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CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
4/1, Siri Institutional Area,
August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016
Warehousing for Everyone

Notice Inviting Tender
Date: 09.12.2022

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) invites bids for "Selection of a firm to setup Project Management Unit (PMU) for implementing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution in CWC" through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) bid number GEM/2022/B/2834119. For more details and downloading tender document, kindly visit www.gem.gov.in. Last date for submitting the e-bid in proper format on GeM is 30.12.2022 up to 1500 hrs.

Group General Manager (System)

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
4/1, Siri Institutional Area,
August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016
Warehousing for Everyone

Notice Inviting Bids
Date: 08.12.2022

Central Warehousing Corporation invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested parties for pilot study on implementing AI-based solution through CCTV Surveillance System for warehousing operations, and installation of IP wireless CCTV Surveillance System inside godowns of warehouses of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) across PAN India, along with a command and control center for the entire setup. Interested parties may submit their offer, as per prescribed proformas mentioned in the EOI through Tender Wizard vide www.cwceprocure.com. Further details may be seen and downloaded from www.cwceprocure.com vide EOI No. CWC CO-INSP/80/2022-INSPECTION dated 08.12.2022 and response may be submitted online at www.cwceprocure.com upto 1500 hrs. on 22.12.2022. All corrigendum/clarifications would be published on www.cwceprocure.com only.

Group General Manager (System & Personnel)

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)
No.2022/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/529 New Delhi, dated: 12.12.2022
CORRIDUM NO.3 to Tender No. WTA-529

Sub-Tender No. WTA-529 due on 20.12.2022 for Manufacturing cum Maintenance of New Generation Energy Efficient Vande Bharat Trains with Distributed Power System including upgrade of the Government Manufacturing Units & Trainset Depots.

1. The due date of the subject tender is postponed from 20.12.2022 to 30.01.2023 (Monday). Following corrections/modifications against the subject tender is hereby made:

1) IREPS NIT:

Clause No.	Clause No.	Existing	To be read as/ Modified as
Para 1 NIT Header	Closing date and time	20.12.2022 14:30	30.01.2023 14:30

The prospective Bidders are requested to visit website - <https://ireps.gov.in> for more details. 2. All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain the same.

Executive Director, Railway Stores (RS)
Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)
Rail Bhawan, Raisina Road, New Delhi-110001

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a man namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown** was found unconscious on 29.11.2022 at footpath near Nagia Park, Delhi. He was admitted Hindu Rao Hospital. During the course of treatment he was declared dead. In this regard DD No. 17A dated 03.12.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Ropnagar, Delhi. The dead body is preserved in Hindu Rao Hospital Mortuary. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 45 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Hairs: White and Grey, Wearing: White Shirt & Grey Pants, ID Mark: Scorpio Tattoo Mark on Right Hand and Aarti Devi Tattoo Mark on Left Hand and Left Ear partially missing.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Ropnagar, Delhi
Ph: 011-23844632, 8750870129

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110076

E-Tender Notice

Open E-Tender No.	CON/LD-eOF/TNDR/32/2019-CO/Bengaluru Date: 14.12.2022	CON/LD-eOF/TNDR/32/2019-CO/Chennai Date: 14.12.2022
Name of Work	Selection of Warehouse Logistics Partner for Construction, Operation & Maintenance of Modern Warehousing Complex under CONCOR's branding in and around Bengaluru.	Selection of Warehouse Logistics Partner for Construction, Operation & Maintenance of Modern Warehousing Complex under CONCOR's branding in and around Chennai.
Bid Security	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only)	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only)
Period of Contract	Thirty (30) Years	Thirty (30) Years
Pre-Bid Meeting	23.12.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. at Containor Corporation of India Ltd., CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110076	23.12.2022 at 15:30 Hrs. at Containor Corporation of India Ltd., CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110076
Tender Processing Fee	Rs. 4,720/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.	Rs. 4,720/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.
Date of Issue (Online)	From 14.12.2022 11:00 Hrs. to 04.01.2023 upto 11:00 Hrs.	From 14.12.2022 11:00 Hrs. to 04.01.2023 upto 11:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of Submission	From 14.12.2022 11:30 Hrs. to 04.01.2023 upto 15:00 Hrs.	From 14.12.2022 11:30 Hrs. to 04.01.2023 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of Opening for Technical Bid	05.01.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.	05.01.2023 at 16:00 Hrs.
Opening Date and Time of Financial Bid	To be intimated	To be intimated
Validity of the Bids	180 days from the date of opening of tender	180 days from the date of opening of tender
Tender Fee	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.

For other details including eligibility criteria and tender document, please visit our website www.concorindia.co.in or contact the undersigned. Amendments/corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded on website only. The complete tender document can be downloaded from website: www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL.

Executive Director (Distribution Logistics)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
COACH MLR WORKSHOP
Tender Notice No.: T_22-23_PaintICF_LHB_RT01/NOTICE Jhansi
Date: 09.12.2022

E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Workshop Manager, Coach MLR Workshop, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender from reputed contractors for following work:-

Tender No.	T_22-23_PaintICF_LHB_RT01
Description of work	Painting of ICF & LHB coaches on Supply & Apply basis during POH Schedule at CMLR Workshop Jhansi.
Qty.	One Work
Tender Cost	₹ 3,76,43,890.29 (Rs. Three Crores Seventy Six Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety & Paise Twenty Nine Only).
Completion Period	18 Months
Earnest Money	₹ 338200/-
Tender Doc Cost	₹ 0.00

Note: (1) Tender will be closed at 15:00 Hrs on 11.01.2023 and is available on Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in. (2) For detailed information please visit Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in. (3) Tenderers should watch the website for the corrigendum/addendum to the NIT/e-tender document, if any, as there will not be any separate communication for the same. 1661/22 (A)

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CCS HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, HISAR
(ESTABLISHED BY PARLIAMENT ACT 16 OF 1970)
TENDER NOTICE

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is inviting Tenders for the purchase of following equipments/items:

- Purchase of Ultrasonic Pro Sonicator for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of Orbital Shaker (Incubator) for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of Recirculating Chiller (Vertical) for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of Split Tube Furnace for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of Programmable Press for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of Water Bath Shaker for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of High Temperature Oven for the Dept. of Chemistry.
- Purchase of Rotary Evaporator for the Dept. of Chemistry.

For detail information and e-tendering schedule, please visit the website <http://etenders.hryu.ac.in> and University website <http://hau.ac.in>.
Date of start of bid preparation and submission on 14.12.2022 (09.00 hours) and Closing on 03.01.2023 upto 17.00 hours. Opening of Technical Bid on 04.01.2023 at 10.00 A.M. Opening of Financial Bid on 06.01.2023 at 10.00 A.M.

NOTE:

- All updates, amendments, Corrigenda etc. (if any) will be posted only on the CCS HAU Website/Tender website. There will not be any publication of the same through Newspapers or any other media.
- Interested bidders are advised to deposit Bid Security/EMD on or before 48.00 hrs. of expiring date and time of bid online so as to get the payment verified.

Sd/-
Asst. Store Purchase Officer
for Director (S&P)

MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 31 FOR 2022-23

The Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Division No. 2, Pune invites e-Tender for the following work under **JAL JEEVAN MISSION** from Empanelled Contractors in category 'B' by State Water and Sanitation Mission.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.
1	Aug. Pokhari & 8 Village Regional Water Supply scheme Tal.- Ambegaon, Dist. Pune	Rs. 33,66,43,049/-

Scheme details are available from 12/12/2022 www.mahatenders.gov.in for detailed information.

Date- 12/12/2022 Executive Engineer
Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran,
Division No. 2, Pune 01

sd/-
dgjpr/2022-23/4652

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that one accused **Mohd. Ali S/o Mohd. Hasan, R/o H. No. RZ-14, Kumhar Colony, Bindapur, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi** have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 2698/20 u/s 411 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Janakpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Mohd. Ali** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mohd. Ali** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mohd. Ali** of **FIR No. 2698/20 u/s 411 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Janakpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.01.2023**.

By Order
Bharti Beniwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-11,
Room No.05, Ground Floor
Dwarka District Courts, New Delhi

DP/3415/WD/2022 (Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely **Ajay Shah, S/o Rajinder, R/o Jhuggi Rajinder ka Plot Nilothi Village, Delhi. Age: 44 years, Height : 5', Complexion-Fair, Wearing-Multi colour Shirt and Light Blue colour Pant** has been missing from his house since **05.12.2022**. In this regard a vide **DD No. 46A dated 05.12.2022** has been lodged at **PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
DP/3723/OD/2022 Ph. : 011-25946700, 25946710, 7065036129

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, JODHPUR
(An autonomous body set-up by Government of India)
Basti, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) - 342 005
E-Mail: procurement@aiimsjodhpur.edu.in | Phone: (0991-746014)

NOTIFICATION FOR TENDER:-

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur invites online bids for following:

- Rate Contract for Liquid Medical Oxygen.
- Rate Contract for Surgical Sutures.
- Tender for Pest Control Measures.

For more information, please visit Institute's website <http://aiimsjodhpur.edu.in> and <http://eprocure.gov.in>.

SD/-
Deputy Director (Admin)

NMDC LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
"Khanji Bhavan", 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad, Telangana-500028.
Ph : 040-23538713-21, Fax : 040-23538769
CIN : L13100TG1958G01001674.

PUBLIC NOTICE
E-auction sale of Off-Grade Pellets

NMDC will hold online auction sale for the following "Product" on FOT basis through e-auction process from NMDC Donimalai Plant, Bellary, Karnataka on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND NO CLAIMANT BASIS".

For further details and to download the detailed e-auction catalogue, all interested buyers are requested to visit NMDC website (www.nmdc.co.in) and website of our service provider M/S. MSTD Ltd. (www.mstdindia.co.in / www.mstccommerce.com).

For further information of the proposed e-auction, interested buyers are requested to contact Executive Director (Commercial) on 040-23538760 at Hyderabad; Project Manager, Donimalai Plant on 08395-274624 and Manager (Commercial) on 91-9963929995.

For information regarding registration for the proposed e-auction, interested buyers are requested to contact Mr. Siddharth Varadi, Assistant Manager (MSTC Ltd.) on 040-23301049; Mob : 9515076275.

PRODUCT : OFF GRADE PELLETS :
Specifications : (Fe 63% +/- 0.5%)
Quantity : 15000 T in lots of 1000T each
Location : Donimalai Pellet Plant, Bellary, Karnataka
Bidding Basis : FOT, Donimalai Pellet Plant
Auction Date : 23-12-2022 from 15:00 to 17:00 Hrs.

Executive Director (Comm)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. JHS/DYCOMM/2022-23/28 Date. 10.12.2022

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of The President of India, The Dy Chief Materials Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E-procurement tender:

S. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	EMD (₹)
1.	51225498B	Computerized Distributor Valve Test Bench as per enclosed Annexure.	02 Nos.	₹ 81770.00/-
2.		Post Warranty Annual Maintenance Contract for Micro Processor Controlled D V Test Bench Item Sr. No. 01 & 02	02 Nos.	₹ 77880.00/-
3.	51225564A	Body Side Stanchion for BOXNHL Wagon (500mm) Without Hole As per DRG No. SCR/C&W/SK-1239 Alt. Nil Item No. 1, 2 & 3 in assembled condition (Ref. DRG. No. WD-09034-S-17 Alt.-3)	1000 Nos.	₹ 77880.00/-

Tender opening date for (S.N.1,2 & 3): 04.01.2023

Note: (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in> (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rules entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vendor shall be original straight way ignored and shall not be considered. 1666/22 (ADM)

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MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARN
DIVISION PARBHANI
e-Tender Notice No. 26 for 2022-2023

Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Division Parbhani inviting - tenders for following (Civil & Mech) works.
NAME OF WORK : Group e-Tender for following Water Supply Schemes District Hingoli

- Karwadi Water Supply Scheme Tq. & Dist. Hingoli :- Rs.32,72,19,741.00
- Pankanhergaon Water Supply Scheme Tq. Sengaoon Dist. Hingoli :- Rs. 5,09,82,266.00

Total Tender Cost :- Rs. 37,82,02,007.00

Under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme in the State of Maharashtra, The Tender details are available on www.mahatenders.gov.in from Dated 10.12.2022
All relevant details will be as per the tender published in web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in
Date : 10.12.2022 Executive Engineer
dgjpr/2022-23/4695 M.J.P. Division Parbhani

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Shaam Azad @ Maddy, S/o Late Sh. Jagdish Chand R/o H.No.8018, Gali No.10, Multani Dhanda Pahar Ganj, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 018/2020 u/s 356/379/34 IPC, P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Shaam Azad @ Maddy** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Shaam Azad @ Maddy** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Shaam Azad @ Maddy** of **FIR No. 018/2020 u/s 356/379/34 IPC, P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.01.2023**.

By Order
Sh. Vinod Kumar
Sh. Sh. Vinod Kumar
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-03, Central District,
Room No.150, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/3497/CD/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely **Vijay, S/o Lt. Nathu Ram, R/o W-36/163, Dairy Wala Bagh Near Raksha Kunj, Paschim Vihar, Delhi. Age: 39 years, Height : 5'11", Complexion-Fair, Face-Long, Built-Thin, Wearing-White and Green colour Shirt & Black colour Jeans and Red colour Shoes** in his feet has been missing from his house since **30.11.2022 at 09:00 AM**. In this regard a vide **DD No. 22A dated 01.12.2022** has been lodged at **PS. Paschim Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi
DP/3645/OD/2022 Ph. : 011-25267286, 25263471, 7065036131

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Rakhi Kumari, D/o-Siyaram, R/o H.No. G-128, Gali No.4, Gyan Mandir Road, Near Shiv Mandir, Jaitpur Extension, Part-1, New Delhi. Age : 17 years 8 Months, Height : 4'10", Complexion-Wheatish, Face-Round, Built-Normal, Hair-Black, Wearing-Black colour Suit and Salwar and Black Chappal** in her feet has been missing from the area of **PS Jaitpur, Delhi** since **10.11.2022 at 02.00 PM**. In this regard **FIR No. 671/22 u/s 363 IPC dated 11.11.2022** has been lodged at **PS. Jaitpur, New Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Jaitpur, New Delhi
Ph : 011-2666410, 26664412, 8750871645, 7838723631
DP/3570/SE/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Arjun S/o Natthu R/o M-425, Top Floor Raghuraj Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 509/2022, U/s 376/328/354B/509 IPC P.S.: Khyala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Arjun** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Arjun** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Arjun** of case **FIR No. 509/2022, U/s 376/328/354B/509 IPC P.S.: Khyala, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.02.2023**.

By Order
Ms. SHAGUN
Metropolitan Magistrate-04
West, Room No.268
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/3606/WD/2022

RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD
No. : CEH/2022-23/395 Dated : 12/12/2022

EOI NO. - 1/2022-23

Invitation for Expression of Interest from Recruitment Agencies

RHB intends to recruit **258 vacant posts** of various cadres. Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from the reputed and experienced Recruitment agencies, capable for conducting recruitment process through on-line competitive examination involving 50,000 or more candidates.

Interested agencies may submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) along with required supporting documents up to 30/12/2022; 03.00pm in the O/o In-charge, RHB Recruitment Committee & Chief Engineer-II, Awasthawan, Jan Path, Jyoti Nagar Jaipur- 302005 by post or in person.

The bidder should be a registered Company. Interested Company/Firm are required to deposit Earnest Money. EMD shall be furnished in a separate sealed cover along with a Demand Draft for Rs. 5.00 Lac from any Nationalized Bank in favor of "Rajasthan Housing Board" Payable at Jaipur. Application without Earnest Money Shall be rejected.

Cost of Application Form: Application form can be downloaded at RHB site/sppp website. Filled application form may be deposited along with a Demand Draft of Rs. 2000/- & 18% GST (i.e. Rs. 2360.00) in favor of "Rajasthan Housing Board" payable at Jaipur. For more details please visit <https://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rhb> and sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Proposal received after the end date & time and without EMD and Application Form will not be entertained categorically.

UBN No. RHB2223555500391
Raj.Samwad/C/22/11720 Chief Engineer-II, Jaipur

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJUNAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dohradun-248006,
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508,
CIN No. U40101UP201930C025866, Website : www.ujvn.com

Date Extension Notice-1
Rq: 12.12.2022

In reference to e-bid notice no : 18/EE(Civil)/MB-ITN/2022-23 for execution of "Replacement of old Roof of P-II Type Residences of Tiloth Colony, Uttarakashi" the date of submission and opening of bid is being extended as below:-

Last Date & Time for submission of bids on the portal - 19/12/2022 (17:00 Hrs)
Last Date & Time for submission of Hard Copies of bids - 21/12/2022 (11:00 Hrs)

Date & Time of Opening of bids on the portal - 21/12/2022 (16:00 Hrs)
Other terms, conditions of bid shall remain same.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit "e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer (Civil) MB-I,Maneri
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ajay Singh, S/o: Raj Pal, R/o: Village: Pipal Sana, Post Office & Police Station: Bhojpur, District: Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 169/13, U/s 33/38/52B DE Act, P.S.: Maurya Enclave, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ajay Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ajay Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ajay Singh** accused of **FIR No. 169/13, U/s 33/38/52B DE Act, P.S.: Maurya Enclave, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.05.2023**.

By Order
Sh. Deepak Kumar-1,
Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,
(North-West), Room No. 101, 1st Floor,
DP/3685/NW/2022-(Court Matter) Rohini Courts, Delhi

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Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Open e-Tender Notice No. : DR/M/Works/SC/174-184/2022/OT, Dated : 09-12-2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14:00 hours on 04-01-2023.

SI.No. : 01. e-Tender No. : 174_CR_SC_22_OT. Name of the Work : WD-SC-KJZ Section : SW 1). Proposed safety related track works from Km: 199.00 to 202.30 on UP, DN & third line lines between HSIJ-MLY station and 11/8 to 22/1 on SL between SNF - MLY stations in SSE/P.Way/SC section under ADEN/ESC Subdivision. SW 2). Proposed miscellaneous track works (other than safety related track items) in SSE/P.Way/SC section under ADEN/ESC Subdivision.

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Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 1,89,48,259/- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) : Rs.2,44,800/-
Completion period in Months : 12. Maintenance period in Months : Nil.

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Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 3,96,91,600/- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) : Rs.3,48,500/-
Completion period in Months : 12. Maintenance period in Months : Nil.

SI.No. : 12. e-Tender No. : 179_N_S_C_22_OT. Name of the Work : BPO - KJZ section : SW 1). Proposed safety related track works from Km: 241.74 to 365 on UP, DN & Third line between PDPL - KJZ stations in SSE/P.Way/MCI, PDPL & NKJZ sections under ADEN/RDM Sub division. SW 2). Proposed miscellaneous track works (other than safety related track items) from Km: 241.74 to 365 on UP, DN & third line between MMZ-KJZ stations in SSE/P.Way/MCI, PDPL & NKJZ sections under ADEN/RDM Sub division.

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Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, and Vandita Mishra, National Opinion Editor, The Indian Express, at the Adda in New Delhi on Tuesday.



Collegium sends names of 5 HC judges to Govt: Elevate to SC

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

DAYS AFTER the Centre cleared the appointment of Justice Dipankar Datta as a judge of the Supreme Court, the Collegium Tuesday recommended five High Court judges for appointment as judges of the top court.

This is the first set of recommendations by the Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud. It comes at a time when the Law Minister has criticised the Collegium system as being "opaque" and the Vice-President has called the Court's 2015 judgement striking down the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act a "severe compromise" of parliamentary sovereignty and disregard of the "mandate of the people".

The Collegium recommended the appointment of Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court; Justice Sanjay Karol, Chief Justice of Patna High Court; Justice PV Sanjay Kumar, Chief Justice of Manipur High Court; Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Judge of the Patna High Court; Justice Manoj Mishra, Judge of the Allahabad High Court, for appointment as Supreme Court judges.

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Maharashtra sets up panel to track interfaith, intercaste marriages

EESHANPRIYA M
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 13

MAHARASHTRA HAS set up a panel, named "Intercaste/Interfaith marriage-family coordination committee (state level)", to gather detailed information about couples in such marriages, and maternal families of the women involved if they are estranged, according to a government resolution issued Tuesday by the state's Women and Child Development Department.

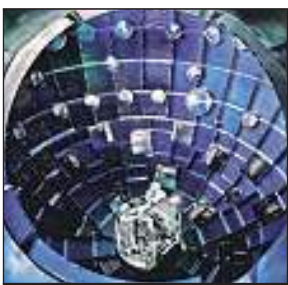
The committee, to be headed by the state's Women and Child Development Minister and BJP leader Mangal Prabhat Lodha, will also oversee district-level initiatives for women in such marriages who may be estranged from their maternal families so that assistance can be provided, if needed, the resolution stated.

According to the resolution, the initiative will provide a platform for these women and their families to access counselling, and communicate or resolve issues. The committee has also been tasked with studying policies at the Central and state levels, welfare schemes and laws regarding the issue — and suggesting changes for improvement and finding solutions.

The committee will have 12 other members who will be drawn from government and non-government sectors, the resolution stated. Once its task is achieved, the committee will be dissolved, it said.

On November 19, Minister Lodha had directed the State Women's Commissioner to set up a special squad to identify women who have married without support from their maternal families, and are estranged from them, and extend support and

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From village in MP, weapons find their way to Punjab, other states

JAGDEEP SINGH DEEP
UMARTI (MADHYA PRADESH),
DECEMBER 13

THE ANER river cuts through the twin villages of Umarti, one in Maharashtra and the other in Madhya Pradesh, both with pucca houses bordering dense forests. But the tarred roads and the brick-and-mortar veneer of the Umarti in Madhya Pradesh hide a dark trade.

While the Umarti in

Maharashtra's Jalgaon district is populated by tribal farmers, its namesake in MP's Barwani is the hub of illegal weapons with the pistols, live cartridges and modified small guns manufactured here finding their way to neighbouring states and all the way to Punjab.

A senior Punjab Police officer claimed that of late, 75 per cent of weapons being smuggled into the state by criminal gangs originate in this hamlet of around 80 homes, most of them belonging

to the Sikhligar Sikh community. Last year, the Punjab Police seized 500 made-in-Umarti weapons. Earlier this week, the Mohali police seized over 20 such pistols, so sophisticated, they say, that these could rival a Glock or a Beretta.

Over the last four months, the Maharashtra Police have arrested nine persons from neighbouring Umarti while the Madhya Pradesh Police arrested two couriers from Punjab who

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DELHI TAKES UP YANGTSE INCIDENT WITH BEIJING

Chinese troops tried to unilaterally change Tawang status quo: Rajnath

Injuries, but there are no fatalities or serious casualties on Indian side, he tells Parliament

LIZ MATHEW & MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh told Parliament Tuesday that PLA troops tried to "unilaterally change the status quo" in the Yangtse area of Tawang sector in Arunachal Pradesh last week, and there were "injuries to a few personnel on both sides" in the scuffle between Indian and Chinese troops.

He said the "Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts" and the "issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels".

Singh made a suo motu statement in both Houses of Parliament, but did not take questions from Opposition members who demanded a discussion on repeated Chinese transgressions along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

The scuffle in the Tawang sector on December 9 was the first major faceoff between troops of the two countries since the deadly clashes in the Galwan Valley of Ladakh in June 2020 which led to the death of 20

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah pay homage to those who lost their lives in the 2001 Parliament terror attack, at Parliament House complex on Tuesday. PTI

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Kharge leads Opp attack: 'Govt a mute spectator'

MANOJ CG & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THE FACE-OFF between Indian and Chinese troops in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector triggered a political firestorm in Parliament Tuesday with the Opposition demanding a discussion and accusing the Government of remaining a "mute spectator" to "brazen Chinese aggressions" which, it said, affect India's national security and territorial integrity.

Opposition parties, led by the Congress, also staged walkouts in both Houses after their push for a detailed discussion on the issue, following Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's statement on the incident along the Line of Actual

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Control, was unsuccessful. They had earlier forced the adjournment of both Houses for a while before Singh made the statement.

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Why PLA targets Yangtse, one of 25 contested areas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

YANGTSE IN the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh has been repeatedly targeted by Chinese PLA troops, seeking to dislodge Indian troops from vantage points.

Almost 14 months ago, when India and China were preparing

to hold the 13th round of military talks to try and resolve the standoff in eastern Ladakh, their troops jostled each other in the Yangtse area before disengaging.

The Indian Express reported in October 2021 that the Chinese came to Yangtse in sizeable strength, close to 100 troops, and were confronted by an Indian patrolling

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Cervical cancer vaccine to be rolled out next year for girls aged 9-14 yrs

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

WITH THE cheaper, indigenously developed HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine to prevent cervical cancer scheduled to become available by April-May next year, a nationwide immunisation drive for girls in the age group of 9-14 years is likely to begin by mid-2023.

Disclosing this, Dr N K Arora, chairperson of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI), told *The Indian Express*: "There is political commitment at the highest level."

The quadrivalent vaccine called Cervavac, developed by the Serum Institute of India (SII), offers protection against four strains of HPV — 16, 18, 6, and 11. SII CEO Adar Poonawalla had said earlier that the vaccine is likely to be priced at Rs 200-400 per dose. The vaccines available in the market currently are priced at Rs 2,500-3,300 per dose.

"The Sikkim government purchased vaccines from GAVI in

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It's France vs Morocco in semi-final tonight: 11-goal attack vs 1-goal defence



SANDIP G
DOHA, DECEMBER 13

AFTER THE sweaty victory against England in the quarter-finals, the French players huddled on the edge of the dugout, all laughs and smiles. Then, as they strolled back to the tunnel, a football bounced onto the turf and fell before Kylian Mbappe. The French forward took a cou-



A man draped in a Moroccan flag outside the Al Janoub Stadium in Wakrah, Qatar on Tuesday. AP

ple of strides, and coolly shot the ball towards the vacant goal,

some 20 yards from the dis-banded huddle. But so wayward

was the strike that it blew somewhere into the distant stands.

It was not quite Mbappe's day, he was unusually quiet. In the four games he had started, he had the fewest touches overall (40), touches in the opposition box (three), passes in the final third (16), attempts (four) and dribbles (two).

These are not bad numbers. But bad numbers because it was Mbappe; because he was the hottest goalscorer in the tournament; because nights like these are rare, when he is contained, when the man made for the centre-stage becomes a forlorn figure

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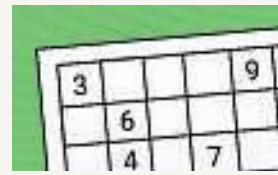
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Mann questions SSP's removal, move likely to trigger Punjab govt's slugfest with Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 13

THE CHANDIGARH Police department Tuesday maintained absolute silence on the premature repatriation of 2009-batch IPS officer Kuldeep Singh Chahal to Punjab — the charge of its SSP to a Haryana-cadre IPS officer even as the move once again pitted the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP government at loggerheads with UT Administrator Banwarilal Purohit. Chahal, who joined as Chandigarh SSP in October 2020, was repatriated to Punjab — his parent cadre — Monday even though he still had 10 months remaining in his three-year tenure in the Union Territory. The order to repatriate Chahal was issued by Purohit, who is also the Punjab Governor. The charge (officiating) was then handed over to SSP (Traffic) Manisha Chaudhary, a Haryana-cadre officer, who assumed office Tuesday and held meetings with officers over law and order.

Under the norms, the post of Chandigarh SSP (Law and Order) is reserved for a Punjab-cadre IPS officer while the SSP (Traffic) position is held by a Haryana-cadre officer. A senior officer, privy to the developments leading to the Raj Bhawan issuing the order said Chahal was not kept in the loop. "Prior to relieving of Chahal as SSP, many IPS officers had visited the Raj Bhawan to interact with the UT Administrator. On Monday evening, when the orders relieving Chahal was shared on social media, at least four senior officers, including an IPS and three IAS officers, reached the

Raj Bhawan. Chahal was not aware about the decision till the evening. He was neither consulted, nor informed about the development, a standard practice followed in the matter of IPS and IAS officers," said the officer requesting not to be named. The order issued Monday read: "The Administrator... is pleased to relieve Kuldeep Singh Chahal, SSP, from the Chandigarh administration/police with immediate effect to enable him to join a new assignment with the government of Punjab."

Both DGP (UT) Praveer Ranjan and Chahal did not respond to repeated phone calls. During his tenure in Chandigarh, Chahal was given nine appreciation letters and one gold disc by DGP Ranjan for excellence. Meanwhile, Punjab CM Mann shot off a letter to Purohit, expressing surprise over Chahal's premature repatriation and handing over the charge to a Haryana-cadre officer.

"As you are aware, the post of SSP, Union Territory, Chandigarh, has traditionally been occupied by a Punjab-cadre IPS officer and that of Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, by a Haryana-cadre IAS officer. However, I am surprised to learn that Kuldeep Singh Chahal has been repatriated to Punjab prematurely and the charge of this post has been given to a Haryana-cadre IPS officer. "This is going to disturb the balance among the states in running the affairs of UT, Chandigarh," Mann said in his letter.

The development comes after a recent squabble between the Raj Bhawan and the government in Punjab over holding a special session of the Assembly and appointment of PAU V-C. The lines of Gati Shakti, using RISAT-1A and VEDAS of the Department of Space, it added. The MoU was signed in the presence of Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and MoS Science & Technology Jitendra Singh. The statement quoted Tomar as saying that the agreement will further enhance the strength of the agriculture sector.

Addressing the gathering at the event, Jitendra Singh said RISAT-1A data will be extremely useful in developing decision support systems for agriculture, bioresources, environment, water resources and disaster management.

Agri, space depts ink pact to develop support system using data from satellites

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THE MINISTRY of Agriculture and Department of Space signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tuesday to develop a Krishi-Decision Support System (Krishi-DSS) using satellite data. "This will enhance the evidence-based decision-making capability of all the stakeholders in the agriculture sector by way of integration with MOSDAC and BHUVAN (Geo-platform) of ISRO and systems of ICAR," the Ministry of Agriculture said in a statement. Krishi-DSS is being developed on

the lines of Gati Shakti, using RISAT-1A and VEDAS of the Department of Space, it added. The MoU was signed in the presence of Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and MoS Science & Technology Jitendra Singh. The statement quoted Tomar as saying that the agreement will further enhance the strength of the agriculture sector.

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FROM PAGE ONE China tried to change status quo: Rajnath

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Indian soldiers and an unspecified number of fatalities on the Chinese side.

Amid Opposition demands for a discussion in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Singh said, "PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in the Yangtse area of Tawang sector and unilaterally change the status quo. The Chinese attempt was contested by our troops in a firm and resolute manner. The ensuing face-off led to a physical scuffle in which the Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to

their posts. The scuffle led to injuries to a few personnel on both sides. I wish to share with this House that there are no fatalities or serious casualties on our side."

"Due to the timely intervention of Indian military commanders, PLA soldiers went back to their locations. As a follow-up of the incident, the local commander in the area held a flag meeting with his counterpart on December 11 to discuss the issue in accordance with established mechanisms. The Chinese side was asked to refrain from such actions and maintain peace and tranquility along the border. The

issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels," he said.

"I would like to assure this House that our forces are committed to protecting our territorial integrity and will continue to thwart any attempt made on it. I am confident that this entire House will stand united in supporting our soldiers in their brave effort," Singh said.

A report from Beijing by news agency Press Trust of India said the Chinese Foreign Ministry called the situation along the border with India "generally stable".

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin, addressing a media briefing, said the two sides have maintained smooth communication on border-related issues through diplomatic and military channels. Wang declined to provide details of the December 9 clash.

Hours later, Senior Colonel Long Shaohua, spokesman of the Western Theatre Command of the PLA, issued a statement, claiming that the clash on December 9 took place when its troops on regular patrol on the Chinese side of the LAC were blocked by Indian soldiers.

Why PLA targets Yangtse, one of 25 contested areas

unit. An officer said there was "some pushing around" but local commanders stepped in to bring the situation under control.

The Tawang sector is dominated by Indian troops who can spot Chinese patrols when they come forward. Every time movement is noticed, Indian troops move for a faceoff. In 2016, around 250 Chinese troops showed up, crossing a point which India says marks the LAC.

Yangtse is one of the 25 contested areas along the 3488-km Line of Actual Control between the two countries, stretching from the Western Sector to Middle Sector to Eastern Sector.

A majority of these areas — Yangtse included — were identified by the two sides during multiple meetings of the Joint Working Group (JWG) in the 1990s, during exchange of maps for the Middle Sector in 2000, and comparison of maps for the

IDENTIFYING THE AREAS OF DISPUTE

IN JWG TALKS (1990S)

- WESTERN: Trig Heights, Demchok
- MIDDLE: Barahoti
- EASTERN: Namka Chu, Sumdorong Chu, Yangtse, Asaphila, Longju-Bisa

MAP EXCHANGE (2000)

- MIDDLE: Kaurik, Mumri Dogri, Shipki La
- MAP COMPARISON (2002)
- WESTERN: North Samar Lungpa, east of Point 6556,

north of Kugrang river, area of Kongka La, Spangpur Gap, east of Mount Sajum opposite Dumchele

BY PLA ACTION

- WESTERN: North bank of Pangong Tso, south bank of Pangong Tso, Chumar, Galwan, Hot Springs
- EASTERN: Dichu area, Dibang Valley (Fish Tail I & II), Lamang

Western Sector in 2002. The remaining contested areas were identified over a period of time due to PLA actions. These contested areas used to number 23 before the Chinese incursions in Galwan and Hot Springs in 2020.

During the expert group meeting in 2002, maps for the LAC in the Western Sector pertaining

to eastern Ladakh were to be exchanged. But the Chinese side refused to formally exchange the maps, effectively stalling the process of clarifying the LAC mentioned in the 1993 Agreement for maintaining peace and tranquility on the border that was signed between PM P V Narasimha Rao and Chinese Premier Li Peng.

Kharge leads Opp attack: 'Govt a mute spectator'

Raising the issue in RS, Leader of Opposition and Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said, "...our national security and territorial integrity is being impinged upon by brazen Chinese transgressions as the Government remains a mute spectator." In LS, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury demanded a discussion.

