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# There's strong possibility of J&K polls by the end of this year: Rajnath

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, JUNE 17

IN THE first indication of a timeline for Assembly elections in Iammu & Kashmir, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Friday that there is a "strong possibility" of starting the electoral process by "the end of this year".

In August 2019, the State of I&K lost its special status following the abrogation of Article 370 and was downgraded to a Union Territory — the State's bifurcation led to the creation of a separate UT of Ladakh.

Speaking at a function organised to mark 200 years of the coronation of Maharaja Gulab Singh, the first Dogra ruler of the princely State of J&K, Singh said, "Mujhe lagta hai ki is saal ke ant tak ho sakta hai ki chunavi prakriya bhi prarambh ho. Iski prabal sambhavna hai (I think the electoral exercise may also commence by the end of this year. There is a strong possibility)."

Referring to the recently concluded delimitation exercise, he CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## NOTIFICATION WITHIN TWO DAYS: ARMY CHIEF

# As protests rage, Services ready to start Agnipath recruitment

Age relaxation shows Govt cares for youth: Rajnath

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

AS AUTHORITIES grappled with protests against the short-term Agnipath recruitment scheme for the armed forces, the three services announced Friday that they were all set to start the recruitment process.

The Indian Army said a notification will be issued in the next two days while the Indian Air Force said the recruitment process will start June 24. The Indian Navy too said the process will begin very soon.

The announcements came a day after the government announced a one-time age relaxation for candidates this year, raising the upper age limit from 21 to 23 years.

On Friday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the "relaxation of age indicates that the government cares for our youth". He said the Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence and the services "are committed to commence the recruitment process at the earliest" and "we invite the youth of our country to join the Indian Armed Forces and serve the nation through Agnipath."

Welcoming the age relaxation decision, Army chief General Manoj Pande said the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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A train set on fire during protests at Danapur railway station near Patna on Friday. PTI

# Secunderabad protester killed in police firing, more trains torched in Bihar, UP

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AS VIOLENT protests against the Agnipath recruitment scheme continued across the country for the second day on Friday, a youth

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casualty, killed in police firing in Secunderabad. Besides Telangana, the protests were most violent in BIP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, where

protesters set ablaze a train,

buses and a police outpost, and

from Telangana became the first

NDA-ruled Bihar, where the houses of state BJP president Dr Sanjay Jaiswal and Deputy Chief Minister Renu Devi were targeted and several coaches of at least 14 trains were set on fire.

Protests were also reported CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# Why age relaxation can also become a problem

**KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17



short-term Agnipath recruitment scheme for the armed forces, the government an-

for entrants this year, raising it from 21 to 23 years, saying there had been no recruitment in the last two years. But this one-time waiver can

in the upper age limit

also become a problem. Recruitment data shows that the intake of 46,000 recruits this CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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# From Emergency to Gujarat riots, lessons of past deleted from textbooks of future

Express matched NCERT's revisions with content in 21 history, political science and sociology textbooks for Classes 6 to 12 found sweeping changes

**RITIKA CHOPRA** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

DELETING REFERENCES to the 2002 Gujarat riots, dropping passages that dealt with Emergency's draconian impact on people and institutions, removing chapters on protests and social movements, including those spearheaded by the Narmada Bachao Andolan, Dalit Panthers and Bharatiya Kisan Union. These are some of the most sweeping changes in social science school textbooks since the NDA government came to power in 2014.

These changes result from a textbook "rationalisation" exercise undertaken by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) six months ago for all subjects. It

**GUJARAT RIOTS:** References dropped from Class 12 textbooks

**EMERGENCY:** Chapter slashed, references removed in Class 12

comes ahead of the proposed revamp of the national school curriculum (National Curriculum Framework or NCF), which will see a further revision in NCERT textbooks.

The Indian Express scrutinised 21 current history, political science and sociology textbooks for Classes 6 to 12 and matched their content with tables circulated

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within NCERT on the proposed changes. While the textbooks will not be reprinted due to shortage of time, the changes will be communicated to schools formally.

