itself," he said.

Worker deaths for World Cup between 400 and 500: Qatar

Doha: A top Qatari official involved in the country's World Cup organisation has put the number of worker deaths for the tournament "between 400 and 500" for the first time, a drastically higher number than any other previously offered by Doha.

The comment by Hassan al-Thawadi, the secretary-general of Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, appeared to come off the cuff during an interview with British journalist Piers Morgan.

It also threatened to reinvigorate criticism by human rights groups over what the toll.

The Supreme Committee and Qatar's government did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

In the interview, portions of which Morgan posted online, the British journalist asks al-Thawadi: "What is the honest, realistic total do you think of migrant workers who died from — as a result of work they're doing for the World Cup in totality?" "The estimate is around 400, between 400 and 500," al-Thawadi responds. "I don't have the exact number. That's something that's been discussed." But that figure hasn't been discussed publicly previously. **AP**

REVERED STATUE IS NOT GOING TO DUST ITSELF, THAT'S WHERE PUCCI COMES IN

When visiting Michelangelo's David in Italy, she brings a duster

ELISABETTA POVOLEDO

FLORENCE, NOVEMBER 29

IMAGINE A job that lets you get up close and personal with one of the world's most famous statues.

It is one perk of being the in-house restorer of the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence, where Eleonora Pucci's task is to regularly dust Michelangelo's David, which she described recently as exhilarating, if somewhat nerve-wracking.

"To be able to contribute, even in a small way, to the conservation of David's beauty" makes

19 ECONOMY



GOLD

₹52,837



RUPEE

₹81.72



OIL

\$78.11



SILVER

₹61,744

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of November 28

SENSEX: 62,681.84 ▲ 177.04 (0.28%) NIFTY: 18,618.05 ▲ 55.3 (0.3%) NIKKEI: 28,027.84 ▼ 134.99 HANG SENG: 18,204.68 ▲ 906.74 FTSE: 7,531.52 ▲ 57.50 DAX: 14,423.54 ▲ 40.18

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
RENEWABLE ENERGY

Transmission delays hit India's solar power plants

MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

FRESH HURDLES could potentially trip solar power generation in the country's largest solar park at Bhadla, with over half a dozen solar generation units including that of Tata Power, Adani Power, Renew Power and Italy's Enel among those that have been asked to curtail generation of up to 10 per cent from December 1.

The reason: Delays in transmission projects, including the Bikaner-2 pooling station that was scheduled to be commissioned by December 22, where currently over 50 per cent of the works are pending and stringing of the transmission lines is yet to commence.

State-owned transmission major Power Grid Corp is now targeting to complete Bikaner-2 by March 2023, but multiple sources that *The Indian Express* spoke to indicated that this deadline is also unlikely to be adhered to. It is a major problem for solar developers, who typically bid at wafer thin margins and a 10 per cent curtailment could end up wiping out the margin for the developers.

"... We request to kindly provide instruction to NRELDC to temporarily allow the load curtailments by utilising the extra margins available in the lines due to lower ambient temperature during winter season," Tata Power renewable Energy Ltd said in a letter to the government.

Plants likely to be impacted

Over half a dozen of solar generation units have been asked to curtail generation of up to 10% from December 1

AT BIKANER

Adani	450
NTPC	400
Avada	320
ACME	300
Tata Power	225
Enel	224
SBSR	212.5
Renew	150

AT BHADLA

Adani	700
ABC renewable	300
Tata Power	150

All Figures in MW
Source: Industry inputs, govt data

Metaverse needs brilliance of Indian developers, creative community: Clegg

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

METaverse CAN deliver huge economic benefits to India and requires the brilliance, ingenuity of developers and creative community of the country.

While speaking at the launch of industry chamber FICCI's XR Open Source Fellowship Program, former

deputy prime minister of UK and Meta's global affairs president Nick Clegg said the enormous appetite, ingenuity for engineering and entrepreneurialism for new knowledge is immensely striking in India and it is the reason for India being one of the great pioneering nations in technological innovations.

He said that Metaverse in one sense may sound like sci-

ence fiction but it is the natural evolution of the internet. "The metaverse won't be built by one company alone.

Through programmes like XR Open Source, we will support Indian developers working on these exciting technologies," Clegg said.

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Sebi issues new issuer limit for MF schemes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 29

TELECOM REGULATOR The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday introduced credit rating-based single issuer limit for investment for most actively managed debt mutual fund schemes.

"In order to avoid inconsistency in investment by mutual funds in debt instruments of an issuer, irrespective of the scheme being actively or passively managed, it has been decided to introduce a similar credit rating-based single-issuer limit for actively managed mutual fund schemes," Sebi said in a notification. According to the Sebi, the above investment limits may be extended by up to 2 percent of the NAV of the scheme with

SEBI Building in Mumbai. File

prior approval of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors of the asset management companies, subject to compliance with the overall 12 percent limit specified in clause 1 of Seventh Schedule of MF Regulation.

A mutual fund scheme shall not invest more than 10 per cent of its net asset value in debt and money market securities of companies rated 'AAA'. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

CBDC WILL BE TESTED IN FOUR CITIES INITIALLY

RBI to begin first phase of retail e-rupee pilot from Thursday

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 29

AFTER A month of e-rupee transaction in the wholesale segment, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will release the central bank digital currency (CBDC) for retail customers and merchants in four cities, including Mumbai and Delhi, from December 1 on pilot basis.

The pilot would initially cover four cities — Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar — and later extend to Ahmedabad, Gangtok, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla, the central bank said on Tuesday, adding the scope of the pilot may gradually expand to include more banks, users and locations as needed.