"The valour of our armed forces in Galwan Valley is well known. But China has brazenly transgressed into our territory since April 2020. The illegal and unprovoked Chinese transgressions upto Y junction in Depsang Plains continue till date. Similar is the state of Chinese transgressions into Gogra and Hot Springs area in Eastern Ladakh. Not only this, Chinese build-up next to the Pangong Tso Lake area, including building of the PLA's divisional

headquarters, army garrison, weapon shelters for artillery, anti-aircraft guns and armoured carriers, is being continuously ignored by our Government," Kharge said.

There were noisy scenes in both Houses after the Opposition's demand for a discussion was turned down by the presiding officers.

"We are all with the Army and the soldiers but please allow the Opposition to be a part of this discussion after the (Government) statement," said TMC floor leader Derek O'Brien in RS. The House had to be adjourned till 12 noon after Opposition members came to the Well seeking a discussion. The Opposition's demand for clarifications from the Defence Minister was also not accepted with Deputy Chairman Hariwansh saying clarifications are not al-

lowed on sensitive issues.

In LS, Congress members as well as AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi insisted on a discussion. Congress' Chowdhury said the discussion should be in the presence of PM Narendra Modi. But Speaker Om Birla said the members can give a notice after the Government's statement.

With the Congress MPs not budging from their position, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings till 12 noon. After Singh made the statement at 12 noon, the Opposition MPs sought clarifications. However, the Speaker did not allow the move. With the Chair not relenting, Congress, TMC and DMK members staged a walkout in LS. In RS, members of the Congress, TMC, Left parties, RJD, DMK, SP and AAP walked out as well.

It's France vs Morocco tonight: 11-goal attack vs 1-goal defence

in the periphery. The numbers were put forth to manager Didier Deschamps. Even the usually deadpan-faced Deschamps broke into peals of laughter. "He just didn't score a goal in one match and you call it bad form," he said. When Mbappe scores goals, and even when he doesn't, it triggers debates, arguments and analysis. Such is his aura and stature. And unsurprisingly, he loomed large over the press conferences of both Deschamps and his Moroccan counterpart Walid Regragui.

Questions to Regragui were like, "what are your plans for stopping him?" or "will you go for a three-man defence?" or "did you watch the England match?" And questions to Deschamps like, "what went wrong with him in England?" or "is this a dangerous sign?" The French manager said: "It's not just about Mbappe. We have other goalscorers, too."

A platitude, but still a rational explanation. Among the four survivors in this World Cup so far, France have scored the most

number of goals (11). And Morocco, their semi-final opponents on Thursday (12.30 am IST), have conceded the fewest (one).

This set of statistics capture the essence of their contest — a goal-scoring machine versus impenetrable defence.

There is a retro Brazil-Italy vibe to it. France's progress to the final will depend on how they break Regragui's gladiatorial defensive block, and Morocco's history-making streak on how they stifle France's gilt-edged, twinkling offence. There are multiple layers that make the game intriguing and fascinating. France have not duelled as compactly defensive a side as Morocco; the latter as gifted a forward-line as France.

The two sides Morocco countered in the knockouts have been Spain and Portugal. Spain were fatally devoted to their passing philosophy. Morocco cleverly disrupted it by continuously breaking the lines and making Spain pass more vertically, suffocating the central channels and strangling the stabiliser of their

pass-orchestra. Sergio Busquets. Against Portugal, a more direct team, Morocco pressed vigorously, stole possession, broke their rhythm and counterattacked valiantly. They constricted the hat-trick hero Goncalo Ramos, the most dangerous goal-scoring threat, like a python would its prey. Yet, both Bruno Fernandes and Joao Felix came close to scoring on numerous occasions.

France is Portugal multiplied twice or thrice, every piece in the forward-line an upgrade. Olivier Giroud offers a physical threat that none of the Spanish or Portugal attackers had offered; Mbappe and Ousmane can rattle with blinding pace. The latter has clocked 35 kmph, the former 35.3 kmph, and together form the fastest pair in this World Cup. Morocco's centre-back pair of Nayef Aguerd and Romain Saiss are not the quickest around, which implies that they would require shoring up from the wings, from Achraf Hakimi and Noussair Mazraoui, besides the immense Sofyan Amrabat. Part of Mbappe's

bad night owed to the efficiency of Kyle Walker, one of the swiftest full-backs around.

The threat does not end here. Behind the forwards are the play-making double pivots (effectively, though not positionally) of Antoine Greizmann and Adrien Rabiot. Both pose different threats: Greizmann is the master of cheek and chicanery, Rabiot of muscle and precision.

Unlike Spain, France are a flexible side that can change colours and tactics according to the opposition as well as the game situation. Almost all of the front five can play-make as well as score — even the defensive midfielder Aurelien Tchouameni, and also Theo Hernandez and Rafael Varane. But if the French are an incisive group, the Moroccans are an indefatigable bunch. Against every team, they had a precise plan. And a big part of it against France would be to contain Mbappe, make him settle for bad numbers (by his standards) as he had against England. And hope that he heaves the ball into the distance.

Maharashtra sets up panel

protection if needed. This was done in light of the murder of Vasai resident Shraddha Walkar in Delhi allegedly by her partner Aaftab Poonawala.

According to Tuesday's resolution, the committee has been assigned to hold regular meetings with district officials on the issue. It will review work on seven parameters, mainly to collect information on registered and unregistered inter-caste and interfaith marriages; on such marriages that have taken place in religious places of worship; and on those that have taken place after elopement [of the couple].

The committee will also gather information about couples in intercaste/ interfaith marriages from the stamp duty and registrar offices; contact

newly married women involved as well as their maternal families; find if they are in touch with each other; obtain the addresses of the women's maternal families in cases where they are estranged and contact the parents in such cases; and take the help of counsellors for parents who are "unwilling" [to resume contact].

Last week, while responding to a question from reporters on Maharashtra's stand regarding a law for interfaith marriages under the label of 'Love Jihad', Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis had said: "We have not taken any decision yet. We are studying all aspects. We are also taking this time to study similar laws in other states of the country."

Weapons from village in MP

were allegedly smuggling weapons out of Umarti. In September, the Madhya Pradesh Police also arrested three residents of Umarti village and recovered 51 pistols and raw material worth around Rs 10 lakh.

Umarti village first came to the notice of the Punjab Police in 2017, when Delhi Police's Special Cell arrested Mobai Devi, a labourer-turned-weapon supplier, and recovered 14 pistols from her. She had allegedly changed trains and buses to reach Delhi with her consignment. Since then, police say, there has been a steady flow of weapons from Umarti into Punjab — via trains, buses and private vehicles.

"From pistols to carbines, a host of sophisticated arms are made in Umarti and sold wholesale. We have recovered many such pistols so far from gangsters," the officer said.

When The Indian Express visited Umarti, a man in his mid-20s, who introduced himself as "Lucky Singh", offered a .32 calibre pistol for Rs 40,000 and a .30 mm pistol for Rs 50,000. After some hard-nosed negotiation, he agreed to sell the .32 bore pistol for Rs 20,000 and the .30 mm one for Rs 30,000 — "50 per cent in cash, the rest after delivery of the consignment".

When asked if he had a carbine or an automatic assault rifle, Lucky said he only dealt in pistols. Another villager spoke of the "outsiders" who come to Umarti in "big cars... People say they come here to buy weapons".

Barwani Superintendent of Police (SP) Deepak Shukla said they had recovered 150 illegal firearms in the district this year, with most of them originating from Umarti.

"We have conducted several raids and recovered weapons from the village. We have now started naming the weapon manufacturers, along with the culprits, while registering an FIR," he said.

Umarti sarpanch Jalam Singh denied the allegations, saying that while the villagers traditionally made weapons, most of

them now run grocery shops and also do farming.

Across the border, in Maharashtra's Chopda taluka, Assistant Superintendent of Police Krushikesh P Rawle said their police too have raided MP's Umarti village in the past and recovered weapons.

"We have carried out several raids and have arrested people who take weapons out of Umarti," the officer said, adding that his area falls in the route of those smuggling weapons out of the village.

ASP Rawle said that buyers usually enter and exit Umarti through Maharashtra's Jalgaon, with the couriers taking trains and buses. He said around 10,000 to 15,000 labourers come to Jalgaon during banana harvesting season (April to late March), a movement that the weapon smugglers take advantage of to move their consignment out of the district.

The Maharashtra Police say their interrogation of some of the accused revealed that while earlier, the weapons were made inside homes in Umarti, frequent police raids have forced the manufacturers to shift their units to the dense forests that surround the village. The MP and Maharashtra police say they have identified the hideouts through satellite imagery.

The Maharashtra Police said their interrogation also revealed that Umarti villagers used scrap for manufacturing weapons and that a pistol takes four to five days to manufacture.

"They use drills, hacksaws, pipes and iron rods to make these weapons. We asked one of the accused to dismantle a pistol and he did that in seven to eight minutes," said a Maharashtra Police officer.

An elderly resident of Maharashtra's Umarti said, "People from the other side have been making weapons for ages. Though some of them have taken to farming over the years, their main occupation is weapon making. At least 10 youngsters from our village were arrested for working as couriers."

Collegium sends 5 HC judges' names

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the Collegium was of the view that fresh recommendations would be made only after Justice Datta's name was cleared. Justice Datta's name was recommended by the Collegium headed by then Chief Justice of India U U Lalit on September 26.

If appointed, Justice Mithal, whose parent HC is the Allahabad HC, will have a tenure of over three years until June 2026. Justice Karol, whose parent HC is the Himachal Pradesh HC, will also have a similar tenure until August 2026. Justice Kumar, whose parent HC is the Telangana HC, will have a tenure of almost five years until August 2028.

Amanullah, currently the second most senior judge of the Patna HC, will have a tenure until May 2028. With SC judges Justices Abdul Nazeer and KM Joseph, both members of the Collegium, retiring on January 4, 2023 and June 16, 2023 respectively, Justice Amanullah will add to the minority representation in the top court. Apart from Justices Nazeer and Joseph, Justice JB Pardiwala is the only other person from a minority community in the Supreme Court.

Justice Mishra, currently the third most senior judge of the Allahabad HC, will have a slightly longer tenure of almost seven years. If appointed to the top court, he will retire in June 2030.

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Round-the-clock security to 12 special cell cops after death threats

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

FOLLOWING THREATS from Canada-based gangster Lakhbir Singh Landa, 12 officers posted with the Special Cell who solved the murder case of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala have now been provided round-the-clock security.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora has approved the Y-category security for the Special CP (Special Cell) Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal and DCPs (special cell) Manishi Chandra and Rajeev Ranjan, and security has been tightened near their Delhi residences. The Special Cell is, the anti-terror unit of the Delhi Police. Currently, Ranjan is heading two units of the Special Cell, while Chandra is working as a staff officer (SO) to the Police Commissioner.

"Apart from them, four ACPs and five inspectors have also been granted security by which an armed police commando will be stationed with them round the clock," the sources said. Usually, Y-category security is provided to cabinet ministers, Chief Ministers, HC and SC Judges, senior politicians and bureaucrats.

Landa, who hails from Tarn Taran district, has been in Canada since 2017. Landa was an associate of Harvinder Rinda, who was learnt to have died at a hospital in Pakistan's Lahore. Rinda was close to BKI chief

Wadhawa Singh and the ISI. Last month, Landa threatened the officers of the Special Cell through a social media post, reading, "The man I am posting about Happy Sanghera... he was Special Cell's mastermind and a RAW agent. We killed him in Europe... I want to say one thing to Delhi Police... we have photos of all you people. If we see you in our lanes, it will not be a good thing. Otherwise, we will enter your space and beat you up. These Delhi people come to Punjab and register fake cases to create terror in the area. Those who accept this are fools. We will tell more in the next post. Something similar to Sanghera's death is being planned. All his associates who used to talk to him, we know them. Now, they should be ready. For a year, Sanghera has been saving everyone. Now, we will see who will save them. Whomsoever says anything wrong, will be pulled out of their homes and thrashed... Don't face us... We Singhs will make you suffer."

An investigation has revealed that Landa had planned the RPG attack on the Punjab Police Intelligence headquarters in Mohali and managed to carry out several criminal activities in Punjab from Canada.

"One of the teams, who got the security cover, had arrested the associates of Lawrence Bishnoi, who had killed Moosewala and other officers had arrested the accused involved in the RPG attack on the Punjab Police Intelligence headquarters in Mohali," said an official.

Helpline number and app to help homeless people

New Delhi: In a bid to rescue homeless people living under flyovers and on streets, the Delhi government launched a helpline number and a mobile application called 'Rain Basera App' Tuesday. "To ensure the facility is utilised optimally, the Delhi government has set up a 24x7 centralised control room and has issued helpline numbers - 14461, 011-23378789 and 011-23370560. The Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board rescue team will reach the location to take the homeless to the nearest shelter," said an official. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia Tuesday held a review meeting with senior officials and enforced winter action plan for the homeless. **ENS**



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Umar lawyers fail to turn up for hearing after bail; conduct improper: Court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

A court pulled up the lawyers appearing for former JNU student Umar Khalid observing that the "conduct of the accused was not

proper" after the special public prosecutor alleged that they were abusing the discretion of the court by not turning up for arguments on supply of the final report. The SPP told Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat that nobody is appearing for Umar

to argue an application filed under CrPC sections 207 for expediting the trial but his counsel "diligently appears in bail application". The judge said it is seen that no-

body appeared even on the last date of hearing, but when the interim bail application was listed, the counsel was present and apprised of pending application.




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Property dealer shot at over dispute, office ransacked

Gurgaon: A property developer was shot at by multiple unidentified men Tuesday in Gurgaon's Daulatabad over a property related dispute, said police.

According to police, the incident took place around 4 pm when the victim, Jai Prakash, was at his office adjacent to a construction site near Dwarka Expressway. Police said at least ten men, armed with sticks and weapons, barged into his office and attacked him.

Parveen Kumar, SHO, Rajendra Park police station, said, "A preliminary probe has found that at least 10-12 persons attacked the victim. The accused ransacked his office, shattered a glass door and belongings and also broke the CCTVs. The accused also shot at him. The victim suffered one gunshot wound in his stomach and was rushed to a private hospital for treatment."

Police said as per the victim's family, the attack was due to fall-out from a property-related dispute.

"We are recording the statement of the victim's family. A case is being registered and a probe will be initiated," said SHO. **ENS**

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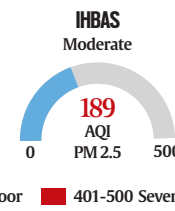
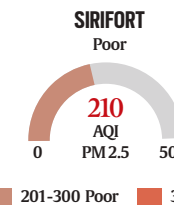
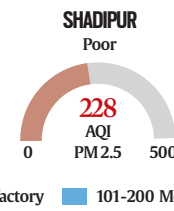
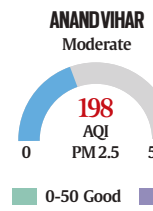
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L-G, CM to hold meet to review G-20 preparations

New Delhi: Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena along with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will hold a meeting on Wednesday with all cabinet ministers to review plans and preparations ahead of the G-20 summit. Officials at the L-G house said various projects, including refurbishing of roads, establishment of Baansera on Yamuna Bank and rejuvenation of water bodies, including the Najafgarh Drain, Asola Bhatti Mines and Roshanara garden among others, will be discussed.

OPD on phone for follow-ups at AIIMS by April next year

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CHILDREN HAIL FROM WEST BENGAL

'Sexual abuse' of 2 adopted kids: Gurgaon couple booked

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
GURGAON, DECEMBER 13

POLICE HAVE booked a Gurgaon-based couple for allegedly molesting two orphan siblings whom the couple adopted from West Bengal earlier this year.

According to police, a 'prospective adoptive' couple from Gurgaon adopted two minor siblings, a boy (4) and a girl (2), from an orphanage in Kolkata in March 2022. Police said that on July 12, 2022, the children were "returned" to the institution by the foster parents.

The orphanage filed a general diary entry on July 16 at a police station in Kolkata alleging that the children had suffered injuries due to physical abuse by the couple. Following up on the entry, a complaint was lodged by the institution's manager in November 2022 at the police station.

The complaint said that in compliance with orders of government guidelines, the children were examined by a medical officer and a paediatrician on the day they were returned in July 2022 and the next day, a detailed medical examination was conducted by a team of doctors.

The FIR stated that the medical report and disruption of adoption report were forwarded by the complainant through email to the Directorate of Child Rights and Trafficking, Government of West Bengal.

"From the... report... it is evident that the children bore certain injury marks which may have been due to physical sexual abuse while they were in the custody of the foster parents at Gurgaon from March 30 to July 12, 2022," the FIR read.

A zero-FIR was then lodged in Kolkata and it was received via post by Gurgaon Police in the last week of November. An FIR was

registered by Gurgaon Police on December 9.

"Prima facie, we have registered an FIR against the couple. No arrests have been made so far. The statement of the children and complainant will be recorded. We have contacted police in Kolkata and sought some documents over email for further probe," said a Gurgaon police officer.

An FIR was registered under IPC sections 354 (assault with intent to outrage a woman's modesty) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy), section 10 of the POCSO Act, and section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.

CM vs L-G on DDCD head: Matter goes to Prez

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THE DELHI High Court has been informed that since there is a difference of opinion between CM Arvind Kejriwal and L-G V K Saxena over removal of Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDCD) vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah, the issue has been referred to the President of India.

The submission was made in counter affidavit dated December 12 filed on behalf of L-G Saxena as well as the Director Planning department and Sub Divisional Magistrate (Civil Lines) in Shah's plea challenging prohibition on him from discharging his functions as DDCD vice-chairperson, and from using official premises.

"That in exercise of such authority vested in him by Article 239AA (4) of the Constitution, Lt Governor, in terms of difference of opinion expressed by Deputy CM and approved by CM, referred the matter to Hon'ble President on 30.11.2022," the affidavit read. It stated that since the matter is pending before the President, it would be prudent that HC does not take action in the matter in the meantime.

It has been stated that despite the intimation sent to the CM on November 30 itself about this reference, the CM on December 8, directed the Planning Department to recall the order of November 17 which contained the restrictions against Shah.

Two class 9 girls on way to tuition run over; street had no footover bridge

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

TWO STUDENTS died after they were hit by a car while crossing Rohtak Road in Outer Delhi's Peeragarhi on Sunday afternoon. They were heading to tuition classes when the accident took place. While one of them was declared dead on arrival, the other succumbed to injuries on Tuesday morning.

Their families staged protests at the spot and outside MLA's house Tuesday demanding construction of a footover bridge and a red light to prevent such accidents. According to police, a PCR call was received. The victims, Vanshika Mishra and Maanvi Chauhan, residents of Udyog Nagar were allegedly hit by a silver Swift car. The accused, Arun Sharma, has been arrested.

"Both were shifted to Pushpanjali hospital and later referred to Action Balaji hospital where Maanvi was declared dead. Due to non-availability of ventilator, Vanshika was hospitalised at Maharaja Agrasen hospital. She died during treatment on Tuesday. Their bodies have been taken for autopsy," said DCP (Outer) Harendra Kumar Singh.

The girls studied in class 9 at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Peeragarhi. Maanvi is survived by her parents and brother Arpit (19). Her father Dhanvir is a farmer and the family hails from Bijnor. The family said Maanvi wanted to become IAS officer and was planning to start studying for UPSC exams after school.

"My sister was studious. She would always ask for more books. I would tease her and make fun of her. She and her friend would go to tuition classes every day for Science. I was out with a friend when I found out about the accident. My sister had brutal injuries. We kept running from one hospital to another in hope of better



Vanshika Mishra;
Maanvi Chauhan

treatment, but she died. The doctors said she had injuries on her head and chest. The road is dangerous. Had the government made a footover bridge, my sister would have been alive. It's a wide road without traffic signs or staff. My father is caught up in police work. I am with my mother... trying to console her," said Arpit.

Vanshika and Maanvi were classmates. The two lived in the same area and had been friends for years.

Vanshika's father Guddu Shukla works at a Chartered Accountant's office as a peon. The family donated Vanshika's eyes to the hospital. They said they wanted their daughter's death to not go in vain.

Locals and students held protests and blocked the road by holding demonstrations against police and authorities. More than 250 persons marched towards AAP MLA Raghuvinder Shokeen's house. "The MLA had promised to make the FOB five months ago. What happened to that? There is no traffic signal at the metro pillar and road... Why is there no safety for us?" said a local.

There have been multiple reports of accidents on the stretch. In November, a 22-year-old man died while two of his friends were injured after a car hit them. In April, an 18-year-old school student Manisha died after she and her two friends, who were injured, were hit by a car and a truck.

450 medical tests to be free from January 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THE DELHI government Tuesday announced it would provide 450 types of medical tests free of cost from January 1.

According to officials, in the initial phase, the tests will be available at mohalla clinics across the city and later the facility will be extended to government hospitals as well. "The plan is still in the initial stage, and we have been working on it for the past year. For now, the 112 tests, which are available at mohalla clinics, are being extended to 450," said an



The Delhi govt currently runs 39 hospitals. *Archive*

official. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted that as health-

care has become expensive, many people cannot afford private healthcare. "Providing good

quality health and education to all, irrespective of anyone's economic status, is our mission. Healthcare has become very expensive. Many people cannot afford private healthcare. This step will help all such people," he said.

An official said the CM has signed the file, and it has been sent to the L-G for approval. The 450 medical tests include a number of expensive tests such as HCV genotyping and Serum catecholamine, which normally cost Rs 4,000-5,000. The Delhi government is currently taking care of 39 hospitals, 201 dispensaries, 31 polyclinics and 521 mohalla clinics.

Airports likely to remain congested till Jan first week

MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

PASSENGER INCONVENIENCE at key airports in the country is likely to abate only by the first week of January after the holiday season ends, as the record number of air passengers over the past ten days has been one of the key contributors to congestion.

Domestic daily passengers in the country have been over 4,00,000 for the last ten days and hit a peak of over 4,28,000 on December 11 — this is not just the highest passenger number post-Covid, but the highest in India.

The earlier peak was 4,20,000 passengers, which the country witnessed before Covid impacted air travel in March 2020. For the first time this year daily domestic passenger numbers have consistently stayed over 4,00,000 mark, however, fliers stayed in the range of 3,50,000 to 3,75,000 for most of the days this year.

The inability of airports, airlines, and government agencies at the airport to meet the rise in

demand has been attributed as a cause for chaos at entry gates, airline check-in counters and security check-in gates, leading to complaints of several passengers missing their flights.

"The situation would ease with various initiatives announced after aviation minister's Jyotiraditya Scindia visit to the Delhi airport, but it is likely to get normal once passengers going on holidays reduce, by the first week of January," said a government official. He added that the situation is being monitored by the aviation ministry.

Another official added scheduled airlines have been allowed to operate 3,200 flights daily, but airlines are operating over 2,800 flights. Passengers have increased, leading to flights flying almost full — many airlines are reporting record load factors (percentage of seats full on flights).

Fewer flights lead to a situation where more passengers will have to be accommodated. To put things in context, airlines carried 4,20,000 passengers pre-



At Delhi Airport's Terminal 3 on Monday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Covid on about 3,000 flights a day — this meant the distribution of passengers at various times during the day.

"The situation with respect to the number of flights is also set to ease with airlines getting their aircraft back after they were

grounded due to unavailability of engines. The number of flights is expected to increase," said the official. IndiGo and GoFirst were among those who could not operate all their aircraft due to unavailability of engines. Scindia held consultations

with airports, airlines and agencies on Monday and announced a slew of measures, including the reduction in the number of flights during peak hours, redistribution of flights to other terminals, increase in automatic tray retrieval systems as well as

X-ray machines at airports.

The government Tuesday issued an order asking the airlines to ensure their counters at airports are always manned.

"It has come to the notice of the ministry of civil aviation that the airline check-in counters at certain airports are found unmanned or inadequately manned during early morning hours leading to congestion. Scheduled airlines are therefore advised to deploy sufficient manpower at all check-in/baggage drop counters well in advance to ensure decongestion and smooth flow of passengers at airports," read the order issued Tuesday.

"Besides the above, airlines are requested to place real time data on their social media feeds regarding waiting time at respective airports' entry gates," the order read.

Sources in airlines say airline counters are not the main cause for delays and a long-term solution to the problem would be to bring in reforms in the standard operating procedures followed at security check-in gates.

3 yrs after Jamia violence, prosecution begins arguments

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THREE YEARS since violence broke out at Jamia Millia Islamia in December 2019, the prosecution asked a Delhi court to charge JNU student Sharjeel Imam and other accused, stating that they were throwing stones and not ringing the bells of a temple.

Special public prosecutor Madhukar Pandey made his arguments before Additional

Sessions Judge Arul Varma at Saket district court after his appointment on 26 July, 2021. On November 27, the court pulled up police and summoned DCP Crime Branch to explain a one-year delay in handing over case details to the SPP after Pandey sought an adjournment to read the case files.

On Tuesday, the DCP filed a status report in court stating that it was an inadvertent error. The court, while accepting the report, said that the reply does not

name the police officers who committed the error. Pandey told court that the accused along with other rioters assembled to go to the Parliament against CAA-NRC in New Delhi district despite the prohibitory orders.

"They started by first breaking open the barricades, breaking signage of Delhi Police. Thereafter, they started throwing stones. Fifteen police officers received injuries... By show of criminal force, they tried to compel the police personnel,"

Pandey told the court.

The SPP submitted that the common object was to march to the Parliament by throwing stones and breaking barricades. "The accused and rioting mob were willing to do whatever was required, including the commission of any offence against police, public. Even the public received injuries through stones pelting."

The SPP tried to reason why the relevant sections against the accused were invoked by arguing that "if somebody is throw-

ing stones, you know somebody is going to get hurt" and if this person knows that "throwing stones might break my head it is good enough to cover" in the IPC sections invoked against them. The SPP said that every member who is part of that assembly is guilty.

"They were throwing stones not ringing the bell of a temple," the SPP submitted. He argued that section 149 (Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object) carves

out a separate category of offence having a common object of an offence, simply being part of an unlawful assembly is enough to fasten criminal liability on all persons. He argued that only a bystander or onlooker is exempted.

"The manner, sequence and demeanour of accused persons will show that they were part of a common assembly harbouring a common object," he submitted.

ELECTED TO RAJYA SABHA IN APRIL THIS YEAR

A national role for AAP's rising poll star, ex-IIT prof Sandeep Pathak

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

ON MARCH 11, 2017, Sandeep Pathak, then barely a year old in the party, watched from a distance as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal huddled with a group of senior leaders at his residence, monitoring results of the Punjab Assembly elections.

Pathak, who had carried out a few surveys for AAP in Punjab in the run-up to the polls, had a brief interaction with Kejriwal that day,

which was in many ways a prelude to his subsequent meteoric rise through the ranks.

Within six years of joining the AAP, Pathak, who had a short stint as an assistant professor at IIT Delhi after completing his PhD on high-temperature superconducting materials from University of Cambridge, has become one of the most influential leaders in the party. Elected to the Rajya Sabha in April 2022, Pathak was Tuesday appointed as the National General Secretary (Organisation) of the AAP. He will also be a permanent

invitee to the AAP's highest decision making body, the Political Affairs Committee.

The appointment is a recognition of Pathak's role in AAP's victory in Punjab this year and its entry into Gujarat — factors which have earned it the status of a national party. "More importantly, it makes him the most important leader in the party after Kejriwal when it comes to expansion plans," said a senior AAP leader.

Notwithstanding Kejriwal's public statement celebrating the AAP's elevation as a national



Sandeep Pathak

party, there were murmurs that party leadership was not very enthused about Gujarat and MCD polls outcome (where the AAP

won but with a narrower seat gap than it had wished for). "But the announcement on Pathak shows that the experience gained in Punjab and Gujarat will be invaluable going ahead. The AAP still has a limited pool of leaders with his level of experience and understanding," said the leader.

So what is it that Pathak brings to the table that has endeared him to AAP leadership? "During Gujarat polls, a picture had gone viral showing Pathak standing quietly behind the crowd at a rally. The man who was instrumental

in the party's organisational affairs, including holding mega rallies, was nowhere near the stage...," stated an AAP functionary involved in the Gujarat campaign.

People close to Pathak say his distancing himself from the limelight is not a conscious strategy adopted by him or by AAP but largely a function of his self-effacing nature. "At least you have a picture of him now. In Punjab, there was not a single picture showing his involvement," said the functionary. First as in-charge of Punjab, and then in Gujarat,

Pathak "cracked a sanghathan formula", another AAP functionary pointed out. "He can build an organisational structure on the ground from scratch. Although in Gujarat, presence of leaders from Patidar quota movement was a major plus, he moulded the structure," said the source.

Apart from his hold on data, helped to a large extent by his background as a trained scientist, Pathak's biggest strengths are understanding demographics, and spotting local political trends and faces. "...He knows how to find

right people to assign roles to, and to get them to work. He is good at ideating and executing targeted messaging campaigns such as guarantee cards," the source said.

While given his relatively short stint in politics, Pathak does not have many detractors within the party, there are some whispers. "His strong academic background means he has an approach that is very demanding, to the extent that he can be a little overbearing. But politics demands a more flexible approach," said an AAP functionary.

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AAP MLA says won't defect to BJP after feedback from voters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RAJKOT, DECEMBER 13

HOURS AFTER returning from Gandhinagar where he had hinted that he might defect to the BJP, AAP MLA from Visavadar in Junagadh district, Bhupendra Bhayani, held a public meeting in his native village Bhesan in Junagadh late Monday to "clarify" that he was not changing his political allegiance.

Addressing a gathering of around 3,000 supporters outside his residence in Chanaka Plot in Bhesan, Bhayani said, "I continue to be with my party, AAP. I have been elected on the symbol of that party. I don't see any meaning in committing treason against the people and my party. You have voted for me and I understand the value of your (inked) fingertips. I am no fool who would walk into another camp without consulting you."

A man, whom Bhayani identified as "doctor saheb", shouted, "You are not supposed to defect so where is the question of consultation... People have given their verdict against the BJP." Others in the crowd also echoed his words.



A video grab of Visavadar MLA Bhupendra Bhayani addressing a public meeting in Bhesan, Junagadh, Monday.

Bhayani agreed and declared that he was not changing loyalties and that he had called the meeting of voters of Visavadar Assembly constituency and AAP voters to thank them for their support. "I have invited all these people to thank them... not to consult them... It is not my agenda or decision to decide unilaterally. I am not joining any other party. I am good in the party with which I am (presently)... I had clarified this yesterday also and am doing it now, for the third or fourth time that I am not going anywhere else. I am not joining any other party, including the BJP," Bhayani said.

Bhesan and Visavadar talukas constitute Visavadar Assembly seat. When a man from the audience asked that out of five AAP MLAs from Saurashtra, why the media was reporting that only Bhayani was cosying up to the BJP, he said: "I don't know about the four others. *Pan maru gotra Bhajap chhe* (But I am originally from the BJP). You need to appreciate this. In a family of four-five brothers, if one leaves the family sulking, others from the family try to persuade him, don't they? This is the reality."

Himachal Cabinet expansion delayed as MLAs summoned for Bharat Jodo Yatra

AMIL BHATNAGAR
SHIMLA, DECEMBER 13

THE WAIT for Cabinet expansion in Himachal Pradesh just got longer with all 40 newly-elected Congress MLAs having been summoned to Rajasthan to take part in the Bharat Jodo Yatra alongside Rahul Gandhi, party's state unit vice-president Naresh Chauhan Tuesday said.

"The MLAs will be visiting Rajasthan. The Bharat Jodo Yatra is crucial for democracy. As Himachal MLAs will take part, the Yatra will send out an important message. The leaders are likely to visit Rajasthan in the coming 1-2 days as the plans are being drawn," said Chauhan, who was also appointed as principal media advisor to CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

The MLAs, led by state unit chief Pratibha Singh, are scheduled to leave Shimla for Delhi on Wednesday. From there, they will travel to Rajasthan "to participate in the historic event".

The proposed Rajasthan visit is likely to impact equations in the state unit of Congress as it comes at a time when the legislators have been

Concert to mark 100 days

Jaipur: To mark 100 days of the yatra, the Congress will organise a concert in Jaipur on December 16 with a performance by singer Sunidhi Chauhan, AICC general secretary-in-charge of communications Jai Ram Ramesh said on Tuesday. Addressing a press meet in Sawai Madhopur, he said: "Rahulji will hold a press conference in Dausa. All 40 Congress MLAs of Himachal, including CM, will be present throughout the day. ENS

gun lobbying for a Cabinet berth. Sukhu had on Monday said that he will soon expand his council of ministers in consultation with the party high command and begin work on implementing all "guarantee schemes" from the first Cabinet meeting.

Among the "guarantees" Congress had offered in the run up to the polls included implementation of the old pension scheme, 5 lakh jobs for the youth, a Rs 680-crore start-up fund for youths, Rs 1,500 per month to women and free 300 units of power. Sukhu and Mukesh Agnihotri took oath as chief minister and deputy chief minister on Sunday. Ten more ministers can be inducted into the Cabinet.

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Nitish: Tejashwi will lead alliance in '25 Bihar polls

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, DECEMBER 13

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish Kumar underlined Tuesday that Deputy CM and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav would lead the "Mahagathbandan (Grand Alliance)" in the 2025 state Assembly elections.

Bihar Finance Minister and JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Choudhary confirmed that Kumar had made the comment at a meeting of the ruling coalition's legislators on the first day of the Bihar Assembly's Winter Session.

Later, when asked by reporters about Tejashwi leading the alliance in 2025, Nitish said, "Ekdum karega (He will surely lead)."

The CM also reiterated that he was not in the prime ministerial race and said all Opposition parties should come together to defeat the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. When contacted by *The Indian Express*, MLAs who attended the meeting quoted Nitish as saying: "2025 ka Vidhan Sabha ka chunav Tejashwi ji ke netritva mein lada jayega... Main pradhanmatribhau ka ummedwar nahi hoon... Hum sab chahte hai sabhi vipakshi parties ek saath aakar BJP ko 2024 ke chunav me harayein (The 2025 Assembly elections will be fought under the leadership of Tejashwi ji... I am not in the PM race... We want all Opposition parties to come together and defeat the BJP in the 2024 polls)."

