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I,hitherto known as JYOTSNA CHIKERSAL,D/o-DWARKA NATH BEHL,W/o-AJAY CHIKERSAL, residing at H.No.-K-33-A,Kailash Colony, Greater Kailash, South Delhi, Delhi-110048, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JYOTSNA BEHL.It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040618770-9

I,Yogita Pandey,W/o Chandra Shekhar Patni,R/o Flat.No.806,Tower-4,Sushant Estate, Sector-52,Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana), have changed my name to Yogita Patni, for all Purposes. 0040618750-8

I,YUKTIKA D/O SATISH KUMAR R/O H.NO-140, SECTOR-7A, YMCRA ROAD, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO YUKTIKA GUPTA. 0040618774-6

I,Viney Vij S/o Banwari Lal,R/O Kh.no.14,12, 1st-Floor, Gali No.17, Chandan Vihar, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Vinay Vij permanently. 0040618754-9

I,VANDANA GUPTA TIWARI,W/O-ANURAG TEWARI,H.No-324 FLAT.NO-A-6 NEAR SOUTH EXTENSION PART 2, MASJID MOTH DELHI-110049, changed my name to VANDANA GUPTA TEWARI. 0040618774-3

I,Ujjwal Gupta S/o Devender Gupta R/o L-142, Vijay Chowk, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-92, hereby inform that in my 10th & 12th school certificate my father name is wrongly mentioned as Devendra Gupta instead of his correct name Devender Gupta. 0040618671-1

I,Sitender S/o Karan Singh R/O-532 Karishpur (88) Sonipat Haryana-131021, have changed my name to Satender Kumar. 0040618754-8

I,Sanjay Kumar Gupta, S/o Late Shri Tej Ram Gupta, R/O B-163, Belvedere Towers, DLF Cyber City Phase -2, Sector-24, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122002, have changed my name to Sanjay Gupta 0070790516-1

I,SAWARAN SINGH,S/O HARNAM SINGH R/O-38,NEW RANJITPURA, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,WARDNO.35,AM RITSAR,PUNJAB-143105,CHANGED MY NAME TO SWARAN SINGH. 0040618750-7

I,Rekhha W/O Nirdosh Kumar Gupta, B-598,Weavers-Colony Ashok-Vihar West delhi-110052,Have Changed My Name to Rekha Gupta. 0040618770-2

I,Ravita W/o Sh.Kaval Singh,R/O BE-40B, BE-Block,Hari Nagar,New Delhi-110064,have changed my name to Ravinder Kaur. 0040618754-4

I,ROHIT S/O-SURESH CHANDRA KANOJIA,R/O D-301,LIG,SECTOR-1,Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad,UP-201009,have changed my name to ROHIT KANOJIA. 0040618774-5

I,RITA SHARMA,W/o Sh.Sanjay Kumar Choudhary,R/o-Flat.No.155,Om Apartment,Sector-14,Pocket-2,Phase-2, Dwarka,New Delhi-110078,have changed my name,from RITA SHARMA to REETA SHARMA,for all,future purposes. 0040618770-4

I,RAJESH GARG S/O GANSHYAM DASS R/O 129,VIVEKANANDPURI,SARAI ROHILLA,DELHI-110007. CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJESH KUMAR. 0040618774-11

I,Pawaneet Kaur Playa,D/O,Jaspal Singh R/o-394D Turab-Nagar Ghaziabad,Up-201001,have changed my name to Pawanee Kaur, for all purposes.Affidavit No IN-UP16726868419276U. 0040618754-1

I,Parmeet Singh Hora,F/o Rehmat Kaur Hora,R/o-15A/39, WE.A, Kanti Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed, my minor daughter's name, from Rehmat Hora, to Rehmat Kaur Hora, for all purposes. 0040618754-7

I, PRAVEEN KUMAR,R/O KISHANPUR (BAGHPAT)UP,PIN-250623,HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER'S NAME SARASTIKA CHAUDHARY TO SARASTIKA CHAUDHARY AND DATE-OF-BIRTH CHANGED TO 13/03/2009, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-26/04/2022,BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040618750-10

I,PANKAJ KUMAR,S/O KAMAL DEO SINGH,R/O A-41, 1ST-FLOOR,LEFT-SIDE, GALI.NO.3,HANDA CHOWK,DABRI, PALAM VILLAGE,DELHI-45,have changed my name to PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH. 0040618770-6

I,Nirdosh Gupta,S/O J.R. Gupta, B-598, Weavers Colony Ashok-Vihar delhi-110052, Have Changed My Name to Nirdosh Kumar Gupta. 0040618770-1

I,Neha D/o Ashok Kumar R/o,House No- 239, Patli Hajipur, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122506,have changed my name to Neha Dankhar,for all Purposes. 0040618774-2

I,Mohammad Naaz Hashmi S/o Sh kyum Hashmi R/O D-6 Hikmuri Enclave Street no-8 Chander vihar Nilothi Extension Nangloi Delhi-110041 have change my name to Naaz hashmi for all future purposes 0040618693-1

I,NANHE S/O-GULAM SABIR R/O T-HUTS, E-16, K-483, NEW SEELAMPUR,DELHI-53,have changed my name to MOHD NANHE ZAFAR. 0040618770-5

I,NAIM KAUR,S/O-JITENDER SINGH,H.no.A-40,GALI NO-3,KADI VIHAR,KADI PUR,Delhi-110036,Have Changed My Name To NEM KAU'R,For All,Future Purposes. 0040618754-5

I,Mohammad Ali Pathan,S/o Pathan Saheb Ali Shajur Ali,R/o-O-8 Second Floor, Batla House,Jamia- Nagar,New-Delhi-110025,have changed my name Khan Mohd Ali,for all purposes. 0040618770-7

I,MUKESH NISHCHAL S/O SURINDER KUMAR NISHCHAL R/O A-8,9,DDA COLONY,KHYALA PHASE-1,DELHI-110018. CHANGED MY NAME TO MUKESH NISHCHAL. 0040618750-8

I,MOHD SHOBS S/O,MOHD SAEED R/O,02046,GF,KUCHA NAHAR KHAN KUCHA CHELAN DARYAGANJ,DELHI-2. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS MOHD SHUAIB,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040618750-4

I,MANJEET KAUR W/O GURPREET SINGH,R/O A-62 GURU NAKA-VIHAR CHANDER-VIHAR Nilothi-110041, have changed my name to MANJEET KAUR. 0040618779-1

I,Lovly Goswami,D/o Manoj Goswami, H.No.372/369, Colonelganj,Allahabad,Uttar Pradesh-211002,have changed my name to Lovie Goswami, for all Purposes. 0040618750-5

I,Kanhiya Lal,S/o Ram Krishan Agrawal R/O H.No.B-3,Block-B,Temple Tank,Krishna-Nagar,Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Kanhaiya Lal,for all,future,purchases. 0040618770-8

I,KARAN S/O-SHAMMAL KANJUR,R/o WZ-283/177 MADDI WALI-GALI GALI.NO-6 VISHNU-GARDEN TILAK NAGAR DELHI-110018,have changed my name to KARAN ARORA. 0040618799-2

I,Inder Jeet,S/o Mohinder Pal,R/O-35/11, East Patel Nagar Delhi-8,have changed my name to Indeerjeet Bedi. 0040618750-2

I,Honey Anand Aka Honey Vasdev Asnani,D/o Vasdev Asnani,R/o-Shri Anandpur-Trust BE-91,Shalimar,Bagh Delhi-110088,have changed my name to Honey Anand,D/o Vasdev Aswani. 0040618754-6

I,HARPREET SINGH VIJ S/O UPPALJEET SINGH R/O. HNO.12,THIRD-FLOOR,BLOCK-G,POCKET-1,SECTOR-11,ROHINI,DELHI-110085. CHANGED MY NAME TO HARPREET SINGH. 0040618754-3

I,Gaurav Kumar Chhabra,S/o Harbans Lal Chhabra R/O A1-B-77-B, Krishna Apartments, Paschim-Vihar,Delhi-110063, changed my name to Gaurav Chhabra. 0040618754-10

I,GROVER CHARU,W/O SUNIL GROVER R/O,B.O-156,SHALIMAR-BAGH,DELHI-110088,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TOCHARU GROVER,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040618750-1

I,BHAKTI D/O SAPHAL ANANT MANAKAPUR R/O C-2A/220,POCKET-16,JANAKPURI,DELHI-110058,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHAKTI SAPHAL MANAKAPURE. 0040618758-2

I,Ashwani Malyan S/o Rajbir Singh R/o WP-538,Wazirpur, Village,Ashok,Vihar, Delhi-110052,changed my son's name,from Bhavish Malyan to Madhav Malyan. 0040618754-2

I,Arti kalra w/o nder sachdeva,A-1840-1841, JahangirPuri, north west delhi-110033,have changed my name arti sachdeva 0040618770-3

I,Aakriti Kapoor Aggarwal,W/o Ritesh Kanotra R/O C-237, Vikaspuri, New Delhi 110018, have changed my name to Aakriti Kapoor. 0040618799-3

I, No 14839273 W HAV/MT Pitambar Pujahari Of Unit 5001 ASC BN, C/O 56 APO, Mathura, Have Changed My Mother Name From Sairindari Pujahari To Sairindri Pujahari (Proposed New Name) Affidavit Dt 09/06/22 Before Mathura Court 0050198827-1

I, Vivek Kumar S/o Karu Singh R/O E-611, Inderpuri, J.J.Colony, Budh Nagar, New Delhi-110012, inform that my father name wrongly mentioned as Brijnandan Singh in my EPO/PF Account No.MRNO10048671000000009, but correct name is Karu Singh. 0040618664-1

I, Sharmila, W/o Rajan Madan, R/o-4429/9, Jai Mata Market, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to SHARMILA MADAN for all future purposes. 0070790525-1

I, SYED MOHAMMAD NOORUL HASAN S/O Syed Tanveerul Hasan R/o H.No. B-4/130, Gali No.4, Brijpuri, Delhi-110094, inform that my name wrongly written as S. M. NOORUL HASAN in my Driving Licence No. DL0520090018504, but my correct name is SYEDA MOHAMMAD NOORUL HASAN. 0040618662-1

I, Khushi Gupta D/o Rupesh Gupta R/o 1708M, Regalia Heights, Shipra Sun City, Indirapuram, U.E. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201010, have changed my name to Rupita Gupta 0070790538-1

I, SATISH KUMAR VASHISHTS/O-RAM SAWROOP,HOUSE NO-467/D RING ROAD AZADPUR GAON JAGIR PURI,DELHI-110033,Changed my name to SATISH KUMAR. 0040618774-2

I, Raja Kumar, S/o Ashish Kumar Khalipha, R/o 183A, Gali-No.-6, Block-I, Ekta Vihar, Jaitpur Extn.-1, Badarpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Fardeen Khan. 0070790530-1

I, Rahul S/O Ashok Kumar R/o WZ-276-G-6, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012 have changed my name to Rahul Ahlawat permanently. 0040618758-1

I, RAJVEER SINGH,S/OGURMUKH SINGH, Add:44-B, NAVYUG BLOCK VISHNU GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110018, Changed my name to JASVINDER SINGH HANSPAL, Permanently. 0040618774-1

AI, Pushpa W/o Vijay Sethi R/o B-6/25 Sector 7 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Purnima Sethi. 0070790506-1

I, Munish Sethi S/o Sh. Yodhraj Sethi R/o House No. A-22, Vijay Nagar, Single Storey, Delhi-110009. Hereby, I declare that my daughter name is Harika instead of Chahel. She will be known Harika in all manner. 0040618668-1

I, Mukesh Rathi, S/o Sanna Ram Rathi, R/o H.No. F-667, Dakshinpuri, Delhi-62, declare that in my Son's (Tanuj), birth certificate his Mother's name is wrongly mentioned as Priya Rathi instead of her correct name Vijaya Rathi. 0070790528-1

I, MANMEET SINGH S/O Iqbal Singh R/O 323-324, Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar, Near Tikona Park, New Delhi-110060 have changed my name to MANMEET SINGH KAPOOR for all purposes. 0040618663-1

I, Kamala Gosain W/o Vir Singh Gosain, R/O K-87, Sector-12, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar-201301, U.P. declare that I have changed my name to Kamla Gosain for all purposes. 0040618705-1

I, Ishanki D/O Parveen Juneja, R/O House No-185, Ward No- 16, Gurudwara Wali Gali, Gharaunda, Karnal, Haryana-132114. Declare that Name of My Mother has been wrongly written as Reema Juneja in my 10th Class Certificate No-0787229. The actual Name of My Mother is Sushila Rani, which may be amended accordingly. 0070790496-1

I, Harish Rawat S/O Manver Singh, R/O D-321, Indraprastha Awasiy Yojna, Loni Road, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Harish Singh. 0070790497-1

I, Gunjan Kumar, W/o Manoj Kumar, R/o A/4 804, Eldeco Golf View Apartment, Omega-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Gunjan for all future purposes. 0070790533-1

I, Gulam Sarbar, S/o Mohamed Shamsuddin, R/O New Ashok Nagar C-146, Vasundhara Enclave, East Delhi, have changed my name Gulam Sarbar to Gulam Sarvar for all. 0070790529-1

I, Anu Agarwal, W/o Mukesh Agrawal, R/o Mohalla Pansariyan, Jalesar, Etah, Uttar Pradesh-207302, have changed my name to Aruna Agrawal. 0070790535-1

I, Anita Rani, W/O Mukesh Kumar R/o Bahmanian, Jalandhar, Punjab-144702. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anita 0070790494-1

I, Anita Rani, W/O Dinesh Kumar Khurana, R/O B4 Ground Floor, Rps Palm, Rps City,Sector 88, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name to Anita Rani Khurana. Anita Rani and Anita Rani Khurana are one and the same person. In future I may be known as Anita Rani Khurana for all purposes. 0040618667-1

I, Ameet Komar S/o Yatendra Singh R/o K-604, Eastern Gates Apartments, Sector-4C, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012 have changed the name of my minor son AARON LAKHWAN alias NAMISH LAKHWAN aged 11 years and he shall hereafter be known as NAMISH LAKHWAN. 0070790518-1

I have changed my name from Shaikh Arshya Begum to Shaikh Arshya Begum Mohammad Salim. In future I would like to be known by my new name i.e. Shaikh Arshya Begum Mohammad Salim W/o Ashfaq Ahmad R/o C-3/6, ONGC North Colony,Kaulagarh Road,Dehradun. 0040618670-1

I Vivek Chauhan S/o Hukum Singh R/o A.E.93 Avantika, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201002, have changed my name to Vevek Chauhaan 0070790544-1

I Nitish Anjana S/o Ranbir Singh R/O-596, Sector-10A, Gurgaon-122001 have changed my name to Nitish Anjna for all purposes 0070790532-1

I Sunil Malik S/O, L.T. Kharaiti Lal R/O 178 C2c Pocket 2 Janak Puri New Delhi110058 have changed my name to Sameer Malik for all purposes. 0040618665-1

IShakeela W/O, Gaffar Ali R/o C-12/146, Yamuna Vihar Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Shakila for all purposes. 0040618732-1

IRameshwar Chaturvedi S/o Janardhan Prasad Chaturvedi R/o K-41, Chanakya Place, Part-II,Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-59 declare that Ramehwar Chaturvedi and Ramehwar Kumar Chaturvedi both are the name of one & same person i.e me. 0040618718-1

IRajeev Saini D/o Joginder Pal Saini and W/o Amit Jangra R/o 1/1066/1, Sharda Nagar, Near Post Office, Simran Dairy, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247001, have changed my name to Nisha Jangra 0070790543-1

IPallavi D/o Vinay Kumar R/o C-289, Swarn Jayanti Puram, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201013, have changed my name to Pallavi 0070790542-1

I Mukul Sharma S/o Sh. Ravinder Kumar Sharma R/O C-5/197, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed the name of my minor son from Harshaman Sharma to Harshit Sharma for all purposes. 0040618673-7

I Mukesh s/o sh. Hari Shankar R/o near Rajiv Gandhi stadium 480, village bawana Delhi-110039, that my wife changed her name Baby to Usha for all purposes 0040618669-1

IJyoti Joshi W/O, Sanjeev Kundra R/O Flat No. 2, Building No., 2, Parkview Apartments, Sultanpur, Mandi Road, New Delhi 110030 have changed my name to Jyoti Kundra for all purposes. 0040618729-1

IHarshita Agarwal D/o Mr Gajendra Agarwal R/O 2A/406, Rang Rasayan Apartments, Sector-13 Rohini, New Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Harshita Agarwal for all future purposes. 0040618677-1

IAvita Rathee d/o Jaipal Singh, r/o 136 Shubh Enclave Pitampura, New Delhi -110034 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Avita Kumar for all future purposes. 0070790499-1

I,NITIN CHOUDHRY S/O. PRAMOD KUMAR,ADD-4/107, OLD-TEZAB MILL, GALI NO.1, BHOLA NATH NAGAR SHAHDARA, DELHI 110032, CHANGED my name to NITIN CHOUDHARY, for all future Purposes. 0040618750-3

I, hitherto known as Priya Bajwan W/O Ameet Koomar R/o K-604, Eastern Gates Apartments, Sector-4C, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kanupriya Bajwan. 0070790519-1

LOST & FOUND

IUsha Gupta W/o Ramesh Gupta R/O 11 and 12, UPMohal Parmanoo, Sector-1, Parwanoo Solan, Kasauli, Himachal have lost my Original Sale Deed and other documents of Property No,BE-94, Ground Floor, Shalimar Bagh (West), Near Shiv Park, Delhi-88. Finders may contact at Mobile No.8146598447. 0040618672-1

I,Singari W/o Ashok Kumar Pandey R/O M-80-A, Street No.20, Sadatpur Extn., Delhi-110094 have lost my property paper (GPA) Chain documents, If found Please contact:9625601264. 0040618667-1

I,Gracy John original-allottee of Flat No. A-25t.Columbas CGHS- Ltd.Plot No.15 Sector-7, Dwarka,New Delhi-110075, have lost original-allotment cum possession letter.If anyone found-please do inform me-9811523465. 0040618770-10

Lost Possession Letter and Possession slip of DDA flat, Application no. 192362 Address:49, 2nd floor, Block:E-5/Pocket-3/Sec-G/8, Narela Delhi in the name of Mr. Mohit Madan s/o Mr. Yashpal Madan, If found please contact:+918510004851 0050198843-1

I, Zakir Husan S/O Mukem khan, R/o B-1/145, Gali Number-4, Kabin Nagar, Delhi-94 have changed my name to Zakir Hussain for all perposes. 0040618565-1

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SC to take up Jamiat plea today against UP demolitions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE SUPREME Court will take up on Thursday a plea by Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind against the demolition of private properties in Uttar Pradesh in the wake of violent protests over derogatory remarks against the Prophet. The application has been listed before a vacation bench of Justices A S Bopanna and Vikram Nath.

The plea has sought a stay on any further demolition drive that the authorities may be planning to carry out in Kanpur district, which witnessed violence during the protests earlier this month.

On June 12, the Prayagraj administration cited violation of building norms and demolished the house of activist Mohammad Javed who, according to police, is one of the key conspirators behind the violence in the district.

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SECURING FUTURE OF MEN NOT RETAINED IN ARMED FORCES

Soldiers exiting after 4 years will get priority in paramilitary: Centre

Home Minister, CMs of BJP-ruled states assure Agniveers; degree course offered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

A DAY after the government unveiled its Agnipath scheme for short-term recruitment of soldiers, sailors and airmen as Agniveers in the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, the Union Home Ministry announced that these personnel, upon completion of four years of service under the scheme, will get priority in recruitment for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles.

The Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, Madhya

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Moving to allay concerns

GIVEN THAT many among those exiting will have just school education, the future could look uncertain. Offering them jobs in paramilitary and police units and a degree programme for career prospects will help allay concerns.

Pradesh and Assam said Agniveers, who exit the armed forces after four years, will be

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10 lakh jobs: Existing Govt vacancies to account for most, 90% at lowest levels

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE UNION government will need to budget about Rs 4,500 crore a year for the 10 lakh jobs it has promised in mission mode over the next 18 months. Almost entirely, these are existing vacancies or posts remaining unfilled over the past few years due to a generally slow and complex recruitment process, court interventions, and more recently the

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THE GOVT JOBS SITUATION
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Covid-19 pandemic.

A government source said, 90 per cent or more of these unfilled jobs or vacancies are in the Group C category comprising

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Himachal Acting Chief Justice's daughter held in murder case

SAURABH PRASHAR
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday arrested Kalyani Singh, who is the daughter of the Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Sabina



Kalyani Singh (right) was accused of being involved in Sippy Sidhu's 2015 murder



Singh, in connection with the 2015 murder of former national-level shooter and advocate Sukhmanpreet Singh alias Sippy Sidhu.

Officials said Kalyani, who is a lecturer in a Chandigarh college, has been remanded in police custody for four days for

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Police enter AICC office premises, party complains of high-handedness

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AMID ITS ongoing protests over party leader Rahul Gandhi being questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Congress on Wednesday accused the Delhi Police personnel of "forcibly entering" the AICC headquarters and "beating up workers and leaders". It also alleged that its leaders and workers were being barred from entering the party office. Denying the allegations as

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Police detain Congress workers outside the AICC office on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

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BJP reaches out as Opp parties meet to decide on President candidate

Pawar says he is not willing to contest

SOURAV ROY BARMAN & MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

ON A day when leaders of 17 Opposition parties met here to build consensus on a joint candidate for the Presidential polls, senior BJP leaders on Wednesday reached out to key Opposition leaders including

NC's Sharad Pawar and NC's Farooq Abdullah—two of the three names floated as possible candidates at the meeting convened by TMC leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The third name on the list was former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi.

Earlier, the BJP had authorised party chief J P Nadda and

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New charge on ex-cycling coach: National champ says he slapped, harassed her

MIHIR VASAVDA
MUMBAI, JUNE 15

DAYS AFTER a top Indian woman cyclist levelled serious charges of sexual harassment against national coach R K Sharma, leading to his dismissal, another star performer has come forward to complain that she was "slapped" twice, "ridiculed" several times and "harassed" for years by the ex-coach and the team's assistant coach.

Deborah Herold, a national champion and international gold medalist, told *The Indian Express* that she was removed from the Indian team because the assistant coach Gautamani Devi "thought" she was in a relationship with another female cyclist.

It's not just Herold, a 27-year-old from the Andaman and Nicobar islands, who has come up with fresh allegations against Sharma.

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Unified MCD attempts an image makeover

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AS THE Municipal Corporation of Delhi completes its first month after unification, it has kept its focus on an image makeover by appearing as a body that is more interactive, with an emphasis on cleanliness and weeding out corruption. The corporation has in the past been facing criticism over a lack of upkeep of sanitation in the city, corruption, and not being sensitive to people's problems.

The Jan Sunwai campaign, a complaint redressal forum, was kicked off last week to resolve issues faced by citizens under which 12 zonal deputy commissioners and two in the headquarters of the MCD meet the public in their office every Monday to Friday from noon to 1 pm. It has been off to a slow start as reports of officers delegating cases to

junior staff or being absent in the initial days have surfaced. Senior officials in the civic body said this was a project overseen by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

Saxena had earlier said that additional commissioners and zonal deputy commissioners have been instructed to be in the field before the office starts to inspect and ensure work is being done, and be present in the office later to meet people for an hour to redress their problems.

A corruption complaint cell exists to deal with the complaints of corruption against municipal officials and departments. Through telephone number 011-23225231 and e-mail IDCommissioner.ccc@mcd.nic.in, one can get one's complaint registered. Launched last week, the results of the cell are yet to come out.

On Monday, Saxena launched a joint 'cleanliness drive' across the city starting from North

Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar area. The corporation after the drive announced that it will be carrying out a special cleanliness drive in all its zones from June 11-26.

The unified MCD formally came into existence on May 22 with IAS officers Ashwani Kumar and Gyanesh Bharti assuming charge as the new civic body's special officer and commissioner, respectively. The MCD was trifurcated in 2012 during Congress leader Sheila Dikshit's tenure as chief minister. It has now been reunified by merging the North, South and East MCDs.

A senior official said that while the initial steps have been taken, much would depend on the execution. "The MCD's image has been of a place where officers don't meet, files don't move, along with corruption in departments. These initiatives alone would not change much until it is practised effectively on a sustained basis," he said.

Action on 72-yr-old for ‘mobilising Jama Masjid protest’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

DAYS AFTER a brief protest was held at Jama Masjid in New Delhi against suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her alleged remarks about the Prophet, a 72-year-old man has been 'bound down' by Delhi Police for allegedly mobilising the crowd and promoting enmity between different groups. Initial investigation has revealed that the accused, Anwaruddin, was earlier arrested in a rioting case.

DCP (Central district) Shweta Chauhan said Anwaruddin, a resident of Jama Masjid, runs a motor workshop.

"Earlier, we had arrested two men – Mohd Nadeem, 43, and Faheem Khan, 37 – and added Section 153A (promoting enmity between groups on grounds of religion) of the IPC in the existing FIR against the protesters. We are looking for the rest of the accused," she said.

Last Friday, a group of over 300 men staged a protest following Friday prayers demanding Sharma's arrest. The Delhi Police had earlier said the protest was held without their permission

and the men were removed later.

"Anwaruddin is accused of forcing shopkeepers to close their shops in the motor market area. This was done to support the protest and demonstration held at the Jama Masjid on June 10. We also found that the man is a history-sheeter and is involved in 10 criminal cases, including three under rioting and three under attempted murder," said the DCP.

The police had also declared the man a "bad character" in the area. The police, during investi-



Security personnel at Jama Masjid on June 10. PTI

gation, found that people were mobilised through WhatsApp groups.

"The central district police have got vital details about these groups and are gathering more details," said a senior police officer.

Chauhan had said earlier, "About 1,500 people had gathered for Friday namaz, after which 150 of them began protesting with placards. The number then grew to 300. Police peacefully controlled the crowd in 10-15 minutes. Since the protest took place without per-

mission, we will take action against some persons who were identified. The way people gathered after namaz, with banners and placards, suggests that it was planned."

As per CrPC Section 41A, a police officer may not arrest a person accused of an offence punishable by up to seven years till he continues to join the probe. However, he can arrest the person if he fails to appear for investigation or for reasons to be recorded that in the opinion of the police officer he ought to be arrested.

DU: No more wait for printed degrees

New Delhi: DU students who completed their courses in 2021 will receive their printed convocation degrees this year.

Students who had completed their degrees between 2017 and 2020 were not able to get their printed degrees from the university. After students of the 2020 batch approached the Delhi High Court over this, it was revealed that the university's

contract with its printers had ended.

The move to provide printed degrees to students in the year of their convocation itself will come as a relief to students who normally have to wait for years for these. Delhi University officials had stated earlier this year that students would receive their degrees within 90 days of the convocation. The university's

98th convocation was held on February 26.

According to Dean of Examinations D S Rawat, the University has 85,000 printed degrees with it. University officials have created a roster, starting from Thursday, in which college and department staff or officials can collect the degrees of their students who completed their degrees in 2021. **ENS**

Water tanker runs into 6 in Badarpur

New Delhi: At least six people were injured after a water tanker ran into a group of people in a busy market in Southeast Delhi's Badarpur. Police said the tanker driver lost control of the vehicle and hit the crowd. The incident took place in the Tajpur Pahari area late on Tuesday.