The pilot would cover select locations in a closed user group (CUG), comprising participating customers and merchants, the RBI said. The CBDC, or e-rupee (e-R), would be in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender. The RBI has identified eight banks for phase-wise participation in this pilot. The first phase will begin with four banks



The RBI has identified eight banks for this pilot

File

— State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank across the country. Four more banks — Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank — will join this pilot subsequently, it said.

E-rupee would be issued in the same denominations that paper currency and coins are currently issued. It would be distributed through intermediaries, i.e., banks.

"Users will be able to transact with e-R through a digital wallet offered by the participating banks and stored on mobile phones and devices, according

to the central bank. Transactions can be both person to person (P2P) and person to merchant (P2M). Payments to merchants can be made using QR codes displayed at merchant locations.

"The e-R would offer features of physical cash like trust, safety and settlement finality. As in the case of cash, it will not earn any interest and can be converted to other forms of money, like deposits with banks," the RBI said.

According to the central bank, the pilot will test the robustness of the entire process of digital rupee creation, distribution and retail usage in real time.

EXPLAINED
TWO TYPES OF E-RUPEE

BASED ON the usage and the functions performed by the digital rupee and considering the different levels of accessibility, RBI has demarcated the digital rupee into two broad categories — retail and wholesale.

"Different features and applications of the e-R token and architecture will be tested in future pilots, based on the learning from this pilot," it said.

"This (retail launch) indicates the consistent efforts on the part of RBI to bring out an efficient, user-friendly mechanism of digital currency far ahead of other central banks across the world," said Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Managing Director, Resurgent India.

On November 1, the RBI took a major leap towards making the country's monetary and payment systems more efficient

Swiggy shuts its NCR cloud kitchens to focus on South

SOUAMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

ONLINE FOOD delivery platform Swiggy has shut down its cloud kitchen outlets, such as The Bowl Company in Delhi-NCR, as it looks to shift focus of its private label entities in southern cities.

Swiggy confirmed the shuttering of The Bowl Company, which had outlets in parts of Delhi and Noida, calling the initial launch an "experiment". The entity was operational until at least the first week of November this year. Some of Swiggy's other cloud kitchens in Delhi NCR, such as Breakfast Express and Goodness Kitchen, also appear to have shut down.

"The expansion of The Bowl Company in Delhi/ NCR was an experiment we ran to bring new food experiences to users. This experiment has led to its due learnings, even as we focus on operational excellence for the

offer services at a higher margin compared to other restaurants listed on their platform. The segment initially took off in India, but with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, their novelty waned, given every restaurant essentially became a cloud kitchen. In 2020, the firm had shut down a number of its cloud kitchens as it laid off employees.

"We are choosing to scale down or shut down adjacent businesses that are either going to be highly volatile or will not be highly relevant for the next 18 months. The biggest impact here is on the cloud kitchens business, with many unknowns about volumes through the year," Swiggy co-founder and chief executive Sriharsha Majety had written in an email to employees at the time. The sale of food from Swiggy's private brands dropped by more than 60 per cent to Rs 83.3 crore during FY2.1.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Air India to leverage Vistara's skills: CEOs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

AIR INDIA and the Tata Group are set to leverage Vistara's learning and its people that have helped the latter create a niche for itself in a market where 80% of fliers prefer low-cost carriers, hinted chief executive of Air India and Vistara.

While Air India CEO & MD Campbell Wilson said Vistara's expertise will accelerate AI's transformation programme, Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan said that the shareholders are counting on our expertise.

"The skills, people, systems and processes that have driven Vistara's success will complement, strengthen and accelerate Air India's Vihaan.AI transformation program, and enable the new Air India to more quickly attain the size, reach and quality befitting of a world class airline proudly representing India around the globe," Campbell Wilson, CEO & MD Air India said in a statement. Kannan said that Vistara's achievements have not gone unnoticed. This amalgamation can be seen in the context of Air India in the process of reducing its staff strength through natural attrition (retirements) and voluntary Retirement scheme.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Prannoy Roy, wife resign from NDTV Board

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 29

PRANNOY ROY and wife Radhika Roy, founders and promoters of channel New Delhi Television (NDTV), have resigned as Directors on the Board of RRPR Holding Private Limited (RRPRH) with effect from November 29, the company said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

RRPL Holding, the promoter group vehicle of NDTV, holds 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV, which is being taken over by the Adani group.

The board of RRPR Holding has approved the appointment of Sudipta Bhattacharya, Sanjay Pugalía and Senthil Sinniah Chengalvarayan as Directors on its board with immediate effect, NDTV said in an exchange filing. The Adanis which acquired the 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV has come out with an open offer to buy another 26 per cent from the public.

According to the BSE website, Prannoy Roy is the Chairperson of NDTV and Radhika Roy is an Executive Director.

The Adanis got full control over RRPL in August this year.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: Global-Tender Enquiry Notice No. PI(EP)/22-23/G/06. Following changes are made:-

- For the tender item at Sr. No.09 (HPLC) the bid submission dates and bid opening dates have been amended as follows:-
- Bid Submission date from 29.11.2022 to 08.12.2022**
- Bid Opening date from 30.11.2022 to 09.12.2022.**

All other details shall remain the same.