On Monday, Nitish had told reporters in Nalanda that Tejashwi would "lead the Mahagathbandan in the 2025 polls". Speaking to reporters about the latest remark, Minister Choudhary told reporters: "There is no surprise in



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav in Patna on Tuesday. PTI

what the Chief Minister said. He had been talking about Tejashwi being the future of Bihar. He said this in Nalanda on Monday and reiterated this on Tuesday.

The RJD welcomed Nitish's comment and said Tejashwi was "the future leader of Bihar". But the BJP said the CM could "never live without power" and described the statement as "another ploy to hoodwink Tejashwi and keep the RJD guessing".

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, RJD national vice president and former MP Shivanand Tiwari said, "This is precisely what I said at a meeting of the RJD national council. Now that Nitish Kumar announced the CM candidature of Tejashwi Prasad, it has given great clarity to our politics."

Tiwari said, "Nitish said three things. That he is not in the PM race, the Opposition should come together, and Tejashwi should lead. All these things are inter-linked. If RJD and JD(U) workers strike up good coordination and try to win a maximum of 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, it can stop the BJP's return to power in 2024." RJD national spokesperson

EXPLAINED
E Calculated move?
OVER THE years, Nitish Kumar has proved adept at political survival and has often changed sides when it has been politically expedient. Questions now will be raised about the timing of this comment. Whether the Bihar CM is being sincere or if this too is some strategic move to keep ally RJD at bay will become apparent in the coming months.

Subodh Kumar called the CM's announcement a "welcome step". However, BJP spokesman Nikhil Anand described it as "just another calculated move". "Knowing and seeing Nitish's political moves all these years, the statement regarding projecting Tejashwi in the 2025 polls looks like a political ploy. A leader like Nitish can never live without power," Anand said.

MENTION NOT

THE SUPREME Court has seen a steady rise in the number of mentionings — when lawyers place their request for urgent hearing on some matter — before the Chief Justice of India, more so after Justice D Y Chandrachud took over as CJI. For the second time this month, the bench presided by the CJI had 105 matters listed for mention before it on Tuesday. A similar number was also listed on December 9. The CJI, who rarely loses his cool, told the crowded courtroom, beaming, "Today, again, we have 105 mentions. As Chief Justice of India, I can only thank you for reposing your faith in us by coming in such large numbers."

STEER CLEAR

A STATEMENT by B Y Vijayendra, Karnataka BJP vice-president and son of former chief minister B S Yediyurappa, has become a talking point among BJP MPs from the state. Vijayendra has said that he will contest the upcoming Assembly polls from any seat suggested by the party leadership, including Varuna in Mysuru, where he may have to contest against former CM and Congress leader Siddaramaiah. Party MPs say Vijayendra, considered Yediyurappa's successor in the family, has tried to kill two birds with one stone. He not only expressed his willingness to take on difficult challenges and pitch himself against the Congress's possible CM candidate, but also deftly kept out the CM from his electoral leadership calculations. Some party MPs are amused at Vijayendra's remarks that the party will "face Assembly polls under PM Narendra Modi and the guidance of (BJP) national president J P Nadda", steering clear of mentioning Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

TALK OVER WALK

THAT THE BJP unit in West Bengal is a house divided has been a matter of constant concern for the party's central leadership. A fresh exchange of taunts between Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, and former state unit chief Dilip Ghosh has again brought the issue to the fore. Addressing a public meeting on Monday, Adhikari had said that he doesn't believe in issuing media statements even during morning walks, in what was an apparent dig at Ghosh. On Tuesday, Ghosh, now the party's national vice-president, shot back, saying he feels happy to have inspired people to start morning walks. "It also keeps a person fit," he added.

In Shillong, Mamata says BJP neglecting Northeastern states

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 13

WHILE GEARING up for the upcoming Panchayat polls in West Bengal where it has been ruling for the last three consecutive terms, the Trinamool Congress is keenly looking for expansion in the Northeastern states like Meghalaya and Tripura, which are bound for the Assembly elections early next year.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee is currently on a three-day tour of Meghalaya — her first-ever visit to the state, where 12 of the total 17 Congress MLAs, led by former CM Mukul Sangma, had defected to the TMC in November 2021, making the latter the principal Opposition in the 60-member House. Mukul Sangma is currently the Leader of Opposition in the state ruled by the Conrad Sangma-led coalition government. The TMC chief will hold meetings with the Meghalaya party leaders where she would set out a road map for the up-



Mamata Banerjee in Shillong, Tuesday. Express

coming state Assembly polls. Addressing a TMC workers' convention in Shillong on Tuesday, Mamata said the BJP-led Centre has neglected Meghalaya and other Northeastern states. She also reportedly said the TMC wanted to assist the Meghalaya people and ensure that the state is "ruled by sons of the soil".

EC MOVE ON PARTY NAME, POLL SYMBOL

Uddhav moves HC against dismissal of its petition

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FORMER MAHARASHTRA CM Uddhav Thackeray has moved the Delhi High Court against the order of a single judge bench that dismissed his plea against the EC's decision to freeze the "Shiv Sena" party name and "bow and arrow" symbol, which he had laid claim on. Thackeray and Eknath Shinde's factions approached the EC with claim on party name 'Shiv Sena' and the 'bow and arrow' symbol but the election panel in its October 8 interim order restrained both from using the party name and the symbol until a decision was taken.

On November 15, a single judge bench of Justice Sanjeev Narula dismissed Thackeray's plea and directed the EC to decide the issue in an "expeditious manner". The HC also observed that an expeditious disposal of the issue would be in the interest of the parties as well as the public, noting that there was no "interdict" on the matter by the SC. The single judge said the objection on maintainability of the petition will be examined by ECI on its own merits while reaching a final decision. Thackeray's appeal states that the single judge failed to appreciate that the EC's order is "patently illegal, without jurisdiction and unsustainable, both in law and on facts".

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REMEMBERING THE HEROES

Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar pays homage to those who lost their lives in the 2001 Parliament terror attack, at Parliament House complex on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR
LOK SABHA

"Today there are important questions from your members listed. I want to take up important questions during question hour. Don't you want discussions?"

Lok Sabha Speaker, **OM BIRLA** to the Opposition

RAJYA SABHA

"Everybody is quoting Dr Ambedkar that reservation has to be there for only for ten years. It is a wrong notion. What Dr Ambedkar said then was this: You have to review the reservation implementation after ten years each..."

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Shah: Disruption Cong ploy to avoid questions on China funding to RGF

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

ON A day when the Opposition slammed the government for the clashes between Indian and Chinese soldiers along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Tawang region, Home Minister Amit Shah alleged that the Congress MPs disrupted the Question Hour to avoid questions on the money received by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) from China in violation of the FCRA rules. Shah also asserted that "no one can capture one inch of land as long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in power".

"As long as the Narendra Modi government of the BJP is in power, not an inch of land can be captured by anyone," said Shah, who was addressing the media outside Parliament House following an adjournment of the Lok Sabha over the issue.

The Opposition's demand for a discussion on reports of clashes between Indian and Chinese soldiers at the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector led to an abrupt adjournment of proceedings till 12 noon. Later, protesting against the government's refusal to give clarification on a statement given by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the Opposition, including the Congress, DMK, TMC, NCP and Left parties, staged a walkout.

"I saw the Question Hour list



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Home Minister Amit Shah at Parliament House on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

and after seeing question number 5, I understood the anxiety (of Congress). The question was regarding the cancellation of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF). If they would have allowed it, I would have given an answer in Parliament that RGF received a grant of Rs 1.35 crore from the Chinese Embassy during 2005-2007, which was not appropriate as per the FCRA. So, as per the rules, Home Ministry cancelled its registration," Shah said, clarifying that the sanction was cancelled following the Home ministry's regulations earlier this year.

Shah said that while the Congress claimed that the money from the embassy was meant to undertake research on the rela-

tionship between India and China, the nation wanted to know if the research covered the issue of the thousands of hectares of land that India lost during the 1962 war. "If it did, where is the report? Because of (Jawaharlal) Nehru's love (for China), India's permanent seat in the UN Security Council was sacrificed. Did they make this also a topic to research?" Shah asked.

Shah pointed out that the Chinese mission in India had made claims on entire Arunachal Pradesh in 2006 during the UPA regime, and it rejected a visa to then Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu in 2007 claiming the state was its part only. China had also raised questions about former Prime Minister Manmohan

Singh's visit to Arunachal Pradesh in 2009, he said.

He alleged that when the Chinese PLA at Galwan, someone from the Congress was throwing a dinner for an official of the Chinese embassy and asked why work on road and vital infrastructure projects in Demchok was stalled in 2012 following a threat from China. Shah also said people in Jammu and Kashmir were denied stapled visas, but the foundation had not done any research on them.

Shah also claimed that the Foundation headed by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi received 750 lakh from Zakir Naik, founder of the Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), which was banned by the government for its alleged involvement in terrorism.

The question raised by Congress MPs from Kerala — V K Sreekandan and Benny Behnan — was about the government's move to cancel the licences of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and the Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust under the FCRA. The MPs sought to know the details about the irregularities, if any, found during the probe. They also wanted to know the truth in allegations that old charges have been recycled against Foundation and the Trust, and that if the government proposes to re-issue the licences of these NGOs.

DEBATE IN LOK SABHA OVER SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND OF GRANTS

Mahua targets Centre on note ban, economy: 'Who's the Pappu now?'

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

ACCUSING THE BJP government of being incompetent, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra Tuesday raised a series of questions, on industrial output, manufacturing sector and the number of people leaving India, to ask "Who's the Pappu now?"

The term had been coined by the ruling party "to denigrate, signify extreme incompetence", Moitra added.

The TMC leader, who was taking part in a debate over the supplementary demand of grants in the Lok Sabha, said these would amount to an additional expenditure of about Rs 4.36 lakh crore, which will raise the fiscal deficit above the provision in the Budget, and went against "the government's own stated goal of containing the fiscal deficit".

According to the NSO numbers released Monday, industrial output shrunk by 4% in October to a 26-month low. The manufacturing sector, the biggest generator of jobs, contracted 5.6%, while 17 of the industry sectors that make up the Index of Industrial Production recorded negative growth rates. Forex reserves have fallen by \$72 billion in just under a year, Moitra said.

The MP also talked about data shared by the government showing that the number of those who have given up citizenship in the past nine years of the Modi government is almost 12.5 lakh. "Is this the sign of a healthy economic and tax environment? Who's the Pappu now?" Moitra said.

The TMCMP next questioned the investigations initiated by government agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate against Opposition leaders, including of her party. "The ruling party buys lawmakers for hundreds of crores in cash and yet members of the



TMC MP Mahua Moitra at Parliament on Tuesday. PTT

Opposition represent 95% of lawmakers under investigation by the ED... Is the objective of the ED just to harass citizens or to actually track down and punish perpetrators of financial crimes? What is this level of incompetence? Who's the Pappu now?" Moitra said.

Raising the issue of rising fertiliser subsidy requests, she asked what the government had done to stem the overuse of urea, "which is killing the soil, productivity and killing health". Besides, Moitra said, "Nearly Rs 2,000 crore supplementary demand is for large industries whereas a mere Rs 233 crore is for MSME industries, which account for 90% of jobs in the industrial sector. These are very distorted priorities."

On Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's statement Monday that the Opposition raised questions regarding the economy "out of jealousy", Moitra said: "I stand here today to tell the Minister, the government and the ruling party, that each of us here have given up our lives, our jibon joubon (youth) in the service of this great land and its people. We represent the farthest corners of India, from Karimpur to Kutch, Kashmir to Kanyakumari. It is our inalienable

right to question your incompetence. And it is raj dharma that should make you sit down, listen to our voices, and not react like the proverbial khisiyani billi."

Moitra took jibes at the political leadership of the BJP too, referring to the recent Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, and the Delhi civic polls. "You fought in three states with all your might, your resources, you won in only one. The president of the ruling party (J P Nadda) could not hold on to his own home state. Who's the Pappu now?"

Moitra accused the ruling party of "repeating falsehoods about the benefits of demonetisation ad nauseam", and said it had not achieved any goals such as a cashless digital economy or phasing out of fake currency. "Cash is still king. Demonetisation did not achieve any of the objectives it set out to do. Who's the Pappu now?" she said.

Amidst loud cheering from Opposition benches, Moitra recited a couplet: "Sawaal yeh nahin ki bastiyan kisse jalayai. Sawaal yeh hai ki paagal key haath mein maachis kisse di (The question is not who lit the fire, the question is who handed the matchbox to a crazy person)?"

In Lok Sabha, Opp raises jobs, inflation, farm distress issues

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OPPOSITION MEMBERS in Lok Sabha on Tuesday raised issues of unemployment, inflation and farm distress during the debate on Supplementary Demands for Grants for Budget 2022-23, and asked who is getting the benefit of the much-touted economic growth.

Several MPs also said that pre-matric scholarship and Maulana Azad Fellowship for minority students should be restored, and asked how will the country progress if minority communities are left behind.

The government has sought Parliament's nod for additional spending of Rs 4.36 lakh crore to meet the needs for subsidy on fertiliser, food and LPG.

"The government has decided to hike GST on essential items effective from July... (amid) already increasing prices of essential items," Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said. "The RBI has had to increase the repo rate for the fifth time in an attempt to tackle inflation. This has an impact on borrowers, EMLs, housing sector, equity market investors. Our economy is at the cusp of a stagfla-



Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury speaks in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. PTT

tion — the economy is stagnant and inflation is growing."

RSP's N K Premchandran said the government is "weakening" the basics of the economy and the average person is "badly hit" by inflation. "Unemployment rate is 8.3% and vacancies are not being filled," he said.

Taking on the government on the issue of farmer's income, Akali Dal's Harsimrat Kaur Badal said: "The government had promised to double the income of farmers, but between 2014 and 2022, we do not know what has happened to their income but price of diesel has certainly doubled; fertilisers has become expensive. While MSP has in-

creased by just 2%, input cost has increased by 100%..."

DMK's DM Kathir Anand said, "In the last eight years, farmer's income has not doubled, but suicides have... If you cannot double income, double financial benefits through schemes."

Raising the issue of scrapping of Maulana Azad Fellowship, Danish Ali said pre-matric scholarships and Maulana Azad Fellowship must be restored. "Everyone needs to be taken along for the prosperity of the country. How can you leave minorities behind and prosper," he asked.

Syed Imitiaz Jaleel (AIMIM), Badruddin Ajmal (AIUDF) and the IUML also raised similar demands.

5 QUESTIONS

AFTER DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH'S STATEMENT ON THE FRESH FACE-OFF BETWEEN INDIAN AND CHINESE SOLDIERS IN TAWANG SECTOR OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH, SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER AND RAJYA SABHA MEMBER P CHIDAMBARAM TELLS MANOJ CG THAT SINGH'S STATEMENT WAS COMPLETELY BLAND AND EMPTY. HE SAYS A DISCUSSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED IN THE HOUSE

'Rajnath statement bland, empty; House discussion was desirable'

Are you satisfied with the statement made by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the fresh Chinese transgression?

Obviously not. He said nothing more than what appeared in the newspapers this morning. I got the information from the newspapers at 6am. What is the additional information he has given us at 12.30pm. He might as well read from the newspapers. In fact, it was a completely bland and empty statement. Therefore, there was nothing that was added to the information of the members of Parliament.

You wanted to seek clarifications from the Defence Minister. What did you want to ask?

I would have asked... how does it happen that China chooses the date, the time and the place of the intrusion. And this is not the first time that it has happened. This happened in Galwan in 2020. After that every intrusion has happened at the time, place and date of China's choice. So, what are you doing about deterring China from making these periodic intrusions?



Do you think government is not taking the threat from China seriously?

The government is taking it so seriously that it is afraid to speak about it. They are afraid to mention the word China. The Prime Minister does not mention the word China. He does not mention what happened when he met Mr Xi Jinping, the President of China. He has run into Mr Xi several times. The last meeting was at the G20 summit. The PM does not mention the word China and he does not explain or take the House into confidence on what he told Xi about the intrusions. Did he tell Xi anything about the intrusions or not?

The Opposition demand to allow a discussion on the issue or seek clarifications from the Defence Minister was not accepted. It is completely wrong. There have been discussions in the

past after a minister makes a statement in the Rajya Sabha. For example, there was a discussion on the 'cash for vote' transaction during (P V) Narasimha Rao's time. Secondly, when the Anna Hazare movement was on, there was a discussion for seven hours after a statement made in the Rajya Sabha. Some 27 members participated in that discussion. Again, there was a full discussion in Rajya Sabha on Lokpal after a statement by the minister. So, we have at least two or three examples of a full discussion after a minister's statement. Now, how can you say there can be no discussion after the minister's statement.

The argument by the Chair was that it was a sensitive border issue.

If it is such a sensitive border issue, then have a closed-door session or an in-camera session of Parliament. If you don't want to do that, then invite the opposition leaders — at least the parliamentary party leaders of major parties — and let the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister take the leaders into confidence.

A CASE OF FEW CASES

1,500 cybercrime complaints (approx) reported daily across India in last 3 years

2% of crimes reported in National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal — www.cybercrime.gov.in — turned into FIRs

1930 toll-free helpline number

EASE OF REPORTING

- National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal allows easy reporting of cybercrimes
- Reports routed to respective state and UT's law enforcement agency
- 'Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and

(Data between January 1, 2020 and December 7, 2022)

Source: MoS (Home) Nityanand Rai's written reply in Lok Sabha



*from Jan 1, 2020, to Dec 7, 2022

16 lakh cybercrime incidents (approx) reported

'Management System' launched for immediate reporting of financial frauds, stop siphoning off funds

- So far, financial fraud transactions amounting to more than ₹ 180 crore have been saved

3 states want caste details included in Census: Minister

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THREE STATE governments — Maharashtra, Odisha and Bihar — and a few organisations have requested the government to include caste details in the forthcoming Census, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

"In Census, the castes and tribes which are specifically notified as SCs and STs, according to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, as amended from

time to time, are enumerated. The government has not enumerated caste-wise populations other than SCs and STs in Census since independence," said the Minister.

He further said, "The intent of the government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in the gazette of India on March 28, 2019. However, due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the conduct of Census 2021 and related field activities have been postponed until further orders."

"In Census, data is collected on demographic and various socio-economic parameters like education, SC and ST, religion, language, marriage, fertility, disability, oc-



Government employees and teachers being trained for population census. Express File

cupation and migration of individuals. The questionnaire for the first phase of Census was notified

in the gazette of India. The forthcoming census is to be the first digital Census and there is a pro-

vision for self-enumeration. A mobile app for collection of data and a Census portal for management and monitoring of various related activities have been developed," he said in a written reply to a question.

On December 7, Rai had informed the Lok Sabha that the names of the mother tongue and two other languages known in order of proficiency are to be recorded by the enumerators in the forthcoming Census as responded by each person. "A total of 372 posts have been filled in 2020 and 2021 as Census officers in various states to conduct the exercise smoothly," he had said.

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BRIEFLY

TAMIL NADU

Man kills 5 family members, self; 9-yr-old critical

Tiruvannamalai: A man allegedly killed his wife and four children, including two teenage daughters, and ended his life at his house in Chengam taluk in the district, police said Tuesday. Another daughter, aged about 9, who was admitted to the government hospital here with cut injuries initially, has been referred to the Government Hospital in Chennai. The man, identified as Palanisamy, 45, was a farm labourer. The exact cause of the incident is not known. **PTI**

GUJARAT

Minor hurls her stillborn from terrace

Surat: A 15-year-old tribal girl allegedly threw her stillborn baby from the terrace of a two-storey building in Surat Tuesday early morning, police said. Police questioned the girl who revealed that a friend who lives nearby had raped her, leading to her pregnancy. A case was registered against her under IPC section 315. The girl has been admitted to hospital. "We will register an offence of rape against the accused youth soon. A DNA test also will be held," an inspector who is part of the investigation said. The girl was studying in class 10 and stopped going to school a few months ago. Her mother was working as a domestic help, while her father died a few years ago. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA

Raj Kundra, others get bail in porn video case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted anticipatory bail to businessman Raj Kundra and others, including actors Sheryl Chopra and Poonam Pandey, in connection with an FIR against them for allegedly distributing pornographic videos. A bench of justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna also directed Kundra and the other accused to cooperate in the investigation. "Having heard the counsel for the parties, we are of the view that the petitioners may be granted anticipatory bail," the bench said. Senior advocate R Basant, appearing for one of the petitioners, submitted that a chargesheet has already been filed in the case and the accused are cooperating with the police in the investigation. **PTI**



Taj Mahal Palace hotel at Colaba in Mumbai lit up as part of preparations of G-20 summit, on Tuesday. *Pradip Das*

In G20 days, govt plans to bust touts, louts with tourist police at key spots

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

WITH G20 meetings being held across 55 cities over the next one year, the Centre is trying to project India as a safe destination for international travellers. The Tourism Ministry is, thus, making a renewed effort to post tourist police personnel at important locations such as monuments and tourist spots, as also at airports and railway stations, where such crimes are often reported from.

Weeks after the Tourism Ministry organised a national conference of DGPs with an aim to implement the uniform tourist police scheme at pan-India level, Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy stated in Parliament last week that the ministry has sought

the Home Ministry's "support for taking up the matter with state governments".

Reddy said this in Rajya Sabha on December 8 while replying to BJP member Iranna Kadadi's question on whether "cases of misbehaviour/attack on foreign tourists in the country have come to the notice of the government", and what "measures (are) being taken in this regard".

"Security of tourists is essentially a State subject. However, the National Crime Records Bureau maintains a record of cases registered under crime against the foreign tourist, and as per information provided by them, total number of such cases during the year 2021 is 71," Reddy stated in his written response.

He stated that the Tourism Ministry has "taken up the matter

with all state governments [and UTs] for setting up a dedicated Tourism Police". As of now, he pointed out, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh have deployed tourist police "in one form or the other".

To resolve issues of uniformity and coordination, the government had organised the DGPs' conference on October 19, ahead of India's G20 Presidency, to implement the uniform tourist police scheme based on a report submitted by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who was among the participants, had emphasised the need for quick police action in cases of

crimes against tourists to increase their confidence and create a good environment. "The G20 will give us an opportunity to improve security and policing. Tourist inflow improves in a country where law and order is better," Birla said.

Reddy had said at the event that unscrupulous elements are active mostly at hotels, entry and exit points of airports, railway stations and bus terminals, and crimes against foreign nationals tarnish the country's image.

The BPR&D report may act as a template for states and UTs for setting up their own tourist police forces. The report covers relevant issues such as development of standard operating procedures, setting up control room systems, defining the role and responsibility of tourist police and their uniform, according to officials.

India condemns OIC secretary general's visit to PoK, remarks on Kashmir issue

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INDIA TUESDAY condemned the visit of the secretary general of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and his comments on Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that the grouping has no locus standi in the matters related to the region.

In a sharp reaction to OIC Secretary General Houssein Brahim Taha's trip to PoK, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "Any attempt of interference and meddling in India's internal affairs by the OIC and its secretary general is completely unacceptable." He said the OIC has already lost its credibility "by taking a 'blatantly communal, partisan and factually incorrect approach' in various issues.

Taha visited PoK during his December 10-12 Pakistan trip.

"We strongly condemn the visit of the OIC secretary general to PoK and his comments on J&K during his visit to Pakistan. Let me reiterate that the OIC has no locus standi in the matters related to Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral and inalienable part of India," Bagchi said.

He was responding to media queries on the visit of the OIC secretary to the PoK. "The OIC secretary-general has unfortunately become a mouthpiece of Pakistan," Bagchi said. "We hope that he would refrain from becoming a partner in carrying out the nefarious agenda of Pakistan, which is promoting cross-border terrorism," he added.

A statement by the OIC, a grouping of Muslim-majority countries, said Taha briefed Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif on his diplomatic efforts to resolve the Kashmir issue.

Bilkis plea: SC judge recuses from hearing

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THE PETITION filed by Bilkis Bano, who was gangraped and her three-year-old daughter among 14 killed by a mob during the 2002 Gujarat riots, could not be heard by the Supreme Court on Tuesday as one of the judges on the bench, Justice Bela M Trivedi, recused herself. Bilkis had challenged the release of 11 men convicted in the case, following the remission of their life sentences.

As soon as the matter came up, Justice Ajay Rastogi, who was presiding over the two-judge bench, told Advocate Shobha Gupta, who appeared for Bilkis, that the matter will now be listed before a bench which does not include Justice Trivedi.

No reason was given for Justice Trivedi's recusal. She was deputed as Law Secretary to the Gujarat government from 2004 to 2006.

In her petition, Bilkis said "the en masse premature release of the convicts... has shaken the conscience of the society". She pointed out that the Supreme Court had, in the past, held that en masse remission cannot be permitted and that the case of each convict would have to be separately examined before extending the relief.

Calling it "one of the most gruesome crimes this country has ever seen", she said the premature release of the convicts came as a shock not only to her, but to her grown-up daughters, family and to the society at large.

Bilkis was gangraped and her three-year-old daughter was among 14 killed by a mob on March 3, 2002, in Limkheda

taluka of Dahod district during the riots.

The 11 convicts were released on August 15 this year.

There are already two petitions in the Supreme Court — one filed by CPM leader Subhashini Ali, journalist Revati Laul and academician Roop Rekha Verma, and another by TMC MP Mahua Moitra — challenging the release of the 11 convicts. The petitioners argued that the remission was granted by the state without the sanction of the Union government.

In response, the Gujarat government told the court that the Union Home Ministry, in July this year, had approved its decision to accept the request for premature release of the 11 convicts under its 1992 remission policy.

The state also submitted that the Superintendent of Police, CBI, Special Crime Branch, Mumbai, and the Special Civil Judge (CBI) City Civil and Sessions Court, Greater Bombay, were against their release.

The Civil Judge, it said, was also of the view that the Maharashtra government policy of April 2008 ought to apply in their case since the trial was conducted in Mumbai.

The state said it had considered the opinion of seven authorities — Inspector General of Prisons, Gujarat, Jail Superintendents, Jail Advisory Committee, District Magistrate, Police Superintendent, CBI, Special Crime Branch, Mumbai and Sessions Court, Mumbai (CBI) — before deciding to accept the request for premature release. Five of the seven, it said, had given a positive opinion on the request for release.

'Shocked & clueless', say relatives of students who died by suicide in Kota

DEEPA MUKHERJEE
KOTA, DECEMBER 13

WHEN POLICE vehicles arrived near a nondescript three-storey house in Kota's Talwandi locality on Monday morning, students staying as paying guests in the building were shocked to have discovered a fellow teen hanging inside his room.

Soon, their shock turned into horror after another body was found just when the police were making arrangements to take the body of the 16-year-old student to the mortuary.

A student living as a paying guest in the building said: "When we knocked at the door of his room, he didn't answer. We called up the landlord and later it was discovered that he was hanging from the ceiling fan in his room. As we sat in the ambulance to take his body to a hospital, the sister of another student, Ujjwal Kumar, approached us and we found that even his room was locked from inside."

The 16-year-old student, a resident of Supaul in Bihar, and 18-year-old Ujjwal from Gaya were found hanging from the ceiling fans in their rooms on the



At the mortuary in MBS Hospital in Kota. *Express*

second floor of the building. Though the police have termed the two deaths as suicide, no suicide note has been recovered from the spot.

Even as the death of these two students rocked Talwandi locality, another 17-year-old student from Shivpuri in Madhya Pradesh, who was preparing for NEET, was also found dead inside his room in Kunadi area of the city. The police said preliminary inquiry indicates that he was under stress due to studies and died by suicide after consuming zinc phosphide.

Sub-inspector Prakash Chand of the Jawahar Nagar police station in Talwandi on Tuesday told *The Indian Express*:

"We had received information about a student's death around 12.30 pm on Monday. As we took his body in custody, the sister of another student requested us to find out the whereabouts of her brother, who was not taking calls. We found that he, too, was hanging from the ceiling fan in another room of the building."

At the MBS Hospital in Kota, the brother-in-law of the 16-

year-old student wore a look of disbelief as he completed formalities at the mortuary for the postmortem. "He spoke to his mother even yesterday. The family would call him up daily. He was staying in Kota since he was in Class 8 and was currently a student of Class 11. He was also preparing for NEET. We can't think of anything that may have led him to take the extreme step," he said.

Ujjwal's family says he had shifted from Gaya to Kota seven months ago to prepare for JEE.

"We are clueless as to why he took the extreme step. Ujjwal's parents have never pressured him for studies. They spoke with him everyday," said Ujjwal's cousin Ram Krishan, who had come to Kota on Tuesday.

Families of both the students said though the youths stayed in the same building, they were not close friends.

The Kota police said there have been multiple suicides this year, after a two-year gap due to pandemic when most coaching students had left the city. "We are yet to ascertain the reasons for suicides. Investigation is underway," said Kota city SP Keshar Singh Shekhawat.

Man arrested in Surat for suspected ISI link

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A 32-YEAR-OLD man suspected to be an agent of the ISI and was operating a financial module from India was arrested in Surat on Tuesday. Police said the suspect is originally from Maharashtra and resides in Surat.

According to the police, the accused Deepak Kishor Salunke received over Rs 75,856 via cryptocurrency exchange Binance from Pakistan-based handlers identified as Hamid and Kashif in exchange of vital information about Army. Police booked him under Section 121 (waging war against country) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC.

Acting on inputs provided by the Military Intelligence unit of the Pune-headquartered Southern Command, the Surat crime branch officials held Salunke from his house in Dindoli area of Surat Tuesday.

The financial module allegedly operated by Salunke was receiv-

ing and transferring money to serving personnel from India as well as civilians in lieu of sensitive information. The alleged agent was in touch with Hamid and Kashif, and was in the process of compromising sensitive information with them, sources said.

Salunke has been handed over to the Special Operations Group. According to Surat Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Tomar said the police have retrieved details from Salunke's Facebook and WhatsApp accounts that he had sent some photos of the Indian Army to Hamid.

Salunke said he had obtained such photos from Google and YouTube, Tomar said, adding they were in contact for the past six months. The accused used to run a readymade garment business before the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the business had to be shut down during the pandemic. Later, he forayed into the business of online money transfer.

(WITH INPUTS FROM
ENS, PUNE)

A year after murder of Sikh leader in Delhi, accused nabbed from Jammu

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, DECEMBER 13

THE JAMMU and Kashmir police on Tuesday arrested the main accused in the murder of former National Conference MLC and a prominent Sikh leader, Trilochan Singh Wazir, whose body was found with a gunshot wound in a flat in Delhi in September 2021.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said the accused, Harpreet Singh alias Amit Rana, a resident of Jammu, was initially arrested from Marble Market as part of a police operation against armed dacoits who had looted around Rs 10 lakh from the house of a businessman, Rakesh Aggarwal, in the Gandhi Nagar area.

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli said Harpreet opened fire in a bid to escape, but was overpowered by the police.

During questioning, he admitted to having hatched an assassination plan at the instance of a few persons. He, along with nine armed men, barged into the house of Aggarwal and from there made a call to a leading businessman, Nagar Singh, who was their original target. However, their murder plan failed and they decamped with cash and jewellery from Aggarwal's house.

During their investigation, the police found out that Harpreet was using a forged Aadhaar card.

Further questioning led to his confession that he was concealing his identity and it finally came to fore that he was the main accused in Wazir's murder case, the ADGP said.

Apart from Harpreet, other dacoits arrested so far are Manjeet Singh from Hoshiarpur district, Harjinder Singh from Jalandhar, Raja Singh from Dasuya and Pinto Singh from Abohar, Punjab.

Cash around Rs 5 lakh, two pistols, live cartridges and mobile phones have been recovered from their possession, the Additional Director General of Police added.

Teen who jumped off school building dies

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LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 13

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy who suffered serious injuries after he allegedly jumped off the second floor of his school building last week died at a hospital in Aligarh on Tuesday, police said.

He was a student of Class VIII at a private school in the district, police said. The boy's family has alleged that two women teachers at his school had allegedly put pressure on him not to take part in athletics and used to punish him often, telling him to focus on his studies instead.

Police said the boy's father also claimed that although his son had complained about the issue to the school manager, no action was taken.

On the basis of a complaint filed by his father, the Aligarh police registered an FIR against the two teachers and manager of the

school under section 338 of the Indian Penal Code (Causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) at the local police station. No arrests have been made yet. "A probe is on," said a police officer.

The body was handed over to the family members. The investigating officer said, "As the boy has died, a decision on whether the case is to be altered... that is, by adding charges of abetment to suicide or culpable homicide against the accused would be taken as per directions of senior officers," he added.

On December 1, one of the accused teachers reportedly punished the boy for not completing academic work. Minutes later, he allegedly jumped off the second floor of the school building. He was taken to hospital, police said. He died at the hospital in Aligarh while undergoing treatment on Tuesday, the police added.

Spate of attacks: Scared of working in Kashmir, reserved category employees protest in Jammu

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, DECEMBER 13

MANMOHAN LAL, a 32-year-old employee of Jammu and Kashmir's rural development department, has been sitting on dharna at the Panama Chowk for the past six months.

Joined by several reserved category employees posted in Kashmir under the inter district recruitment policy of the J&K government, Manmohan has been demanding transfer to Jammu, from where he was recruited.

Most of the employees, including Manmohan, returned to Jammu in June after a school teacher, Rajni Bala, was killed by militants on May 31 outside the Government School in Gopalpora village of Kulgam district.

Following a spate of attacks

since last year targeting reserved category workers, protesters say they are afraid to return to work in Muslim-majority Kashmir.

Manmohan is in dire straits now: if he chooses to stay in Jammu, he faces acute financial stringency as his salary has been withheld since June due to non-attendance at work; if he returns to the Valley, he fears threat to his life from militants.

A postgraduate with a B.Ed degree, Manmohan, who belongs to Jammu's Kathua district, was appointed in the rural development department, Budgam, in 2015 as per the government's inter district recruitment policy for candidates belonging to reserved categories.

