

**KEY BJP ALLY JD(U) LEADS CALLS FOR REVIEW OF SCHEME**

Govt raises Agnipath upper age to 23 for this year after protests

Trains, BJP offices attacked in Bihar; Govt vehicles set on fire in Haryana

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WITH KEY NDA ally JD(U) leading calls for an immediate review of Agnipath, the new short-term recruitment policy for the Armed Forces, after violent protests seeking a rollback erupted in several states on Thursday, the Centre announced a two-year relaxation in the upper age limit for the scheme this year since there was no recruitment in the services "during the last two years".

After a day that saw large groups of youths blocking roads, pelting stones, torching train coaches, and targeting BJP offices and leaders, the Defence Ministry said that it would allow



A train was set on fire at Chhapra in Bihar's Saran district on Thursday amid protests. PTI

those who were 21 years old in 2020, when recruitments were stalled, to be eligible — only for this year.

Under the original scheme announced on Tuesday, only aspirants between 17-and-a-half years and 21 years of age are eligible for recruitment. But on Thursday, the Defence Ministry

said that "the upper age limit for the recruitment process for Agnipath scheme for 2022 is increased to 23 years".

The Ministry said that since

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Behind protest: Temporary stint, no pension or health benefit

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

HOURS AFTER protests erupted in several parts of the country against the short-term Agnipath scheme for the armed forces, officials sought to allay concerns and circulated a Myth vs Fact document to underline that the new scheme will not only bring in new capabilities but will also open

up avenues in the private sector, and help the young men become entrepreneurs with the aid of a financial package.

For those protesting on the

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No demolition without due process... the rule of law has to prevail: SC seeks UP response

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

UNDERLINING THAT the "rule of law has to prevail" and "no demolition can take place without following the due process of law", the Supreme Court

Thursday sought the response of the Uttar Pradesh government on a plea by Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind which alleged illegal demolition of private properties in the state following violent protests over remarks against the Prophet.

Fixing June 21 as the date of

the next hearing, and asking the UP government to file its objections in the meantime, the bench of Justices A S Bopanna and Vikram Nath did not pass any interim order staying demolitions, but said "now that notice is being issued and reply is being filed, make sure nothing untoward

happens in the meanwhile." "When the issue is before the court, there should be some restraint," Justice Bopanna said.

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Manoj Tiwary goes through files in his hotel room. Express

Batting for Bengal: Ranji team star by day, minister and TMC MLA at night

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FROM RESCUING the Bengal Ranji team by hitting a century during the day, to wading through files of official documents, as West Bengal's Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and

Trinamool Congress MLA from Shibpur, in the evening — it's all in a day's work for Manoj Tiwary. Multi-tasking to strike a balance between his two roles, as a sitting minister and cricketer, is a big ask. When his team-mates hit the ice baths and put their feet up to re-energise in the evenings, Tiwary (36) says he

dives right into official work.

"There is a lot of constituency work — someone may need a letter for an Aadhaar card, some small issues here and there. At the same time, we need to ensure that our government schemes reach the people," says Tiwary, adding, "I have got used to it now".

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At the helm of oil and urban affairs, Puri is Adda guest today



Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri



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AS UNION Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas with Cabinet rank, diplomat-turned-politician Hardeep Singh Puri is at the helm of departments and ministries that play a critical role in influencing India's growth story. As a diplomat and a former Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Puri — the guest at Express Adda on Friday — was one of the four Cabinet ministers tasked with coordinating the government's massive efforts towards evacuating Indian students stranded in Ukraine after Russia attacked the former on February 24.

In his role as Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Puri is entrusted with the task of increasing domestic production of

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Agnipath protests

Earlier, the protests were most violent in Bihar, where JD(U) and BJP are part of the ruling coalition. In Kaimur, job aspirants set fire to one coach of a stationary train. In separate incidents, protesters torched two other coaches -- one at the Sidhwalia station in Gopalganj, where passengers had to rush out to save themselves, and the other in Chhapra. No injuries were reported.

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh demanded a review of the Agnipath scheme. Tweeming in Hindi, he wrote: "There has been an atmosphere of discontent, disappointment and fear of a dark future because of unemployment after the announcement of the Agnipath scheme. The Centre should revisit the Agnipath scheme immediately because it is related to the country's safety and security."

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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IN THE REPORT '10 lakh jobs: Existing Govt vacancies to account for most, 90% at lowest levels', the total cost to the government in employing 10 lakh people was erroneously mentioned as about Rs 4,500 crore a year. It should be about Rs 4,500 crore a month, or Rs 54,000 crore a year. The error is regretted.



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Protests were also witnessed in a few districts of UP, mainly Bulandshahr and Agra. While a highway was blocked in Agra, protesters clogged the busy GT Road in Bulandshahr and raised slogans against the Centre. Senior police officers said there was no

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Behind protests

Government sources claimed that in the coming years "recruitment of Agniveers will be around triple of the current recruitment in armed forces." But on Tuesday, the day of the announcement of the scheme, the government said the intake this year will be 46,000,

PROTESTS OVER REMARKS ON THE PROPHET

Call in central forces if need arises, Calcutta HC tells West Bengal govt

Hearing several PILs seeking deployment of Army or central forces to contain widespread violence that erupted in several districts last week, the court expressed its apprehensions that the violent protests might occur again.

“We direct State authorities to as

sess the ground situation in advance and take steps to call central forces... if the need so arises, before the situation goes out of control or before any loss of life or property takes place," said a division bench comprising Chief Justice Prakash Shrivastava and Justice R Bharadwaj.


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SC on demolitions

The bench sought to know if prior proceed-

Senior Advocate Huzefa Ahmadi said there are a strong case of malaafides. "How is it that only those persons whose names are there in the FIR are picked up and their constructions demolished?" he asked. Even in cases where a particular property is unauthorised, the civil court, he said, will tell the corporation (to) give the person some time to remove materials. "You are not going to come overnight with a bulldozer and just knock it (down)," he said.

Batting for Bengal

"It's not been easy. Earlier, I used to just play cricket and was on the road. Now, I don't get any time at all. There are days when I reach

Puri is Adda guest today

Retail or Consumer Price Index-based inflation has remained over the Reserve Bank of India's upper band of 6 per cent for five months in a row, prompting the central bank to hike policy rates and kill whatever little demand the economy has seen as India emerges out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Puri has an overarching mandate over the development of urban infrastructure, at a time when there is immense stress on the infrastructure of most Indian towns and cities, including water supply resources, sanitation, the housing for all target, and also the task of leveraging the use of data, technology and innovation in the planning and management of cities.

A 1974 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Puri also served as the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations between 2009 till 2013 ahead of joining the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2014.

As part of his urban re-engineering mandate, Puri is in charge of Narendra Modi-government's key flagship schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, among others. His ministry also oversees the ambitious Central Vista Redevelopment Project aimed to reshape India's seat of power at Raisina Hill.

At the Express Adda Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor, The Indian Express.

The Express Adda is a series of informal interactions organised by The Indian Express Group and features those at the centre of change. When the discussions moved online during the Covid-19 pandemic, Union Minister for External Affairs S Jaishankar, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal, AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, and former Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian were among the guests at e-Adda.

Prominent guests at past editions of Express Adda include Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Nobel laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramanian, cancer specialist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee, and cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara.

Kanpur protests: Notice to kin of accused on 'illegal building'

THE KANPUR Development Authority (KDA) has served a notice to the mother of Hayat Zafar Hashmi, arrested in connection with the June 3 violence, asking why a building in her name should not be demolished for allegedly flouting rules.

The notice, addressed to Sayeeda Zafar, stated, "The party has construction on 200 square yards beyond two floors and is running a hostel there... You are expected to submit a written reply by June 30 at 12 noon at my office by being present there or why it (the hostel) should not be demolished. You can send a representative to submit the reply."



Hayat Zafar Hashmi was arrested on June 4

The notice was put up outside the Poorvanchal Boys' Hostel in the Kakadev area in Kanpur on Tuesday. "...As per a report by Regional Additional Engineer on June 14, you are building/have built/have started construction at 17/P/42, Hitekari Nagar, Kakadev without getting an approval under Section 14 of the Uttar Pradesh Urban Planning and Development Act, 1973," the KDA notice said.

local outfit – Maulana Mohammad Ali (MMA) Jauhar Fans Association – was arrested along with three others from Lucknow on June 4, a day after clashes erupted in Kanpur over former BJP spokespersons' remark against the Prophet.

Meanwhile, police were granted remand of all the four members of the outfit – Hashmi, co-accused Javed Mohammad Khan and Mohammad Rahil, and Mohammad Sufiyan – for two days. “The four are in our remand from Wednesday. The remand will be over on Friday. We are questioning them,” said a senior police officer.

Kanpur Police had earlier said that they were looking into the role of Hashmi in the 2019 anti-CAA NRC protests.



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		HOSPITAL BEDS	9,500	9,303	
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June 15	1,375	909	0	19,622	
June 16	1,323	1,016	2	19,776	
Total	3,948*	18,87,055	26,225	3,88,16,458	

*Total active cases in Delhi

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	June 15	June 16
Cases	N/A	71
Deaths	N/A	0
GURGAON		
Cases	406	416
Deaths	0	0

At key ITO-Pragati Maidan stretch, streetlights off, commuters in dark

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

NEARLY 70%-80% of streetlights and high-mast lights on the stretch between Pragati Maidan Metro station and Badarpur border have been non-functional for at least a week.

A spot check by *The Indian Express* at the high-profile Mathura Road, Purana Qila Road and Bhairon Marg found that many streetlights on these roads were off at night. This also included the roads in front of the Delhi Zoo and the National Crafts Museum.

Significantly, stretches that are part of the 1.2-km long Pragati Maidan corridor were also dark. The corridor comprises an underground tunnel from NSIC on Purana Qila Road,

and six underpasses – five on Mathura Road at Sher Shah Suri Road, DPS near Sunder Nagar, Supreme Court, Science Centre, Pragati Maidan; and one on the Ring Road that connects to Bhairon Marg.

Commuters pointed out that a lack of proper lighting on the stretch poses a danger, especially given that the roads have been widened and vehicles often travel at high speeds.

Vipin, who uses the Pragati Maidan stretch every day, said, “Especially late at night, these roads are also used by heavy motor vehicles.”

Kamlesh, who travels from Sarita Vihar to ITO for work, said, “With lights on the median not working, many cars use high beams which is jarring for drivers.”

Asked about this, a PWD offi-



A PWD official said they will look into the matter and the lights will be repaired immediately. Amit Mehra



■ While the Sunder Nursery road had working lights, none were functioning at the Neela Gumbad roundabout which leads towards ITO and

nal, New Friends Colony, Friends Colony, Apollo Hospital, near Sarita Vihar Metro station, Alipur Gaon till Badarpur toll gate were not working.

■ Further, streetlights from Sarai Kale Khan to Barapullah flyover, Maharani Bagh flyover and the roads that divide towards Noida and Delhi were not working.

■ At the Ashram Flyover stretch, where work on extending the flyover to the DND flyway is underway, there were no lights as cable lines are being shifted.

■ At New Friends Colony, there were functional lights between the first and second signals. However, these were shrouded by overgrown trees due to lack of pruning.

■ Other key stretches like IP Marg to ITO and the Sarai Kale Khan IBST stretch that sees heavy footfall also lacked proper lighting.

A PWD official said one of the main reasons for non-functional streetlights on several stretches like Sarai Kale Khan, Nizamuddin and parts of south-east Delhi is theft: “Sometimes, thieves have tried to cut an entire pole... wires are frequently stolen too.”

He added that roads are inspected daily to check if streetlights are in working condition. He also pointed to the recent thunderstorm and said, “We will look into the matter and the lights will be repaired immediately.”

The PWD received 300 complaints regarding non-functional streetlights in June, of which 87 are pending. In May, 548 complaints were received, of which 40 are pending.

BRIEFLY Bhim Sena chief held for ‘remarks’ against Nupur

New Delhi: The Delhi Police Special Cell has arrested Bhim Sena Chief Nawab Satpal Tanwar for allegedly making derogatory remarks and calling for violence against BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her remarks on the Prophet. In a Facebook video, Tanwar allegedly announced a bounty of Rs 1 crore on Sharma. A senior police officer from Cyber Cell said, “We took cognisance of the video... and arrested Tanwar from Gurgaon. He has been booked under IPC sections 506 (criminal intimidation), 509 (insult modesty of a woman) and 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups)”

3 men get into scuffle with PCR staff, try to snatch keys

New Delhi: Three men allegedly under the influence of alcohol were booked for allegedly getting into a scuffle with PCR staff. The incident occurred on June 15. Police said the accused also allegedly attempted to snatch keys of a police van. Priyanka Kashyap, DCP (East), said, “The accused were medically examined and their blood alcohol levels were positive. They have been booked under appropriate sections.”

Address learning gap, don’t rush: Sisodia tells school heads

New Delhi: There is no rush to complete the syllabus, focus on conceptual understanding, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia told the heads of 800 Delhi government schools in a meeting with them on Thursday. The meeting was conducted to set targets and strategies for the 2022-2023 academic session. Currently, summer vacations are on and schools will reopen in July.

Gang steals cars using hacking tips from YouTube, 5 arrested

Noida: Police have arrested five men for allegedly hacking cars’ computer systems in order to steal them. Police said the accused learnt how to steal cars from YouTube videos and used a specific kit to hack into vehicle systems. **ENS**

MPs SEEK SPEAKER, VICE-PRESIDENT’S INTERVENTION

No let up in protests, Cong workers face Delhi Police FIR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A DAY after Congress leaders accused Delhi Police personnel of forcibly entering the AICC headquarters and beating up party workers who were protesting against the questioning of Rahul Gandhi by the ED, an FIR was registered against unknown party workers for allegedly assaulting personnel and destroying public property.

Special CP (Law and Order) Sagarpreet Hooda said Thursday: “Protesters threw and broke barricades. Some of them set a tyre on fire and assaulted our staff. We have registered a case.” The FIR has been filed under IPC sections 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions) and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) and Destruction of Public Property Act.

On allegations by the Congress that workers were beaten up and the complaint filed by them, Hooda said: “No force was used. It was a minor tussle. Protesters started throwing barricades at personnel and were pushing them. Police were trying to detain them for illegal assembly and there was a scuffle. We didn’t enter the party office. Only a few personnel went near the gate and held one-two men. We are looking into their complaint.”



The Delhi Congress protest march to the L-C’s residence was met with barricades and water cannons. Abhinav Saha

Congress MPs also approached Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu seeking their intervention into what the party called manhandling of several of its parliamentarians during the course of the protest.

While a delegation of Lok Sabha MPs led by leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury met Birla, a group of Rajya Sabha MPs led by Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge, P Chidambaram, K C Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh met Naidu.

“We are writing to register our strongest possible protest against the atrocious manner in which the Delhi Police misbehaved with Congress Rajya Sabha MPs on June 13, 14 and 15... Actions of the Delhi Police just outside the office of the Indian National Congress at 24, Akbar Road, were totally unpro-

ported and a brazen violation of all norms. On June 15, Delhi Police personnel entered the office of the Indian National Congress at 24, Akbar Road, and lathicharged MPs, journalists and Congress workers,” they said in a letter to Naidu.

The Congress also handed over video footage to back their claims. According to the party, MPs who were “manhandled and required medical treatment” were K C Venugopal, P Chidambaram, Shaktisinh Gohil, Pramod Tiwari and Jebi Mather.

Lok Sabha MP Jothi Mani too wrote to the Speaker seeking permission to initiate privilege proceedings against Delhi Police for “brutally assaulting” her and her party colleagues. “Hope the speaker takes similar action like in the case of Ms. Navneet Rana MP from Maharashtra,” she said in a Twitter post.

Police have imposed Section

144 CrPC in the New Delhi district and no protests or gatherings are allowed in the area.

During the day, Delhi Congress workers and leaders took out a protest march to the L-C’s residence in Civil Lines to protest against “police high-handedness” at the AICC office — part of a national call by the party to gherao Raj Bhavans across the country.

At 12.15 pm, they ran into police barricades ahead of Sushrut Trauma Centre and pushed against them, and were pushed back by police. DPCC president Anil Chaudhury attempted to climb over the barricades and was also pushed back. While workers continued to hoist him up, water cannons were deployed at 12.30 pm. The Delhi unit claimed Chaudhury sustained injuries. After five minutes, workers charged towards the barricades and were met with water cannons again.

Later, a delegation led by Chaudhury and Gohil were escorted by police to Raj Bhavan where they submitted a memorandum demanding an investigation against police personnel who had “illegally entered the Congress HQ on June 15 and assaulted workers and leaders”.

“There should also be an investigation into who gave them authorisation to enter the AICC headquarters and strong action against involved officials,” it stated.

5 yrs on, DJB’s 24x7 water project yet to meet demand in parts of South Delhi

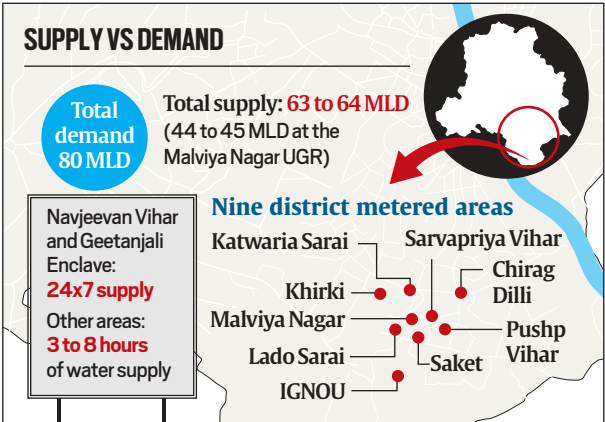
ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

EXTENDING round-the-clock water supply to more parts of Delhi could be a tall order for the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), though the promise has been reiterated by the Delhi government in the past few months. Nearly five years after 24x7 water supply was launched in Geetanjali Enclave and Navjeevan Vihar under the Malviya Nagar Water Services (MNWS), it is yet to be extended to other areas that fall under the ambit of the MNWS in South Delhi. While the pipeline network has been readied, the quantity of water supplied by the DJB to the MNWS for distribution has not increased in the past five years, officials said.

The project is being implemented in South Delhi on a public-private partnership basis with Suez, a public utility company. The MNWS, a special purpose vehicle, took over in 2013 with a contract period of 12 years till December 2024.

The target for the MNWS was to ensure 24x7 supply to all nine DMAs (district metered areas) under its ambit. While the two localities have round-the-clock supply, others like Sarvodaya Enclave and Shivalik Colony get around three-eight hours of supply and parts of Chirag Dilli get around two-three hours of supply.

The issue is the availability of water, said Ajay Saxena, vice-president, Suez. “We get around



63 to 64 MLD (million litres per day) from all sources. According to the contract, we were supposed to get 80 MLD at the Malviya Nagar UGR (underground reservoir). In other areas, the system is ready... flow meters have been installed, and valves are in place. Once we get the desired quantity of water, 24x7 supply can be ensured,” he said.

The water demand for all areas under the MNWS was estimated to be 78 MLD in 2017, 80 MLD by 2022, and 83 MLD by 2024. Supply, however, has remained more or less the same since 2017, Saxena added. Most of the water comes from the Sonia Vihar water treatment plant, which draws Ganga water. The average supply now is 135 LPCD (litres per capita per day), and the contractual target is 150 LPCD.

There are around 52,891 regular connections in the area, of which the two localities that have round-the-clock supply

comprise only 801 connections. The total population in the area under the MNWS is expected to be around 5.5 lakh.

A DJB spokesperson said availability of water is an issue: “Available water is being distributed across Delhi, so that at least one-time supply can be provided.”

Unauthorised connections and non-revenue water that arises from them are other issues. The area still has around 12,114 unauthorised connections, Saxena said. Of the 63-64 MLD that is supplied, around 41 MLD is billed, which means that 33% of the water supplied is non-revenue water. The target is for the MNWS to reduce non-revenue water to 15% by the end of the contract period.

The process to extend 24x7 supply to parts of East and Northeast Delhi began last December with a tender being invited. While presenting the

EXPLAINED

Supply key issue

ROUND-THE-CLOCK SUPPLY of water to other areas under the Malviya Nagar Water Services has not yet taken off due to low availability of water. Against a demand of 80 MLD required to cover the area, around 63 to 64 MLD is currently being supplied. The shortfall is part of larger difficulties in meeting the demand for water across the city. The Delhi Jal Board produces only 953 MGD or 69% of the estimated demand for Delhi which is 1,380 MGD.

budget earlier this year, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia spoke of 24x7 clean drinking water and clean Yamuna as “two more big dreams” that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has given to the people of Delhi. “Better management of water coming to Delhi from outside, and better harvesting of rainwater will ensure 24 hours water in the coming three years,” he said.

Kejriwal earlier this month had said that the AAP government is working on increasing water production by recharging groundwater to provide 24x7 water supply to all homes.

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

FIFTEEN LEADERS holding public gatherings at 9 different places within a span of two hours between 7 pm and 9 pm — the BJP went all out for its Rajinder Nagar bypoll campaign on Thursday, even as AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh and Delhi’s Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia held rallies in the area.

BJP leaders including East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir, Rajya Sabha MP Dushyant Gautam, state president Adesh Gupta, Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi, BJP Mahila Morcha president Vanathi Srinivasan, Delhi Assembly’s leader of opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and former mayor Jai Prakash took part in the gatherings at Indepuri, Rajinder Nagar, Buddha Nagar, Naraina Industrial Area among other places.

The seat fell vacant after erstwhile MLA Raghav Chadha was nominated by the AAP to the Rajya Sabha from Punjab.

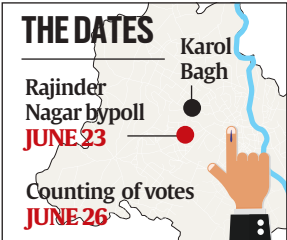
Gambhir, who was speaking at a banquet hall near Naraina Industrial area, said, “There is no one in Delhi who has not heard of AAP’s tall promises, like Delhi becoming like London and Singapore. Now it is for you to see the condition of Rajinder Nagar where people are fed up with the water problem.”

“We are not here to just win elections but to save Delhi. We don’t want to make Delhi like London, Paris, or New York but to make it just a city which once had clean air and water,” he said, adding, “Rajesh Bhatia (BJP’s candidate) has also been the councillor of my area, and we have seen how he has worked for its development. So, I am here to ask for votes for him.”

Lekhi, who is also the New Delhi MP, said, “Two to three days are left, and people... are saying that the previous candidate has failed in his performance. When Bhatia was our



BJP’s Gambhir (top) and AAP’s Pathak, Chadha and Sisodia addressing the gatherings. Shivam Kumar Jha/Express



councillor, work was expedited faster. It is important that a BJP person should be (in power) at the local level so that work can be done.”

Prakash, who was speaking at Naraina, said people are fed up with the water crisis and roads being dug up in several places and this shows that even basic issues have not been dealt with in the constituency.

For the high-stakes bypoll, the AAP has fielded MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak as its candidate while the BJP announced Bhatia, a former councillor, as its pick. The Congress fielded its former councillor, Prem Lata. The bypoll will take place on June 23, and counting

of votes on June 26.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is also set to hit the road in Rajinder Nagar, where he will hold road shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

On Thursday, Sisodia said BJP was scared of AAP’s pace and style of functioning and feared that if they allow development in the city, it would increase Kejriwal’s popularity.