During enquiry, police found that the offending vehicle was a Delhi Jal Board tanker. The CCTV footage of the incident shows locals buying vegetables on a street lined with shops. A tanker takes a turn and is seen hitting a group of people before stopping near the footpath.

Police said at least six people were injured in the accident, and they were rushed to nearby hospitals where they are undergoing treatment. A case under IPC sections 297 (rash driving) and 337 (act endangering life) has been registered against the driver at Badarpur police station. **ENS**

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In the matter of
O.A. No. 423/2021
ICICI BANK LTD., ...Applicant
Vs.
GULAB SINGH ...Defendants
TO,
D-1. GULAB SINGH S/O MR. HARGYAN R/O. KHASRA NO. 338/2, VILLAGE HEBATPUR, DADRI, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, NEAR SHIV MANDIR, UTTAR PRADESH-203207
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Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **18.08.2022 at 10.30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ hypothecated/Pledged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 20.07.2022. Details are as under:

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2	ARM Branch, Patna Mob.: 8102916048	M/S Pawansut Agrotech Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. Industrial Plot No. C-1,2,3 & 4, Mauza- Hasali, Near FCI, Aurangabad, Bihar-824101, Director and Guarantor: (1) Sri Sanjeev Ranjan Kumar Singh, S/o Sri Rajendra Prasad Singh, (2) Smt. Usha Singh W/o Sri Sanjeev Ranjan Kumar Singh, both At Satyendra Nagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824101.	₹ 20,23,63,779.17 as on 31.03.2022 + Future Interest & Costs, expenses etc.	2. Hypothecated Plant & Machinery of Dairy Production Unit like Milk Pouch Machine (2000 Ltr./hr), Milk Storage Tank (10000 Ltr.), Milk Pasteurizer (5000 Ltr./hr), Dump Tank, Boiler (800 & 400 kg) Compressor, E.T. Plant, DG Set (62.50 KVA) with MCP panel, Electric panel board with wire, Motor Milk pump, Motor (1,2,3,20,30 HP), IBT (20000 Ltr.) with complete installation, situated at Mauza- Chapra Farid, Chandan Patti, Thana No. 941, Khata No.10, Plot No. 123, Area-22 Decimals, P.S. Sakra, District- Muzaffarpur, bearing Deed No. 446 dated 12.02.2013, Bounded by: North: Nij Monmokir, West: Rajendra Kumar Sinha & others, and Mauza- Chapra Farid, Chandan Patti, Thana No.941, Khata No.10, S. Chak No.123, Area-40 Decimals, P.S. Sakra, District- Muzaffarpur bearing Deed No. 3422 dated 13.02.2013, Bounded by: North: Rajendra Kumar Sinha & others, South: Nala Bihar Sarkar, East: Nij Monmokir, West: Proprietor.	₹ 32,70,000/- EMD- ₹ 3,27,000/- 10,000/-, A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code- CNRB0017415
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			3	Sector 13-17 City Center, Panipat	Booth	8	3	33(P-I), Hisar	8
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BRIEFLY

Thieves cut ATM kiosk, steal Rs 20L

New Delhi: Unidentified men stole Rs 20 lakh after breaking into an ATM kiosk using a gas cutter in Southwest Delhi's Satya Niketan Wednesday, said police. An FIR has been registered and a hunt is on to nab the accused, they added. DCP (Southwest) Manoj C said they received a PCR call from a local resident at 3.30 am, saying some people were trying to cut the ATM kiosk in the Satya Niketan area, and that it caught fire. **ENS**

High Court restrains AAP MLA remarks

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has restrained Aam Aadmi Party and its Dwarika MLA Vinay Mishra from publishing or circulating any defamatory statements in relation to Rashtriya Loktantrik Party's decision to vote in favour of independent candidate and media baron Subash Chandra in the recently-held Rajya Sabha polls. Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta also directed Twitter to "immediately mask, block, or suspend" at least 13 tweets of Mishra. It also restrained AAP and Mishra from posting any further defamatory or scandalous or factually incorrect tweets in relation to the issue "without any clear and cogent evidence". The court passed the order on a suit filed by RLP MP Hanuman Beniwal and three party MLAs from Rajasthan. Mishra is accused of starting a campaign to damage their and their party's reputation. **ENS**

Hanging wires to air purifiers, revamping Kamla Nagar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

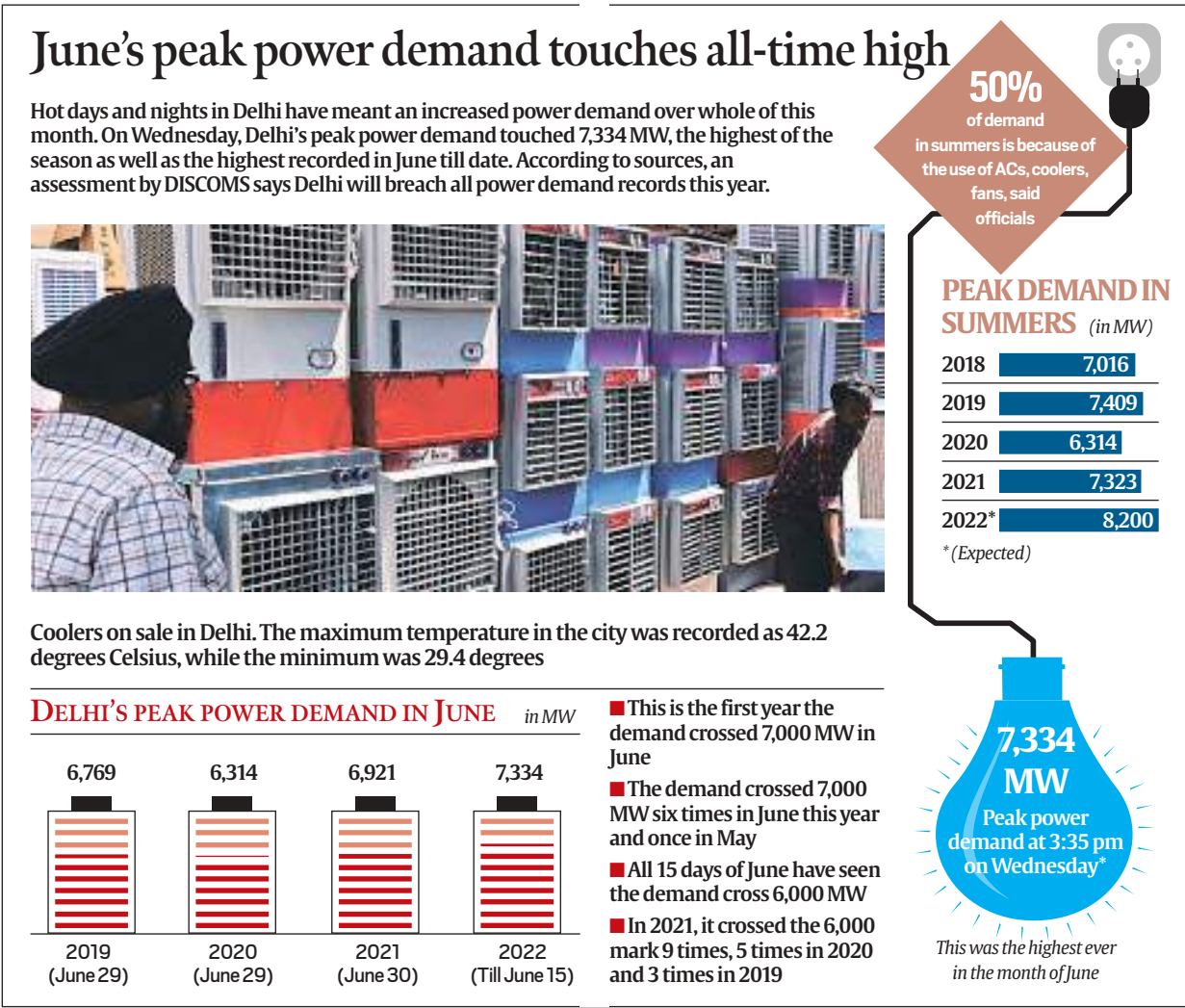
THE DENSE tangle of overhead wires at Kamla Nagar market near the Delhi University will soon be a thing of the past, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Wednesday. As part of its market redevelopment project, the government is planning to put in place electronic guides for the market, a play zone for kids, air purifiers and EV charging points. Sisodia visited the market on Wednesday and interacted with traders and visitors. He said the market, which is popular among Delhi University students because of its proximity, will be cultivated as a youth hang-out zone with a nostalgic walk.

Kamla Nagar market has four inner markets, and a mall, Sparkle, located in the centre. The market is one of the oldest in Delhi and was set up in 1960. It sells clothes, accessories, cosmetics, and household items, among others. It is also known for street food. It is also home to coaching centres, especially those offering coaching for UPSC exams. The daily footfall is between 15,000 and 20,000, and over weekends nearly 1 lakh people visit the market. Assuring traders and the market association that their ideas would be considered, Sisodia said that Kamla Nagar was an essential part of the 'DU Culture'. "Whoever studies at DU spends a significant amount of time here. DU students living all over the world cherish the memories of Kamla Nagar," he said.



The market is one of the oldest in Delhi and was set up in 1960. *Archive*

"We will redevelop the market as per a theme with such an identity that one can recognise it in a single glimpse. This will help people know and remember what the market has to offer. We aim to ensure quality experience for our public, be it shopping, eating or using public facilities, it should all be world-class," he said. Earlier this week, the government said it had selected five markets for redevelopment. Sisodia said he will visit all markets to understand and resolve the problems on the ground. "Delhi's economic growth is our priority. In March, we promised 20 lakh jobs and to boost the economy under rozgar budget. Today, we are taking on this challenge with conviction. Redeveloping our iconic markets is the key to branding them as global shopping destinations and providing large-scale employment," Sisodia tweeted. Traders and shopkeepers welcomed the government's move and said they hoped it makes good on its promise. "Toilet for women, proper roads, sewage, electricity system and segregated space for parking of cars, e-rickshaws and auto stands are some of our key demands. Our businesses will boost if the market is revamped," said Pawan Seth, member of the D-Block market association. Manik Arora, who has been running a footwear shop in the market for the last 15 years, said, "Several government officials from MCD and politicians visited earlier but no development work has taken place. We hope it is fulfilled this time."



WITH 7% POSITIVITY RATE

In Covid surge, Delhi reports 1,375 cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE NUMBER of Covid-19 cases in the national capital shot up over the last two days, with 1,375 cases recorded on Wednesday. The positivity rate – the proportion of samples tested that returned positive, indicative of the spread of the infection in the community – stood at 7.01%, as per the Delhi government's health bulletin. The daily incidence increased from 500 to over 1,000 in seven days during the current surge. To compare, it took only three days for a similar change in April when cases spiked a little after mask mandates were done away with. It took a similar three days in January when Delhi witnessed the omicron variant-driven third wave. Although the numbers declined slightly after the April spike, they did not reduce to the levels seen after the third wave. Presently, mask mandates are in the city. The positivity rate stood at 7.64% at the highest during the slight peak in April. It stood at 30.6% during the January surge, meaning one in three persons who were tested for the infection had it. The current positivity rate, experts believe, does not reflect the true picture as many people are now testing for the infection with home kits. Along with the increase in the number of cases, there has also been a slight increase in the number of hospitalisations, with 160 persons infected with Covid currently being admitted, according to the bulletin. City doctors have said that the symptoms this time around are similar to what was seen during the January wave, with those admitted to hospitals coming in for treatment for conditions other than the viral infection. Dr Subhash Giri, medical director, GTB hospital said, "The number of hospitalisations has increased slightly, earlier we used to get three to four admissions but now we see seven to eight every day. But the thing is these are patients who are admitted to the hospital say for a delivery or some other surgery, and then get a fever and test positive for Covid-19. In fact, we haven't seen a single case of Covid-19 pneumonia for months now." The number of active cases or those with a current infection stands at 3,643 as per the health bulletin.

Stop water wastage, says Haryana CM on Delhi's demand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said Wednesday that Delhi should address "misuse and wastage" of water at its end to meet its demands. Delhi and Haryana have been in a tug-of-war over water supplies to the former through the Yamuna, even as Northwest India has seen a significant rain deficit over the past four months. Delhi has blamed Haryana for the shortage, claiming that it has not fulfilled its promise of supplying adequate water. "My first advice to them is that they should address the misuse of water that they are already getting and manage and conserve it better to ensure there is no wastage in Delhi. Water treatment plants should be set up so water can be reused and utilised optimally. We have given them assurance, we'll spare whatever we can in the next 8-10 days till it rains. We had shared some extra water earlier also when we had spoken to them. When it comes to humanity, everyone should get water..." In fact Delhi Lieutenant Governor also called me and we said whatever we can spare we will," Khattar said in Delhi. He was in the city to meet Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP President JP Nadda. The rainfall from March 1 to May 31 over Northwest India, which includes the basin states of the Yamuna, was only 42.3 mm against a long period average (LPA) of 114.4 mm – a deficit of 63% for the pre-monsoon season.

'Apprehension of bias': HC on judge conduct in child custody case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE DELHI High Court has set aside three orders passed by a family court in a child custody case after taking note of the conduct of the judge, who had shared his personal contact number with the parties and met one of them in the chambers. The court asked the principal judge of the family court of Southeast district to take over the case. Observing that it had no doubt over the integrity, neutrality, and judicial independence of the judge, a High Court single bench said that his conduct has however given a cause of 'reasonable apprehension of bias'. "The judges have to remind themselves time and again that each conduct is observed and noted by the litigants and therefore, knowingly or unknowingly they may not act in any manner which gives rise to even slightest of doubt in the minds of the litigants and lawyers," said Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma. The court said the orders passed on August 21 and December 22, 2021, as well as on March 4 this year are liable to be set aside in the interest of justice, and for the purpose of restoring faith of both the parties in the system of interest of justice. The mother of the child, before the High Court, had challenged the order that restrained her from taking her daughter from Delhi and sought transfer of the case to a different court of Southeast district. Later, she also appealed against the final decision of the family court in the guardianship petition. The family court on March 4 had granted visitation rights to the father on every Wednesday and Friday, and overnight stay of the minor on every second and fourth Saturday. The family court also passed directions with regard to vacations, long holidays, and school functions of the child, who is aged less than three years. In the petition before the High Court, the mother alleged that the arrangement created by the lower court solely focuses on the rights of the father and his family and ignores the comforts of the child. She also told the court that the family court judge had shared his personal mobile number with the parties during the proceedings, and the father of the child met the judge unilaterally in his chamber. Justice Sharma observed that it was not advisable for the judge to have done so. "It is a settled proposition that justice must not only be done but must also appear to have been done. The conduct of the judge while conducting the judicial proceedings should be above board," said the bench. The bench also modified the interim arrangement of visitation rights of the father. "The principal judge, Family Court is requested to decide the said guardianship petition as expeditiously as possible, preferably within four weeks. Learned Principal Judge, Family Court, may also take assistance of the Child Counselor and interact with the child before deciding the visitation rights," said the bench.

Nobody wants to admit the underprivileged: HC on EWS admissions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

OBSERVING THAT nobody wants to admit underprivileged children, a vacation bench of the Delhi High Court Wednesday declined to grant any relief to a private school whose request for exemption from admitting 25% of students in the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) admissions was declined by Directorate of Education (DoE) last month. "The difficulty is that nobody wants to admit the underprivileged. Are you trying to tell the court that you don't have underprivileged children in the city," observed the division bench of Justice Jyoti Singh and Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta during the hearing of an appeal filed by PP International School, a private school located in Pitampura. A single bench on May 27 refused to stay the DoE order, and said irreparable loss would be caused to EWS category students if the order is stayed. The division bench Wednesday said it doesn't find anything wrong with the decision as it is in line with statute. However, the court issued a notice on the appeal to the Delhi government, and asked it to respond within four weeks. The appeal was listed for the next hearing on July 27. The matter is listed before the single bench on July 22. PP International, in its case before the court, has said it was able to admit only 17 students in general category, and it was correct to admit only five students in the EWS category for academic year 2021-22. The school cannot be compelled to admit students beyond 25% of class strength on assumption that it deliberately did not fill up seats in general category, its counsel have argued. However, the Delhi government has argued that the school is required to fill 25% EWS seats based on number of seats advertised, irrespective of whether the school has not been able to fill up the general category seats. The school had received 761 applications but granted admission to only 17 candidates of the general category, as per the DoE.

Waste to energy plant starts at Ghazipur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE WASTE to energy plant next to the Ghazipur landfill was made operational Wednesday, with a capacity to process 1,300 metric tonnes of waste per day. Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena tweeted, "Happy to inform that the Waste to Energy Plant beside Ghazipur landfill site has become operational today. Of the 2,600 MTs garbage generated daily in East Delhi, the plant will consume 1,300 MTs per day & reduce additional burden of fresh waste..." An MCD official said, "The L-G visited the site about two weeks ago. During his visit, the operator assured that the plant will start functioning on June 15. Once it starts operating to its optimal capacity then it'll process about 1,300 MT of fresh garbage." This will help in flattening the landfill site at a faster rate, he said, adding that the height of Ghazipur landfill site has been reduced by over 15 metres.

50 WRITE TO HEAD OF DEPT

DU's maths teachers wary of syllabus under 4-year undergrad program

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

OVER 50 mathematics teachers from various Delhi University colleges have raised concern over the content and formulation process of the proposed syllabus for the BSc (Honours) Mathematics course under the four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP), which is set to be introduced from the upcoming academic session. The draft Undergraduate Curriculum Framework was

passed by the university's statutory bodies in January, and is to be implemented from the upcoming academic session. For this, the syllabus preparation and finalisation for various programmes is currently underway. The university had directed the departments to submit the syllabus for the first two semesters of the FYUP by June 10. After going through the committee on courses, the syllabus was presented before the Faculty of Mathematics on both May 20 and May 25, after which it was submitted to the university.

From here, it has to be approved by the standing committee on Academic Matters, then the Academic Council, and the Executive Council. A total of 52 maths teachers from various colleges including St Stephen's College, Lady Shri Ram College, Hansraj College and Kironi Mai College have written to the Head of Department of Mathematics Ruchi Das raising concern over not being involved in the syllabus formation. "Widespread consultation with college teachers, who have been teaching this course and

are aware of the needs of undergraduate students, is desirable. For this a General Body meeting of all such teachers should be held, as was done in the past," they have written. Das did not respond to queries from *The Indian Express*. Pankaj Garg, who was part of the committee for one of the maths papers, said the syllabus should have been sent to colleges for recommendations from teachers. "The understanding was that whatever is formed by committees will be sent to colleges but it was not implemented.



The program will be introduced from the upcoming academic session

These are people who will be teaching this in classrooms but there was very little time given for such a major process," he said. The teachers who have raised concerns have flagged the reduction in lecture credits from core courses Analysis and Algebra in the first two semesters. "Under this structure, the number of lecture credits has anyway been reduced from 66 to 54. While earlier there were 14 core papers across 66 credits, there are now 18 core papers across 54 credits. Even within these reduced credits, we have

concerns about the prioritisation being done," said Nandita Narain from St Stephen's College, who is one of the signatories. They have stated that three courses which are electives under the existing system have been introduced as core courses in the first two semesters. "The lecture credits assigned to the core foundational courses of Analysis and Algebra have been drastically reduced in the proposed new structure from 25 each to 15 each, which will adversely affect the conceptual base of Mathematics Honours students...

Three courses that were electives in current LOCF (learning outcome-based curriculum framework) course and one from the PG curriculum have been put into the core DSC (Discipline Specific Core) courses... This is not desirable, as the introduction of new core courses should not be at the expense of the existing core courses that are indispensable for laying a strong conceptual foundation," states their petition. They have also flagged that in several papers, content that was covered in five lectures is now proposed to be covered in three.



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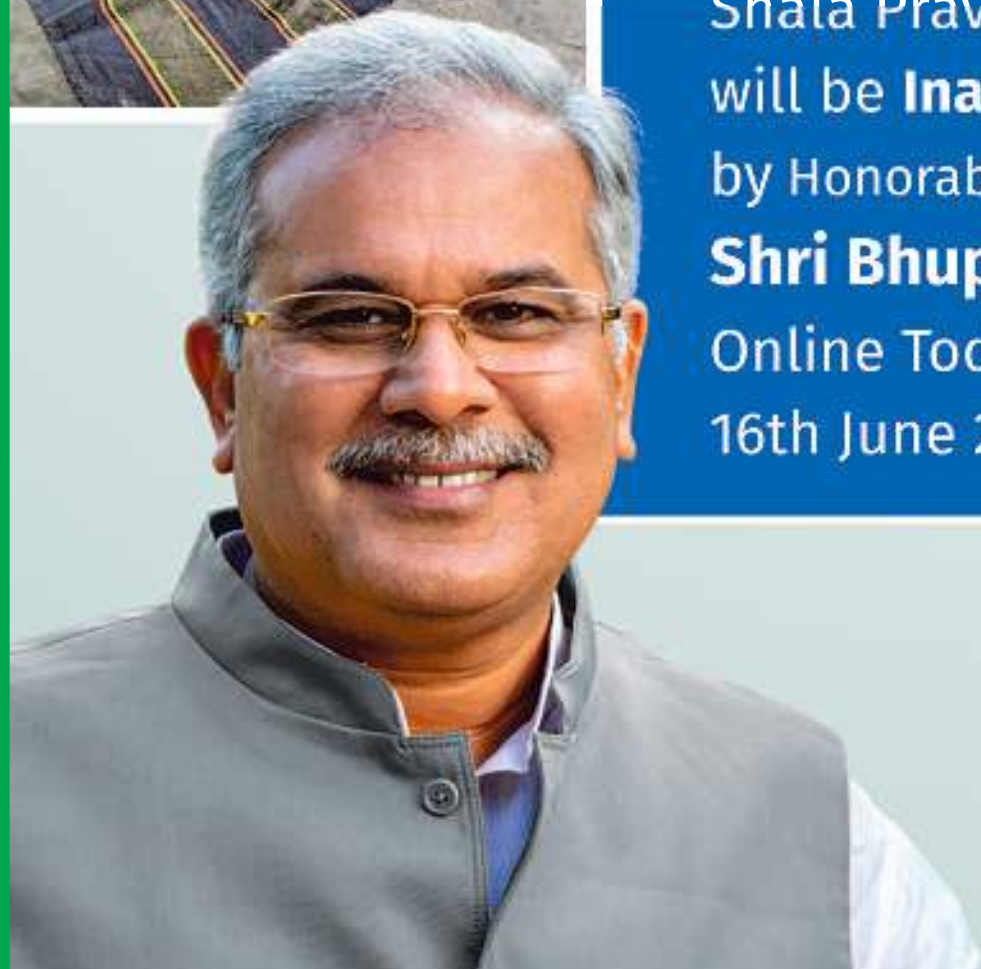


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LANKA VISIT

IN THE midst of a controversy in Sri Lanka over a wind farm contract to the Adani Group, a visit by RSS functionary Ram Madhav to Colombo has triggered curiosity. Madhav, who holds no official position in the government, met Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. The word is they discussed how Sri Lanka can get more Indian investment and assistance. It is not clear who Madhav was representing. But at a time of much political and economic fluidity in the island nation, when India has been keen to convey that its assistance comes with no strings attached, there are concerns about the signals that a visit by a prominent politician send out.

IN A SOUP

FORMER PUDUCHERRY Governor and IPS officer Kiran Bedi has found herself in hot water with the National Commission for Minorities. At an event to launch her book in Chennai earlier this week, Bedi cracked a joke about the Sikh community. The NCM has now received a complaint, saying the joke has hurt sentiments of the Sikh community. NCM Chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura has sought a report on the matter from the Delhi Chief Secretary, and has said that the Commission will take action based on this report. Bedi has already apologised over the issue and posted multiple pictures of her praying at gurdwaras even as she claimed her husband was a direct descendant of Guru Nanak Dev.

THE CANDIDATE

AT THE joint meeting of the Opposition on Wednesday, as reporters were busy tracking occupants of the cars entering the premises of the Constitution Club of India, an SUV rolled in, bringing a man everyone failed to recognise. Curiosity grew as the enigmatic figure reached the doorstep of the conference hall, where security personnel stopped him. On his way back, the self-styled Yogi, who is a fixture at press conferences in venues like the Press Club and Foreign Correspondents Club, declared that he had come to seek support for his own candidature in the upcoming Presidential polls. "I have got assurances from leaders," he announced..

National Herald case: Rahul questioned for 3rd day, to appear before ED on Friday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AFTER QUESTIONING Rahul Gandhi for three straight days in connection with the National Herald case, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday called the Congress leader for questioning again on Friday.

On Wednesday, too, Rahul was questioned for nearly 10 hours. Sources said he was asked to come again on Thursday, but he sought exemption and was thus called on Friday.

Sources said Rahul is being questioned about the ownership of Young Indian (YI) by the Nehru-Gandhi family and its shareholding in Associate Journals Limited (AJL), the company that runs the National Herald newspaper. He is being questioned about the circumstances under which AJL was acquired by Young Indian in 2010 for a "pittance", making it in turn the owner of all assets owned by the National Herald newspaper. A certain loan of Rs 1 crore by



Police stop Congress workers protesting outside the AICC office in New Delhi on Wednesday; Rahul Gandhi leaves the ED office after questioning. Prem Nath Pandey/Amit Mehra

Dotex Merchandise, a company owned by the RPG Group, to Young Indian is also under probe by the agency, as it was used by YI to take control of AJL.

Rahul's mother, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, is scheduled to appear before the ED later this month. Rahul had earlier been called for questioning on June 2, while Sonia had been asked to appear before the agency on June 8. Both had then sought more time

from the agency.

The ED case is based on a trial court order that allowed the Income Tax Department to probe the affairs of National Herald newspaper and conduct tax assessment of Sonia and Rahul. The order was the result of a petition filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013.

Swamy's complaint had alleged cheating and misappropriation of funds on part of the



Gandhis in acquiring the newspaper. Swami had alleged that the Gandhis acquired properties owned by National Herald by buying the newspaper's erstwhile publishers, AJL, through an organisation called Young Indian, in which they have 86-per cent stake.

The trial court had, on December 19, 2015, granted bail to Sonia and Rahul in the case.

In Swamy's complaint before

the trial court, Sonia, Rahul and others have been accused of misappropriating funds by paying Rs 50 lakh for Young Indian to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that AJL owed to the Congress.

It was alleged that YI, which was incorporated in November 2010 with a capital of Rs 50 lakh, had acquired almost all shareholding of AJL, which ran National Herald. The I-T department had claimed that the shares owned by Rahul in YI would lead him to have an income of Rs 154 crore, and not about Rs 68 lakh, as was assessed earlier. The I-T department has already issued a demand notice for Rs 249.15 crore to YI for assessment year 2011-12.

Adhir writes to Speaker

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Wednesday wrote to Speaker Om Birla and stated that party MP Rahul Gandhi has been "undergoing inexplicable tormentation for three consecutive days by the Enforcement Directorate of India" and sought his intervention.