Manmohan said that he does not have the money to pay even the school fees of his two children or get his wife, who is suffering from cataract, operated at the



Protest in Jammu has been going on for past 6 months. *Express*

Government Medical College in Kathua.

Bimla Devi, a school teacher from R.S. Pura of Jammu, and her husband Bua Ditta have got their salary till October. The couple, posted since 2009 in Ganderbal, a Muslim-majority district, have been in Jammu since June. "If we go to Kashmir, who will take the guarantee for our safety there?"

Pandurang K Pole, divisional commissioner of Kashmir, said that more than 80% of employees had already resumed their duties by Saturday. "A government employee has to follow certain rules and regulations," he said.

The Valley has been witnessing a fresh wave of attacks with militants mainly targeting migrant workers and Kashmiri

Pandits. Since October 2021, six Kashmiri Pandits and two reserve category employees - Deepak Chand and Rajni Bala, have been killed. While Deepak was shot dead by militants in October 2021, Rajni Bala was gunned down in May this year.

The inter district recruitment policy was framed in 2006 after the government decided to allow candidates belonging to the scheduled castes in the Jammu division to apply for posts reserved for such category in the Kashmir Valley. This was done as Muslim-majority Kashmir, with only a few hundred Kashmiri Pandits, did not have people from the SCs. Over the years, the government appointed 3,000-3,500 people from the scheduled castes in Jammu and posted them in the Valley.

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TAWANG CHALLENGE

Border stand-off seems to have been managed. But Delhi needs a clear vision, strategy to deal with Beijing's transgressions

THANKFULLY, THE CLASH between the Indian Army and the Chinese PLA at Yangtse in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9 did not result in fatalities, though some jawans have been badly injured in the hours-long combat, fought on both sides with sticks and clubs. The Indian soldiers fought to thwart the transgression bravely and succeeded in pushing the Chinese soldiers back across the Line of Actual Control. According to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who made a statement in both houses of Parliament, the two sides are disengaged, and the local area commanders have held a flag meeting to discuss modalities to restore "peace and tranquility" in the area. Singh said India had also taken up the incident through diplomatic channels. On the face of it, the incident — the most serious stand off between the two sides in the eastern sector and the first violent "contact" between the two armies since the Galwan killings of June 2020 — appears to have been managed well by both sides to prevent further escalation.

That the incident took place at all is not a good sign, especially as hundreds of Chinese troops were involved in the operation. Singh said their intention was "to change the status quo" at Yangtse, that is, wrest the area from India. This broadly conforms to the view in Delhi that China is no longer interested in resolving the border issue through talks, and is determined to pursue, always at a time and place of its choosing, its territorial claims along the disputed border through tactics successfully deployed in Ladakh and attempted once again in Tawang. The Indian Army had for long anticipated that the PLA would activate the eastern sector of the LAC, and to that extent, it is evident that steps were taken to beef up military preparedness in the region. What the incident has effectively achieved though is the lighting up of one more section of the LAC at a time the issues in Ladakh have not yet been settled, from the point of view of India. After 16 rounds of talks, a disengagement has taken place in eastern Ladakh, but it has not restored the status quo that prevailed in April 2020. China, for its part, appears reluctant to hold any further rounds of talks on the leftover problems in Ladakh, including its play in Depsang and Demchok areas.

India's relationship with China has been teetering from bad to worse over the last 32 months since the standoff in Ladakh began, and it seems unlikely to improve unless Beijing's calculus vis a vis India and the region undergoes a drastic change. While Delhi's G20 leadership may bring opportunities for engagement with Beijing, what is required first is a clear vision and a grand strategy to deal with the China challenge, instead of reacting to each crisis as it emerges.

FOCUS ON GROWTH

But fall in food inflation should nudge the RBI to consider a pause in raising interest rates

A STRAIGHT READING of the latest consumer price index (CPI) and index of industrial production (IIP) numbers suggests sharp easing of inflation pressures alongside significant loss of economic momentum. Annual CPI inflation fell to 5.88 per cent in November, from the previous month's 6.77 per cent and below the RBI 6 per cent upper tolerance limit for the first time since December. The IIP contracted 4 per cent year-on-year in October, led by manufacturing (minus 5.6 per cent) and also the sub-sectors that are proxies for consumption and investment activity: Consumer durables (minus 15.3 per cent), non-durables (minus 13.4 per cent) and capital goods (minus 2.3 per cent). Clearly, the pent-up demand that fueled consumption spending post the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions has ebbed. Nor are there signs of a fresh investment cycle, even as exports — which were doing well till September — have entered negative territory on the back of a global slowdown.

That said, the evidence on growth slowing is more compelling than on inflation moderating. The latter's decline in November had mainly to do with food, which registered a steep dip to 4.67 per cent from 7.01 per cent in October. That, in turn, was courtesy of vegetables and fruits. These recorded inflation of minus 8.08 per cent and 2.62 per cent, basically reflecting a seasonal trend: Winter is when supply of fresh produce, from tomatoes to cole crops and leafy greens, turns plentiful and affordable. Last year, excess rains from September right through January didn't allow that. This time, the damage from La Niña and an extended monsoon hasn't been much. That, together with the timely onset of winter, no major availability issues in fertilisers and nearly 15 per cent increase in rabi sowing area so far, augurs well for food inflation. But in both food and fuel, the uncertainties from weather and war make any predictions foolhardy.

What should the policy response be? The RBI can certainly consider a pause in raising interest rates; one of its monetary policy committee members has said as much. The risks to inflation may not have subsided, but concerns over growth and investment — including from transmission of the cumulative 225 basis points hike in policy interest rates — can no longer be ignored. The government, on its part, would do well to re-emphasise fiscal consolidation: Borrowing less and redirecting government expenditures from consumption to investment. With the next Union budget less than two months away, the action should shift from Mint Street to North Block.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Golden Globe nominations for RRR are the latest stage in evolution of Indian cinema's soft power

THE GOLDEN GLOBE nominations for S S Rajamouli's *RRR* are, in a sense, an acknowledgement of the film's immense popularity and impact across the world. Domestically, like the two-part *Baahubali*, Rajamouli's Raj-era action extravaganza transcended linguistic barriers and became a pan-Indian blockbuster. On the international stage, it now represents a new stage in the evolution of Indian mainstream cinema's soft power. In that sense, *RRR* marks a phenomenon that is both novel and known.

Indian cinema's cultural influence for the first few decades after Independence was outsized compared to its economic and political might. Initially, and for years thereafter, the storied popularity of the socialist era and its ethos in Raj Kapoor's films, particularly in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe made it one of the country's primary cultural exports. That tradition, in spurts and starts, continued until the nature of the Indian economy and — perhaps as a result — Hindi cinema changed. At the beginning of this century, films that appealed to the Punjabi diaspora as much as they did post-liberalisation, upwardly mobile Indians became Bollywood's crossover offering. Around the same time, Tamil-language blockbusters, notably Rajinikanth's films, began finding large audiences in Southeast Asia and Japan, cementing his Superstar status.

RRR's international recognition and popularity, then, expands the horizon for Indian cinema further, and potentially into the bastion that is Hollywood. While its two nominations — for best non-English language film and best original song — aren't necessarily the most popular categories, they nonetheless illustrate that Indian cinema from the likes of Rajamouli has reached a level of technical competence that allows it to appeal to audiences that are used to some of the best action sequences in the world. And, perhaps, as Indian filmmakers get the confidence to work with bigger budgets and more special effects, the dollars from the Western market will provide some incentive to experiment.

Connect the dots

The flare-up at Tawang marks shortcomings of Delhi's diplomacy with Beijing



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THERE HAS BEEN yet another transgression by Chinese troops across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. That it culminated in violence, that it took place this time in the Eastern Sector of their boundary dispute, or that it should take place in the middle of winter should surprise no one. If there is one lesson that can be drawn from India's experiences with Chinese transgressions over the last decade or so, it is that the Chinese seem to set the pace on the nature and timing of these transgressions.

In 2013, at Depsang in Ladakh, Chinese troops came across the LAC, pitched tents and refused to move for several weeks until New Delhi threatened to cancel the planned visit of Premier Li Keqiang to India. This might have been a diplomatic victory for the Indian government but it also highlighted the inability of the Indian military to bring an end to the standoff or the unwillingness of the government to let the military take the lead in responding.

The following year in September, the Chinese intruded at Chumar, also in Ladakh, in the middle of Chinese President Xi Jinping's first state visit to India. This was in keeping with a reasonably long tradition of Chinese transgressions during important visits but it was also notable for confronting Indian troops in an area where they enjoyed a degree of military advantage.

In 2017, China provoked India with infrastructure development in a third country — in Bhutan's Doklam territory. This was a case of China trying to browbeat an Indian treaty ally. Finally, in 2020, the Chinese PLA took advantage of Covid-19 and a lack of Indian military alertness to transgress across multiple locations on the LAC in eastern Ladakh.

Each time, however, and despite the great fount of expertise on China within its four walls, the Indian government has refused to publicly connect the dots between these transgressions and to educate and inform the Indian public about China. Surely, the clashes and casualties of Galwan were only a matter of time given the trajectory of LAC transgressions and clashes over the past decade and more.

There were clues from the diplomatic realm as well. The 2005 Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles between the two countries was a landmark treaty on the boundary dispute, which seemed to set explicit bookends and benchmarks for the eventual resolution of the boundary dispute. But the very next year, then Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi declared that the status of Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh was far from settled, explicitly contradicting the principles outlined in the 2005 treaty.

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Clearly, China has only increased the economic gap between itself and India and in the intervening years, not only built up more infrastructure in its border provinces but also tried to integrate these regions much more closely with neighbouring economies such as Pakistan and Nepal through grand projects such as the Belt and Road Initiative and pressuring Thimphu to open formal diplomatic ties with Beijing.

If it is pointed out that India used the interregnum to build up better infrastructure of its own along the LAC, the question can still be asked about what use such buildup was if China was able to surprise Indian planners with the transgressions of 2020. It could be argued further that the subsequent resolution achieved over several rounds of military-to-military talks between the two sides, which appear to institutionalise a system of "buffer zones" — even if these lie across both sides of the LAC — actually undermine the advantages of India's infrastructure build-up more than they do China's build-up.

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fusal to negotiate withdrawal, the heights captured were vacated as soon as the Chinese agreed to the disengagement at Pangong Tso in February the following year even as other points of friction remained.

It could, therefore, be argued that the Chinese are also setting the pace to a large extent on the resolution of ongoing tensions at the LAC. Also, unsurprising from the political perspective is the fact that the Indian government remains coy about the exact facts of the latest incident.

On the one hand, army sources have claimed to journalists that "injuries on the Chinese side were much higher than on the Indian side" and the BJP's president of its Arunachal Pradesh unit, Tapir Gao, stated that "six Indian soldiers severely injured [and] flown to Guwahati". On the other hand, the official readout states that the "face-off led to minor injuries to few personnel from both sides" while Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's statement in Parliament expressly stated that "no Indian soldier had been killed or had been seriously wounded".

The Defence Minister's references to the army's "great bravery" might be entirely accurate but the gaps and contradictions in the narrative speak to a China policy run on the fly and a desire to keep the public as little informed as possible on a matter of national interest.

Meanwhile, the Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman's refusal to entertain demands from Members of Parliament for clarifications of the Defence Minister on the ground that the issue is "sensitive" might follow precedent but is precisely the kind of approach that allows the general public to ignore the looming China challenge before the country, the Indian military to escape accountability for Galwan, and India from being seen as a credible challenger to China by other countries.

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THE NEW MONEY CHALLENGE

India should leverage its G20 presidency to push for crypto currency regulation

ON MONDAY, FOUNDER of the collapsed crypto exchange FTX, Sam Bankman-Fried, was arrested in the Bahamas. FTX crashed almost overnight after failing to meet a run on deposits, throwing the crypto industry into its latest crisis. Earlier, in October, Singapore-based Chainalysis published the third edition of the Global Crypto Adoption Index, in which India ranked fourth. The Index ranks countries on five sub-indices, each weighted by their purchasing power parity per capita, thus favouring countries where the amount of cryptocurrency trading is more crucial based on the wealth of the average person. India's performance, therefore, is significant in light of its low per capita purchasing power.

The need of the hour is to introduce regulation commensurate with this level of crypto adoption and to protect the markets from such episodes.

Currently in India, the regulations govern three aspects of crypto-related activities. First, in 2021, RBI necessitated banks and regulated entities to carry out due diligence in line with KYC norms, and establish standards on anti-money laundering and combating financing terrorism. Second, Budget 2022-23 introduced a 30 per cent tax on income from the transfer of any virtual digital asset, without allowing for set-off of losses. Third, the Advertising Standards Council of India released guidelines in February that directed that advertisements in the sector should carry a disclaimer stating the risk of loss from such transactions with no regulatory recourse.

However, there is a lack of independent prudential regulations and robust consumer protection for crypto assets. For this, India can

seek guidance from legal frameworks proposed by the Financial Stability Board (FSB), an international standard-setting body established by the G20, and the EU and Singapore.

The FSB released a framework on regulation, supervision and oversight of crypto assets and markets for public consultation in October. It made nine recommendations broadly covering regulations in line with the principle of "same activity, same risk and same regulation", governance and risk management proportionate to risk and complexity, adequate disclosures, and framework for data collection, recording and reporting. FSB also recommended addressing financial instability and systemic risks arising out of spillovers from interconnections between the crypto asset ecosystem and wider financial market.

The EU's major crypto-related legislation titled "Markets in Crypto Assets Regulations (MiCA)" is pending the EU Parliament's approval and is expected to come into effect in 2024. MiCA seeks to govern issuance, intermediation and trading in crypto assets to preserve financial stability, and prevent market abuse while protecting investors. MiCA introduces licences for crypto assets issuers and service providers, calls for disclosures of the environmental impact of crypto assets, ensures traceability of crypto asset transfers, requires maintaining liquidity to meet investors' redemption requests and places liability of loss of assets on service providers.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore in October released a consultation paper on the Proposed Regulatory Measures for Digital Payment Token (DPT) Services dealing with

mitigating associated risks of cryptocurrency trading. The proposal introduces provisions on consumer protection including, disclosing relevant risks; undertaking a risk awareness assessment of consumers; and restricting incentives that can unduly influence the decision of retail consumers. The business conduct provisions address conflicts of interest arising from multiple roles performed by DPT providers and require them to establish grievance redressal processes. The proposal attempts to mitigate technological risks with a requirement to maintain the high availability and recoverability of critical systems.

In India, the RBI Concept note on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) has presented the digital rupee as a replacement for cryptocurrencies. However, Indian crypto firms have criticised this and argued that cryptocurrencies and CBDC can co-exist.

Even if the RBI's proposition is considered valid, CBDCs are still at a pilot stage. Meanwhile, the uptake of cryptocurrency in India remains high. India has called for international cooperation on the regulation of private virtual currencies and hinted at crypto regulation as a "working priority" at the G20. In the backdrop of the country assuming the G20 Presidency and the FSB's proposed framework, a comprehensive crypto regulation framework should be of critical importance to India. It should be at the forefront of voicing the concerns of the Global South, particularly those related to capital flight issues.

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DECEMBER 14, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

MLAs SUSPENDED

SIX CONGRESS (I) legislators in Maharashtra were suspended from the legislature party for having hurled "filthy abuses" at Chief Minister Babasaheb Bhosale, at the first meeting of the legislature party held in the Council Hall on the opening day of the winter session of the two houses in Nagpur.

ZIA ON INDIA

PAKISTAN PRESIDENT ZIA-UL Haq has tacitly admitted that much of the Pakistani forces are concentrated along the Indian border and said that he would "never hesitate" to move them away, "if we can."

AKALIS AND VETERANS

AKALI DAL PRESIDENT Harchand Singh Longowal has called a meeting of retired Sikh army men on December 23 apparently to chalk out the strategy for an intensified struggle. In his letter of invitation, Longowal said that the Congress government had been discriminating against Punjab for over 33 years.

DUTA STRIKE

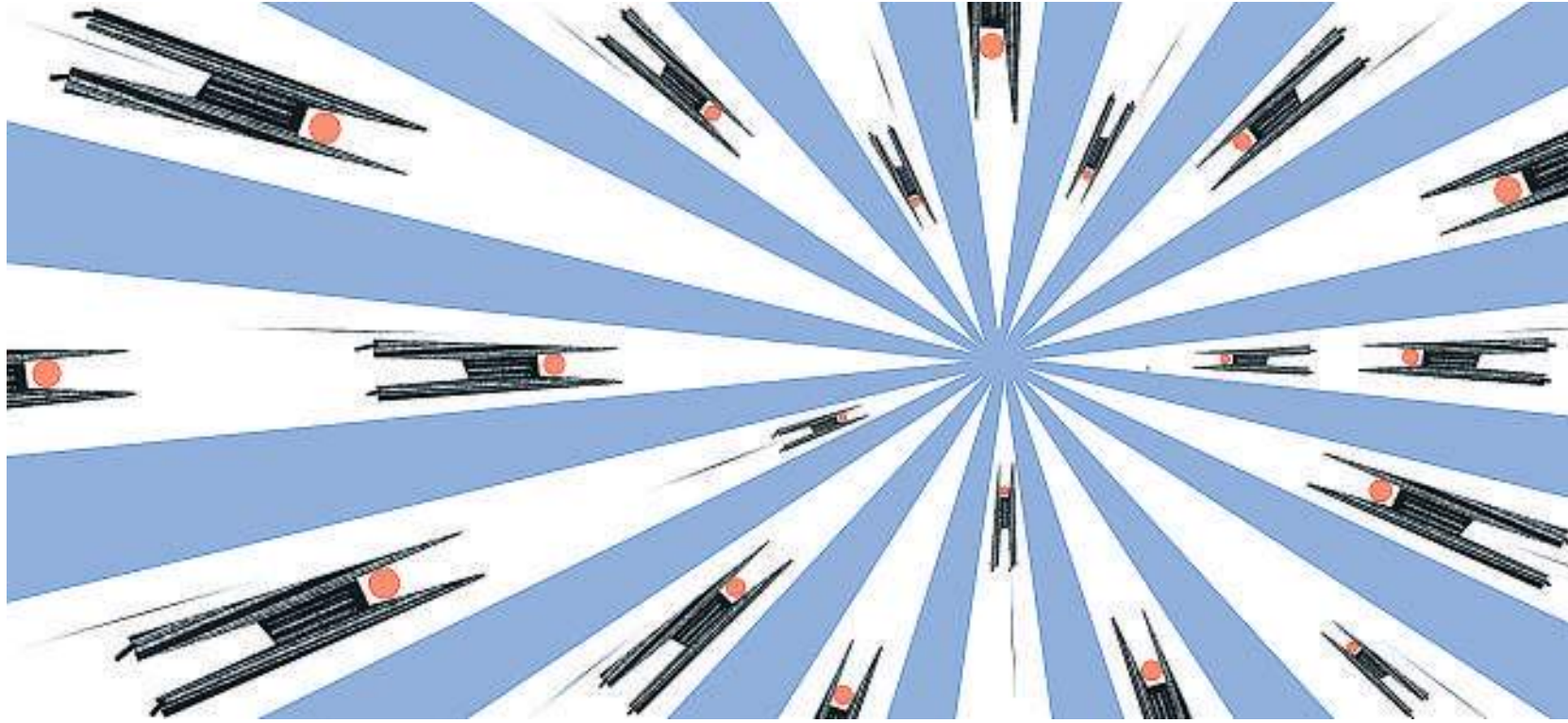
CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, the Delhi University Teachers' Association resolved to continue the 60-day strike. The resolution to continue the strike was adopted unanimously despite an appeal by DUTA president

Arun Bose to call off the strike. Continuation of the strike would delay the annual exams.

ERRORS IN COINS

THE COMMEMORATIVE COINS issued by the government for the ninth Asian Games are full of errors. Syed Ashra Rizvi of Baradari in Ballimaran, who came to this office, pointed out that the folder does not mention anything about Rs 2 coin, which was issued along with Rs 100, Rs 10, 25 paise and 10 paise coins. The year mentioned does not read 1982 but 19—82. On the 25 paise and 10 paise coins, the words "satyameva jayate" are missing under the Ashoka pillars' three lions.

11 THE IDEAS PAGE



C R Sasikumar

An Indic G20 narrative

India has defined its presidency with a dash of philosophical idealism. The challenge is in practising it and convincing others to join



VIVEK KATJU

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's vision of India's presidency of the G20 is suffused with genuine idealism which is best captured in his words, "let us join together" to "make" it one of "healing, harmony and hope". There is no doubt that in this period of the deepest challenges confronting humanity amidst ever-expanding polarisation, the world needs to "come together" to find collective solutions to several critical global issues if not existential crises. It is significant that Modi believes that mindsets, conditioned by past confrontations caused by "scarce resources" and the "clash of ideas, ideologies and identities", can be fundamentally altered. He believes this is possible because humans are not inherently selfish; he points to the "lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental one-ness of us all" as proof.

In respect of India's spiritual traditions of one-ness, Modi mentioned that "one such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and even inanimate things, as composed of the same basic five elements — the panchtatva of earth, water, fire, earth and space". Significantly, while releasing the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency on November 8, Modi had emphasised that the logo "reflected" the "mantra of vasudhaiva kutumbakam". He went much further to state that "the contemplation of Advaita here has been the philosophy of the unity of the living being". He then proceeded to recommend that this philosophy should become a medium to solve today's global conflicts and dilemmas. In the same speech he

also mentioned "Buddha's message of freedom from war and Mahatma Gandhi's solution in resistance to violence". In his intervention at the Bali G20 summit session on Food and Energy Security, Modi said, "I am confident that next year when the G20 meets in the holy land of Buddha and Gandhi, we will all agree to send a strong message of peace to the world". He did not mention, in this remark, that India was also the land of the Advaitvad philosophical tradition and the relevance of this tradition for the contemporary world.

While being a successful practitioner of realpolitik in politics, Modi possesses a spiritual side to his persona. It is the latter which seems to impel him to root India's G20 presidency in the "one-ness" of the human race. There also appears to be a quick evolution in his projection of the idea of human "one-ness" in the context of the G20 presidency. Whereas in his November 8 speech he had focused only on Indian philosophical traditions — indeed he is perhaps the first Prime Minister of India to mention the philosophy of Advaitvad as a solution to the world's ills — in his exposition on December 1, Modi referred to "so many spiritual traditions" human one-ness.

This is appropriate because the idea that humanity is one is not a part of the Indic tradition only. It is also present in sections of Abrahamic thinking. The idea that God belongs to all is captured in the Quran which states that He is "Rab-ul-Alamein". Exclusivity emerges from an insistence that only a single path is the way to salvation. Social divisiveness which in its extreme form is dehumanisation is an inevitable consequence of exclusivity. The ancient Indian exploration of humankind and its relationship with nature and the divine flowed in myriad directions and led to the formation of varied philosophical schools and traditions — Advaitvad, a part of Vedanta, was only one of them. Thus, by using the words "so many spiritual traditions", Modi has signalled that India or the dispensation he leads does not

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claim to possess the only mantra for human welfare in these difficult times. It is vital to hold on to this principle during the G20 presidency. Pushing Indic ideas as the only way out of the present crisis has to be avoided.

Over the past many years, there is a constant reference to the term "vasudhaiva kutumbakam" as part of the Indian diplomatic narrative. Modi too has referred to it at various times including in the context of the G20. It is obviously meant to connote that the world is one, that humanity is one — part of one family. Building on the notion of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, Modi wrote: "As in our own families, those whose needs are the greatest must always be our first concern". This is a noble thought and is part of Modi's justified advocacy of the needs of the Global South. However, even in families, grievances of family members, real or imagined, have to be addressed. And, that is best done by reconciling their interests, which is never an easy task for it is only in ideal families that all members look out for each other.

My grandfather, Kailas Nath Katju, has recorded in his legal memoirs that not once in his over 40 years of legal practice was his advice for out-of-court reconciliation in family disputes heeded by his clients. His suggestion that it was better to put money in a sibling's pocket than in court and his own fees invariably was rejected. Modi has, therefore, undertaken the great task of persuading the advanced members of the global family to genuinely look to the welfare of its less fortunate members because it is in their long-term interest to do so.

The G20 presidency is an opportunity for the country. India will attract considerable attention during the year. With that there will inevitably be greater scrutiny of its social and political harmony and economic conditions. It will be a testing period not only for the ruling dispensation but the political class as a whole.

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Media, old and new

What tech giants owe journalists and news organisations

JOURNALISTS LOVE SOCIAL media. It keeps them informed about what is happening worldwide in real time, with updates coming straight from the horse's mouth. As a result, they can afford to spend less time collecting raw news and devote more time to connecting the dots, piecing the bigger story together, and developing a deeply-researched perspective. Social media, therefore, lowers the cost of news collection and enables journalists to do more value-added work. Social media also allows news publishers to connect instantly with millions of loyal readers and tease them to visit their website or app so they can monetise them via advertising or subscription. It allows them to acquire new readers by connecting with them and learning about their interests. Social media is the best playground that journalists have today.

Journalists hate social media. The playground has become more powerful than the players. The relationship between the reader and social media has become so intimate that journalists are getting intermediated away. More concerning, it is hard for credible journalists to stand apart from misinformants on this playground. Efforts made by social media platforms to surface credible news and curb fake news are rudimentary and often half-hearted because the credibility of information does not determine their business success.

Social media platforms have a significant advantage over news publishers because of their size and superior information about users. Driven by the need to generate the maximum possible returns for investors,

they do not shy away from leveraging this advantage when negotiating commercial agreements.

While news publishers in many countries come together as a consortium to further their collective interests, the rivalry among news publishers prevents them from presenting a united front to bargain for their collective interests. As a result, in individual negotiations with social media platforms, the revenue share, if they ever get any, is trivial compared to the total money made by social media platforms.

Local news publishers, often very small, suffer disproportionately, to the extent that many have gone bankrupt in the last few years. Those who have survived have become mere content-producing vendors. They exist to feed the social media monster, which decides which article will appear in which reader's feed to maximise advertising revenues. Journalistic responsibility to provide citizens with the information they need to make important decisions about their lives, communities, and governments is seldom a consideration.

Social media platforms are relatively new creatures. All of them originated in the last 20 years. And they have become big only in the last 10 years. All these years, concerned citizens and regulators looked at them with benign neglect. Sometimes they even encouraged these platforms when they played a role in disseminating critical information to help in relief efforts during a natural calamity, similar to how society looks at teenage kids. Now that this kid is becoming

an adult with immense power, the attitude towards them is changing.

Recent events have further accentuated this change in perception. Most notably, Twitter, arguably the world's most influential social media platform, is now owned by Elon Musk, the world's richest person. The fact that Twitter now has no public accountability has alarmed everyone about how dangerous this concentration of power can be for society.

New laws are being mooted across the world to rein in social media. These laws aim to curtail the monopolistic power of these technology platforms. They plan to address issues related to market failures arising from information asymmetry and externalities, such as the adverse impact of misinformation on civic integrity. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA), which the US Congress is considering, is a case in point. It would give news publishers the power to collectively bargain with social media companies for better commercial terms.

Since both are private enterprises, one can argue that it is their choice how they engage and negotiate. That is true for the majority of services, but not for critical services. Where there is a market failure, it is not unusual for the government to intervene to represent the collective needs of the citizens. So the crucial question is whether there is a market failure. Supporters of the new law believe there has been a market failure due to information asymmetry and externalities. It is no different from, say, a minimum wage

law which protects the interests of power-lesser and often ill-informed daily wage earners against large corporations.

It is time for the big tech companies to act like mature adults now that they are in their twenties. Great power comes with great responsibility. And particularly when it comes to news and journalism, which is the fourth estate of democracy, the playground must ensure fair and equitable playing conditions.

In response to changing public perception, social media platforms will soon fall into two buckets. Some of them would become more accountable on their own accord. They would proactively work to earn a positive reputation and safeguard their place in society. On the other hand, there would be other social media platforms that would choose to prioritise their narrow commercial interests and, by doing so, would attract more public backlash and regulatory oversight. What happened with the media law in Australia was just a precursor. What is happening in the US with the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) is the harbinger of many such regulations worldwide.

In conclusion, the love-hate tiff between journalism and social media will soon get some legal structure. It will not be a full-fledged marriage of equals, with the parties' rights and responsibilities clearly defined and backed by the full force of the law. However, it will undoubtedly be a cohabitation agreement with the rights of the weaker party spelt out by regulation.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Rishi Sunak should emulate Margaret Thatcher's realism and offer inflation-proof pay awards. Otherwise, the country will hold him responsible for what is likely to be not just a winter but a year of discontent." — THE GUARDIAN

Dark clouds, silver linings

With past and present as guides, I will neither conjure up an image of a shining India leading the world at 100 nor paint a picture of despair



SHUBHA MUDGAL

TO IMAGINE INDIA at 100, I would need to refer to both my past and present as a citizen of our beloved country. I base my observations on my own witnessing and understanding of events, trends and social and political issues. With the past and present as guides, I am unable to conjure up either a glorious image of a shining India leading the world at 100, nor am I able to paint a picture of total gloom and despair. My montage of India at 100 has many black clouds hanging over it as well as a silver lining in the black clouds.

Much as I urge myself to remain optimistic, I find it almost impossible to do so as I choke on the very air I breathe. Across the country, Indians face health emergencies with air pollution at poisonous highs. With each passing year, the air quality index in cities worsens, particularly in winter, and the feeble attempts to address the issue remain largely ineffective. For India at 100, I pray for clean air that will not bring our population a step closer to poor health or worse, death. If current indicators are considered, pollution and environmental emergencies are not vote-garnering issues in Indian democracy, and therefore, I would be justified in imagining that India at 100 will also be choking on poor air quality, or at best, we may get to breathe air that might not cause serious damage but only moderately damage our lungs!

Our minds and hearts too may have been seriously affected by other kinds of pollution. We are a society that is increasingly accepting, normalising and even defending violence, cruelty and injustice. We either vote those accused of heinous crimes into power, claiming that they are innocent until proven guilty, or we resort to vigilantism by attacking suspects and accused yet to be proven guilty. Is this not symptomatic of anarchy and is anarchy what will steer us towards recognition and acceptance as a superpower? I can only hope that India at 100 will stand for a zero-tolerance policy in such matters, and for that to transform into reality, it is the public at large that will have to exercise their franchise wisely. The current reality seems to suggest that we are far from coming anywhere close to this wisdom.

Not surprisingly, I look for and find hope in the arts that I have nurtured me all along. The most beautiful, moving, voices and sounds of music can be heard across the country; on social media posts, on the many glitzy talent shows on television, in concert halls and *baithaks*. Out of the mouths of babes and artistes young enough to be my grandchildren come the most incredible *taans*, *alaaps* and compositions, some singing even as they lisp and learn to talk. Little dancers, barely 10 or 12

years of age, twirl and whirl and display remarkable poise and confidence as they leave audiences awestruck with their firework-like footwork. Instrumentalists too are no less in terms of sheer talent and virtuosity. The music I hear as I travel both physically and virtually rekindles my hopes of India at 100 being a land of incredibly rich diversity and varied artistic expression. And I have a long and varied wish list for the arts in India at 100.

I hope that India at 100 will no longer term the arts "non-essential" for the well-being of the Indian people. I hope for the arts to be integral to the education provided to every child in the country, in a manner that sensitises them and makes them reject violence, injustice and polarisation on grounds of caste, creed and language. I hope that this sensitisation will make people listen to each other with tolerance and compassion, and reduce and ultimately reject high-decibel hateful rhetoric and its unforgivable defence completely.

On a more practical level, I hope that the Government of India in 2047 will support, nourish and fund the arts in a more well-considered and realistic manner in keeping with existing and future rates of inflation. The pitiful amounts usually dispensed as grants by the Ministry of Culture and organisations like the Sangeet Natak Akademi will hopefully have been replaced

by grants and budgets that are realistic, unlike current grants and funds that pay artistes meagre amounts that do not add up even to minimum daily wages. Currently, arts are taxed like any other business, even though equating art with

any goods or services category does not seem justified. At the same time, the state provides grants only for non-profit purposes. Some serious reconsideration of both policies is urgently required and I write in the hope that this urgency may be addressed in the next 25 years.

I also hope that organisations and cultural entities that are supposedly "autonomous" will realise the true meaning of autonomy and act with autonomy and accountability not to the state alone, but to the arts and artistes. Currently their autonomy is open to questioning because they are funded entirely by the government. With such extreme and absolute dependence on the government, can they truly be autonomous?

Much as I rejoice in the amazing richness of our musical systems and genres, I fear that by 2047 many traditional forms of music in India may have become extinct. The deep neglect and sidelining of traditional arts remains a matter of concern for many stakeholders in the field, and it would be a pity if Indians in 2047 were forced to undertake travel to Europe or elsewhere merely to buy a *tanpura* or *pakhawaj*, or for that matter, to hear a concert of *dhruwad* or *thumri*.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UP TO THE TASK?

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Victor's challenge' (IE, December 13). The BJP's landslide victory in Gujarat seems to be a product of Narendra Modi's charisma. The state government must have enough achievements under its belt when it goes seeking people's mandate again, rather than leaning on the central leadership. The implications of this record-breaking victory are going to be multifaceted for Gujarat. Social fault lines need to be bridged and the slogan of "sabka sath, sabka vikas" needs to be implemented on ground.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

BUILD TRUST

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Let the court judge' (IE, December 13). While the author rightly highlights the cardinal role of the judiciary in upholding the Constitution and people's rights, the core idea of accountability in a democracy cannot be overlooked. It is accountability that inspires public confidence in any institution and prevents the arbitrary use of power. Further, one must carefully examine the difference between individual independence and institutional independence. A more transparent and participatory system, as in the UK, will enhance public faith in the judiciary.

Sarthak Sonwalkar, Ujjain

MAKING GST WORK

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The costs of GST' (IE, December 13). The release of GST compensation to states hardly benefited small traders and manufacturers who also bore the brunt of the transition. The philosophy of GST implementation should be based on utilising the uniformity created.