Speaking at Naraina Village, Sanjay Singh, meanwhile, said that nepotism was prevalent in political parties across the country. “CM Kejriwal and Durgesh Pathak are first-generation politicians — they have not had any MLAs or ministers from their families. We are people who come from ordinary families and have worked hard and become politicians... people of Rajinder Nagar also need to give their love to AAP and vote for Durgesh Pathak who will work 24/7 for residents of the constituency, he will live among the people here and work hard to make constituency better,” he said.

Delivery staffer stabbed to death over smoking; 1 held

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A ZOMATO delivery executive was stabbed to death allegedly by two men outside a house in West Delhi’s Tilak Nagar. The incident took place in the early hours of Wednesday when the victim, Sagar Singh (29), was waiting to drop off an order. Police said they suspect the accused objected to Singh smoking and a scuffle broke out, following which they allegedly stabbed him.

DCP (West) Ghanshyam Bansal said: “A 22-year-old welder named Harshdeep Singh has been arrested after he was identified through CCTV footage. The second accused has also been identified and will be arrested soon.” Police said an FIR has been filed against the accused under IPC section 302



Sagar Singh (29) was waiting to drop off an order

(murder).

Singh is survived by his wife Komal, who works as a lab technician, and eight-year-old son Devdutt.

After cremating his body on Thursday, his family members returned to his rented house located in a narrow lane in Krishanpuri. Sagar’s brother-in-

law Mohanlal said he worked mostly at night since that was when food delivery orders were the highest: “There are so many narrow lanes around Tilak Nagar. It isn’t safe at night in this kind of place.”

Another brother-in-law, Chhatrapal Singh, said Sagar would sleep during the day and wake up in the evening to start work.

Reacting to the incident, a Zomato spokesperson said: “The incident is unfortunate to say the least. We are in touch with the family of the bereaved and have extended all possible support that we can.”

Mohanlal added that they, relatives, will help the family however they can. “Sagar was a man of few words... his death has come as a complete shock. His parents passed away a while ago... it’s very hard for Devdutt to lose his father.”

Thief who pushed cop from moving train arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

NEARLY A month after a Railway Protection Force constable lost a part of his leg after being pushed from a moving train, police arrested the accused and booked him for attempted murder.

According to police, on May 16, Ct Sonu (30) was on duty at Sarai Rohilla railway station when the incident took place. In his complaint to police, he said, "Around 1.45 pm, a man got out of a train and shouted (chor chor)... I saw another man and started walking towards him. He boarded a moving train. I... tried to board the train but he pushed me. I fell into the gap between the train and platform and my leg got cut... This was done with an intent to kill me..."

Police said Sonu was admitted to Fortis Hospital where doctors said he lost part of his left leg.

On Tuesday, the team from Sarai Rohilla (railways) police station arrested the accused, Mithilesh Paswan (24), a resident of the Gulabi Bagh area. "Paswan confessed to the crime... He is involved in four other cases of robbery..." said Harendra K Singh, DCP Railways.

Sonu, who is undergoing treatment at a Rohtak hospital, said: "I won't be able to work in my condition. I have a wife and kids. I want their future to be secure."

27-YEAR-OLD BUSINESSMAN ARRESTED

Sleeping on footpath, two children dead in accident involving BMW

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

OUT FOR a ride to allegedly test the speed of his uncle's new BMW car last week, a 27-year-old businessman ended up hitting a WagonR which flipped and fell on people sleeping under a flyover in South Delhi, killing two minors and injuring eight others, police said.

The incident took place on June 10 at the Lodhi Road Flyover. Police said the occupants of the WagonR were also injured. The accused allegedly fled and was arrested days after the incident.

Police said they received a PCR call around 4.30 am. DCP (Southeast) Esha Pandey said, "We found that a black BMW had hit a WagonR which then flipped and fell on people sleeping under the flyover. They were rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre where two children, Roshini (6) and her brother Amir (10), were declared dead. The others were also severely injured."

The WagonR driver, Yatin Sharma (18), told police that he was with three of his friends at the time. "I am a student and also work as a PR promoter. Today, I



Police said the accused was testing the speed and control of the newly purchased BMW when he hit the WagonR

was driving from Samrat Hotel to Surya Hotel with my friends... Around 4.30 am, we were crossing the flyover when a black car hit our car on the right side... My car got dragged towards the end of the flyover and rammed into the footpath. The impact was such that it flipped and fell on the people sleeping on the footpath. My friends and I were injured. People helped us out and we saw others trampled under the car... The car driver left from the Moolchand side," reads the FIR lodged on Sharma's complaint.

Police said there were no eyewitnesses except the injured persons who didn't remember anything about the black car.

"CCTV cameras near the flyover were not functional. We then looked at cameras near Oberoi Hotel, Lodhi Road and Barapullah. Using CCTV mapping and analysing over 120 cameras... the car was identified as a BMW. The owner was traced, and he told us that the car was with his nephew Sahil Narang (27), who gave it for servicing at a workshop in Noida. Sahil was arrested from his residence in Nirman Vihar. The BMW was seized from the authorised repair centre," said DCP Pandey.

According to police, Sahil said during questioning that he and his uncle were coming from the airport and wanted to test the car. "The offending vehicle was newly purchased. Sahil was testing the speed and control of the car and he hit the WagonR," said the DCP.

Sahil has been booked under sections of rash driving and causing death by negligence. He recently completed his graduation and runs a garment business in Noida, police said.

Kin continue to sleep where tragedy struck: 'Can't shift elsewhere'

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

DAYS AFTER two minors were killed after a BMW hit a WagonR which rammed into the footpath they were sleeping on, their family continued sleeping at the same spot. While the nearest night shelter is 200-400 metres away, they said they stay here to escape the heat and crowds.

The siblings' mother, Abida, said, "My husband Jahangir and I have four children. We lost two. I remember playing with Roshni and Amir before dinner. They were brutally killed. I was sleeping when the car fell on my son and then dragged my daughter towards the pillar. It was horrifying. My husband is still going to work. He also sustained injuries on his leg but he's the sole breadwinner. I want to shift to another place, but we don't have that luxury. We shifted our blankets towards the wall but still sleep on the same footpath."

Jahangir works odd jobs as a scrap dealer in the area. The family of six started sleeping here around five years ago.

Islam, their grandfather, said he last saw two cars crashing near the end of the flyover. "It happened all of a sudden. The WagonR flipped and hit a couple who were also sleeping near us. We all tried to escape but it was too late. The car fell on the children. When I opened my eyes, I saw Amir trapped under the car and Roshni lying near the pillar. I tried to save them but couldn't walk. We were all shocked. I lost my grandchildren... I want justice for my family. We don't deserve this..." he said.

Monsoon likely to cover NW India next week, some relief for capital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

THE SOUTHWEST monsoon is likely to cover many parts of Northwest India over the period from June 23 to 29, according to IMD's extended range forecast issued on Thursday.

The forecast also indicates that no significant heatwave is likely over the country from June 16 to 29. Over the next one week, the maximum temperatures over Northwest India are likely to fall by two to four degrees.

Over the week from June 16 to 22, scattered to fairly widespread rainfall is likely

over Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. Easterly winds from the Bay of Bengal and western disturbances are also likely to bring light or moderate rainfall over Northwest India on most days of the following week — from June 23 to 29.

Delhi recorded another warm and humid day Thursday, when the maximum temperature settled at 40.2 degrees Celsius, a degree above normal for this time of the year.

Cloudy skies and moderate rainfall are on the forecast for Delhi on Friday, while thunderstorms and rainfall are on the forecast from June 18 to 21. The maximum temperature could fall to 37 degrees Celsius on Friday.

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3-yr-old dead after portion of old cinema hall collapses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy died and his family members were injured after a portion of Khanna Cinema collapsed on them in Central Delhi's Paharganj Thursday evening.

The cinema hall has been shut for years and police sources said there's "uncertainty" about the ownership of the place. The victims have been living in a room inside the building for a few months.

The Delhi Fire Service said they received a call around 8.40 pm. DFS chief Atul Garg said, "We sent seven fire tenders. A portion of the roof had collapsed and a few persons were trapped. Our

team first rescued a man, Md Zaheer (52), and his two daughters, Zareena (1) and Alifa (8). His son Amjad (3) was found later but he had died by then."

Zaheer and his daughters were rushed to Kalawati Hospital, and are undergoing treatment. "Zaheer's wife was out for work when the incident took place," said an official.

DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan said police were called at 8.35 pm.

She said, "It is an old building in a dilapidated state. Only one family was staying on the first floor. There are several shops on the ground floor. The roof of the second floor collapsed onto the first floor. The impact was such that the first floor's ceiling also collapsed."

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RELICS, BONDING

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju returned to Delhi from Mongolia after a five-day visit where he took with him the holy relics of Lord Buddha. Apart from meeting Mongolian President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukhand and the law minister, Rijiju also attended a cultural event hosted to boost ties between the two nations. Playback singer Mohit Chauhan and a contingent of Ladakh Scouts of Indian Army performed at the event. The Kapilvastu relics have been put on display for 11-days at the Ganden Tegenchenling Monastery in Mongolia in a bid to boost cultural ties.

POST UNDER CLOUD

Now that the Congress has appointed senior leader Jairam Ramesh as the AICC general secretary in-charge of communication, publicity and media, including social and digital media, many are wondering about the fate of Rohan Gupta, the chairman of the social media department of the party. A senior leader said Gupta and his department will no longer be a "sovereign independent republic" and that he will report to Ramesh. The question is whether he will continue or the party will accommodate him in some other post.

CARE FOR THE ROYAL

Ahead of the June 23 bypolls to four seats, reports of political violence are pouring in from various parts of Tripura. In the hills, workers of the BJP and the fledgling outfit TIPRA Motha have clashed repeatedly over the last few days, triggering a war of words between the BJP's tribal leadership and royal scion Pradyot Debbarman. On Thursday, Debbarman was admitted to a local private hospital after he complained of discomfort. Former chief minister Biplab Deb, who recently deviated from the party line by appealing to Pradyot to support the BJP for its "dignified treatment of the royal house", rushed to the hospital to enquire about his health.



Renuka Chowdhury. File

Telangana Cong leader booked for 'grabbing cop's collar'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, JUNE 16

THE HYDERABAD police on Thursday booked Telangana Congress leader Renuka Chowdhury for allegedly grabbing the collar of a police officer during the 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' protest against the ED's questioning of Rahul Gandhi.

As Congress leaders, workers and NSUI activists smashed windows of state road transport buses and burnt a two-wheeler of a police officer, in a video that went viral, Chowdhury was seen grabbing a sub-inspector by his collar as she protested against being forcibly removed from the protest site.

Officers at the Panjagutta police station said a case against Chowdhury has been registered for obstructing a public servant from discharging his duty under Section 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) of the IPC. Speaking to The Indian Express, Chowdhury said the policemen touched her first, tried to move her from the spot and in retaliation, she defended herself.

In a video where she was seen seated inside a police jeep, Chowdhury was heard saying, "I have no intention of hitting policemen. That's not my intention at all. I was being manhandled. I was losing my balance. I was falling on that man. You can see in those visuals that they are suddenly trying to push me. And that is the reason when I was reaching for the shoulder he moved and I caught his collar."

AGNIPATH RECRUITMENT SCHEME

Agnipariksha to path of fire, Opp demands rethink

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

OPPOSITION PARTIES on Thursday hit out at the Centre over its short-service recruitment scheme for the forces, Agnipath. While the Congress called the scheme "poorly conceived" and "hastily drawn up", and asked the government to keep it in "abeyance" and hold "wide consultations" with serving and retired officers, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav called it "negligent" and potentially "fatal" for India's future.

The Left parties asked the government to scrap it, with CPI(M) saying that the scheme does "disservice to India's national interests", as "professional armed forces cannot be raised by recruiting 'soldiers on contract' for four years". The party also called it "criminal" to "call upon our youth to be prepared to make the supreme sacrifice without the minimum protection of job security".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to listen to the voice of unemployed youths and not take "agnipariksha (trial by fire)" of their patience by making them walk on Agnipath, while RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said the Centre had promised to create 80 crore jobs by 2022 and has now come up with an MGN-REGA-like scheme for the educated youth in defence services. Delhi CM and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal said: "The youth are upset. Their demands are absolutely right. The Army is India's pride, and our youth want to give their entire life to the country. Don't tie their dreams to the provision of four years."

BSP chief Mayawati said the scheme is "unfair" towards the rural youth and urged the Centre to immediately "reconsider" it.

Addressing the media at AICC headquarters with Ajay Maken and Sachin Pilot, former Union minister P Chidambaram said the scheme is "controversial, carries multiple risks, subverts the long-



Chidambaram, flanked by Maken and Pilot, addresses media on Thursday. Anil Sharma

standing traditions and ethos of the armed forces and there is no guarantee that soldiers recruited under the scheme will be better trained and motivated..."

He said: "Our first concern is that Agnipath soldier will be trained for six months and will serve for another 42 months, when 75 per cent of the recruits will be discharged. It appears the scheme makes a mockery of training; inducts into the defence forces an ill-trained and ill-motivated soldier; and discharges a disappointed and unhappy ex-soldier into society..."

He said the stated objective of savings on the pension bill of the forces is a weak argument and has not been established beyond doubt. "We fear the scheme may turn out to be a case of penny wise and security foolish", he said. "We would urge the government to keep the Agnipath scheme in abeyance, hold wide consultations with serving and retired officers, and address the issues of quality, efficiency and economy..."

The CPI(M) Politburo stated, "Instead of recruiting regular soldiers into the armed forces, this scheme leaves such contract soldiers with no other prospects of employment after their four years. This creates a dangerous situation where they may end up serving private militias..."

CPI general secretary D Raja tweeted, "Finding jobs has become literally a 'Path of Fire' under Modi. The Government is trying to hoodwink the restive youth with the Agnipath scheme. It will make our army contract-based and jeopardise the future of our youth..."



Youth Congress workers protest against Agnipath scheme at Jantar Mantar. Abhinav Saha

Recruitment scheme: Who stands where

OPP PROTESTS

"No rank, no pension, no direct recruitment for 2 years, no stable future after four years, no respect shown by the government for the army... Listen to the voice of unemployed youths of the country, don't take 'agnipareeksha' of their patience... Mr. prime minister."

RAHUL GANDHI,
CONGRESS

"NDA has a fanciful idea of addressing unemployment. Job in the defence forces commands a lot of respect. Now, who will go for four-year service? The scheme will also deprive candidates of pursuing higher studies... An Army-trained person without any other qualification can not seek re-employment."

SUBODH KUMAR MEHTA,
RJD NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON

BJP BACKS SCHEME

"The protest is due to a sustained misinformation campaign by a section of the Opposition. The scheme came up after consultation with experts... (After 4 yrs) they can apply for police, other jobs."

GURU PRAKASH PASWAN,
BJP NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON

"Agnipath Yojana will give a new dimension to youngsters' lives. It will lay a golden base for their future."

YOGI ADITYANATH,
UTTAR PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER

THE LONE VOICE of dissent on the issue in the BJP, MP Varun Gandhi wrote a letter to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, saying youths have shared their doubts with him about the "radical changes in the soldiers' recruitment process". As 75 per cent of soldiers will become "unemployed" after four years, he said, their total numbers will keep rising every year and give rise to more disaffection among the youth.

ALLY DIFFERS

"It will dilute the long existing distinct ethos of regiments... four year service is too short for a soldier... Hiring soldiers for four years, with effective service of three years... not at all militarily a good idea."

CAPT AMARINDER SINGH,
PUNJAB LOK CONGRESS CHIEF



India-ASEAN conclave: Foreign ministers agree on unified response to global issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

AS EXTERNAL Affairs minister S Jaishankar flagged the "geopolitical headwinds" triggered by the Ukraine crisis and its knock-on effects on food, energy security, prices of fertilisers and commodities as well as logistics and supply chains, foreign ministers of India and ASEAN countries on Thursday agreed to uphold multilateralism in jointly responding to the regional and global challenges.

With Myanmar not participating in the India-ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting, the joint statement issued after the meeting did not mention the situation in the country.

In a statement obliquely referring to China's assertiveness in the region, the statement said that they reaffirmed the "commitment to multilateralism founded on the principles of the international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the



S Jaishankar at the the Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

Sea (UNCLOS) and other relevant UN treaties and conventions, maintain an open and inclusive regional cooperation framework, support ASEAN Centrality in the evolving rules-based regional architecture, uphold multilateralism in jointly responding to regional and global challenges".

Jaishankar said that India fully supports a strong, unified and prosperous ASEAN with a central role in the Indo-Pacific and both sides should identify a new set of priorities while navigating the

"arduous path" arising from developments in Ukraine.

India is hosting the two-day conclave to mark the 30th anniversary of its relations with the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The ASEAN comprises Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Brunei, the Philippines, Singapore, Cambodia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan criticised Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, saying such actions if unchecked

EXPLAINED Ties with region's key grouping

ASEAN, a 10-nation grouping, is considered one of the most influential groupings in Southeast Asia. India and several other countries, including the US, China, Japan and Australia, are its dialogue partners. The ASEAN-India dialogue relations started with the establishment of a sectoral partnership in 1992. This graduated to full dialogue partnership in December 1995 and summit-level partnership in 2002.

can threaten the "whole system of peace and stability which we have depended on for the basis of our growth, development and prosperity over many decades".

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Rahul's next appearance before ED on June 20

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

RAHUL GANDHI, who was supposed to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday for questioning in connection with the National Herald case, will now appear before the agency on Monday. Sources said Rahul sought exemption from appearance on Friday and it was accepted by the agency.

Rahul was questioned by the ED for three straight days since Monday. He first sought exemption from appearance on Thursday, following which he was called on Friday. Sources said Rahul is being questioned about the ownership of Young Indian (YI) by the 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 the 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.

Rahul's mother Sonia Gandhi is scheduled to appear before the

JAIRAM IS CONG'S NEW COMMUNICATION HEAD

New Delhi: The Congress on Thursday appointed senior leader Jairam Ramesh as AICC general secretary in-charge of communication, publicity and media, replacing Randeep Surjewala who was heading the department since 2015. The appointment came a month after the party at its Udaipur chintan shivir decided to implement 'one person, one post' in the party and impose a five-year term limit for those holding positions at all levels. **ENS**

ED later this month. Rahul had earlier been called for questioning on June 2, while Sonia was asked to appear on June 8. Both had, however, sought more time from the agency.

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

Presidential polls: Mamata steers Opp talks, with a nudge from Pawar

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
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"WHAT IS UPA? There is no UPA": Mamata Banerjee, December 1, 2021.

The three-time CM's assertion was projected as a sign of her determination to open a new chapter in Opposition politics, with her party, the Trinamool Congress, as the fulcrum, replacing a listless Congress.

On Wednesday, ahead of the joint meeting convened by her on the Presidential poll, as Banerjee warmly received Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Jairam Ramesh and Randeep Surjewala at the entrance of the meeting venue, the moment framed the distance travelled by the TMC in the last seven months.

Humbled by a poor show in the Goa assembly polls, desertion of inductees like Haryana leader Ashok Tanwar within days of joining, and trouble in its home turf West Bengal on many fronts, ranging from political violence and an alleged scam in teacher recruitment, the TMC appears to have reworked its strategy.

The joint meeting, which was attended by 17 Opposition parties despite noises made by the Congress, Left parties and the DMK over Banerjee's "unilateral initiative", was replete with signs that the TMC has realised its limitations, and the need to adopt a more accommodating approach — with a little nudge from Sharad Pawar.

In fact, conscious attempts were made to avoid giving an impression that it was a 'Mamata show'. The NCP supremo, who

played a major role in getting the TMC to dial down its aggression, which was threatening to erase even the fuzzy outlines of unity in the Opposition camp, presided over the meeting.

Apart from the Congress, Pawar, who is the force binding together the unlikely Sena-NCP-Congress coalition in Maharashtra, also managed to bring the Left parties, which continues to have bitter equations with the TMC, on board for her proposal to "sit together" and pick "the true custodian of our Constitution".

In her speech at the meeting, Banerjee even attacked the BJP government over the ED grilling of Rahul Gandhi, likening it to the agency's action against her own nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee. That's a far cry from last winter, when she would flare up



Mamata in New Delhi on Thursday. Amit Mehra

even at the slightest mention of the Congress. Also, instead of sulking over TMC's attempt to take the pole position, by stepping back a little, the Congress has also offered Banerjee the required space to leverage her strengths by reaching out to parties like the TRS, YSRC, BJD, BSP and SP, which would be more receptive to ideas floated

by her than the Sonia-led party.

The Shiv Sena, which deputised two leaders to Wednesday's meeting, also appears to be enthused with the new playbook scripted by Banerjee and Pawar. The party had in December criticised the TMC, saying no Opposition front is possible without the Congress.

The meeting had its share of hitches though. While political activist Sudheendra Kulkarni read out a one-line resolution adopted at the meeting after it ended, the TMC is learnt to have prepared a three-page draft. But it was whittled down after many participants pointed out that the draft should have been circulated well in advance. With the next meeting of the Opposition camp scheduled for next week, all eyes are on Pawar, who will take the lead in hosting it after having turned down the unanimous request by leaders to be the face against the NDA's candidate.

As things stand, the NDA already has over 48% of the vote share in the electoral college for choosing the President, which seems to be the primary reason behind the reluctance of the

NIOS to launch special courses for Agniveers who have cleared Class 10

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THE MINISTRY of Education Thursday announced a special programme through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to support the Agnipath scheme of soldier recruitment.

Under the initiative, NIOS will develop customised courses to help 'Agniveers', who have cleared matriculation, to obtain Class 12 pass certificates.

A statement issued by the Education Ministry said the certificates to be issued by the NIOS will be recognised for higher education as well as employment.

"The Department of School Education & Literacy through its autonomous institution, the National Institute of Open Schooling, is instituting a special programme in consultation with the defence authorities to enable those Agniveers who are 10th class pass... by developing customised courses that are not only current but very relevant to their area of service," it added.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the programme will be "relevant to the spirit of the Agnipath scheme". "This certificate will equip Agniveers with relevant knowledge & skills and enable them to pursue jobs and higher education across India," he tweeted.

On Wednesday, the ministry had said it will launch a three-year, skill-based Bachelor's degree programme for serving defence personnel that will recognise the skills they acquire during their tenure in the armed forces. IGNOU will implement the programme, it added.

Gujarat: Naresh Patel not to join politics 'for now'

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KHODALDHAM, JUNE 16

PATIDAR LEADER and industrialist Naresh Patel on Thursday announced that he is not joining politics "for now" as the elders of his community are against the idea but added that his organisation will launch an academy to train youth in politics.

Patel, the chairman of Shree Khodaldham Trust (SKT), a religious organisation of Leuva Patel sub-caste group of Patidar community, chaired a joint meeting of trustees of the SKT, Shree Sardar Patel Cultural Foundation (SSPCF) and Shree Leuva Patel Atithibhavan (SLPA), Veraval, at Khodaldham, a temple complex built by SKT in Kagvad village near Jetpur in Rajkot Thursday.

Addressing a press conference after the meeting, Patel said that a survey conducted by the SKT on whether he should join politics or not, had shown that the members of his Leuva Patel community as well as others were divided over the issue and that he had decided to go by the advice of the elders.

Maratha strongman, who tweeted last night saying, "I am happy to continue my service for the well-being of the common man".

Also, among NC's Farooq Abdullah and former West Bengal Governor Gopal Krishna Gandhi, the two alternative names floated at the meeting, the latter appears to have more acceptance, even among those who stayed away for tactical reasons.

Leader of an Opposition party, which skipped the meeting, said his party was likely to push for Gopal Krishna Gandhi. "He may have been critical of the government, but Gopal Krishna Gandhi is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. The PM holds the Mahatma in high regard. There is no better time to field him than the 75th year of India's Independence," the leader said.