Road in Gandhinagar named after PM's mother

Gandhinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit his mother Hiraba in Gandhinagar on June 18 as she celebrates her 100th birthday. A road in Gandhinagar was named for her on Wednesday.

"When Hiraba is entering her 100th year, we have decided to name an 80-meter-road in Raysan area as Pujya Hiraba Marg so that the next generation takes inspiration from her life," Gandhinagar Mayor Hitesh Makwana said.

Hiraba stays with her youngest son Pankaj Modi at Raisan village on the outskirts of

Gandhinagar city. PM Modi is on a two-day visit to Gujarat on June 17 and 18. A big celebration has also been organised by Hiraba's sons at Vadnagar.

According to one of her sons Prahlad Modi, "As Hiraba is turning Shatayu, we have organised a Nav Chandi Yagna and recitation of Sundar Kand at Hatkeshwar Temple in Vadnagar. A Sangeet Sandhya has also been organised at the temple on the occasion."

Noted singer Anuradha Paudval, along with other known artists, is also likely to perform at the event.

ENS & PTI

Aaditya in Ayodhya: 'Here as a Ram devotee, not for politics'

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, JUNE 15

ON HIS maiden visit to Ayodhya after becoming a minister in the Maharashtra government, Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray on Wednesday said his visit should not be linked to politics as he had come to seek Lord Ram's blessings.

Expressing his wish to establish "Ram Rajya in order to serve people better", the 32-year-old son of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said his party has been associated with Ayodhya and Ram Temple movement with Shri Ram being in their hearts. "Ayodhya is the centre of faith in India. In 2018, we gave this slogan -- first temple, then government. After Shiv Sena's slogan, the way for the construction of the temple was cleared. Now, the Ram temple is being built on the orders of the Supreme Court... We are connected to this place, its people here, and Bhagwan Shri Ram is in our hearts... We have to establish Ram Rajya so that we could serve people better," he said.

"Our visit (to Ayodhya) is not related to any election. Also, it is not a political matter. For us, it is a matter of faith," Thackeray, who was accompanied by party leaders Sanjay Raut and Eknath Shinde told mediapersons, before heading to Hanumangarhi to offer puja.

The Thackeray scion's visit to the temple town assumes significance as ally-turned-rival BJP has been accusing Shiv Sena of abandoning the Hindutva



Aaditya Thackeray at Lucknow airport on Wednesday. He went to Ayodhya by road from the state capital. Vishal Srivastav

cause by joining hands with the Congress and NCP to form the government in Maharashtra. Also, the visit comes days after Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief and his uncle, Raj Thackeray, cancelled his Ayodhya trip, citing health reasons. The MNS chief has also been accusing the Sena of abandoning the Hindutva cause.

With the BJP taking credit for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Aaditya said, "We (Shiv Sena) had demanded for a special law to build Ram temple but it did not happen in the Parliament. But after the SC's decision, the temple is currently being built. We are happy and will take it ahead."

During his 2018 visit to Ayodhya, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had taken on the Narendra Modi government over the delay in building Ram temple at the disputed site and sought a legislation or ordinance to build the temple.

Aaditya Thackeray, meanwhile, said that there was "absolute clarity" in Shiv Sena's Hindutva. Refusing to comment on Shiv Sena's stand on the on-

EXPLAINED
Significance of Aaditya's Ayodhya trip

ATTACKED BY both BJP and Raj Thackeray's MNS of going soft on Hindutva, Shiv Sena would want to use Aaditya's Ayodhya tour to reaffirm the party's Hindutva credentials and counter Raj's Hindutva drive. Ahead of Mumbai civic polls, it is also an attempt to woo North Indians, whose vote the sena considers to be critical in its bid to retain power in BMC. North Indians make up about 20% population of Mumbai.

going legal proceedings in Gyanvapi and Mathura temple cases, Aaditya said rejected reports that a section of priests in Ayodhya were opposed to his visit. "All the saints, priests and public of Ayodhya welcomed me...", he said.

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NSA Ajit Doval

Doval in virtual NSAs' meet in run-up to BRICS meeting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

A WEEK ahead of the BRICS leaders' virtual meeting on June 24, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval on Wednesday participated in a virtual meeting of NSAs of BRICS countries, hosted by Chinese NSA Yang Jiechi.

Today's meeting, incidentally, took place two years to the day of the Galwan incident in which 20 Indian soldiers were killed in clashes with Chinese soldiers in eastern Ladakh. Beijing has claimed four Chinese soldiers were killed in the clashes; Indian assessment is that the number is higher.

While there was no official readout from the Indian side on the BRICS NSAs' meeting, Chinese Foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, "The Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security is an important platform for BRICS countries to enhance political and security cooperation."

Ahead of the meeting, Wang said, "At the upcoming meeting, national security advisers and high representatives on national security of the five BRICS countries will have an in-depth exchange of views, coordinate positions and build consensus on a range of issues including multi-lateralism and global governance, new threats and challenges to national security, and governance in new domains."

"With profound changes in the international landscape interwoven with a pandemic unseen in a century, our world has entered a new phase of turbulence and transformation. As the current BRICS chair, China looks forward to working with fellow BRICS members to achieve positive results through this meeting....," the Chinese spokesperson said.

Railways flags off first train under Bharat Gaurav scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE INDIAN Railways began the maiden service of privately-run 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu to Shirdi in Maharashtra.

"The Bharat Gaurav Train from Coimbatore North to Sainagar Shirdi will commence at 18:00 hours on 14th June 2022 (Tuesday) and reach Sainagar Shirdi at 07:25 hours on 16th June 2022 (Thursday) with stoppages at Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Yelahanka, Dharmavaram, Mantralayam Road and Wadi," ministry of railways said in a statement on Tuesday.

Around 1100 passengers boarded the maiden round trip service from Coimbatore to Shirdi on Tuesday, the ministry said.

The private service is offered by the registered service provider for an itinerary consisting of five days and it involves a full round trip from Coimbatore to Shirdi and back. South Star Rail is the registered service provider that operates the train and the Coimbatore-based company is registered company and is part of Future Gaming & Hotel Services Pvt. Limited.

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CORRIGENDUM:

- Refers to the advertisement published on 15 Jun 2022 for the post of principal, APS Mathura cantt following are amendments:-
(a) For-Below 50 years except in the case of Ex-Servicemen who may be upto 57 years of age.
(b) Read -Below 55 years except in the case of ex-servicemen who may be upto 57 years of age.
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Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Pathri Power House, Bahadradab, Hardwar invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

1. Tender No.: 07/EE(Pathri)/2022-23 – Annual Contract for Sweeping, Cleaning & Up-keeping of Pathri Power House.

Estimated Cost :Rs. 5,61,960/- (GST extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website: 16.06.2022

Last date for submission of tender : 07.07.2022, up to 11:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE



KAVITA

General public is hereby informed that this female namely Kavita D/o Nathi Singh R/o H-2/36, Gali No. 15, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi **Age** : 19 years, **Height** : 5', **Face** : Round, **Complexion** : Fair, wearing wearing red colour suit-salwar and chappal in feet, has been missing/ kidnapped since 29.04.2022 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 133-A

dated 29.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped female may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO : P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi,**
Website: <http://cbi.nci.in> **Ph. : 011-25946700,**
Fax: 24368639, **25946710**
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

Banaskantha District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd.
BANAS DAIRY, PB NO 20, PALANPUR - 385001, DIST: BANASKANTHA, GUJARAT- PHONE : 253881-85..FAX : 02742-252723

Ref: BNS/Project/2022-23/Carbon Credit 15.06.2022

Expression of Interest

Banas Dairy invites expression interest from recognized and accredited firms/ agencies for providing following services: Consultancy services for Identification, Development and Assistance for Registration, Verification, Issuance and Trading of Voluntary Carbon, Water, SDGs Credits from Various Projects of Banas Dairy.

Interested firms/agencies may visit our website www.banasdairy.coop for more information on scope of works, carbon credit projects that Banas Dairy has already completed and proposed in future. Agencies/ firms who are eligible and desirous to provide consultancy services should send their details of firms, documents meeting eligibility criteria and consultancy charges on or before 05.07.2022, 1500 hours to Senior Manager (Govt. Projects) on above address.

Banas Dairy reserves the right to award the job either in part or full. Banas dairy at its sole discretion and without assigning any reason thereof, also reserves the right to accept any/or reject any or all EOI.

I/c Managing Director

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person, **Name:** Kishan, **S/o:** Subhash, **R/o:** B-286, Gali No. 13, Gourav Nagar-II, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi **Aged:** 27 years, has been missing since 22.05.2022 from his Residence. In this regard, a **DD No. 001, Dated 26.05.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.**

His description is as under:
Height: 5'5" feet, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Green Colour Shirt and Blue Colour Pant. If anyone has any information about the missing male, then please inform to the following at email: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: No.011-24368639, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641.

S.H.O
P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Ph. No. 9315164042

DP/1533/RD/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a female **Ruchi Chaudhary D/o Balak Ram R/o** H.No. F-98, Street No.4, East Vinod Nagar, Delhi has been missing from his house since 15.11.2021 at 06:00 PM from the area of P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 05A, dated 16.11.2021** has been lodged at PS, Kalyanpuri, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:

Name: Ruchi Chaudhary, **Father's Name** : Balak Ram, **Age** : 26 years, **Height** : 5'4", **Face** : Round, **Built:** Medium **Complexion** : Shallow, **Wearing** : Green Colour suit and Salwar and slippers in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website : <http://cbi.nci.in> **SHO**
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in **P.S., Kalyanpuri, Delhi**
Fax : 011-24368639 **Ph. : 011-22772287, 51,**
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641 **8750870629, 9911425333**
DP/796/ED/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Bhudev

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely **Bhudev**, S/o Sukhram, R/o D-533 Gali No.10, Mangol Puri, Delhi. **Age** : 52 years, **Height** : 5'6", **Complexion**-Fair, **Face**-Round, **ID Mark**-Mole of Chest, **Wearing**-Black colour Lining Shirt, Salati colour Pajama and Black Sleeper has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi, since **07.05.2022**. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 49A dated 08.05.2022** has been registered at **PS, Mangolpuri, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/ kidnapped 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. Mangolpuri, Delhi**
Fax : 011-23011334 **Ph. : 011-27921168, 27922186**
DP/1841/OD/2022

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

CORRIGENDUM

No. PCMM/CLW/DKAE/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/13 Dated : 14.06.2022. The following Corrigendum of E-Tender is for supply of materials for manufacture of electric Locomotive. The Prospective bidders are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders; only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. SL No. : [13]. Tender Notice No. : SL No.281 of PCMM/CLW/Dankuni/E-Procurement/22-23/39 Dated : 13/5/2022. Newspapers published on 22, May 2022. **Tender No. 14222353** Tender description : Tender Descriptions against SL No. 6, to be read as "AC CIRCUIT BREAKERS 6A, 3 POLE (TYPE-18) WITH AUX. CONTACTS 2 NO TO CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/0096/L OR LATEST. [One set comprises of 97 nos. of AC Circuit Breakers along with 06 nos. of Aux. Contacts 2 NO] & SL No. 8, to be read as "AC CIRCUIT BREAKERS 16A, 3 POLE (TYPE-14) WITH AUX. CONTACTS 2 NO TO CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/0096/L OR LATEST. [One set comprises of 02 nos. of AC Circuit Breakers along with 02 nos. of Aux. Contacts 2 NO] in place of existing entry.

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THE Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, is publishing an Expression of interest to set up a Project Management Unit for the expenditure of the funds made available under the 15th Finance Commission.

A Detailed EOI has been uploaded on the Maharashtra Government Website at the <https://maharashtra.gov.in/1153/WhatsNew>. The last date for submission of physical copy to this department is 6 July 2022 by 5:00 pm.

Sd/ Director and Ex-Officio Dy. Secretary Disaster Management Unit Government of Maharashtra DGIPR/2022-23/1316

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E- Tender against Tender No. **230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-14-RT** . The details are as under:

1. Name of the work :	Overhauling of Air Dryers of Trident make of Electric Locomotive
2. Approx. cost of work:	Rs. 47,87,984.52
3. Earnest Money to be deposited:	Rs. 95,800.00
4. Last Date & Time of Submission of tender bid of tender:	05-07-2022(11:00 Hrs.)
5. Date & Time of opening of tender document:	05-07-2022(After 11:00 Hrs.)
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen :	www.ireps.gov.in .

Note:
1. The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E- Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e- tender system.
2. For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
3. No manual offers are acceptable.
4. Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.
No. 230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-14-RT dtd. 14.06.2022 1452/2022

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2015 DADRI LYNCHING

Case picks up pace after 7 yrs, Akhlaq’s daughter testifies

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

THE 2015 Dadri lynching victim’s daughter recorded her statement for the second day on Wednesday as the trial picked up pace after seven years. Shaista (27), daughter of Mohammad Akhlaq who was beaten to death on the suspicion of eating beef and cow slaughter, recorded her testimony at a fast-track court in Surajpur during the trial’s evidence stage.

“Testimonies of key witnesses in the case began on Tuesday. Akhlaq’s daughter has recorded her statement based on the FIR filed in the case. She has corroborated the sequence of events since she was present at the time of the incident. After her, other family members will give their testimonies,” said Yusuf Saifi, lawyer representing Akhlaq’s family.

According to officials, Shaista in her testimony has named accused who allegedly harassed the family following the incident and narrated her account of seeing Akhlaq being dragged out of the house by a mob and beaten up. Earlier, police had recorded her statement before a magistrate under Section 164 of the CrPC.

The woman was cross-examined by one of the defence



Akhlaq was beaten to death on suspicion of cow slaughter in 2015

lawyers as part of the procedure, officials said. Once her statement is recorded, family members, including Akhlaq’s wife Ikraman and his mother Asgari, will also present their testimony, said officials.

The testimony of the accused will be recorded after they present their evidence. The next date has been set for Friday during which Shaista’s testimony is likely to conclude.

The FIR registered at the Jarcha police station was filed under IPC sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting with deadly weapon), 149 (unlawful assembly), 323 (assault), 504 (intentional insult to disturb peace), among others.

A Surajpur court had in 2016 ordered a separate FIR to be filed against the family members of Akhlaq for alleged cow slaughter.

All the 19 accused in the case are currently out on bail. The case was handed over to a fast-track court in April 2016.

PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

Opp leaders speak to Gopal Gandhi, he says premature to comment

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AS THE opposition parties began discussions on fielding a joint candidate for the forthcoming Presidential elections, their search for an acceptable and credible face has again taken them to the doorsteps of Gopal Krishna Gandhi, a former administrator, diplomat and Governor, and the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

Sources said NCP leader Praful Patel, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and his CPI counterpart D Raja spoke to Gandhi during a meeting the Left leaders had with NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday.

Gandhi is learnt to have told them that he would get back after consulting his family members. On Wednesday, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee mentioned his name — and also that of National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah — at a meeting of opposition parties, the first official exercise to arrive at a common name.

When contacted, Gandhi told *The Indian Express* that “it is too premature for me to comment”.

Gandhi was in the reckoning as the joint Opposition candidate in 2017 as well, but the parties



Leaders of opposition parties at a meeting held in New Delhi to decide on Presidential candidate. Anil Sharma

fielded former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar after the ruling NDA announced Ram Nath Kovind as its nominee. Gandhi was then fielded as the Opposition candidate for the Vice President’s post.

The Left, sources said, is keen on Gandhi if Pawar and Abdullah turn down the requests of opposition parties to be their candidate. Pawar has already made it clear that he is not interested. Abdullah, too, is said to be not interested in throwing his hat in the race.

Gandhi was the Governor of West Bengal during the UPA’s first term in office. Interestingly, the remarks of Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge at Wednesday’s meeting signal

that the party was open to the idea of Gandhi’s candidature. He said the Opposition candidate should be someone who is committed to upholding the “Constitution of India, its values, principles and provisions in letter and spirit; someone committed to guaranteeing that all institutions of our democracy function without fear or favour; someone committed to protecting the rights of all our citizens and preserving the secular fabric of …society; someone committed to speaking out boldly against the forces of prejudice, hatred, bigotry and polarisation; and someone committed to being a powerful force for furthering social justice and empowerment.”

Kerala SHO who issued notice to mosque panel against hate speech removed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 15

THE KERALA government on Wednesday removed a police officer in Kannur district for issuing notice to a local mosque which stated that there should be no hate speech during Friday namaz.

The SHO of Mayyil police station, Biju Prakash, had issued the notice to a local mosque committee against the backdrop of the “situation prevailing in the country in the wake of the row over remarks against the Prophet.”

The notice said there should not be any hate speech that shatters communal harmony. The SHO said action would be taken against those who indulge in such speech. The notice had evoked protest from various Muslim outfits.

An official release from the CMO said the notice of the SHO was “contrary to the view of the LDF government”. “The SHO had issued the notice without understanding the government policy. Hence, the DGP had removed him from duty,” it said.

CM Pinarayi Vijayan said the government did not believe that communal propaganda was being carried out in mosques. Hence, action was taken against the officer.

ICMR-NIV study: Covaxin booster dose shields against Delta, Omicron variants

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, JUNE 15

A NEW study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Virology (NIV) and Bharat Biotech shows that a Covaxin booster dose is effective against both the Delta as well as Omicron variants BA.1.1 and BA.2 of Covid-19.

“The booster dose of Covaxin was found to improve the neutralising antibody response against VoCs (variants of concern), including Delta and the Omicron. This is a promising study,” Dr Samiran Panda, Additional Director-General, ICMR, told *The Indian Express*.

The findings are based on a study that has been conducted on animals and will be followed up in human trials as well. The study was conducted earlier but it takes time to get published as per the protocol, said Dr Panda.

The ICMR-NIV study has been published as a pre-print in bioRxiv and posted on June 14 as “Protective efficacy of Covaxin against Delta and Omicron variants in the hamster model”.

Researchers from NIV and Bharat Biotech analysed the protective efficacy of Covaxin following second and third dose immunisations against the Delta variant and studied the efficacy of the same vaccine against Omicron variants in a Syrian hamster model (animal model to study human-associated diseases).

In the Delta infection study, researchers compared the protective re-

NTAGI TO REVIEW COVAXIN, CORBEVAX DATA FOR 6-12-YEAR-OLDS TODAY

New Delhi: Government advisory panel NTAGI will meet on Thursday to review data on Covaxin and Corbevax vaccines for the 6-12 age group and also deliberate on reducing the gap between the second and precaution doses from the current nine to six months. The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation will hold its meeting amid a fresh spike in Covid-19 cases in the country. India’s drug regulator in April had granted emergency use authorisation for Biological E’s vaccine Corbevax for those aged five to 12 years and Bharat Biotech’s Covaxin for children in the age group of six to 12 years. **PTI**

sponse between the second and third dose regimens and said that they could observe the advantage of the booster dose vaccination.

Although the neutralising antibody levels were comparable among the groups, lung disease severity was found reduced after the third dose vaccination.

In the second study, in which protective response was assessed against Omicron variants BA.1 and BA.2 after three dose vaccinations, the test cases reported lesser virus shedding, lung viral load and lung disease severity.

‘Rahul Gandhi surrounded by a bad coterie who don’t understand politics’

In an interview with **VARINDER BHATIA**, Congress rebel MLA from Haryana, **KULDEEP BISHNOI**, whose cross-voting sank party nominee Ajay Maken’s chances in the June 10 Rajya Sabha polls from Haryana, says the Congress is in “self-destruction mode”, and calls Rahul Gandhi an “inaccessible” leader who “takes decisions under pressure”.



Rebel Cong MLA Bishnoi cross-voted in RS polls

What led you to rebel against the party?

The major reason is that this party is in self-destruction mode. They have been repeatedly taking wrong decisions across the nation. As far as Haryana is concerned, their decision to make Uday Bhan the president is a disaster. When you choose the head of a state, you should pick a known face... Who is Uday Bhan? Nobody knew him before he was appointed PCC president. If you pick a weak leader, how can you win a war?

Your cross-voting led to Ajay Maken losing his Rajya Sabha polls.

I did not vote for him [Ajay Maken] because this is not the Congress party of Indira Gandhi ji or Rajiv Gandhi ji. It has become Hooda Congress. Before the June 10 polling, I told Ajay Maken and party affairs incharge Vivek Bansal that I would not vote for the party. They told me that RG [Rahul Gandhi]

Are you upset because you were not made PCC president?

I never ran after a particular post. Over a decade ago, I had declined the post of Deputy CM. I like winning battles... RG had promised me that he would let me build the party in Haryana. He was the one who promised me the post of PCC president. But, he failed to keep his promise...

Before Uday Bhan was appointed, Priyanka Gandhi called me and promised me that I would be the next PCC president... They [Rahul and Priyanka] told me that Bhupinder Singh Hooda and I, together, we can turn the tide in Haryana... But, suddenly they succumbed to pressure from Hooda... After Uday Bhan was appointed, I expressed my anger on social media... Congress president Sonia Gandhi called me and told me not to get angry. She told me that RG will meet me. He never did.

Why do you think Rahul Gandhi changed his mind?

Why do you think the party high command succumbed to pressure from Hooda?

Hooda has failed repeatedly. He was given a free hand in 2009, 2014 and 2019. He failed... and could not get a majority for the government in Haryana... In a meeting chaired by RG about two months ago... I had pointed out that there is this man [Hooda] who has repeatedly failed. I told RG that for God’s sake... give him another job.

What next for Kuldeep Bishnoi? BJP?

I said the same thing about the Congress, too. With time, a party changes and we need to appreciate that. We need to leave out what’s bad and embrace good ideologies and policies. For the next few days, I will meet more of my people and whatever they suggest, I will take a decision accordingly. I have been getting offers from the BJP, AAP and other parties, too.

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India test-fires nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

NEARLY 10 days after conducting a routine test of its nuclear-capable Agni missile, India on Wednesday carried out a test on its other nuclear-capable missile, Prithvi.

The government said in a statement that a “successful training launch of a Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II” was carried out at 7:30 pm on Wednesday from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha.

“The missile is a proven system and is capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision,” the statement said, adding that the “user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile”.

Prithvi-II is an indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile, which has a range of around 250 km and can carry one-ton payload.

The test comes days after India tested its Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile Agni-IV on June 6, which can travel as far as 4,000 km. After the “routine user training” launch test of Agni-IV, the government had said that the successful test “reaffirms India’s policy of having a Credible Minimum Deterrence Capability”.

The tests come at a time when globally there appears to be a revamp of nuclear capabilities.

FORM-18 [Sub-rule (2) of rule 20] PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION BY APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT/COLLECTOR [UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 11 OF THE ACT] GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION NO-166 /8 - S.L.A.O. /AMROHA/2022 DATE-17-05-2022

NOTIFICATION Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 1-3035 hectares of land is required in the village Sarkada Kamal and Jagwa Khurda, Tehsil-Amroha, District-Amroha, is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) through Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

2. Social impact Assessment study was carried out by the state social impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on dated:

3. The Summary of the Social Impact Assessment Report as follows:

4. A total of families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:

Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector, is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.

5. Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Amroha	Amroha	Amroha	Sarkada Kamal	194	0-0530
				195	0-0038
				196 Pto	0-1165
				199	0-0400
				219	0-1820
				293	0-1270
				225si	0-0921
				225q	0-0179
				294	0-1270
				304	0-1240
				308 Pto	0-1250
				314 Pto	0-1000
				120	0-0238
				120 Pto	0-0074
				68	0-0275
				191	0-0238
				TOTAL	1-1908
Amroha	Dhanora	dhanora	Jagwa Khurda	1 Pto	0-0567
				4	0-0560
				TOTAL	0-1127
				G. TOTAL OF VILLAGE	1-3035

6. The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to take necessary steps to enter upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-soil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.

7. Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within (days) 21 (Twenty-one) after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.

8. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector.

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

By order (.....) State Government/Collector

UPID NO. 177219 DATE-14/06/2022 Website-www.up.gov.nic.in

FORM-18 [Sub-rule (2) of rule 20] PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION BY APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT/COLLECTOR [UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 11 OF THE ACT] GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION NO-163 /8 - S.L.A.O. /AMROHA/2022 DATE-17-05-2022

NOTIFICATION Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 0-6072 hectares of land is required in the village Slampur Mafi, Nagla Mafi, Khad Gujar and Hoshangpur Gujar, Pargana Dhanoraa, Tehsil Dhanora, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

2. Social impact Assessment study was carried out by the state social impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government. X which has approved its recommendation on date .X..

3. The Summary of the Social Impact Assessment Report as follows: Under Section to 2(1) of the land Acquisition Act, 2013, Social Impact Assessment is not applicable on the Irrigation Department.

4. A total of Zero families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:

Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector, is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.

5. Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Amroha	Dhanora	dhanora	Salampur Mafi	12	0-0797
				5	0-0513
				Total	0-1310
Amroha	Dhanora	dhanora	Nagla Mafi	10 Pto	0-0800
				50	0-0309
				Total	0-1109
Amroha	Dhanora	dhanora	Khad Gujar	61	0-0845
				Total	0-0845
Amroha	Dhanora	dhanora	Hosangpur Gujar	119	0-2808
				Total	0-2808
				Grand. Total	0-6072

6. The Government is also pleased to authorize the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to land acquisition to takes necessary steps to enter upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-soil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.

7. Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within (days) 21 (Twenty one) after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.

8. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector.

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

By order (.....) State Government/Collector

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Cong leader booked over ‘derogatory remarks’ against PM

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MUMBAI, JUNE 15

THE NAGPUR police has filed an FIR against former Congress city president Sheikh Hussain for allegedly using derogatory words against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The FIR was registered at Gittikhadan police station in Nagpur under sections 294 (obscene acts and songs) and 504 of IPC (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) on Wednesday.

While criticising PM, Hussain allegedly used abusive and derogatory terms. The Congress leader’s attack on Modi was to protest the Enforcement Directorate’s summons to Rahul Gandhi for interrogation in National Herald-AJL deal case.

The central agency has called Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi

and Rahul Gandhi for questioning in the National Herald-AJL deal case in Delhi on Monday. The Congress took strong objections and launched an agitation across country including Delhi, Mumbai, Nagpur among other cities.

The BJP leaders in Nagpur took strong objection to Hussain’s alleged abusive remarks and demanded his arrest within 48 hours. A BJP delegation led by general secretary Chandrashekhar Bawankule went to police station in Nagpur. Bawankule said, “We demand immediate arrest of Hussain. If the police do not take any action, BJP will launch a strong protest.” BJP city unit chief Praveen Datke said, “We demand stern action against Hussain. How can he use such derogatory language against PM of India.”

BJP’s Amravati unit also filed FIR against Hussain in Amravati on Wednesday.

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ORDER

In supersession of order no. F.10 (50)/96-97/Ex/IMFL/PF/1395-1412 dated 07.06.2022, it is hereby ordered that “Dry Days” shall be observed on account of Bye-Elections to 39- Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency of NCT of Delhi by L-1, L-3, L-4, L-5, L-7V, L-8, L-11, L-15, L-16, L-17, L-19, L-20, L-21, L-22, L-23, L-25, L-26, L-27, L-28, L-29, L-31, L-33, L-34, L-35, L-36, L-38, P-10, P-10A, P-10E and P-13 Licensees and opium vends located within the 39- Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency, National Capital Territory of Delhi.