Raja Bandopadhyaya, Vadodara

PEACE AT LAC

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'First time since Galwan, India and China troops clash in Tawang region' (IE, December 13). The skirmish at the LAC is worrisome. This tension is only the tip of the iceberg. Both countries ought to ensure peace and tranquillity in the region especially when the world is saddled with the menace of Russia-Ukraine war.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

TAKE COGNISANCE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'POCSO incongruity' (IE, December 13). The law of the land should catch up with the realities on ground. Lawmakers are expected to be receptive and considerate to the suggestions of stakeholders impacted by a law or policy. Lowering the age of consent for sexual activities should be given due consideration.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barsat

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Withdraw decision on Ghandy's book, awardee urges Maharashtra govt

ALOK DESHPANDE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 13

A DAY after the Maharashtra government cancelled a literary award given to the Marathi translation of Indian communist activist Kobad Ghandy's book 'Fractured Freedom: Prison Memories and Thoughts'...



The Maharashtra government had on Monday cancelled a literary award given to Kobad Ghandy's book

not belong to a political party but to the people. Why was the award cancelled? Was any committee of experts appointed to do that? What is the explanation behind this? Just because you have power, how can you cancel the government's award in this fascist manner?"

The scrutiny committee that was set up by the Maharashtra State Board for Literature and Culture, for the Late Yashwantrao Chavan Literary Awards, was also dissolved by the government for administrative reasons. A government resolution to the effect was issued by the Marathi Language Department of the Maharashtra government on Monday.

SC extends house arrest of Navlakha

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday extended till January second week its interim order placing activist Gautam Navlakha, accused of having links to Maoists, under house arrest.

The top court had on November 18 ordered that Navlakha be placed under house arrest "without fail" within 24 hours and ordered some additional security meas-

ures to be put in place at the building where the activist will be kept under house arrest.

Alleging that Navlakha's medical report issued by the Jaslok hospital was "vitiated", the NIA had said his condition was manageable within the premises of Talaja jail.

On November 15, the SC had cleared the hurdle for the release of Navlakha from Talaja jail by waiving the requirement of a solvency certificate for availing the benefit of house arrest. PTI

Kerala House passes Bill to remove Gov as Chancellor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 13

THE KERALA Assembly on Tuesday passed the Bill to remove the Governor as the ex-officio Chancellor of all the 14 universities in the state.



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and Governor Arif Mohammed Khan. File

The Pinarayi Vijayan-led CPI(M) government introduced the University Laws (Amendments) Bill in the Assembly in the wake of its recurring tussle with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on administration and appointments at the universities in Kerala.

The Bill envisages to appoint a person of high academic repute to the post. The Chancellor would be selected by a committee comprising the Chief Minister, the Opposition leader and the Assembly Speaker. The Chancellor would be appointed by the Cabinet for a five-year term, with a provision that the person can be removed from office through an order in writing on charges of "grave misconduct" or any other "good and suf-

ficient reasons".

Alleging that the Bill would lead to political nominees being appointed as Chancellor, the Opposition demanded that a retired judge of the Supreme Court or a retired Chief Justice of the High Court be appointed as the Chancellor. The Opposition also wanted to include the Chief Justice of the High Court as one of the members in the selection committee, instead of the Speaker.

Both amendments were rejected by the ruling bench. Opposition leader V D Satheesan said as per the Bill, the government would be the "final authority" on deciding the Chancellor. "This would lead to a situation of filling Communists in universities as Chancellors," he said.

State Law Minister P Rajeev, who presented the Bill in the Assembly, pointed out that making the Chief Justice a member of

EXPLAINED Why the Opposition

THE DEMAND of the Kerala Opposition that a retired SC or HC judge be made the Chancellor of universities stems from the apprehension that such appointments in future may be political in nature. While the Bill, according to the CPI(M), aims to prevent RSS' agenda of 'saffronisation' of universities, it should also ensure that the institutions do not turn into Communist centres.

the selection committee would lead to embarrassing situations if someone moves the HC against the selection of the Chancellor.

Another amendment suggested by the Opposition was to appoint one Chancellor for all 14 universities instead of separate ones, as it would cause huge financial liability.

Replying to the amendment, the Law Minister said no decision has been taken on the suggestion. "An amendment is required in the Act of all universities and when it is made, we can decide on the number of Chancellors," he said.

Sanskrit university scraps 'PhD thesis in Sanskrit' condition for teaching posts

SOUBRAJ ROY BARMAN & HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

LALBAHADUR Shastri National Sanskrit University, Delhi, a centrally funded institute, has overturned a previous decision that had made a PhD thesis in Sanskrit medium a mandatory requirement for teaching positions, triggering protests by many doctoral scholars enrolled with the institution.

The decision was approved on August 24 this year at a meeting chaired by new Vice-Chancellor Murlidhar Manohar Pathak, who had replaced Ramesh Kumar Pandey under whom the previous requirement was mandated in 2019 for "all the traditional subjects", including vyakaran, jyotish, advait vedanta, vishista advait, dharmashastra, sahyta and puranithas.

According to the minutes of the August 24 meeting, "The committee, while taking into consideration the guidelines laid by the UGC with respect to eligibility for recruitment for teaching posts, recommended that the previous eligibility criteria (PhD thesis must be in Sanskrit language) will no longer be included among the mandatory requirements."

Subsequently, it advertised positions for nine associate professors and 12 assistant professors on September 30, 2022.

When contacted, Prof Pathak said, "The requirement for a PhD thesis in Sanskrit medium... was an arbitrary decision that made the pool of applicants very limited. Many deserving candidates could not even apply. There are no such mandatory requirements under the UGC guidelines. So, we removed the clause from the eligibility criteria

and thus we have received many applications, which are being screened now."

When the requirement for a PhD thesis in Sanskrit medium was made mandatory, the institute was a deemed university. It was made a central university along with two other Sanskrit teaching institutes — Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan in Delhi, and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in Tirupati.

On October 27, a section of PhD scholars of the institute wrote to the V-C, raising the issue of scrapping the mandatory requirement. "This will be detrimental for students pursuing PhDs in Sanskrit medium in traditional subjects because in most Sanskrit institutions, it is mandatory."

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a scholar said, "The move is anti-Sanskrit and defeats the purpose of the government to establish Central universities for promotion of the language."

Gender reforms will promote homosexuality: IUML leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 13

INDIAN UNION Muslim League (IUML) senior leader and former legislator Abdurahiman Randathani on Tuesday came out against mixed seating in schools and other reforms aimed at gender justice, saying that such reforms would promote masturbation and homosexuality among students.

Addressing an event in Kannur, Randathani said girls had made great strides in higher education. "But such achievements were made not from making girls and boys sit together. It is stated that if girls and boys in their teenage days are given mixed seating, it would lead to great reforms in the education sector. What is being taught is more interesting. It is masturbation and homosexuality. What would be the fate of our culture?" he said.

Later, Randathani justified his remarks, saying he was not against reforms in the education sector, but these should not be reduced to introducing gender-neutral uni-



forms or making boys and girls sit together in schools. "If the school timing is changed, that would affect madrasa education. Students cannot be compelled to wear jeans or trousers under the guise of gender-neutral uniform," he said.

Replying to a submission moved by IUML legislator M Shamsudheen, Kerala Education Minister V Sivankutty had said the government had not taken any decision on introducing gender-neutral uniforms in schools and other reforms, including change in school timings and converting all schools into mixed ones, as suggested by an expert panel. The CPI(M)-led government's U-turn on gender-neutral uniforms comes in the wake of protests from various Muslim outfits, which have said such moves are an attack on Islam.

Hindu outfits seeking action against 2 AMU students protest in Aligarh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 12

MEMBERS OF several Hindu organisations on Tuesday staged a protest in Aligarh demanding action against two Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) students who were booked for allegedly making objectionable comments against a religion and a religious place during a protest on December 6, the day the Babri Masjid was demolished in Ayodhya in 1992. No arrest has been made in the case so far.

The protesters claimed that they withdrew their agitation only after senior police officers assured them of swift action in the case.

On Monday evening, senior police officials had held meetings with members of different organisations in Aligarh, assuring them of strict action in the case. The officials requested the organisations to take back their protest call.

The police claimed that the organisation members had agreed to their request.

On Tuesday morning, heavy police force was deployed outside a degree college and a residential colony from where protesters were to take out their march. However, members of several Hindu organisations reached the two spots in large numbers but the police did not allow them to move ahead.

"Members of some Hindu outfits tried to hold a protest. We assured them to take action into the FIR on the basis of evidences. All protesters then returned," said the Aligarh Circle Officer.

It was alleged that police force was deployed at the residences of members of some organisations following which they could not reach the sites from where the protest was to be taken out.

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Karnataka man kills father, chops body, throws pieces in borewell

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 13

A 21-YEAR-OLD man in Mudhol town in Bagalkot district of Karnataka allegedly killed his father, chopped his body into pieces and threw them into a 100-ft-deep borewell.

The accused, Vittala Kulali, was arrested on Monday after he allegedly confessed to killing his father, Parashurama Kulali (54), in a fit of rage. The son is currently in police custody.

Police suspect the accused chopped the body into more than 20 pieces. They found eight body parts on Tuesday after digging 30 feet into the borewell. "We have got some of the body parts, which are important for DNA confirmation. We have suspended the operations for now; after completing the required tests (for DNA profiling), we will cremate the remains," said Superintendent of Police, Bagalkot, Jayaprakash.

According to the police, Parashurama and Vittala lived in a farmhouse near the town. Parashurama's wife Saraswathi and their eldest son live in Bagalkot town. Saraswathi is the complainant in the case, the police said.

The murder was allegedly committed on December 6 night but it came to light on Monday when some locals grew suspicious over Parashurama's disappearance and intimidated the beat police.

When the police questioned Vittala about his father's whereabouts, the son allegedly broke down and confessed to hitting him with an iron rod. The accused told the police that his father was addicted to alcohol and used to beat him up almost every day. On December 6, Parashurama hit him again and the accused retaliated. He hit his father on the head with the rod and the man died on the spot, the police said. Fearing arrest, Vittala chopped the body into at least 20 pieces and threw them inside the open borewell, said the police.

BORDER DISPUTE WITH KARNATAKA

Maharashtra plans resolution to support Marathi-speaking people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 13

AMID THE ongoing dispute over the Maharashtra-Karnataka border, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will move a resolution in the state legislature proposing to extend support to Marathi speaking people residing on the disputed border area, and for a united Maharashtra.

The proposal will be made during the winter session in Nagpur which will begin on December 19, said an official.

The Maharashtra Winter Session of the Legislature for 2022 will begin at Vidhan Bhawan in Nagpur, a decision to conduct the

Day after Bogtui arson key accused found dead, 3 CBI officers booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 13

A DAY after the prime accused in the Bogtui arson case was found hanging at a temporary office of the CBI in Rampurhat area of Birbhum district, the West Bengal Police on Tuesday booked three officers of the central probe agency based on the complaint lodged by the victim's wife, said police sources.

According to police sources, the West Bengal Crime Investigation Department (CID) will probe the case.

Confirming the development, Birbhum SP Nagendra Nath Tripathi told *The Indian Express*, "A case has been registered against three CBI officials handling the (Bogtui arson) case on the complaint lodged by the victim's wife."

According to CBI sources, Lalan Sheikh, who was arrested earlier this month from a hide-out along the Bengal-Jharkhand border, was found hanging with a thin towel in a washroom at



Bogtui villagers burn tyres and block NH-14 on Tuesday. PTI

the CBI office Monday.

Though CBI officials claimed that Sheikh "died by suicide", Sheikh's wife Reshma Bibi lodged a written complaint at Rampurhat police station, alleging "custodial torture and murder".

Meanwhile, a PIL demanding judicial inquiry into Sheikh's death was filed by advocate Badrul Karim before division bench of Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Prakash Srivastava and Justice Rajarshi Bhardwaj. The plea has been admitted,

Karim said.

On Tuesday, a large number of locals protested outside the CBI office in Rampurhat and some of them even tried to enter the premises but police thwarted their attempt. The protesters also raised slogans against the CBI.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, too, condemned Sheikh's death. "If CBI is so smart how he hanged himself in their custody? We will raise the issue. A case has already been registered based on the complaint

filed by his (victim's) wife," said Banerjee at a press conference in Shillong (Meghalaya).

According to CBI, Sheikh's death is a suicide case and they have informed all authorities, including the NHRC. CBI sources said a judicial inquiry would be carried out in the case as per the norm. "If lapses are found, CBI will take strong action," said a CBI official.

Agency sources said that the CBI was not conducting a departmental probe into the incident as it might be considered as an interference with the judicial inquiry.

Reshma Bibi, however, claimed that as part of their investigation, CBI officials had Monday visited Bogtui village with Lalan. She alleged that CBI officials had beaten him up and demanded a bribe of Rs 50 lakh. "If my husband committed suicide, why there were no clothes on his body?" asked Reshma.

Responding to Reshma's allegations, CBI sources told *The Indian Express*, "Whatever the allegations are, they must stand in the court of law."

PARTY ISSUES NOTICE, ASKS WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED MP Congress leader arrested for remarks against PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, DECEMBER 13

A DAY after an FIR was registered over his recent statement urging supporters to be "ready to kill" Prime Minister Narendra Modi "if we have to save the Constitution", Madhya Pradesh Congress leader Raja Pateria was arrested on Tuesday, even as the state Congress distanced itself from the statement.

The party issued Pateria a showcause notice, seeking an explanation within three days on why he should not be removed from the party.

Pateria, a former state minister, was arrested from his home in Damoh district's Hatta tehsil around 7 am. A magistrate court subsequently rejected his bail application and sent Pateria to 14-day judicial custody.

The FIR, under multiple IPC Sections, including for trespass and intentional insult to provoke breach of peace, was registered on Monday after a video of Pateria's speech, addressing



Raja Pateria
A magisterial court rejected his bail plea and sent him to 14-day judicial custody

Congress workers, emerged on social media. Soon after the arrest, advocate Govind Narayan Singh Bundela moved a bail application in the magistrate's court in Panna's Pawai tehsil, which was dismissed.

Bundela told *The Indian Express*: "After registering the FIR with non-bailable Sections, the police added IPC Sections 115 and 117 (to the), which made it necessary for us to approach the magistrate court." Bundela said they have now moved an application in the sessions court, which will "come

up for hearing on Wednesday".

While BJP leaders slammed the Congress and its leaders after the video emerged — Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the "reality of those doing the drama Bharat Jodo Yatra is coming to the fore" — Pateria claimed that his statement was "misunderstood". He told *The Indian Express*, "I did not mean to literally kill the Prime Minister but to defeat him in elections."

On Tuesday, state Congress president Kamal Nath said, "I strongly condemn such statements. The Congress follows Mahatma Gandhi's ideology. The matter has reached the court and whatever the court decides will be acceptable to all."

Claiming that there is a "difference between the BJP and the Congress", several state Congress leaders said their party issued Pateria a show-cause for the remarks against the Prime Minister, and he was also promptly arrested, but BJP failed to act against party MP Pragna Singh Thakur even after she "spoke against the Father of the Nation".

Rs 25,000 reward on 'missing' UP inspector wanted in rape case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 12

THE SUPERINTENDENT of Police of Sultanpur district has announced a reward of Rs 25,000 for anyone providing information about an inspector wanted for allegedly raping a woman constable — more than a week after the alleged rape victim, a woman station house officer and another unidentified person were booked for allegedly kidnapping him.

Police said they have released a poster with a photograph of the accused inspector, Nishu Tomar. "A search is on for him," said Superintendent of Police, Sultanpur, Somen Barma.

The rape case against the 38-year-old inspector was filed by a woman police constable in July. The accused was previously posted in Shravasti. However, Superintendent of Police (Shravasti) Arvind Kumar Maurya suspended Tomar for not reporting for duty.

Investigating officer of the case and Circle Officer, Sultanpur (City) Raghendra Chaturvedi said, "Posters with Tomar's photograph have been put up at several public places across the city. Anyone with information about the accused can contact the police on the phone numbers mentioned on the poster."

According to the police, on July 22, a woman constable registered an FIR against Tomar in Sultanpur for allegedly raping her several times over a period of time by threatening to circulate an "objectionable" video of hers. "The constable came in contact with Tomar when both of them were posted at the same station around four years ago. After the FIR was registered, police launched a search for him but to no avail. A few days later, the case was transferred to a Mahila Thana," said an officer.

DHAMI CALLS ON PM

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami called on PM Narendra Modi at the Parliament House on Tuesday and urged him about steps being taken by the state to build a "strong Uttarakhand" by 2025. Express



'Only 3.6% women in CAPFs', House panel calls for steps to boost strength

MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

A PARLIAMENTARY committee has expressed its disappointment over the "abysmally low" — 3.68% of total strength — number of women in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), while underlining the need for immediate measures to increase their participation.

The committee observed that in 2016, it was decided by the government to reserve 33% constable-level posts in CRPF and CISF for women, and 14-15% in border guarding forces — BSF, SSB and ITBP. "The committee is disappointed to note that women constitute only 3.68% of the total strength of CAPFs. Despite efforts of the Home ministry to encourage the recruitment of women in the CAPFs and Assam Rifles, the strength of women is abysmally low," stated the reporting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs headed by BJP's Rajya Sabha member Brijlal.

"The committee recommends that MHA should take



Phase-wise recruitment drives for women may be put on fast track, particularly in CISF and CRPF. File

concrete steps to increase the representation of women in CAPFs. Phase-wise recruitment drives for women may be put on fast track, particularly in CISF and CRPF. Steps should be taken to create a conducive environment in the border outposts so that the women are motivated to join security forces," the committee said in its report tabled in the

Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. The committee has also recommended that the Home ministry should strive to identify the factors preventing women from joining the forces and come up with practical solutions to encourage their participation. "One such solution could be posting women (especially in CISF and CRPF) near their hometowns,

which would serve as an incentive for them to join these forces and in turn increase their participation," the report states.

The committee said that at present, 75 days of leave are provided to the personnel who are posted in the field, and there is a proposal to increase that to 100 days. "The committee is of the view that the ministry must speed up the roll-out of this proposal at the earliest for the benefit of jawans," the report said.

The committee has also observed that the CAPFs function under much duress, given the nature of their duty that requires their postings in harsh climatic conditions. So, to ease their mental state and reduce stress, leaves at appropriate intervals are a necessity, so that they can spend time with their families. "The panel noted that the Home ministry is examining or deliberating on increasing the leaves of CAPFs personnel. The proposal should be considered positively and finalised at the earliest, as it will boost the morale of the CAPFs. Proposals for additional posts may also be positively considered for enabling the decision," the report said.

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2.	KAWAI SEMRI A/C No.- (7365NC00000022)	Smt. Sunaina Devi W/O Sri Arjun Kumar Akela S/O Sri Sudarshan Kumar Rai	Mauza-Semari ,Thana-Dawth ,Thana No.-381.Halka No.-7, Khata No.-111, Plot No.- 3651, Area- 03 Decimal, Dist-Rohtas.With sale deed No-549 dated- 27-01-2014 in the name of Smt. Sunaina Devi W/O Sri Arjun Kumar Akela. BOUNDARY: North: Ramchandra Chaudhary, South: Rasta Then Karha, East: Munna Sharma and others, West: Shiva Nand Chaudhary	(A) 07-05-2019 (B) 18-10-2019 (C)Rs.-12,37,275/-	(A) Rs.-23,83,453/- (B) Rs.- 2,38,345/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
3.	BABHNAUL A/C No.-75058700000017 & 7505AM00000001	M/s. Vijay Cloth & Ready-made Store, Sri Vijay Prasad Gupta S/O Late Rajbansh Sah & Nijamuddin Anshari S/O Abbas Miya	Mauja- Parariya, Thana- parariya, Thana No.- 385,Khata No.-124, (i)Plot No.-95, Area-02 Decimal(ii) Plot No.-94, Area-01 Decimal,(iii) Plot No.-103, Area- 07 Decimal,Total Area -10 Decimal ,Dist- Rohtas, Mortgage Deed no-8239 Dated-21.11.2015 Executed by Vijay Prasad Gupta. BOUNDARY: North- Vishwanath Sah, South- Rasta after Deomuni Sah, East- Rasta after Sanjay Singh, West- Rasta after Kashi Sah	(A) 31-01-2019 (B) 29-07-2019 (C)Rs.-11,22,220/-	(A) Rs.-33,26,846/- (B) Rs.- 3,32,684/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
4.	NOKHA A/C No.-738987000000205	M/S JAGDAMBA TRADERS Prop-Sri Shambhu Prasad S/O Late Dhanraj Sah & Sri Shyam Ji Kumar S/O Shambhu Prasad, Sri Abhishek Kumar S/O Shambhu Prasad	Mauja- Nokha, Thana- Nokha, Thana No.441,Khata No.-1658, Plot No.-2642, Area- 3 1/2 Decimal, Dist- Rohtas, Partition deed no-11134 Dated-29.07.2004 Executed by Shambhu Prasad S/O Late Dhanraj Sah BOUNDARY: North- Pharkhi (Co-Share) South- Trenche East-Nala West-Shambhu Prasad	(A) 16-04-2019 (B) 30-11-2019 (C) Rs.-19,07,420/-	(A) Rs.-35,57,485/- (B) Rs.- 3,55,748/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
5.	BALIA A/C No.-733287000000075	M/S Ashok Bhandar Prop- Sri Lakshman Prasad Sah S/O Late Sri Jamuna Sah & Smt Ram Kumari Devi W/O Sri Lakshman Prasad Sah, Sri Anil Kumar S/O Late Fagu Sah	Mauza- Tenuaj, Thana-Natwar, Thana No-296, C.S. Khata No-15, R.S. Khata No-114, C.S. Plot No.-64, R.S. Plot No.-184, Area 04 decimal, Sale Deed No.- 5127 Dated-27.06.2000 Executed by Smt Ram Kumari Devi W/O Sri Lakshman Prasad Sah. BOUNDARY: North- Rasta. South- Compound Bazar Sambuti, East-Rambabu Sah, West-Urmila Devi	(A) 17-12-2018 (B) 06-03-2019 (C) Rs.-20,57,821/-	(A) Rs.-18,56,079/- (B) Rs.- 1,85,607 /- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
6.	SANJHAULI A/C No.-738987000000448	M/S Satya Narayan Ji Flour & Oil Mill Prop-Sri Satya Narayan Singh S/O Bali Ram Singh & Sri Bali Ram Singh S/O Late Raghunandan Singh	Mauja- Soni, Thana- Bikaramganj, Thana No.556, Khata No.-21, Plot No.- Chak122,Survey:185, Area- 6.25 Decimal, Dist- Rohtas, Mortgage Deed no-1218 Dated-03.02.2012 Executed by Bali Ram Singh S/O Raghu Nandan Singh. BOUNDARY: North- Hirajal Singh, South-Ahar, East-Rasta, West-Nij	(A) 11-08-2017 (B) 20-11-2017 (C) Rs.-3,44,400/-	(A) Rs.-5,62,500/- (B) Rs.- 56,250/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
7.	SANJHAULI A/C No.-738987000000260	M/S Kuber Ji bhandar Prop- Sri Saroj Kumar Gupta S/O -Late Harihar Sah & Sri Raghunath Prasad S/O Late Harihar Sah, Sri Sheoram Prasad S/O Late Harihar Sah, Smt Budhani Devi Alias Budhani Kunwar W/O Late Harihar Sah	Mauza-Bairi ,Thana- Bikramganj, Thana No.-262, Khata No.-28, Plot No- 497, Area- 21 decimal, Dist- Rohtas,With sale deed No-5554 Dated 10.06.2006 in the name of Smt Budhani Devi Alias Budhani Kunwar W/O Late Harihar Sah. BOUNDARY: North : Shiv Ram Prasad, South: Ramsubtag Singh, East: Sukhari Dhobi, West: Ram Bachan Singh	(A) 30-04-2019 (B) 24-07-2019 (C) Rs.-24,19,075/-	(A) Rs.-13,07,500/- (B) Rs.- 1,30,750/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
8.	SANJHAULI A/C No.- 738987000000385	M/S Laxmi Ji Mini Rice Mill Prop- Sri Ashok Sah S/O -Sri Nagina Sah, Sri Muni Sah S/O -Sri Nagina Sah, Sri Nagina Sah S/O Late Sigagan Sah, Sri Akam Sah S/O Late Sigagan Sah, Sri sanjay Sah S/O Late vashishth Sah	Mortgagor Name - Sri Nagina Sah, S/O Late Sigagan Sah, Sri Akam Sah, S/O Late Sigagan Sah, Sri Ashok Sah, S/O Sri Nagina Sah, Sri Muni Sah, S/O Sri Nagina Sah Mauja- Motihari, Thana- Sanjhauli, Thana No.- 275, Khata No.-75, Plot No.-642, Area-20 Decimal, Mauja- Motihari, Thana- Sanjhauli, Thana No.-275, Khata No.-41, Plot No.2383, Area: 37 Decimal, sale Deed no-1876 Dated-28.03.1990 in the name of Sri Tajbali Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Hari Vansh Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Devendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Mahendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Rajendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, BOUNDARY: North- Plot No 2383 Vishwanath Tiwari South- Siwan Parsathua, East- Plot No 2383 Vishwanath Tiwari, West- Road	(A) 18-04-2019 (B) 20-08-2019 (C) Rs.-15,69,801/-	(A) Rs.-29,39,700/- (B) Rs.- 2,93,970/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
9.	KOATH A/C No.- 73898700001068	M/s. Rahul Mini Rice Mill. Sri Prem Ranjan Chaudhary S/O Late Radha Mohan Chaudhary & Sri Ranji Chaudhary S/O Late Hiramam chaudhary, Sri Ramesh Kumar Chaudhary S/O Late Rajnand Chaudhary	Mauja-Koath,VIII- Delia ,Thana-Dawath,Thana No- 416,Khata No.-1634, Plot No.-5183, Area- 27.25 Decimal, Mortgage Deed no-7735 Dated-05-11-2001 Executed by Prem Ranjan Chaudhary, BOUNDARY: North- Buchul Chaudhary North- Dharam Prasad Chaudhary, East- Dharam Prasad Chaudhary, West-Bhajan Singh	(A) 05-06-2017 (B) 01-11-2017 (C) Rs.- 6,29,723/-	(A) Rs.-5,99,500/- (B) Rs.- 59,950/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
10.	PARSATHUA A/C No-73848700000113	M/S Hanuman Industries Prop-Sri Tejbal Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh & Sri Pendra Kumar Singh S/O Sri Hari Vansh Singh, Sri Devendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Mahendra Singh S/O Sri Hari Vansh Singh, Sri Ashok Kumar Singh S/O Sri Hari Vansh Singh, Nand Kumar Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Virendra Kumar Singh S/O Sri Hari Vansh Singh, Sri Dev Kumar Singh S/O Sri Rajendra Singh	Mauza- Salathuan, Thana: Kudara, Thana No: 390, Khata No:41, Plot No:2383, Area: 37 Decimal, sale Deed no-1876 Dated-28.03.1990 in the name of Sri Tajbali Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Hari Vansh Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Devendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Mahendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, Sri Rajendra Singh S/O Sri Ram Lakhn Singh, BOUNDARY: North- Plot No 2383 Vishwanath Tiwari South- Siwan Parsathua, East- Plot No 2383 Vishwanath Tiwari, West- Road	(A) 31-05-2022 (B) 20-08-2022 (C) Rs.-17,96,087/-	(A) Rs.-57,05,263/- (B) Rs.- 5,70,526 /- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-
11.	KHARARI A/C No-73688700000017 7366AK00000028	M/S Mahabir Jee Mini Rice Mill- Prop-Smt Bina Singh W/O Sri Atul Kumar Singh, Smt Janki Devi W/O Sri Gopal Prasad Singh, Sri Atul Kumar Singh S/O- Sri Gopal Prasad Singh	Mauza-Sonbarsa, Thana: Kargahar, Thana No: 203, Khata No: (29,33)11, Plot No:53, Area: 2.41 Acre, Mortgage Deed no-266 Dated-09.01.2014 Executed by Smt Janki Devi W/O Sri Gopal Prasad Singh, Sri Atul Kumar Singh S/O- Sri Gopal Prasad Singh, BOUNDARY: North- Suresh Pd. Singh , South- Chahwar, East- Chandra Deo Singh , West- Gopal Prasad Singh	(A) 04-12-2021 (B) 28-06-2021 (C) Rs.-18,05,614/-	(A) Rs.-1,26,86,300/- (B) Rs.- 12,68,630/- (C) Rs.- 10,000/-

Date of Auction: 24-01-2023, Place - Regional Office Sasaram Opposite Sales Tax Office, G. T. Road, Sasaram-821115

1. For participation in the Auction, each intending bidder has to make a refundable deposit (EMD) by way of Pay Order/ Demand Draft, Payable at Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank Sasaram, Branch. The said EMD will have to be deposited with the Authorized Officer within the Banking hours by 23-01-2023. The said deposit shall be adjusted in case of successful bidders. 2. The authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid/offer or adjure/postpone /cancel the auction sale without assigning any reason therefor. 3. The offer is valid only if the bidder has to pay a deposit of 25% of the Bid Amount (inclusive of EMD) of the Sale Price immediately on the same day to the Authorized Officer, failing which the Earnest Money Deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be sold as a going. 4. The successful Bidder shall pay the remaining 75% of the bid amount on or before the 15th day of confirmation of Auction Sale by means of Pay Order/ DD favoring Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank Payable at sasaram Branch. 6. In default of payment of balance amount 75% of bid amount within the stipulated period i.e., 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. The deposit amount (25% of bid amount inclusive of EMD) shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. 7. On confirmation of sale by the bank and if the terms of payment have been complied with, the authorized officer exercising the power of sale shall issue a sale certificate for immovable property/ certificate of sale for moveable property, as the case may be, in favour of the purchaser in the specified format of the bank as per the rules under Securitization Act 2002. 8. The property is being sold "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS" basis and subjects to the condition prescribed in the Securitization Act 2002. 9. The interested parties / Bidders may inspect the property put up for the Auction Sale during the working hours of the bank for which they may contact our Branch Manager/Regional Officer with a written request accompanied by the copy of acknowledgement of EMD as aforesaid. 10. The successful Bidder shall bear exclusively all the charges payable for physical possession, Registration Fee, Stamp Duty, Taxes, Statutory dues etc, as applicable. 11. The sale/ auction is subject to confirmation by the bank. 12. The authorized officer will not be held responsible for any charge, Lien, Encumbrances, Property tax or any other dues to the government or anybody in respect of the property proposed to be auction. 13. This is also a notice to the borrower/ Guarantor of the aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full.

Date : 14.12.2022
Place : SASARAM
Authorised Officer
Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank

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South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa

SOUTH AFRICA

House votes no to Ramaphosa impeachment

SOUTH AFRICA'S parliament voted against starting impeachment proceedings against President Cyril Ramaphosa over a report that says he held undeclared foreign currency at his farm in 2020. The ruling African National Congress party, which holds a majority in the parliament, largely stood with Ramaphosa, preventing the motion from getting the two-thirds vote needed to proceed with impeachment. The crucial vote came after a damning parliamentary report alleged that Ramaphosa illegally hid at least \$580,000 in cash in a sofa at his Phala Phala game ranch. AP

CONGO

At least 100 killed in floods in Kinshasa

AT LEAST 100 people have been killed and dozens injured on Tuesday by widespread floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in Congo's capital, Kinshasa. PM Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde said officials were searching for more bodies. "We came to assess the damage and the primary damage we see is human," Lukonde said. In the Ngaliema, more than three dozen people died and bodies are still being counted, said the mayor, Alid'or Tshibanda. In another part of town, five from one family were killed, some by electrocution. "It is a just calamity," said Pierrot Mantuela, who lost his mother, his daughter, apart from his three brothers. AP

UNITED KINGDOM

Rail workers walk off to start month of strikes

RAILROAD WORKERS across England walked off the job Tuesday, disrupting trains throughout the UK and starting what is expected to be a month of strikes by public service workers demanding higher pay as soaring inflation erodes living standards. The Rail, Maritime and Transport union has called two 48-hour strikes this week, canceling most services on Tuesday and Wednesday then again on Friday and Saturday. Nurses, border guards and ambulance drivers are among the others set to strike. AP



BOLSONARO SUPPORTERS CLASH WITH POLICE

A police officer fires a shotgun at supporters of former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro after they attempted to invade the federal police headquarters in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia on Monday, on the day the president's electoral defeat was certified. The violence unfolded after a supporter of the former President was detained for allegedly organising violent 'anti-democratic acts', according to the judge who ordered the action. Reuters

US scientists announce fusion energy milestone raising clean power hopes

TIMOTHY GARDNER
WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 13

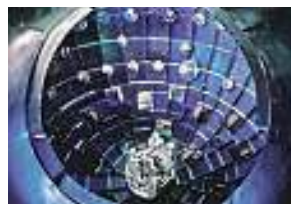
US SCIENTISTS on Tuesday revealed a breakthrough on fusion energy that could help curb climate change if companies can scale up the technology to a commercial level in coming decades.

Scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab in California on December 5 for the first time briefly achieved a net energy gain in a fusion experiment using lasers, the US Energy Department said. The scientists focused a laser on a target of fuel to fuse two light atoms into a denser one, releasing the energy. Kimberly Budil, the director

of Lawrence Livermore, told reporters at an Energy Department event that science and technology hurdles mean commercialisation is probably not five or six decades away, but sooner. "With concerted effort and investment, a few decades of research on the underlying technologies could put us in a position to build a power plant," Budil said.

The experiment briefly achieved what's known as fusion ignition by generating 3.15 megajoules of energy output after the laser delivered 2.05 megajoules to the target, the Energy Department said.

Tony Roulstone, a nuclear energy expert at the University of Cambridge, estimated that the



At the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in US

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energy output of the experiment was only 0.5% of the energy that was needed to fire the lasers in the first place.

"Therefore, we can say that

this result ... is a success of the science - but still a long way from providing useful, abundant, clean energy," Roulstone said.