This is the third textbook review since 2014. The first one took place in 2017, in which the NCERT made 1,334 changes, including additions, corrections and data updates, in 182 textbooks. The second review was initiated in 2019 at the then Education Minister Prakash Javadekar's behest to reduce the burden on students.

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# Age relaxation

year -- that's the number specified for recruitment in the first year of the Agnipath programme -- will be the lowest since 2015 for the three services together.

The age relaxation for the first year will see more candidates vie for the 46,000 positions being offered after two years of zero-recruitment -- the government has not mentioned or shown any willingness yet to raise this number for 2022

According to recruitment data shared by the Ministry of Defence with Parliament in March this year, the recruitment of soldiers for the Army, below the rank of officers, through recruitment rallies in the last seven years, topped at 80,572 in 2019-2020. No recruitment has been done in the years

Data shows that between 2015 and 2020, the Army hired more than 50,000 soldiers every

In 2015-2016, the Army recruited 71,804 people across the country, which came down to 52,447 in 2016-217. In 2017-2018, the Army recruited even fewer people -- 50,026. This rose to 53,431 recruits in 2018-2019. The largest recruitment was in 2019-2020 when the Army took 80,572 recruits through its rallies.

These numbers are only for the Army, while the 46,000 Agniveers this year will be for all three services.

Sources said the total induction in the three services over the first four years of the Agnipath scheme will be a little over 2 lakh -- 202,900 Agniveers, of which around 175,000 will be for the Army. This works out to an average of around 50,000 Agniveers recruited every year for all three services over the next four years.

The data shared with Parliament also shows that just eight states account for more than 60 per cent of all recruitment in the Army since 2015.

Since 2015, according to the data, 186,795 people have been recruited in the Army from Puniab, Harvana, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Pradesh Uttarakhand, Total recruitment in the Army for these years was 308.280. The share of these states in the total recruitment was a little over 60 per cent.

The anger against the new policy is also likely to be more in the villages because recruitment data for the Army shows that more than three quarters of the recruits come from villages. In 2018-2019,

recruits from villages accounted for 78.32 per cent of the total intake of the Army, and in 2019-2020, this share stood at 77.20 per

The Ministry of Defence had informed Parliament that recruitment rallies had been suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic since July 2021. In 2020-2021, the Army had conducted 47 rallies across the country but again, because of the pandemic, the process was not completed and the rallies did not result in any recruitment that year either.

## Protests rage

notification for the recruitment process will be issued in two days and training will begin by December.

He told the ANI news agency that the "recruitment process is going to begin soon" and "within the next 2 days, notification will be issued" on the website joinindianarmy.nic.in.

"After that, our Army recruitment organisations will declare a detailed schedule of registration and rally. During this process, we will ensure that all the youth and aspirants get adequate time for registration and preparation," General Pande said.

"As far as the question of Agniveers going to recruitment training centres is concerned, the training of the first Agniveers will begin this December," he said.

In a statement earlier, the Army chief said the government's decision to relax the upper age limit "will provide an opportunity for many of our young, energetic and patriotic youth who, despite the Covid pandemic, were preparing to join the recruitment rallies, which couldn't be completed in the last two years due to Covid restrictions." He asked the youth to "avail this opportunity for joining the Indian Army as Agniveers."

IAF chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari also announced that the process to recruit Agniveers will begin next week. "I feel very happy that for the first recruitment the upper age limit has been raised to 23. This change will benefit the youth. I am confident that the youth will apply in big numbers," he said. "The Air Force's recruitment process will begin from Iune 24."

The Navy, in a statement, said that the one-time waiver by the government "would facilitate entry of those youth who could not join the Armed Forces due to temporary stoppage of recruitment during the Covid-19 pandemic." The Navy said it is "ready to

welcome the first batch of Agniveers in our service, for which the recruitment process will start very soon. We call upon all young men and women of our country to join the Indian Navy as Agniveers and contribute to national security and nation build-

Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar told Times Now that the Navy intends to start training the Agniveers by November. He said the Navy Agniveers will also include women.