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TENDER NOTICE

For more details, please visit E-Tendering Portal, <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmil.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2022_KMML_531935_1	For the supply of CS PIPE
2	2022_KMML_531096_1	For fabrication and supply of Pre-Treatment Sump Scrubbing System
3	2022_KMML_530597_1	For the supply of FRP Filter Feed Tank-1 no's
4	2022_KMML_529619_1	For fabrication and supply of Crude Tickle Storage Tank F-1217
5	2022_KMML_529613_1	For the supply of Inconel Hair Pin Bend & Inconel Bend
6	2022_KMML_529617_1	For fabrication and supply of Crude Quench Surge Tank F-204
7	2022_KMML_533414_1	For the supply of 210L Nominal Capacity M.S Open Top Drums with Lid, Oring/Gasket and Clamping Ring
8	2022_KMML_533151_1	For the supply of Refractory Castable
9		GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER FOR ZIRCONIUM CARBONATE AND PEARLSCENT TiO2 PIGMENT PLANT. KMML invites Expression of Interest from technology providers for setting up plants for Zirconium Carbonate and Pearlscnt TiO2 pigment. Bidders can submit offer for either Zirconium Carbonate or Pearlscnt TiO2 pigment or both. Ref Nos of EOIs 1. EOI NO: TP/PROJ/EOI PPT/01 Dt 25.11.2022 2. EOI NO: TP/PROJ/EOI ZC/01 Dt 25.11.2022 Visit our website www.kmmil.com for more details of the EOI. Last date of offer submission is 15/01/2023.

Chavara 29.11.2022 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

TELANGANA STATE POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA : HYDERABAD – 500 082.

T.No.e-21/CE/Civil/Thermal/TSGENCO/2022-23

BTPS – CHP - Construction of Garlanding drain around stacker reclaimers in Coal Handling Plant of Bhadradi Thermal Power Station, Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist. Value of the works: ₹.1,64,56,750/-. Scheduled Open & Closing Date: 21.11.2022 at 17:00 Hrs & 06.12.2022 at 16:30 Hrs.

T.No.e-22/CE/Civil/Thermal/TSGENCO/2022-23

BTPS – Supply and spreading of machine crushed HBG metal in left over portions excluding FDG area in 400 KV switch yard at Bhadradi Thermal Power Station, Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist. Value of the works: ₹.64,26,410/-. Scheduled Open & Closing Date: 28.11.2022 at 17:00 Hrs & 13.12.2022 at 16:30 Hrs.

T.No.e-181/CE/O&M/KTPS-VII/TSGENCO/2022-23

KTPS-VII Stage – Supply of 1.1 KV Copper trailing power cables for Kothagudem Thermal Power Station Stage-VII, Paloncha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist. Value of the works: ₹.40,42,000/-. Scheduled Open & Closing Date: 15.11.2022 at 18:00 Hrs & 16.12.2022 at 15:30 Hrs.

T.No.e-161/CE/O&M/KTPS-VII/TSGENCO/2022-23

KTPP – Supply of certain Spares for XRP-1003 Bowl Mills for Kakatiya Thermal Power Project, Jayashankar Bhoopalapally Dist. Value of the works: ₹.15,90,242/-. Scheduled Open & Closing Date: 26.11.2022 at 10:30 Hrs & 12.12.2022 at 10:30 Hrs.

For further Details: " www.tsgenco.co.in, <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, Bhawanipatna

NOTICE

FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY).
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH
e-Procurement Notice for PMGSY-III, Batch-III (2021-22) Packag.
Bid identification No. BPT/Online-17/2022-23

The Chief Construction Engineer, R. W. Circle, Bhawanipatna on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of Nuapada for 02 (Two) number of package with estimated cost totaling to Rs.5.06 Cr including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD/ CPWD/MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement.dtd. 02.12.2022.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgstyenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved format (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of Clause 4.4B(a)(ii) of ITB with C.C.E., R. W. Circle, Bhawanipatna/ Concerned Executive Engineers, R.W.Division (as per Tender Call Notice) on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 17.12.2022 upto 5.00 PM

For further details please log on to www.pmgstyenders.gov.in

CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
Rural Works Circle, Bhawanipatna
OIPR-25102/11/0020/2223

BRIEFLY

AAAI President

Mumbai: Prasanth Kumar, CEO - South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd was elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India for the year 2022-23 at its Annual General Body Meeting. Rana Barua, Group CEO of Havas Group India, was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Association. **ENS**

Lulu, Hyatt

New Delhi: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Hyatt Regency, a five star hotel project by Lulu and Hyatt, in Thiruvananthapuram last week. The Chief Minister said that this is a step that will give impetus to the investment friendly atmosphere of the state, an official statement said. **ENS**

Nilekani, India

New Delhi: India witness "significant economic activity" over the next decade on the back of open network for digital commerce, record aggregating system and government measures, Nandan Nilekani said. **PTI**



New Delhi



India A begin on a strong note against B'desh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COX'S BAZAR, NOVEMBER 29

THE PACE-spin combo of Navdeep Saini and Saurabh Kumar impressed the most as India A grabbed the opening-day honours after a commanding performance against Bangladesh A in the first unofficial Test here on Tuesday.

Opting to field after winning the toss, Saini (3/21), Saurabh (4/23) and Mukesh Kumar (2/25) helped India A bundle out their opponents for a paltry 112 in only 45 overs.

In reply, the visitors finished strongly at 120 for no loss to go ahead by eight runs by the time stumps were drawn. Yashasvi Jaiswal and India A skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran were looking good at 61 and 53, respectively, when play ended on the first day. After Saini and Mukesh picked up five of the top six with just 63 runs on the board, the hosts recovered somewhat to cross three figures owing to Mosaddek Hossain's 63.

Hossain struck six fours and three sixes after Bangladesh were reeling at 26 for five one stage. However, the problem with the home team was that it's batters also struggled against spin, with left-arm spinner Saurabh running through the lower-order to finish with excellent figures. The 29-year-old Saurabh's performance assumes significance as he could be drafted into the Indian Test team for the upcoming two-match series in Bangladesh if star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja is ruled out.