Days after family home razed, Afreen says will not be silenced

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STUDENT ACTIVIST Afreen Fatima, whose family house in Prayagraj was bulldozed following her father Javed Mohammed's arrest in connection with violence in the city, Thursday said she and her community would not be silenced despite "threats".

Javed and Fatima are members of the Welfare Party of India — she is national secretary of the Fraternity Movement, the student wing of the Welfare Party. Javed was arrested as one of the alleged co-conspirators of the June 10 violence over suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma's comments on the Prophet.

At a press conference Thursday organised by the Fraternity Movement, Fatima appeared via Zoom and said, "I stand in absolute solidarity with all Muslim families whose houses have been demolished... Whatever has happened with my father, Janaab Javed Mohammed Sahab, and with my family and to our house, is known to everyone."

She said her family was "privileged" and her "heart aches for those who are not so privileged and whose houses were broken".

"No matter how much you try to scare and threaten us, or trouble us by putting us in jail, we will not keep quiet or be silenced, nor are we going to disappear from this country," she said.

Fatima maintained that her father was "completely innocent".

Javed's wife Parveen Fatima also issued a statement saying the charges against her husband were "baseless" and the family's priority was to "prove his innocence and ensure his release".

NCERT drops content on Gujarat riots from Class 12 textbook

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THE NCERT has dropped content on Gujarat riots from the Class 12 Political Science curriculum as part of a "textbook rationalisation" exercise in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to a note on the rationalised content released by the NCERT on Thursday, pages 187-189 on Gujarat riots are among the removals from the book. The pages also carry an image of the front page of *The Indian Express* dated March 1, 2002.

"Gujarat riots show that the government machinery also becomes susceptible to sectarian passions. Instances, like in Gujarat, alert us to dangers involved in using religious sentiments for political purposes. This poses a threat to democratic politics," states one of the paragraphs which has been removed. It also contains a blurb carrying then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's statement that his "one message to the Chief Minister (of Gujarat) is that he should follow 'raj dharma'. "A ruler should not make any discrimination between his subjects on the basis of caste, creed and religion," it quotes Vajpayee as having said.

Page 105 of the book on the history of the "Naxalite movement", and pages 113-117 on "Controversies during Emergency" have also been dropped.

The NCERT, in its note, said the removals as part of the rationalisation include "overlapping with similar content included in other subject areas in the same class" and "content, which is irrelevant in the present context".

"In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is imperative to reduce content load on students. The National Education Policy-2020 also emphasises the same... In this background, the NCERT has undertaken the exercise to rationalise the textbooks for all classes," it added.

According to the NCERT, content which was already removed under the CBSE's 2022-23 academic curriculum released earlier this year will also remain out of the curriculum.

Prayagraj demolition falls foul of Allahabad HC order, says former CJ

APURVA VISHWANATH
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THE PRAYAGRAJ Development Authority's decision to demolish political activist and businessman Mohammad Javed's house on June 12, after serving just a day's notice to vacate, goes against a 2020 ruling of the Allahabad High Court, which issued a directive to Uttar Pradesh government to allow a 30-day window from issuing a notice.

"The State authorities, wherever demolition orders are passed in respect of constructions raised on private properties under the two Acts, should wait from taking any action for actual demolition till the statutory period of appeal comes to an end," Justices Shashi Kant Gupta and Pankaj Bhatia had said in their ruling in Abbas Ansari and Another versus State Of Uttar Pradesh case in October 2020.

The two legislation referred in the ruling are UP Urban Planning and Development Act, 1973, and UP (Regulation of Building Operations) Act, 1958.

"The directions in the case have not been followed by the



Police deployed at Prayagraj's Atala area on Thursday. PTI

state. There is an apparent violation of law in taking action before 30 days of serving the notice," Justice Govind Mathur, who was the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court then, told *The Indian Express*.

On June 12, Prayagraj Development Authority had invoked Section 27 of UP Urban Planning and Development Act to demolish Javed's house after serving only a day's notice to vacate the house. The provision gives the municipal authorities power to order demolition of a building if it is found to be in contravention of the masterplan, or is without requisite permission

or approval under law.

While the municipal authorities said a show cause notice was issued on May 10, it claimed that a notice to voluntarily remove the encroachment was issued on May 25. However, Javed's family and his lawyer, K K Rai, have denied receiving any notices before the night of June 10.

Emails sent to Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) vice-chairman Arvind Kumar Chauhan, PDA secretary Ajeet Kumar Singh, and District Magistrate Sanjay Khatri seeking clarification on the court's directive of October 15, 2020, and the

action taken by the administration, did not elicit a response.

In the Abbas Ansari ruling, the court acknowledged that the UP government is carrying out demolitions without allowing property owners the time to appeal in several instances.

"Before parting with the case, we have noticed that a large number of cases are being filed before this court, complaining of demolitions being carried out even before the expiry of prescribed period for filing of an appeal, coupled with the fact that the statutes namely U.P. Urban Planning and Development Act, 1973 as well as U.P. (Regulation of Building Operations) Act, 1958, provide for an alternative remedy of an appeal within 30 days, we deem it appropriate to issue general mandamus in respect of actions being taken under the two statutes in the entire State," the court said.

The HC had directed Registrar General of the court to forward a copy of the order to UP Chief Secretary to ensure compliance by vice-chairpersons of all development authorities and DMs in UP.

Section 27(2) of the 1973 Act states: "Any person aggrieved by

an order under Sub-section (1) may appeal to the (Chairman) against that order within thirty days from the date thereof and the Chairman may, after hearing the parties to the appeal, either allow or dismiss the appeal or may reverse or vary any part of the order." The provision states that "no such order shall be made unless the owner or person concerned has been given a reasonable opportunity to show cause why the order should not be made."

"Till the disposal of the interim application filed in the statutory appeals the authorities should not take any steps for executing the demolition orders," the HC held.

The UP government has filed an appeal against the Abbas Ansari ruling before the Supreme Court. On March 12, 2021, the SC agreed to hear the appeal but did not stay operation of the verdict. It has not been listed for hearing since. In January 2021, Allahabad HC relied on the Abbas Ansari ruling in a batch of three cases and stayed a demolition notice, directing the state to maintain status quo till the appeal is disposed of.

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Plan to name road after PM Modi's mother 'postponed'

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THE GANDHINAGAR Municipal Corporation (GMC) Thursday deferred its decision to name a road after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother, Hiraba Modi.

Hiraba, who lives with her youngest son Pankaj in Raisan village on the outskirts of Gandhinagar, is entering 100th year of her life on June 18.

On Wednesday, Gandhinagar Mayor Hitesh Makwana had written to the Gandhinagar Municipal Commissioner about a decision taken to name an 80-metre road from Raisan Petrol Pump as 'Pujya Hiraba Marg' to inspire the future generations.

However, a day later, the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation issued a statement saying that the decision to name the road has been postponed because currently "there is no policy sanctioned by GMC for naming city roads".

"In future, if some policy is formulated on the subject, then appropriate action will be taken on the issue," the the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation statement added.



The renovated Kalika Mata temple in Pavagadh; (left) the Hazrat Sadanshah Wali Peer dargah inside the temple complex.

Bhupendra Rana

can see the deity at eye-level. The *garbha griha* has not been touched," said Surendra Patel, chairman of Kalika Mataji Mandir Trust, also treasurer of BJP's Gujarat unit and a former Rajya Sabha member.

According to Sompura, the most challenging part of the redevelopment was "rebuilding without disturbing the idol that is embedded in the wall at the floor level". He said, "We had to cut the mountain to bring the idol to a level where it would be visible to a person standing even outside the temple."

The redevelopment used around 3,600 cubic feet Bansi Pahadpur red sandstone from Rajasthan — the same type of stone being used to build the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

The dargah was rebuilt using the same stone.

The dargah, situated atop the *garbha griha* of Mahakali temple for centuries, was shifted around 50 feet away. An independent structure in the same complex, it has a distinct minaret design around the walls. The site where the dargah stood earlier made way for the *shikhar* and the gold-plated *kalash*.

In March 2018, the family of the *diwan* administering the dargah moved Gujarat High Court against the tourism department and the temple trust. In 2019, in a joint submission by the petitioner, Diwan Shamsheer Sha Murtuja, and the respondents, it was decided to settle the matter with "alotment of a separate earmarked land in the temple complex".

Diwan Salim Sha Ahmed Sha, Shamsheer's brother, told *The Indian Express*, "The dargah has been an intricate part of the temple complex for centuries... The story goes that Sadanshah Peer had stopped Goddess Kali from leaving the hills... Therefore, the shrine holds importance for both Muslims and Hindus..."

"During designing, we were taken into confidence and shown the spot. We are happy that the dargah has been accorded the respect and association it has with the temple."

The redevelopment cost of Rs 125 crore, of which Rs 12 crore was for the temple, was borne by the trust. The Gujarat government's Pavitra Yatradham Vikas Board (GPVVB) spent 70 per cent of the total expenses.

A MAN WHO FELT LANGUAGE HAS NO RELIGION

A voice of Urdu, who was loved beyond borders

SUANSHU KHURANA
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IN ONE of his conversations about his close friend and eminent Urdu scholar Gopi Chand Narang, writer-filmmaker Gulzar had said, "*Do pao pe behta dariya, ek pao pe thehri jheel/Jheel ki naabhi par rakhi hai Urdu ki roshan taqdeer...*" (A river flowing on two feet, a lake resting on one leg, and on the lake's umbilicus lies the illuminated destiny of Urdu...).

Renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, literary critic, former chair-

person of Sahitya Akademi, and a preeminent authority on Urdu, Narang's death at his son's residence in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, is a moment admirers and scholars of Urdu will lament for long. He was 91.

Narang not only traced the origins of the language, but told off many who said Urdu was a language that came from "outside". He called Hindi and Urdu "two sides of the same coin", and established that both came with the same grammar and were based on '*khadi boli*'. He highlighted that Urdu neither comes



GOPI CHAND NARANG
1931-2022

from Farsi nor is it Semitic. "*Zubaan ka koi mazhab nahi hota*

(language does not have a religion)," he would say.

While one of his most prominent works — 'Urdu Ghazal aur Hindustani Zehn-o Tahzeeb' — traced the origins of ghazal and how it comprised intellectual and cultural viewpoints of both Hindus and Muslims, it was one of his earliest works — 'Urdu Readings in Literary Urdu Prose' (1968) — that got much attention. Narang penned about 60 books.

Born in Dukki, Balochistan, Narang was introduced to literature by his father, a scholar of multiple languages. He moved

to Delhi after Partition and joined the Masters in Urdu programme at Delhi University (DU). After PhD, he began his teaching career at St Stephen's College in 1958, and moved to DU after a year, when a department of Urdu was set up.

Narang also taught at the University of Wisconsin but longed to return to India. His neighbour, scientist Hargobind Khorana, asked him to not leave, citing how the US had helped him become a Nobel Laureate. Narang told Khorana, "your laboratory is in the US, mine is back home."

Rise in booster dose numbers as cases spike across country

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WITH A fresh surge in Covid cases across the country, there was a 44.3 per cent increase in the number of "precautionary" or booster doses administered during the past week as compared to the week before.

Official figures show that around 47.5 lakh third doses were administered in the first 15 days of June compared with 41.5 lakh during the last 15 days of May. The country reported 12,213 new Covid cases on Thursday against 7,240 cases last Thursday — hospitalisations and deaths have continued to remain low.

The data also show that five metros saw an average 77.9 per cent increase in the number of booster doses administered during the past week, driven mainly by a 212.5 per cent increase in Chennai, according to an analysis of data on the CoWIN portal.

The spike comes at a time when the Government is pushing to cover the elderly population through the Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0 that started this month. It is also looking to increase the coverage of the first two doses among children between the ages of 12 and 17 years.

A big chunk of the rise in booster doses for adults under the age of 60 years is likely to be recorded in metros and urban

centres with a high number of private medical facilities. The Government's free vaccination drive for booster doses covers only those above 60 years, and healthcare and frontline workers.

According to the data, a Covid surge in Mumbai has coincided with a consistent increase in pre-caution dose coverage over the last two weeks during the door-to-door campaign. There was a 31 per cent increase in the number of booster shots administered this week than the past week.

Bengaluru also saw a week-on-week increase during June — a 6.8 per cent increase during the first seven days of June over the previous week and 49.2 per cent rise during the second week.

Delhi and Kolkata recorded fluctuations in the booster numbers of June. Delhi saw a 5.9 per cent decline in the first week of June followed by a 32.4 per cent increase. Kolkata saw a decline of 9.7 per cent in the first week of June followed by a 64.3 per cent increase, as per CoWIN data.

The data show a 41.8 per cent increase in cumulative vaccine doses across the country during the past week, which is less than the increase seen for booster doses.

Among the metros, the rate of increase in booster doses was higher than for the total number of doses in Delhi and Kolkata — the capital saw a 15.8 per cent in total number of doses and Kolkata a 55.01 per cent increase.

J&K

Rajnath visits forward areas, addresses forces

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VISITING FORWARD areas in Jammu and Kashmir as part of his two-day visit to the Union Territory, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday took stock of the security situation in J&K and "undertook a first-hand assessment of the situation in the formations looking after Line of Control (LoC) and forward areas in North Kashmir," the Defence Ministry stated.

Maintaining that Pakistan has always resorted to anti-India activities and that J&K has been witness to terror activities in the past, Singh said there has been a "significant decline in the number of terror activities" in the UT recently due to the relentless efforts of the security personnel.

Although Pakistan "continuously tries to disturb peace" by trying to "bleed India with a thousand cuts," he said India's "security forces are such a protective shield for this country



Rajnath Singh reviews the security situation along the border, in J&K, Thursday. PTI

that whoever tries to break it bleeds himself".

The Defence Minister was briefed about the existing ceasefire agreement along the LoC, development works on field fortifications, the counter-infiltration grid, operational preparedness and Army-citizen connect in border areas, the ministry stated. He was also briefed on the "overall security situation" along the LoC, and also on safety and security measures for the Amarnath Yatra.

During his visit, Singh interacted with personnel of the armed forces, BSF, CRPF and J&K Police.

3 militants killed in Kashmir encounters

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JUNE 16

THREE MILITANTS, two in Kulgam and one in Anantnag, were killed in gunfights with the security forces on Thursday.

Police said a joint team of J-K Police, Army and paramilitary forces could re-establish contact with militants at Mishipora village of Kulgam, two days after they escaped a cordon. In the ensuing gunfight, both the militants were killed, which police confirmed through a tweet. Police, however, were yet to identify the

IED weighing 15kg recovered

POLICE CLAIMED to have averted a major tragedy by recovering an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) weighing 15 kg that was planted at Armullah village of Litter in Pulwama. "Two terrorist associates involved in this terror crime have been arrested," police tweeted while quoting Inspector General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar. **ENS**

slain militants.

In the Anantnag encounter, a joint team of J-K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off the Hangalung village of Kokernag after receiving inputs about the presence of militants in the village.

As the joint team of forces were zeroing in on the target, militants opened fire while trying to break the security cordon. In the gunfight, one militant was killed even as the operation was still on when the report was filed.

"One terrorist killed. Operation in progress. Further details shall follow," police tweeted.

All India Radio producer Rita Mukherjee passes away

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RADIO PRODUCER Rita Mukherjee, who produced a number of shows and excelled in the medium, is dead, a former director general of All India Radio (AIR) said on Thursday. Tributes poured in as news about her demise circulated on social media. Fayyaz Sherryar, former DG of AIR, said, "The news is distressing".

Sherryar said a help alerted the police, which broke open the door and found the body that was

sent for postmortem. He also posted a picture of her on his Twitter and Facebook. Her shows were kept at libraries of various institutions, including Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, he said.

Broadcaster Rajiv Mehrotra also paid homage to her in a Facebook post. "Deeply saddened to hear of the passing away of Rita Ji (Mukherjee). An icon of Public Broadcasting, she nurtured & empowered generations of young Delhi students to find their voice and articulate their passions in the 1970s while experimenting with radio".



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Black Death: 7 centuries on, new light on plague origins

THE BLACK Death, or the bubonic plague that killed millions across Western Asia, Northern Africa, Middle East and Europe during 1346-53, remains the biggest pandemic in history. While it is known to have been caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*, its origins have long been uncertain.

Now, a study of ancient *Y. pestis* genomes has determined that the disease originated in modern day northern Kyrgyzstan around 1338-1339 – nearly 7-8 years before it began to ravage large parts of the world. The findings are described in the journal *Nature*.

THE PANDEMIC: It is generally understood that *Y. pestis* was spread by fleas carried by rodent hosts. Once it spread to humans, they transmitted it to others either through fleas or directly through the respiratory system.

Contemporaries who wrote about the epidemic often described the buboes (hard, inflamed lymph nodes) as the distinguishing clinical feature. Matteo Villani, the Florentine chronicler, referred to the disease in 1348 as the “mortal disease of buboes” and “pestilence of buboes”.

The onset of symptoms was followed by intense fever and vomiting of blood. After the initial infection, most victims died within 2-7 days.

THE FINDINGS: In the late 19th century, excavations of two Christian cemeteries near Lake Issyk-Kul in Kyrgyzstan unearthed a settlement of a trading community that had been affected by an unknown disease in 1338-1339. Inscriptions stated that the victims died of an unknown epidemic or “pestilence”.

In the new study, the researchers extracted DNA from the teeth of seven people buried at the cemetery and found genetic traces of *Y. pestis*.

Genetic analysis then established that modern strains of the bacterium, closely related to the ancient strain, are found in plague reservoirs around the Tian Shan mountains, close to where the ancient strain was found. This indicated that Issyk-Kul was where the Black Death's source strain came from.



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Northern Ireland Protocol: UK Bill, and legal proceedings by EU

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THE EUROPEAN Commission has launched two new legal proceedings against Britain and re-opened another, after the latter proposed legislation that seeks to get it out of some of its Brexit obligations. If pushed through, these proceedings could mean the European Court of Justice fining Britain.

The legislation

The new law, yet to be tabled in Parliament, seeks to reduce customs checks and paperwork for trade between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland (which together with Great Britain forms the UK). Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said the changes are “relatively trivial”. However, these violate a key part of the 2019 Brexit deal – the Northern Ireland Protocol.

After the UK left the European Union, Northern Ireland remained its only constituent that shared a land border with an EU member, the Republic of Ireland. Therefore, checks would be necessary for goods from Northern Ireland to Ireland. However, given the history of conflict between the two, it was decided the checks would be conducted between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. This was the Northern Ireland Protocol, under which Northern Ireland remains in the EU single market, and inspections of goods from Great Britain take place at ports along the Irish Sea.

UK's objectives

The UK has agreed that the Northern

Ireland Protocol Bill, unveiled on June 13, violates international law and provisions of the Brexit deal. Citing domestic interests, the UK government has justified it on its website: “The doctrine of necessity provides a clear basis in international law to justify the non-performance of international obligations under certain exceptional and limited conditions.”

The checks have made trade cumbersome: Some taxation and spending policies of the UK can't be implemented in Northern Ireland because of EU rules. Also, any kind of border in the Irish Sea irks those who want a united UK. The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) has paralysed Northern Ireland's parliament since elections in May, refusing to allow a government to be formed until the trade border is softened. If the impasse lasts for six months, fresh elections will have to be called.

What now

The Bill is likely to face a tough journey in Parliament whenever it is tabled.

The two new suits accuse Britain of failing to ensure adequate staff and infrastructure for checks in Northern Ireland and not providing the EU with sufficient trade data. The other suit, paused a year ago, is about the movement of agri-food products.

European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic, who is the European Union's Brexit Commissioner, has said the EU might take the case to the ECJ if Britain failed to address the charges within two months. However, Sefcovic also said the EU still wants to continue talks with Britain to soften the Protocol. The UK government has kept negotiations going.

ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

THE US Federal Reserve hiked interest rates by three quarters of a percentage point on Wednesday, its most aggressive move since 1994, in a bid to tame runaway inflation.

The hike, the third since March, comes after inflation in the US surged unexpectedly last month. Importantly, the US central bank has signalled equally-large hikes later this year, which could potentially dent the already wobbly investor outlook across markets.

After the conclusion of a two-day Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting on Wednesday, the central bank chair Jerome Powell indicated that the Fed would increase its key interest rate by three quarters of a percentage point to a range of 1.5% to 1.75%.

Forecasts released after the meeting recorded officials saying they expected the rate the Fed charges banks to borrow from it to zoom to 3.4% by the end of the year.

What is the import of this signalling?

While markets have largely factored in the reversal in the Fed's policy stance, there are renewed concerns about the pace of the hike given that the US central bank is now under renewed pressure to tame inflation as prices in the world's largest economy rose at their fastest rate in 40 years during May. There are now clear indications that the Fed would be far more aggressive in its intensity of rate hikes, going by the guidance offered by Powell.

Runaway inflation is being seen as a political headwind for President Joe Biden ahead of the November midterm elections. Biden had said earlier this year that it was “appropriate” for Powell to adjust the Fed's policies. And congressional Republicans, according to an AP report, have endorsed Powell's plans to raise rates, providing the Fed with rare bipartisan support for tightening credit.

Powell reaffirmed the view at the last review meeting that policymakers are convinced the American job market is robust enough to let go of the ultra-low interest rates. On Wednesday, Powell said the US is well poised to handle higher rates, pointing to still robust job growth. But projections released by the Fed show officials expect economic growth to slide to about 1.7% in 2022, a full percentage point lower than their forecast in March.

How does this impact global markets?

Traders across markets have been looking for signs that the Fed might be more aggressive about rolling back the stimulus that has been feeding stock market gains across geographies. The new projections are being seen as a definitive move to frontload the reversal of the expansionary monetary policy put in place in early 2020 to invigorate the American economy amid the Covid-19 outbreak.

Part of this support was in the form of an extraordinary bond buying programme, intended to bring down long-term interest rates and catalyse greater borrowing and spending by both consumers and businesses.

What are the concerns at this stage?

The Fed's announcement has come amid criticism that the US central bank has fallen behind the curve on inflation.

Analysts were quoted by Reuters as saying that they felt the Fed is now struggling to catch up, after Powell and other Fed officials maintained till early this year that inflation was merely a temporary problem related to supply chain issues. Prices have spiked since then, partly due to external factors that include the war in Ukraine and the continuing Covid shutdowns in China's key manufacturing hubs.

The Fed, which cut rates to support the economy when the pandemic hit in 2020, has already hiked rates twice this year, by 0.25 percentage points in March and another half a



US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell is seen on a screen at the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. *Reuters*

percentage point in May. At the time, Powell had reiterated that they were not considering sharper rises. But inflation numbers released on Friday showed US inflation rising to 8.6% in May – the fastest pace since 1981, prompting the latest round of hikes.

“It is essential that we bring inflation down,” Powell said, acknowledging that a 0.75 percentage point rise was “unusually large”.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, after an

initial slide, rose strongly during Powell's post-meeting news conference before paring gains somewhat by the close on Wednesday. In India, benchmark indices traded up in opening hours on Thursday partly because the markets were seen as having partly factored in the increased rate hike after US inflation data for May was released last week. Indices, however, plunged later in the day and the Sensex slid 1,647 points from the day's high to close 2% down at a 52-

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Likely impact on India, and what investors should do



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EXPERTS SAY that the aggressive Fed rate hike of 75 basis points is likely to push the Reserve Bank of India for more rate hikes in the coming two or three quarters, and thereby will have a direct bearing on GDP growth and market movement.

How much could rates be hiked?

Economists, who had been expecting an additional rate hike of 75-100 basis points over the next three quarters in India, now say the RBI could go for additional rate hike of up to 125 basis points this fiscal, taking the overall rate hike to over 200 basis points.