S. No.	Date(s) of Election	Date/ period of Dry Day	Area of Dry Day
1	23.06.2022 Polling Day in Delhi	On 21.06.2022 (Tuesday) from 6:00 P.M. to 23.06.2022 (Thursday) upto 6:00 P.M.	In the 39- Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency of NCT of Delhi
2	26.06.2022 Counting Day	26.06.2022 (Sunday) whole day	

The above shall be observed as “Dry Days” in addition to the Dry Days notified vide Order no. F.10(56)/96-97/EX/IMFL/EX/PF/163-180 dated 24.01.2022.

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THE JOBS PUSH

What is needed is employment in manufacturing, especially for low and semi-skilled workers. Private sector must lead the way

THAT INDIA HAS a jobs problem is beyond debate. In large measure, it is worsened by the underlying structure of the Indian economy. The rapidly growing services sector tends not only to be less employment intensive, but is also more geared towards absorbing the skilled sections of the labour force. And the gig economy, which does employ the unskilled, simply doesn't create enough jobs for the millions entering the labour force each year. The challenge has been, and continues to be, the inability to facilitate the creation of a labour intensive manufacturing sector that is able to absorb the low and semi-skilled sections of the labour force. With the next general election less than two years away, and given that unemployment and inflation are the two biggest economic issues today, the government appears to be now moving to tackle them with some urgency.

On Tuesday, the Centre announced plans to recruit 10 lakh people in ministries and departments over the next one-and-a-half years. The recruitment drive will ostensibly be directed towards the youth. However, this ambitious drive could be circumscribed by some fundamental constraints — the size of government, for one. According to the report of the 7th Pay Commission, the total sanctioned strength of the central government fell from 41.76 lakh in 1994 to 38.9 lakh in 2014. In 2021, the strength of the central government stood at 34.5 lakh as per the Union budget. Moreover, between 2006 and 2014, the average recruitment in the central government was a little over one lakh each year. Between 2017-18 and 2021-22, the staff selection commission and the union public service commission recruited only 1.74 lakh and 24836 candidates, as reported in this paper. These numbers not only raise questions over the absorptive capacity of the state, but also imply that government employment actually forms a small proportion of the formal labour force, and an even smaller part of the total labour force. In fact, the Pay Commission report had noted that "the central government is at best a marginal source for employment generation." Thus, considering the scale of the challenge, this recruitment drive will not be enough.

Further, not only does this expansion in public sector jobs pose a challenge to the promise and goal of minimum government, implicit in this move is also the acknowledgment that not enough jobs are being created by the private sector, which should be the principal driver of employment generation. With roughly 12 million individuals entering the working age population each year, around 6 million jobs need to be created each year, assuming a labour force participation rate of 0.5. But this is just to absorb the new entrants to the labour force. Employment opportunities for those wanting to shift out of agriculture also need to be factored in. This requires creating jobs at a scale which only the private sector can do efficiently.

DRAWING CLOSER

Better connectivity between India and Sri Lanka could help them realise the full potential of their partnership

CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN Sri Lanka and India seems set to improve, especially between the Tamil areas in the north and Tamil Nadu across the Palk Strait. The projects to link Jaffna by air to Trichy and by boat to Karaikal on the Coromandel Coast are of a piece with India's development outreach to Sri Lanka that focuses on building long-term infrastructure projects in the island nation, besides aid for emergency needs such as fuel, food and essential medicines.

Multiple transport links existed between India and Sri Lanka until the 1980s when the civil war severely curtailed exchanges and transactions. Before that, a cyclonic storm in 1964 destroyed the Pamban Bridge and the railway terminus and jetty at Dhanushkodi that forced the government to end the popular "Boat Mail", which connected Chennai and Talaimannar in northern Sri Lanka via Rameswaram through a rail link and a ferry. Since the war ended in 2009, transportation has been a key area that India-Sri Lanka ties have focussed on, with railways and ports in focus — IRCON, an Indian Railways subsidiary, restored the Colombo-Jaffna railway line, which was opened for the public in 2014, and has since expanded to Kankesanthurai beyond Jaffna. However, air connectivity from Indian cities has so far been restricted to Colombo. In effect, this means that a person travelling from Jaffna to Chennai or Trichy/Madurai — a 45-minute journey by air — has to do a six to eight hour rail or road journey to Colombo and then fly out. Direct flights out of Jaffna to cities in Tamil Nadu will save travel time and money, which could give a fillip to tourism, particularly pilgrimage, in the Jaffna peninsula as well as in India. Similarly, the proposed ferry services between Karaikal and Jaffna/Kankesanthurai could at a later stage be upgraded to facilitate transport of cargo from India to Sri Lanka — at present, Colombo is the only port of entry for Indian goods, which involves extra travel. However, a luxury ferry between Tuticorin and Colombo launched in 2011 was halted for lack of patronage.

The current crisis in Sri Lanka has forced Colombo to recalibrate ties with New Delhi and the latter to emphasise its "Neighbourhood First" policy. The challenge, however, would be to insulate bilateral relations from regional politics in both countries and build on the gains for both. Better connectivity and improved travel facilities could help remove the remaining layers of mistrust that has constrained the India-Sri Lanka partnership from realising its full potential.

A VERY BIG LEAGUE

IPL's soaring revenues will deepen its inroads into overseas markets and increase audience through streaming services

ONLY 15 YEARS since it became a regular summer spectacle, the Indian Premier League has expanded its vistas at a hurtling pace. The 6.20 billion dollars auction of its media rights makes it the second most expensive league, on per-match basis, in the world. The League, a domestic tournament of a sport played professionally in just a dozen countries, has superseded the most watched football league in the world, the English Premier League. Every EPL match costs 11 million dollars, whereas the value of each IPL match is an estimated 13.82 million dollars, second only to the NFL, where every game costs 36 million dollars per game. If this does not make cricket — rather the IPL — a global player, nothing would.

The League's soaring revenues will aid far-reaching plans for the next decade, a period when team owners hope to expand the IPL's already robust calendar, make deeper inroads into overseas markets and increase the audience through streaming services. There is little doubt that the already wealthy Indian cricket board will emerge richer and more powerful. When the League was launched, then chairman Lalit Modi had labelled it as a marriage between cricket and Bollywood. Now cricket — or IPL — turns Hollywood-esque. Cricket, like most team sports, will likely become club-centric.

There will be casualties too. It could potentially hasten the death of bilateral limited-over series as well as push the 50-over version into extinction. As such, the charm of the ODI has faded, except during the time of the World Cup. Two-nation T20 series are often considered meaningless, and their frequency could drop. Only cricketers in the team-sport world have this unique challenge of playing different versions of the same game. Perhaps a time will come when only the oldest and newest members of the family tree survive — the 146-year-old Test cricket and the 14-year-old multi-billionaire great-great grandchild. The rest might exist, but as faded figures in cricket's family picture.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE STRUCTURE OF the military has immense ramifications for security, and also for social organisation at large. The Agnipath scheme is a major structural reform with consequences both for the armed forces and society at large. Some reforms and restructuring of the armed forces was overdue. Sometimes, scepticism about reforms reflects an underlying status quo bias, rather than an assessment of needs. But it is also the case that this Agnipath is as much about creating a political illusion of reform as it is about addressing the armed forces' needs. The spin given to the reform needs to be treated with a lot more caution.

For starters, it is being conveniently glossed over that the reform is rooted in a political economy failure. The current ruling dispensation deeply politicised the question of armed forces' pensions by making it a central election issue. The resulting OROP reform was a huge fiscal burden on the state. There is a lesson in this. Brazen institutional populism will always incur long-term costs for the institution; and always protecting the benefits of incumbents in that institution will come at the expense of future recruits. A combination of political populism, and the armed forces' own lack of creative leadership on pension issues, has led to the triumph of bureaucrats who like both the casualisation of government employment and are penny wise pound foolish.

Sometimes, fiscal crises can be leveraged for creative reform. But the framing around the issue suggests that this is going to be nothing of the sort. For one thing, for all the bluster about China and Great Power competition, we have signalled that we simply do not have the fiscal resources for the big game. The finance tail will wag the strategic dog too much. The second framing is that the armed forces needed two fundamental shifts: A shift from reliance on personnel to technology, and a younger age profile of soldiers. Both are laudatory goals. But is this the best way to achieve them? For starters, the issue of technology versus troops is one that should be dealt with in its own terms, not governed just by the logic of cutting your pension bill.

The armed forces need support and reform. But Agnipath does not pass the smell test

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And it is also important not to be carried away by simplistic ideas that technology can replace troops on the ground. Pretty much every recent war, from Afghanistan to Ukraine, is driving that lesson home. In India's case, we have been so often told that presence on a large inhospitable border is vital to holding territory. A younger age profile might help. But surely that has to be weighed against training, experience and professional bonds. With the new recruiting practices, will it be the case that the army has too long a tail of inexperienced soldiers, as Lt Gen PR Shankar pointed out in his article, 'Tour of Duty: The Kindergarten Army'?

One major reform is recruitment on an all-India basis, rather than by state allotments. This may be a good thing. But two things have to be kept in mind. First, the Indian Army's success as an institution embedded in democracy has in part come from its ability to maintain some regional balance, and become the army of all of India. As Steven Wilkinson's work pointed out, this balance is crucial in avoiding ethnic conflict and civil war. Second, all-India recruitment will require a massive organisational and cultural shift in the army. It might be desirable and possible to achieve this. But here, the objectives are internally inconsistent. If you want to create new regimental cultures, sources of loyalty and discipline, you need longer terms of service together rather than shorter ones. We also know from the experience of other institutions that it might be harder to integrate recruits that are on two different professional tracks.

Many armies have short tours of duty because there is a shortage of potential recruits. In other cases, there is voluntary enlistment. But here what you are doing is absurdly marketing the army as a skill development school. There is the obvious challenge of how much its skills will be marketable. But more importantly: What happens to the idea of professional identity where your service is so short? Doubtless, it can shape you. But can it become your professional identity? The armed forces are sustained by a combination of duty, norms and incentives. But even more important is a sense of professional identity:

"This is who I am." Is so short a tour of duty enough for that? What does it mean to have an institution where for a large majority of recruits, the institution will not be a significant part of your professional identity?

And finally, there are the ramifications for society. This one is a delicate needle to thread. If the army experience is so fabulous that no civilian job after it matches up to its sense of purpose or working conditions, you are setting up large numbers of young people to a life of frustration. On the other hand, if it is not a great experience, deeply professionalised, you are potentially militarising a lot of young people, without the future safeguard of military discipline. There is ample evidence of the potential for the militarisation of society that comes from prematurely decommissioned soldiers. What happens in the army has huge sociological implications, and if not handled well, we could be playing with fire.

Government casualness recently botched up a much simpler reform: The creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff. The fact that it has been six months since an appointment was made tells you either that the post is not as important as we think, or that there is a dearth of competent people (unlikely), or that there is even more politics to these positions than is warranted. Indeed, we have not even sorted out the protocols for this position. The three service chiefs are, rightly, senior to the defence secretary. But the CDS was made secretary to the Department of Military Affairs. In that capacity he is subordinate to the service chiefs, and yet he is senior to them. This episode in miniature has all the hallmarks of what happens when spin dominates: No attention to detail, political logic overriding institutional sanity.

The armed forces need support and reform. But reforms should be governed by a sound sociological, professional, institutional and strategic logic. This reform fails the smell test on all four. A dose of scepticism might be a better act of patriotism than cheerleading blindly, especially if you want reforms to succeed.

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MINI CHANDRAN

ON JUNE 16, 1904, a nondescript middle-class householder stepped out of his house to wander through the streets of Dublin, and like you and me, kept thinking about the issues that bothered him — this ranged from the choice of soap he had to buy, to more serious matters like the death of his son and the suspected infidelity of his wife. These innocuous happenings became the stuff of a modern-day prose epic, turning the central character Leopold Bloom into a modern Ulysses with the banalities of his middle-class existence being transformed into the singular experiences of an epic hero on his quest.

Ulysses by James Joyce was deservedly lauded as the epic of our times when it was published in 1922, although Bloom's "adventures" as he walked up and down Dublin could not have been more remote from the adventures encountered by the hero of the Greek epic. However, in this centenary year, it has to be remembered for rewriting the legal concept of obscenity in literature.

The novel, before its publication in entirety, had been published serially in the American magazine *Little Review* from 1918 onwards when it began to face allegations of obscenity. The issues which carried the chapters of "Lestrygonians", "Scylla and Charybdis" and "Cyclops" were confiscated and burned by the US Post Office. The mid-1920 issue which had the "Nausicaa" chapter had to face a worse problem when the New York branch of the Society for the Suppression of Vice lodged a formal com-

A DAY TO REMEMBER

With *Ulysses*, 100 years ago, English novel stepped out of confines of Victorian morality

plaint against it in court. The Special Sessions Court, despite the testimonies of novelists like John Cowper Powys, declared the novel to be obscene and convicted the editors of *Little Review*. This effectively precluded the possibility of the novel being printed in the US.

Ulysses was rescued from premature death by Sylvia Beach, the owner of the well-known Paris bookshop, Shakespeare and Company. Although strict censorship laws prevented the possibility of *Ulysses* reaching Anglo-American shores, the ban in the US managed to transform what would have been a highbrow work that daunted the faint-hearted into a controversial book that was sought for its forbidden content. Taking advantage of the fact that Joyce did not have legal copyright over the novel in the US, some magazines began to publish excerpts that highlighted the sleaze rather than literary merit. It soon became a "bootleg classic" and continued to be so, till Random House publishers decided to test the waters by publishing the entire novel in 1930. As expected, the novel was confiscated on the grounds that it was obscene. The ensuing court trial became a landmark in censorship cases worldwide.

The prosecution contended that the novel was obscene as well as blasphemous; Joyce, it was pointed out, was not a believer and wrote with a distinctly anti-Catholic viewpoint. The defence lawyer Morris Ernst rightly pointed out that the concept of obscenity was variable, depending on the time

and context. The perception of obscenity could change from one person to the other, and it was difficult to arrive at a comprehensive definition of the concept. However, what was to become a pivotal clause, not just in this case but for later obscenity trials as well, was his argument that a literary work had to be judged as a whole and not on the basis of excerpts when it came to judging issues of obscenity.

Judge Woolsey's decision was that the novel was not obscene; despite the presence of what are popularly perceived as dirty words, it did not contain "dirt for dirt's sake". He felt that the novel was a "somewhat tragic and very powerful commentary on the inner lives of men and women". This decision radically altered the legal landscape for books accused of obscenity and led years later to the liberation of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, another iconoclastic work by a maverick genius. It was also invoked in India to dismiss the charge of obscenity made against *The God of Small Things* in 1997. The four-letter words that were thought of as obscenity in those days have lost their shock value and are quite liberally used not just in literary works but the more popular media of films and television serials today. So, when Leopold Bloom stepped out of his house on June 16th, the English novel too was stepping out of the confines of stuffy Victorian morality to breathe the pure air of freedom.

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JUNE 16, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

ARGENTINA SURRENDERS

ARGENTINA HAS SURRENDERED. The Falklands have been liberated. The British pride, punctured by Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri by seizing control of the South Atlantic islands by force, has been retrieved. As the British Defence Ministry officially confirmed the news about the Argentinian surrender, the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher was engulfed with messages of congratulations from every nook and corner of the country. There was great relief among the people that the war is over. Even her political rivals, Michael Foot, David Owen and David Steel, congratulated her in public for her success.

The jubilation was so widespread that at one time Thatcher appeared to be attaining the stature of Winston Churchill. But, already within the country, people are openly saying that her hands are soaked with the blood of hundreds of young and innocent lives.

PM PLANS REVAMP

INDIRA GANDHI IS thinking of massive reorganisation of the party and important changes in the Government soon after the presidential elections, according to informed sources. The sources say as soon as the presidential election is over, the process of revamping the organisation in various states,

including change of leadership, will be initiated. Gandhi's main aim is reported to be to strengthen the party in view of another mini-general election due early next year. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir and Tripura are due to go to the polls next year. There is also a plan to hold elections to the Delhi Metropolitan Council along with these assembly elections.

THE ISRAELI INVASION

ARTILLERY AND TANK cannon duels broke an uneasy truce on Beirut's outskirts as Syria rejected an ultimatum from Israeli invasion forces to pull its forces from the Lebanese capital.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Good and bad freebies

Three questions arise: What goods and services should be selected for such programmes? What should be their ideal mode of delivery? What should be a prudent fiscal limit for their funding?



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THE NEWLY ELECTED Punjab government's announcement of providing up to 300 units of free power to every household has raised questions: What constitutes "freebies"? Should they be encouraged? There is, in fact, no consensus on the definition of a "freebie". It is almost a pejorative term. They constitute a sub-set of goods and services distributed by the government.

In India, policymakers have drawn on budgetary resources for providing support to low-income households for augmenting their consumption of selected goods and services, and also offering incentives to support selected categories of investors and producers. The economic objectives in these two categories are quite different. The first category would include the free or subsidised provision of foodgrains and services such as health and education. The Punjab government's announcement of free power falls in this category. Sometimes, these are also referred to as "freebies", depending on the type of commodity provided. These may be distinguished from budgetary support for incentivising investment or production. Examples of the latter group include the central government's recent initiative for production-linked incentives to various sectors and tax concessions. In the past, incentives in the form of reduction of corporate taxes have been offered to promote investment in general, or in certain regions such as backward areas.

Given the proliferation of these schemes in recent times, three important questions arise. First, what goods and services should be selected for such programmes? Second, what should be their ideal mode of delivery? Third, what should be a prudent fiscal limit for funding such programmes?

The practice of providing certain goods or services free or at highly subsidised prices has been common in budgets. Foodgrains, particularly wheat and rice, are supplied to target groups at a highly subsidised price through the public distribution system. The subsidy is the difference between the price at which they are procured and the price at which they are sold. In the central budget, the food subsidy amounts to Rs. 2.06 lakh crore. The provision of foodgrains at a heavily subsidised price to target groups has found general acceptance, particularly among political parties, even though there are some critics of the measure. The key question is to decide what commodities should be distributed free or at a subsidised level and what the level of subsidy should be. So what is a "freebie" depends on the nature of the commodity or the services distributed.

As mentioned earlier, the distribution of commodities which are considered "essential", primarily foodgrains, faces no criticism. In fact, there is enough evidence that such a distribution has helped to reduce poverty. There is also a category of goods which are called "merit" goods where significant positive externalities are associated with their consumption — for instance, health and ed-



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ucation-related provisions, including mid-day meals and breakfast. In these cases, the benefit of the use of such goods extends beyond the immediate consumer to the wider community. In such cases, subsidisation is justified: If only market prices prevail, the community will consume less than what is socially desirable.

Thus, while subsidisation or the free provision of essential and merit goods can be justified on the grounds of meeting social objectives when the list of commodities expands to include such items as TV sets, serious doubts arise. For example, one unintended consequence of free power up to 300 units is likely to be an undue increase in the power consumption of households which use less than 300 units. Perhaps it is advisable to limit the distribution of commodities and services at highly subsidised levels to essential and merit goods. Any distribution beyond these two categories must be treated as "freebies". The words "essential" and "merit" should not be made so elastic as to lose their meaning.

The question of a suitable model for providing budgetary support arises in the context of both consumption and production-supporting initiatives. In the first case, budgetary support to a targeted segment of the population for augmenting their consumption of essential items may be provided either through direct income support or by a free or highly subsidised provision. Both involve fiscal costs. In the former, income is raised for the targeted households which will support an increase in consumption according to the household preferences. In the latter, the consumption of the selected goods and services will increase. When the provision of subsidised goods is involved, there may, in general, be a requirement of a procurement set-up and a public distribution system. Managing procurement and distribution by government agencies involves additional costs which tend to be higher than the corresponding supply through the market because of leakages and avoidable administrative costs.

In the case of production-related incentives, alternative methods include direct budgetary support and indirect support through tax concessions. Both have a differential impact. These schemes also require to

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be carefully designed to avoid their misuse and minimise their costs. The provision of free power to farmers was often misused — it's a common practice, for instance, to leave the pump sets running for long hours. In the case of tax concessions, there have not been any convincing studies as to whether the stated initial objectives were achieved in line with the large budgetary costs. The Government of India comes out with a statement of forgone revenues in the context of tax concessions. The magnitudes involved amounted to 1.9 per cent and 2.5 per cent of the GDP in 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively. Some argue that production may be incentivised more effectively by other methods such as infrastructure expansion. Therefore, in respect of production-related incentives also, greater care is required for determining the total quantum of support as well as the specific forms of such support.

It is also important to consider a limit to the fiscal cost of undertaking such initiatives. We consider here only the case of distribution of commodities that are meant to support consumption. This question should be considered in light of our limited budgetary resources. In India, the revenue to GDP ratio has been stagnating over a long period of time. During 2010-11 to 2019-20, combined revenue receipts of central and state governments, relative to GDP, have languished in the narrow range of 18.4 per cent to 20.3 per cent. In contrast, in many developed and emerging market economies, this ratio tends to be much higher. In 2019, these ratios were 36 per cent and 30.1 per cent for the UK and USA, 48.6 per cent and 43.6 per cent for Sweden and Netherlands, and 31.5 per cent for Brazil. Considering these trends, it would be prudent to limit overall fiscal support to such schemes to less than 10 per cent of the total expenditure of the central government and state governments until their revenue GDP or GSDP ratios are successfully increased in a sustained way. Governments that do not pay adequate attention to the strength of their fisc eventually become exposed to the cost of the choices that they make.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Political instability has been one of the major reasons for the absence of a long-term reform strategy needed for sustainable economic growth in Pakistan. There is a need for continuity in policy. That can only happen if all political forces agree on some basic charter of economy." — DAWN

Inflation's uneven toll

Upsurge affects the poor the most. Government must retool policy to ensure that inequalities do not deepen



TRISHALI CHAUHAN AND CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT

INFLATION IS back with a vengeance in India. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) show an upward rising trend, annually, at 13.11 per cent and 6.07 per cent respectively. Inflation is here to stay because it has much to do with the decline in value of the rupee that has fallen to its lowest, which makes imports of oil and gas more expensive. The war in Ukraine has the same effect and pushes the price of some food items upward.

This upsurge of inflation is affecting the poor more than any other social group because some of the commodities whose prices are increasing the most (like petrol and certain food items) represent a larger fraction of the budget of the most vulnerable sections of society. For instance, WPI and CPI inflation rates of food were at 8.5 per cent and 5.9 per cent, respectively.

As a result, inequalities — which were already on the rise — are increasing further. Recently, the State of Inequality in India report showed that an Indian making Rs 3 lakh a year belonged to the top 10 per cent of the country's wage earners. It added: "If an amount like this comes in the top 10 percentile, then the bottom-most condition cannot be imagined." Inequalities are also increasing among salaried people, who are privileged compared to those of the informal sector: The bottom 50 per cent account for only 22 per cent of the total salary income.

The situation of the lower-middle class and poor is deteriorating. A recent report from CRISIL pointed out that the data from the Reserve Bank of India shows slow farm wage growth in nominal terms: From an average of 6.6 per cent in fiscal 2021 to 5.7 per cent in fiscal 2022 (April-November average). This is below the inflation rate. Further, the non-farm wage growth halved to 3.2 per cent from 6.4 per cent — twice below the inflation rate.

Inequalities are obvious in many domains, including healthcare — a sector in which government spending is facing cuts. India's spending on healthcare is among the lowest in the world. It has a thriving private healthcare sector, so much so that the country is a hotspot for medical tourism. But a decent level of healthcare is available only to the ones who can afford it because of increasing out-of-pocket expenditure — the payment made directly by individuals for the health service, not covered under any financial protection scheme. Overall, these out-of-pocket ex-

penses on healthcare are 60 per cent of the total expenditure on public health in India, which is one of the highest in the world.

Inequalities are largely a result of policies. In India, this is particularly true of the way the government increased indirect taxes (such as excise taxes). Such action is often the most unfair as it affects everyone, irrespective of their income. Taxes on alcohol and petroleum products are cases in point. That some state governments also imposed their own taxes explains why India had one of the highest taxation rates on fuel in the world. The share of indirect taxes in the state's fiscal resources has increased under NDA II (from 2014 to 2019) to reach 50 per cent of the total taxes in 2019 — against 39 per cent under UPA I and 44 per cent under UPA II.

In contrast, the big companies are flourishing, again, partly because of certain fiscal policies. The government's budget in 2015 substantially lowered the corporate tax. It has persisted with this policy. In September 2019, it reduced this tax for existing companies from 30 per cent to 22 per cent; for manufacturing firms incorporated after October 1, 2019, that commence operations before March 31, 2023, the tax was reduced from 25 to 15 per cent — the biggest reduction in 28 years. In addition to these tax cuts, the government withdrew the enhanced surcharge on long- and short-term capital gains for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) as well as domestic portfolio investors. These pro-rich decisions were some of the reasons why indirect taxes "had to" increase.

These government policies are clearly promoting the supply side at the expense of demand, whereas the RBI's recent decisions are already affecting demand and companies' investment capacities. The central bank has raised interest rates and CRR in an attempt to curb demand, but demand in the country is already choking. This is also why investments are in decline. Such measures may precipitate the approaching crisis.

Though the government is opting for market-based economics, currently, India needs a mixed solution that comprises price stability via government channels and subsidies.

For three years, including this fiscal year, the special category inflation was higher by 180 basis points. A higher allocation of funds for MGNREGS in rural areas, as well as the introduction of similar employment generation schemes in urban areas, should, therefore, be a priority. At the state level, the development of municipal bond markets could be a plausible alternative. A reduction in the excise duty on fuel prices and easing the fuel tax burden could also supplement the disposable income and reduce the input cost burden for producers.

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ANIL BALUNI

INDIA EMERGED as a multi-party democracy because the creators of our Constitution wanted to ensure that in a large and diverse country such as ours, every citizen gets an equal chance in governance. The basic tenet of our Constitution and democracy is to empower the poorest of the poor so that they can also reach the highest public office.

However, from the very beginning, the foundations of our multi-party system were shaky. There are two main reasons for this aberration. One, the politicisation of the Indian National Congress, primarily formed to steer our freedom movement, led to the total control of one dynasty over the party. Second, the betrayal by the Congress governments of the people in states where it formed its government and its total apathy towards regional aspirations.

The latter led to the growth of state-based political outfits, which were primarily offshoots of the Congress or were led by regional satraps. Unfortunately, all these parties were overtaken by political stalwarts who drew lines of succession from within their families. Internal democracy was completely stifled within these political outfits. A trend that the Congress started in Indian politics was ruthlessly adopted by these state-based dynasts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly warned the nation, which is so diverse socially and culturally, is being weakened due to dynasty politics. The time has come to fight this evil. We must push for more representa-

The shadow of dynasty

Family-based political outfits stifle opportunity, blind leaders to needs of people

tion and participation of the people in democratic processes. The need of the hour is to bring more youngsters from diverse backgrounds into politics.

In the past four-five decades, family-based parties have choked talent and created roadblocks to the development of states. Dynasty-based political parties have neither ideology nor vision. Their only goal has been to grab power and cling to it. This resulted in these parties playing the politics of vote-banks and appeasement. The Congress adopted the same strategy at the Centre. Today, the Congress is no longer a national party. It has been reduced to the party of a brother-sister duo.