When their time to bat came, India A were served well by the duo of young Jaiswal and Easwaran as the pair not only added 120 runs but also scored them at a good rate. While Jaiswal struck eight fours in his 106-ball knock, Easwaran found the fence six times while facing 111 deliveries at the Sheikh Kamal International Cricket Stadium. Even as veteran Easwaran led from the front, Jaiswal will resume his quest to bring up a sixth hundred in only his eighth first-class match and consolidate the visitors' position in the opener.

Earlier in the day, Delhi pacer Saini struck the first blow when he bowled Mahmudul Hasan Joy, who was beaten by late swing. Mukesh had the other opener, Zakir Hasan caught behind before disturbing Mominul Haque's stumps. Saini then had Najmul Hossain Shanto caught at third slip, before skipper Mohammad Mithun went for a wide one to leave Bangladesh A tottering at 26 for five. Mosaddek sought to revive the innings but there was no support at the other end.

Brief score: Bangladesh A 112 all out (Mosaddek Hossain 63, Navdeep Saini 3 for 21, Saurabh Kumar 4 for 23) vs India A 120 for 0 (Yashasvi Jaiswal 61 not out, Abhimanyu Easwaran 53 not out).

FICA ANNUAL REPORT

49 % of cricketers ready to reject national contract for bigger T20 purse

According to Federation of International Cricketers' Association survey, enthusiasm for Test cricket has slipped from 82% to 74 %

VENKATA KRISHNA B
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 29

CRICKET BELIEVES in numbers. And as the Federation of International Cricketers Association came out with its global employment report on Tuesday, the message is loud and clear. Out of the 400 men's players across 11 countries (excluding Indians) who were surveyed by FICA, 49 per cent have revealed that they would consider rejecting a national contract in favour of a bigger domestic T20 contract as international cricket grapples with fear of losing the top players to franchise system.

While there is more and more inclination towards T20 franchise cricket, 74 per cent still rate Test cricket as the most important to play in. But it has reduced from 82 per cent in the previous survey. And the day-night Tests seem to have become hugely popular among cricketers with 79 per cent giving a thumbs up to it.

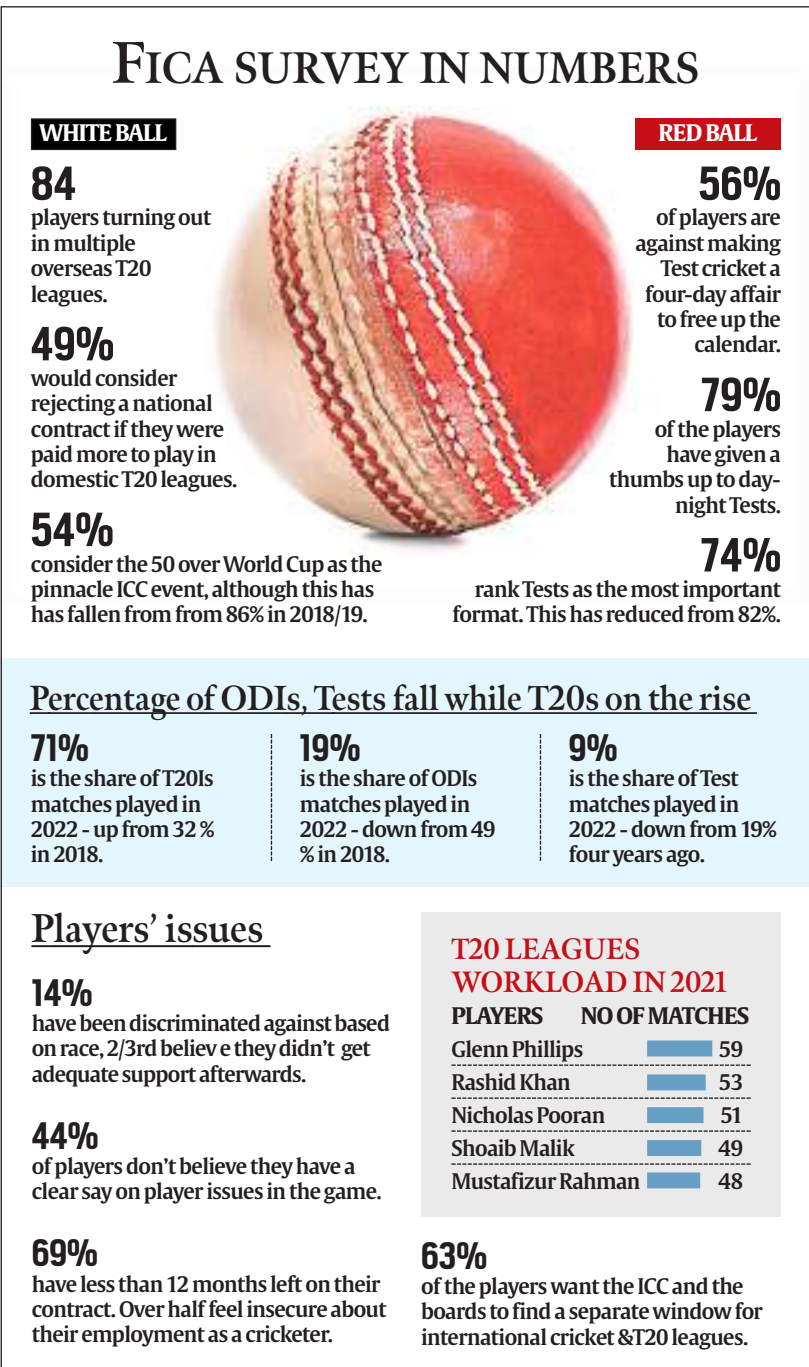
Although there have been widespread calls to convert Test cricket to four days as it could free up the international calendar, 56 per cent of players are against such a decision as they want to preserve the long format. However, 63 per cent of the players want the International Cricket Council and the member boards to have a separate window for international cricket and T20 leagues.