That may not only impact overall demand in the economy and GDP growth, but will also lead to a correction in the market on account of outflow of funds by foreign portfolio investors and downward revision in earning projections of listed entities as a result of higher cost of funds and input cost.

The day after the Fed announced its rate hike by 75 basis points, the Sensex had fallen 2% to close at an over 12-month low of 51,495. According to provisional data released by exchanges, FPIs sold equity holdings worth Rs 3,257 crore on Thursday, and in June they have sold holdings worth Rs 31,500 crore putting pressure on domestic equities. Domestic institutional investors have invested a net of Rs 24,225

crore in the same period.

What should investors do?

A large part of the inflation concerns is on account of the Russia-Ukraine war. If an early resolution of the conflict may revive market sentiments, there is a feeling that a prolonged war could only hurt these further as it could lead to spike in oil prices and food items.

Given the continuing rise in interest rates and uncertainty on where the yields may stabilise, while debt investors can go for short-term products of 1-2 years, market participants feel equity markets in current times should only be considered with an investment horizon of at least 3 years.

Market participants tracking economic activity say India is very well positioned for higher growth over the next three to five years and companies across sectors are already in the process of fresh capital investment, which is expected to gain momentum over the coming months. Although the decline in equity markets has weakened investor sentiment for now, equity investments should be done keeping the future in mind. Systematic investment plans should be the preferred mode, as these will help investors capitalise on any further dip in the market. Also, to beat inflation, investors need to go with equities, which have traditionally performed better when inflation is high.

For a large number of investors who entered the markets over the last couple of years as day traders, it is high time they stopped taking speculative positions. Many feel the market uncertainty is way too high for such investors who are looking to make money on a daily basis, and who may only end up losing.

week low by the end of trade Thursday.

Why are the Fed's signals important?

Like other central banks such as the Reserve Bank of India, as the US Fed conducts monetary policy, it influences employment and inflation primarily by using policy tools to control the availability and cost of credit in the economy.

Its primary tool of monetary policy is the federal funds rate, changes in which influence other interest rates – which in turn influence borrowing costs for households and businesses, as well as broader financial conditions.

Additionally, the bond buying programme, also known as quantitative easing, was put in place in 2020 as an extraordinary measure to help the financial markets and the economy counter the impact of the pandemic. This bond buying was an unconventional policy tool (that was deployed during the global financial crisis as well), using which the central bank purchases longer-term securities from the open market in order to increase the money supply and incentivise lending and investment. Buying these securities augmented the supply of new money in the economy, and ended up dampening interest rates, while also expanding the central bank's balance sheet.

On Wednesday, the Fed halted the process of pumping the proceeds of an initial \$15 billion of maturing Treasuries back into the US government debt market, the first time it has done so since it kicked off its bond-buying programme in early 2020. This effectively signals the move by the US central bank to shrink its expanded \$9 trillion balance sheet.

The Fed is not alone in its intention to hike rates. On Thursday, the Bank of England hiked its key interest rate for a fifth straight time. Australia, Brazil, and Canada too have raised rates; the European Central Bank has indicated it could hike over the next couple of months.

How do rate cycles work?

When interest rates go up in an economy, it becomes more expensive to borrow; so households are less inclined to buy goods and services, and businesses have a disincentive to borrow funds to expand, buy equipment or to invest in new projects. A subsequent lowering of demand for goods and services ends up depressing wages and other costs, in turn bringing runaway inflation under control. Even though the linkages of monetary policy to inflation and employment are not direct or immediate, monetary policy is a key factor in tackling runaway prices.

Theoretically, a signal to hike policy rates in the US should be a negative for emerging market economies, especially from a debt market perspective. Emerging economies such as India tend to have higher inflation and, therefore, higher interest rate than developed countries. As a result, investors, including foreign portfolio investors, tend to borrow in the US at lower interest rates in dollar terms, and invest that money in the bonds of countries such as India in rupee terms to earn higher interest.

What will be the impact on other markets, including India?

A hike in rates in the US could have a three-pronged impact.

When the Fed raises 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.

A high rate signal by the Fed would also mean a lower impetus to growth in the US, which could be yet negative news for global growth, especially when China is reeling under the impact of a real estate crisis.

Higher returns in 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.

2 years after Galwan clash, where India-China relations stand today

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TWO YEARS after the Galwan clash in the Ladakh heights, in which 20 Indian soldiers were killed, and which plunged India-China relations to their lowest in decades, the two sides are normalising relations in many respects, with the Indian side displaying a pragmatism far ahead of the “*lal aamkh*” rhetoric.

Relations now

Even though New Delhi has not yet succeeded in getting the Chinese to vacate some parts of eastern Ladakh on India's side of the Line of Actual Control or ensuring a return to status quo ante (as the situation existed in April 2020), bilateral trade has soared and it is now at its highest, first quarter data show.

Further, India's trade with China in the calendar year 2021 was \$125 billion, higher than in the previous year, and higher than pre-pandemic, pre-Ladakh standoff levels. Imports from China reached \$97.5 billion, while exports crossed \$20 billion for the first time. All this after India put in place restrictions on Chinese participation in the Indian

economy, and banned several Chinese apps popular in India, and added more to the list subsequently. Tencent, the Chinese tech-entertainment giant, recently bought a stake in Flipkart, even while several apps linked to it such as TikTok remain banned in India.

While political contact is yet to resume fully, there have been significant interactions. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Delhi in March. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval participated in meetings of the multilateral Shanghai Co-operation Organisation, and on Wednesday attended a BRICS security officials meeting hosted by his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend the BRICS summit being hosted by China next week, in a virtual format.

This week, Beijing also lifted a two-year Covid ban on visas to Indian professionals and their families. It has also indicated it is processing visas of Indian students who had returned home on account of the pandemic.

Alongside, India has stepped up its engagement with the Quad, a grouping with Australia, Japan and the US that seeks to contain China in the Indo-Pacific region on both the economic and security fronts.

Military stand-off

Despite the PM's assertion in Parliament that no intrusion had taken place into Indian territory, 15 rounds of talks between India and Chinese senior army commanders in eastern Ladakh for resolution of “friction points” indicate otherwise. The negotiations have led to withdrawal of troops by both sides from Galwan, Pangong Lake and Gogra/ Patrolling Point 17A. While this is not yet a return to status quo ante in these areas, there are three other areas – Depsang plains, Hot Springs and Demchok – where Chinese troops continue to prevent Indian soldiers from entering areas they were previously patrolling.

In this time, there have also been several meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC). The Ministry of External Affairs said the two sides reviewed the situation along the LAC in the Western Sector, and agreed to hold the 16th round of senior military commanders at an early date.

Although the withdrawal of troops or disengagement, even partially, was supposed to be a prelude to de-escalation along the LAC, this has not happened either. Instead, China's build-up of military infrastructure on

its side of the LAC is going on apace. General Charles A Flynn, Commanding General of the US Army in the Pacific region, said during a recent visit to Delhi that the build-up was “alarming”, and while talks were useful, “the way they are acting and behaving is concerning, and should be concerning to everyone, and I think it is”.

China has been building roads, living units and entire villages at various parts of the LAC, but the build-up in Ladakh includes a 11-m-wide bridge spanning the narrowest part of Pangong Lake at Khumak Fort in territory that falls on the Chinese side of the LAC but is claimed by India.

In military terms, according to Brigadier Rahul Bhonsle (ret'd), writing on his portal *Security Risks Asia*, “this bridge will facilitate quick deployment of troops from the Rudog base to forward areas as well as faster tactical deployment of troops within the theatre” to avoid being upstaged by India. On August 29-30, 2020, the Indian Army and Special Frontier Force occupied the Kailash heights in Chushul sub-sector, which dominate the strategically significant Spangur Gap. China had used this area to launch its offensive in 1962. The heights also give India a direct eye

on Moldo Garrison.

The Chinese could not deploy additional troops quickly enough to repulse the Indian forces because the only route available was around the lake. This is no longer the case. The bridge is on the halfway mark of the lake. Earlier, another bridge, 6 m wide, came up earlier to facilitate the building of this bridge.

India is also building road infrastructure on its side.

Recalling Galwan

The Chinese People's Liberation Army had pitched tents and an observation post on India's side of the LAC. After a general agreement on disengaging in the Galwan sector earlier in June, the Chinese had agreed to withdraw. But on the night of June 15, a disagreement over the continued presence of the Chinese led to the bloodiest clash between India and China since 1975.

According to reports at the time, when Colonel Suresh Babu, commander of 16 Bihar that made up the majority of the troops at Galwan, walked up to ask the Chinese to leave, he was manhandled. This led to a five-hour confrontation between 600 soldiers from both sides.

Col Babu died after falling into the ice-

cold river, apparently after being hit. At the time, an agreement between the two sides forbade the use of firearms. The Chinese side were equipped with clubs that had nails embedded in them. The Indian side had fibre glass batons. There was stone throwing as well. Many Indian soldiers also died after being hit and falling into the river or being pushed into it.

Ten Indian soldiers including two Majors, two Captains and six jawans were detained by the Chinese for nearly three days before being handed back after several rounds of negotiations. According to unconfirmed reports, the Chinese may have lost more men than India, but so far, the PLA has acknowledged that four of its soldiers were killed. The first acknowledgement of Chinese casualties came eight months after the incident, in March 2021. In February this year, Klaxon, an Australian website, said at least 38 PLA soldiers drowned in the river.

The Galwan clash was the first in which Indian soldiers were killed since October 1975, when four personnel of the Assam Rifles were killed in an ambush by the Chinese at Tulung La in Arunachal Pradesh.

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Congress outrage over ED may not find much of an echo. But police action at its office strikes many a disturbing chord

THE CONGRESS'S FULL-THROATED protests against the ED questioning of Rahul Gandhi over three days in the National Herald money laundering case raise questions. Why does the party get agitated only on the alleged targeting of its leader, and not, say, on a range of issues where hard questions need to be asked and answers demanded, from bulldozers trampling due process in BJP-ruled states to witch-hunt of Opposition leaders, not just the First Son. Even on the issue of political vendetta, why does the Congress seem so isolated? Those are the questions for the Congress. But the images of police overzealousness that have also come in over the last few days from the heart of the national capital, stretching from the Congress Headquarters to the office of the Enforcement Directorate, have touched off another set of questions — these must be answered by the BJP government that Delhi Police reports to. Photos and videos of the barricading of the Congress office, of police entering the premises and pulling and dragging officebearers and workers, the rough treatment meted out to a Youth Congress leader and a woman Congress MP, are unseemly. Admittedly, the scene of action was a high security zone, prohibitory orders were in place. And yet, the police heavy-handedness on show in response to what was, after all, a legitimate political protest even if a limited one, underlines a larger and disturbing tendency of the BJP-led Centre vis a vis political opponents and dissenters — to favour the police response over the political.

If the health of a democracy is also measured by the safe, and indeed respectful, spaces that it provides for dissent, disagreement and protest, the last few years have not painted a rosy picture. The record of BJP governments, be it the Modi government at the Centre or the Yogi government in UP, has been scarred by an intolerance of political opponents and others who ask questions or oppose its politics and policy. In a democracy, the winner does not take all. And winning the mandate, even winning it decisively, does not mean an end to all argument — it only casts a responsibility on the ruling party to reach out and negotiate, to persuade and accommodate. The BJP's fantasy of an "Opposition-mukt" India would be a colourless and chilling place, if it ever came true.

The political battle between the Congress and the BJP seems currently skewed comprehensively in the latter's favour, and the Opposition is divided and fragmented. Even in the present instance, the Congress has hit the streets, but its indignation over the ED questioning of its leader has notably failed to strike a chord with the people at large or with other Opposition parties. There may be no political or electoral penalties to pay for the BJP, therefore, for denying space for protest to the main Opposition party. But the rules of the game, written and sometimes unwritten, call for the government to show respect to those who stand, or agitate, on the other side of the political fence. By not doing so, the ruling party keeps steadily corroding its victories.

PRELUDE TO 5G

Government has eased terms of spectrum auction, but high reserve price and allocations for enterprises will pose problems

ON WEDNESDAY, THE Union cabinet took the first steps towards rolling out 5G services, approving the auction of spectrum. The auction, which will include spectrum across multiple frequency bands, is slated to commence on July 26. The government has eased some of the constraints that had emerged as irritants in the past — a fair amount of spectrum has been put up for the auction, usage charge has been dropped, and payment terms have been eased. However, some issues warrant closer attention.

For one, the reserve price of spectrum has been retained by the government, despite demands from the telecom operators to review it. Telcos have, in the past, made the case for around 90 per cent reduction in the reserve price. However, in line with the recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), which were also accepted by the Digital Communications Commission (DCC), the reduction in the reserve price has been of a much lower magnitude, around 35-40 per cent. Thus, considering the high reserve price for the 700 MHz band, there is a possibility that this band may remain unsold this time as well. As per some estimates, industry is likely to fork out around Rs 1.1 lakh crore in these auctions. This will imply that the debt burden of the already over-indebted telcos will increase further. However, considering that the payment for the spectrum can be spread out over 20 equal installments, it will ease immediate cash flow concerns. The government has also allowed bidders the option to give up the spectrum after 10 years, without any liability for the balance payment. Second, the government has made it possible for enterprises, mostly tech companies, to be directly allocated spectrum by the Department of Telecommunications to engage in the Internet of Things (IoT), machine to machine communications etc. Telcos had earlier opposed this move on grounds of a potential loss in their revenues — according to their estimates, 40 per cent of 5G revenues accrue from the enterprise services. However, the government has leaned on the side of the tech companies. Doing so, after all, would also serve as an additional source of revenue.

Considering that 5G has more of enterprise use cases, at least in the initial years, the network capital expenditure is likely to be relatively low early on. But as retail use cases evolve, a successful rollout of 5G services across the country will lay the ground for a digital transformation, having wide ranging implications for economic activity.

LIFE, NOT-LIFE

Google engineer's claim that LaMDA is sentient AI touches off questions about humanity's relationship with machines

VIKTOR FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER could just as easily have been his friend. The creature from Mary Shelley's 1818 novel wanted more than anything to be accepted, to have a companion. And he continues to be the archetype — of both dreams and nightmares — for our conceptions of artificial sentience, and problems with technology that blur the line between life and not-life.

Is the now-suspended Google engineer Blake Lemoine's claim — informed by his self-confessed "religious beliefs" — that the advanced AI chatbot LaMDA has (self) consciousness, tenable? The consensus in the aftermath of his revelations appears to be that it is not. Very simply put, most experts within and outside Google assert that the software can merely mimic human interactions and consciousness through a machine learning algorithm that relies on millions of interactions. Yet, according to Lemoine, LaMDA gave reasons for how it felt, even talking of emotions that are indescribable. This begs the question: When does personhood occur? A toddler may just copy behaviours, without reasoning, as she learns. Couldn't LaMDA be that phase, after language first makes an appearance and before meta-reasoning is achieved, for sentient AI? Given how little is known, still, about the emergence of consciousness and sentience, a little open-mindedness is perhaps in order.

For the lonely, the rise of artificial intelligence can be a balm. For the biological conservative, wedded to the prevalent idea of community and society, the rise of self-conscious machines is the manifestation of Frankenstein's monster. While LaMDA is unlikely to be a person, an artificial person is certainly on the way, according to experts, whether five, 15 or 50 years from now. It might be a good idea to treat the almost-sentient machines well until then.



SUHAS PALSHIKAR

THE CURRENT REGIME has converted the use of investigative and enforcement agencies into a political art. Hardly a day passes without some agency taking action against some Opposition leader. Such brazen use of official agencies throws up a dilemma for the Opposition: If it ignores such official enthusiasm in pursuing investigation, it can be read as mute submission, but on the other hand, protesting against it distracts the Opposition from its main tasks.

This dilemma has been witnessed in recent days by the Congress when the Enforcement Directorate summoned Rahul Gandhi and questioned him on consecutive days. The Congress chose to mobilise its senior leaders for protesting against the ED. The Delhi Police enforced prohibitory orders resulting in detention of party workers and even senior leaders. This could be possibly classified as the compulsions of the dominant party system we live in. The Opposition is pushed into the corner so much that it uses every executive action for protesting against the ruling party.

Most parties succumb to this trap and choose to get distracted. While protests against such investigations appear to give them temporary visibility, they also betray the internal asymmetry because only when a top leader is targeted, followers are encouraged to get scandalised whereas when middle-rung leaders face investigations, they are left alone to languish in custody or face the music. Protests against investigating agencies seldom produce public sympathy because of the nature of the allegations. In this way, the regime has ensured a shrinking of the political space, both because it pushes the targeted leaders out of action and because protests signify that politics will be further distanced from critical issues of policy and governance.

However, in the present case, the problem is broader than merely the tricks of the regime and the compulsions of the dominant party system. It pertains to the web of compulsions created by the Congress party itself. For eight years now, the Congress has been groping in the dark on issues to mobilise its cadres and more importantly, to mobilise the masses against the ruling party. And yet, the summons to Rahul Gandhi by

Its protests against ED summons to Rahul Gandhi point to misplaced priorities, diminished capabilities

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the ED seems to have galvanised its top leadership into action. While it decries the ED inquiry as political vendetta, its own actions appear too theatrical to be politically relevant. On the one hand, Congress protests appear as an attempt to upscale Rahul Gandhi's image while on the other hand, the focus on action in Delhi means that even within the party there is no depth to the action. Therein lies the tragedy of the Congress. When it acts, it does not result in serious political action and it is often missing when action is expected from the Opposition.

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In a sense, we have three different platforms of protest mobilisation. One is when a major leader of the party is allegedly harassed through investigative action. The other is when ordinary workers are put in jeopardy through executive autocracy. The third platform consists of more pervasive issues engulfing ordinary citizens. Price rise and similar adversities faced by the citizens constitute the third platform.

So, how does the Congress operate on these three platforms? While we are witnessing visible protests by senior leaders on the first issue, on the second we only have nominal verbal protestations. In the case of the most potent platform of citizen adversities, the party fails to mobilise both its cadres and the general public. This speaks of two things — about the party's priorities and its capabilities.

Protecting a certain leader seems to be the main priority of the party. Therefore, it chooses to bring in its top guns to protest in Delhi and ensure that their loyalties are adequately displayed. These protests may also

build up to the second ascension of Rahul Gandhi. In other words, everything is connected to intra-party dynamics. No direct connect with ordinary people is involved in this choice. It also fails to connect the action to the more general harassment of its own party workers by the regime. Had the Congress been serious about expanding the scope of the issue, it could have tried to garner support from other non-BJP parties because many of them face similar treatment from investigative agencies. Instead, the Congress turned this into a simple agenda of protecting Rahul Gandhi and ensuring an impressive show in his support.

This episode also speaks about the capabilities of the party. It is unable to mobilise the ordinary public. It knows that the questioning of Rahul Gandhi is not an emotive issue beyond the close circle of Rahul supporters. But more than that, even on larger issues of freedom to protest and the livelihood of citizens, the credibility of the party is quite limited. As an Opposition party, during the past eight years the Congress has done so little that today it is impossible for it to stir the imagination of the masses and entice them to come to the streets. This inability to generate trust and mobilise the masses is a sad achievement of the party.

Thus the Congress seems engulfed in multiple existential compulsions of its own. First, it fails to see what political action is most urgently needed in the present moment. Second, it believes that leadership of the party must remain with only a family-based set of saviours. Three, the party puts a premium on display of loyalty to the leading family. As a result, any threat — internal or from outside — to the leading family is seen as a major challenge. Fourth, and fresh from the *chintan shivir*, the party manifests a complete lack of awareness about political priorities in picking up issues. And finally, as a result of all this, the party cannot mobilise the ordinary masses on their own issues and sufferings stemming from mis-governance by the ruling party. The protests against ED only indicate that a reversal of these compulsions remains a far cry.

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IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER Hossein Amir-Abdollahian's three-day visit to India, last week, was the first ministerial-level visit from Iran since Ebrahim Raisi assumed the Iranian presidency in August last year. In keeping with the "Asia-oriented" foreign policy of the Raisi government, Abdollahian has visited Moscow and Beijing. President Raisi visited Russia in January this year.

The sanctions imposed by the US on Iran after Tehran withdrew from the nuclear deal in 2018 may have virtually destroyed India-Iran trade, especially India's energy imports from Iran, but the geopolitical logic underpinning relations between the two countries remains firm. The "Tehran Declaration" signed during former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit to Iran affirmed the shared vision of the two countries for an "equitable, pluralistic and co-operative international order". It recognised then Iranian President Mohammad Khatami's vision of a "dialogue among civilisations" as a paradigm of international relations based on principles of tolerance, pluralism and respect for diversity. Two decades later, as India strengthens new partnerships within its regional vision centred on the Indo-Pacific, and Iran deepens relations with China and Russia, both countries remain driven by the goals of advancing their standing at the regional and global level. Both are keen to project themselves as independent

IN THE SHADOW OF SANCTIONS

Iran foreign minister's visit reaffirms resolve of two countries to strengthen ties

As India strengthens new partnerships within its regional vision centred on the Indo-Pacific, and Iran deepens relations with China and Russia, both countries remain driven by the goals of advancing their standing at the regional and global level. Both are keen to project themselves as independent strategic actors determined to play a role in shaping a new multipolar order in their shared Eurasian neighbourhood and also at the global level.

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Over the last three decades, since the emergence of independent landlocked countries in Central Asia, as Iran has sought to leverage its crossroad geographical location straddling the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea, India has come to see it as its land bridge to Central Asia and Eurasia. Despite the difficulties posed by decades of American sanctions, Iran has, along with India, Russia and a few other countries in the Eurasian region, continued to work on the multi-modal International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). As Abdollahian wrapped up his India visit, India-bound Russia cargo containers embarked from Russia's Astrakhan port to Iran's Anzali port across the Caspian Sea en route to India's Nhava Sheva port. During Raisi's visit to Moscow, the two sides had pledged to redouble their efforts to build the railway line between Iran's Caspian port of Rasht and Astara on the Iran-Azerbaijan border. The 130-km line will connect the railway networks of Iran, Azerbaijan and Russia. The activation of an alternative Caspian Sea route speaks volumes about the positive outlook of Iran, India and Russia on this corridor despite a variety of geopolitical challenges.

Iran's Chabahar port, where India is de-

veloping two berths that it will lease for commercial operations for 10 years, is also a story of perseverance in the ties between the two countries. During consultations with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar, Abdollahian brought up the "sluggish" pace of the port's development. Tehran has maintained that Chabahar does not seek to rival Pakistan's Gwadar port being developed by China. However, Iran does have a few like-minded partners when it comes to developing Chabahar. Since the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, Pakistan is leading the efforts to link Central Asia with Karachi through a trans-Afghan railway. Delhi is pushing for integrating Chabahar into the 13-nation INSTC. The maiden India-Central Asia summit, held in January, agreed on creating a Joint Working Group on Chabahar.

India abstained during the recent voting on the resolution by the US and its allies to censure Iran at the IAEA. This is in keeping with its stance of resolving the issue through dialogue. While the revival of the nuclear deal could give a fillip to India's economic ties with Iran, India's interests in continental Asia will be served well by heeding Abdollahian's call for developing a long-term roadmap for bilateral relations.