In order to become commercial, a power plant would have to produce enough energy to power the lasers and to achieve ignition continuously.

The electricity industry cautiously welcomed the step, though emphasized that in order to carry out the energy transition, fusion should not slow down on building out other alternatives like solar and wind power, and fission.

"It's the first step that says 'Yes, this is not just fantasy, this can be done, in theory,'" said Andrew Sowder, a senior executive at EPRI. REUTERS

China readying \$143 billion plan for chip firms to offset US curbs

JULIE ZHU
HONG KONG, DECEMBER 13

CHINA IS working on a more than 1 trillion yuan (\$143 billion) support package for its semiconductor industry, three sources said, in a major step towards self-sufficiency in chips and to counter US moves aimed at slowing its technological advances.

Beijing plans to roll out what will be one of its biggest fiscal incentive packages over five years, mainly as subsidies and tax credits to bolster semiconductor production and research activities at home, said the sources.

It signals, as analysts have expected, a more direct approach by China in shaping the future of an industry, which has become a geopolitical hot button due to soaring demand for chips and which Beijing regards as a cornerstone of its technological might.

The plan could be implemented as soon as the first quarter of next year, said two of the sources who declined to be named as they were not authorised to speak to media.

The majority of the financial assistance would be used to subsidise the purchases of domestic semiconductor equipment by Chinese firms, mainly semiconductor fabrication plants, or fabs,

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Counter strategy

BEIJING'S PLAN is aimed at reversing losses since the US imposed stringent curbs targeting China's chip-making industry. Achieving self-reliance in technology featured prominently in President Xi Jinping's report at the CPC in October where his call for China to "win the battle" in core technologies signalled an overhaul in Beijing's approach.

they said. Such companies would be entitled to a 20% subsidy on the cost of purchases, the three sources said.

The fiscal support plan comes after the US Commerce Department passed in October sweeping regulations which could bar research labs and commercial data centres' access to advanced AI chips.

The US has also been lobbying some of its partners, including Japan and the Netherlands, to tighten exports to China of equipment used to make semiconductors. REUTERS

Hotel attack: China urges its citizens to leave Afghanistan

Islamabad: China on Tuesday advised its citizens in Afghanistan to leave the country "as soon as possible", following an attack by Islamic State militants on a Chinese-owned hotel in Kabul. The Chinese advisory appeared to be a setback for Afghanistan's Taliban rulers who seek foreign investments in hopes of halting the downward spiral of the Afghan economy since their takeover of the country more than a year ago.

The militant Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack Monday afternoon on Kabul Langan Hotel, which left three assailants dead and at least two hotel guests injured as they tried to escape by jumping out of a window. On Tuesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin called the attack "egregious in nature" and said China was "deeply shocked".

Beijing demanded a "thorough investigation" and urged the Taliban "to take strong measures to ensure safety of Chinese citizens and projects. AP

European Parliament removes Greece's Kaili from senior post over Qatar lobbying charges

ANDREAS BUERGER & CHARLOTTE CAMPENHOUT
STRASBOURG, DECEMBER 13

THE EUROPEAN Parliament stripped Greek lawmaker Eva Kaili of her senior assembly post on Tuesday over allegations that World Cup host Qatar had bribed her to influence decision-making, charges she has denied.

Kaili, one of 14 vice presidents in the parliament, was among four people arrested and charged in Belgium over the scandal that has triggered outrage in Brussels and risks damaging the



Greek lawmaker Eva Kaili during a meeting with Qatar minister Ali bin Samikh Al Marri in Qatar in October. Reuters

European Union's image.

The case, in which police discovered stacks of cash, casts a shadow over the European

Parliament which seeks to be a moral compass, criticising global rights abuses and taking EU governments to task over any hint of

'Not the best structure': Twitter scraps advisory panel dealing with hate speech

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DECEMBER 13

ELON MUSK'S Twitter has dissolved its Trust and Safety Council, the advisory group of around 100 independent civil, human rights and other organisations that the company formed in 2016 to address hate speech, child exploitation, suicide and other problems on the platform. The council had been sched-



Twitter owner Elon Musk

uled to meet with Twitter representatives Monday night. But Twitter informed the group via email it was disbanding it shortly before the meeting was to begin, according to multiple members. The email said Twitter was

"reevaluating how best to bring external insights" and the council is "not the best structure to do this."

The volunteer group provided expertise and guidance on how Twitter could better combat hate and other harms but didn't review specific content disputes.

Shortly after buying Twitter for \$44 billion in late October, Musk said he would form a new "content moderation council" to help make major decisions but later changed his mind.

In bid to retain power, Deuba to bring ordinance for release of political leaders

SHRISH B PRADHAN
KATHMANDU, DECEMBER 13

Nepal PM Sher Bahadur Deuba is planning to introduce a controversial ordinance, which seeks the release of political prisoners like Nagarik Unmukti Party (NUP) advisor Resham Chaudhary, in a desperate bid to cling onto power.

Deuba's Nepali Congress-led five-party coalition, which is two seats away from a simple majority after securing 136 seats in the 275-member House of Representatives, decided to introduce this controversial ordinance to release Chaudhary and secure NUP's support, which has won three seats in the general election.

Chaudhary is serving a life sentence for the past five years for masterminding the 2015 Tikapur massacre, in which nine people were killed.

Following the Cabinet's endorsement to include Sub-Clause 9 in the Clause 116 of the Civil Criminal Procedures Code 2074 BS, the ordinance now awaits Nepal President Bidya Bhandari's approval.

Meanwhile, 13 former police chiefs have issued a joint statement, urging the government to withdraw the ordinance. PTI

EU'S \$19-BN LOAN TO KYIV NEARS NOD

World pledges USD 1 bn in urgent aid to Ukraine

Zelenskyy, Macron address gathering of leaders in Paris

CATHERINE PORTER & LIZ ALDERMAN
PARIS, DECEMBER 13

WORLD LEADERS agreed to deliver 1 billion euros in fresh financial aid for Ukraine Tuesday to rapidly repair energy grids, water systems, roads and health centers decimated by relentless Russian strikes, the latest attempt to buoy Ukraine through what is already a brutal and dark winter.

"It's tangible proof Ukraine is not alone," President Emmanuel Macron of France said Tuesday at the opening of a one-day summit in Paris. He was flanked by Denys Shmyhal, Ukraine's PM, and Olena Zelenska, Ukraine's first lady. Leaders and diplomats from about 50 countries also attended.

"The fight you are waging is a fight for your freedom, your sovereignty," Macron said. "But it is also a fight for international order and for stability of all of us."

The Paris conference was the latest in a series of international meetings focused on the current and future reconstruction of Ukraine. On Monday, leaders from the Group of 7 wealthy democracies met virtually to agree a new system of funneling funds to Kyiv, and the European Union's foreign ministers met in Brussels, pledging another €2 billion for military support. Weeks before, the United States pledged \$53 million to rebuild Ukraine's electricity grid at a NATO meeting in Bucharest.

What makes Tuesday's conference and announcements different, organizers said, was the timeline. The money raised will be delivered between now and the end of March to meet Ukraine's

short-term needs. One criticism of previous aid pledges has been the length of time for delivery.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, speaking via video feed, said reversing the extensive damage to his country's energy infrastructure would cost about \$840 million. And as he repeated calls for allies to provide more weapons and aid, he tried to appeal to their own domestic concerns. "If you help us," Zelenskyy said, "that can stop a huge wave of new refugees coming into your countries."

Macron committed €76.5 million from France, in addition to €48.5 million already pledged. He also announced a "Paris mechanism" — a platform designed to ensure that donors coordinate urgent deliveries and match them to urgent Ukrainian needs. Hubs of warehouses in Poland and several other countries will collect international donations that can be swiftly shuttled into Ukraine. NYT



Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska, and PM Denys Shmyhal with French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris. Reuters

Amid setbacks, Putin skips yearly press conference

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin will not be holding his annual year-end marathon news conference this month, a break in the long-held tradition that observers have attributed to Kremlin's uneasiness about a string of battlefield setbacks.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday that Putin wouldn't hold the news conference for the first time in 10 years. He didn't give details.

The annual news conference was used by the Kremlin to polish Putin's image. Political analyst Abbas Gallyamov said in a video commentary that Putin cancelled the conference because "he has nothing to say from the point of view of strategy." AP

ENLISTMENT OF BAND MEMBERS PROMPTED A FIERCE DEBATE IN SOUTH KOREA

K-pop star Jin begins military duty at boot camp as fans bid goodbye

HYUNG-JIN KIM & JUWON PARK
YEONCHEON, DECEMBER 13

JIN, THE oldest member of K-pop supergroup BTS, began his 18 months of mandatory military service at a front-line South Korean boot camp Tuesday as fans gathered near the base to say goodbye to their star.

Six other younger BTS members are to join the military in coming years one after another, meaning that the world's biggest boy band must take a hiatus, likely for a few years. Their enlistments have prompted a fierce do-

mestic debate over whether it's time to revise the country's conscription system to expand exemptions to include prominent entertainers like BTS, or not to provide such benefits to anyone.

Jin, who turned 30 earlier this month, entered the boot camp at Yeoncheon, a town near the tense border with North Korea, for five weeks of basic military training together with other new conscript soldiers, the Defence Ministry said.

After the training involving rifle shooting, grenade throwing and marching practices, he and other conscripts would be assigned to army units across the



Jin shows off his military cut on social media; (left) a fan waits for the pop star to arrive at an army training center in Yeoncheon, South Korea, on Tuesday. AP

country. About 20-30 fans — some holding Jin's photos — and dozens of journalists gathered near the camp. The BTS official Twitter account later posted photos showing Jin with other members, likely at the camp, with a message saying: "Our bro!! Have a safe service!! Love you."

"Actually it's complicated. I wanna be sad, I wanna be happy for him," said Angelina from Indonesia. "Mixed feelings. He has to serve (for) his country." Angelina, like many Indonesians, uses only one name.

Jin — whose real name is Kim Seok-jin — wrote on the online fan

platform Weverse earlier Tuesday that "It's time for a curtain call." He posted a photo of himself Sunday with a military buzz cut and a message saying, "Ha ha ha. It's cuter than I had expected."

By law, all able-bodied South Korean men must serve in the military for 18-21 months under a conscription system established to deal with threats from North Korea.

But the law exempts athletes, classical and traditional musicians, and ballet and other dancers if they have won top prizes in certain competitions. K-pop stars aren't given such benefits even if they gain worldwide fame. AP



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The new LAC crisis: Where, why, and what now

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
CHENNAI, DECEMBER 13

HOURS AFTER Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told Parliament that "PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in Yangtse area of Tawang Sector and unilaterally change the status quo", the PLA claimed that the clash in the early hours of December 9 took place after Chinese troops on regular patrol on their side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the "Dongzhang" area were blocked by Indian soldiers who had "illegally crossed the line".

A PTI report from Beijing quoted Senior Colonel Long Shaohua, spokesman of the PLA's Western Theatre Command, as saying, "Our troops' response is professional, firm and standard, which has helped to stabilise the situation... We ask the Indian side to strictly control and restrain the frontline forces and work with the Chinese side to maintain peace and tranquility."

The PTI report also quoted Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin as saying that "the current border situation between China and India is generally stable".

The clash in Tawang took place two and a half years after the deadly encounter be-

tween the two sides in the Galwan Valley in Ladakh in June 2020.

Tawang: Site of clash

Soldiers of the two sides clashed in an area called Yangtse, in the upper reaches of Tawang sector in Arunachal Pradesh. Tawang, indeed nearly all of Arunachal, is claimed by China. It is one of the more serious dispute points between India and China in the overall border question.

Tawang is the birthplace of the sixth Dalai Lama and an important pilgrimage centre for Tibetan Buddhists. The 14th Dalai Lama took refuge in Tawang after he crossed over from Tibet to India in 1959, spending some days in the monastery there before proceeding further.

Within Tawang, there are three "agreed areas" of differing Indian and Chinese perceptions of the LAC. Yangtse, which is about 25 km from Tawang town, north of the Lungroo grazing ground, is one of these areas. As a result, it has been the site of regular "physical contact" between the Indian Army and the PLA, especially as the high ground is on the Indian side, giving it a commanding view of the Chinese side.

Last October, patrol parties of the PLA



and the Indian Army in the area came face to face in Yangtse, leading to a scuffle. No one was hurt. A similar incident was reported in 2016.

The December 9 incident is the most serious encounter between the two sides in recent years in this sector, and the first one resulting in injuries since the Galwan clash, in which 20 soldiers on the Indian side and an unspecified number of Chinese troops lost their lives.

Context of new crisis

Identical statements to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on the incident at Yangtse, Defence Minister Singh said the Indian troops had confronted the PLA, and a "physical scuffle" ensued, which had prevented the Chinese from transgressing into Indian territory and compelled them to return to their posts. It caused injuries on both sides, but no fatalities, he said.

According to Brigadier Rahul Bhonsle (ret'd), who runs the online security analyses site Security Risks Asia, the PLA's motivation for creating a new crisis along the disputed border, this time in the east, "appears to be to extend the points of confrontation and keep the issue of India China border alive at a time when the world is engaged in overcoming multiple crisis emanating from the War in Ukraine".

After the PLA incursions into eastern Ladakh in April-May 2020, the two sides held 16 rounds of talks for disengagement at the so-called "friction points" — in other words, the areas where the incursions had taken place, and Indian patrolling parties were being prevented from accessing places that they had patrolled earlier.

The disengagement has led to the with-

drawal of both sides from eyeballing each other at such places, including Galwan, Pangong Lake, Gogra and Hot Springs, and the creation of "buffer areas" at these places. While this has reduced the chances of hair-trigger situations, the status quo that existed before the incursions has not been restored.

The de-escalation of tensions envisaged under this plan has proved elusive. Infrastructure development on the Chinese side has continued apace, including the building of roads and even two bridges over Pangong Tso, giving the PLA easier access to the southern bank of the lake.

The Indian side has tried to keep pace with frenetic roadworks and other construction on its side. As yet, there is no indication that the Chinese want to talk about resolving the Depsang and Demchok "friction points".

Over the last two years, the deployment of troops in the forward areas of the LAC at Ladakh has become a permanent feature. The Chinese activation in the eastern sector is to be viewed against this backdrop of military tensions, and serves to divide the attention of India's security planners as it deals with new situations.

More reason for mistrust

Singh told Parliament that the Yangtse situation had been defused — the two sides had disengaged, and the local commanders had held a flag meeting. "The Chinese side was asked to refrain from such actions and maintain peace and tranquility along the border. The issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels," he said.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang said both sides were maintaining open communication on border-related issues through diplomatic and military channels.

However, the incident is certain to add a fresh layer of mistrust in India's perception of China's intentions. The Yangtse incident came days after China said that the joint India-US military exercise Operation Yudhabyas had violated the terms of the 1993 and 1996 border agreements.

New Delhi believes that the Chinese actions in Ladakh were tantamount to the tearing of painstakingly negotiated border agreements. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that India-China relations cannot be normalised without peace and tranquility on the border.

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

Why Peruvians want their week-old President gone



Protesters throw stones at the police in Lima, Peru, on Monday. AP

FACING MASSIVE protests calling for her removal, Peruvian President Dina Boluarte Monday announced that elections in the country would be moved up to 2024 from the scheduled 2026. Boluarte was sworn in as President only last week, after her predecessor Pedro Castillo was impeached on December 7. However, her appointment failed to calm the agitations that have been raging since March. The situation worsened on Sunday when two teenaged protesters were killed.

Why are Peruvians protesting?

Economic hardships, coupled with corruption allegations against Pedro Castillo — whose 2021 presidential campaign had raised high hopes — have led to public anger boiling over in Peru.

Castillo, 53, was born to rural farmers and worked his way up to President. However, while his rhetoric was impressive, his administrative skills were less so. After coming to power, he appointed five different cabinets in his short tenure. Many of his appointees were unpopular, facing allega-

tions from corruption to domestic violence. Castillo himself faced charges of corruption, profiteering, and obstruction of justice.

Protests began in March after a motion to impeach Castillo failed. End of April saw a brief lull with Castillo promising reforms, but by May, scandal broke again, this time over allegations of the President plagiarising his Masters' thesis. By December, Castillo faced yet another impeachment vote.

What happened on Dec 7?

On December 7, Castillo decided to dissolve Congress and announced a curfew. However, he failed almost immediately, with his political allies abandoning him and the armed forces condemning his actions.

That day, the Peruvian legislature finally managed to impeach Castillo, who was later arrested. He was swiftly succeeded by Dina Boluarte, former Vice President. But much of the country was not happy. Protesters took to the streets once again, calling for fresh elections and Boluarte's resignation, not even a day into her tenure.

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AMITABH SINHA

SCIENTISTS IN the United States have, for the first time, achieved a net gain in energy from a nuclear fusion reaction, seen as a big step forward in the decades-old endeavour to master a technology that is considered the most dependable source of energy in future.

Fusion is a different, but more powerful, way of harnessing the immense energy trapped in the nucleus of an atom. This is the process that makes the Sun and all other stars shine and radiate energy. Attempts to master the fusion process have been going on at least since the 1950s, but it is incredibly difficult and is still at an experimental stage.

The nuclear energy currently in use across the world comes from the fission process, in which the nucleus of a heavier element is split into those of lighter elements in a controlled manner. In fusion, nuclei of two lighter elements are made to fuse together to form the nucleus of a heavier atom.

A large amount of energy is released in both these processes, but substantially more in fusion than fission. For example, the fusion of two nuclei of a heavier isotope of hydrogen, called tritium, produces at least four times as much energy as the fission of a uranium atom which is the normal process of generating electricity in a nuclear reactor. Besides greater energy yield, fusion is also a carbon-free source of energy, and has negligible radiation risks.

But fusion reactions happen only at very high temperatures, 10 times the temperature that exists at the core of the Sun, and creating such an extreme environment in a laboratory requires huge amounts of energy. So far, the energy released in such experimental fusion reactions have been lower than what is consumed to create the enabling

EXPLAINED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, & CLIMATE CHANGE

The fusion energy breakthrough

Use of the fusion process for generating electricity at a commercial scale is decades away, but the latest experiment by US scientists is still a big deal. How is their method different from the one being used by ITER, of which India is a partner? What is the road ahead?



The experiment was carried out by researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. AP

high temperatures. At best, some of these reactions have produced 'near break-even' energies. That is why the latest experiment conducted at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California is being considered a big deal.

Still a long road

Significant though the achievement is, it does little to bring the goal of producing electricity from fusion reactions any closer to reality. By all estimates, use of the fusion process for generating electricity at a commercial scale is still two to three decades away. The technology used in the US experiment might take even longer to get deployed.

There are at least two different ways in which fusion reactions are being experimented with. These differ mainly in the way the input energy is supplied to create the extreme heat to enable fusion, but that also results in differences in design and capabilities. At the Lawrence Livermore facility, scientists use high-energy laser beams to achieve those temperatures, also called 'inertial fusion'. At some other places, including the international collaborative project in southern

France called ITER in which India is a partner, very strong magnetic fields are used for the same purpose.

"It is relatively easier to attain break-even energy levels through inertial fusion compared to magnetic fusion. Obtaining net energy gain is a very important step, but we are still far away from reactor grade fusion reactions. There are many many challenges to be overcome before the potential of fusion reaction is realised," Dr Indranil Bandyopadhyay, Group Leader, Council Support and Knowledge Management, ITER India, said.

According to current timelines, the ITER project is expected to demonstrate the viability of a commercially scalable nuclear fusion reactor between 2035 and 2040. The actual deployment of a fusion reactor for generating electricity could take another decade after that. Several countries, like China, Japan, UK and South Korea, are working on this technology separately as well, apart from collaborating at ITER. Bandyopadhyay said it is the magnetic fusion that is expected to deliver the fusion reactors first.

Still, the United States, also a partner at ITER, and some other countries including

China, are trying the laser-based inertial fusion as well. This is mainly because this technology can also be used to develop fusion-based nuclear weapons that would be far more powerful and devastating than the current nuclear weapons.

Incremental progress

In December last year, UK-based JET laboratory, which uses magnetic fusion, had improved its own previous record for the amount of energy produced from a fusion reaction. The reaction had run for five seconds and produced 59 megajoules of energy, more than double the previous record.

The fusion reactions currently being run in labs last for barely a few seconds. Those based on laser beams run for even shorter times. It is difficult to sustain such extreme high temperatures for prolonged periods. Bandyopadhyay said the ITER project was being designed to run for 3,000 seconds. At its full power, it was expected to produce five times more energy than it would consume. However, when run for shorter time periods, about 300-500 seconds, it could release 10 times the energy consumed.

"It is not that there is any physical limit to how long a fusion reactor can run. Magnetic fusion reactions can run for hours. But there are lots of engineering challenges right now," Bandyopadhyay said.

ITER, when operational, would become the biggest machine anywhere in the world, more complex than the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, or the LIGO project to detect gravitational waves. Right now, the ITER reactor is in the machine assembly phase. Over 10 million parts, being manufactured and tested in the seven member countries, have to be transported, assembled and integrated.

India joined the ITER project in 2005. The Institute for Plasma Research in Ahmedabad, a laboratory under the Department of Atomic Energy, is the lead institution from the Indian side participating in the project. As a member country, India is building several components of the ITER reactor, while also carrying out a number of experiments and R&D activities related to the project.

How J&K's proposed family ID will work, and why it is being criticised

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, DECEMBER 13

JAMMU AND Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha's announcement that the government has decided to introduce a family pehchan patra (identity card) for residents of the Union Territory has been criticised by the mainstream opposition parties in Kashmir, with the PDP describing it as a surveillance tool to keep a watch on Kashmiris.

What is the proposed family pehchan patra for J&K residents?

It will be an identity card with a unique eight-digit alphanumeric number to identify each family and its members through the head of the family. The card will contain details of all members of the family, including their names, ages, qualifications, employment status, etc.

The card will be linked with the Aadhaar

and bank account number of the head of the family. It will be a single identifier for every family and individual in the UT that will instantly confirm their eligibility for government welfare schemes and facilitate direct transfer of benefits to their bank accounts with minimum human interference, officials said.

What is the purpose of introducing the family identity card?

According to government officials, the primary objective is to create an authentic, verified, and reliable database of families in J&K to ensure speedy and transparent doorstep delivery of welfare schemes to eligible beneficiaries.

The database will help to identify and weed out duplicate ration cards and Aadhaar, and will help the government identify families that may have a number of educated youth, but without jobs. While Aadhaar contains information about an in-



The plan to introduce the ID was announced by L-G Manoj Sinha. File

dividual, the family ID card will collate information about families to help in the delivery of welfare schemes, officials said.

Since the database will have information on births, deaths, and marriages that will be continuously and automatically up-

dated, it will help the government plan policy based on authentic, updated population data, officials said.

Because updations such as the removal of a woman's name from the family of her parents and addition in the family of her husband will be carried out automatically, people will no longer have to visit local officials for such purposes.

Will it be compulsory to have a family ID card?

The government has said that the database will be created only with the consent of the family.

But the families that do not consent to having the card will likely face practical difficulties because benefits such as subsidised rations through the targeted public distribution system under the National Food Security Act, free medical treatment, old age/widow pensions, help to victims of militancy, family pensions in case of death of sole

earning member of a family, scholarships, etc. will be linked with the family ID card.

Why are political parties objecting to the card?

Barring the BJP, all mainstream political parties in J&K have opposed the proposed family pehchan patra.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti posted on Twitter that the "unique family ID" was "emblematic of the widening trust deficit [especially] post 2019 [when the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir lost its special status and was bifurcated into two UTs]. Kashmiris are viewed with deep suspicion & this is another surveillance tactic to tighten the iron grip on their lives".

The National Conference spokesperson said the proposed unique IDs were a waste of time and resources, and were not needed. The government should instead focus more on effective deliverance of existing schemes, the party said.

Are residents of J&K being uniquely targeted by the card?

Several other states have proposed or created similar databases. Haryana was the first state to introduce the concept of the family pehchan patra, and Punjab introduced it last year for direct transfer of benefits to families who are eligible for various social service schemes of the government. Last month, the Uttar Pradesh government decided to launch a UP Parivar Kalyan Card for similar purposes.

Rajasthan's Congress government has introduced something called a "Jan Aadhaar" which "aims to be the single identifier of a family and also an individual", and "the sole vehicle on which delivery of all kinds of cash as well non-cash benefits and services are riding and reaching to the doorstep of the residents". According to the Rajasthan Jan Aadhaar Authority, 1.94 crore families with 7.55 crore individuals are enrolled under the Jan Aadhaar Vojana.

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Notice No. 317/E-Tender/07 Dated: 8.12.2022

Short Term E-Tender Notice

On behalf of the Chairman, U.P. Jal Nigam, e-tenders are invited for "Rehabilitation / Replacement of Dandi pipe line including collection chamber & Replacement of damaged RCC pipes from 600 mm dia to 1000mm dia including reconstruction/rehabilitation of RCC structure and operation & maintenance of Naini channel/Dandi line for 01 year period". The complete details about e-bid of baove items/works will be available in the tender document on the U.P. Govt's e-procurement website <https://etender.up.nic.in>. In latest by 04.01.2023 up to 12:00 hrs. which will be opened on 04.01.2023 at 14:00 hours in the office of Project Manager, Ganga Pollution Control Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam (Rural), Prayagraj. The cost of the tender document is mentioned in the detailed notice.

Superintending Engineer

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 69-Elect/BK/N-E-Tender/2022-23
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/General, North Western Railway, Bikaner for & on behalf of the President of India re-invites limited E-Tenders for following work: (1) Tender No.: 25-Ele-BK/N-E-Tender-22-23, Name of work: Strengthen the electrical power supply arrangement on various LC Gates and provision of RCBs for electric geysers over Bikaner Division. Approx Cost of work: ₹ 2448328/- EMD/SD: ₹49000/- Tender Documents Cost: Nil. Complete details of tender can be seen on www.ireps.gov.in. Date & time of closing of E-Tenders: 04.01.2023 at 15:00 Hrs. Date & time of opening of E-Tenders: After 15:00 Hrs. on 04.01.2023. 1041-DP/22

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Public Works Division, Nanded

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 44 FOR 2022-23

E-tenders for 02 Works in SBD form are invited by the Executive Engineer P.W.Division Nanded (Phone No.02462-253711) from the registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works department of Govt. of Maharashtra for the improvement in Dist.Nanded.

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www.mahapwd.com
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. SNT-JU-31-2022-23, Dt: 12.12.22
Open E-tenders are invited by DRM (S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work. Details as below. (1) Name of work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract for Maintenance of DG sets installed over Jodhpur Division of N.W.Railway. (2) Estimated cost of the work: ₹ 1.24,244/- (R/O) (3) Address of the NIT Issuing office: Sr. DST/JU NWR, DRM Office Hrishikesh Jodhpur. (4) Bid Security to be deposited: ₹ 82,500/- (5) Last Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: 02/01/2023 Upto 11:00 Hrs. through E-tendering online submission on IREPS. Tender will be opened at 11:00 Hrs. (6) Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen and participated: www.ireps.gov.in. Note: This is a E-Tender, so tenderer can participate through e-tendering process only on mentioned website. Please join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NWRRailways) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/NWRRailways) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/NWRRailways)

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

e-tender Notice No. 78 of 2022-23 (Open)-Engg/DDU On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings- Tender No. 22-DDU-SRDEN-III-22-23 (i) Name of work with its location: Replacement of 26 units staff QR in BD section (BCJ-4 units, BSZF-4 units, JPL-2 units, KVO -4 units, S2Y-4 units, URD-4 units) (ii) Advertised Value: ₹ 3164,137.71 (iii) Earnest Money: ₹ 308200.00 (iv) Closing Date & time for submission of tender: 02.01.2023, Up to 15:00 hrs. (v) Website particulars of e-tendering: www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager
East Central Railway,
PR/01661/DDU/ENG/112-23/28

ENGINEERING WORKS IN LUMDING DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No.: 28 of 2022, Dated: 08-12-2022; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No.: GHY-21-2022. Name of Work: Construction of passenger amenities building, one number distributed E.I. Cabin, three numbers E.I. LCC Hubs, Sr. CDD office complex (80m x 8m), new central office (100x8) sqm, and provision of 46 bay shed for passenger, parcel platform and extension of existing platform and extension of existing platform and other ancillary works at Guwahati Railway station in connection with Guwahati yard remodeling work. Advertised Tender Value: ₹ 33,97,85,558.77; Earnest Money: ₹ 18,45,900/-; Date & time of closing & opening of tender at 13:00 hrs. on 12-01-2023 after closing. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one person Name: Akash Raghav, S/O: Sher Singh Raghav, R/O: A-Block, Plot No. 08, Sector 8, Dwarka, New Delhi, Age: 22 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: White Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and Black & Red Colour Shoes in feet, has been missing Since 28.11.2022 from his house. In this regard DP No. 60A, Dated: 29.11.2022, has been registered at P.S.: Dwarka South, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person. Please inform to the following.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person Named: Ram Kumar, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown, Age: 39 Years, Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish Height: 5'8", Identification Mark: Cut Mark at Right Side of Head, Wearing: Blue Color T-Shirt, Gray Color Shirt & Gray Color Underwear, was found at Delhi University Metro Station, Delhi and admitted in Hindu Rao Hospital on 27.11.2022 where he died on 30.11.2022 during the treatment.

In this regard a DD No. 01-A, dated 30.11.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Maurice Nagar, Delhi.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work. Invitation of tender through E - Tendering (E - Procurement Systems)

Name of work with its Location	1. Cleaning, sanitation and upkeeping of colonies, Rest houses at ROK-JHI & JHL in the section of Sr. DEN-IV (NIT 63-W-IV-22-23)	2. Construction of 10 units type-II and 5 units type-III quarters for running staff in Rohtak in DL-BTI section. (NIT 64-W-IV-22-23).	3. Construction of RPF Barracks in Rohtak in section of Sr. DEN-IV (NIT 65-W-IV-22-23).	4. Improvement of infrastructure at various level crossings under ADEN / ROK i.e. Rubberised road surface, widening etc. (NIT 66-W-IV-22-23)
Approx Cost of Work	(1) Rs. 59,99,245.49 (2) Rs. 1,90,65,291.01 (3) Rs. 73,85,191.76(4)Rs. 1,84,68,314.35			
Earnest Money	(1) Rs. 1,20,000.00 (2) Rs. 2,45,300.00 (3) Rs. 1,47,700.00(4)Rs. 2,42,400.00			
Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15:00 hrs. on 23.12.2022 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 06.01.2023			
Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in			

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1	विद्यालय निर्माण कार्य	गंगा	68.871	1.378	10000.00	3540.00
2	नवा जलसारा आहर एवं पोखर योजना का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य	गंगा	90.594		10000.00	3540.00
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6	दाव पोखर का जीर्णोद्धार	गंगा	74.691	1.494	10000.00	3540.00
7	दरौना नाला पर केक डैम योजना	गंगा	125.901	2.519	10000.00	3540.00

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कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गंगा

PR- 11837(MWRD) 2022-23

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Govt. of Bihar

Bihar Museum, Patna

(An Autonomous Society under the Department of Art, Culture & Youth)
Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna-800001

Notice for Inviting Tender.

Tenders in two bid system are invited for the emergent HVAC repair work at Bihar Museum, Patna from registered contractors / Original Equipment Manufacturers/Authorized agencies or Partners/O&M vendors. Last date of submission of bid is 04.01.2023 up to 3:00 pm. The bid will be opened same day at 3:30 pm. The detailed information can be obtained from the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna on any working day. Bid documents can be downloaded from the website <http://biharmuseum.org> & www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar / <https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac>

Sl no	Description of item	Unit	Qty.	Estimated Cost in Rupees	EMD In Rupees	Cost of Bid in Rupees.	Time of Completion
1	Repair and rectification of various HVAC items with provision of required accessories at Bihar Museum, Patna.	Set	As per BOQ attached	As quoted by the bidders	1,50,000/-	5,000/-	One month.