And even though the number of T20Is is increasing every year, it is the 50-over World Cup that 54 per cent feel is the pinnacle ICC event. However, the number has reduced from 86 per cent from the previous survey conducted in 2019/20.

These numbers are not surprising. In the cover page of the report, there is Ben Stokes making a substantial point about the current cricketing landscape which is crowded with international and T20 cricket.

"Three formats are unsustainable for my body right now. I feel my body is letting me down because of the schedule and what is expected of us," says Stokes, who has already retired from 50-over cricket.

Then there is Trent Boult, the New Zealand seamer, who has declined the cen-



While news of players preferring domestic T20 contracts in favour of national contracts will be seen as unhealthy for international cricket, there is another context that needs to be looked at. 69 per cent of players have just one year left in their national contract and nearly 50 per cent of the players feel insecure about their employment. In that sense, the T20 contracts offered by multiple domestic leagues are multi-year ones and are lucrative for players.

Balance in formats

In view of these issues, the FICA wants the ICC and the member boards to have a balanced global structure so that all the major events – the ICC events, international bilaterals and T20 domestic leagues – can co-exist. "The majority of the value in each of the three majors, revenue generating cricket landscapes, is generated through a small number of players, and those players can only be in so many places at once.

Whilst FICA does not have all the answers, and acknowledges the challenges associated with scheduling, we continue to advocate for: a balanced global structure for the game that enables the international cricket and leagues landscapes to co-exist; recognition of domestic leagues in the game's global structure; and a clear framework around bilateral international cricket scheduling," the report adds.

As this conflict leads to players choosing between international cricket and T20 leagues, the survey shows that 40% of the top T20 players in the world now do not have a central contract with a top nine cricket country.

The other 42 per cent players are in hybrid market, where they have a national contract as well as domestic T20 contract. The remaining 18 per cent is made up of Indians, who rely totally on BCCI and revenue from domestic cricket as they are barred from playing in other T20 leagues.

In terms of international cricket volume, in the last three years, the number of T20 cricket matches has grown from 32 per cent in 2018 to 71 per cent in 2022.

The ODIs, which accounted for 49 per cent of total international cricket volume have now gone down to just 19 per cent, increasing concerns of sustainability of the 50 over format in the long run. Test cricket has shrunk from 19 per cent in 2018 to 9 per cent in 2022. On a grimmer note, 14 per cent of those surveyed said they had been discriminated against based on race, with two thirds believing they didn't receive adequate support after reporting discrimination.

BRIEFLY

India hope for full game in final ODI

Christchurch: Frustrated by the fickle weather, a desperate Indian team would pray for a rain-free final ODI against New Zealand in its bid to finish on an even keel in a series that neither had context nor any major takeaways. There is forecast of scattered showers in Christchurch and nothing can be more irritating than playing a series where the Gen-Next of Indian cricket hardly got any game time to show their prowess. Out of five white-ball games that also includes three-match T20I series, two matches (one T20I and one ODI) didn't yield any result and one game (T20I) was curtailed significantly and ended in a tie due to Duckworth-Lewis method. With the series in line, Shikhar Dhawan and his men would aim to put up an impactful performance at the picturesque Hagley Oval ground, which has traditionally helped the seam bowlers and has an average score in the 230 range in the past few years.

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Focus on defence in hockey test vs Aus

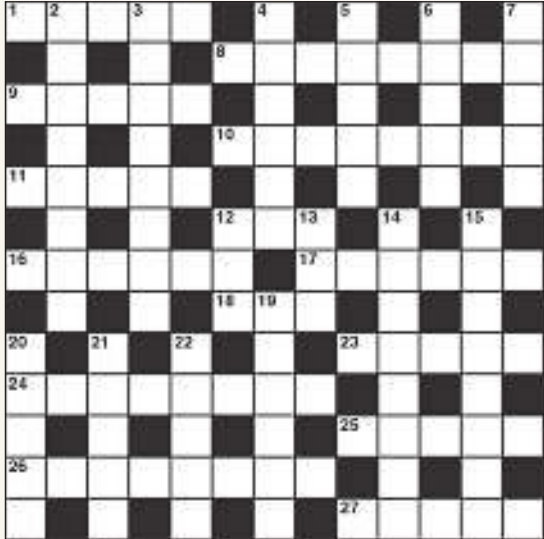
New Delhi: The Indian men's hockey team will look to address its defensive woes when it takes on world's number one side Australia in the third Test in Adelaide on Wednesday, hoping to bounce back from back-to-back defeats in the five-match series. A series of defensive lapses saw world number five India go down in the first two Tests despite taking early lead and this will be area which the team will need to improve in the third match. India conceded a last-minute goal to lose the opening Test 4-5. In the second game, they were leading through skipper Harmanpreet Singh's third-minute goal but were blown away in the final quarter to go down 4-7.

Babuta, Kapoor win Natl shooting titles

New Delhi: Arjun Babuta in men's 10m air rifle and Vivaan Kapoor in men's trap were crowned champions in the 65th National Shooting Championships, being held concurrently in Thiruvananthapuram and Delhi. Punjab's Arjun overcame Assad's Hriday Hazarika 16-8 in the gold medal match in Thiruvananthapuram while Rajasthan's Vivaan got the better of Tamil Nadu's Prithviraj Tondaiman by shooting 31 birds to the latter's 2.