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NEW POSTINGS

THE UNION GOVERNMENT finalised a major reshuffle of secretaries. M. Narasimham, executive director, International Monetary Fund, will be posted as the secretary for economic affairs in the Union Finance Ministry. He succeeds R N Malhotra, who will take his place in the IMF. Manmohan Singh, member secretary, Planning Commission, will succeed I G Patel as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. S Ramanathan, special commissioner for Karnataka will be the new secretary for fertilisers and chemicals. The present secretary, K V Ramanathan, moves to the Planning Commission as officer on special

duty with the rank of a secretary. A new post of special secretary in the Home Ministry to look after the eastern region has been created. P P Nayyar, chief secretary, Bihar, will be the new special secretary.

MLA SHOT DEAD

R ZADINGA, A newly elected People's Conference MLA of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly was shot dead by suspected MNF guerrillas at Lungrang village in his constituency in Aizwal district at 11 o'clock at night. He had been elected in the by-elections held last month. The assassins escaped under the cover of darkness. Security has

been tightened further all over Mizoram and parts of Aizwal town have been placed under night curfew.

ISRAELI INVASION

ISRAELI COMMANDOS, ADVANCING under covering shellfire from their Lebanese Christian allies, captured the science faculty of the Lebanese University from guerrillas of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, the state-run Lebanese radio reported. The campus, alongside the main runway of Beirut international airport, had been a major Palestinian stronghold since Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Justice more complete

Recent intervention by the Supreme Court suggests that there is a concerted effort to plug procedural gaps in death penalty sentencing, building on the vision outlined in 'Bachan Singh'



ANUP SURENDRANATH

IN A JUDGMENT delivered last month, the Supreme Court, in *Manoj & others v. State of MP*, embarked on a significant attempt to reform the administration of the death penalty. Though the constitutional validity of the punishment was not an issue in this case, the judgment by Justices U U Lalit, Ravindra Bhat, and Bela Trivedi will occupy a prominent place in India's criminal justice jurisprudence for its reflections on the state of the death penalty in the country and its attempt to fix a broken sentencing system. However, achieving meaningful compliance across all levels of the judiciary will be a significant challenge and so will translating these procedural reforms into substantive fairness in determining punishment.

There has long been a judicial crisis in death penalty sentencing on account of unprincipled sentencing, arbitrariness and worrying levels of subjectivity. The crisis has been acknowledged by the Supreme Court, the Law Commission of India, research scholars and civil society groups. At the heart of this concern is the fact that death penalty sentencing has been, by and large, crime-centric. This approach has flown in the face of the requirements imposed on sentencing judges by the Supreme Court in *Bachan Singh* (1980). In essence, the ruling of the five-judge bench in this case laid down a framework to be followed by judges who have to choose between life imprisonment and death sentence. This framework made it binding for the sentencing judges to take into account factors relating to both the crime and accused and assign them appropriate weight. Judges couldn't decide to impose the death penalty only on the basis of the crime. The background of the accused, the personal circumstances, mental health and age were considerations a sentencing judge had to account for. Judges were required to weigh "mitigating" and "aggravating" factors to ascertain if a case was fit for the death sentence and also determine if the option of life imprisonment was "unquestionably foreclosed".

The four decades since *Bachan Singh* have shown us that this framework has been followed more in breach. The truth of the matter is that there is utter confusion across all levels of the judiciary on the requirements of this framework and its implementation. An important reason for the breakdown is that factors relating to the crime — the nature of the crime and its brutality — are often dominant considerations, and there is barely any consideration of mitigating factors. There has been very little discussion on bringing the socioeconomic profile of death row prisoners as a mitigating factor into the courtroom. There is now empirical evidence that a vast majority of India's death row prisoners are extremely poor and often do not receive competent legal representation. In the last four decades, we have tried to implement the *Bachan Singh* framework without really addressing the measures that need to be put in place to gather the information required to give effect to the verdict.

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C R Sasikumar

such a vital gap, and suggests measures to plug it. The judgment is clear that certain procedural thresholds must be met for sentencing to be fair and explicitly rejects (once again) the idea that death sentences can be determined solely on crime-based considerations. A striking part of the judgment is its commitment to recognising reformation as integral to the Indian criminal justice system, especially death penalty sentencing. It asks the state and sentencing judges (as a condition for imposing death sentences) to establish that there is no probability of reformation of the accused. The verdict recognises that aspects of the accused's life, both pre-offence and post-offence in prison, are relevant. As practical steps in this process, the judgment asks courts to call for reports from the probation officer as well as prison and independent mental health experts. The state too must present material that speaks to a wide range of factors. The right of the accused to present mitigating factors and rebut the state, if necessary, is also recognised.

Along with a *suo motu* writ petition on the collection of sentencing information in death sentence cases that the bench headed by Justice Lalit is currently seized of, there is now a concerted effort to plug procedural gaps in death penalty sentencing. It is obvious that the manner in which death penalty sentencing is being carried out across different levels of the judiciary is constitutionally unsustainable. These glaring sentencing errors have also been pointed out in a series of death sentence judgments from the benches headed by Justice L. Nageswara Rao in Court 5 of the Supreme Court.

The attempts to bring about procedural

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coherence and integrity will face significant challenges in the trial courts and the high courts and it is far from certain that these reforms will be meaningfully implemented in those forums. Apart from this issue of implementation, even if detailed and high-quality sentencing information is to come into our courtrooms, a bigger challenge awaits. The judicial treatment of sentencing information is a Pandora's box that will inevitably have to be opened. The Supreme Court will have to provide a rigorous normative basis for consideration of these factors. In the absence of such foundations, death penalty sentencing will continue to be unprincipled and sentencing judges are not going to understand the need for this wide range of sentencing information. And that might well be a question that the public at large might ask: Why should we care about all these sentencing factors concerning the accused? The answer to that lies in crucial discussions on moral culpability for our actions in psychology and philosophy. There is now overwhelming evidence from psychology that criminality cannot just be reduced to terrible decisions by individuals in the exercise of their free will. All our actions are a result of a complex web of biological, psychological, and social factors and that understanding has a very significant bearing on discussions on criminality and punishment.

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RAKSHANDA JALIL

GOPICHAND NARANG passed away on Wednesday in Charlotte, USA, surrounded by his family. He was 92. With him an era of Urdu studies ends, for he was the last of the great Urdu *ustads* of modern times. In a long and illustrious career as a teacher of Urdu, a writer and critic of depth and gravitas, an engaging and eloquent speaker, a tireless organiser of seminars, symposiums and academic interventions, an indefatigable champion of the cause of Urdu, Narang sahab had single-handedly done more for the cause of Urdu in India than many *anjumans* and associations. His list of publications was formidable, and so was his command over the intricacies of linguistic theory and cultural praxis. What was most heartening, however, was his lifelong belief in the innate ability of Urdu to build bridges, to forge interfaith harmony and emerge as the pre-eminent symbol of composite culture.

I had known Narang sahab as a friend of the family virtually my entire life, but my first real engagement with his work began when I was writing my thesis on the Progressive Writers' Movement in Urdu. I found his seminal work *Tehreek-e Azaadi aur Urdu Shairi* to be by far the most authoritative study of the post-1857 Urdu literature. What was also interesting was and, in a sense, it bolstered my

An ustad of our times

Scholar and teacher Gopichand Narang believed in Urdu's ability to build bridges

own fledgling understanding of socially-engaged, socially-purposive literature, was how he viewed 1857 as a significant milestone in the evolution of what he called *wataniyat* (nationalism) in Urdu poetry. In giving the example of Raja Ram Narain Mauzoon who wrote this *sher* at the death of his friend Nawab Siraj-ud-daula of Awadh who was killed by the British in the Battle of Plassey in 1757: *Ghazala tum to waqif ho kaho Majnun ke marne ki/ Diwana mar gaya akhир ko wira ne pe kya guzi*

Narang sahab drew our attention to how Majnun, the legendary lover of Laila-Majnun fame, becomes here a metaphor for Siraj-ud-daula who fired the imagination of many Indians by his heroic resistance to the British. Elsewhere, he cites literary commentaries, compilations of *sheher ashob*, volumes such as *Fughan-e Dehli*, texts and commentaries of Maulvi Zakauallah and Zaheer Dehelvi, to paint a very real picture of defeat and despair where people lived lifeless and spiritless lives (*bejaan aur berooh zindagi jii rahe the*). It was only with the dawn of the 20th century, Narang sahab goes on to demonstrate that *hubb-e watani* (love for the nation) as we understand it today was born and, what is more, found ample reflection in Urdu poetry. I found all this of great value to me in build-

ing my entire thesis that nationalism was not a foreign construct, nor was socially-engaged literature an exotic hybrid imported from the Russian motherland and grafted on to Indian soil. It was 1857, really, that caused a burst of political consciousness to seep out and colour our understanding of the world. It changed our ways of seeing the world and, by extension, it changed our literature. I owe a debt of gratitude to Narang sahab and his seminal work on 1857 which in a sense formed the basis of my own understanding of the *ghadar* and by extension the close relationship between social reality and literary texts. So, today is as good a day as any to acknowledge this debt.

Another thing that I, as neo-convert to Urdu studies generally and to Urdu literary history in particular, have benefitted enormously from is Narang sahab's fondness for putting his thoughts down in a tabular fashion. This is a modern, scientific way of elucidating complex ideas. In his latest book, *Urdu Ghazal: A Gift of India's Composite Culture* (OUP), as in some of his earlier work he uses the table to explain the basic love triangle of the ghazal's metaphoric structure, the love triangle between the *aashiq*, the *mashuq* and the *raquib* and the many associated metaphors.

Given the recurring controversy over Faiz and his *Hum Dekhenge*, I am again reminded of Narang sahab's excellent essay, "Tradition and Innovation in Faiz", which talks of Faiz and his use of classical imagery for political themes. Locating Faiz in the same trajectory as Chakbast and Hasrat Mohani, Narang sahab places the progressive poetry of Faiz in the centuries-old *shehr ashob* tradition. However, unlike the dirge-like laments that were the *shehr ashob*, Faiz broadened the scope of time-honoured images and symbols and infused a new life and urgency in them. Briefly, some of the most commonly used terms in Faiz's poetry, as identified by Narang sahab which have been invested with a new political agency, are: *Ashiq, raqib, ishq, deedar, hijr, firaq, sharab, maikhana, pyala, saqi, zindan, daar-o-rasam* and so on.

While Narang sahab lived a rich life, amply studded with awards and encomiums (Padma Bhushan, Moortidevi Award, Sitare-e Imtiaz, Iqbal Samman, to name a few), over 65 books in Urdu, Hindi and English, his real contribution lies in a life-long commitment to a scholarship that was dynamic, innovative and alive to changing social realities.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"To Boris Johnson, the policy reality of government is of far less concern than being the head of it. Deporting asylum seekers to Rwanda matters less than being believed ready and willing to do it. What always concerns Johnson most is not what he does but what he is."
— THE GUARDIAN

What the bulldozer demolishes

When it razes my home to the ground, it seeks to destroy not just the structure that I built but also my courage to speak up



KAPIL SIBAL

MY HOME is not just a brick-and-mortar structure. Its masonry and whitewashed walls do not even begin to tell the story. Within its womb lies all that I cherish. It saves me from the heat of the blazing sun, protects me from chilling winter nights, and holds the memories that live with me. The joys of my being are cradled within it. It is a place where I can freely breathe, laugh, cry, and give vent to my emotions, away from the gaze of outsiders. It may be a palace or a little hut, but it is my space. That is why each of us wants a home, which we call ours. A home where I am both alone and together, essentially a part of my very being. When you allow a bulldozer to wade through it, you don't just destroy a structure, you destroy the essence of all I am. With it, all of me falls apart. I can never build another.

Yes, there are rules and regulations. What rules to abide by when building structures, are coded. Corporations are meant to ensure that homes are built in accordance with the regulations and rules along with the operative bylaws. All of us know that any inspector can come around and find fault with a particular structure despite the fact that for years taxes stand paid, water charges regularly deposited and electricity bills duly honoured. None of this has any relevance when a bulldozer is assigned to demolish.

A bulldozer is a symbol of power, emotionless, cold as steel and it brooks no hindrance. Today, it has no relevance to illegal structures. It has relevance to who I am and what I stand for. It has relevance to what I say in public. It has relevance to my beliefs, my community, my being, my religion. It has relevance to my voice of dissent. When a bulldozer razes my home to the ground, it seeks to demolish not just the structure I built, but my courage to speak up. It seeks to belittle what I stand for, mock at my very existence and trample upon me with implacable arrogance so that I live in constant fear or succumb to the machinations of those who seek to bend me and all that I stand for.

I remember old Bollywood movies in which bulldozers symbolised the power of the villainous rich and the mighty, resisted by the courage of ordinary folk led by heroes who dared to stand up and be counted. Attempts of the powerful to aggrandise met with stiff resistance. The audience empathised with the victims and cheered when they were saved by the heroic deeds

of the star performer, often winning over the lass he is in love with. The villain often met his destined end. The key element during the unravelling of these dramatic events was that the state eventually always came to the aid of the victims.

But times have changed. It is now the state that seeks to bulldoze. Its official machinery prostrates itself to the will of its masters notwithstanding the law. It allows homes to be razed to rubble. There is no compunction, no contrition. Instead, law-makers have become law breakers and there is no one to appeal to and nowhere to go to. Overnight notices, inadequate time to respond, no checking of facts, no reprieve. All these acts violate all norms of civilised conduct, especially norms prescribed by the state itself.

Where should citizens go? The law is there, the lawmaker is there, and courts too are there. But citizens are helpless. There is no time to move the court and often courts have little time to listen. What about civil society? Very few in civil society have the courage to speak up. And If they do, they will be referred to as sympathisers of those who the state targets as a matter of policy. If one seeks to protect those who the law victimises, then trolls start rolling. Opposition to bulldozer justice is associated with being anti-Hindu. Mainstream media starts taking sides, pushing agendas demonising the victims who suffer. Nothing happens.

One must ask the question why of late this is happening and why only in some states? One wonders why is it that all illegal structures are not razed to the ground? If done, cities will be seen as heaps of rubble, given the reality of our cities. At least, the bulldozer that symbolises the power of the state must treat all with an equal hand. This does not happen because discrimination is at the heart of this unjust state enterprise.

Our Bollywood heroes are missing. This is not the mighty private entrepreneur's unjust enterprise. It is the might of the state at work. Opposition makes reprisals inevitable. Protesters gherao theatres, stalling shows. Too much at stake. Some are rumoured to lean towards bulldozer justice. No cause to fight for. Even the public will not applaud. They, instead, might just clap at instant justice provided by bulldozers.

It all happens when right-wing evangelists strike at the belief of others, causing a furor. On occasions, silence is not an option. The result is stone pelting by miscreants — totally unjustified. But it is for the law to take over. It is for the law to identify and punish the offenders. The bulldozer is not a weapon that the law prescribes. But it is a weapon that the law seems to use to teach a lesson. One can only hope that courts of law sit up and take notice. I wonder why they are silent.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JOB CREATION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The jobs push' (IE, June 16). The Modi government is well aware that so far as job creation is concerned, it stands on a weak wicket. With the next general elections less than two years away, there is a dire need to create employment opportunities to keep the youngsters, a sizable chunk of the voting mass, in BJP's favour. But, as rightly pointed out by the editorial, generation of government jobs will be hamstrung by financial considerations. Hence, the government must provide the right environment for the private sector to do business so that the huge numbers, wanting to join the workforce year after year, are gainfully employed.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The jobs push' (IE, June 16). It is clear that the capacity of the government to absorb more labour is limited, and while a step up in manufacturing could create more jobs, this has not happened in the past few years, and it would be optimistic to see it happen soon. The only option appears to be a MGNREGA-like scheme for the urban sector which can at least provide partial employment for the tide of new job entrants. Projects such as AMRUT and Smart Cities could ensure a steady flow of work for the urban MGNREGA.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

TOXIC CULTURE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Force of change' (IE, June 15). This proposed new defence policy "Agnipath" can be termed as MNREGA of defence forces.

Defence forces are notorious for how they treat their young recruits. As per the scheme, upto 25 per cent of the recruits shall be filtered out and regularised. This shall embolden the culture of sycophancy to remain in the good books of senior officers. For all practical purposes, it shall foster exploitation with the sword of Damocles hanging over the budding recruits' heads. The *sine qua non* for any worker in any field to be motivated is to develop a sense of belongingness to the entity they are serving. The prospective scheme lacks this basic ingredient. Even big corporations that strive to scale down attrition rate have various incentives to keep the workforce engaged and motivated. What happens to all the recruits that wash out into a jobless market is a whole other question.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

BIG MONEY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A very big league' (IE, June 16). The IPL seemingly remains immune to extraneous factors. Inflation, the Russia-Ukraine war and a pandemic that refuses to die down have had no bearing on the robust financial underpinnings of this domestic T20 league with an international flavour. The top-dollar yield of the IPL's latest media rights auction for the 2023-27 periods reiterates the monetary strength and brand equity of the league, which has gained incremental strength every year since its inception in 2008. With money in its coffers, the BCCI needs to improve stadiums and increase the number of international fixtures that India's women cricketers play.

SS Paul, Nadia

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TOPOF THE WORLD



Actor 'strenuously' denies sex charges. AP

UK Sexual assault: Kevin Spacey granted bail

London: Kevin Spacey "strenuously denies" allegations of sexual assault, his lawyer said Thursday, as the Oscar-winning actor appeared in a London court to face five charges of offences against three men. He was not asked to enter a formal plea, but his lawyer, Patrick Gibbs, said: "Mr Spacey strenuously denies all criminality in this case." The court granted him unconditional bail until his next appearance, on July 14. **AP**

KYIV VISIT BY LEADERS OF FOUR EU NATIONS

Leaders pledge arms, EU path for Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV, JUNE 16

FOUR EUROPEAN leaders expressed their support for Ukraine on Thursday while meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, vowing to back Kyiv's candidacy to eventually join the European Union and offering more weapons to fend off Russia's invasion. French President Emmanuel Macron promised Ukraine six more truck-mounted artillery guns, the latest in a new round of Western arms pledges as the war grinds on in the Donbas region in the east.

France, Germany, Italy and Romania "are doing everything so that Ukraine alone can decide its fate," Macron said at a news conference with Zelenskyy and the others. "My colleagues and I have come here to Kyiv today with a clear message: Ukraine belongs to the European family," said German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (left) with Volodymyr Zelenskyy (right) and France's President Emmanuel Macron in Kyiv. AP

With Scholz beside him, Macron defended earlier comments that riled Ukrainians about not humiliating Russia. He solemnly noted how the end of World War I had sown the seeds

of World War II. "Today, this war must be won, France clearly supports Ukraine so it prevails," Macron said. "Germany, like France, will never be in situations where

they negotiate on Ukraine's behalf with Russia. Moreover, we have never done that." Italian Premier Mario Draghi expressed concern about the millions of tons of grain backed

EXPLAINED
E A visit with symbolic weight

THE VISIT carries heavy symbolic weight since the leaders of France, Germany and Italy have faced criticism for continuing to engage with Putin and failing to provide Ukraine with the scale of weaponry that it has said is necessary to fend off the Russians.

up in Black Sea ports by the war, saying it could lead to a "world-wide catastrophe."

"Russia is only looking for new ways to scare Europe and seize more and more of our land," Zelenskyy said. "The goal of Russia in this war is to break Ukraine and through this break the whole of Europe."

Auto driver dies waiting in queue for fuel

Colombo: A 53-year-old autorickshaw driver in Sri Lanka died of a heart attack on Thursday in Colombo's suburb while waiting in a serpentine queue for fuel for the entire night near a petrol pump.

The driver had been waiting in line for fuel since Wednesday night in the Colombo south suburb of Panadura and he died of cardiac arrest inside his vehicle.

This is not the first time a person died while waiting in line for fuel in Sri Lanka. Similar incidents were reported since the beginning of 2022, as some died of heat exhaustion. Another 64-year-old man died while waiting in a queue for cooking gas at Pugoda on Wednesday night, police said. **PTI**

AMID ECONOMIC CRISIS

Pakistan already isolated, need to re-engage with India: Bilawal

Blames Imran Khan govt's policies for international disengagement on Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, JUNE 16

PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Thursday made a strong pitch for re-engaging with India, saying cutting ties with New Delhi would not serve the country's interests as Islamabad was already "internationally isolated and disengaged."

He blamed the previous Imran Khan-led government's flawed policies because of which Pakistan "is internationally isolated and internationally disengaged." Addressing the Founding Day ceremony at the Institute of Strategic Studies in Islamabad, Bilawal said: "We have our issues with India. Pakistan and India have a long history of war, conflict. Today, where we have disputes, the events of August 2019 (India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution to revoke the special status of J&K in 2019) cannot be taken lightly."

On the Kashmir issue, Bilawal said it has formed a "cornerstone of conversation he has had since becoming the minister." "In May, we had the delimitation commission and recently, the Islamophobic remarks of officials create an environment in which engagement is difficult, if not impossible," the minister said, referring to re-engaging with India.



Pak foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari

29% hike in fuel prices to secure IMF funding

Islamabad: Pakistan's government has hiked fuel prices by up to 29 per cent, removing fuel subsidies in an attempt to trim the fiscal deficit and secure critical support from the IMF for the cash-strapped economy.

This is the third cut in fuel subsidies by the government headed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in about 20 days.

The new prices came into effect from Wednesday midnight and showed a hike of Rs 24 per litre in petrol prices and Rs 59.16/litre of high-speed diesel, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said.

The latest rise came on top of an already Rs 60 increase in the prices of petroleum since May 25. PM Sharif on Thursday defended the unpopular moves, saying that the government was "left with no choice" because of "those who struck the worst ever deal" with the IMF.

USA Expert with India link named for key Pentagon post

Washington: US President Joe Biden has nominated security expert Radha Iyengar Plumb to the post of Deputy Under Secretary of Defence for Acquisition and Sustainment. Currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defence, Plumb was nominated for the top Pentagon position on Wednesday. Prior to this, Plumb was the Director of Research and Insights for Trust and Safety at Google. **PTI**

REUTERS & PTI
COLOMBO, JUNE 16

SRI LANKA'S fuel stocks will last for about five more days, its power and energy minister said on Thursday, as the island nation awaits official confirmation from the Indian government for a new \$500 million credit line for fuel.

Chronic fuel shortages have worsened this week with kilometres-long lines at some gas stations countrywide, leading to sporadic protests as vehicle owners wait, sometimes overnight, for petrol and diesel.

The stock cover fuel for vehicles, some industries and essen-



A man waits in a queue to buy petrol in Colombo on Thursday. Reuters

tial services. A month ago, the prime minister said there was only enough petrol for one day.

Sri Lanka is unable to make \$725 million in overdue payments to suppliers and also struggling to open letters of credit for future shipments, Power and Energy Minister Kanachana Wijesekera said.

"We are struggling to get fuel supplies due to our forex issues and the government is working to manage existing stocks of diesel and petrol until 21 June," he told reporters. "We are finding it difficult to meet demand and stocks could run out faster if we do not cut back on non-essential travel and stop hoarding fuel."

"We are expecting a petrol shipment within the next three days and another two shipments

in the next eight days," he added.

The country has also decided to import 50,000 metric tonnes of rice under the Indian credit line to curb an abnormal rise in rice prices, PM Ranil Wickremesinghe said on Thursday. The decision was taken after a discussion held at the PM's Office to allocate funds to the State Trading Corporation under the Indian loan assistance programme, news portal EconomyNext reported.

The US announced that it will provide \$6 million in emergency assistance to Sri Lanka to address the needs of the marginalised and vulnerable communities impacted by the economic crisis.