# Rajnath on J&K

said the composition of the J&K Assembly is going to change. As against 83 seats earlier -- 37 in Jammuand 46 in Kashmir -- there will now be 90 seats with 47 in Kashmir and 43 in Jammu, he said.

Singh said J&K had to "suffer the agony of remaining isolated for 70 years" but "this problem has now been resolved," he said -- a reference to the abrogation of Article 370.

"This new Jammu and Kashmir will soon stand on its feet and become an example not only in India, but the world over," he said. The people of J&K, he said, have to play a role in shaping its future and, along with Ladakh, are going to play a major role in the new India

Without naming Kashmiri Pandits, Singh said J&K has already faced "the agony of migration" and it will not be allowed again. "We will ensure that no community is compelled to migrate under any circumstances," he said.

## Secunderabad

from other states including Haryana, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Madhya

In Telangana, one person died and several others were injured when police opened fire on a group of violent protesters at the railway station in Secunderabad. The youth who died has been identified as Damodar Rakesh, 23, from Warangal.

The youths started assembling near the railway station last night, and began the demonstration this morning. We had about 50 security personnel at the station, but they were no match for the 500-1,000 strong mob who came in through all the seven entrances to the station. They went on a rampage, destroying everything in sight and setting property on fire," said Additional Director General of Police (Railways, Telangana) Sandeep

He said the mob set ablaze several coaches of three trains. two brake vans and an accident relief train. The protesters also set ablaze an engine which had 3,000 litres of diesel in it, he said. They did not allow the firefighting personnel to douse the fire even after being told about the danger if the diesel caught fire... We tried to delink the burning en-

fire... one person died while 10-15 others were injured." he said. SCR General Manager Arun Kumar said they were yet to estimate the damage but officials put it at Rs 30-40 crore. SCR shut down the railway station and cancelled 71 trains, leaving thou-

gine and take it elsewhere but

they sat in front of it... We opened

sands of passengers stranded. In Uttar Pradesh, an empty train was set on fire in Ballia district. "There was information that some students had gathered at the railway station and stadium. Senior officials started a dialogue with them and the students were dispersed from there. While leaving the railway station, they tried to break the windows of an empty train and set on fire a train stationed in an isolated area," said Ballia Superintendent of Police (SP) Raj Karan Nayyar.

Protests were also reported in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Lok Sabha constituency of Varanasi, where two State Roadways buses were vandalised. Police said the situation was under control.

"We had information that protesters would gather at the Army recruitment office here. We took preventive steps, and very few people reached the spot... Some people tried to indulge in rioting... Some people have been identified and they will face action," said Varanasi Police Commissioner Satish Ganesh.

In Aligarh, a police outpost and a vehicle inside the premises were set ablaze. Protesters blocked a highway, vandalised and torched some buses. Incidents of stone-pelting were reported from Agra and Mathura.

In a statement, UP ADG (law and order) Prashant Kumar said: "Some small incidents have happened in some districts. In Ballia, a stationary train's bogey was set on fire and in Aligarh's Tappal town a bus's tyre was set on fire... District officials have been directed to establish conversation with the Zilla Sainik Kalyan Board and elected representatives and make people aware of the scheme... We have information





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### that some outfits are inciting the vouths."

The UP Police said they had arrested 260 people -- 109 in Ballia, 70 in Mathura, 30 in Aligarh, 9 in Agra, 27 in Varanasi and 15 in Noida, A senior officer said more people who indulged in vandalism are being identified through CCTV footage and video clips on social media.

In Bihar, over two dozen people, including students and policemen, were injured in day-long protests across at least 15 of 38 districts in the state. The houses of Bihar BJP president Dr Sanjay Jaiswal and Deputy Chief Minister Renu Devi were targeted in Bettiah. Dr Jaiswal, who was inside his house at the time of the attack, was given police protection; Renu Devi was in Patna. BJP MLA Vinay Bihari's vehicle was also attacked. For the second day, BIP offices in the state were targeted, including in Madhepura, Lakhisarai, Bagaha (West Champaran) and Saran.