So engrossed were these parties in serving the interests of their kith and kin that they completely ignored "overall development" and "holistic growth". They shunned all those sections of our society that needed their attention — villagers and farmers, Dalits and backward classes, women and youth. Under dynastic rule, the dangerous and negative politics of appeasement flourished which led to the poor getting poorer while the oppressed were reduced to second-class citizens.

It is due to the political idiosyncrasies of family-based parties that India could not resolve perennial issues like the removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, freedom of Muslim women from triple talaq, and the construction of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya. The root cause of these nagging problems was the politics of ap-

peasement and vote-banks furthered by dynasty-based parties.

These parties opposed the bills to scrap Article 370 and triple talaq. They also played with India's safety and security, first by weakening India's response to terrorism when they were in power and later by questioning the valour of our armed forces post the cross-border surgical and air strikes.

Dynasts are not concerned with the problems of the country and society. They care only about their vote banks and the "growth" of their "family". It is for this reason that three-fourths of our population had no bank account even after 70 years of Independence, poor women had no access to LPG cylinders, the poor had no health insurance, farmers were fleeced by moneylenders, crores of households had no water and electricity and the poor had no homes.

The common man had deep anger and mistrust over the politics of dynasty, vote-bank and appeasement. His anger started coming out in 2014 when he saw in Narendra Modi a hope for the nation and himself. He has seen the nation and its politics changing fast. He has seen banks going to the doorstep of the poor, the poor getting houses, free medical insurance and free rations during Covid, and farmers getting much-needed financial aid directly into their bank accounts.

Post-2014, India has seen two leaders from very humble backgrounds becoming President and PM. This is the New India about

which the world is talking today. India has reclaimed its position as a true global leader.

There is a disturbing trend today as every decision of the government is being seen through the prisms of regionalism and communalism. People are also wary of the increasing number of family-based parties. The nation needs broad-based political reforms for our democracy to thrive.

PM Modi has talked about overhauling our electoral system. We need to think seriously about it. A commission on political reforms suggested a reduction in the number of political parties and their reorganisation based on ideology. But though there has been no movement in this direction, it's heartening that the electorate has rejected parties dominated by dynasts. The recent election results in five states is the latest indicator of this trend.

A healthy and vibrant democracy can grow on the strength of nationalist parties. The BJP has been persistently fighting family-based political outfits. Under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi, we have been able to fight the politics of casteism, dynasty, nepotism and appeasement. The struggle to rid the nation of dynasty politics is long and hard. Its effect must be felt in all parts of the country — from Maharashtra to Telangana, from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand to Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MIXED BAG

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Force of change' (IE, June 15). This new initiative by the Defence Ministry will fulfill two requirements. It will help complete the recruitment process in a short duration. It will also help keep the armed forces young. It is crucial from a budgetary perspective too. Around one-fifth of the defence budget is spent on pensions. With the monetary relief that Agnipath will bring, the Ministry will have room to acquire assets of strategic significance. Having said that, the Indian armed forces are known for their quality, and care needs to be taken that this fast recruitment drive doesn't degrade that quality.

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Force of change' (IE, June 15). Many retired army officers have raised questions on whether the new recruitment plan, Agnipath, will affect existing training resources and raise a quality issue. GoI should keep a close watch on how the changes affect ground realities. The major issue arising out of this change is — what will thousands of young Indians released annually after four years of army service do? The fact remains that the fastest growing economy is poor at creating jobs. The government must take immediate steps to remedy this.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Force of change' (IE, June 15). The 'Agnipath'

scheme aims to create a leaner military. But what is the rationale behind keeping the minimum age at 17.5 years and restricting the tenure to just 4 years, regardless of the devotion rendered by the concerned Agniveer. Also, why are 25 per cent of the recruits absorbed to serve for a longer period only restricted to 15 years of service? Ostensibly conceived to revamp our military set up, the open door policy works against the existing high standards of military recruitment and would jeopardise our national security concerns in the long run. The scheme appears to be devised in haste, only to boost employment ahead of the general elections of 2024.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

ALL THAT GLITTERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A reform called Agnipath' (IE, June 15). The Agnipath scheme sounds as vibrant and captivating as other schemes of the present NDA government. It seems to be motivated by economic considerations, not strategic reasons, though. Four years of service are not sufficient to get well-adjusted to the demands of the job or to be committed to the ethos of the armed forces. Uncertainty of the future will keep these soldiers desperate. Devoting early years of growth in a service of fleeting rewards with no future prospects might not attract suitable candidates, who otherwise intended to make full time careers in the Armed forces.

Devendra Awasthi, Lucknow

SPECIAL PROBE TEAM MAKES FIRST ARRESTS

1984 anti-Sikh riots in Kanpur: SIT arrests 4 for triple murder

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JUNE 15

THREE YEARS after the Yogi Adityanath government set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate cases related to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in Kanpur, four persons were arrested on Wednesday in connection with the triple murder that took place 37 years ago.

This is the first arrest made by the SIT since it was constituted in 2019 by the BJP government.

The SIT said the four accused – Safiullah (64), Abdul Rehman (65), Vijay Narain Singh alias Bachan Singh (62) and Yogendra Singh alias Babban Baba (65) – have been arrested for their alleged involvement in the murder of Bhupendra Singh, Satyaveer Singh Kala and Rakshpal Singh at Nirala Nagar on November 1, 1984.

The Kanpur police, which had investigated the case following the riots, had filed a closure report on the ground that the accused could not be traced.

“The role of the four accused came to light during our investigation. We arrested them after collecting solid evidence against



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them. Raids are being conducted to trace other accused involved in the murder,” Superintendent of Police Balendu Bhushan, who is a member of the SIT, said.

According to the SIT, when the riots broke out on November 1, 1984, a group of assailants attacked a building at Nirala Nagar where 12 Sikh families resided. “A group of assailants en-

tered the building and killed Rakshpal Singh and Bhupendra Singh with sticks and sharp-edged weapons on the terrace. They brought down the bodies and set them on fire. The assailants also attacked building owner Gurudayal Singh Bhatia and his son Satyaveer Singh Kala. Satyaveer later died during treatment. The rioters then set ablaze

the house. One of the rioters, identified as Rajesh Gupta, was also killed,” the SP said, adding the rioters had fled with valuables from the house.

The anti-Sikh riots erupted in Kanpur following the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

At least 127 people were killed in the violence in the district.

In 2019, the BJP government constituted an SIT to examine all the 1,251 cases linked to the riots in Kanpur.

The SIT shortlisted 40 of the 1,251 cases that were of serious nature. Of the 40, Kanpur police had filed chargesheets in 11 cases and submitted closure reports in the remaining 29.

The SIT then asked the state government to file appeals against the lower court’s verdict in four of the 11 cases. Of the 29 cases in which closure reports were filed, the SIT did not find evidence in nine cases.

“During our investigation into the 20 cases, we found involvement of 96 people. However, 22 of the 96 accused had died. We have arrested four accused and raids are being conducted to trace the remaining 70,” said the SP.

JUNE 10 VIOLENCE

Ranchi SSP asked to explain why posters of suspects were put up

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JUNE 15

A DAY after Ranchi Police released posters of those who were allegedly involved in the June 10 violence during protests against remarks on the Prophet, Rajiv Arun Ekka, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, on Wednesday ordered the Ranchi SSP to submit an explanation on reasons for doing so despite it “not being legal”.

In a letter to Ranchi SSP Surendra Jha, Principal Secretary Ekka, who is also the state Home Secretary, said: “...posters of people part of violent protest were put up by Ranchi Police on June

14, in which many people’s names and other information have also been given. This is illegal and against the order of the Allahabad High Court in PIL 532/2020 dated March 9, 2020.” He asked the SSP to submit within two days the explanation.

On Tuesday, the police had released posters of those wanted for the June 10 violence. However, hours later it revoked the decision and removed the posters to “make some changes”. The police did not specify the nature of changes they intended to make.

The police move to release the posters had come a day after Governor Ramesh Bais “summoned” DGP Neeraj Sinha and other senior officials at Raj

Bhawan and asked them to make public names and addresses of all protesters and display their photographs on hoardings at prominent places. Leaders of the ruling alliance in the state – Congress and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha – had termed it “overreach dictated by the Centre”.

According to a release issued by the state Public Relations Department on Monday, the Governor had told the officials: “Find out details of all protesters and those who have been caught, make their names/addresses public, make their hoardings by displaying their photographs at main places in the city so that the public can also identify them and help police.”

‘Mob assaulted us after asking our names’

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JUNE 15

A GROUP of men, armed with sticks and chanting slogans, stopped two brothers, who were out to buy pizza from a local outlet in Ranchi, asked them their names and then allegedly beat them up severely on finding out that they were Muslims, according to a complaint filed with police by one of the two brothers.

The attack took place in Sujata Chowk area around 8 pm on June

10, hours after a protest in the city over controversial remarks on the Prophet turned violent.

In his complaint at Chutia Police Station on June 12, Mohammad Zeeshan Ashfi, 24, said he and his brother Faizan, 20, had gone to the outlet to buy pizza around 8 pm. “Suddenly 20-25 people carrying lathis came out of Sujata Patel Compound, and started beating us after asking us our names... We were badly injured and the mob was raising ‘Jai Shri Ram’ slogans. Somehow we managed to escape and found a

PCR vehicle outside and the police took us to Sadar Hospital,” Zeeshan said in his complaint.

Zeeshan, who suffered a fracture in the face, told *The Indian Express* Wednesday that they had stepped out of their home only after the situation arising out of the violence eased. “I am not aware if the perpetrators have been arrested... I am not sure if an FIR has even been registered,” he said.

Ranchi SP City Anshuman Kumar and SSP Surendra Jha did not respond to calls and text messages, seeking police response.

Boy rescued from borewell stable, under sepsis treatment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BILASPUR, JUNE 15

THE CONDITION of Rahul Sahu, 10, who was rescued from a borewell in Chhattisgarh’s Janjgir Champa district after an operation lasting more than a hundred hours, is stable and is being treated for sepsis, a doctor at the hospital where he is admitted here said on Wednesday.

Usually, treatment of sepsis takes at least seven days. It is difficult to predict when Rahul will be discharged, Bilaspur-based Apollo Hospital’s senior consultant (paediatrician) Dr Sushil Kumar said.

Releasing a medical bulletin of the rescued boy, Dr Kumar said Rahul has multiple injuries due to which he has fever. “Since Rahul was inside the borewell for several hours, bacteria entered his body, causing infection,” he said.

Bilaspur’s Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr Pramod Mahajan said Rahul is currently stable and all his body parts are functioning properly.

Meanwhile, CM Bhupesh Baghel, who visited Apollo Hospital and met Rahul’s mother Geeta Sahu, said the government will bear the boy’s educational expenses, a government statement said. In Raipur, a government official said Baghel will felicitate the rescue teams involved in the safe evacuation of Rahul. “All those who contributed to the biggest rescue operation in the history of the state will be honoured by the chief minister during a function at his official residence on Thursday,” the official said.

Tourist deaths spur acclimatisation order

RITU SHARMA
LEH, JUNE 15

HIGH NUMBER of casualties due to altitude-related complications this year was the trigger behind the Ladakh administration’s recent mandate of 48-hour acclimatisation for tourists.

Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) authorities say within less than two months of the tourist season, 11 deaths have already been reported from Leh’s higher locations, including Pangong Tso lake at 4,225 metres above sea level, Changla (5,360 metres) and Khardung La (5,359 metres).

Chief Executive Councillor of LAHDC, Tashi Gyalson, told *The Indian Express*, “11 deaths due to altitude-related complications took place within two months. Of these, four were reported only in first ten days of June.”

Data shows that casualties among tourists in Leh region till June 10 were the highest in three years as 15 deaths were reported, of which 11 were due to altitude sickness. The number for the years 2021 and 2020 was six and one, respectively.

There has been a spike in air travellers, who, experts say, get lesser time to acclimatise. In 2021, of the 3.14 lakh tourists, over 2.14 lakh reached by air. This year’s data till March shows 97% tourists arriving by air. Locals say there was a spurt in the tourist inflow since the Covid-19 restrictions were eased, which they call ‘revenge tourism’.

“Tourists start visiting high altitude areas right on the day they land in Leh or the next day. They are under the impression that they are fit and nothing would happen,” officials said.

Ladakh tourism on a high

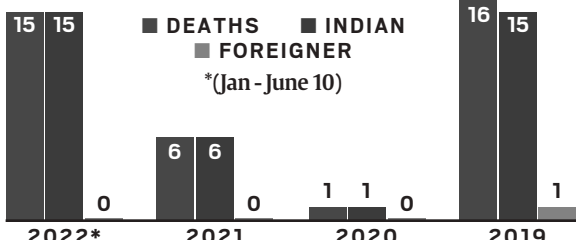


Pangong Tso is 4,225m above sea level. Wikimedia Commons

TOURIST INFLOW

YEAR	BY AIR	BY ROAD	TOTAL
2022 Till May 31	Number not available	Number not available	90,000 (83,000 in April and May alone)
2021	2.14 lakh	54,500 via Kashmir 44,000 via Manali	3.14 lakh

TOURIST CASUALTIES



Ladakh has witnessed mass-tourism but we have overgrown that stage and witnessing over-tourism now.

DELEKS NAMGYAL,
PRESIDENT OF ALL LADAKH TOUR OPERATORS ASSOCIATION



AIR vs ROAD TRAVEL
MAJORITY OF the tourists are arriving in Leh by air that gives them almost no time to acclimatise and increases the risk of altitude-related sickness. Data shows, 97 per cent of tourists who arrived in Leh till March end this year had reached by air. For those who travel by road via Kashmir or Manali, a bit of acclimatisation occurs during the journey itself.



MEDICAL HELP
THE LADAKH UT administration has increased the number of health officials at medical facilities in high altitude locations. Special ambulances have also been made available to tackle emergencies.

‘NATO must reach out to all countries like India which might be good partners’

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

AHEAD of the NATO summit in Madrid on June 28, visiting Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares on Wednesday said that NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation), which traditionally only looked towards the eastern flank, must also look to the southern flank, and reach out to all those countries that like India, might be good partners, and interested in keeping stability in the world.

In an exclusive interview to *The Indian Express*, Albares – who met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar – when asked about possible discussions between India and the NATO, said, “It is not for me to decide, it is up to the UN Secretary General to decide that. But of course, a dialogue, certainly between NATO and India, is most welcome.”

He said the NATO summit is, above all, meant for NATO members. “But of course, there is always space for partners and allies,” he said.

The Ministry of External Affairs said that Jaishankar and Albares welcomed signing of the defence contract as part of which Airbus Spain will supply 56 C295 aircraft, 40 of which would be Made in India, and agreed to further deepen defence and security cooperation.

Edited excerpts of the interview:

What were the main topics of conversation with minister Jaishankar?

There are three main topics. We agreed that we have to reinforce the bilateral relationship. India is a reliable partner and a very important country, a key actor in the region. And we agreed that more exchanges must happen between both of us. And we

have to exchange more about our view of global affairs, regional affairs and also exchange ideas on how to solve world problems.

The second one is economy and investment. There are more than 200 Spanish companies here and Spanish companies have a know-how that can help India in infrastructure, railway, water and sanitation or renewable energy.

And the third is global issues. Without India, very important challenges like climate change, the food security crisis that we are facing cannot be solved. Since both of us are attached to multilateralism and have respect for international law, we have decided to join forces.

On Russia’s invasion of Ukraine:

Spain, as all European countries, has condemned the Russian aggression. The main objective of Spain and all the European part-



Gajendra Yadav



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ners is that peace should be restored as soon as possible in Ukraine, and the territorial in-

tegrity and sovereignty of Ukraine is respected. That is our main and only objective.

On India’s position:

I’m not going to tell any country since every country is sovereign. But I think we must all join forces today, to make sure that the war stops, that peace goes back to Ukraine, and that the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine are respected. And I’m sure that all countries in the world must agree at least on that basis.

What is important is that India, it is a big country that plays a stabilising role in this region. And we must count on India to face the challenges. Today it is world peace, but also the spillover of the Ukrainian crisis – food security. So what Spain wants, is to engage with India, both bilaterally but also to reflect and to join forces on global issues. There are things that will be much more difficult to do if we don’t count on India.

On China’s actions in the region and lessons it draws from the Russian invasion of Ukraine:

China is a very important country, a permanent member of the Security Council. And we expect China to play the role of world power and permanent member of the Security Council, to preserve its stability, and world peace. And this is a role that is even more crucial in the region, in China’s own region.

On China’s aggressive moves with India, as a two-year border standoff is ongoing:

What we expect from all of our friends that are neighbours is that they have the best relations. And we also think that war, as the United Nation charter says, must be avoided to solve any political conflict of dispute.

On the NATO summit in Madrid:

The NATO summit is, above all, meant for NATO members. But of course, there is always space for partners and allies. This will be a very crucial summit. Because there is this document called the Strategic Concept... there are pressing challenges and threats on the eastern flank, and also from the southern flank. And at the same time, because there are two countries, Finland and Sweden, that they’re asking for accession, all of that will make the Madrid summit in about two weeks, a very special one.

But more and more, we talk within NATO – of the 360 degrees NATO. That means that NATO that traditionally only looked towards the eastern flank, must also look to the southern flank, and reach out to all those countries that like India, might be good partners, and interested in keeping stability in the world. But we must not forget that NATO is a defensive alliance, not

PRAYAGRAJ

Police release 59 suspects’ photos

Prayagraj: After Kanpur police, Prayagraj police on Wednesday released photographs of 59 suspects allegedly involved in the June 10 clash that broke out during a protest against the remarks on Prophet Mohammad made by now suspended BJP leaders. Police said they collected the photos of the suspects from the CCTV footage in the area and viral videos of the incident.

“Photographs of suspects have been released to seek information from the public. The name and identities of the informers will be kept secret,” SSP (Prayagraj) Ajay Kumar said. **ENS**

SAHARANPUR

Probe into police ‘brutality’ video

New Delhi: Saharanpur police have ordered a probe into a viral video in which a “policeman” can be seen beating a group of people with a stick who had allegedly been involved in the last week’s violent protests in the city over the remarks on the Prophet.

“We have ordered an inquiry to ascertain details of the video. The SP (Saharanpur City) will conduct the investigation, and action will be taken based on the facts determined during the probe,” said Saharanpur Senior Superintendent of Police (Saharanpur) Akash Tomar. **ENS**



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Hate speech, IPC Sec 295A, and how courts have read the law

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THE DEBATE surrounding the comments by BJP spokespersons Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal have put the spotlight on the law that deals with criticism of or insult to religion. Provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), primarily Section 295A, define the contours of free speech and its limitations with respect to offences relating to religion.

India does not have a formal legal framework for dealing with hate speech. However, a cluster of provisions, loosely termed hate speech laws, are invoked. These are primarily laws to deal with offences against religions.

Section 295A & others

Section 295A defines and prescribes a punishment for deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.

"Whoever, with deliberate and malicious intention of outraging the religious feelings of

any class of citizens of India by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise, insults or attempts to insult the religion or the religious beliefs of that class, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to [three years], or with fine, or with both," the IPC section reads.

Section 295A is one of the key provisions in the IPC chapter to penalise religious offences. The chapter includes offences to penalise damage or defilement of a place of worship with intent to insult the religion (Section 295); trespassing in a place of sepulture (Section 297); uttering, words, etc, with deliberate intent to wound the religious feelings of any person (Section 298); and disturbing a religious assembly (Section 296).

Section 295A has been invoked on a wide range of issues from penalising political satire and seeking bans on or withdrawal of books to even political critique on social media.

The state often invokes Section 295A along with Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code, which penalises promoting enmity between

different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc, and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony and Section 505 of the IPC that punishes statements conducing to public mischief.

In cases where such speech is online, Section 66A of the Information Technology Act that punishes sending offensive messages through communication services is added. In a landmark verdict in 2015, the Supreme Court struck down Section 66A as unconstitutional on the ground that the provision was "vague" and a "violation of free speech". However, the provision continues to be invoked.

The broad, vague terms in the laws are often invoked in its misuse. Lower conviction rates for these provisions indicate that the process — where a police officer can arrest without a warrant — is often the punishment. Critics have pointed out that these laws are intended for the state to step in and restore "public order" rather than protect free speech.

Origins of the law

Colonial origins of the hate speech provi-

sions are often criticised for the assumption that Indians were susceptible to religious excitement. In a 2016 paper in the Economic and Political Weekly, legal scholar Siddharth Narrain notes that the First Indian Law Commission, headed by T B Macaulay who drafted the Indian Penal Code, had written to the Governor General of India in 1835 that "there is perhaps no country in which the Government has so much to apprehend from religious excitement among the people."

Section 295A was brought in 1927. In his book *Offend, Shock or Disturb*, lawyer Gautam Bhatia writes that the antecedents of Section 295A lie in the "communally charged atmosphere of North India in the 1920s". The amendment was a fallout of an acquittal under Section 153A of the IPC by the Lahore High Court in 1927 in Rajpal v Emperor, popularly known as the Rangila Rasool case.

Rangila Rasool case

Rangila Rasool was a tract — brought out by a Hindu publisher — that had made disparaging remarks about the Prophet's private

life. Cases against the first pamphlet, filed under Section 153A, were dismissed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which examined the question whether targeting religious figures is different from targeting religions.

When a second, similar piece was published, it raised tensions. While the magistrate had convicted the publisher Rajpal under Section 153A, the Lahore High Court held that a "scurrilous and foul attack" on a religious leader would *prima facie* fall under Section 153A — although not every criticism.

This debate in interpretation prompted the colonial government to enact Section 295A with a wider scope to address these issues.

Later cases

In 1957, the constitutionality of Section 295A was challenged in *Ramji Lal Modi v State of Uttar Pradesh*. The Supreme Court upheld the law on the grounds that it was brought in to preserve "public order". Public order is an exemption to the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression and the right to religion recognised by the Constitution.

In a 1960 ruling, in *Baba Khalil Ahmed v State of Uttar Pradesh*, the Supreme Court said that "malicious intent" of the accused can be determined not just from the speech in question but also from external sources.

In 1973, in *Ramlal Puri v State of Madhya Pradesh*, the Supreme Court said the test to be applied is whether the speech in question offends the "ordinary man of common sense" and not the "hypersensitive man". However, these determinations are made by the court and the distinction can often be vague and vary from one judge to the other.

In *Baragur Ramachandrapa v State of Karnataka*, a 2007 decision of the Supreme Court, "a pragmatic approach" was invoked in interpreting Section 295A. The state government had issued a notification banning *Dharmakaarana*, a Kannada novel written by award-winning author P V Narayana on the ground that it was hate speech, invoking a gamut of provisions including Section 295A. The pragmatic approach was to restore public order by "forfeiture" of a book over individual interest of free speech.

Why the UAE has 'suspended' re-export of wheat from India

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THE UNITED Arab Emirates' decision, reported on Wednesday, to "suspend" re-export of wheat and flour from grain originating in India is basically an assurance that whatever it imports will be used only for domestic consumption.

"India doesn't want its wheat exported to Dubai or Abu Dhabi to go out to other countries, whether as grain or flour. It would want that wheat to be consumed locally, including the migrant Indian workers in UAE," trade sources told *The Indian Express*.

This will, in turn, allow India to provide an exception to its wheat export ban and ship out some quantities to the Gulf federation. India, on May 14, banned export of all wheat, except against outstanding contracts backed by already-issued letters of credit and to countries on case-to-case food security considerations.

India exported 4.71 lakh tonnes (lt) of wheat valued at \$136.53 million to the UAE in 2021-22. That constituted about 6.5 per cent of its total 72.35 lt shipments of the cereal worth \$2,120.27 million last fiscal.

While the quantities exported may not

be that big for India, they aren't small for UAE. The US Department of Agriculture has estimated UAE's annual wheat consumption, which is entirely imported, at 15 lt. The wheat-milling capacity is higher, at 16.7 lt, which is driven both by local consumption and re-export of flour sold to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jordan, Ethiopia, Taiwan and Philippines. Such exports amount to about 1 lt annually.

More than 50% of UAE's wheat imports are from Russia, followed by Canada, Ukraine and Australia. From 2020-21, India also emerged as a key supplier, exporting 1.88 lt to the Gulf federation. Exports rose further in 2021-22, before the export ban decision that came on top of the Russia-Ukraine war, which has disrupted shipments from the Black Sea ports.

The trade sources pointed out that the global wheat supply situation should ease somewhat, with the harvesting and market arrivals of Russian and Ukrainian wheat from July. The USDA has projected Ukraine's wheat exports to nearly halve to 10 million tonnes (mt) in 2022-23, from 19 mt in 2021-22. However, it expects a substantial jump in Russia's exports, from 33 mt in 2021-22 to a record 40 mt in the new marketing year.

Drinking coffee does not raise risk during pregnancy: study

A NEW genetics-based study from the University of Queensland, published in the *International Journal of Epidemiology*, has found that drinking coffee during pregnancy didn't increase the risk of miscarriage, stillbirth or premature birth.

The researchers referred to WHO guidelines that pregnant women should drink less than 300 mg of caffeine (two to three cups) per day. "But that's based on observational studies where it's difficult to separate coffee drinking from other risk factors like smoking, alcohol or poor diet. We wanted to find



out if coffee alone really does increase the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, and the research shows this isn't the case," a media release from the University of Queensland quoted researcher Dr Gunn-Helen Moen as saying.

The researchers used a method called Mendelian Randomisation, which used eight genetic variants that predicted pregnant women's coffee drinking behaviour and examined whether these variants were associated with birth outcomes.

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

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FOLLOWING A review of the "status of human resources in all departments and ministries" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, his office tweeted that the PM had "instructed that recruitment of 10 lakh people be done by the Government in mission mode in next 1.5 years".

Why has the government launched a massive employment drive at this point?

Over the last few years, the central government has been going slow on recruitments to regular posts. Its representatives have instead pointed to employment generation through Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA), Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY), Pt Deen Dayal Upadhiyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Mudra loans, Stand Up, etc.

But the yearning for government employment remains strong across the country, seen periodically in the waves of applications whenever posts are advertised, and in the proliferation of coaching classes for competitive exams for jobs of all categories. The government has been facing criticism on this issue — several leaders were confronted by youths during the UP Assembly election campaign, and slogans of "*Sena bharti chalu karo*" were raised in at least two rallies addressed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The announcement on "mission mode" recruitments recognises this demand from younger voters. The 18-month window announced by the PM extends until December 2023, or about four months before Lok Sabha elections are expected to be held.

What is the current strength of the Centre's "human resources"?

The Union Budget for 2022-23 estimated the strength of central government employees at 34.65 lakh as on March 1, 2022. According to the latest available (2019-20) Annual Report of the Department of Expenditure, approximately 21.75% of the 40.78 lakh sanctioned posts were vacant as on March 1, 2020.

The Indian Railways are the biggest government employer — with 12.52 lakh employees as of March 1, 2020, and estimated strengths of 12.03 lakh and 12.01 lakh as on



Applicants at a Railways recruitment examination centre in Noida in 2018. File

March 1, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Almost 92% of the central government's manpower is employed by the five ministries/departments of Railways (almost 40%), Home Affairs (almost 30%), Defence (Civil) (nearly 12%), Department of Posts (almost 5.50%), and Department of Revenue (more than 3%).