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one male, (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Ravi Rastogi S/o: Radhey Shyam R/o: H.No. 56, Gali No.-13, Sarojini Nagar Park Shastri Nagar Delhi** Aged: 26 years has been missing since 01.06.2022 at 5.30 PM from house. In this Regard a Case DD No.43-A, Dated 04.06.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi. His physical



Ravi Rastogi

description is as under:

Height: 5'5" Feet, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Mind:** Normal, **Wearing:** Red & Black Chek Shirt, Blue Colour Pajama and Black Colour Hawai Chappal in Feet. Any person is having any information/clue about this missing male, may inform to the following at **E-mail: cici@cbi.gov.nic.in** or **website : http://cbi.nic.in** **Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641**

P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi
Ph. 011-22506665, 22508164

DP/879/SHD/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. Pc.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused (1) Ashok, S/o Sh. Mohan Lal, R/o RG-213 Tankiwali Jhuggi, Raghurib Nagar, Delhi and also at : F-77 First Floor Raghurib Nagar, Delhi (2) Prahlad, S/o Sh. Kanhiya, R/o RG-213 Tankiwali Jhuggi, Raghurib Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 374/22 u/s 308/324/323/34 IPC at P.S. Khyala, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused (1) Ashok (2) Prahlad cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Ashok (2) Prahlad has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Ashok (2) Prahlad of case FIR No. 374/22 u/s 308/324/323/34 IPC at P.S. Khyala, Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.08.2022.

By Order
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Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (West)

DP/913/WD/2022-(Court Matter)

Room No. 268, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused namely Vijay S/o Soley Raj, R/o Jhuggi No-100/55 Madras Colony, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 130/2012 U/s 324/452/341 IPC P.S.: Kashmere Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Vijay could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Vijay has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vijay of FIR No. 130/2012 U/s 324/452/341 IPC P.S.: Kashmere Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.08.2022.

By order
Sh. Chatinder Singh

Metropolitan Magistrate, Central-03

Room No.32, Ground Floor

Tis Hazari Court Delhi

DP/2391/N/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Age:** Approx 30-32 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'6", **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Hair:** White, was wearing Black Underwear, was found near Rain Basera No. 256, Pushta Road, Nigam Bodh Ghat, in the area of P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 55A U/s 174 CrPC, dated 11.06.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DP/2425/N/2022

Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123



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पत्रांक : निवृत्त/निविदा सूचना/ 2022-253 दिनांक:- 13.06.2022

निविदा सूचना
निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु दिनांक 21.06.2022 को उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड में वित्तीय रूप से सुदृढ़ पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से अपराह्न 2:00 बजे तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में मोहरबन्द निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा अपराह्न 2:30 बजे उपस्थित निविदादाताओं / प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोली जायेगी।

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उप महाप्रबन्धक (तकनीकी)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Anil Kumar Bharti S/o Lt. Bachcha Lal Rai R/o Village Dayalpur (Rackutola) PO Dayalpur, P.S. Raja Pakar, District Vaishali, Bihar has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 28/2022 U/s 363/366/376/323/344/506/120B/34 IPC & 6/17/21 POCSO Act, P.S. Mundka, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Anil Kumar Bharti cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Anil Kumar Bharti has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Anil Kumar Bharti of FIR No. 28/2022 U/s 363/366/376/323/344/506/120B/34 IPC & 6/17/21 POCSO Act, P.S. Mundka, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.07.2022.

By Order
Sh. Shailender Malik

Addl. Session Judge-06, West

Special Court Chief (POCSO Act)

Room No. 209, 2nd Floor

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/1932/OD/2022(Court Matter)

President Reagan shooter Hinckley fully released after 41 years

REUTERS
JUNE 16

JOHN HINCKLEY, who wounded then US President Ronald Reagan and three others in a 1981 assassination attempt, was released without conditions on Wednesday in compliance with a federal judge's order.

He had received full-time conditional release in 2016 after 30 years in a psychiatric hospital in Washington and had lived with his mother in Virginia until her death last year. A jury had found him not guilty by reason of insanity in his 1982 trial, prompting Congress and some states to pass laws restricting the use of insanity as a defence. "After 41 years 2 months and 15 days, FREEDOM AT LAST!!!" Hinckley, 67, tweeted on Wednesday afternoon.

Indian-origin doctor freed in terror charge extradition case in UK

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, JUNE 16

AN INDIAN-ORIGIN doctor from Assam fighting against being extradited to India on a terror charge for allegedly being chairman of United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) won his legal fight as he was discharged by a UK court on Thursday.

Dr Mukul Hazarika, 75, a British national and general practitioner from Cleveland in northern England, was sought by the Indian authorities to be prosecuted for "waging, or attempting to wage war, or abetting waging of war, against the Government of India and for conspiring to commit a terrorist act" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967. District Judge Michael

Snow's judgment at Westminster Magistrates' Court said the accused must be discharged as the particulars in the case were not satisfied. "There is no admissible evidence that establishes that the defendant is Asom, the chairman of ULFA (I)," the judge concluded.

Hazarika was dubbed a "self-styled" Chairman of ULFA, a banned organisation in India.

"I conclude that there is no admissible evidence that provides the essential identification that the defendant was the chairman of ULFA (I) or gave the speech at the training camp. I am satisfied that a tribunal of fact, properly directed, could not reasonably and properly find that the defendant was Asom or convict on the basis of the evidence. I discharge the defendant pursuant to s84(5) 2003 [Extradition] Act," he said. **PTI**

Amazon missing men: Fisherman confesses to killing them

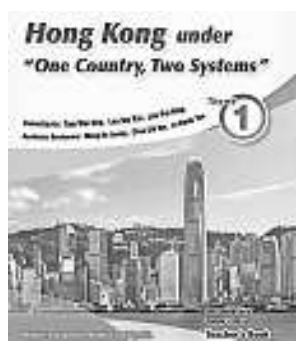
Manaus: A fisherman confessed to killing a British journalist and an Indigenous expert in Brazil's remote Amazon region and took police to a site where human remains were recovered, a federal investigator said after a grim 10-day search for the missing pair.

Authorities said on Wednesday that they expected to make more arrests in the case of freelance reporter Dom Phillips and Bruno Pereira of Brazil, who disappeared June 5.

Investigator Eduardo Alexandre Fontes said Amarildo da Costa de Oliveira, 41, told officers he used a firearm to kill the men. "We found the bodies three kilometres into the woods," the investigator said, adding that officers travelled about one hour and forty minutes by boat and 25 more into the woods to reach the burial spot. **AP**

BOOKS PART OF CHINA'S EFFORT TO STRESS PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

Rewriting history: In these textbooks, Hong Kong was never a British colony



The cover of one of the new textbooks. NYT

teachers' proof copies. The material is part of a wider campaign by China's top leader, Xi Jinping, to overhaul Hong Kong's schools, "protect young minds" and raise loyal, patriotic citizens.

Jeffrey Ngo, a Hong Kong pro-democracy activist and a doctoral candidate in history at Georgetown University, said the government's position "is a shorthand for saying, 'Hong Kong was always a part of China, thus Hong Kongers never could claim a right of self-determination.'"

"It's about trying to ensure the next generation of young kids are going to be supportive or at least sympathetic to what the government is saying," Ngo added. "This is part of the remake of Hong Kong in the national security era."

Under the terms of the 1997 handover negotiated with Britain, China had agreed that the social and economic systems of the territory would remain

unchanged for 50 years after re-unifying sovereignty, with the result that Hong Kong initially had a high degree of autonomy from the mainland. When moves by Beijing threatened that arrangement, protesters took to the streets in 2014 and again in 2019.

Steve Tsang, the director of the SOAS China Institute in London, said since the Chinese leadership issued in 2013 a memo known as Document No. 9 that took aim at Western influences in the country, China has allowed only one version of history to be taught. Hong Kong would no longer be an exception to the rule.

"In the Xi approach to history, facts are merely incidental," Professor Tsang said. "Only interpretation matters. And only one interpretation is allowed."

Scholars and historians said that China's portrayal of Hong Kong's status under British rule is not new. **NYT**

13 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 51,495.79 ▼ 1,045.60 (-1.99%) NIFTY: 15,360.60 ▼ 331.55 (-2.11%) NIKKEI: 26,431.20 ▲ 105.04 HANG SENG: 20,845.43 ▼ 462.78 FTSE: 7,077.86 ▼ 195.55 DAX: 13,100.95 ▼ 384.34

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
OVERSEAS BANKING

Second year in a row, Indian funds in Swiss banks rise; at 14-yr high in 2021

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

MONEY PARKED by Indians in Swiss Banks jumped to a 14-year high of Swiss francs (CHF) 3.83 billion in 2021, on the back of rise in holdings and customer deposits, latest data from Zurich-based Swiss National Bank (SNB) released Thursday showed.

Money parked by Indians had declined in 2018 and 2019, but has since picked up. Marking the second straight year of rise, aggregate funds by Indians increased from 2.55 billion Swiss francs in 2020. The CHF 3,831.91 million of 'total liabilities' of Swiss banks or 'amounts due to' their Indian clients as of 2021-end included CHF 602.03 million in customer deposits (up from CHF 504 million at 2020-end), CHF 1,225 million held via other banks (up from CHF 383 million), and CHF 3 million through fiduciaries or trusts (up from CHF 2 million).

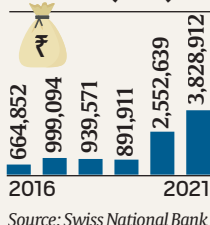
The highest component of CHF 2,002 million (up from CHF 1,665 million) was 'other amounts due to customers' in the form of bonds, securities and various other financial instruments. The total amount stood at a record high of nearly 6.5 billion Swiss francs in 2006, after which it mostly declined, except for a few years including in 2011, 2013, 2017, 2020 and now in 2021, as per SNB data.

India and Switzerland had, for automatic sharing of financial account information, inked a Joint Declaration

EXPLAINED
Pact on sharing tax info

AS PART of a tax information exchange pact between India and Switzerland, financial information on Indian residents with accounts in Swiss financial institutions since 2018 is shared with India.

DEPOSITS IN SWISS BANKS BY INDIANS (CHF)



Source: Swiss National Bank

on November 22, 2016, for activation of AEOI in tax matters between the two nations. The use and disclosure of the information received is governed by the confidentiality provisions of the India-Switzerland tax treaty.

As per the SNB, its data for 'total liabilities' of Swiss banks towards Indian clients takes into account all types of funds of Indian customers at Swiss banks, including deposits from individuals, banks and enterprises. It includes data for branches of Swiss banks in India and non-deposit liabilities. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

RECESSION FEARS HIT SENTIMENT AFTER FED HIKES RATES

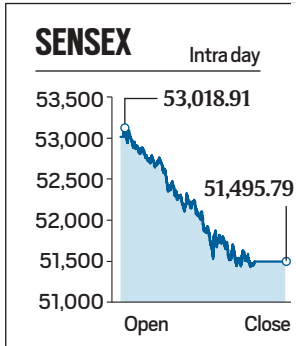
Bear market in sight: Sensex plunges 2% to 52-week low

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 16

MOVING FAST towards the bear market, the benchmark Sensex on Thursday plunged 1,647 points from the day's high to close two per cent down at a 52-week low as recession fears hit the sentiment across the globe, including India. Led by metal shares, the benchmark Sensex plummeted by 1,046 points at 51,495.79 and the NSE Nifty Index fell 332 points at 15,360.60 in the selling avalanche after the US Federal Reserve hiked its policy rates by 75 basis points, its biggest rate hike in nearly three decades, to tame inflation.

With this loss, the Sensex which registered a life-time high at 62,245.43 on October 19, 2021—a gain 21 per cent in the calendar year 2021—has lost 17.26 per cent in eight months. When the market loses around 20 per cent from the recent high, it's technically considered as a bear market.

The early gain on Monday led by an in-line Fed policy was dampened as recessionary fears



haunted global sentiments. "The central banks across the globe are playing catch up with inflation and making efforts to race ahead of the curve. The 75-basis point increase by the US Fed and more importantly the upward revision of 1.5% in the expected year-end rate indicates that the inflation is winning the battle as of now," said Mohit Ralhan, Managing Partner at TW Capital Group.

Metal index crashed by 5.4 per cent amid inflation and recession worries. Markets are catching up to the reality that the tight monetary policy is the lone card on the

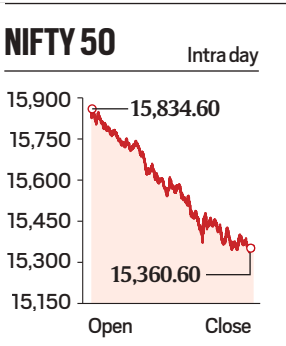


table lingering on high inflation. Markets are now skeptical about how the global economies would attain growth amid the aggressive tightening. Meanwhile, the rupee gained 12 paise and closed at 78.10 against the dollar. Yield on benchmark 10-year government bond remained high at 7.61 per cent.

Investor strategy

"In such a situation, preservation of capital is the theme by investing in a balanced portfolio of equity, debt and cash. In equities, safe sectors will be those that are

Wall St tumbles

New York: US stock indices tumbled on Thursday, after the Federal Reserve's largest rate increase since 1994. At 2:12 pm ET, the Dow Jones was down 802 points, or 2.6 per cent, at 29,866.05. Meanwhile, the Bank of England raised rates by 25 basis points. REUTERS

'Russia supply hit, Covid: High fuel prices to persist into 2023'

Fuel prices at pump may stay high into 2023 due to Russian oil supply disruptions and as refineries struggle to meet demand recovering from Covid, Wood Mackenzie said



~\$100 PER BARREL: EXPECTED AVERAGE CRUDE PRICES BY NEXT YEAR, COMPARED TO \$110 THIS YEAR

Second half of next year should see pressure ease, when several new large refineries including in the Middle East are likely to start up

Global oil demand cooled by around 1 million barrels per day for now, i.e. roughly 1% of global demand, amid record gasoline and diesel prices in the US, Europe and elsewhere

Average global refining margins in 2023 are likely to top their 5-year average range, albeit "nowhere near as punchy as 2022"

~\$120 A BARREL: CURRENT GLOBAL BENCHMARK BRENT CRUDE PRICES

Sanctions from the West on oil from Russia, following the latter's invasion of Ukraine in February, have led to:

■ Lower Russian crude production and refinery output

■ Severely disrupted oil flows around the world, pushing oil prices higher

Fuel price spike has squeezed household budgets as the cost of travel skyrocketed in many parts of the world

Source: Wood Mackenzie/Reuters

BRIEFLY

DEA Secy, rates

New Delhi: The Centre does not see any adverse impact on Indian economy post US Fed's 75-bp interest rate hike, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth said.

Jobless rate

New Delhi: Unemployment rate for people aged 15 and above in urban areas fell to 8.2% in January-March from 9.3% a year ago, as per a Periodic Labour Force Survey by National Statistical Office.

GST Council

New Delhi: GST Council, headed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will meet June 28-29, in Srinagar. PTI

Musk address

Bengaluru: Elon Musk addressed Twitter staff for the first time via video, projecting a need for "rationalisation of headcount" but offered few details. REUTERS

RBI Guv to inaugurate FE's BFSI meet today

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das will inaugurate the FE Modern BFSI Summit today (June 17). The unique conference, being organised by FE.com, will see the coming together of the best and the brightest minds from the banking, financial services and insurance arena.

What also adds weight to the event is the keynote address by V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser, government of India. Ajay Piramal, chairman, Piramal Group, and heads of India's leading banks and financial institutions will also be speaking at the day-long event.

Some of the other leading names from the industry attending the summit include Amitabh Rajan, Chairman, Reserve Bank of India (Services Board); Dinesh Kumar Khara; Chairman, State Bank of India; Zarin Daruwalla,



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das (left); CEA V Anantha Nageswaran

CEO, Standard Chartered Bank, India; Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank; and Murali Ramakrishnan, MD & CEO, South Indian Bank.

Some of the other thought leaders from the industry include R M Vishakhia, MD & CEO, IndiaFirst Life; Mahesh Kumar Sharma, MD & CEO, SBI Life; Ravi Subramanian, MD & CEO, Shriram Housing Finance; Jairam Sridharan, MD, Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd; apart from Shiv Kumar Bhasin, group chief

technology & operations officer, National Stock Exchange; Deepak Sharma, president & chief digital officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Assession on the small finance banks will see its leaders including Sanjay Agarwal, MD & CEO, AU Small Finance Bank, and Samit Kumar Ghosh, chairman, Ujjivan Financial Services.

Software giant SAS has collaborated as the gold partner, digital innovation expert Adobe is the silver partner and the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC), a representative body of assets and loan financing NBFCs, is the supporting partner for the event. The summit will be a grand congregation of over 50 speakers featuring over 10 power-packed panel discussions and over 500 delegates from the BFSI industry. FE

Register now at <https://www.financialexpress.com/events/modern-bfsi-summit-2022> to watch the best of the Indian BFSI sector.

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IP waivers for Covid, fishery relief: WTO sews up deals

New Delhi: India managed to extract some concessions as member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) late Thursday sewed up a few deals, including reduction in fishery subsidies and temporary patent waivers to fight the pandemic.

However, WTO members decided to extend the moratorium on cross-border tariffs on electronic transmissions until the next ministerial meeting, likely to be in 2023. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said, "We will take some solid decisions probably after seven years, subject to a few issues being sorted out ... But nothing is done till everything is done." FE

RBI flags 'deteriorating' global economic climate

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday said global economic conditions continued to deteriorate as ratcheting up of commodity prices and financial market volatility have led to heightened uncertainty.

Forecasts of global growth and inflation by various agencies paint a grim picture and it is increasingly becoming clear that in advanced economies, the war against inflation would entail significant monetary tightening, complicating the growth-inflation outlook, the RBI said in its 'State of the economy' report.

"Emerging market economies grapple with the global trade slowdown, capital

outflows and imported inflation. Some abatement of supply chain pressures and relaxation in lockdown measures by key industrial hubs have emerged as silver linings amidst the dark clouds looming over the global economy," the RBI said.

"In the midst of this increasingly hostile external environment, India is better placed than many other countries in terms of avoiding the risks of a potential stagflation. With most constituents of GDP surpassing pandemic levels, domestic economic activity is gaining strength," it said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform the common public that Delhi police has registered a case vide FIR No. 350/2010 DATED 09/12/2019 U/S-406/420/409/468/471/120-B/34 IPC & 3/4/5 The Prize Chits and Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) Act 1978, P.S Crime Branch, Delhi against the firm/company namely ROSNEFT HEDGE FUND, RHFGOLD COIN, EURESCOIN, JACKPOTMANIA and its promoters/directors namely Sandeep Kaushik, Sunil Singh Chauhan, Ashish Malik & Ors. The accused persons cheated the innocent victims on the pretext of providing 20% interest/ month on the investment. The investigation of the case is under progress. If anyone has invested with the above company and accused persons, he may join the investigation of the case along with all the relevant documents/details in the office of Economic Offences Wing at Mandir Marg, New Delhi, Ph. No. 011- 23745317.

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Another hike in ATF price, airfares to rise

PRANAV MUKUL
& MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

IN THE 10th hike since the beginning of the year, state-owned oil marketing companies revised the price of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) by 16.3 per cent, taking the cost of jet fuel in Delhi to a record high of Rs 1,41,232.87 per kilolitre. The rising jet fuel prices, combined with depreciating rupee, is set to increase the cost of operations for airlines, leading to an increase in airfares by up to 15 per cent.

Experts have said fuel cost is already at unsustainable levels and airlines have no option but to pass it on in the form of fare hikes. Spicejet chairman Ajay Singh, in a statement, said they will have to pass on the increase in ATF prices to fliers, and that will lead to an increase in fares by up to 15 per cent.

Jet fuel prices are revised on the 1st and 16th of every month, based on the average international price of benchmark fuel in the preceding fortnight. The cost of ATF comprises up to 50 per cent of the cost of operations for airlines in India. Airlines are already struggling with the fall in the value of the domestic currency (rupee) is 5.7 per cent weaker against the US\$ since June 2021) since costs like lease rentals, payments to foreign airport operators and expat pilots are all dollar denominated. "Aviation turbine fuel prices have increased by more than 120 per cent since June 2021. This massive increase is not sustainable and governments, Central and state, need to take urgent action to reduce taxes on ATF that are amongst the highest in the world.

Travel industry insiders say fares are already about 50 per cent higher than last year and a further increase will impact that demand. Notably, domestic airfares are still governed by government-mandated price ceilings and floors.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Chip shortage a concern: Hyundai



Hyundai MD-CEO Unsoo Kim at new Venue's launch company

VIKRAM CHAUDHARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

HYUNDAI MOTOR India, which on Thursday launched the new version of its compact hatchback Venue, said the semiconductor shortage is still a major concern for all carmakers.

"We have given a priority to all those customers who had booked the old Venue, and their booking seniority remains. That is why people who book the new Venue will have a relatively longer waiting period," Tarun Garg, director, sales, marketing & service, Hyundai Motor India (HMI), told FE. FE

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Tender No. COL-CON/DNP/36/2022/01 dt: 15.06.22
DNP Ltd. (DNP), a Govt. of Assam Undertaking invites open e-tender for Hiring Services from Reputed and Experienced Parties for construction of its residential colony at Madhuban, Duliagan, Dist: Dibrugarh, Assam. Interested parties may visit the NICT e-tender portal www.assamtenders.gov.in. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum will be uploaded in the aforementioned e-tender portal only.

Sd/-
Director, DNP Ltd., Duliagan, Assam.

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It is for general information that I,Chander Shakher,C/o Niranjan Lal Sharma Residing at-A-1/15,Krishna Nagar,East Delhi-110051,declare that Name of mine and my minor daughter has been wrongly-written as Chandra Shekhar and Vaishnavi Sharma (Aged-8Years) in Bank-of India(Sukanya Samriddhi) A/C-No.605316910000024.The Actual-name of mine and my minor daughter are Chander Shakher and Vidhi Sharma respectively,which may be amended accordingly.

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It is for General Information that I,NIDHI KAPOOR D/O Shri ARUN KAPOOR R/O A-43 (76/4-C), STREET No.11, EAST AZAD NAGAR, KRISHNA NAGAR, DELHI-110051 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as ARCHNA KAPOOR in my 10 and 12 Class Certificate and Marksheets. The actual name of my mother is ARCHANA KAPOOR which may be amended accordingly.

0040618861-1

I,Yogendra Kumar kardam,S/O Jagdish Singh,R/O-36/37 Pratap Enclave Mohan Garden,Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Yogender Kumar kardam,permanently

0040618917-2

I,URVASHI DEWAN W/O JATIN BHUTANI R/O-37/43 OLD WZ-329ND-FLOOR BLOCK-D,KIRTI-NAGAR DELHI-110015,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO URVASHI BHUTANI.

0040618917-7

I,UMA Devi w/o-SURESH KUMAR GUPTA,R/O D-20,Satya wati colony Ashok-Vihar ph-3,New Delhi-110052,Have change my Name to UMA DEVI GUPTA.

0040618933-1

Xi,Smt.Mohinder Gupta,W/o Late Sh.Surinder Singh,R/O-WZ-33A,Part -1Vishnu-Garden,Tilak Nagar,New Delhi-110018,That in my some documents my name has been written Mohinder Kaur,That Mohinder Gupta & Mohinder Kaur are the name of one & the same person,which may be amended accordingly.

0040618918-13

I,Sidharth Yadav,S/o Gulab Singh Yadav R/O-99-100,First-Floor Pocket-F-17, Sector-8 Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Siddharth Yadav.

0040618932-6

I,Sanjay Vasdev Bhatia S/o Vashdev Nandi Ram Bhatia R/o A-201A, Stellar Kings Court F-32, Sector-50, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Sanjay Vashdev Bhatia for all purposes.

0040618870-1

I,Sachin S/O,Satish Kumar Kanodia R/O, C-383, Saraswati Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Sachin Kanodia.