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CROSSWORD 4912



- ACROSS**
- 1 Big jar say (5)
 - 8 Light on one's feet now? (8)
 - 9 New star around the East grows radiantly? (5)
 - 10 Entire triangle has to be reshaped (8)
 - 11 Order of letters in the dictionary (5)
 - 12 As quiet as a snake (3)
 - 16 Rush job? (6)
 - 17 Shrub generally known not to be hardy (6)
 - 18 To love her is quite all right (3)
 - 23 Sound asleep (5)
 - 24 Stamps to commemorate a recent birth? (3,5)
 - 25 I'm back with French friend in Florida (5)
 - 26 New version of a decent love story (8)
 - 27 Threatened strike that doesn't come off (5)
- DOWN**
- 2 Used rail transport and left (8)
 - 3 They represent people a long time since perhaps (8)
 - 4 Private workers are very big fellows (6)
 - 5 Drive to park in roughly a mile (5)
 - 6 Drops in to ask for some paper (6)
 - 7 Remaining unruffled (5)
 - 12 Vessel not encountered in a market (3)
 - 13 Play lacking a way to work (3)
 - 14 Route financed by employers (8)
 - 15 The offer of money may make him cross (8)
 - 19 Mature folk left in a flurry of dust (6)
 - 20 Cain's other people (5)
 - 21 Little in the way of dessert (5)
 - 22 Confidence from fresh ideas (5)

Solutions Crossword 4911: Across: 1 Nom de plume, 6 Kayo, 10 Dosed, 11 Candidate, 12 Charcoal, 13 Ibsen, 15 Appoint, 17 Stealth, 19 Landing, 21 Rissolo, 22 Alibi, 24 Listless, 27 Ebullient, 28 Drawl, 29 Then, 30 Unromantic. Down: 1 Nods, 2 Mishapen, 3 Elder, 4 Lockout, 5 Mangles, 7 Amass, 8 One in three, 9 Big ideas, 14 Parliament, 16 Initials, 18 Look smart, 20 Galleon, 21 Risotto, 23 Inure, 25 Lydia, 26 Alec.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

___ is the great hill-climber - Elbert Hubbard (10)

MZAEI	AESYNU
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SCOTS	ELTYHMH
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Answer: Elbert Hubbard is the great hill-climber - Elbert Hubbard

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5034

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

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5033



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Your monthly cycles are still heading towards renewed pleasure, but your daily influences urge a business-like attitude. Professional Arians will have to take a leap in the dark before long. And you will all have to pay more attention to partners' needs.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You are often assailed for your conservatism and what others see as your dogmatic refusal to change. However, family members - and anyone else lucky enough to live with you - will benefit from a journey to the past. You never know what you might find.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A generally businesslike mood dominates the day, so everyone is going to keep coming back to what they see as 'reality'. The fact is, though, that what was true yesterday is not true today, a statement which should make more sense to you than to most other people.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Tolerance and flexibility are probably your most important qualities at the moment. It may not be easy when you can see that other people are wrong, but you must give them a chance to explain themselves. You may even, heaven forbid, have to stand back and let them do their worst before you step in.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Here you are with the Sun fulfilling one set of celestial conditions, Mercury and Venus another. The best possible outcome is a spate of fresh invitations. Lost letters may be found and delayed information may arrive, which should be some consolation.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You may now return to a secret romantic fantasy. This doesn't imply that you'll be escaping from reality, for an astrological perspective decrees that your dreams are vital to your emotional well-being. An apparently time-wasting activity may be anything but that.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Your social life is about to improve, but first there are various family matters to be organised. A domestic arrangement should be tightened up, and if you're looking for a firm commitment then you need to mix with the people who are prepared to stand by their promises.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Do give a high priority to all talks and discussions. Communication is vital, so you'll do well to confess all and keep nothing back - within reason of course. What you've got to do is consult the people who can help you, rather than just stand by and watch while you handle new challenges alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
A small financial consideration will go a long way towards soothing troubled relationships and raising your profile at work. Only when other people are also taken into account will a domestic log-jam be shifted. It may be that all a partner needs is for you to acknowledge their concerns.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
In spite of the fact that the world is generally on your side, you are liable to be a little over-sensitive. Before you take offence, just remember that it's the Moon which gives you such a thin skin. So, don't jump up and down when someone says something that they don't really mean.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
The time will come when you'll have to lay yourself on the line. Ironically, only after you have taken one or two risks will you set yourself up for a very safe and secure future. You may have to reluctantly agree to do something you've been avoiding for a very long time.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
One feature of working life this week will be a renewed effort to work in improved circumstances. If you bring a little colour into your life then you'll do a great deal to lift your morale. Financial matters may be subject to some delay, giving you time to think again.

CAMEROON 'KEEPER SUSPENDED

Cameroon's first-choice goalkeeper Andre Onana has been suspended for disciplinary reasons, the country's federation (FECAFOOT) said, after he was left out of the squad for their 3-3 draw with Serbia at the World Cup on Monday. **REUTERS**

Hair of god goal

Ronaldo divides opinion for claiming to have scored Portugal's first goal against Uruguay, which was credited to teammate Fernandes

Fernandes steps into the spotlight

ANIL DIAS
NOVEMBER 29

BRUNO FERNANDES had joined Manchester United in January 2020. By March, he already won his first Premier League Player of the month. By December that year, he'd become the first player to win four of those awards in a single calendar year. Needless to say, he was flying.

And just as he was about to make Manchester United his own, Cristiano Ronaldo joined the club in the summer. Once there is Ronaldo, everything becomes about him and Fernandes had to play second fiddle. The same was happening with the Portugal National team. Ronaldo always took centre stage.

On Monday however, Fernandes seemed to step out of shadows of his superstar compatriot, scoring two goals as Portugal beat Uruguay to confirm their place in the knock-outs of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

His career has been inextricably linked to Ronaldo, having played for Sporting, the club where his Portugal captain started his illustrious career before moving on to bigger things.