Is that all?

No, it isn't. A very large number of employees have been hired by central government ministries and departments on contract as per the recommendations especially of the last two Pay Commissions.

Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Rameshwar Telu told Lok Sabha on March 21 this year that as of 2021, there were 24.30 lakh contract labourers/workers/employees in the "Central Sphere". This number was 13.24 lakh in 2020 and 13.64 lakh in 2019. Central government employees in this category are mainly Multi-tasking Staff (MTS), and some retired employees, among others.

The MTS basically work as Group D staff, recruitments for which have been all but stopped — and the group itself was merged with Group C on April 30, 2020, based on the recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission. Recruitments such as those of drivers too have almost ceased as several departments use hired taxis in bulk.

So exactly how many vacancies does the central government have?

On February 3, 2022, Minister of State in the DoPT Jitendra Singh told Rajya Sabha that as on March 1, 2020, as many as 8,72,243 positions were vacant in the central government. On July 22 last year, Singh had given Rajya Sabha the following break-up of vacan-

cies as of March 1, 2020: Group A, 21,255; Group B, 94,842; Group C, 7,56,146.

In the elite IAS, 1,515 posts were vacant as on January 1, 2021 — DoPT's annual report for 2020-21 states the sanctioned strength of the IAS is 6,746, but the actual strength is 5,231.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told Rajya Sabha on April 6, 2022 that 6,558 and 15,227 teaching and non-teaching posts were vacant in the central universities. In September last year, he had directed all central universities to fill vacant posts by October 2022. A large number of employees superannuate at the end of every month, and if no recruitments are made, the posts lie vacant or are filled by contractual staff or by re-hiring retired staff.

What is the level of vacancies in the armed forces?

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Army put its recruitment process on hold for Recruiting Years 2020-21 and 2021-22. Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt told Lok Sabha on December 10 last year that 7,476 posts of officers (including AMC/ADC/MNS), and 97,177 posts of JCOs/ORs were lying vacant. The corresponding numbers for the Air Force were 621 and 4,850 respectively, and for the Navy, 1,265 and 11,166 respectively.

While recruitment rallies for General Duty in the Army have been on hold, the government on Tuesday announced the new 'Agnipath' scheme.

How many people have been recruited in recent years?

Minister Singh's Parliament response of February 3, 2022 shows that more than 2.65 lakh were recruited in 2020-21 — 13,238 by

the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), 1,00,330 by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), and 1,51,900 by the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs). According to the Minister's reply, the last order to fill vacancies was issued on June 3, 2021.

Another reply provided by the Minister in Rajya Sabha on March 17, 2022 shows a large backlog of vacancies as on January 1, 2021 in the reserved (SC/ST/OBC) categories in 10 "major Ministries/Departments having more than 90 per cent of the employees of the Central Government".

What are the main recruitment bodies, and how many have they recruited in recent years?

The UPSC and SSC are the two main recruiters of central government personnel. UPSC makes Group A and Group B recruitments; the SSC recruits for all Group B (Non-Gazetted) and Group C (Non-Technical) posts in central Ministries/Departments and their Attached and Subordinate Offices, except those specifically exempted from its purview. It conducts several other examinations as well.

The UPSC advertised 27,764 posts and recruited 24,836 people in the last five years, Singh told Lok Sabha on April 6 this year. In the same period, the SSC advertised 1,85,734 posts and recruited 1,74,744 people.

The UPSC's latest available Annual Report (2020-21) states that in the 14 exams held for Civil Services/Posts and Defence Services in 2020-21, a total 25.03 lakh candidates applied, 11.38 lakh appeared, and 3,986 were recommended for selection. In 2021-22 the UPSC recommended 4,699 candidates, as per the response given to Lok Sabha by Singh on April 6, 2022.

The SSC, as per its Annual Report for 2020-21, conducted 12 All India Open Competitive Examinations, for which 1.08 crore candidates applied for different stages. The SSC also conducted the Combined Higher Secondary Level Examination, 2019 — its largest examination — for 41.68 lakh candidates across the country.

In all, the SSC recommended 68,533 candidates for appointment to various posts through All India Open Competitive Examinations and 358 candidates for Selection Posts during 2020-21. In 2021-22 recruitment fell to just 29,653, as per Singh's April 6, 2022 response.

Twenty one RRBs recruit mainly Group C personnel for Railways; and the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) is engaged to recruit for nationalised and Regional Rural Banks. IBPS recruited 7,627 candidates to clerical posts and 4,398 officers in 2020-21.

Can newer Omicron sub-variants give a person Covid more than once?

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PEOPLE WHO were infected with the Omicron variant of the coronavirus in January are still susceptible to other Omicron sub-variants that are now emerging across the globe, in particular BA.4 and BA.5 that led to a fifth wave of cases in South Africa and are now spreading in Europe, as well as BA.2.12.1 that is driving infections in the United States.

All three variants have been detected in India, but BA.2 — which along with BA.1 caused the January wave in India — continues to be dominant, accounting for 32% of all the genomic sequences submitted to the global database GISAID over the last 30 days.

So, someone can be infected with Omicron twice?

"Yes, people who have had an Omicron

infection in January may get another infection once other sub-variants such as BA.4 and BA.5 start circulating in the community. We have seen these variants take over from BA.2 to become the dominant variant in other countries. They are about 13% to 15% more transmissible than BA.2 which in itself was several-fold more transmissible than the wild type of the virus," said Dr Lalit Kant, former head of the department of epidemiology and infectious diseases at the Indian Council of Medical Research.

BA.2.12.1, first detected in New York, is thought to be about 27% more transmissible.

Dr Kant said, "Not only that, the immunity from Omicron infections in January — which did not cause severe disease and hence would have led to fewer antibodies developing — must have started going down. Immunity from vaccination also starts waning after five to six months. So, there can be an increase in infections."

SUB-VARIANTS NOW IN CIRCULATION

BA.4 & BA.5: Sub-variants first identified early this year in South Africa, led to a fifth Covid wave in that country. Although these have some mutations of concern, it hasn't led to more severe disease or more hospitalisations compared to other Omicron sub-variants. They spread faster than previous sub-variants.



Are these new variants likely to become dominant in India?

The first cases of BA.4 and BA.5 were detected in January and February in South Africa and became the dominant variants by May, suggesting a clear transmission advantage

BA.2.12.1: This sub-variant was first detected in March in New York. It is estimated to be 23% to 27% more transmissible than BA.2 (the variant that is dominant in India). Like the BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants, BA.2.12.1 too can circumvent some of the immunity from previous infection and vaccination.

over the previous BA.2. BA.5 has already become the dominant variant in Portugal. Although the proportions of the two variants are lower in other European countries, the European Centres for Disease Control and Prevention says, "The growth advantage re-

ported for BA.4 and BA.5 suggests that these variants will become dominant throughout the EU/EEA, probably resulting in an increase in Covid-19 cases in coming weeks."

How well can vaccines protect against all these variants?

Other than their transmission edge, the currently circulating variants can also circumvent some of the immunity gained from previous Omicron infection or vaccination.

Data from lab studies have shown that BA.4 and BA.5 are more distant from their cousins BA.1 and BA.2 that led to the January surge in India. What this means is that vaccines that use spikes from the ancestral virus would be less effective.

"BA.4 and BA.5 are less efficiently neutralised by sera from individuals vaccinated with three doses of Covid-19 vaccine (AstraZeneca or Pfizer) or by sera from BA.1 vaccine breakthrough infections. In addition,

there has been an increased rate of re-infection in Portugal," the European CDC said.

Although breakthrough infections — infections after complete vaccination — are always expected, experts said that the severity of disease is likely to be less. "In fact, complete vaccination would be more protective against a future infection rather than an Omicron infection. This is because Omicron infections were milder and likely to give rise to less antibodies. The [elderly] and co-morbid should definitely get their booster shots," said Kant.

So, could there be a wave with these new variants?

Dr Kant said, "If we go by the example of other countries — and anything about Covid-19 has been notoriously hard to predict — it is likely that there will be some increase in infections but the cases are likely to be milder, leading to fewer hospitalisations and deaths."

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1.	Construction of 240 metre span (Jeeb able Standard bridge over Sutta) River at Bhagrin to connect village Bhatoli in G.P. Malayawar Distt. Mandi (H.P.).	6,24,24,000/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	One year	Class- A
2.	Construction of Health Sub-Centre building with delivery room and residence at Pater, (SH:- Construction of building portion including W.S.&S.I., septic tank and rain water harvesting tank).	25,00,000/-	45,000/-	1500/-	One year	Class- C&D
3.	Construction of additional accommodation block with toilet for Distt. Library Bilaspur (H.P.). (SHL:- Construction of building portion W.S.&S.I. and site development).	45,00,000/-	92,500/-	2000/-	One year	Class- C&D
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- Cover 1:** shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
- Cover2:** shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
- SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit receipt of online payment on account of tender form cost and Earnest money and other Technical Documents in **O/o Executive Engineer Bilaspur Division No.1, HPPWD Bilaspur H.P** as specified in Key Dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
- BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on **11/07/2022 at 11:00 HRS** in the office **Executive Engineer, Bilaspur Division No.1, HPPWD Bilaspur H.P** by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **120 days** after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Executive Engineer,
Bilaspur HPPWD Division No. 1,
Distt. Bilaspur HP on behalf of
Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.
SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-66 www.verka.coop

Section-A
e-Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -


Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ downloading of e-tenders	Last Date & Time for Submission of e-tenders	Date & Time for opening of e-tenders
1.	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Motorized conveyor for Pallets	01 No	Verka Mohali Dairy Ph.No. 0172-2271020-21.	500/-	15,000/-	17.06.2022 from 12:00 PM	04.07.2022 up to 03:00 PM	Technical bid 05.07.2022 at 12:30 PM Financial bid 12.07.2022 at 12:30 PM
2.	Purchase of LDPE Caps 1/2 Ltr. & 1 Ltr and 2 Ltr for ghee tins	For ordering into annual rate contract	Verka Ludhiana Dairy Ph. 0161-5203353, 5203301, 5203334	500/-	20,000/-	21.06.2022 from 01:00 PM	07.07.2022 up to 12:00 PM	Technical bid 08.07.2022 at 11:00 AM Financial bid 08.07.2022 at 12:30 PM
3.	Supply & Installation of Puff Insulated Gates and Hatch Windows for cold stores installed at Verka Ludhiana Dairy	Gates: 08 nos. approx. Hatch Windows: 04 nos.	-do-	500/-	30,000/-	21.06.2022 from 01:00 PM	07.07.2022 up to 12:00 PM	Technical bid 08.07.2022 at 12:00 PM Financial bid 15.07.2022 at 12:00 PM
4.	Hiring of Road Milk Tankers for Transportation of milk all over Punjab, Chandigarh, U.P., Delhi & Haryana.	05 No's (Eight Road Milk Tankers) Capacity as per Tender Document	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/- per tanker	21.06.2022 from 01:00 PM	07.07.2022 up to 03:00 PM	Technical bid 08.07.2022 at 11:30 AM Financial bid 15.07.2022 at 11:30 AM
5.	Installation & Commissioning of Various Dairy Machinery at Milk Chilling Centre, Machhwa Sahib along with supply of pipe fitting & other allied works	One Job	-do-	500/-	30,000/-	22.06.2022 from 01:00 PM	07.07.2022 up to 03:00 PM	Technical bid 08.07.2022 at 02:30 PM Financial bid 15.07.2022 at 02:30 PM
6.	E-Tender for the Purchase of Printed Shrink sleeves for glass bottles & Poly Propylene (PP) bottles capacity 180ml for Sweetened Flavoured Milk	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Amritsar Dairy Ph. 73555-48163	500/-	50,000/-	23.06.2022 from 04:00 PM	09.07.2022 up to 12:00 PM	Technical bid 11.07.2022 at 11:00 AM Financial bid 11.07.2022 at 02:00 PM
7.	Feeding of Rice Husk into Boiler Manpower.	01.08.2022 to 31.07.2023	Verka Bathinda Dairy Ph. 0164-2214825, 2212825	500/-	25,000/-	20.06.2022 from 11:30 AM	05.07.2022 up to 05:00 PM	Technical bid 07.07.2022 at 11:30 AM
8.	Annual Repair & Maintenance Contract for Bulk Milk Coolers, Pump and DG set at different villages.	01	Verka Gurdaspur Dairy Ph. 01874-220156-56	200/-	30,000/-	17.06.2022 from 05:00 PM	04.07.2022 up to 03:00 PM	Technical bid 05.07.2022 at 02:00 PM Financial bid 07.07.2022 at 02:00 PM
9.	Milk Bar at Guru Nanak Park Gurdaspur, Fish Park Gurdaspur, Bus Stand Batala, Civil Hospital Batala, Civil Hospital Pathankot, Kotli Surat Malhi MCC Kalanaur and MCC Tughlaqi	02 years	-do-	200/-	50,000/- per milk bar	18.06.2022	04.07.2022 up to 05:00 PM	05.07.2022 at 02:00 PM
10.	Fire wood fresh cut	1000 MT	-do-	200/-	75,000/-	18.06.2022	04.07.2022 up to 05:00 PM	06.07.2022 at 02:00 PM
11.	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Ghee Boiler & Butter Making Vat, Cap-1.5Kl, each Qty: 01 No each	01 No.	Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy Ph. 01882-238157	500/-	50,000/-	18.06.2022 from 03:00 PM	07.07.2022 up to 02:00 PM	08.07.2022 at 11:30 AM
12.	Purchase of Viscometer	01 No	Verka Jalandhar Dairy Ph. 73555-56749, 73556-01750	500/-	13,000/-	27.06.2022 from 05:00 PM	12.07.2022 up to 02:00 PM	13.07.2022 at 11:00 AM
13.	Annual Rate Contract for the supply of LDPE Caps for 1/2 Ltr & 1 Ltr Ghee Tins	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	500/-	15,000/-	27.06.2022 from 05:00 PM	12.07.2022 up to 02:00 PM	13.07.2022 at 11:30 AM
14.	Disposal of Old Barmana Jute Kattas up to 50kg	2 Lacs from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023	Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Chania-Ka-Banger Ph No. 01871-256741	100/-	50,000/-	20.06.2022 from 11:00 AM	28.06.2022 up to 11:00 AM	28.06.2022 at 12:00 PM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

Section - B
Sealed Tenders are hereby invited on the prescribed Proforma for the purchase of following items:-

Sr. No.	Name of work/item	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Date & Time of tenders form	Last Date & Time for Submission at Tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
1.	Park Back Side Main Shopping Centre sector 32 A Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana	Three years	Verka Ludhiana Dairy Ph. 0161-5203300, 5203301, 5203334	200/-	25,000/-	16.06.2022 from 11:30 AM	30.06.2022 up to 3:00 PM	01.07.2022 at 11:30 AM

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**Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**

Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)
CIN: U40109PB2010SG033813, Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number: 96461-17659)

Tender Enquiry No. 1394/O&M/PC-2300 Dated: 13.06.2022
Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-I), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the Procurement of Aluminium Sulphate (Non Ferric), Quantity as per NIT.

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 13.06.2022 from 17.00 Hrs. onwards.
NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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Government Of Rajasthan

Office Of The Principal & Controller Medical College, Barmer
Mail Id- principal.mc.barmer@rajasthan.gov.in

Sr. No. : GMC/BARMER/2022/675 Date: 09/06/2022

Notice Inviting Bid No: 01/2022-23

Bids for Supply and Installation of Various Type of Furniture in Govt. Medical College Barmer are invited from interested bidders upto 04:00 PM 30-06-2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state; and departmental website <http://www.education.rajasthan.gov.in/mcbarmer>.
UBN No.- GMB2223GLOB00001

sd/-
(Dr. R.K. Aseri)
Principal & Controller
Government Medical College, Barmer

DIPR/C/8115/2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement systems

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

Sl.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	19220632A	Secondary Spring For WAP-7	76 Nos.	11.07.2022
2.	19222127	Oil Cooler Radiator	12 Nos.	11.07.2022
3.	07221496	Water Tank Assembly	744 Nos.	13.07.2022
4.	19221825	Face Plate For Buffer Plunger	4805 Nos.	14.07.2022
5.	07220305	Wheel Set Earthing Equipment	834 Nos.	19.07.2022
6.	09222314	Cast Steel Bolster	40 Nos.	16.08.2022
7.	19222446	Brush Holder Assembly	600 Nos.	10.10.2022

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.
2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice: 21/2022-2023 Dated: 15.06.2022

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कार्यालय, विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता

विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद

शुद्धि-पत्र

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अतिअल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0 10 / 2022-23 जो दिनांक 29.05.2022 को दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित है एवं जिसका PR No. 270374 Energy/(22-23)D है, जिसमें Online bid submission period - From 08.06.2022 at 10.30 am to 14.06.2022 at 2:00 pm,
Date of submission of hard copy - 15.06.2022 up to 1.00 pm
Technical Bid Opening Date - 15.06.2022 at 3:00 pm है।
उपरोक्त के स्थान पर
Online bid submission period - From 08.06.2022 at 10.30 am to 20.06.2022 at 2:00 pm,
Date of submission of hard copy - 21.06.2022 up to 1.00 pm
Technical Bid Opening Date - 21.06.2022 at 3:00 pm पढ़ा जाए।
शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता
विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।

PR.NO.271614 Energy/(22-23):D

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No. NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH NODAL OFFICER-CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

1	UHBVN	33 KV C&R PANEL	CLOSING DATE 04.07.2022	1.73 CRORE	www.uhbvn.org.in	9316586886 cemm@uhbvn.org.in
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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1	HVPNL	WORK FOR DISMANTLEMENT OF 03 NO COLLAPSED TOWERS OF 220KV PANDELOK-SEC-77 SONINA ROAD LINE BETWEEN TL NO.29TO 34(WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT ARVALI HILL AREA) UNDER XENTIS DIVISION HVPNL SEC-1,MT MANESAR	10.06.2022 04.07.2022	7.89 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prof@hvnpn.org.in
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PRESS NOTE
NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ROAD/ BRIDGE/ BUILDING WORKS.

Executive Engineer, Bharwain Division, HP PWD, Bharwain-177109 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites on line e-tenders on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered in CPWD/ HPPWD for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest money	Cost of the documents	Time allowed for completion (Months)	Time& date of opening of technical	Class of Contractor
1	C/O Newly upgraded 50 Bedded Hospital at Gagret Tehsil Ghanari Distt. Una (SH: C/O Main building including WS & SI, Septic Tank & Rain water harvesting tank) Deposit. work.	98155000/-	5.00 lac	5000/-	Eighteen months	11.30 AM on 16.07.2022	Class- A
2	C/O Pilgrims facilities at Old Bus Stand at Chintpurni (SH: C/O Main building including WS & SI) against temple trust deposit	11090181/-	144000/-	5000/-	One year	11.30 AM on 16.07.2022	Class- B & C
3	C/O Aurvedic Health Centre at Mairi Tehsil Amb Distt. Una (SH: C/O Main building including WS & SI & Septic tank) against deposit	4419894/-	74000/-	2000/-	One year	11.30 AM on 16.07.2022	Class- C & D
4	C/O One No. type-IV Residential Accommodation for Officers/ Officials of ADA Amb Distt. Una (SH: C/O Main building including WS & SI) against deposit	4365300/-	73000/-	2000/-	One year	11.30 AM on 16.07.2022	Class- C & D

1. Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> from **07.07.2022 (5.00 PM)** to onward. The bids can be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>. w.e.f **08.07.2022 to 15.07.2022 up to 5.00 PM** & documents submission on dated **16.07.2022 up to 10.30 AM**. The bids received will be opened at **11.30 AM on 16.07.2022** in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

2. Bid document along with general terms and conditions of the work can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>.

3. The bidders are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra.

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**THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD., SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812, 66**

Notice Inviting Tender
e-Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr. No.	Name of the Item	Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ downloading of e-tender	Last Date & Time of Submission of e-tender	Date & Time for opening of e-tender
1	Ghee Cuska Carton - 1/2 kg	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh. Ph.No. 0172-5041837-38	200/-	6,00,000/-	16.06.2022 from 11:30 AM	30.06.2022 Up to 10:30 AM	Technical Bid 30.06.2022 at 2:00 PM
2	1/2 kg & 1 kg WMP Tins with C. Gress	-do-	-do-	200/-	150,000/-	-do-	-do-	-do-
3	HDPE Bags for 25 kg Parlyn	-do-	-do-	200/-	50,000/-	-do-	-do-	-do-
4	15 kg Ghee Tins	-do-	-do-	200/-	2,50,000/-	-do-	-do-	-do-

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

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**NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY**

Kerwa Dam Road, Bhopal-462044

NOTICE INVITING TENDER - 4th Call

Sealed tenders are invited for Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Passenger Lift. **Visit : www.nliu.ac.in** for detailed NIT.

M.P. Madhyam/105271/2022 **REGISTRAR**

**ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण**

ब्लॉक नं.-1, नॉर्वेज पार्क-IV, ग्रेटर नोएडा सिटी, गौतमबुद्धनगर, वेबसाइट : www.greaternoidaauthority.in, ई-मेल : authority@gnida.in

पत्रांक: जी0एम/0/अभियन्त्रण/ / 2022 / 366ए दिनांक: 10.06.2022

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबन्धक (अभियन्त्रण), ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नोएडा की ओर से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-जी0एम/0/ (अभियन्त्रण) / 2022 / 366, दिनांक 10.06.2022 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या-01 से 14 पर अंकित कार्य की ई-निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट: www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल <https://etenderup.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइट देखते रहें।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम /वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
रोड निर्माण एवं मरम्मत के कार्य		
1.	सेक्टर ईकोटेक-1 (एक्स) की 24 मी0 आन्तरिक रोड रिसरफेसिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-7)	₹0 442.31 लाख
ग्राम विकास के कार्य		
2.	ग्राम धूम मानिकपुर (धूम खेड़ा) में सी.सी. रोड को ऊँचा उठाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-2)	₹0 12.60 लाख
3.	ग्राम बिसरख जलालपुर के रमशान घाट में अस्थाई रोड का निर्माण एवं इंटरलॉकिंग टाइल्स का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3)	₹0 14.48 लाख
4.	ग्राम पाली में बारातघर की मरम्मत एवं इण्टरलॉकिंग टाइल्स कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	₹0 39.33 लाख
5.	स्मार्ट विलेज जलपुर (फेस-1) का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3)	₹0 570.82 लाख
नाली निर्माण एवं नाली मरम्मत कार्य		
6.	ग्रेटर नोएडा में डी0एससी0 रोड पर हल्द्वानी मोड़ से रेन वॉटर की निकासी का आवश्यक कार्य (हल्द्वानी मोड़ से हिडन नदी तक आर. सी.सी ड्रेन का निर्माण कार्य) (वर्क सर्किल-3)	₹0 505.83 लाख
आबादी भूखण्डों का अवशेष विकास		
7.	सेक्टर ओमीक्रोन-1 के 6%, आबादी भूखण्डों का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	₹0 15.02 लाख
8.	ग्राम घोड़ी बहेड़ा में ब्लॉक-जी 6%, आबादी भूखण्डों का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	₹0 146.79 लाख
वार्षिक अनुसूचण कार्य		
9.	सेक्टर-12 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुसूचण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-2)	₹0 177.80 लाख
सीवर के कार्य		
10.	ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत 137 एम.एल.डी. एस.टी.पी. में 10 एम.एल.डी. ब्रम्ता के एम्पी.एस. का डिजाइन, कन्स्ट्रक्शन, इन्वेंशन एवं कमिनिंग तथा 3 वर्ष तक संवाहन एवं अनुसूचण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-सीवर)	₹0 386.68 लाख
उद्यानि कार्य		
11.	सेक्टर अल्फा-1, 2, बीटा-1, 2, गामा-1, 2, गामा पॉकेट-ए, सिग्मा-1, 2, 3, 4 एवं रॉ-1, 2 में जिम इक्विपमेंट के लिए प्लेटफॉर्म का निर्माण। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान)	₹0 23.80 लाख
12.	सेक्टर जू, म्यू, ओमीक्रोन, पी-3, पी-4 स्वर्ण नगरी, चाई-1, एवं ओमेगा-1 में जिम इक्विपमेंट के लिए प्लेटफॉर्म का निर्माण। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान)	₹0 25.63 लाख
13.	सेक्टर के.पी.-2 में चवदीठी पार्क, कालाग्राम एवं प्रमोडेड पार्क में लगे पेड़, पौधों एवं लॉन तथा सिविल कार्यों की मरम्मत साईत लॉन एवं तक अनुसूचण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान)	₹0 158.04 लाख
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EMPLOYMENT WATCH JULY 2020-JUNE 2021

Inside PLFS: Low quality, unpaid work gains; agri share up, manufacturing down

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

LABOUR INDICATORS of unemployment rate and labour force participation rate (LFPR) showed improvement in the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for July 2020-June 2021, but a closer look at the data reveals the rise was seen mostly in low quality, unpaid work with a higher employment share in agriculture and female LFPR showing higher increase in rural areas. These trends have persisted from the last few years, with experts stating that this is indicative of distress with surplus labour getting absorbed in low-quality work and agriculture and stressing on the need for creation of non-agricultural jobs.

The PLFS data also showed that the share of the labour force engaged in agriculture continued to show a rise in 2020-21, increasing to 46.5 per cent from 45.6 per cent in 2019-20 and 42.5 per cent in 2018-19 — a reversal of the decades-long decline in the labour force participation in agriculture. This suggests that the movement of labour out of agriculture, which had gathered pace post 2004-05, seems to have been stymied by the economic slowdown and the pandemic. The reverse migration of labour from cities to villages would have only increased pressure on agriculture to absorb the workers.

The share of workers in manufacturing decreased to 10.9 per cent in 2020-21 from 11.2 per cent in 2019-20 and 12.1 per cent in 2018-19.

The overall female LFPR, or those working or seeking or available for work in the labour force, improved to 25.1 per cent in 2020-21 from 22.8 per cent in 2019-20 and 18.6 per cent in 2018-19. Rural areas saw a sharper pickup in female LFPR as compared to urban areas, with rural female LFPR rising to 27.7 per cent in 2020-21 from 24.7 per cent in 2019-20 and 19.7 per cent in 2018-19. In comparison, urban female LFPR inched up to 18.6 per cent in 2020-21 from 18.5 per cent in 2019-20 and 16.1 per cent in 2018-19.

The improved female LFPR in rural areas could be linked with a rise in unpaid self-employment for females, which increased to 42.8 per cent in rural areas in 2020-21 from 42.3 per cent in 2019-20 and 37.9 per cent in 2018-19. For rural males,

Experts said this is indicative of distress with surplus labour getting absorbed in low-quality work, agriculture

it increased to 11 per cent from 10.4 per cent. In urban areas, unpaid self-employment for females showed a significant increase to 12.4 per cent in 2020-21 from 11.1 per cent in 2019-20, while that for males increased to 4.5 per cent from 4.1 per cent.