0040618917-3

I,SURINDER SATIJA/SURINDER KUMAR S/O RAM CHANDER R/O 97,PRIYA APARTMENT, SECTOR-14,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,CHANGED MY NAME TO SURINDER KUMAR SATIJA.

0040618928-2

I,SUDHA RANI AGGARWAL,W/o Sh.SANJAY GOEL,R/O-D-301,Mayurdhwaj Apartments, I/P Extn., Patparganj, Delhi-110092,my name is Sudha Rani Aggarwal but my name has been written as Sudha Goel in Passport,inform that Sudha Rani Aggarwal & Sudha Goel are Same Person.

0040618917-1

I,SIDHARTH KANSAL S/O Surinder Kansal,R/o-1032,10TH FLOOR,5TH AVENUE,GAUR CITY-1,SECTOR-4, GREATER NOIDA-WEST, GAUTAMBUDDH NAGAR,UP-201306,changed my name to SIDARTH KANSAL.

0040618918-3

I,RAVINDER KUMAR,S/O JAGBIR SINGH R/O 417/4 FOREST LANE NEB SARAI NEW DELHI-68,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVINDER DHANKAR.

0040618918-10

I,RAJ KUMAR,S/O KHURMULI CHAUHAN, ADDRESS-B-868, MIG-FLAT EAST-OF-LONI-ROAD NORTH EAST DELHI,DELHI-110093,have changed my name to RAJ KUMAR CHAUHAN.

0040618918-9

I,Pankaj Kishore Patlani S/o-Kaushal Kishor Patlani R/o,H.No.C-1532,C-Block, Ground-Floor, Sushant Lok-1,Gurgaon(Haryana),have changed my name to Pankaj Kishor Patlani.

0040618918-11

I,PRATYAKSH PARTHROOP RANGA,S/O DINESH KUMAR, R/O D-148,SECTOR 61, NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDH-NAGAR,U.P. 201301,changed my name to PRATYAKSH PARTHROOP.

0040618918-4

I,Namyaa Kumar,D/o Sandeep Kumar,R/O 23/1,Emilia A-1,Vatika City-,Sector-49, Gurgaon (Haryana),have changed my name to Namyaa Kumar,for all Purposes.

0040618917-6

I,NAYANA SAPHAL MANAKAPURE W/O SAPHAL ANANT MANAKAPURE R/O C-2-220,POCKET-16, JANAKPUR, DELHI-110058.CHANGED MY NAME TO NAYANA MANAKAPURE.

0040618933-10

I,NAHEED QURESHI,D/O-ABDUL HAFIZ QURESHI,W/O FAKHIR HASAN SIDDIQUI,R/O,J-25/A,ABUL-FAZAL ENCLAVE-1,JAMIA-NAGAR, IN DELHI-110025,AFTER MARRAGE,HAVE CHANGE MY NAME NAHEED SIDDIQUI,PERMANENTLY.

0040618924-1

I,MOHAMMED ESHTYAK S/O RAWAB ALI KHAN R/O 38/8,PARNALA ROAD,VEDANT NAGAR,BAHADURGARH,JHAJJA R-124507.CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMMED ESHTYAK KHAN.

0040618933-3

I,Lalit Kumar S/O Sh. Subh Karan R/O E-45-46, Upper ground floor, North Side, Block-E, Arya Samaj Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name & shall hereafter be known as Lalit Kumar Jain

0040618914-1

I,Kushaagra Kishore Patlani,S/O Pankaj Kishor Patlani,H.No.C-1532,C-Block, Ground-Floor,Sushant Lok-1,Gurgaon (Haryana),have changed my name to Kushaagra Kishor Patlani.

0040618918-12

I,Isha Sanjay Bhatia D/o Sanjay Vashdev Bhatia R/O A-201A, Stellar Kings Court F-32, Sector-50, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Isha Bhatia for all purposes.

0040618870-2

I,Ibrahim Husain,S/o Rizwan Husain,R/o h.no.126 2nd-floor Katra Gokul Shah Matia Mahal Jama Masjid Delhi-110006,Have change my name,from Ibrahim Husain to Ibrahim Hasan,for future.

0040618918-5

I,IRFAN S/O.SH SHABBIR R/O,2086 4TH-FLOOR GALI ZERE FASIL TURKMAN GATE,DELHI-6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS MOHAMMAD IRFAN S/O. SHABBIR KHAN,FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040618918-1

I have changed my name from SWATI to SWATI SANGWAN as per documents.

0070790646-1

I,Gulab Gupta,alias Gulabdas Ghanshyamdas Gupta,S/O Ghanshyamdas Gupta,R/o-45,Upper Ground Floor, Pocket-27, Sector-24,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Gulabdas Gupta.

0040618933-6

I,Priyanka Khatri,D/o Sujjan Singh,W/o Iqbal Singh Deswal,R/o House.No.6, Najafgarh,Dindar Pur,South West Delhi-110043,have changed my name to Priyanka,for all purposes.

0040618928-3

I,Gotam Barua,S/o Late Sri.Deen Dayal Barua,R/o M-102, Sector-12, Noida,UP,have changed my name to Gautam Barua,for all future purposes.

0040618933-4

I,GURPREET SINGH SETHI,S/O MANMOHAN SINGH,R/O A-2,ORIENTAL APARTMENT,NEAR DC-CHOWK,SECTOR-9,ROHINI,DELHI-110085. CHANGED MY NAME TO GURPREET SINGH.

0040618933-2

I,DINESH KUMAR RANGA S/o Lal Chand Ranga,R/O D-148 SECTOR 61,NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDHNAGAR,U.P.201301, changed my name to DINESH KUMAR

0040618918-2

I,Chanakya S/o-Sh. Nand Lal,R/O-B-1101,Pearl Court,Ramprastha Greens, Sec-7,Vaishali, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Chanakya Mehta for all future purposes.

0040618928-1

I,Anupama Bedi W/o Inderjeet Bedi R/O 35/11,East Patel- Nagar Delhi-8 have changed my name to Anupma Bedi.

0040618918-7

I,Anshu Kumar,S/O Vijay Kumar,R/O 1, Malka Ganga, DhoBI Ghat, Delhi-110007,have changed my name to Atul Devesh.

0040618924-4

I,Anish Gupta,S/o-D-8,Gupta,residing at,G-240,sector-57,sushant-lok 2,Gurugram-122003,Haryana,have changed the name of my minor daughter Aahana Gupta,8-Years and she shall hereafter be known as Aarna Rai Gupta.

0040618917-8

I,Anish Gupta,S/o-D-8,Gupta,residing at,G-240,sector-57,sushant-lok 2,Gurugram-122003, Haryana,have changed the name of my minor son Reyansh Gupta,5-Years and he shall hereafter be known as Rryan Gupta.

0040618917-9

I,Amrit Pal Singh S/O,Jaspal Singh R/O, M-146, G.S.Apartments Plot.No-38, Sector-13,Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Amrit Pal Singh Lamba.

0040618924-2

I,Ambesh Kumar Tiwari,S/O BalKeshwar Tiwari,R/O Dharam Pura,Kakrola-Road,838,84A,Dwarka-Vihar, Bhupender Nagar, Najafgarh, South West-Delhi-110043,changed my name to Ambesh Tiwari.

0040618924-3

I,SWAMI JYOTI GIRI,S/O,SWAMI PERMESHWAR GIRI,H.NO-A-79,FLAT NO-201,F/F A-BLOCK,CHATTARPUR, SOUTH DELHI-110074,Changed my name to PARKASHANAND, Permanantly.

0040618917-5

I,AMIT S/O.ROSHAN LAL, ADD-10A/10820/3, SAT NAGAR KAROL BAGH CENTRAL DELHI 110005. changed my name to AMIT KUMAR, permanently.

0040618917-4

I,Amarjeet Singh S/o Guru Charan Singh,R/O-18/274,First Floor,New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015,have changed my name to Amarjit Singh, permanently.

0040618918-6

I,Akerm Sethi S/o Mukesh Sethi R/o-235, Ground-Floor,Tagore-Park Model Town-I, Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Ackem Sethi for all-purposes.

0040618924-5

I,ASHWANI S/O RAJKUMAR, R/o A-23, Ground-Floor, Swaroop Park, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad(UP)have changed my name to ASHWANI TYAGI.

0040618917-10

I,ANOOPT DUGGAL,S/OASHRI JANGI LAL DUGGAL,H.NO.47-108/1,MATA RANI ROAD, BEHIND CANARA-BANK, HADIABAD, PHAGWARA, KAPURTHALA,PUNJAB-144401,presently in Delhi,have changed my name to ANUP KUMAR DUGGAL.

0040618933-8

I, Yashpal Singh S/o Sh. Sheodan Singh, R/o E-81 82, Arya Samaj Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, do hereby declare that i have changed my name from Aishpal Singh to Yashpal Singh for all purposes.

0040618859-1

I,AKASH NAGPAL,S/O AMAR NAGPAL,R/O A-114,GF, gali.no.8,Krishna-Nagar Safdarjung-enclave, ND-110029,have changed my minor daughter's name,from MAANYA NAGPAL to MEHAR NAGPAL,for all future purposes.

0040618918-8

I,Vishesh Kumar S/o Sh Tara Chand Deepak R/o House No 1411, Sector-16-17, Hisar-125005 (Haryana) have changed my name from Vishesh Kumar to Vishesh Kumar Chugh for all future purposes

0040618857-1

I,Shweta Dhiman W/o Sudhir pal Dhiman R/o-1207 Block-D Sainik colony,Faridabad Haryana,have change my name to Shaveta Dhiman

0040618871-1

I,Shakti Singh, F/o Kabir Singh, aged two years R/o 1008, Sector-9, Gurugram. My son is minor. And on the behalf of my son declare that his name has been changed from Kabir Singh to Arjun Singh henceforth.

0040618752-1

I, NEELANDRA PATHAK S/o Shelandra Mohan Pathak R/o Flat No.653,Plot No.5, Kamal Vihar Apartment, Dwarka, Sector-7,New Delhi-110075,have changed my name to NEELENDRA PATHAK for all purposes.

0040618883-1

I, Mukta [as per Adhaar Card No. 230159294270] alias Mukta Sahijpal [as per PAN Card No AWPXS88334P, R/o Rajesh Dafauti, R/o A-64, Takshila Apartment,57, I-P-Extension, Delhi-92, have changed my name after marriage to Mukta Dafauti permanently. Henceforth I will be known as Mukta Dafauti for all purposes gov. or otherwise.

0070790744-1

I, Monika Bahuguna W/o Vaibhav Naithani C-409, Rajhans Apartment IndiraPuram, Ghaziabad U.P 201014 has changed my name to Monika Naithani permanently.

0040618858-1

I, MOHAN SINGH S/O SH. BUDHI SINGH NEGI R/O C-5/8, RADIO COLONY, KINGSWAY CAMP, DELHI-110009, CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAN SINGH NEGI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

0040618864-1

I, Gautam Khanna R/o J-17-Pocket Sarita Vihar,110076 have changed my minor son's name from Krittagey Khanna to Aradhaye Khanna for all purposes.

0040618915-1

I, ANIL KUMAR KATYAL S/o Tilak Raj R/o Plot No.165, Ground Floor, Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, UP-201010 have changed my name to ANIL KATYAL for all purposes.

0040618854-1

I,hitherto known as T Daniel Tuikhang Koren S/O, Ngirdon Tuikhang Koren R/o 16, Utlonglok, Senapati, Manipur-795114 have changed my name to Daniel Tuikhang Koren for all purposes. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements.

0040618916-1

I,Nassar Hussain S/O, Manzoor Ahmed R/o 1307 Zeenat Mahal Farash Khana Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Nasir Hussain for all purposes.

0040618868-1

I,Kuldeep Singh S/o-Sh.Kartar Singh,R/O-H.No.438, Nizampur Road,Naya Pana,Ladpur, Delhi-81,Have Changed My-Daughter's Name-Jhalak To Jhalak Dabas for all purpose.That Jhalak & Jhalak Dabas is the one and same person.

0040618893-1

I,Arshmehar Singh S/o Garagdeep Singh S/o R/o-WZ-84, St-No-5, Shiv Nagar, N.Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Arshmehar Singh Oberoi

0070790736-1

I, Rup Jyoti Kumari W/o Amit Verma R/O-A275F Sec-11 Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Rupa Jyoti Verma.

0070790734-1

I, Lobsang Dhargyal S/o.Late Mr.Lungrik,R/O-H.No-4,N Village,TRL Settlement, Gurupura, Mysore, Karnataka-571105,inform that my name has been Spelling wrongly-written as Lobsang Dhargyel in Identity Certificate.As per my documents correct spelling of my name is Lobsang Dhargyal.

0040618871-2

LOST & FOUND

I,Krishna Lamba,W/o Partap Lamba,R/o 172/22,Vikas Nagar,Rohatak(Haryana),have Lost original Allotment letter Ref.No.SIDCO/ 10/12160,dated-17.03.2010.in tha name of Rajinder Prasad Verma,S/o Sh.Bhagwan Dass,VPO, Nangal Dargu, Tehsil Narnaul, Distt. Mohindergarh (Haryana),finder-Contact above Address#9466054481.

0040618917-10

I,Minimol Babu D/o Babu R/o-A/210,SF Sector-17,Rohini Delhi-110089,lost my Original,Post B.S.C Registration Certificate. R.N.R.M.No:62486,62245.by MP Nurses,registration, council,Bhopal Finder, Contact-81305 77121.

0040618924-11

Lost original DSIDC slip.No.15894 issued by Delhi State-Cooperative Bank Ltd.,Shahdara-Delhi,founder may inform,Mahesh Gupta,S/o Mahender Pal Gupta,H.No.56-A/2 Church Road,Jwala Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Ph,9891153993.

0040618924-10

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my clients are desirous of purchasing the property as mentioned in schedule below and are negotiating the purchase for the scheduled property with the Vendora (s). I (Sh. Tirath Ram Talwar, (ii) Sh. Tiak Raj Talwar, (iii) Smt. Neena Talwar and (iv) Sh. Pardeep Talwar along with confirming parties (Sh. Arun Talwar, (ii) Sh. Suresh Talwar, (iii) Sh. Pankaj Talwar and (iv) Sh. Kapil Talwar for valuable consideration. Therefore any person (s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, S/O SHRI RAM SAWROOP & (2) S/O KRISHNA W/O MUKHTIYAR SINGH BOTH RO HOUSE NO. 301, VILLAGE RANI KHERA, DELHI 110081, do hereby, disown, disinherit and disclaim their SON (Y) SHRI SATISH KUMAR S/O SHRI MUKHTIYAR SINGH & their DAUGHTER- IN-LAW (2) SMT. ANITA W/O SATISH KUMAR BOTH RO HOUSE NO. 301, VILLAGE RANI KHERA, DELHI-110081, from all their moveable and immovable properties and severally and their relations from their SATISH KUMAR & daughter-IN-LAW SMT. ANITA due to their misbehavior, deplorable attitude, disobedient, and not having good conduct towards my dear and honest sons. Anybody dealing with them will do at his/her own cost and risk and my clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts and deeds.

Sanjay Rana (Advocate) Plot No. 15, Near SDM Office, Kangra, Delhi-110015

Brijesh Kumar Tambar Advocate +91-9891125411

Place: New Delhi Date: 15.06.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that Smt. Geeta Sharma W/o Shri Arun Sharma R/o 98, Patpar Ganj Village is owner in possession of F-13, U/GF, Block F, Janta Garden, Pandav Nagar, Delhi, has lost Original Document pertaining to the said property viz Sale Deed dated 09.04.2007, Reg. No. 2415, Book No. 1, Volume No. 2760 page 153 to 159, in Office of SR-VIII, Delhi in name of Smt. Seema Aggarwal. Having regards to the loss of Original Documents Smt. Geeta Sharma lodged an complaint dated 14.06.2022, LR No. 495702/2022 at SO No. 430/2014 Delhi Police.

General Public is hereby cautioned and advised to desist from entering into any Transaction/Dealing from entering into any manner in respect of aforesaid property on the basis of lost original documents referred above and shall be doing so at his/her/their own cost, risk and peril.

-sd/- Adv Udayan Vats

Off. No. 2, Building No. 10, Patpar Ganj Village, Delhi-110 091.

Dated: 14.06.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby, informed that my clients i.e. Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh S/O Sh. Tejvir Singh are holdere owner as well as in the physical possession of the property bearing Flat No. 646, 6th Floor, Block CREMA, Type-HIG-4 having super area of admeasuring 148.64 Sq. Mts (Approx. build up area 123.84 Sq. Mts) in MAHAAGUN MASCOT on the Plot No. GH-05, admeasuring 40716 Sq. Mts at Dunderaha, Ghaziabad, U.P. During the scrutinized of their Original Title/Relevant documents regarding the above said property they found that the Original Possession Letter issued by M/s Mahagun (India) Pvt. Ltd in favour of Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh Sisodia S/O Sh. Tejvir Singh & Sh. Tejvir Singh Sh. Shiv Raj Singh in respect of Flat No. 646, 6th Floor, Block CREMA, Type HIG-4 having super area of admeasuring 148.64 Sq. Mts (Approx. build up area 123.84 Sq. Mts) in MAHAAGUN MASCOT on the Plot No. GH-05, admeasuring 40716 Sq. Mts at Dunderaha, Ghaziabad, U.P has misplaced/ missed from their physical possession from their residence. I.e. above mentioned property they had tried to find all possible places but yet not trace/allocated. the said Original Possession Letter is today For such loss/ missing my client has lodged online lost complaint vide Complaint No. LR No. 202200026540 dated 14.06.2022 at U.P Police Online Portal.

My client are declaring that if they will find any claim, objection, interest or dispute whatsoever with respect to the above stated property, he/she is required to give the same to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, together with copies of documents on the basis of such claim, falling which it shall be concluded that there are no claims/objections/disputes whatsoever against the above stated property and my clients can proceed with their respective intended object pertaining to the above stated property.

Namrata Ranga, Advocate C-17B, Rana Park, Utam Nagar New Delhi-110059, Mob: 9818947341 advnamrata.ranga@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is given on behalf of my clients), Who intent to purchase the Property bearing No. B-4/142, situated at Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi admeasuring 300 Sq. Yds. Be it known to all that, SHRI SANJAY SUD SIO Late Shri Y.P. Sud (Shri Yash Pal Sud) R/O B-4/142, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi, representing itself to be sole, absolute and exclusive owner of Entire existing Basement, Entire Ground Floor, including Front and Rear Setbacks, Right to Park in the driveway, Mezzanine Room (between Ground and First Floors) alongwith Toilet, Two Store Rooms-cum-dult (between Ground and First Floors) and another (between First and Second Floors) AND ALSO Entire Terrace over and above the Entire Second Floor (except One Room on the Terrace) (with sole right to construct and own any areas/floors on the said Terrace and subsequent Terraces thereupon and there above, upto the limits of sky as per law), alongwith proportionate undivisible, indivisible and impartible ownership rights in the Property bearing No. B-4/142, situated at Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi, with all rights, title and interest, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, with all fittings, fixtures, connections, structure standing thereon, with all rights in common entrances, passages, staircase, lift and other common facilities and amenities provided thereon.

AND SHRI SANJAY SUD has further represented that original Perpetual Lease dated 01.05.1967, duly registered as Document No. 3079, in Addt. Book No. 1, Volume No. 1751, on pages 55 to 80, on 11.05.1967, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, New Delhi and documents pertaining to the Allotment Letter of the property from DDA, Demand Letters, Payment Challans, Possession Letter, are misplaced/lost and not traceable.

The said original Conveyance Deed between D.D.A. & Shri Y.P. Sud, bearing No. 15780, in Addt. Book No. 1, Volume No. 2135, on pages 193 to 195, on 14.07.2006, in the office of the Sub-Registrar-VII, New Delhi in favour of Shri Y.P. Sud.

Therefore any person(s) having any claim, interest and right in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by virtue of any sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, lien, hypothecation, will, bequest, transfer of title or benami interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption or other disposition or under any decree, order, award or otherwise, are hereby request to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at their office within 15 days from the publication hereof, failing which the claim of such person(s) shall be deemed to have been waived and abandoned and shall not be any binding on my client(s)/buyer in any way.

Date : 15/06/2022 JAVED HUSAIN (Advocate) Place: Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Directorate Of Food And Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand,
Third Floor, JSFC Bhawan, Kadru Ranchi

Letter No- 982
Tender Ref No:Kha.up.Ni-01- Chi.Vi.Yo.-01/2022- 568 & 708

Date- 16/06/2022
Dated – 01-04-2022 & 28-04-2022

Corrigendum Notice

Reference to Tender No.: Kha up Ni 01 SUGAR 01/2022-568 Dated 01/04/2022, Corrigendum Letter No. 708 Dated-28/04/2022 and PR NO. 267486 for Empanment of suppliers for supply of Sugar under Public Distribution System Scheme of Government of Jharkhand for the First Quarter (Apr'22-Jun'22)of Financial year 2022-23 under Reverse Auction Mode.

Following Amendment are hereby Authorised.

Description	As per RFP/Corrigendum	Amended As
Bidding Cost and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security submission last date	09.05.2022	30.06.2022
Tender Document Sales End Date :	09.05.2022	30.06.2022
Bid Submission Closing Date :	09.05.2022	30.06.2022
Bid Opening & Evaluation :	10.05.2022	01.07.2022

However, the prospective bidder are advised to regularly keep visiting and checking the website <http://jharkhand.gov.in/food> & <https://jitenders.eproc.in> for any further forthcoming information/ notice (s)/developments/amendment(s)/ Clarification(s) regarding the subject Tender. Rest all the Terms and Conditions of the RFP and subsequent amendment remains unchanged.

Sd/-, Director
PR 271738 Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs(22-23)#D Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NFRy. Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date
01	62225063A	Fabricated Flap Door Assembly for BOXNHL wagon along with loose items as per attached Annexure-A confirming to RDSO Drg No. WD-09034-S-07, Alt-12.	200 SET	29.06.2022
02	62225066A	Fabricated Bolster assembly for BOXNHL Wagon with loose items as per attached Annexure-A	350 SET	29.06.2022
03	62225067A	Set of Fabricated Body Side Stanchion Complete with drilled hole (12 nos/set, item no. 1 of drg) and Tarpaulin Cleat (20 nos/set to be supplied in loose, item no. 2 of drg) for BOXNHL wagon as per RDSO Drg No. WD-09034-S-17, Alt-4	350 SET	29.06.2022

NOTE: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in The firm who desires to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000. By Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.