Their playing styles differ tremendously. Ronaldo has speed, power and a tremendous goal-scoring prowess. Fernandes is slithe, controls the midfield and can set up goals out of nothing by whipping in unbelievable crosses. It was one of those whipped crosses that flew past Ronaldo's head and into the back of the net and even though Ronaldo initially claimed the goal for himself, Fernandes was rightly credited with the goal later.

He then added another with a second half stoppage time penalty before rattling the post seconds later in his attempt for a hat-trick.

As is always the case, the biggest cheers throughout the game were reserved almost exclusively for Ronaldo. The fans in the 88,000 capacity Lusail stadium were no different. Fernandes, however, left the pitch a happy man, knowing on the biggest of international stages there were now two big names in the Portuguese squad.

Whether at Sporting or at United, Fernandes was condemned to playing a supporting role to Ronaldo even though he is among the highest scoring midfielders in Europe. With Manchester United abruptly ending Ronaldo's second stint at Old Trafford following his scathing criticism of the club, Fernandes, though he refuses to take sides, knows that it's time to be Numero Uno at the club again. And he's showing just exactly what he's capable of, on the biggest of stages.

His performance against Uruguay told the Portugal supporters that while they fuss over Ronaldo and his skills on the pitch, he's the man who can actually deliver what they really want. He may be playing in his second World Cup, compared to Ronaldo's fifth, but Fernandes will hope it will also be Portugal's most successful one.



Ronaldo with Fernandes at the end of the Uruguay game. *Reuters*



THE HEADER THAT WASN'T

Cristiano Ronaldo rises to seemingly nod the ball in after a Bruno Fernandes cross. *AP*

■ Bruno Fernandes's 54th-minute cross initially looked to have been headed into the net by Ronaldo. Television replays suggested that Ronaldo may not have got a touch.

■ Announcers in the stadium credited the goal to Fernandes even as the official score initially mentioned Ronaldo as the scorer. Ronaldo had claimed the goal and celebrated.

■ "I celebrated as if it had been Cristiano's goal. It seemed to me that he had touched the ball. My aim was to cross the ball for him," Fernandes said after Portugal's 2-0 win over Uruguay.

■ Adidas, the official match ball supplier, said in a statement to *Daily Mail* that the sensor inside the ball had determined 'there was no contact from Ronaldo for the opening goal'.



EXPRESS AT WORLDCUP

SANDEEP G
NOVEMBER 29

THE CRISTIANO Ronaldo celebration is a thing of pure sporting athleticism. He tears away to the corner flag, in the direction of the cameras snapping away to capture the moment. He clenches his fist, leaps in the air, higher the stakes the higher the leap, and spreads his legs apart like a protractor, crosses his arms, tracing an X in the air. In this moment of sheer athletic delight, he looks like the human version of a floating Eiffel Tower, gleaming in the light, from the floodlights, from the cameras, and perhaps his own halo. He lands, spins around and stretches his arms for his teammates to embrace him, the world to embrace him.

And then he shrieks: SIUUU!! The crowd echoes it back. In mood for theatre, he tugs at his ears, suggesting, rather ordering the crowd, to cheer louder. The genesis of the celebration was accidental, for all the theatre. "I started to say 'Si' — it's like 'Yes' — when I was in Real Madrid. When we would win, everyone would say 'Si!' and so I started to say it. I don't know why, it was natural," Ronaldo once told soccer.com. It's as if every time he scores a goal, he wants the world to converge on him.

The self-obsession, for the onlooker,

SCORELINES			
PORTUGAL	2	URUGUAY	0
Bruno Fernandes	54'		
	90+3' (p)		

seems uncomfortable. Like when he celebrated the goal that was not his against Uruguay. Had that goal been added to his tally, and not Bruno Fernandes', it could have been called the 'spiked hair of God goal'. After his celebrations, and SIU, he looked at the replay on the screen, his ears waiting for the announcer to clack his name as the goal-scorer.

It was not Cristiano Ronaldo. It was Bruno Fernandes. Ronaldo smiled. But one could hear the wilt of heart.

A goal taken from his tally should be no cause to sulk. He has twice as many goals as his teammates. It was not the first time. When his Manchester United colleagues were celebrating the Champions League title in 2008, beating Chelsea in a penalty shootout, Ronaldo was sitting in a corner of the ground, away from all the revelry, and reflecting on the shot he had fluffed. It's not that Ronaldo was not feeling joyous winning his first Champions League crown, but he is such a perfectionist and individualistic, that he was thinking of himself first. It's that streak that made him successful, and it could be the trait that could unmake him as well.

It's not that he does not care for the team, or the coach, or the tactics. In his career, he has played according to the needs of his team. In his early Manchester United days, he was the jet-heeled winger who whipped up serious pace, and of course, a step-over magnet. He then evolved into a second

The crux of his recent travails has been this tussle between the individual and the team. Ronaldo wants the team to be built around him.

striker, a centre forward, and in his Madrid peak, he was the classical striker. But at 37, at a time when there is an obsessive emphasis on pressing and running, the machine that is Ronaldo seems beyond another upgrade. The processor simply cannot handle the new software and applications.

Bundle of contradictions

The crux of his recent travails has been this tussle between the individual and the team. Ronaldo wants the team to be built around him. He has a case. He shares an all-time great pedestal with his great peer Lionel Messi. He has in his glittering gallery of trophies five Ballon d'Or honours, as many Champions League medals, a Euro Cup, league titles in three countries, and countless goals (701 for the clubs and 118 for his country). So why not build the team around the greatest? When it isn't, Ronaldo feels insulted, even derided. He craves for the unflinching light of his mid-noon peak, even now.