- Quoted rates will be inclusive of Labor, GST, Transportation and other Charges. GST & IT, Security Deposit shall be deducted from the bill.
- Bidders shall submit Registration/License certificate, PAN, GST registration, AY-2021-22, 20-21, 19-20 IT return, experience certificate, notarized affidavit etc. with their bids. Rates shall be quoted in the given financial bid format properly signed and stamped. All enclosures will be signed and stamped by the bidder.
- Bidders must visit the site for assessment of works to be done. Any replacement of spare parts or other accessories shall be of original make installed or equivalent make as approved by the client.
- Performance Security will be five percent of the contract value as per F2 agreement. Five percent will be deducted from the bill.
- The cost of tender document is non-refundable, and it should be in the shape of Demand draft from any nationalized bank, payable in favor of "Bihar Museum Society, Patna" payable at Patna. Original Bank Draft along with signed bids in a sealed cover with name of work and bidder's details and EMD (in original) shall be submitted at the office of the Director General Bihar Museum, Patna till date and time of submission of the tender.
- Earnest money shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft. Original EMD along with signed bids in a sealed cover with name of work and bidder's details shall be submitted at the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna till date and time of submission of the tender.
- The quoted rates shall include all cost to supply, install, and testing and commission the system and includes providing labor and accessories to complete the job.
- Bid validity will be 120 days.
- The bidders shall submit bids in two separate envelopes clearly marked Technical Bid and Financial Bid with the name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned on the envelopes. Both the bids to be enclosed in a large envelop with name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned. Tender Document complete in all respects in a sealed envelope is to be submitted by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier or by hand only at the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna - 800001 before due date and time. The tenders received late/tenders without Bid cost/EMD/Conditional tenders/Incomplete tenders in any respect shall be rejected.
- Payment will be done after sanctioning of competent authority and availability of fund. Work done shall be verified by FMS agency also.
- The Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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

(Additional Director-Admin)
Bihar Museum

PR. No. 11812 (Art & Culture) 2022-23

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Government of Odisha

Office of the Chief Construction Engineer

Rural Works Circle, Angul

e-Procurement Notice for Building work in Odisha

Bid Identification No. Building Online AGL- 14/2022-23

No. 2446 // Dt.08.12.2022 //

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Building works
1.	Total No. of work	: 01 No.
2.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.100.40 Lakh
3.	Period of Contractor	: B & 'A' Class
4.	Class of completion	: 11(Eleven) Calendar Months
5.	Other details.	:

(1) For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website www.tendersorsissa.gov.in

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Building-Online - AGL- 14/2022-23	16.12.2022 at 10:00 A.M.	30.12.2022 at 5.00 P.M.	28.12.2022 upto 1.00 P.M.	31.12.2022	Will be at intimated separately

Sd/-D.Padhi
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Angul.
OIPR-25180/11/0020/2223

विमान संचालनालय

केपिटल कॉम्प्लेक्स महानदी घाट,
मंगलय अटल नगर, नवा रायपुर (छगंगो)

क्रमांक 757/352-3/विमा०/संचा०/2022 नवा रायपुर, दिनांक 09/12/2022

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

विमान संचालनालय छ.ग. शासन, राज्य के तीन रिजनल कनेक्टिविटी स्कीम एयरपोर्ट - जगदलपुर, बिलासपुर, अम्बिकापुर के लिए व्यूरो ऑफ़ रियलि एविएशन सिम्बोर्टी (वीसीएटी) के तब मानक अनुसार एवं अभिप्रमाणित उपकरण/सुरक्षा उपकरण के क्रय व प्रत्यापन हेतु निम्नांकित/प्रतिभार डीलर/विक्रेता/प्रदाता कंपनियों से विभिन्न सुरक्षा उपकरणों के लिये दर / वित्तीय प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित करता है। ईच्छुक कंपनियों निविदा हेतु निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि 27.12.2022 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे बैंक अपने दर/वित्तीय प्रस्ताव सील बंद लिफाफे में प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। निविदा रिजिस्टर्ड डाक अथवा स्प्रीड पोस्ट अथवा पी. एण्ड टी विभाग से अधिकृत कोरियर के द्वारा संचालक, विमान संचालनालय, ए डी 03/09 नवीन ताल, महानदी घाट मंगलय, नवा रायपुर पिन कोड क्रमांक 492002 के पते पर प्रेषित करना होगा। निर्धारित तिथि / समय उपरान्त निविदा हेतु प्राप्त आवेदन स्वीकृत नहीं किया जायेगा। डाक प्राप्ति में विलंब होने की दशा में विभाग को कौन ज़िम्मेदारी नहीं होगी। टेंडर को विस्तृत जानकारी तथा प्रश्न शकसकीय वेबसाइट www.cgstate.gov.in में उपलब्ध है।

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कार्यालय, सचिव, माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद,

उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज।

अल्पकालिक निविदा सूचना

निविदा संख्या: मा०शि०प०/समन्य/205 दिनांक:12-12-2022

माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद, उ०प०, प्रयागराज द्वारा संचालित होने वाली वर्ष 2023 की हाईस्कूल /इन्टरमीडिएट की परीक्षाओं में प्रयुक्त होने वाली सादी उत्तर पुस्तकें एवं अन्य आवश्यक पत्राचार राजकीय मुद्रण एवं लेखन सामग्री उ०प०, प्रयागराज एवं मुख्यालय मा०शि०प०, उ०प०, प्रयागराज से उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न जनपदों एवं क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों में समय-समय पर पहुँचाने हेतु क्रियारे की बड़ी ट्रक/मिनी ट्रक एवं बन्द वाहन (कार) के लिये रिजिस्टर्ड ट्रान्सपोर्टर्स से जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

इच्छुक फर्म निविदा फार्म, नियम व शर्तों से सम्बन्धित विवरण निविदा शुल्क के रूप में ₹० 4430.00 (रुपया चार हजार चार सौ तीस) मात्र व अर्न्तस्मनी के रूप में ₹० 50,000.00 (रुपया पचास हजार) अलग-अलग मूल्य का बैंक ड्राफ्ट (जो सचिव, माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद, उ०प०, प्रयागराज के नाम देय होगा) जमा करके भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट gem.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट gem.gov.in पर पूर्णतः भरी हुई अल्पकालिक निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 29-12-2022 को अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाइट पर अपलोड निविदाओं का तकनीकी व वित्तीय भाग उसी दिन अर्थात् दिनांक: 29-12-2022 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे समस्त उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के समक्ष माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद, उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज में डाउनलोड करके खोला जायेगा।

किसी भी निविदा को बिना कारण बताए अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार सचिव, माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद, उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज को सुरक्षित होगा।

MEETING ON DECEMBER 17

Offences decriminalisation, setting up tribunals likely on GST Council table

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

DECIMALISATION OF offences, report on setting up of appellate tribunals and proposed amendment in rules for Aadhaar-based biometric authentication for registrants will be taken up for discussion in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting on Saturday. The meeting, to be chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will be held virtually after a gap of nearly six months with the last meeting held on June 28-29.

The Council will also take up discussion on the feasibility of implementation of the earlier recommendation of e-way bill generation for movement of gold and precious stones. It is learnt that the officers committee looking at the legal aspects of GST has suggested increasing the

TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

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monetary threshold for launching prosecution for GST offences. The Council will also take up pending recommendations of the fitment committee related to some goods in the highest 28 per cent slab such as sports utility vehicles along with reviewing the GST revenue position of all states/union territories and the Centre.

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The GoM is yet to submit its report to the Union Finance Minister. It is expected that the panel may submit it before the Council on Saturday. The GoM is understood to have recommended a GST levy of 28 per cent on online gaming, irrespective of whether it is a game of skill or chance but no consensus had emerged between the members on whether the tax would be levied on only the fees charged by the portal or the en-

tire consideration, including the bet amount received from participants.

For decriminalisation of GST offences, the law committee has suggested raising the threshold of launching prosecution to Rs 20 crore, from Rs 5 crore at present. Launching of prosecution by taxmen means commencement of legal proceedings against the offender. It is also likely to consider removing those penal offences which are already covered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) from the GST Act to make it more taxpayer friendly. The committee has also suggested that the fee for compounding offences be reduced to 25 per cent of the tax amount, from 50-150 per cent currently.

Currently as per the GST Act, the amount payable for compounding of offences is 50 per cent of the tax amount involved subject to a minimum Rs 10,000. Maximum fees for compound-

ing is 150 per cent of the tax involved. Once the proposal of GST law decriminalisation is approved by the GST Council, amendments to the Central GST Act are expected to be introduced in the ongoing Winter session of Parliament, following which states would be required to amend their state GST laws in their legislative assemblies.

With regard to setting up of Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunals (GSTATs), the GoM has suggested that the tribunals should consist of two judicial members, and one technical member each from the Centre and states, besides a retired Supreme Court judge as President. The Council will also discuss the report of the committee on levy of penal interest on delayed remittances of GST by the banks to the government accounts in the RBI during the initial period of GST implementation.

INTERVIEW WITH INDIA'S G20 SHERPA

Will adopt action oriented, decisive, forward-looking approach: G20 Sherpa

INDIA ASSUMED G20 Presidency at a juncture when the world is grappling with fear of recession in the advanced economies, persistent inflation, rising interest rates and unemployment. This is for the first time that India will set the agenda for the world. In an interview on the side-lines of the G20 conference in Mumbai, India's G20 Sherpa AMITABH KANT told HITESH VYAS and GEORGE MATHEW that over the next one-year, the country will bring the major challenges to the centre-stage and will adopt a progressive and forward-looking approach to resolve them.

What is the key agenda India would like to set during its G20 Presidency?

I think there are various challenges before the world. Right now, a looming crisis of slowdown, inflation... and inclusive, resilient and sustainable growth is one challenge. About 200 million people have gone below the poverty line, 100 million people have lost their jobs, so accelerating the pace for a sustainable development goal is another challenge. Accelerating women-led development is the third challenge. The fourth challenge is about digital transformation and digital public good which India has built. And the fifth is about transforming multilateral institutions for the needs of the 21st century.

How do you see India playing a major role in mitigating these challenges?

India will bring these issues to centre stage, discuss and bring consensus. We will adopt, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, a very action oriented, decisive and a progressive and forward-looking approach.



Amitabh Kant PTI

We will be ambitious on this.

What are the benefits that you foresee from all these meetings?

One is that unlike conferences like CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) or NAM (Non-Aligned Movement), this (G20) is not for just a few days, but spread all through the year. So, 215 meetings, spread across the country this year, gives an opportunity to transform your cities, to be able to showcase your culture, cuisine and many other things. This is just a huge opportunity.

What kind of concrete plan do you see emerging from the G20 meeting?

Let the meetings be held. Discussions have just started... there is a priority. There are many meetings to be held. Concrete results will unfold as we go along.

Do you expect any policy changes from the Indian side depending on the deliberations?

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I think states should use this opportunity to bring ease of doing business and ease of living. This is a moment to transform ourselves also. Like the world will transform itself as we go along, they (states) should also transform themselves.

Do you think more needs to be done regarding the ease of doing business?

We have to do it. Every minute and every day we should keep transforming ourselves to be competitive in the global economy. For every state and every Union territory, this is an opportunity to attract investment, to be able to become easy and simple.

Do you expect any big inflows after this?

This is India's decade. If you look at Morgan Stanley's recent report, it says that because of the demography and the fact that India has taken massive reforms, this is an opportunity for India to move forward. And this is a huge opportunity for states to transform themselves.

What are the expectations from G20 members?

Expectations are that we are able to bring all of them on the same table throughout the year. We have unfolded our priorities, which will be discussed and debated through the year. We have to discuss these priorities throughout the year to be able to bring all the leadership (on the same page).

Are you talking to states also regarding this?

The Prime Minister has spoken to the Chief Ministers, Governors and to all the Opposition leaders also.

IIP WATCH
NSO DATA

Why the sudden slump in October industrial output?

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THE SLOWDOWN in exports and weak consumption demand led to a sharp decline in industrial output for October, bucking the general annual trend in the festive month. Factory output as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), slumped to a 26-month low of (-)4 per cent in October on the back of a contraction in manufacturing and consumer goods, data released by National Statistical Office on Monday showed.

Why the decline in industrial output?

Manufacturing output, which accounts for 77.6 per cent of the weight of the IIP, contracted 5.6 per cent in October as against 3.3 per cent growth in the previous year. A contraction was recorded for capital goods output — a proxy for investment sentiment — after a gap of nine months at (-)2.3 per cent, indicating weak investment. Consumer durables and consumer non-durables output — an indicator of fast-moving consumer goods — also continued to be in negative territory at (-)15.3 per cent and (-)13.4 per cent, respectively, reflecting weak consumption demand, especially in rural areas.

What has deepened the manufacturing contraction?

Weaker global demand is reflecting on India's merchandise exports, which is in turn showing up as a decline in manufacturing output. The trend is in line with a 4.3 per cent contraction registered in manufacturing output seen in the overall GDP data for July-September quarter. The maximum decline in industrial output for October was seen for clothing, electrical equipment, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and leather and related products, with most of these sectors having a large export share and production concentrated in the small and medium enterprises segment.

Merchandise exports contracted by 12.1 per cent in October after expanding in previous 19 months. Imports rose by 10 per cent in October. Much of the performance of the manufacturing sector is predicated on the interplay between the organised corporate sector and unorganised SME segments, with a faltering export performance and continuing struggle of SMEs acting as headwinds. On the other hand, manufacturing activity, as measured by S&P Global India Manufacturing PMI has recorded expansion for 17 straight months. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'Passenger vehicle wholesales rise 28% in Nov'

Passenger vehicle wholesales in India rose 28% YoY in November, aided by demand for utility vehicles and cars, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers said

32% jump in utility vehicle wholesales to 1,38,780 units in Nov against 1,05,091 units in year-ago period

29% rise in passenger car wholesales to 1,30,142 units from 1,00,906 units in November 2021



2,76,231 UNITS: Overall passenger vehicles dispatched from companies to dealers last month as compared to 2,15,626 units in November 2021

16% rise in total two-wheeler wholesales last month to 12,36,190 units against 10,61,493 units in the year-ago period

Positive consumer and business sentiments have reflected in the better sales in the month of November 2022, compared to the previous year, SIAM president Vinod Aggarwal said

Source: SIAM/PTI

Paytm buyback at ₹810 per share

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 13

ONE 97 Communications Limited (OCL), which owns the brand Paytm, on Tuesday said it will undertake a buyback of up to Rs 850 crore (excluding buyback taxes and other transaction costs) at a maximum price of Rs 810 per share.

The buyback is at a premium of 50 per cent of the company's shares which closed at Rs 539.50, a gain of 2.16 per cent, on the BSE on Tuesday. However, the buyback price is at a discount of 62 per cent from the IPO price of Rs 2,150 per share. The board, which met on Tuesday, has decided to opt for the open market route through stock exchanges method, which is to be completed within a maximum period of 6 months.

"Paytm reiterates that proceeds from the IPO are not being directed towards the share repurchase plan," the company

Buyback is at a premium of 50% of shares which closed at Rs 539.50 on the BSE. However, the price is at a discount of 62% from the IPO price of Rs 2,150 per share

said in an exchange filing. It said all directors present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal, including all independent directors. The company's directors and key management personnel will not sell any shares during the buyback period, it said. "While Paytm will continue disciplined investments to drive long-term value creation, across technology, sales, marketing, and other areas, the Paytm board has determined that there is surplus liquidity that can be productively applied to a buyback of shares," it said. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Will collect 'uniform & harmonised' anonymised datasets: Chandrasekhar

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THE CENTRE will soon start collecting "uniform and harmonised" anonymised datasets under the National Data Governance Framework Policy, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Raveesh Chandrasekhar said Tuesday. He said that India has a

IL&FS resolves ₹57,000 crore debt

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INFRASTRUCTURE LEASING & Financial Services (IL&FS) has resolved its debt of nearly Rs 57,000 crore by September 30, 2022 through monetisation of various assets.

Of the 347 entities under IL&FS group as of October 2018, 246 entities were resolved leaving 101 entities — 88 domestic and 13 offshore — to be resolved, IL&FS said. IL&FS has addressed Rs 56,943 crore debt in its ongoing resolution efforts till September 30, 2022, up from Rs 55,000 crore debt updated in March this year, it said.

IL&FS, which defaulted its loan repayment in September 2018, had to pay back its lenders over Rs 99,000 crore at that time. The firm informed about the

vibrant start-up ecosystem and a robust artificial intelligence ecosystem. "So, we expect companies to increasingly use this large database to train their AI models," he added.

Addressing a conference of the working group related to development work under the G-20 Summit in Mumbai, he said, "We must view the digital economy through a combined prism of trust

and protection. We must work together to build a new international framework for technology, digital internet, and indeed data that mainstream the public good and Sustainable Development". Chandrasekhar said that the use of datasets through innovative technologies will have a "far-reaching impact and will benefit development work at the grassroots level and expand digitisation". "It is crit-

ical that we find the right balance between data sovereignty and protection on one hand, and the notion of a data commons that could benefit the global community," he added.

Speaking separately at a ministerial roundtable in Dubai, Chandrasekhar highlighted the Prime Minister's pitch for building "trusted corridors for technologies and innovation with countries".

BRIEFLY
India, UK FTA

New Delhi: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and his UK counterpart Kemi Badenoch on Tuesday reviewed the progress of talks for the proposed free trade agreement, an official said.

Satellite spectrum

New Delhi: India will be the first country to auction spectrum for satellite communication, and it should be designed to attract investments in the sector, Trai Chairman PD Vaghela said. PTI

Former FTX CEO

Washington: FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried was arrested in the Bahamas at the behest of US prosecutors on Monday, the day before he was due to testify before Congress about the abrupt failure last month of one of the largest cryptocurrency exchanges. REUTERS

High alert on drug smuggling: FM to Customs officers

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday asked Customs officers to be on high alert to curb smuggling of drugs and ensure timely prosecution. "If gold (smuggling) hurts economy, drugs will hurt generations... Be on high alert in case of drug seizures and ensure time-bound prosecution. We need to bring logical conclusion in each case," Sitharaman said.

Addressing tax officers at an event marking 60 years of Customs Act, the minister also asked the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to chart out plans for the next 25 years. Sitharaman said the Customs department needs to use a 'cocktail' of technology tools, like dark net, artificial intelligence, web3 and metaverse. PTI



FM Nirmala Sitharaman PTI

'Banks wrote off NPAs over ₹10L cr in 5 years'

New Delhi: Banks have written off bad loans worth Rs 10,09,511 crore during the last five financial years, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed Parliament on Tuesday. PTI

'RBI removes informal restrictions on rupee NDF trades'

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India has lifted the informal restrictions on rupee non-deliverable forward trades it had placed on local banks in October, four bankers told Reuters. All banks are now back to building positions in this segment, said one of the bankers. The bankers declined to be named as they are not authorized to speak to media. The Reserve Bank of India did not reply to an email seeking comment.

The RBI had in October informally communicated to banks to halt building new positions in NDF market to manage rupee volatility. The rupee had dropped to 83.29 in October. NDFs are offshore dollar-settled currency derivatives used by investors with limited access to onshore markets to hedge their exposure or speculate. REUTERS

US inflation subsides

Washington: US consumer prices rose less than expected for a second straight month in November, resulting in the smallest annual increase in inflation in nearly a year and giving the Federal Reserve cover on Wednesday to start scaling back the size of its interest rate increases.

The consumer price index readings last month reflected declines in the costs of gasoline, healthcare and used cars and trucks, the Labor Department reported on Tuesday. But Americans

still faced higher prices for food and rental housing.

The report, which also showed underlying inflation posting its smallest monthly gain in more than a year, was published as officials at the US central bank were gathering for their final two-day policy meeting of the year.

The consumer price index increased 0.1 per cent last month after advancing 0.4 per cent in October. Gasoline prices dropped 2.0 per cent after rising 4.0 per cent in October. REUTERS

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: 31/SE/PHCK/2022-2023
Jai Jeevan Mission (JJM)- Phase IV - WSS to Kaduthuruthy, Kallara & Kuravilangad Panchayath (Kaduthuruthy-Package 1)- Pipeline Work. EMD: Rs. 5,00,000/-
Tender fee: Rs. 16540/- (18% GST- It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender: 03.01.2023 03:00 pm, Phone: 04812 562745, Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH City
Kottayam

KWA-JB-GL-6-1221-2022-23

कार्यालय परियोजना अधिकारी स्वच्छ परियोजना, आबूरोड, सिराही (राज.)

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ई-निविदा (बोली) सूचना संख्या 03/2022-2023 ::

NIB NO:- SWP2223A0036 UBN NO:- SWP2223WLR000037

जनजाति क्षेत्रीय विकास विभाग द्वारा वित्त पोषित एवं स्वच्छ परियोजना आबूरोड द्वारा नवीन जनजाति आवासीय विद्यालय जोधपुर (क्षमता 400) में छात्र/छात्राओं के लिए (स्कूल ब्लॉक, छात्रावास, स्टाफ क्वार्टर, डाईनिंग हॉल एवं चार दीवारी निर्माण इत्यादि) इस कार्यालय द्वारा करवाया जाना है। इस हेतु अनुभवी एवं पंजीकृत संवेदकों से ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। कार्य की ई-निविदा प्रति दि. 13.12.2022 से 23.12.2022 तक वेब साइट <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। ई-निविदाएं के टेंडर डॉक्यूमेंट, स्टाम्प व डी.डी. (परियोजना अधिकारी स्वच्छ आबूरोड के पक्ष में) कार्यालय में हाई कॉपी में दिनांक 23.12.2022 दोपहर 04:00 बजे तक जमा लिये जाकर तकनीकी निविदाएं दिनांक 23.12.2022, 05:00 बजे से खोली जाएगी। उक्त ई-निविदाओं की जानकारी नियम एवं शर्तें इत्यादि वेब साइट <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर दिनांक 16.12.2022 से एवं कार्यालय के नोटिस बोर्ड पर देखी जा सकती है। परियोजना अधिकारी

Prayagraj Nagar Nigam
1, Sarojini, Naidu Marg,
Prayagraj- 211001
Uttar Pradesh

E-TENDER NOTICE

Nit No/ ENV/2022/ Date: /12/2022

This is to inform to all prospective bidders having the required qualification mentioned in the RFP document that Municipal Corporation Prayagraj invites E-Tender for Development of 10 No. of Movable Smart Public Toilets cum with Integrated Vending Facility in Triveni Sangam Area, Prayagraj on Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) basis, with Operation Maintenance for 5 years for Prayagraj Municipal Corporation, Prayagraj.

Schedule For Tender

S.no.	Activity	Date	Time
1	RFP Document Availability	14/12/2022	16:00 hrs onwards
2	Last date of Bid submission	10/01/2023	up to 15:00 hrs
3	Technical Bid opening Date	10/01/2023	16:00 hrs onwards

For more details, please visit the website at <http://www.etender.up.nic.in>.

Sd/-
Uttam Kumar Verma
Environment Engineer

पत्रांक सं. डी. 2350/न.सम्म.अधि./2022 दिनांक 13.12.2022

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, MUNNA KUMAR, S/o Suresh Prasad Kushwaha, R/o L-94 old 11A Gali No. 3, Prem Nagar 2, Kirari, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Sameer Kushwaha. 0070817398-1

I, Hafiz Iftekhari S/o Gulzar Ahmad R/o WZ-42, A-136, Gali No.4, Tihar Village, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Hafiz Iftekhari Ahmad. 0040645000-7

I, Gurmeet Singh Randhawa S/o Sh. B S Randhawa, R/O WZ-363 GF S.No.20, Shiv Nagar New Delhi-110058 have changed my name from Gurmeet Singh to Gurmeet Singh Randhawa. 0040644959-1

I, Dharmendra Kedia S/o Shri.Madan Lal, R/O-101,The Omkareshwar Housing-GH-3, Sector-65, Faridabad,have changed my name Dharmendra Kumar Kedia to Dharmendra Kedia, for all further purposes. 0040644932-1

I, Dharmender Singh, S/o Dhirender Singh, R/o B-221, Gamma-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Dharmendra Singh for all future purposes. 0070817406-1

I, Ayush, S/o Rakesh Kumar, R/o 6/78, Jharera Village, Delhi Cantt-110010, have changed my name to Ayush for all purposes. 0070817413-1

I, Aalia Bano W/o Hafiz Iftekhari Ahmad R/o WZ-42, A-136, Gali No.4, Tihar Village, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Aalia Bano. 0040645000-8

I, Vikender Singh Rana S/o Sh. Rajender Singh Rana R/o H.No.1026/2, Near Ramlalea Ground, Siraspur, Samai Pur, North West Delhi, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Vikender Rana for all purposes. 0040644919-7

I, Sushama Kumari Vishwakarma W/O, Jagan Nath R/O H.No.457 Sector 2 Bahadurgarh Jhajjar Haryana 124507 have changed my name to Sushma Vishwakarma for all purposes. 0040644926-1

I, Saima Arif W/O Mohammad Arif R/O D-1201 Aarcity Regency park Sector 16C Gaur City-2 Noida Extension Gautambudh Nagar have changed my name Saima Ahsan for all future purposes 0040644987-1

I, Rohan S/o Sh. Surender Kumar R/O Flat No.44, Laxmi Vihar Apartments, Near Bhir International School, H-3 Block, Vikas Puri, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Rohan Pahwa for all purposes. 0040644919-8

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O, Girraj Singh R/O Bhadwan, po.ramgarhi, distt.bulndshahr, uttar Pradesh 203141 have changed my name to Ravi Sheoran for all purposes. 0040644925-1

I, Layaeka Bagum W/O Late Sajid Ali R/O-1805, Prateek Wisteria, Sector-77, Noida, U.P.-201301 have changed my name to Laiqa Begum for all purposes. 0040644919-6

I, Himalaya S/o Sh. Youd Vir Singh R/O 3746, First Floor, Gali Kumharan, Old Subzi Mandi, Malka Ganj, North Delhi, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Himalaya Singh for all purposes. 0040644919-9

I, Garima Varma W/O, Sanjay Kumar R/O B-5, Pandara Road Flats, Near India Gate, New Delhi have changed my name to Garima Sanjay for all purposes. 0040644927-1

I, Deepa Gupta D/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Ahuja R/O E-123, 2nd Floor, Masjid Mohd, Greater Kailash-3, New Delhi-110048 have changed my name to Deepa Ahuja for all purposes. 0040644919-11

I, Mohammad Rizwan S/o Jung Mohd R/o Muhiddinpur Dabarsi, Ghaziabad, UP have changed my name to Mohd Rizwan. 0070817411-1

I, Deepa Ahuja D/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Ahuja R/O E-123, 2nd Floor, Masjid Mohd, Greater Kailash-3, New Delhi-110048 have changed the name of my minor son from Aadit Gupta to Aadit Ahuja for all purposes. 0040644919-10

I, RAKESH KUMAR CHAWLA, S/O, PRITHVI RAJ CHAWLA, ADD-G-66A, SECOND FLOOR KALKAJI, SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110019, changed my name to RAKESH CHAWLA, for all future Purposes. 0040645005-2

I, hitherto known as RAMMAYA, D/O SHRI. GANGA BHADUR, W/O SHRI TARA BHADUR GURUNG, R/O 872, J.J COLONY, BLOCK A, BAWANA, NORTH WEST-DELHI, DELHI-110039, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAMA GURUNG. 0040644994-5

I, Raj Banga Sethi W/o No-263098B MWO (HFO) Madan Lalsethi R/O 1927/5, Rajkuter 24 Cross, Near Venkatesh Temple, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore North, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064 Have Changed My Name From Raj Banga Sethi to Raj Sethi Vide Affidavit Dated 12/12/2022 Before Executive Magistrate, Karnataka 0040644920-1

I, Vinay Kumar Dubey, S/o Rajendra Prasad, R/o.H.No.404, H-Block, Surya Vihar, Sector-21, Gurgaon (Haryana) -122016, have changed my name to Vinay Dubey. 0040644996-3

I, Veena Rani Uppal, W/O Sh.Prem Chand Uppal, R/O 313/61, Plot.No.109, Anand Nagar, Inderlok, Delhi-35, have changed my name as Beena Rani, W/O Sh.Prem Chand, permanently. 0040644994-2

I, VIKASH KUMAR VAIGYANIKA, S/O KRISHNA PRASAD, R/O-2ND-FLOOR, B-276/7, NEW ASHOK NAGAR, DELHI-110096, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM VAIKASH KUMAR VIGYANIKA TO VIKASH KUMAR VAIGYANIKA, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040645038-1

I, Swatantra Kumar Sharma S/o Ram Kumar Sharma R/o-3090 Mahendra, Park Rani, Bagh Delhi-110034, have changed my minor son name JAI aged 17 year to Dharmansh Sharma. 0040645005-8

I, Swarna Lata Talwar, W/O Kamal Talwar, R/O 173, Jor Bagh, Lodi Road, H.O.South Delhi, Delhi-110003, have changed my name to Lata Talwar, for all purposes. 0040644932-1

I, Sushil Kumar Makkar S/o-Som Nath Makkar R/o B-9, Phase-2, Chatterpur-Enclave, Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Sushil Makkar. 0040645005-6

I, Surendra Rampuria, S/o-Mool Chand Rampuria, R/O-T-803, Nipun saffron valley, main GT Road, saheed Nagar, sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005, have changed my name, from Surendra Rampuria, to Surendra Kumar Rampuria. 0040645000-5

I, Saranjeet Singh R/o-WZ 313-B, GB-3, G-Block, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064, have changed my minor son name, from Ashmeet Singh Sodhi to Ashmeet Singh. 0040645000-4

I, SANJEEV KUMAR KHARBANDA, S/O, HARBANS LAL KHARBANDA, ADD-B-1/58, MALKA-GANJ, NORTH DELHI-110007, changed my name to SANJEEV KHARBANDA, for all, future Purposes. 0040644994-6

I, SACHIN JANGU S/O VED PAL JANGU R/O HNO.312, PEER PANA, BAKHTAWARPUR, DELHI-110036, CHANGED MY NAME TO SACHIN JANGHU. 0040644994-4

I, Rajeev Sharma, S/o Ram Chandra Sharma, R/O D-53, 3rd-Floor, Greenswood City, Sector-46, Jharera, Gurgaon(HR.) 122003, have changed my name to Rajeev Ramchandra Sharma. 0040645000-6

I, Raghvender Khurb S/O Shri Chand R/O KH.NO-1099, Village-Bhalswa Near-White temple, Delhi-110033, Have Changed my Name to Raghvender Singh Khurb. 0040644996-2

I, RITHWIK KANT, S/O VISHAL KANT, R/O D4 MS-FLATS, TILAK-LANE, BEHIND PATIALA-HOUSE COURT, NEW-DELHI-110001, have changed my name, from RITHWIK KANT to HRITWIK KANT, for all future purposes. 0040645005-1

I, RAJESHWER KUMAR S/O- KEDAR NATH THAGELA, R/O E-133 2ND-FLOOR SAKET, DELHI-110017, have changed my name to RAJESHWAR KUMAR, for all, future purposes. 0040645005-5

I, Prahlad Kumar Wadhwa S/o Narumal Wadhwa R/O-158-159 3rd-Floor Pkt-10 Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Pahlad Wadhwa. 0040645005-7

I, PRADEEP KUMAR, S/O Ram Aasre, R/O 157, Village Humayunpur, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029, have changed my name to PRADEEP MAURYA, for all future purposes. 0040644994-8

I, Neelam W/O Sushant Shukla, R/O D-62, Sector-47, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301, Have Changed my Name to Neelam Shukla. 0040644996-4

I, Narender S/O-Raj Kumar, R/O,613 Bans Mohalla Badi Choupal Ghitorni-Village New-Delhi-110030, have changed my name to Narender Lohia, permanently. 0040644994-7

I, NEHA MALHOTRA, W/O VIKESH MALHOTRA, R/O 3276 Arya Pura Subzi Mandi, Delhi-7, hereby changed my name to NEHA, for all future purposes. 0040644999-1

I, Manoj Kumar S/o Surender Dhingra R/O C-23-C/GH-2, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Manoj Dhingra for all purposes. 0040645005-3

I, Mahavir S/O-Bindera Ban R/o-4485 Katra Imli wala gali Mitra Subji Mandi Delhi-07 changed my name to Mahaveer Sharma, for all purposes. 0040644940-1

I, Prateek Kant Gupta S/o Ravi Kant Gupta R/O-1 B Under Hill Road Villa No-6 Civil Lines Delhi have changed my minor daughter name from IVAANA to IVAANA GUPTA permanently 0040644989-1

I, Prajeesh Philip, S/o Prasad Kavungal Philip, R/o 31-E, Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, Delhi-110057, have changed my name to Abraham Vincent Philip. 0070817392-1

I, Lovely Wadhwa S/o Parmannand Wadhwa R/o B-246, Second Floor, Sector-1, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name Lovely Wadhwa. 0040645000-2

I, Kiran Rani D/o-Late Sh Chander Pal R/O, D-8/146, Sector-6, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085, have changed my name Kiran to Kiran to Kiran Rani for all future purposes. 0040645019-1

I, Kamal Kumar S/o, Surender Dhingra R/O, 23-C/GH-2, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Kamal Dhingra, for all purposes. 0040645005-4

I, KM CHHAVI CHIKARA, D/O-SUBHASH, R/O-88, S/F, Khirki Village, Malviya Nagar, South-Delhi, Delhi-110017, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO CHHAVI CHIKARA, BOTH ARE SAME PERSON, PERMANENTLY. 0040645023-1

I, Hitherto Known As Gudiya, D/O Rahis W/O Saleem, R/O-E-27/18, Indra Camp, Chota Hasanpur, I.P.Extn. Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Iram. 0040644996-6

I, Ekta Chanana W/o-Sandeep Khurana R/O-24/35-36, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Ekta Khurana for all purposes. 0040644928-1

I, EKTA D/O NARENDER KUMAR CHOPRA R/O D-59, GROUND FLOOR, MAHENDRU ENCLAVE, AZADPUR, DELHI-110033, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO EKTA CHOPRA. 0040645000-1

I, Deepak Tyagi S/O-Rajvansh Tyagi, R/O- H.No-9, Vansh Villa Near MCD Primary School, Village Burari Delhi 110084, have changed my name to Deepakk Kumar. 0040644994-1

I, Vishal S/o Mahabir r/o E-1/157, Shivali Park Ram, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Vishal Mahabir. 0040644931-1

I, Deepak Kumar, Son of, Mohan Lal Bajaj R/o, H.No.1052, Sector-14, Gurgaon, (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Deepak Bajaj, for all Purposes. 0040645000-3

I, Dalip Kumar S/O Mange Ram R/o H.No.55, Mamura, Sector-66, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Dalip Kumar Pal for all purposes. 0040644918-2

I, B.K.RANA, S/o-Chandra Pal Singh, A-22, Kalyan Kunj, Barolia, Sector-49, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201301, declare that I, have changed my name, from B.K.Rana to Brajesh Kumar. From today onwards I will be known as Brajesh Kumar. B.K.Rana and Brajesh Kumar both name belong to the same person. 0040645023-2

I, Astha Kauts D/o Arvind Kumar Kauts R/O Flat-No.1, Floor-8, Tower-16, Paras Tierera, GH-01, Sector-137, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Astha Sharma for all purposes. 0040644918-3

I, Arjun G. Kadyan S/o Raman Kadyan R/O House No.158, Sector-28, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Arjun Kadyan for all future purposes. 0040644918-1

I, Anita Kumar Yadav W/o, No.142350872L Rank NK(TS) Narender Singh Yadav, R/O-258, Ahir Mohalla Gali Jat Chowk Nangloi, Delhi-41, have changed my name to Anita Yadav vide-affidavit dt.13.12.2022, before, Delhi. 0040644996-1

I, Anchal Arneja W/o Harjot Singh R/O H.No.91/A, N-Block, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Arshpreet Kaur Rishi. 0040644999-1

I, Mohammad Uwaish, S/o Mohd Rizwan, R/O Muhiddinpur Dabarsi, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to Mohd Uwaish. 0070817408-1

I, USHA SINGH KANYAL D/o SH N P SINGH R/O 238, DDA JANTA FLATS, BADARPUR, DELHI WISH TO INFORM THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM USHA RAWAT TO USHA SINGH KANYAL FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040644952-1

I, Sushil Jindal S/O Parma Nand Jindal R/O, H.No.62, Third-Floor, North Avenue-Road, West-Punjabi Bagh, New-Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Sushil Kumar Jindal. 0040645000-9

I, Sunil Kumar Mittal S/O Mr. Shadi Ram Gupta, R/O A-52, Sector-39, Noida, Distt.Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name from Sunil Kumar Mittal to Sunil Mittal for all future purposes. 0060097378-1

I, Aahuti D/o Khemraj Bisen R/o Miregaon Bakoda, Lalburra, Madhya Pradesh-481441, changed my name to Aahuti Bisen. 0040644999-9

I, Sumeer Kumar Bhat, S/O Maharaj Krishen Bhat, R/O Flat No. 110, GH 12, The KSS Group, Housing Cooperative Housing Society Ltd., Lallaeshwar Vatika, Sector 21D, Faridabad, Haryana-121001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sameer Bhat. 0070817360-1

I, Shweta, W/o Neelu Dixit, DOB: 10/08/1994, R/O H.No. 1145, B Block, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana 122017, have changed my name to Sweta Dixit for all future purposes. 0070817339-1

I, Shashi Bala Mehta, W/O Satish Chander Mehta, R/O E-294, Ground Floor, East of Kailash, South Delhi, Delhi-110065, have changed my name to Shashi Mehta for all future purposes. 0070817414-1

I, Savita Deswal Kundu, W/o Vijay Kumar, R/O H. N. 133, Huda Sector 1, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Savita Deswal. 0070817354-1

I, Saurav Yadav, S/O Mahendra Singh Yadav, R/O 424, G2, Sec-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Sourav Yadav. 0070817213-1

I, Sapna, D/o Davinder Saini, W/o Manjit Kumar, R/O 817/19, Green Road, Arya Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sapna Saini. 0070817340-1

I, Sanjeev Gupta, S/o Kamta Prasad Gupta, R/O G-24A, Gulmohar Greens, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad 201007, have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Gupta. 0070817327-1

I, Sanjay Srivastava S/O Ram Prasad Srivastava, R/O H.No-A-62 Second-Floor, Ashoka Enclave, Part-2 Near-Kanishka Towers Sector-37, Faridabad Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Sanjai Srivastava, Permanently 0040644977-1

I, SANJIV KUMAR, S/O RAM BAKSH, R/O Flat No-41, Pocket-12, Sector-22, Rohini, Begumpur, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to SANJEEV KUMAR RAJPUT for all purposes. 0070817338-1

I, Rani Shyam Sunder residing at 11-B, Delhi-Admin. Officers Flat, New Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi-110018, I, have changed my name from Rani Syam Sunder to Rani Shyam Sunder vide affidavit dt. 07/12/2022 sworn before notary G.S. Ahuja, Delhi. 0040644921-1

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RANJI TROPHY

Prabhsimran reaps rewards for being patient, scores double ton

PRATYUSH RAJ,
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 13

THERE HAS never been a doubt about Prabhsimran Singh's talent. There was a reason why in 2018, Kings XI Punjab (now Punjab Kings), Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore were involved in a fierce bidding war for the then 18-year-old. Prabhsimran ended up being a teen crorepati when he was picked for Rs 4.8 crores by the Punjab franchise.