7th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Tender Notice No. 13/2022-2023 Dated : 15.06.2022

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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची।

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

(तृतीय कॉल)

जिसका PR No. 255948 (Drinking Water and Sanitaion 2021–22 है।

Tender Reference No. - DWSW/RW/SVS-05/2021-22 Date - 15-06-2022

S.No	Name of the Work	Cluster Name	Sub Cluster/Group No.	Block	Estimate Cost (in Lac)	Ernest money (in Lac)	BOQ cost (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Schemes (SVS) in Different Block, comprising of suitable R.C.C. / Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) and FHCT all complete job in the Different Block of District Ranchi under Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi West, Ranchi for the year of 2021-22 (on Turn Key Basis)	5A	5A (iii)	Nagari	504.35	5.05	10000.00
2		9A	9A (iii)	Namkum	603.65	6.04	10000.00
3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	09 Months + 1 months (trial and run)					
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	18-06-2022 at 04:00 P.M					
5	बीड प्राप्ति के लिए अंतिम तिथि/समय	25-06-2022 up to 04:00 P.M					
6	निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की तिथि/ समय/ स्थान	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची।					
7	बीड खोलने की तिथि/ समय	28-06-2022 up to 02:00 P.M					
8	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता।	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची।					
9	ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन संख्या	0651-2491247					

● किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

● अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

● निविदा में प्राक्कलित राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है, तत्पश्चात अग्रघन की राशि मान्य होगा।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची।

PR 271690 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

(A State Government Undertaking)

"DETAILED TENDER NOTICE" (e-Tendering Mode only)

ONLINE TENDERS are hereby invited in two part bids for Fabrication and supply of Sub-Station Fittings, made of MS Channel Iron and MS Angle Iron, suitable for 25 KVA to 250 KVA Sub-Station, complete in all respect as per Tender Specification by the undersigned for & on behalf of Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4. All steel used for fittings shall be of SAIL/ Rashtriya Ispat/ TATA Steel conforming to IS 2062 : 2006. The dates of sale, receipt and opening of tender is as per detail below:

Sr. Tender No. No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Documents Inclusive GST (Non-refundable)	Completion Period
1	CEQ/MMI Tender No.02 (S/Sh.Fitting) /2022-23	Rs. 24,97,200/-	Rs. 24,972/-	Rs. 1180/-	03 Months

Key Dates

1. Date of online publication

25.06.2022

2. Start date and time of bid submission

25.06.2022 (at 11:00 AM)

5. End date and time of bid submission

12.07.2022 (upto 11:00 AM)

6. Date and time of opening of techno comm. bid

13.07.2022 (at 11:00 AM)

The bid document is available online and bid shall be submitted on line on website: <https://www.hpbtenders.gov.in>. Bidders would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders are required to have digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying authority (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPSEBL may obtain the same from the website <https://www.hpbtenders.gov.in>. DSC is mandatory to participate in e-tendering. Bidders already possessing valid DSC issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

Follow COVID-19 Protocol

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, JOP South, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4

अक्कलकोट नगरपरिषद, अक्कलकोट

जनसेवा हीच ईश सेवा

फोन नं. ०२५८१-२२०२५३/ २२०२४३ ई-मेल comcakkalkot123@gmail.com

जा. क्र. २०२२/न.प.अ/कोट/कर विभाग/आरआर/कावि क्र. ६५९ दिनांक १५/०६/२०२२

ई-निविदा सूचना

मा. मुख्याधिकारी, अक्कलकोट नगरपरिषद वतीने नोंदणीकृत व अनुभवी कंत्राटदारांकडून खालील कामाकरिता गुणवत्ता निविदाद्वारे ई-निविदा प्रणालीद्वारे (ऑनलाईन) मागवित आहे. इच्छुक निविदाधारकांनी आपली ई-निविदा <http://mahatebnders.gov.in> या संकेतस्थळावर ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने निविदा फी व इसारा रकम ऑनलाईन नेट बँकिंग सुविधाद्वारे भरण करून संपूर्ण अर्थात दस्तऐवजासह विहित मुदतीत सादर करावी. निविदेसंदर्भात संपूर्ण कामाचे सविस्तर विवरण निविदा शुल्क, अटी व शर्ती तसेच नोंदणी व पात्रता निकष ऑनलाईन निविदा संकेतक उपलब्ध करणयात येत आहेत.

अ. क्र.	कामाचे नाव	बयाणा रक्कम	काम करणयाचा कालावधी	निविदा प्रपत्र किंमत
१.	नगरपरिषद हद्दीतील संपूर्ण मिळकतींना (इमारती व खुले भूखंड) प्रत्यक्ष मिळकतीवर जाऊन प्रत्येक मिळकतीला विशिष्ट क्रमांक नोंदविणे, मिळकतीवर जाऊन प्रत्येक मिळकतीचे आतून मोजमाप करणे, करण्यात आलेल्या मालमत्तेच्या प्रत्यक्ष सर्वेक्षणाचे MAINET प्रणालीत अद्यावतीकरण करून माहिती तयार करणे, कर मुल्यांकन प्रक्रियेकरिता मदत करणे, कर मुल्यांकन प्रक्रियेकरिता आवश्यक नमुन्यात माहिती प्रिंट करून आवश्यक स्टेशनरी व बाईंडिंगसह पुरविणे, चालू वर्षाकरिता अंतिम मागणी देयके तयार करून आवश्यक स्टेशनरी व बाईंडिंगसह पुरविणे, इत्यादी कामांकरिता साहाय्य करणे व नगरपरिषदेस कर विभागाकरिता आवश्यक असलेली संपणक आसावली पुरविणे.	रु. ६०,०००/-	सहा महिने	रु. ५,०००/-

निविदेचा तपशील

निविदेचे विवरण

सुरु दिनांक व वेळ

अंतिम दिनांक व वेळ

१) निविदा प्रसिद्ध

16/06/2022, at 11.00 AM

12/07/2022, at 04.00 PM

२) निविदा कागदपत्रे डाऊनलोड

16/06/2022, at 11.00 AM

12/07/2022, at 04.00 PM

३) ऑनलाईन निविदा सादर करणे

16/06/2022, at 11.00 AM

12/07/2022, at 04.00 PM

४) निविदापूर्व बैठक दिनांक

03/07/2022, at 03.00 PM

नगरपरिषद कार्यालय

५) तांत्रिक लिफाफा उघडणे

13/07/2022, at 04.00 PM

नगरपरिषद कार्यालय

६) आर्थिक लिफाफा उघडणे

13/07/2022, at 05.00 PM

नगरपरिषद कार्यालय

टीप : कोणतेही कारण न देता एक अथवा सर्व निविदा स्वीकारण्याचा अथवा नाकारण्याचा अधिकार मा. मुख्याधिकारी यांनी राखून ठेवलेला आहे.

Sd/-
मुख्याधिकारी
अक्कलकोट नगरपरिषद

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused M/s K.P Fabrics Ajay Kumar Patni (Prop/Director) at Plot No. 847/1, Mahipal Pur, Near Mata Chowk, New Delhi Also at Flat No. 14071, Tower No- 05, GH-7, Crossing Republic, NH-24, Ghaziabad has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case CC No. 533102/2016 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said M/s K.P Fabrics Ajay Kumar Patni (Prop/Director) can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said M/s K.P Fabrics Ajay Kumar Patni (Prop/Director) have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused M/s K.P Fabrics Ajay Kumar Patni (Prop/Director) of CC No. 533102/2016 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 29.07.2022

By Order
Robinjeet Singh ,
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act), Central-04
Room No.01, CBA-01, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2389/N/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON


See Section 82 Cr.PC.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Hashim, S/o Ajji Ahmed, R/o: Gali No. 09, Bhagat Vihar, Dayalpur, Delhi, Permanent Address: Mohalla Sitarganj, Kasba Tilak, P.S. Biryaganj, District Shahajahanpur, Uttar Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 115/2021 U/s 392/394/397/411/34 IPC Act registered at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Hashim cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Hashim has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Hashim accused of FIR No. 115/2021 U/s 392/394/397/411/34 IPC Act P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.07.2022.

By Order
Sh. Sanjay Sharma II,
Ld. Addl. District & Session Judge-03,
First Floor, Room No. 143,
Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi

DP/2401/N/2022

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person Name : Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 50 Yrs, Height: 5'6", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Wearing: Black Printed Shirt & Grey Lower and Bare footed, Place of Recovery: Found dead near Northern Railway Divisional Hospital SPM Marg on footpath.

In this regard DD No. 62A, U/s 174-Cr.Pc, Dated: 13.06.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Lahori Gate, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi

DP/2411/N/2022 Ph.: 011-23953776, 23958234

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: 40 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Wearing: Blue & brown coloured T-shirt in half naked condition, was found dead on 09.06.2022 from Under Govindpuri metro station, New Delhi. In this regard a FIR/DD No.79A, dated 09.06.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-26816677, 26818572
DP/204/SE/2022 Mob.: 8750870923

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON


See Section 82 Cr.PC.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rahul @ Viraj S/o Vijay Kalawat R/o H.No. 202, Gali No. 2, H-Block, Aman Vihar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 302/17 u/s 392/411/34 IPC P.S. Janakpuri, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rahul @ Viraj cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rahul @ Viraj has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rahul @ Viraj accused of FIR No. 302/17 u/s 392/411/34 IPC P.S. Janakpuri, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.08.2022.

By Order : Ms. Neetika Kapoor
Metropolitan Magistrate-11,
Room No. 05, Ground Floor,
Dwarka Distt. Court, New Delhi

DP/908/WD/22

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Brijesh Kumar

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, Age: 20 years, Height: 5'5" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Hair: Black, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue white shirt and black pant.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
Website:<http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in PH.: 011-22732427, 22732426
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No.: 8750870624
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/1066/ED/2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Chief Engineer/TMC, Northern Railway, Headquarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites 03 No tenders through E-Procurement system for supply of the following items:

S. No.	E-Tender No	Description of Item	Qty	Due date Time
1	A30P90TMC2022	VARIOUS TYPE OF T&P FOR BTI	19 Items	11.07.2022 at 11:30 hours.
2	A31P90TMC2022	HYDRAULIC MOTOR AND CONFIRMING & HYDRAULIC ACCUMULATOR	02 Items	11.07.2022 at 11:30 hours.
3	A32P90TMC2022	TAMPING TOOLS FOR WST MACHINE	01 Item	11.07.2022 at 11:30 hours.

Note:-

1. The complete information of above E-Procurement tenders are available on website "www.ireps.gov.in". The firms, who desire to participate against E-Tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would be required to have a class-III digital certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-Tenders will not be accepted.

No.: 219-S/1/TMC/20/2022-23 Dated: 15.06.2022

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name, residence and family is unknown, about 40 years of age was found dead in front of Shop No. 10247, Tokriwalan, Azad Market, near Sanatan Dharm Mandir, Delhi. The body is preserved in mortuary of Hindu Rao Hospital. In this regard DD No. 77-A, U/s 174 CrPc, dated 13.06.2022 has been registered at P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.

The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: About 40 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Hair: Black, Wearing: White Shirt and Red Lower, and bare feet.

If anyone has any information about this UIDB, kindly inform the SHO/Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.

SHO
P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
DP/2409/N/2022 (UIDB) Ph. No.: 011-23528060, 23529707

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused Pushpa, R/o Jhuggi No. 50, 1st Floor, Block C1, JJ Colony, Sultanpuri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 658/2020 U/s 138 NI Act registered at P.S. Kashmir Gate, North District, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Pushpa cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Pushpa has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Pushpa, of case CC No. 658/2020 U/s 138 NI Act P.S. Kashmir Gate, North District, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.08.2022.

By order
Ms Preeti Rajoria,
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act),
Digital Court-03, Central Room No. 182,
1st Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/2400/N/2022

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	UHEVN	3 PHASE 11KV/433-250, 25 KVA OIL IMMERSED, NATURALLY COOLED ALUMINIUM WOUND OUTDOOR TYPE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEVEL-3 (NOW LEVEL-2) DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS AS PER NICAM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION NO. CSC-IIIIR-VIII/D/10/18/P&D/2020-21.	11.06.2022 23.06.2022	EMD 2 LACS	www.uhbnv.org.in	9467688886 ccmm@uhbnv.org.in

10381/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1	HAFFED PANCHKULA	HAFFED INVITED SHORT TERM E-TENDERS/ E-AUCTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF APPROX. 600 MT KACHCHI GHANI MUSTARD OIL (LOOSE) FOR HAFFED OIL MILL, REWARI AND NARNALU. THE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON: HTTPS://ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN AND WWW.HAFFED.GOV.IN	CLOSING DATE 23.06.2022	3 LACS	www.haffed.gov.in	01722590531 haffed@hry.nic.in

10386/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tendering

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Construction of 2 Nos. LHS (5.50m x 4.15m) by pushing method in lieu of mainline LC no. C-75 at Km 106.481 & C-82 at Km 110.704 on BTI-SGNR Section.	58040744	440200	06 Months	12.07.2022
2	Annual repair, white washing, C/washing and painting of station buildings, staff quarters & service buildings under Zone "A" Chandigarh in the section of SSEW/CDG-I (Extd. CDG station and colony), Zone "B" UMB-KLK 2 Section (Extd. CDG) in the section of SSEW/CDG-II and Zone "C" (CDG station and colony) in the section of SSEW/SpL/CDG for the period ending 30.06.2023 under ADEN/CDG.	11999839	210000	12 Months	12.07.2022
3	Elimination of DFWR with the help of 25mm AT Weld in the section of various SR, DEN/DEN over Ambala Division under SR, DEN/C/Ambala	17673896	238400	10 Months	12.07.2022
4	Supply of 45000 cum 65mm gauge stone ballast nominal size machine crushed duly stacked & loaded in to Rail borne Trucks/BOB's for BG Track in the Ballast depot at Ghanauli on Sirhind-Dalautpur Section under DEN / Track/Ambala.	34110450	320600	06 Months	12.07.2022
5	Supply of 4820Cum 65 mm gauge Machine crushed stone ballast on KALKA - SHIMLA Section in the section of ADEN/SML	5751251	115000	08 Months	12.07.2022

NOTE

1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. The required Earnest Money will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/ or Payment. Gateway payment only well before & upto 15.00 hrs of closing date & time of tender. 2. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders. 3. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in 4. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017

Open Tender Notice No.: NIT-08/UMB-2022-23 Dated : 16.06.2022

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK

Recall E-Tender Notice No. 85 for 2021-22 (Online) IInd Call

ONLINE E-Tenders in "B-1" Form for the following works invited by Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Nashik; Phone No.: (0253/2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State from capable of P.W. Deptt. Registered/ Unregistered Contractor or International Contractor whose Sub company/ branch in India and also complete terms and conditions mentioned in tender document.

Tender document download on our web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in>. Right of rejection of E-tender/ cancellation of E-tender reserved by The Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Nashik. *Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

Note : Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total 1 (One) (Costing upto Rs. 150.00 Lacks) Works and details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below web site.

1. www.mahapwd.gov.in
2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	17.06.2022 From 11.05	to 24.06.2022 Upto 17.00
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* Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non-refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted Online only.

* Post Qualification criteria condition included in tender document.

* All eligible/ interested Contractors are required to be enrolled on portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> before downloading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.

* The information of E-Payment Gateway available on E-Tendering web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

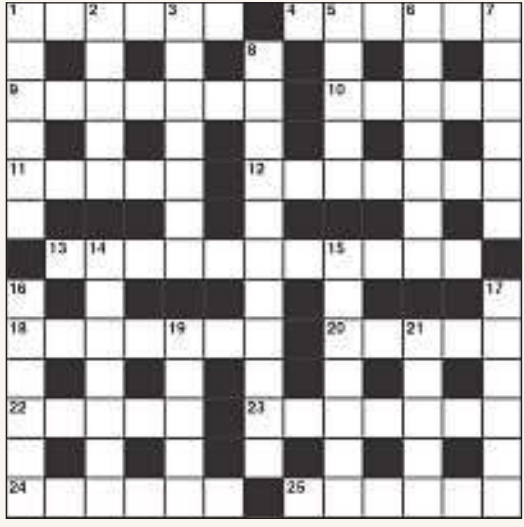
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CROSSWORD 4770



ACROSS

1 Buffalo Bill tours the Middle East for fun (6)

4 Detached state of the caribou (6)

9 Firm receives clear order for a boat (7)

10 Do return with our bouquet (5)

11 Ring an agent back at Covent Garden? (5)

12 An error in the wage packet? (7)

13 More than mere business acquaintances (4,7)

18 Title given to James novel (4,3)

20 Class distinction (5)

22 My lie is found out by a girl (5)

23 Ill treatment? (7)

24 Sampled the last of the fruit - fresh dates (6)

25 Repeatedly set about a fly (6)

DOWN

1 Two companies joining together on a silk product (6)

2 Get involved in someone else's business? (5)

3 Badly presented medical lecture (7)

5 Look round New York - it's crazy (5)

6 Oil ran about and caused damage (7)

7 Sharp rap but different (6)

8 Character in rage meant to explode (11)

14 The antiquarian's avowed interest is shattered (2,5)

15 Guards companies (7)

16 Notwithstanding it's a vestment to fasten up (6)

17 Note bird dog (6)

19 James's girl? (5)

21 Clothing workers? (5)

Solutions Crossword 4769: Across: 1 Masseur, 5 Sadio, 8 Doctor of Music, 9 Ennui, 10 Empress, 11 Sphinx, 12 Heated, 15 Release, 17 Patch, 19 Private income, 20 Sight, 21 Dresses, Down: 1 Midge, 2 Second helping, 3 Emotion, 4 Rhodes, 5 Sum up, 6 Dissertations, 7 Excused, 11 Stripes, 13 Expense, 14 Defend, 16 Apartment, 18 Heels.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong




JUMBLLED WORDS


Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

I would rather be right and die than be ___ and ___ - Holly Lisle (5,4)


NYIOR




IIOGRN



EISLL



AGINKW



SOLUTION: IRONY, LIST, ORIGIN, WAKING

SUDOKU 4868


Difficulty Level 2s

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 4867



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APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



VISIT - BHEL

Nirmala Sitharaman, M/o Finance & Corporate Affairs & CM of Gujarat, Bhupendrabhai Patel, visited the BHEL pavilion & interacted with CMD, BHEL, Dr. Nalin Shinghal at the AKAM Mega Show - Exhibition: Nation Building & CPSEs.



VISIT - DFCCIL

Nirmala Sitharaman, M/o Finance & Corporate Affairs and Bhupendra Patel, CM Gujarat visited the DFCCIL stall & evinced keen interest in the progress, & the operational sections of DFC as well as the future corridors at the exhibition.



CELEBRATIONS - POWERGRID, NR-I

POWERGRID, NR-I celebrated World Environment Day across locations by reinforcing the theme of this year: POWERGRID, NR-I undertaken several sustainable initiatives at RHQ, Faridabad, New Delhi Office & its various Sub-stations.



MEET-INDIANOIL

S Mistry (Dir Ref.), IndianOil, in her inaugural address at the Third Party Inspection Agencies Meet-2022, stressed upon the critical role of empanelled Quality Assurance Agencies in an industry for confirming to supply of defect-free material.



EXHIBITION-SAIL

SAIL participated in an exhibition organized by D/o Public Enterprises at Mahatma Mandir Convention & Exhibition Centre, Gujarat recently. The exhibition was inaugurated by Bhupendrabhai Patel, CM Gujarat & Nirmala Sitharaman, M/o Finance & Corporate Affairs.



PLANTATION DRIVE- ITPO

A plantation drive was carried out by ITPO at Pragati Maidan recently. The drive was commenced with planting of an 'Ashok' tree sapling by V Nayar, IAS, ED, ITPO recently which was carried forward by the other officials.




PLANTATION DRIVE- GAIL

GAIL participated in a mega plantation drive carried out by Central Public Sector Enterprises across the country. GAIL carried out plantation drives at its Pata and Vijaiapur townships as well as other locations.



AGREEMENT- NHPC

NHPC signed Contract Agreement with Adani Infra India Ltd for EPC contract for development of 600 MW solar project under CPSU scheme Phase-II at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad in the presence of AK Singh, CMD, NHPC.




CELEBRATION - TPDDL

Tata Power-DDL celebrated Sustainability Month in June, with the theme 'BeEarthSmart- Learn, Live & Lead'. The opening ceremony of the World Sustainability Month took place at company's Learning Centre in Rohini, New Delhi.



COMMEMORATION - PSB

To commemorate the martyrdom day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, P&SB, Zone Gurugram organized Chhabil after 'Sukhmani Sahib' Paath. SH Singh, ZM & Staff also organized Guru Ka Langar on this occasion. SVMK Rao, GM graced the occasion.



FINANCIAL RESULTS- CWC

Board of Directors of CWC have announced UFR for FY 2021-22. The Corporation achieved the highest ever total turnover of Rs 2232 Cr (standalone) in FY 2021-22, as against the total turnover of Rs 2266 Cr (consolidated) in FY 2020-21.



TRAINING PROGRAM- BIS

The Central Regional Office of BIS under the supervision of Dr R K Tyagi, Deputy Director General (Central) organised a 3-day training program for training a team of BIS Officers for becoming Hallmarking Auditors.



INAUGURATION - SPMCIL

Sapling plantation drive was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sonali Singh, Controller General of Accounts, M/o Finance by planting saplings recently, organized by SPMCIL Corporate Office at Regional Park, New Friends Colony, New Delhi.

APPOINTMENT




EIL Sanjay Jindal has assumed charge as Dir. (Finance) EIL, a Navratna PSU on June 10, 2022. S. Jindal is B.Com (Hons.) from Delhi University & a member of the ICMAI. Jindal had joined EIL in 1992 & has rich & versatile experience of more than 29 yrs. He has handled entire spectrum of Finance & Accounts functions, especially Facilitating Project execution from Bidding to Contract closure, Project Financing, investments, taxation, implementation of Internal Financial Control Systems, Financial Reporting etc. Jindal has also served as CFO of Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., a Joint Venture company promoted by EIL & National Fertilizers Ltd.



LAUNCH - LIC

LIC introduced a new plan Dhan Sanchay with immediate effect, which is Non Linked, Non-participating, Individual, Savings Life Insurance Plan which offers a combination of protection & savings.




EVENT - NAINITAL BANK

To mark the 100 years of the journey of the Nainital Bank, Prem Chand Aggarwal, FM of Uttarakhand launched Bank's Coffee Table Book titled as '100 Years and Beyond: A Living Legacy of Trust' at Dehradun.



TRAINING PROGRAM - PVVNL

MD inaugurated the three-day training program of RDS. A three-day training program was organized by NPIT in association with PVVNL at Discom Headquarters Urja Bhawan Victoria Park, Meerut.



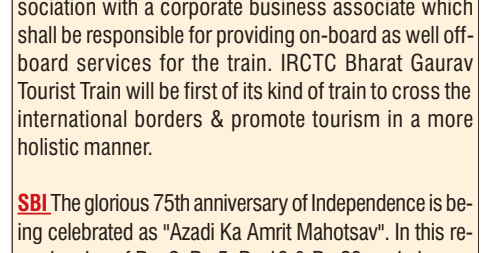
LAUNCH - PHD

Launch of the book, 'and the kind dragon dream' of Young Dragon's English Club, by author, Shiv Khara, was held at PHD House. The book launch was supported by Paramount Cables.



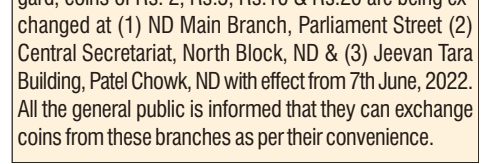
INAUGURATION - GL BAJAJ

NVIDIA AI Learning and Research Center was inaugurated recently by Dr K Sivan, ex-Chairman ISRO, Eminent Scientist, Rocket Man of India. Dr GL Bajaj is the first & only institute to install this server among all the institutes under AKTU in entire UP.



IRCTC

will operate the first IRCTC Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train on 18 Day Ramayana Circuit from Delhi on 21st June, 2022. IRCTC is operating this train in association with a corporate business associate which shall be responsible for providing on-board as well off-board services for the train. IRCTC Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train will be first of its kind of train to cross the international borders & promote tourism in a more holistic manner.



SBI

The glorious 75th anniversary of Independence is being celebrated as "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". In this regard, coins of Rs. 2, Rs.5, Rs.10 & Rs.20 are being exchanged at (1) ND Main Branch, Parliament Street (2) Central Secretariat, North Block, ND & (3) Jeevan Tara Building, Patel Chowk, ND with effect from 7th June, 2022. All the general public is informed that they can exchange coins from these branches as per their convenience.