He is still a ruthless goal-scorer. He scored one goal in two games in his 54-match second stint with Manchester United. He has netted one goal in three games for Portugal in their African Cup of Nations triumph last year. So, by his logic, why should the team not revolve around him if he is doing what he's deputised to do? That is to score goals, and in the end it's

goals that win games and tournaments.

But there obviously is more to a game than goals, perhaps, more than ever before. A player is no longer expected to perform the duties of the number denoted on his shirt. A goalkeeper initiates attacking moves, full-backs become play-makers, defensive midfielders create, forwards need to press, track back and cover a lot more distance than they were supposed to, say less than five years ago. So when someone lags, someone else needs to fill in, and in the process, the entire team tires out. And in a tournament as gruelling as the World Cup, it takes a quick toll on the team. The coach then has to pick a team wherein there are extra legs to make up for the sluggishness upfront, where there is an extra defensive cushion.

It was not a surprise Portugal have looked the most fluent and dynamic in this World Cup after Ronaldo has been substituted.

To an extent, coach Fernando Santos has succeeded in managing a balance between Ronaldo and his own tactics. That is when Ronaldo is on the field, the pressing is not as intense as when he is not around. Then, Ronaldo was Santos' most used player in qualification (810 minutes) and Portugal's top scorer in qualifications (5). Fernandes sarcastically urged the media to keep hounding Ronaldo. "I think he likes to work under that criticism so I pray all of you keep doing that because he gets the best of himself when you do that," he would say.

Fernandes was referring to another trait of Ronaldo that made him the 'Bicho' or the beast, as Sergio Ramos calls him. His siege mentality, his drive to prove his critics wrong that has turbocharged his career, his quest to be the centre of the footballing universe.

Senegal emerge as story of the World Cup, making knockouts after 20 years

SENEGAL	2	ECUADOR	1
Ismaila Sarr	44' (p)	Moises Caicedo	67'
Kalidou Koulibaly	70'		
NETHERLANDS	2	QATAR	0
Cody Gakpo	26'		
Frenkie de Jong	49'		

ANIL DIAS
NOVEMBER 29

IT WAS the first time Ecuador faced an African nation at a FIFA World Cup finals on Tuesday. And it was baptism by fire for them at the Khalifa International Stadium.

With the Netherlands winning their match against hosts Qatar 2-0, Ecuador needed just a draw to qualify for the knock-outs. But they got a taste of the famed 'African footballing heart' as they succumbed to a 2-1 loss to Senegal thereby being knocked out of the tournament. It's not that they didn't try. After Senegal took the lead in the 44th

minute through a cool-headed Ismaila Sarr penalty, having earned it himself, Ecuador equalised in the 67th minute courtesy of Brighton star Moises Caicedo's tap-in that came following a corner. Just as it seemed Ecuador had done enough to advance from the group, Senegal were back with the lead two and a half minutes later through Chelsea defender Kalidou Koulibaly's powerful strike.

Ecuador, who remained largely uninspired in the match till then, suddenly smelt a fightback. They attacked from the wings, through the centre, and even tried their luck by floating through balls into the box. Nothing, however, could break Senegal hearts or their defence. Marshaled by Koulibaly, the Senegal defence had everything covered, including a few nervy moments late in injury time.

With this win, Senegal finished second in Group A with six points from their three matches, one behind winners Netherlands and two ahead of Ecuador.

Senegal are definitely the story of this



Senegal's Koulibaly after scoring the winner against Ecuador. *Reuters*

The last time Senegal reached knockouts at the World Cup was in 2002 when they shocked then-champions France in the group stage.

World Cup so far. A lot was expected of them at this tournament since it would be the first time they would play the quadrennial extravaganza as African champions. But a knee injury to their talisman Sadio Mane, who was instrumental in their African Cup of Nations triumph, seemed to have derailed their campaign.

Their lack of decisiveness and inspiration in front of goal was visible in their opener against the Netherlands when they fell to a 0-2 loss. Though they easily managed to overcome tournament debutants Qatar 3-1 in their next match, it was clear that they needed something spectacular to beat Ecuador and leapfrog them in the group.

The bulk of that task fell on Sarr, the Watford star who had grown up playing at the same academy in Dakar as Mane — Generation Football.

And he didn't freeze, which was quite evident from his perfectly-taken penalty. Though there seemed to be an initial squabble, Sarr took the ball from his teammate Badou Ndiaye. With the weight of his nation's expectations on his shoulders, he calmly slotted the ball into the right bottom corner to send the ever-loud, drum-beating Senegal fans into a frenzy.

They knew the work wasn't done but they still chose to protect their lead rather than go for another goal to put the game beyond doubt. For Ecuador, it's been their skipper Enner Valencia who has been phenomenal. He had been on fire ahead of the World Cup, scoring 13 goals in 12 games for Fenerbahce in the league this season. At this tournament, he's had four shots on target, with three of them finding the back of the net.

He had an injury scare when he was

stretchered off in the previous game with an ice-pack on his knee. He recovered sufficiently from the knee strain and looked threatening in the opening minutes, set to make history by becoming the first player to score in seven World Cup games in a row. But it seemed like Senegal had planned for every scenario.

To cap a bad night for him, Senegal's winner came from his mistake in the box. As the cross came to him, all he could do was turn it in the direction of Koulibaly.

The Senegal captain, who played junior international football for France and is an honorary citizen of the Italian city of Naples, made no mistake with his strike to send Senegal into the World Cup knockout round for the first time in two decades.

The last time Senegal reached knockouts at the World Cup was in 2002 when they shocked then-champions France in the group stage. Aliou Cisse was the captain of that Senegal side and twenty years later, he's at it again, guiding the team into the knock-out rounds, only this time as coach.

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