Prabhsimran never got that long rope in the Punjab outfit and whatever opportunity he got was not noteworthy. However, Punjab Kings batting coach Wasim Jaffer was highly impressed with his strokeplay and touted him as a player, who can excel in all three formats.

In the last couple of years, Prabhsimran is just getting where many expected him to be. He is beginning to find consistency. On Tuesday, as the Ranji Trophy got underway, playing only his fourth first-class match, he scored his maiden double-century against Chandigarh at the newly-built PCA Stadium in Mullanpur.

The 22-year-old had an excellent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, where he scored 320 runs, including four fifty-plus scores, and at a healthy strike rate of 141.59. But in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, he was getting the starts but was not able to convert it.

This is when Prabhsimran received a call from Yuvraj Singh. The advice from the former India all-rounder was to "don't throw your wicket away." It was a simple message and even a cliched one. But Prabhsimran knew what Yuvraj meant. "I was throwing away my starts. Yuvi paaji told me that I need to do a little mental adjustment. If I faced three four dots, I used to try and go for a glory shot. In those situations, he told me instead of going for big hits, just rotate the strike." Prabhsimran told *The Indian Express* after the end of day's play.

After being put into bat first by Chandigarh skipper Manan Vohra, Punjab piled up 363 for 3 at the end of the day's play. Opener Abhishek Sharma (100) and Prabhsimran Singh (202) put on a rollicking 250-run stand for the first wicket. Captain Mandeep Singh (16 not out) and Prabhsimran's elder brother Anmolpreet Singh (5 not out) were in the middle when stumps were called.

"Abhi (Abhishek Sharma) and myself, we are opening for Punjab in all three formats for the past two seasons. So, our tuning is very good. We decided to take on their lead bowlers Sandeep Sharma and Jagjit (Sandhu). The duo were getting help



Prabhsimran after reaching his century on Day One.

from the surface, but we took them on from the word go. It helped us and both of them were removed from the attack very early," said Prabhsimran.

Prabhsimran's biggest strength as former India opener Jaffer pointed out in the 2019-20 IPL season is he is a 'see the ball, hit the ball' sort of a player. Jaffer had said: "There are very few youngsters in our country, who can be as destructive as Prabhsimran when he gets going."

In that sense, Prabhsimran is the modern-day batsman, who takes the pitch, condition and the bowlers out of equation once he gets his eye in.

"I never overanalysed things. I am an aggressive batter and that is my strength as well; I don't try to complicate things. I have tasted more failures than successes with this approach but today (Tuesday) I scored my first double century," he said. "Right now I am enjoying a fine purple patch and as a batter, you want to extend it. I want to capitalise it by scoring big runs," he added.

Prabhsimran has also taken inspiration from Mumbai's Sarfaraz Khan, his former Punjab Kings teammate. "What Sarfaraz has done in the last two seasons is quite remarkable. I want to achieve that rate of consistency. In Ranji Trophy, you will have to score big runs to get in recognition. And hopefully, this is just the beginning," he signed off.

BRIEF SCORES: Punjab: 363/3 in 85 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 202, Abhishek Sharma 100) vs Chandigarh.

DAY 1 ROUND-UP

Agarwal out for 8

India discard Mayank Agarwal got dismissed for 8 against Services in Bengaluru, Hanuma Vihari managed only 27 against Mumbai at Vizianagaram.

Maharashtra in trouble

Delhi was bowled out for 191 under overcast conditions in Pune. In reply, Maharashtra were reeling at 80 for 5.

Brief scores: Delhi 191 (Himmat Singh 49, Yash Dhull 40, Manoj Ingale 5/43) vs Maharashtra 80/5.

Haryana 46 all out

Haryana were all out for 46 inside the first session at Lahli against Himachal Pradesh. In reply, riding on Prashant Chopra's 137, Himachal were 246/1 at stumps. Brief scores: Haryana 46 all out (Vaibhav Arora 4/15, Sidharth Sharma 3/12) vs HP 246/1 (Prashant Chopra 137, Raghav Dhawan 86 batting).

Sharma scalps eight

Railways leg-spinner Karn Sharma (8/38) bagged eight wickets but Vidarbha still managed 213, courtesy captain Faiz Fazal's 112. Brief scores: Vidarbha 213 all out (Faiz Fazal 112, Karn Sharma 8/38) vs Railways 22 for 1.

Ton for Panchal

Priyank Panchal hit 111 against Tripura. Tripura all-rounder Manisankar Muringingh returned with figures of 5/74. Brief scores: Gujarat 271 all out (Priyank Panchal 111, Manisankar Muringingh 5/74) vs Tripura 1/0.

Samson hits 72

Sanju Samson, playing a first-class match after a gap of three years fell for 72 (108 balls; 4x4, 7x6) against Jharkhand in Ranchi. Brief scores: Kerala 276/6 (Rohan Prem 79, Sanju Samson 72, Rohan Kunnummal 50; Shahbaz Nadeem 3/108, Utkarsh Singh 2/43) vs Jharkhand.

India brace for trial by spin

Shakib, Mehidy, Taijul can trouble a line-up that struggles on slow pitches

VENKATA KRISHNA B
DECEMBER 13

IN MANY ways, Test cricket in Bangladesh is almost like a throwback to the 1990s era in India. Bereft of fast bowlers, they depend a lot on spinners to get the job done on black soil pitches which tend to be on the slower side. Touring sides don't need to think a lot about what to expect in Bangladesh. You get what you expect, but once on the field, it doesn't get any easier for the opposition.

Mehidy Hasan, Taijul Islam and Shakib Al Hasan may not have the guile and mastery of Ravichandran Ashwin, Nathan Lyons or Ravindra Jadeja. Neither are they in the mould of their predecessors Mohammad Rafique and Abdur Razzak, operating within limitations. Instead the trio possess the right armoury to ace the conditions, which are not the easiest to adapt to. Despite having a crowded pool of spinners – especially of the left-arm variety – they are still a bit old-school in the sense that there is no mystery to any of them.

But ask any touring batsmen what it is to face the Bangladesh spinners. Over after over, with crowded men around and a talkative wicketkeeper – be it Mushfiqur Rahim or Nurul Hasan – who resorts to an exaggerated reaction every time a batsman chooses to let go a delivery that is close to the stumps or when one of them gets just the right amount of turn to take the ball away from the bat, they can hear the decibel levels rise around them. Those plenty of "ooohs, aaaahs, ekta ball (one ball)" from the crowded men around the bat can seed plenty of doubt in a batsman's mind. And in conditions where they have literally grown up and are confident enough to take on any team, they don't rely so much on flight or dip. Instead they operate on a line where batsmen have no choice but to play.

From the time India last toured Bangladesh (2015), the hosts have achieved memorable Test wins against England and Australia. And in each of those, their spinners were the architects.

"They are very accurate in their own conditions," Sridharan Sriram, who coached Bangladesh at the recent T20 World Cup in Australia, told *The Indian Express*. "They know the right seam angles that they need to bowl in those conditions and know the pitches blindfolded. So the key to their performance at home is that they read their conditions pretty well and know how to adapt to them quickly."

The slow pitches are challenging for touring teams also thanks to the unpredictability in bounce. The trajectory of the spinners keeps varying, and if one is not patient enough and commits to a shot early, the ball could take an eternity to arrive and make one end up looking silly. If a batsman believes he has got used to the pace and adjusts accordingly, the spinners may slip in that odd quicker delivery that does-



A team physio attends to Virat Kohli on the eve of the first Test in Chattogram. AP

Unadkat stuck in India, to miss Test

Mumbai: Jaydev Unadkat is unlikely to reach Chattogram in time for the start of the Test due to delay in completion of his visa formalities.

The Saurashtra left-arm seamer is likely to take the morning flight from Mumbai, and the match would have started by the time he reaches the venue, ruling him out for the first game of the two-Test series. —ENS

n't turn and carries on with the angle and hits the pad or the stumps. And to make matters more complicated, their spinners also rely on different seam positions, which makes the challenge a mystery to crack.

"They are cagey in the way they bowl in those conditions. They undercut, skid the odd one and even spin the odd one. That sort of trajectory (low) and seam position suit those conditions more than anywhere else in the world. They are black soil wickets, the ball keeps low, grips, turns slowly and the odd one just skids. There is a lot of natural variation that happens off the surface. The pitches are similar to what you find in Kolkata - where the water retention is not great so it gets dry quickly. If the odd one hits a grassy patch, it just skids on. If it hits a dry area, it will hold, stick on to the surface and straighten. That sort of seam position with

a lower-arm trajectory is a good way to bowl on those pitches," elaborated Sriram on what makes the Bangladesh spin unit click in home conditions.

Gill, Shreyas the key

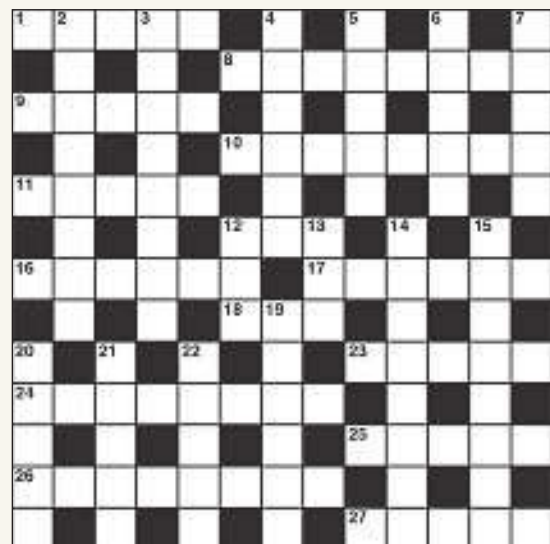
For India, this will be a stern test. While there is much to wish home about their ability to withstand quality pace, what also holds true is that they tend to struggle on such pitches. Even in home conditions, whenever they have opted for turning tracks, their batting unit has struggled and have only trumped the opponents as a result of having a superior spin attack in Ashwin, Jadeja and Axar Patel.

In that sense, the presence of Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer will offer the batting unit something different. Gill, who is expected to open the batting in the first Test in Chattogram alongside stand-in captain KL Rahul in Rohit Sharma's absence, uses his feet against spinners and has a natural attacking instinct. Shreyas, on the other hand, may still struggle against short-pitched deliveries, but is easily one of the best Indian batsmen against spinners.

Like Gill, he uses his feet and doesn't hesitate to go for aerial shots. With Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli having a tendency to get into a shell against spinners, the younger duo would definitely offer something different.

With the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium usually on the flatter side, India are yet to decide whether to go with three pacers or three spinners. **Live:** 1st Test: 9AM Sony Sports Network

CROSSWORD 4924



- ACROSS**
1 Constructive member of society (5)
8 Joint vote wrongly cast in Irish parliament (8)
9 It pours tea to us quietly by design (5)
10 Did a menial job but made a grand exit (5,3)
11 Instruction book? (5)
12 Be after a familiar name for Lincoln (3)
16 Footholds in the financial world (6)
17 It may be pronounced with conviction (6)
18 Old witch from Carthage (3)
23 Make newer somehow (5)
24 Takes whatever is left (8)
25 He will shortly receive a ring and reply (5)
26 Strange virus one may pick up on holiday (8)
27 Soft and luxurious pile fabric (5)
- DOWN**
2 H for Hook when in Peter Pan? (8)
3 Clue mixed with open abundance (8)
4 Horse and trap showing sign of neglect (6)
5 Provides food and lodging in castles (5)
6 Joan's going out with Argonauts' leader (5)
7 Dish used by photographers? (5)
12 Growing or burnt timber (3)
13 Thing laid on the table for breakfast maybe (3)
14 Genuine support for a team of stars (8)
15 High church features (8)
19 Get at a can on the outside (6)
20 Highest tree on the street (5)
21 Loudly call out after a plea for silence (5)
22 Colour for putting on (5)

Solutions Crossword 4923: Across: 1 Golf course, 6 Hoop, 10 Named, 11 Impressed, 12 Plectra, 13 Sites, 15 Regimen, 17 Oliver, 19 Hatpins, 21 Regatta, 22 Inset, 24 Atlantis, 27 Hermitage, 28 Trial, 29 Page, 30 Here and now. Down: 1 Gynt, 2 Lamplight, 3 Cadet, 4 Unicorn, 5 Soprano, 7 Onset, 8 Pedestrian, 9 Leashing, 14 Archbishop, 16 Maintain, 18 Intuition, 20 Sea kale, 21 Relieve, 23 Shrug, 25 Not on, 26 Flow.

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.

The fellow that owns his own home is always just coming out of a ___ store. (8)

KNVAE	AFTYDR
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SOLUTION: KNVAE: HARBOR, DIARY, WHALE. ANSWER: The fellow that owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5048
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

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6				3	9	4		
2		1					9	5

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5047

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Something strange is happening at home. Just what this is completely unclear, but it seems likely that it's all to do with the past. A little detective work might therefore be in order. Are there any mistakes you've made which you haven't acknowledged? If not, that's fine but, if you have, do something about it now.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Venus, the planet which heralds emotional changes, is in many respects very well positioned indeed, so try to make things easier for yourself as well as others by being more flexible over long-term arrangements, especially at home. Try to understand a partner's point of view, even if you do disagree with it.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Other people may be stealing your ideas. You may find this terribly irritating, but if you stop and think for a moment, you'll remember that imitation is indeed the sincerest form of flattery. You can actually change your attitudes completely - and offer a rival your help.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Anyone who believes that you are a placid and unambitious individual must be living on another planet, or just confused by the fact that, at the moment, many of your concerns are private and personal. Still, it's your right to be a mystery, if that's what you want.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You may feel that you have been hoodwinked and manipulated, but you must remember that people who have reneged on promises or commitments may not have done so intentionally. They might have had little choice over the matter, and you can give them plenty of time to come round.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
It has been said that your perfectionism is at once your biggest strength and your greatest weakness. The problem for you now is that it will mean that while you succeed by other people's standards, you fall according to your own. Sometimes you're much too harsh on yourself.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Mars's magnificent role in your solar chart indicates that you are in perpetual danger of facing hostility from people who blame you for their own shortcomings. Such resentment may be brushed aside with the contempt it deserves, but you should also find time to smooth a loved one's ruffled feathers.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Serious problems only arise if you refuse to alter your stand on career or professional matters. If you accept whatever new responsibilities are pushed in your direction, you will gain in both confidence and experience. It will be a pleasant feeling when other people look up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
You should be aware of just how fortunate you have been recently, for although Pluto, which signifies emotional upset, is a difficult planet, it is often much kinder to you than to anyone else. Now you can look forward to helpful developments at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Although there is nothing you will receive with so much reluctance as advice, it should pay you to listen carefully. There may be many hidden meanings, and it could take someone with your sensitivity to pick them all up. If you do, then the results will definitely be to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You may allow events to take their own course over the next few days, and wait for certain friends to make up their minds. This will happen very soon, but you can't say exactly when. All you can do is keep trying to make partners see sense. Perhaps you should also come off the fence.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Above all else, you like people to be nice to you. However, you have a remarkable talent for ignoring obvious signals of attraction from other people. You should be more alert to such emotional undercurrents in future, otherwise you'll miss out on interesting possibilities - and that's an understatement.

Story of the Cup vs the defending champions

SEMIFINAL 2
Morocco vs France;
AL BAYT STADIUM
12.30AM (THU)

How good have the Moroccans been, you ask? Well, the only team to score against them at this World Cup are themselves. It's been the story of this extraordinary run by the African team. They've allowed a mere ten shots on their goal through their advent to the semi-finals. Now they face a French team that has the goods to unlock the tightest of defences and they do so at a time when the seams are starting to come apart.

A FULL PHYSIO ROOM

Morocco have kept the world out of their net but how long can the resistance last? Three out of their four first-choice defenders are most likely not going to play against France because of injuries. Nussair Mazraoui and Nayef Aguerd were both ruled out of the quarterfinal against Portugal and then Morocco lost captain Romain Saïss to injury as well. It's a tough break for a team that has relied so much on their defensive line to keep them in this tournament. It's doubly cruel when Morocco at its weakest have to face none other than the French in a historical semi-final clash. If Saïss and Aguerd fail their fitness tests before the game, it's likely that Jawad El-Yamiq and Badr Benoun could be the two that are tasked with stopping the French.

GRIEZMANN'S REBIRTH



Even if injuries weren't an issue for Morocco, Antoine Griezmann is. While the focus remains on Mbappe and his ability to turn on the afterburners at will, the ingenuity of Griezmann has been lost in the noise of the French campaign. The attacker is no longer expected to tidy up on the goal front when Giroud misses his opportunities. Instead, Griezmann has been pushed further behind and now roams the opposition midfield. He has been given the freedom to probe, and to move with the sole intention of creating opportunities.

BATTLE OF THE RIGHT

The biggest fight between both teams though, is very likely to take on the right flank. Morocco's best players in right-back Achraf Hakimi and winger Hakim Ziyech operate on the right and are directly going to be in confrontation with Kylian Mbappe. For the French winger, who is usually not known for his defensive duties, this game is a test. Does he continue to live in the Moroccan final third and look for ways to cause damage as only he can? Or does he take the lightning pace of Hakimi and Ziyech into consideration for this game? Morocco is a team that can hurt on the counter but a quick French goal could change Mbappe's role for the remainder of the game.

HOW THEY'LL LINE UP

FRANCE (4-2-3-1): Lloris; Koude, Varane, Upamecano, T. Hernandez; Tchouameni, Rabiot; Dembele, Griezmann, Mbappe; Giroud
MOROCCO (4-3-3): Bounou; Hakimi, El Yamiq, Benoun, Attiyat Allah; Amrabat, Ounahi, Amallah; Ziyech, Boufal, En-Nesyri

15 Number of World Cups France have participated in, thrice more than Morocco (5).

11 Number of goals scored by France, third-most at the World Cup.

1 Goals conceded by Morocco. The least among the 32 teams so far. It was an own goal.

5 Goals scored by France's Kylian Mbappe. That's as many as Morocco in the entire tournament.

15.4 Average attempts on goal per match recorded by France, nearly twice as many as Morocco (8.2 per match).

FRANCE VERSUS MOROCCO, A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

WORLD RANKING

FRANCE: 4 MOROCCO: 22

Morocco's posterboys

Creative playmaker Hakimi, goofy goalkeeper Bono and canny coach Regragui are among names that have gone into folklore



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ONE IN every five girls born in Morocco in 1984 goes by the name Nawal; one in every boy born in the same year was named Saïd. It was the royal decree that all children born in 1984 be named after Morocco's first two gold medal-winning athletes at the 1984 Olympics, Nawal El Moutawakel clinching in 400m hurdles and Saïd Aouita bagging the 5000m honours.

The current king has issued no such orders, but new parents might have already begun naming their children after the Moroccan footballers who have made, and are still making, history at this World Cup.

The favourite name would be Achraf, after Achraf Hakimi, Morocco's posterboy of the tournament, on and off the pitch. On the field, he has been their most creative player, playmaking from the wings, launching pacy counterattacks, rattling defences, threading needle-eye passes to the forwards, and making Panenka kicks in shootouts.

But what has endeared Hakimi the most is what he does after the final whistle: running to his mother in the stands, climbing atop the barricades and kissing her. After the Portugal game, he dragged her to the ground and made her dance with him. "He is our role model," manager Walid Regragui would say.

His heart-wrenching backstory adds further lustre to his achievement. His father, Hasan, was a street vendor; his mother cleaned houses in Madrid's suburb of Getafe. A conventional football growth-chart was beyond him. Hakimi mostly played on the streets with friends, but a scout of local club Colonia Ofgevi recognised his potential and whisked him to the team, where he began his footballing education.

His talents were so obvious in local tournaments that in less than a year, Hakimi reached the gates of Real Madrid's famous academy. Two years later, he made his full debut, only that stiff competition relegated him to bit-part



(Clockwise from top) Achraf Hakimi has been Morocco's posterboy of the tournament; Goalkeeper Yassine Bounou; Coach Walid Regragui

shows before he was loaned out to Borussia Dortmund, then sold to Inter Milan before finding his feet at PSG. He's just 24 but has had a taste of four of Europe's top five leagues. He once confessed to French daily *L'Equipe*: "I did not like that, going from one club to another, but the exposure to different football leagues and cultures made me a better footballer, and of course made me friends with a lot of them."

Part of Hakimi's problem was inconsistency, he would be divine one moment and silly the next. It frustrated his Inter Milan coach Antonio Conte: "Immensely talented, but he needs to get tougher and more consistent." The Italian manager also considered him the worst penalty-taker he had ever seen. "What's important is he doesn't take penalties," Conte once quipped.

"If we ever get to penalties, everyone would have to die before letting him take one." And at the World Cup, he stroked the most glorious penalty of the tournament.

friend against another; individuals representing their roots, facing the country of their birth.

The match also has a wider historical and political context. On its path-breaking run to the last four of the World Cup, Morocco have knocked out one former colonial power, Spain, who ruled over a part of the country in the 20th century. In France, they take on another country that once colonised them – until 1956.

The colonial past is seen as one of the reasons for Morocco having a huge diaspora in France. Compared to the North African country's population of close to 38 million, roughly five million Moroccans have made France their home. As of 2019, they formed the second-largest non-European Union immigrant population in France, roughly 18.4 per cent of the total figure.

It reflects in the make-up of this Moroccan side, which became the first African country to reach the semifinals of the World Cup. Three members of this unit – coach Walid Regragui,

The second-most popular Moroccan footballer could be Bono, the goalkeeper, who officially goes by the name Yassine Bounou. He is the typical ever-smiling, goofy goalkeeper, exceptionally successful at blocking penalties. In four games, he has saved seven goal-bound shots, conceded just once, off a wicked deflection of his own man, and maintained a clean sheet in the tie-breaker against Spain.

It is no coincidence that he was the thirteenth goalkeeper across the top-five leagues in Europe last season, keeping a clean sheet more than once every two games, that is 32 in 59

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matches. The year before, he was Sevilla's shootout hero in the Europa league final against Manchester United. Well, he even scored a vital goal for his club against Real Valladolid.

Bounou's is an unconventional immigrant story. He was born in Montreal where his father was working as a physics teacher but when he was three, he shifted to Casablanca.

His parents wanted him to be a scientist, never wanted to see him anywhere near a football ground, and his entire childhood was spent playing the game on the streets, away from the gaze of his parents. Finally, his parents relented and enrolled him at the Wydad Casablanca club. But his career was a slow-burner. From Wydad, he went to the Atletico Madrid B team, never got an opportunity with the senior team – though he says he learned immensely by just watching Jan Oblak – was then loaned out to Real Zaragoza, before finally getting a decent hit at Girona, for whom he turned up 83 times. In 2020, Sevilla came calling, and he got his first

big breakthrough. The start was difficult, but the shootout win was to change his life and career.

In no particular order, there would be takers for the first names of Hakim Ziyech, Morocco's attacking thrust; Youssef En-Nesyri, the forward who scored the match-winning header against Portugal; Sofyan Amrabat, the immovable defensive screen; or Nayef Aguerd, the great wall of Morocco. The manager's name too would not be far behind.

Regragui has produced tactical statements, fashion statements (black jeans and blazer, white shirts and sneakers, thick beard and shaved hair), and evocative statements on "Africa's football ambitions", "the prejudice to African coaches" and "Arab unity."

His take on fewer African coaches in big leagues was scathing. "Today, I think it's impossible that Manchester City or Barcelona will hire an Arab coach, they don't even think about it, as if we're not worthy, or ignorant or incapable of such a task. However, there's moments in history that make people change their mind, but it's on us as African and Arab people to change history."

Regragui was on a family vacation when he heard the news of the sacking of his predecessor, Wahid Halilhodzic. Morocco had already qualified for the World Cup but the Bosnian-French manager's relationships with many team members were strained. They were a dis-united group, and the World Cup was a disaster waiting to unfold.

Regragui went about his task of forging unity in the team straightaway. He wiped away the insecurity of Moroccan players settled in other parts of the world, a topic of ceaseless debate in the country. "I told the association that a Moroccan is a Moroccan, it doesn't matter where he is born or raised. I assured the players to not worry, the best Moroccan players would represent Morocco."

Soon after he took over, Regragui buzzed Ziyech, who Halilhodzic had frozen out for 15 months. Ziyech had announced his retirement too. But Regragui sweet-talked his way to winning Ziyech's trust. The right-winger has been one of Morocco's leading lights this World Cup. "He made us unite for a cause. Before that we were just a group of footballers playing in different parts of the world, but he gave us identity and vision. He brought us hope and belief," Amrabat said.

Colonial history makes it more than a football match

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IN 2021, like many previous years, when the people of France voted for their favourite dish, they picked something that didn't seem French enough – the humble couscous. A staple of Maghrebi cuisine, it was seen as another sign of the increasing Moroccan influence on French culture, from food to literature.

Around the same time, as the locals dug into their favourite comfort food, another prickly issue cropped up – visas. The French government decided to reduce the number of visas issued to Moroccans by up to 50 per cent, triggering a major dispute.

These two incidents capture the complex relationship between Morocco and France. Quite naturally then, Wednesday's World Cup semifinal between the two countries feels like much more than a game of football: it'll pit one



Morocco skipper Roman Saiss was born in France. Reuters

captain Roman Saiss and Sofiane Boufal, one of their standout performers – were born in France.

"I am a dual national. It is an honour and pleasure to play against France but it is just football... When we play for Morocco, we are

Moroccan," Regragui, dubbed as the 'Moroccan Guardiola', said on the eve of the match.

Regragui is tasked with the seemingly-impossible job of halting the French juggernaut. One would guess, though, he might be better placed than many to get the job done. Regragui played alongside Olivier Giroud, France's all-time top-scorer, for Grenoble in 2008. And one of his key lieutenants, Achraf Hakimi (among the five Moroccans plying their trade in France), is a good friend and a teammate of Kylian Mbappe, by far their biggest threat, at French giants Paris St-Germain.

'Test of loyalty'

Hakimi and Mbappe have been exchanging pleasantries on social media ahead of this tie that has split the sporting allegiance of French-Moroccans. Rim-Sarah Alouane, a legal researcher on discrimination and civil liberties at the University of Toulouse, was quoted as saying by Reuters that the match will be a

'test of loyalty for French citizens of immigrant origin'. French far-right politician Eric Zemmour, an ex-candidate for the French presidency, said in an interview on BFM TV: "I find it weird that there are more people, who are supposed to be French, and who celebrate Morocco's victory on the day France wins. You can't be for one or the other."

His statement came after nearly 20,000 people poured onto Paris' Champs-Élysées after Morocco defeated Portugal in the quarter-finals. They celebrated all night, but it turned sour after clashes with police were reported. As per Le Figaro, Paris police arrested 108 people while 70 more were arrested in other parts of France.

On paper, on form and fitness, battle-ravaged Morocco have little chance of defeating high-flying France. But after seeing the fate Belgium, Spain and Portugal met, France will underestimate Regragui's football revolutionaries at their own risk.

Morocco's midfield rock Amrabat faces his toughest test in Mbappe, France

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IF YOU find yourself to be a player at this World Cup and have somehow innocently meandered across to the Moroccan midfield thinking space is a luxury you could afford – Sofyan Amrabat is about to take the ball away from you. It'll be over before you even realise it. If you chase him to get the ball back, chances are you're not catching him. And in case you do, he'll do that thing great midfielders do when they're in trouble. He'll drop his shoulders and turn in limited space, or crank up a sudden burst of acceleration, or find the one player in the park that isn't being guarded. He'll find a way – any way.

At the 2018 World Cup, this description matched one player – Luka Modric.

If statistics have to be invoked, the magic number is 56. Those were the number of ball recoveries that Modric made four years back on his way to the final. Seven of the top ten

players in ball recoveries at the Russian edition were all Croatians. At this World Cup, Amrabat leads that tally with 41 ball recoveries in 480 minutes of lung bursting, physically murderous football that's sore to the eyes of all except if you happen to hail from Morocco.

If defensive stinginess is the key to the country's deep run in this edition of the World Cup, the architect of this goal drought is Amrabat. He sits in front of Morocco's defensive line but behind the first midfield wave that coach Walid Regragui has set off.

An opposition player that somehow manages to evade Selim Amallah and Azzedine Ounahi clatters into the wall that is Amrabat. And then there is the small matter of the Moroccan defensive midfielder being great on the ball. Against Spain, the 26-year-old routinely found himself winning the ball just outside the box, but almost instantaneously being surrounded by Marco Asensio, Dani Olmo and Pedri. He had enough ability on the ball to navigate himself out of the noose that is a high press and was successful in making a pass for-



Morocco's Sofyan Amrabat celebrates after the win over Portugal.

DISTANCE COVERED BY SOFYAN AMRABAT

11 km per game

AGAINST CROATIA, BELGIUM, CANADA.

14.66 km

AGAINST SPAIN.

41

NUMBER OF BALL RECOVERIES BY AMRABAT.

ward. In the Serie A, for Fiorentina, Amrabat ranks in the 97th percentile for progressive passes.

At the World Cup, he combines three qualities that exemplify Moroccan success. An abil-

ity to be a nuisance for opposition players in winning the ball back, then having the ability to shield that ball and make sure it makes way to forward players and lastly the sheer energy and stamina blast that he injects into the team.

In their first match against Croatia, he ran a shade under 11 kilometres and then followed it up with two more 11 km performances against Belgium and Canada.

But it was the match against Spain where Amrabat really put in the miles. And this was when he almost didn't make it to the match due to an injury. He ran for a mammoth 14.66 kms in that historic win, despite being medically examined till 3 AM in the night. "I am very emotional. It was a question whether I could play this game. Last night I stayed up until 3am with the physio, an injection before the game too. I can't abandon the guys and my country," said Amrabat after the game.

Born in the North Holland in the village of Huizen, he has an older brother who had already paved the way for his footballing career to take off. Nordin Amrabat is currently a

winger for AEK Athens who played at Galatasaray and Watford. Younger Amrabat though was picked up by Utrecht's youth system and ended up playing at the Dutch club for three years. Then a spell with Feyenoord, followed by a league title with Club Brugge and loan spell with Hellas Verona landed him at his current club, Fiorentina.

Both brothers were a part of the Netherlands youth setup at one point but both chose to take on Moroccan colours, much like so many other players from this team have. Sofyan was a part of the Dutch U15 for the 2013 U-17 World Cup, he ended up representing Morocco, an association that has seen him win 44 caps for his country since his 2017 debut. Now Morocco goes up against France. The best defensive team of this edition comes up against its most potent threat. Amrabat likes to drift on to the right to help out the magically quick duo of Achraf Hakimi and Hakim Ziyech. Against France, this casual drifting onto the lane puts him on a very direct collision course against none other than Kylian Mbappe.