"The improved unemployment rate and increase in LFPR has to be juxtaposed with quality of work. Between 2018-19 and 2020-21, there has been a 4 percentage point increase in employment share for agriculture rising to 46.5 per cent, while it contributes only 13-15 per cent of the GDP. This shows surplus labour being absorbed in low productivity jobs and points to a challenge of productive job creation. An emerging economy like India should see a creation of non-agricultural jobs but workers are being pushed back into agriculture and informal work. This trend needs a serious course correction," Radhicka Kapoor, Fellow at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), said.

Employment in the unpaid self-employed category continued to show an increase in 2020-21 to 17.3 per cent from 15.9 per cent in 2019-20 and 13.3 per cent in 2018-19. Rural unpaid employment also showed an increase to 21.3 per cent in 2020-21 from 20.0 per cent in the previous year, while that for urban areas increased to 6.3 per cent from 5.7 per cent. Informal sector employment increased to 76.4 per cent in 2020-21 from 75.3 per cent in 2019-20 and 73.6 per cent in 2018-19.

The increase in share of agricultural employment was seen more for urban areas than rural areas. In urban areas, male employment in agriculture increased to 5.3 per cent in 2020-21 from 5.0 per cent in 2019-20, while that for females increased to 10.4 per cent in 2020-21 from 8.2 per cent. In rural areas, both males and females recorded a slight moderation in agricultural employment to 53.8 per cent and 75.4 per cent, respectively, from 55.4 per cent and 75.7 per cent in the previous year.

FLAGS SLOWING US GROWTH; JUMP BIGGEST SINCE 1994

US Fed revs up inflation fight with 75-bp rate hike

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, JUNE 15

THE US Federal Reserve raised its target interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point on Wednesday to stem a disruptive surge in inflation, and projected a slowing economy and rising unemployment in months to come.

The action raised the short-term federal funds rate to a range of 1.5 per cent to 1.75 per cent, and Fed officials at the median projected the rate increasing to 3.4 per cent by the end of this year and to 3.8 per cent in 2023 — a substantial shift from projections in March that saw the rate rising to 1.9 per cent this year.

The rate hike was the biggest made by the US central bank since 1994. "The committee is strongly



JEROME POWELL

Chair, US Federal Reserve AP file

committed to returning inflation to its 2 per cent objective," said a statement.

At 2:20 pm ET, the Dow Jones was up 154 points, or 0.51 per cent, at 30,518.96. Spot gold was up 3 per cent while 2-year Treasury yields, sensitive to rate increases, rose to 3.441 per cent.

EXPLAINED

The India impact: FPI interest may take a hit

THE INCREASE of 0.75 percentage point by the US Federal Reserve is the largest since 1994. A faster-than-expected monetary tightening in the US could have a three-pronged impact: When the Fed raises its policy rates, the difference between the interest rates of the two countries narrows, thus, making countries such as India less attractive for the currency carry trade. Higher returns in the US debt markets could also trigger a churn in emerging market equities, tempering foreign investor enthusiasm. There is also a potential impact on currency markets, stemming from outflows of funds. From a macro perspective, a high rate signal by the Fed would also mean a lower impetus to growth in the US, which could be negative news for global growth.

Moratorium on e-comm tariffs: India seeks review

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

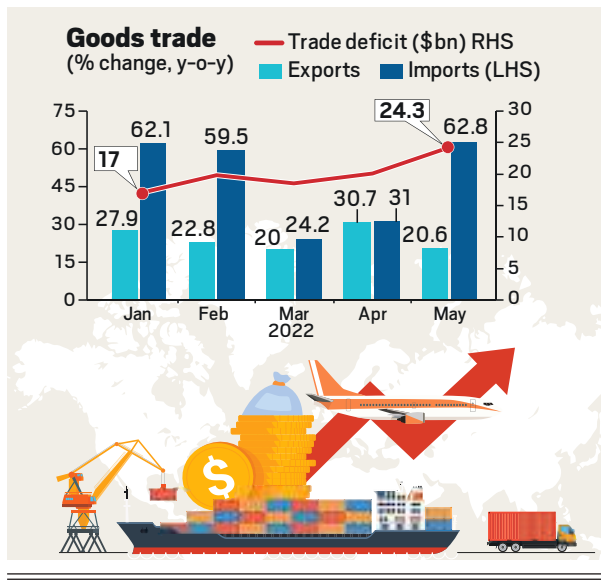
INDIA HAS asked members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to review the continuation of the moratorium on customs duties on e-commerce trade.

Speaking at the thematic session on e-commerce work programme and moratorium at the 12th ministerial conference of the WTO, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal stressed that the financial consequences of such a moratorium have been mostly borne by the developing countries.

WTO members have agreed not to slap Customs duties on electronics transmission since 1998 and the moratorium has been extended periodically. **FE**

Exports up 20.55% to \$38.94 bn; trade deficit at record \$24.29 bn

Merchandise exports in May rose by 20.55% to \$38.94 billion, while the trade deficit ballooned to a record \$24.29 billion, according to Commerce Ministry data



\$63.22 BILLION: Imports during May 2022, up 62.83% year-on-year

\$6.53 BILLION: Trade deficit in May 2021

CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR APRIL-MAY FY23:

\$78.72 billion: Exports, up about 25% over a year ago

\$123.41 billion: Imports, rising 45.42%

\$44.69 billion: Trade deficit, against \$21.82 billion a year ago

\$19.2 billion: Petroleum and crude oil imports in May, up 102.72%

\$5.5 billion: Coal, coke and briquettes imports last month, against \$2 billion in May 2021

\$6 billion: Gold imports in May, against \$677 million in May 2021

Source: DGCI, Commerce Ministry/PTI

To scale up efficiency, SBI, subsidiaries reshuffle top deck

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JUNE 15

STATE BANK of India has undertaken a major reshuffle in the top management of the bank and its subsidiaries in a move aimed at stepping up the efficiency levels.

As part of the exercise, the portfolios of all four Managing Directors have been reshuffled. After Ashwini Kumar Bhatia, MD (Corporate Banking and Global Market) superannuated from SBI on May 31 and took over as the Wholetime Director at the market regulator Sebi, Alok Kumar Choudhary, DMD (Finance), had been inducted as the fourth MD of SBI. He has been given the charge of Retail Business & Operations, according to official sources.

SC Setty, who had been looking after the area of retail business & digital banking until now, has been made MD (International Banking, Global Markets & Technology). J Swaminathan, MD, will now be looking after Corporate Banking (CAG & CCG and Subsidiaries). Ashwini Kumar Tewari, MD (IB, T&S) will now be heading Risk, Compliance and Stressed Asset Resolution Group.



An SBI branch, Shimla. File

It's learnt that PC Kandapal, who is the MD and CEO of SBI General, has been posted as DMD (P & RE) at the corporate office of SBI. Paritosh Tripathi, GM (IBG), has been elevated as CGM and recommended for the post of MD & CEO, SBI General Insurance Co Ltd. However, this appointment will need the approval of insurance regulator Irdai.

Saloni Narayan, DMD (RB) has been shifted to DMD (Finance). Amitabh Chatterjee, who had been working as CGM and heading the Delhi circle of SBI, will now be working as the MD and CEO at SBI Capital Markets. He will be replacing Arun Mehta who is on the verge of retirement. B. Sankar, who was working as CGM (SME) until now, has been elevated as DMD and posted as DMD & COO. Pravin Raghavendra, who was

working as CGM (Mumbai Metro Circle) until now, has been promoted as DMD and posted as DMD (Agri, SME and Financial Inclusion). He has replaced S. Salee who has been made Chief Credit Officer.

S. S. Rao has been posted as Chief Risk Officer. Vidya Krishnan, CGM, Bhuvaneshwar Circle has been elevated as DMD and posted as DMD & CIO. The bank has posted Ruma Dey as DMD and Group Compliance Officer.

SBI has also promoted market recruited executives who have been associated with the subsidiaries of the bank for quite some time. DP Singh, the chief distribution officer at SBI Mutual Fund has been promoted as DMD at the same office.

SBI has also revised by up to 0.2 per cent the marginal cost of fund-based lending rates (MCLR) with effect from June 15, 2022. The benchmark one-year MCLR has been revised upwards to 7.4 per cent from the existing rate of 7.2 per cent. Most of the consumer loans such as auto, home and personal loans are linked to MCLR.

It has hiked RLLR to 7.15 per cent plus credit risk premium (CRP), as against the existing 6.65 per cent plus CRP.

BRIEFLY

NordVPN exit

New Delhi: NordVPN will remove servers from India on June 26, following CERT-In's security directive. **ENS**

'GST panel meet'

New Delhi: The panel of ministers on GST rate rationalisation is set to meet on June 17 on possible tweaking in tax rates, sources said. **PTI**

India IMD Index

New Delhi: India rose from 43rd to 37th on Institute for Management Development's annual World Competitiveness Index. **PTI**

Qualcomm, EU

Luxembourg: Qualcomm won its suit against a \$1.05 billion fine from EU regulators 4 years ago. **REUTERS**

GRSE vessel

New Delhi: Joan Anita Edgill, wife of Guyana's Public Works Minister Juan Edgill, performed launch rituals of 70-m Ocean Going Passenger and Cargo Ferry Vessel 'MV Ma Lisha' being built by GRSE Ltd for Guyana. **ENS**

'Pregnant women temporarily unfit to join: Indian Bank norms'

New Delhi: Indian Bank made pregnant women with over three months pregnancy "temporarily unfit" to join the bank.

As per the guidelines and criteria for physical fitness for pre-employment issued, candidates would be re-examined six weeks after delivery for the appointment of selected post. As a result, joining of such women would be delayed and they would lose seniority. Requests to Indian Bank for comments did not get immediate response. **PTI**

Resolution: Panel for NCLT call in 30 days

New Delhi: As inordinate delays in resolution of stressed assets hit recovery, the Insolvency Law Committee suggested that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) be amended to stipulate that the National Company Law Tribunal should accept or reject a resolution plan in just 30 days.

If the adjudicating authority (AA) fails to do so, it has to "record reasons in writing for the same". The panel, headed by Corporate

Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma, has recommended a slew of changes to the IBC to make the law more robust and help cut delay with an aim to prevent further erosion of value of toxic assets.

Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India amended rules on redressal of grievances filed against insolvency professionals, to put in place a streamlined complaints procedure. **FE & PTI**

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, Institute Works Department, IISER Bhopal on behalf of the Board of Governors invites **online** tenders for the following works from eligible firms/contractors in two envelopes system.

Sl.No.	NIT No. & Date	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period
1.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/07 dated 09.06.2022	Establishment of Bio-safety Level-3 (BSL-3), laboratory and associated works at IISER Bhopal on turnkey basis.	₹ 4,33,27,655	₹ 8,66,553	08 months for original work & 05 years for CMC.
2.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/06 dated 09.05.2022	Annual Maintenance of 1x1010 KVA, 2x1500 KVA DG sets and 'B' & 'C' check of 1x1010 DG set installed in ESS-1 and ESS-2 at IISER Bhopal during the year 2022-23.	₹ 15,07,327	₹ 30,147	12 (twelve) months
3.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/05 dated 09.05.2022	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of CCTV Cameras & associated work in main building (PLASMA) at IISER Bhopal.	₹ 8,68,176	₹ 17,364	02 (two) months
4.	IWD/PEE (E)/NIT/2022-23/02 dated 09.05.2022	Additional power points & laying of UTP CAT-6 cable and other allied works at PLASMA Building to create more offices in IISER Bhopal.	₹ 2,10,579	₹ 4,212	01 (one) month

The bids forms and other details for application can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/IISERB. The press notice is also available in Institute website www.iiserb.ac.in and website www.eprocure.gov.in.

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of service provider and consultant for Property survey and Assessment of property and allied taxes, and relevant services for entire properties (Lands & Buildings) within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pimpri Chinchwad
e-Tender Notice No. 1/2022-23
 Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation invites online RFP for "Appointment of service provider and consultant for Property survey and Assessment of property and allied taxes, and relevant services for entire properties (Lands & Buildings) within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pimpri Chinchwad", under Quality cum Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method. The detailed e-tender document for the above is available at <https://mahatenders.gov.in> The duration of work is 2 year of implementation phase and 1 years of Operations & Maintenance phase extendable up to 2 or more years, solely based on the performance by the bidder
 In that context, PCMC invites interested entities having experience as envisaged in the RFP document, to submit their proposal. Interested entities can download the RFP document from the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Interested entities shall make online payment of Rs. 49,819/- (Rupees - Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen only) towards the cost of RFP document and bid security/ earnest money deposit of Rs. 48,00,000/- at the time of submission of its proposal through the e- tendering system.
 The pre-bid conference will be arranged on 24/06/2022. Time 11.00 A.M. The joining details of the pre-bid conference is provided in the RFP document. The last date of submission of bid will be 15/07/2022
 Sd/-
RAJESH PATIL, Commissioner
 Advt.No. 78 Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

TOPOF THE
WORLDAustralia Foreign
Minister Penny Wong

AUSTRALIA

Foreign minister
to visit Solomons

Sydney: Australia's foreign minister will travel to the Solomon Islands on Friday to meet with PM Manasseh Sogavare amid concern over the regional impact of a security deal between the Pacific islands and China. Foreign Minister Penny Wong said, "I look forward to discussing the ways we can continue to make progress on various issues and address shared security interests".

REUTERS

BRAZIL

Missing men: 2nd
suspect arrested

Atalai Do Norte: Brazil's federal police arrested a second suspect, Oseney da Costa de Oliveira, 41 in connection with the disappearance of an Indigenous expert and a British journalist in the Amazon.

AP

SOUTH AFRICA

Ryanair drops
Afrikaans test

Dublin: Ryanair has dropped a requirement for South African passengers to prove nationality before travelling by completing Afrikaans test, Chief Executive Michael O'Leary said.

REUTERS



SUPERMOON DELIGHTS SKYGAZERS

Supermoon comes out from the Cruce de Arinaga, on the island of Gran Canaria, Spain, on Tuesday. Reuters

WHAT IS
SUPERMOON

A **SUPERMOON** occurs when the Moon's orbit is closest (perigee) to Earth at the same time the Moon is full. When a

full moon appears at perigee it is brighter and larger than a regular full moon – and that's where we get a 'supermoon'.

WHERE ALL WAS IT SEEN

GERMANY, US, Turkey, China and Spain

'Cutting chai': Pak minister urges people to
cut tea consumption to save precious forex

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, JUNE 15

CASH-STRAPPED Pakistan government has urged people to cut down the consumption of tea as sipping fewer cups a day would help reduce the import bill eating into the nation's depleting foreign exchange reserves.

The appeal from Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal

came after it emerged that Pakistan consumed tea worth Rs 83.88 billion in the fiscal year 2021-22, *The News International* said. He said Pakistan, the biggest importer of tea in the world, has to borrow money to import it.

"I appeal to the nation to cut down the consumption of tea by 1-2 cups because we import tea on loan," Iqbal said while speaking to reporters on Tuesday.

The federal budget docu-

ment for the outgoing fiscal year showed that Pakistan imported Rs 13 billion worth of more tea than the last fiscal year. In the fiscal year 2020-21, Rs 70.82 billion was spent on the import of tea, the *News Network International* news agency reported.

Iqbal's appeal did not go down well with people as they started criticising him on social media. "Did Ahsan Iqbal really ask the nation to cut down on

chai? Do they really think we're that stupid," a Twitter user said.

"Ahsan Iqbal urging the nation to cut down on chai is sorry but I can not be a part of this," another user Zoha said in a tweet.

The planning minister said the traders' community has also been asked to close markets by 8.30pm to conserve energy. Iqbal said this will help the country cut the import bill of petroleum products.

TO WORK ON SOLO PROJECTS

KOREAN POP BAND BTS TAKES A BREAK

BTS, the South Korean band that spearheaded a global K-pop craze, is taking a break as a group to work on solo projects, the singers announced. Band member RM, speaking at the annual FESTA dinner, said he had been feeling a need to explore his own work without the constant recording and performing required of BTS.

MOSCOW STORMS SIEVIERODONETSK

Ukraine ignores Russia's
ultimatum to surrender,
continues fight for cityBiden grants Kyiv
another \$1 billion
aid for weapons

AGENCIES

KYIV, NIU-YORK, JUNE 15

UKRAINE IGNORED a Russian ultimatum to surrender the eastern city of Sievierodonetsk on Wednesday as the US announced more weapons for Kyiv and urged its allies also not to "lose steam" in providing military support.

Sievierodonetsk, now largely in ruins, has for weeks been the main focal point of the war. Russia had told Ukrainian forces holed up in a chemical plant there to stop "senseless resistance and lay down arms" from Wednesday morning, pressing its advantage in the battle for control of eastern Ukraine. Ukraine says more than 500 civilians, including 40 children, remain alongside soldiers inside the Azot chemical factory, sheltering from weeks of almost constant Russian bombardment.

The mayor of Sievierodonetsk, Oleksandr Stryuk, said Russian forces were trying to storm the city from several directions but the Ukrainians continued to defend it and were not totally cut off, even though all its river bridges had been destroyed. Those inside Azot are surviving on water from wells and supplies of food brought in, the mayor said.

US President Joe Biden later

In call, Xi reasserts
support for Putin

Beijing: Chinese President Xi Jinping reasserted his country's support for Russia on issues of sovereignty and security in a phone call with Russian leader Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, state media said. Xi told Putin that "all parties should responsibly push for a proper settlement of the Ukraine crisis," according to the official *Xinhua* News Agency. Xi told Putin that China "is willing to work with the Russian side to promote the steady and long-term development of bilateral pragmatic cooperation," it added. AP

announced \$1 billion worth of new weapons aid for Ukraine that sources familiar with the package said included anti-ship rocket systems, artillery rockets and rounds for howitzers. Biden, who spoke with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy by phone on Wednesday, also announced an additional \$225 million in humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

AHEAD OF LIKELY VISIT

Ukraine needs
strong signal
from EU: Macron

REUTERS

CONSTANTA, JUNE 15

PRESIDENT EMMANUEL Macron voiced a tougher line on Russia on Wednesday and said Europe needed to send a strong signal to Ukraine as he sought to assuage concerns in Kyiv and among some European allies over his previous stance towards Moscow.

Macron arrived in Romania on Tuesday for a three-day trip to Ukraine's eastern neighbours before possibly heading to Kyiv on Thursday on a visit with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Italian PM Mario Draghi and Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, two diplomatic sources said.

The symbolic visit would come a day before the EU makes a recommendation on Ukraine's status as an EU candidate on June 23-24. "We are at a point when we (Europeans) need to send clear political signals, us Europeans, towards Ukraine and its people when it is resisting heroically," Macron said.

Macron also said that Moldova's bid to join the European Union was "perfectly legitimate", speaking at a joint news conference with Moldova President Maia Sandu.

SEARCH FOR UNIDENTIFIED GIRL



General public is here by informed that this Girl **Name:** Unknown, **D/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 15 Years, **Height:** 5 Feet, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Straight, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Yellow colour suit and Red salwar, was found at IHBAS Hospital, Shahdara, Delhi on dated 05.06.2022 at around 05:30 P.M. She was got medically examined and produced before CWC, Dilshad Garden, Delhi. As

per order of CWC, the girl was kept at Asha Kiran, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 92-A**, dated **05.06.2022** has been lodged at P.S. G.T.B. Enclave, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Girl but no clue has come to light so far.

If any person having any information or clue about this Girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. G.T.B. Enclave, New Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph. 011-22137444, 7065036031**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/874/SHD/2022**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Name:** Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown **Age:** 40/45 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Maroon coloured shirt & Grey lining pant, was found unconscious on 13.06.2022 at 10:14 AM from Railway Parking, Fatehpuri side, Sadar Bazar & during the treatment Railway Doctors declared him dead. The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 hrs. In this regard a **FIR/DD No.26A** dated **13.06.2022** has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23961522
Mob. 8750871302

DP/188/RLY/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Reema **D/o** Rajesh Thakur **R/o** H.No. T-444, Near by Vijay Park & Shiv mandir, Bajjeet Nagar, Delhi **Aged-** 20 Years has been missing since 02.06.2022 at 12:30 PM from area of P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No.104A, Dated 02.06.2022** has been Lodged at Police Station Patel Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 4'10", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Green coloured suit, salwar and Black coloured sandal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform to the following:-
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 **SHO, Patel Nagar, Delhi**
FAX No. : 011-24368639 **Tel.: 011-25872637, 25874034**
DP/1561/CD/2022 **Mob.: 8750870434**

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



Avdesh Kumar

General public is here by informed that this person namely Avdesh Kumar S/o Gopal Krishan Tiwari R/o H.No. A-2/123, Nand Nagri, Delhi **Age :** About 22 years, **Height :** 5'7", **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Build :** Strong, wearing pink colour shirt, black colour pant and blue colour shoes in feet, has been missing since 20.04.2022 from his house. In this regard **DD No. 65-A** dated 21.05.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO - P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi**
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tel. No. : 011-22583307,**
Fax: 24368639, **22595985**
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



RAVINA

General public is here by informed that this female namely Ravina D/o Munsarif R/o H.No. E-82, 1/174, Shanti Kunj Ashram, Tahirpur, Delhi **Age :** About 21 years, **Complexion :** Fair, **Height :** 4'8", **Build :** Medium, **Face :** Long, wearing dharidar suit and red colour payjama, has been missing since 26.05.2022 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 48-A** dated 31.05.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing female may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO - P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi**
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tel. No. : 011-22583307,**
Fax: 24368639, **22595985**
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE
APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vakil @ Sakil, S/o Ali Hasan R/o Vill-Farukh Nagar, PS Sahibabad Distt Ghaziabad, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **E/FIR No. 1898/17 u/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Bhajanpura, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Vakil @ Sakil** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vakil @ Sakil** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vakil @ Sakil of E/FIR No. 1898/17 u/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Bhajanpura, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.10.2022**.

By Order,
Sh. Rupinder Singh Dhimani
Metropolitan Magistrate-01,
Room No.73, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

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SriLankan Airlines praises pilots for
averting mid-air collision over Turkey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, JUNE 15

SRILANKAN AIRLINES on Wednesday praised its pilots for safely commandeering a flight from London to Colombo on Monday after reports emerged that an aircraft of national carrier averted a mid-air collision with a British Airways flight over Turkey.

The national carrier said that the "vigilance of the pilots and the state-of-the-art communication and surveillance system onboard the aircraft enabled safe passage for UL 504" on June 13.

"Further, SriLankan Airlines commends the timely action of the pilots, which ensured safety of all passengers, crew onboard UL 504," the airline said.

US GRANTS \$120 MN
NEW LOAN FOR LANKA

Colombo: The US on Wednesday announced \$120 million in new loans to Sri Lanka to grow and support small and medium-sized businesses in the debt-ridden island nation. "For seventy years, the US has provided foreign assistance, loans, and trade opportunities to help grow the Sri Lankan economy and support the people," US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung said.

PTI

The clarification was issued after media reports claimed that

UL 504, flying from London to Colombo, avoided its biggest possible mid-air collision while in Turkish airspace.

The reports said the flight carrying 275 passengers had entered the Turkish Airspace after leaving Heathrow en route to Colombo. Right then, the SriLankan flight detected a British Airways flight with over 250 people on board just 15 miles away from them flying at 35,000 feet and informed the air traffic control at Ankara.

The SriLankan pilots refused to climb despite being cleared twice by Ankara ATC. If the UL captain had climbed to the requested height, the light would have faced a mid-on collision with the British Airways flight, the *Daily Mirror* reported.

France says captured IS leader in Mali

REUTERS

PARIS, JUNE 15

FRANCE ANNOUNCED on Wednesday that soldiers from its operation battling Islamist militants in the Sahel region of West Africa had captured Oumeya Ould Albakaye, a senior Islamic State figure in Mali.

The French Armed Forces min-

French soldiers leaving
Gossi, Mali. Reuters File

istry said Albakaye was captured by Operation Barkhane forces between the night of June 11 and the early hours of June 12 close to the border between Mali and Niger.

Souring relations between France and the military junta in its former colony of Mali have led France to withdraw troops that were deployed in 2013 to push back militants linked to al Qaeda, and later to Islamic State.

MICROSOFT SENDS BROWSER TO DUSTBIN OF TECH HISTORY

So long, Internet Explorer: It has finally retired

RICHARD JACOBSEN
SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 15

INTERNET EXPLORER is finally headed out to pasture.

As of Wednesday, Microsoft will no longer support the once-dominant browser that legions of web surfers loved to hate — and a few still claim to adore. The 27-year-old application now joins BlackBerry phones, dial-up modems and Palm Pilots in the dustbin of tech history.

IE's demise was not a surprise. A year ago, Microsoft said that it was putting an end to Internet Explorer on June 15, 2022, push-

ing users to its Edge browser, which was launched in 2015.

The company made clear then it was time to move on.

"Not only is Microsoft Edge a faster, more secure and more modern browsing experience than Internet Explorer, but it is also able to address a key concern: compatibility for older, legacy websites and applications," Sean Lydersay, general manager of Microsoft Edge Enterprise, wrote in a May 2021 blog post.

Users marked Explorer's passing on Twitter, with some referring to it as a "bug-ridden, insecure POS" or the "top browser for installing other

Microsoft released the first
version of Internet Explorer in
1995. AP

browsers." For others it was a moment for '90s nostalgia

memes, while The Wall Street Journal quoted a 22-year-old who was sad to see IE go.

Microsoft released the first version of Internet Explorer in 1995, the antediluvian era of web surfing dominated by the first widely popular browser, Netscape Navigator.

Users, meanwhile, complained that IE was slow, prone to crashing and vulnerable to hacks. IE's market share, which in the early 2000s was over 90%, began to fade. Today, the Chrome browser dominates with roughly a 65% share of the worldwide browser market, followed by Apple's Safari.

AP

From tsunami survivor to cycling star of many firsts



Deborah Herold

MUMBAI: INDIAN CYCLING pioneer Deborah Herold believes that her national team stint under coach R K Sharma and his assistant Gautamani Devi during which, she alleged, she was “slapped”, “ridiculed” and “harassed” were some of the “toughest” and “most challenging” days of her life.

That’s saying a lot – considering what the 27-year-old from the Andaman and Nicobar islands had undergone before she took to the tracks for India.

On December 26, 2004, her village Kakana was washed away in the tsunami. Deborah, nine years old then, climbed a palm tree and hung on for nearly five days before she was rescued by a search party.

Once life returned to some sort of normalcy, she started cycling to her new school and began to enjoy the activity. In 2009, she attended a selection camp organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Port Blair and got picked.

From that moment on, she has been a trailblazer in Indian cycling.

After winning the 2012 Nationals, Deborah was included in the national team. In the 2013 Asian Championships, she became the first Indian woman to win a medal in an individual event in the junior 200m sprint category. A year later, she came to the limelight by winning four gold medals in the women’s elite category of the Track Asian Championship.

In 2015, she achieved another first for an Indian by climbing to world number 4 in individual ranking in 500m time trial event. And in 2016, she became India’s first individual cyclist to qualify for the Track Cycling World Championships, an event where only the top 20 cyclists in the world made the cut. Now, with Sharma’s contract terminated, following serious allegations of sexual harassment levelled by another top Indian cyclist, Herold, the national champion, hopes to return to the team. “No one has been able to break my timing. I will participate in trials for the Track Asia Cup. Whether they select us or not, is up to them,” she said.

—MIHIR VASAVDA

Red hot Nunez

Uruguayan striker seals big-money transfer from Benfica to Liverpool, and could provide the cutting edge to Jurgen Klopp’s forward line

NAMIT KUMAR
JUNE 15

ON PAPER, Liverpool’s quarterfinal assignment in last-season’s UEFA Champions League was considered relatively straightforward, despite the Reds facing Benfica who had eliminated Ajax in the Round of 16 and thrown Barcelona into the Europa League in the group stage.

After a dominant away display in the first leg, Liverpool’s progress was not hampered by a 3-3 draw at Anfield, as they prevailed 6-4 on aggregate. But despite the team from Merseyside boasting several superstars, it was Benfica striker Darwin Nunez who took home most of the plaudits.

Nunez kept Liverpool’s defenders busy, scoring two of Benfica’s four goals over the two legs, having another two disallowed in the second game – one of which was a contentious VAR decision that could have given a glimmer of hope to the Portuguese side. His movement was dizzying and dangerous; his ability to find space in the box was something Jurgen Klopp’s well-drilled Liverpool forward line would be proud of.

So, it comes as no surprise that three months after the tie, Liverpool have bet big on Nunez. The 22-year-old has been signed for 64 million pounds, which could rise to a club record of 85 million. Liverpool fended off interest from other major European clubs – Manchester United were also said to be keen on the Uruguayan. Pressure comes with the expensive and high-profile move, but in the past, Nunez has not allowed it to affect his performances.

He comes from a humble background and was picked up by Uruguayan side Penarol as a teenager. Despite facing multiple injury setbacks, he impressed enough to get a transfer to newly-rich Spanish second-tier team Almeria for 5 million euros, quickly making his mark there and earning a club-record 24 million Euro move to Benfica in 2020.

Benfica is no stranger to the big European moves – thanks to a combination of their ability to spot talent and their close relation with super-agent Jorge Mendes. Nunez’s move to Liverpool is the club’s second-biggest sale, behind Joao Felix’s move to Atletico Madrid for a reported 120 million euros in 2019 and ahead of Ruben Dias’ reported 68 million euro transfer to Manchester City in 2020. All three players are represented by Mendes’ Gestifute agency, and while there may be an element of risk in the deals, the move for Liverpool – who are generally judicious in the transfer market – seems a perfect fit.

Klopp’s style

It may well take Nunez some time to get used to Klopp’s high-tempo, high-pressing



Darwin Nunez scored 34 goals in 41 appearances for Benfica last season.

AP

style of play. The Portuguese league is hardly as physical as the Premier League, and the 22-year-old has not shown as much dynamism in pressing from the front, an aspect of his game that will need to be developed with time.

It is his attacking versatility that would have had him high on Liverpool’s priority list this summer. The Uruguayan can play as an out-and-out forward, and his impressive scoring credentials suggest exactly that. But at times for Benfica, he was employed as a second striker and has also played on the left flank thanks to his foot speed and ability to arrive late in the box – both attributes that work well for the way the Reds attack.

Klopp likes his centre-forward to drop between the lines to make room for the wingers to become the most advanced duo and latch onto quick transitions, a role Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah have performed expertly, and given Nunez’s pace, one that he should be adept at too. With fullbacks Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson providing overlaps on the wings and plenty of crosses, Nunez’s ability from the front and back post – 92 percent of his Benfica goals have come from inside the box – should work perfectly.

In terms of physicality and pressing from the front, Nunez may have some way to go, but in terms of his goal-scoring ability and attacking fluidity, Liverpool seem to have found the right man.

Forward shake-up

Liverpool’s long-serving frontline of Mane, Roberto Firmino, and Salah – all three

of whom turn 30 soon – will need a shake-up soon. Firmino has already started playing less and less, and Mane seems to have played his last game for the Reds, inching closer to a move to Bayern Munich. Salah may be a Liverpool superstar and an all-time Premier League great, but his contract expires this year, and there is no update on an extension.

The Reds have, in part, addressed that with three new players. Digo Jota has established himself as a mainstay after his move to the club in 2020, and this year, they spent a fee reportedly rising to 60 million euros for Luis Diaz, another import from the Portuguese league. Jota’s movement and ability to take up goal-scoring positions in the box, and Diaz’s energy and ability to take on players with deft footwork and dribbling have provided a new lease of life to Liverpool’s attack. And while Nunez may seem like a direct replacement for Mane, it is the Reds’ over-reliance on Salah for goals that he can address.

Salah scored 31 goals last season, the highest for any Premier League player; and while Mane and Jota did contribute a combined total of 44 goals, it was when Salah’s form dried up that Liverpool struggled going forward. In 2022, Salah has only scored nine goals, and while Mane did pick up the slack by scoring 14 in that period, the Reds often dug deep defensively to make do with a 1-0 or a comeback from a deficit to force wins.

Nunez’s fresh legs and impressive goalscoring form would be a welcome addition to this frontline, especially if Salah’s form faces a dip any time soon.

Ho jayega kaam: Neeraj feels 90m throw is just round the corner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JUNE 15

A DAY after recording his personal-best throw, just 70cm short of 90 metres, Neeraj Chopra feels he’s just one “good” throw away from breaching the mark.

Returning to competition after a 10-month break, the Olympic gold medallist showed no signs of rust as he took home silver with a national record throw of 89.30cm at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland, in a quality field that included four of the year’s five best throwers, including Grenada’s Anderson Peters, Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, Germany’s Julian Weber and Trinidad’s Keshorn Walcott.

“Since 2018, I have been sensing that I can hit the 90m mark and always felt that throw would come soon. It’s just a matter of time but I can’t say exactly when. One throw with a good angle and in the right direction and ho jayega kaam (the 90m mark will be achieved),” Chopra said.

Chopra is no stranger to rubbing shoulders with the best in the business but expectations from him will now be sky high. Barring the Tokyo Olympics, never has there been so much hype in India for a javelin competition, with social media ablaze in anticipation days ahead of the event.

But the 24-year-old has never paid much attention to the buzz around him. He almost brushed off any talk of pressure that may come with the stature of an Olympic champion.

“In my mind, coming to the event there was no pressure of being an Olympic champion. I approached the competition the same way I used to earlier. I gave it my best. During the competition, you have to just focus on your throw. Each competition is different. It was a really good competition with a world-class field,” he said.

Distractions

Post Olympics, Chopra travelled across the country to attend felicitation functions, receive awards, and complete his commercial obligations. With so much on his plate away from the field, he decided to end his season and take a much-needed break until he resumed training in the US in November. The 2018 Asian and Commonwealth Games champion knew he wouldn’t be allowed to train in peace in India.

“I am getting too many wedding invitations in Patiala,” he had joked when explaining why he planned to train overseas. But now he is back where he belongs and



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NEERAJ CHOPRA

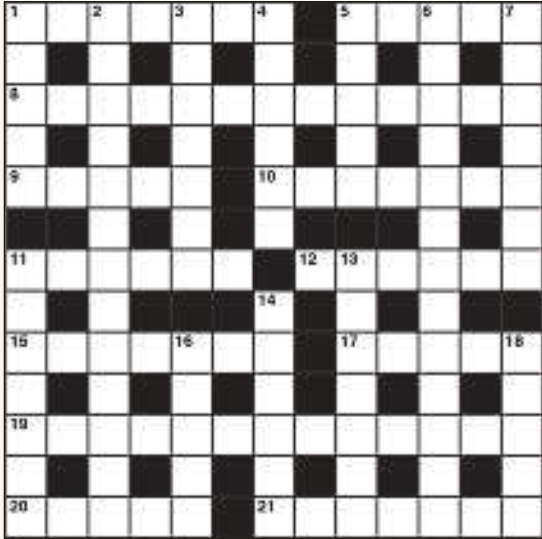
the first competition this season has definitely eased his nerves.

“It feels really good that I have opened my season with a good throw and that gives me a lot of confidence for the upcoming events. The plan is simple: I will just focus on my technique and aim to throw better. I am pleased I could achieve a personal best and rewrite my national record. It is always a great feeling when you outdo your previous best mark,” he says.

With the waters tested, Chopra will be confident heading into a jam-packed competition schedule that will see him participate at the Kuortane Games on June 18, followed by the Diamond League in Stockholm on June 30. Less than a month after the Stockholm event, he will be in Oregon for the World Championship. Bronze medallist Anju Bobby George is the only Indian to win an athletics medal at the Worlds so far.

“It felt really good to return to the field after a long while after the Olympics. I tried to keep my mind clear and just focus on the things that we worked on in my technique during training. That was all that was running in my head. My throw was okay... it wasn’t exactly what I wanted, but it was okay. The javelin drifted a little more towards the inside but it was a decent result with the effort I put in.”

CROSSWORD 4769



ACROSS

- 1 Somebody’s rubber (7)
- 5 Girl that is unhappy to start with (5)
- 8 Does he write notes hoping to make people better? (6,2,5)
- 9 Apathy of the French (5)
- 10 She makes me return the papers (7)
- 11 Ancient Greeks were riddled by it (6)
- 12 Hot tea he’d spilt (6)
- 15 Hire again free (7)
- 17 Area for repair (5)
- 19 Soldier gets pay for work. Some get it without work (7,6)
- 20 Spot a sound spot (5)
- 21 Comes into line for clothes (7)

DOWN

- 1 Dig me out an insect (5)
- 2 A boxer normally has one even if not hungry (6,7)
- 3 Feeling I’m one to get pushed around (7)
- 4 Unruly hordes in the Mediterranean (6)
- 5 Total way to review the evidence (3,2)
- 6 Nor is distaste a result of such writing (13)
- 7 Pardon and allowed to go free (7)
- 11 They reward or punish unruly priests (7)
- 13 Cost price (7)
- 14 Guard is fed up to death (6)
- 16 A bit independent (5)
- 18 Lists some rogues (5)

Solutions Crossword 4768: Across: 1 Ounce, 8 Noah’s Ark, 9 Abeam, 10 Charisma, 11 Perks, 12 Era, 16 Claret, 17 Learns, 18 Awl, 23 Chase, 24 Embalm, 25 Stone, 26 Uncouple, 27 Screw. Down: 2 Umbrella, 3 Crackers, 4 Mother, 5 Share, 6 Valse, 7 Slean, 12 Eta, 13 All, 14 Pathetic, 15 In a sense, 19 Wheels, 20 Debut, 21 Aback, 22 Claud.

JUMBLD 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.

Faith is the state of being ultimately _____. - Paul Tillich (9)

RUPEE



EIJTCN



CEUNO



ABIRCD



Answer: Faith is the state of being ultimately concerned. - Paul Tillich

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4867

Difficulty Level 1s

Instructions

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

Difficulty Level

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4866



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It’s a reasonably emotional day when all is said and done, and you may discover rare strains of sentimentality deep in your astrological psyche. Put family members first, and let friends and colleagues wait their turn. What you need is order, where once there was chaos.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You should not expect to get your way over a professional matter.

If you do succeed, all well and good, but otherwise you should be patient and accept that for any ambition to be fulfilled, the time must be right. There’s little to be gained from fighting battles you can’t win, and a great deal to be lost.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may be inclined to distance yourself from certain events in your past, and in the future you might concentrate more on schemes designed to broaden your horizons. The crucial factor, though, is how much you can really afford. The first step, then, is to count your cash.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There will definitely be a few emotional ups and downs today, and even the occasional misunderstanding, most likely around midday. Stay on your toes and keep an eye on the beneficial long-term pattern. And don’t get too upset by people who pick up the wrong end of the stick.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There could be a mystery to solve, perhaps a lost possession or mislaid instructions. There could even be an element of farce if other people fail to keep appointments or just generally miss the point. The best advice? Probably to hang on to your sense of humour.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Once in a while you are given a moment to pause, to come up for air and take your bearings. This must be one such time, and if you can possibly work out exactly who is doing what, you’ll get a much better notion of your own future role, and a good thing, too.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Events which take place now could make you less inclined to count the cost of a relationship which may have lost its glitter. Be thankful for what you have, and don’t expect people to be things they’re not. Sometimes happiness flows from appreciating what you’ve got.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

There are no simple solutions. However, you can ensure that others take you at your word, and give you the necessary backing. The emotional situation at the moment could be rather fraught if you fail to notice that partners require ten times the normal dose of affection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You have learnt many harsh lessons in the past, but now you must learn the hardest of all, to trust other people. Fortunately, emotional issues seem to be slight, so only practical matters need to be faced. Partners will appreciate a businesslike approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Your chart is like a maze, and it’s all a question of finding your way to the heart of the matter. For reasons best known to yourself you appear to be caught between two emotional choices. These seem to relate to family members rather than friends or lovers, and the solutions are right under your nose.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

An opportunity which materialises some time over the next few weeks could enable you to make a completely fresh start. The absolutely vital point now is to talk about all your plans, even at the risk of being thought silly. If partners don’t understand you, that’s their problem.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You are in a creative mood and, both at work and at home, you should find ways to enjoy even the duller activities. If you are considering new purchases or investments, keep talking and check the facts. You’ll be in a much stronger position if you actually know what’s going on.

Remember the name: Bhuvneshwar

Even as a slew of new pacers have sprouted, Kumar has regained pace, retained skill, reflected experience to lay claim on a spot in T20 WC

ABHISHEK PUROHIT
MUMBAI, JUNE 15

AT THE Indian Premier League 2022 auction, only four of the ten franchises bid for India's premier swing bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar. His old franchise Sunrisers Hyderabad, which hadn't retained him ahead of the auction, was able to buy him back for Rs 4.2 crore, at less than half of his retention price of Rs 8.5 crore in 2018. It was an apt indication of Bhuvneshwar's falling stock then.

The previous IPL in 2021 had been his worst ever, with just six wickets from 11 matches at an average of 55.83. In IPL 2020, he'd managed all of four games. Back, hamstring, thigh... one after the other, parts of his body were giving in to the strain of a career that had begun way back in 2007. No wonder the familiar pop in his bowling had gone missing. Meanwhile, his most direct competitor for a spot in the Indian team, Deepak Chahar, had been repurchased by Chennai Super Kings for a chart-busting Rs 14 crore, following a fierce bidding war with Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals.

But the cherry has swung in the other direction, and how. An injured Chahar has been out of action since February, and Bhuvneshwar's body, and form, held up throughout IPL 2022, for 12 wickets at an economy of 7.34. And after scything through the South African top order in the ongoing series, he now has the joint-most powerplay wickets ever in Twenty20 internationals, alongside Samuel Badree and Tim Southee. And no other bowler has taken as many wickets in the powerplay - seven at an economy of just 4.68 - as he has this year. Four months before the T20 World Cup, the old warhorse is making a pretty strong case for being on the plane to Australia.

Bhuvneshwar's 33 T20I powerplay wickets have come at an average of 22.18 and an economy of 5.63. In an indication of just how solid these numbers are, the corresponding figures for Jasprit Bumrah are 20 strikes at 28.45 and 6.11, while Chahar's nine powerplay victims have cost him 31.33 runs each at an



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economy of 7.62.

The IPL revival

The signs of a revival were there during the IPL. In an absolutely unforgiving mood against his former franchise, Delhi Capitals opener David Warner was forced to pay respect to Bhuvneshwar's swing and accuracy at Brabourne Stadium. In an innings total of 207 in which every other bowler went for more than nine an over, Bhuvneshwar returned 4-1-25-1. But when an angry Warner made 92 against the franchise that had unceremoniously dumped him, and Rowman Powell clattered six towering sixes in 35 balls, Bhuvneshwar's public-sector bank fixed-deposit reliability was a footnote in the face of such soaring stocks. Anyway, a T20 spell of run-a-ball unfortunately does not get the same limelight as a 50 off 30-35 balls does, but its match impact usually transcends the score-sheet. Against Mumbai Indians, Bhuvneshwar bowled a wicket-maiden of sharp, pinpoint yorkers in the 19th over of the chase. Granted it came against Sanjay Yadav and, probably fittingly, Bumrah, but it was peak Bhuvneshwar, in complete command of all that he planned

and executed. Although his powerplay sorcery has always overshadowed his competence at the death, he remains an intelligent, skilful bowler during the slog.

"The most important thing when you are bowling at the death is to stay calm. Many times, if you concede a boundary, you come under pressure. So if you can keep a calm mind, it will help you," Bhuvneshwar had told team-mate Umran Malik after that game in a video for the IPL website. "I was trying to bowl yorkers," Bhuvneshwar had said. "I felt the yorker was the best option on that wicket to prevent run-scoring, if it was executed well. Luckily, all deliveries landed in a good spot."

If anything defines Bhuvneshwar, apart from the famed swing, of course, it is this ability to land them in a good spot. Injuries have over time temporarily taken away the zip off the pitch that makes his deliveries hit the bat hard even at a pace that has never been express. But even when the pace was down, as it was last year, he has never been easy to line up despite field restrictions. Even during his worst IPL last year, his economy was 7.97. Countless bowlers will be happy to go through an IPL with an economy below eight.

The pace has returned against South Africa, a remarkable feat for a bowler, with a history of injuries, who is into his 33rd year as well as his fitness handlers. His bowling coach during the IPL, Dale Steyn, has been impressed.

"He was lacking something a couple of months ago and he seems to have found it now. He looks a lot more confident now. When I was with him at the IPL a couple of months back, it looked like he had lost a little bit of pace," Steyn told ESPNcricinfo. "He was operating between that 125 to 130kph, especially at the (2021) T20 World Cup. When we got to the IPL, he seemed to have upped his pace a little bit. He was operating between 133 and 137, sometimes touching 140, you know the one odd ball. He played every game at the IPL. He got some rhythm, he got some form, and bang!"

"He didn't really come to any training sessions [at the IPL] because he was just managing his body, trusting himself," Steyn said. "The day of the game he would walk to the middle and bowl probably three to four overs of warm-up before the game started, and just be a true professional."

Swing, seam, knuckle

The full range of those professional skills, honed until they've become second nature, has been on display against the South Africans. Defending just 149 in Cuttack, Bhuvneshwar broke the game open with a powerplay spell of 3-0-10-3. It is one thing to have different plans for every batsman, it is quite another to get them perfectly in place as soon as the strike changes. Three outswingers to Temba Bavuma, all of varying movement and variations in line, were followed by three equally varied inductors to Reeza Hendricks. The inswingers had so much bite they also cut in further off the seam. And the ball that bowled Hendricks didn't even really swing, the seam wobbled all the way into the pitch after which it cut in fatally. It was a lifetime's worth of polished skill distilled into six deliveries. The spell couldn't have possibly got any better, but it would, also showing that Bhuvneshwar continues to evolve even at this stage of his career.

Pant, Iyer's omission likely due to Birmingham Test

NAMIT KUMAR
JUNE 15

The BCCI named Hardik Pandya as the captain of India's T20 team touring Ireland later this month on Wednesday, leaving out KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, and Shreyas Iyer from the team entirely. India will play Ireland in Dublin on June 26 and June 28 in a two-match bilateral series. Bhuvneshwar Kumar has been named the vice-captain.

While Rahul's next outing for the men in blue is still up in the air due to his injury, the omission of both Pant - who captained India in Rahul's absence in the T20s against South Africa - and Iyer is likely to trigger speculation over their form and whether or not they have been dropped from the side.

However, the postponed Test series decider against England is scheduled to take place from July 1 to July 5, just three days after the conclusion of the Ireland tour. Both Pant and Iyer are included in the test squad and will travel directly to Birmingham to work on their red-ball game, which likely explains their omission from the T20 team.

The trio has been replaced by Suryakumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, and Rahul Tripathi. This series is Yadav's return to the Indian team after injury ruled him out for South Africa, while Samson has been called up once again after failing to make the team for the ongoing series. The 27-year-old led Rajasthan Royals to the recently concluded IPL final as captain. This also marks Tripathi's maiden call-up to the Indian team. India will be playing three T20Is and three ODIs in England following the conclusion of the last Test. The team selected for those matches is likely to more accurately represent the team's best limited-overs squad.

The way forward

Two separate teams for the T20s and Tests could represent the way forward for Indian cricket. The model has been trialled once recently when India took on England in the still inconclusive test series last year, and a separate team - captained by Shikhar Dhawan - played a limited-overs series (3 ODIs and 3 T20Is) with Sri Lanka at home.



Hardik Pandya. PTI

But with the IPL's recent record-breaking broadcasting deal, the franchise league's season is likely to expand over the upcoming years. At the same time, the BCCI has maintained that they are committed to developing India's senior men's cricket team across all formats, ensuring plenty of bilateral series' every year.

With the schedule piling up, it is unlikely for the same set of players to be available for series' across all formats at this rate, which could lead the selectors to explore the possibility of keeping their T20I and Test team separate during certain parts of the year.

If this is the way forward, it is likely to have knock-on effects on the development of the players. For example, if Rishabh Pant will feature more heavily in the Test side, Rahul Dravid & co could decide to groom Hardik Pandya, whose lower-back injury has severely hampered the number of overs he can bowl thus eliminating his chances to feature in tests, as India's next limited-overs captain. The same can be said about the likes of Ishan Kishan and Harshal Patel, whose playing style is far better suited to the limited-overs format, and would likely be developed as such. The more seasoned all-format players like Rahul, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and Jasprit Bumrah will also need workload management with an increasingly hectic schedule.

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Blatter, Platini face suspended jail terms

Geneva: Prosecutors in the fraud trial of former FIFA president Sepp Blatter and vice president Michel Platini asked on Wednesday for both men to get 20-month suspended prison sentences. Blatter and Platini, a former France national team captain who was president of European governing body UEFA, faced sentences of up to five years for financial wrongdoing but actual jail time was considered to be unlikely ahead of their 11-day trial. Verdicts are expected on July 8.

Indonesia Open: Sen loses to Prannoy

Jakarta: World No 8 Lakshya Sen crashed out of the Indonesia Open after losing to compatriot HS Prannoy in an all-India second round clash here on Wednesday. Sen was comprehensively beaten 10-21, 9-21 by Prannoy in a men's singles match that lasted a little more than half an hour. Sen, who is in a red hot form, clinched his first ever Super 500 title this year. The 20-year-old reached the finals of the prestigious All England Open and was also part of the Indian's men team that lifted the historic Thomas Cup crown.

Navi Mumbai to host U-17 Women's WC final

New Delhi: The DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai will host the summit clash of the U-17 Women's World Cup on October 30 while the semi-finals will be played in Goa, FIFA and Local Organising Committee (LOC) announced on Wednesday. Bhubaneswar is set to host India's three group stage matches beginning on October 11. The official draw will take place on June 24th. The 24 group stage games will conclude on October 18 and the matches will be shared among all three host states - Odisha, Goa and Maharashtra.

England slump to 4-0 loss against Hungary

Wolverhampton: England suffered its worst home defeat since 1928 with a 4-0 loss to Hungary in the Nations League. Less than a year after reaching the European Championship final on home soil to raucous celebrations, England was booed by its own fans after a heavy loss to an unheralded Hungary team that completed a double after upsetting England last week. Italy had it little better as it was beaten 5-2 by Germany.

Tamore is Mumbai's hero in Ranji semifinal

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JEETU TAMORE still remembers the call he received from his son's coach Zakir Shaikh 12 years ago requesting him to come and meet him for a very important issue.

Tamore's wife had decided that their son Hardik will not be allowed to play cricket anymore as his marks in the fifth grade were below expectations and his passion for the game was to be blamed.

"His coach met me and said, 'aapka ladka bahut achha khelta hai (your son plays very well), don't stop his cricket. As far as his studies are concerned, we all should speak to him once,'" Tamore recalls. Next evening, the Tamore family and the coach sat together to make Hardik understand the importance of not ignoring academics while playing cricket.

Hardik understood and his mother allowed him to play cricket. His coach wanted him to be a wicketkeeper-batsman but to play for Mumbai, Tamore had to travel to the metropolis 127 kilometre away. A few of his friends used to travel daily by train to Mumbai for practice and Tamore senior too understood that to play cricket, his son too will have to go there every day. "We got him admitted at the Elf Academy in Churchgate and that's where his journey began. His day used to start at 5 am, and he would reach school by 6:15. The school gave him a half-day, so he used to take the train at 10:30 AM from Boisar, practise in Churchgate and then come home post 9pm. This went on for the next five years," Tamore senior says.

It was Tamore's friend Deepak Patil, a former Mumbai Cricket Association managing committee member, who advised the family to shift to Mumbai and Tamore moved from Boisar to a rented accommodation in Mahim. Being a contractor, shifting base wasn't an issue but despite moving to Mumbai, Hardik decided to continue his schooling in Boisar. "He played for Mumbai under-14s and since then, hasn't looked back and the best part was that he performed well in studies too," his father said.

However, despite doing well in local and age-group tournaments, Tamore couldn't find a place in the Mumbai Ranji side. With Aditya Tare as wicketkeeper-batsman in the team, this continued for years.

But after the recent quarterfinal against Uttarakhand, Tare was ruled out of the last-four clash against Uttar Pradesh due to injury and Tamore grabbed the opportunity with both hands by slamming 115 as Mumbai posted 393 runs in their first innings. In reply, UP are 25 for 2 at stumps on Day 2.

An elated Tamore said he loves to bat in



Hardik Tamore slammed 115 as Mumbai posted 393 runs.

tough situations.

"Since my junior days, I have loved to play under pressure. Aage jaake pressure mein khelne ki aadat honi chahiye (in future, I should have the habit to play in pressure situations) and that's how I have prepared mentally over the years.

"At the same time, scoring big in big games always matters. I always look for such opportunities," he said.

Mumbai started the day on 260 for 5 and went on to score 393 with Shams Mulani, who was batting on 10 overnight, scoring 50.

Tiwary, Ahmed shine

PTI adds: Manoj Tiwary, veteran of many-a-fightback, in company of utility man Shahbaz Ahmed, kept Bengal alive as they reached 197 for five after a top-order collapse against Madhya Pradesh, here on the second day of the Ranji Trophy semi-final.

At stumps, Tiwary (84 batting, 182 balls) played his best knock of this season, while Shahbaz (72 batting, 149 balls) was equally defiant as they joined forces at a precarious 54 for five and added 143 runs for the unbroken sixth wicket.

This was after a 64-run seventh wicket stand between centurion Himanshu Mantri (165, 372 balls) and Puneet Datey (33) took Madhya Pradesh to a more than respectable first inning score of 341.

Mukesh Kumar (4/66) was Bengal's best bowler by a distance. While Bengal's entire hopes rest on Tiwary and Shahbaz but 144 runs on a third day wicket is still a tall climb and 14 overs are left before the new ball is taken. On a track where Bengal left-arm spinners Shahbaz (3/86 in 20 overs) and his fellow spinner Pradipta Pramanik (1/50 in 14 overs) failed to trouble Mantri, who hit 19 fours and a six.

Brief Scores: Mumbai 393 (Hardik Tamore 115, Y Jaiswal 100, S Mulani 50; Karan Sharma 4/46) vs Uttar Pradesh 25/2; MP 341 (Himanshu Mantri 165, Mukesh Kumar 4/66). Bengal 197/5 (Manoj Tiwary 84 batting, Shahbaz Ahmed 72 batting).

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