Protesters torched several coaches of 10 trains in Samastipur, Lakhisarai and Danapur (Patna), and one each in Islampur (Nalanda), Kulharia (Ara), Fatuah (Patna) and Supaul. About 75 private vehicles including four school-buses in Aurangabad were also vandalised.

The RJD-led alliance has called a Bihar bandh on Saturday. "We are trying to identify protesters to check for involvement of anti-social elements," said Bihar Additional Director of Police (law and order) Sanjay Singh. Over the last two days, at least 300 people have been held. As protesters clashed with police in several areas, police fired in the air in Bhagalpur, Singh said mobile internet services have been suspended in 11 districts till June 19.

In Haryana, amid reports of arson, stone-pelting and protests in several districts, state home minister Anil Vij warned that "those involved will not be spared".

Protests were reported from Gurgaon, Faridabad, Palwal, Narnaund (Hisar), Narnaul, Narwana (Jind) and Rohtak. Mobile internet services have been suspended in Palwal. Ballabhgarh and Mahendragarh.

Protesters blocked the Jind-Bathinda railway track for three hours, some youths burnt tyres in Rohtak, and over 40 protesters were rounded up in Faridabad's Ballabhgarh for pelting stones at

Police said over 1,000 people have been booked for the violence in Palwal on Thursday. "At least 80 have been booked by name while another 950 are yet to be identified. Verification and identification of all the accused from video clips and CCTV footage is being done. All those identified shall be subjected to legal action," said a police spokesperson.

In Jammu and Kashmir, traffic on the Pathankot-Jammu and Jammu-Poonch highways was disrupted for a few hours as protesters held demonstrations for the second day.

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# In a first, India to buy 47,000 tonnes of urea from the US

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

INDIA IS, for the first time, going to import a substantial quantity of urea from the US.

The South Korean conglomerate Samsung is about to load 47,000 tonnes of granular urea at New Orleans port in the US for shipment to New Mangalore in India's west coast. The cargo is to be supplied at a price of \$716.5 per tonne, cost plus freight (CFR). With freight costs from the USestimated at about \$65 in addition to \$10-15 for loading from barges, the corresponding free-on-board or FOB origin price will work out to \$635-640 per tonne. The US has till now been only

an occasional urea exporter. Commerce Ministry data shows its exports to India at a mere 1.47 tonnes in 2019-20, 2.19 tonnes in 2020-21 and 43.71 tonnes in 2021-22. The 47.000 tonnes quantity, for which loading is expected to begin later this week, is against an import tender by Rashtriva Chemicals & Fertilisers Ltd. The state-owned company's global tender, floated on May 11, resulted in 1.65 million tonnes (mt) of urea being contracted from different suppliers for deliverv in both west and east coast ports at \$716-721 per tonne CFR. "More vessels are likely from

quantity is against an import tender by **Rashtriya Chemicals** & Fertilisers Ltd.

The 47,000 tonnes

the US in the months ahead. It will help in diversifying our import sources and sending a message to other suppliers," an industry expert told The Indian Express.

India, in 2021-22, imported 10.16 mt of urea valued at \$6.52 billion. The imports were mainly from China (2.79 mt), Oman (1.62 mt), United Arab Emirates (1.06 mt), Egypt and Ukraine (0.75 mt each), Qatar (0.58 mt) and Saudi Arabia (0.50 mt). Buying more from the US also makes sense in the current context. The FOB prices of granular urea (US Gulf futures) are trading at \$500 per tonne for June and \$455 for July delivery. These are much above the corresponding futures FOB quotes of \$610 and \$595 per tonne for Middle East urea.

"The freight costs are lower, at \$15-20 per tonne, from the Middle East. Voyage time is also only 5-10 days, compared to 35 days or more from the US. But these can to some extent be offset by the steep FOB discounts to the international prices," the expert pointed out.

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A division bench of the Karnataka High Court comprising Justices S Sunil Dutt Yadav and K G Hemalatha passed the order in the petitioner's favour after a lower court had rejected the divorce de-

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The Dharwad bench of the Karnataka high court has ruled that "calling the husband impotent without legally substantiating the same, itself would amount to cruelty within the meaning of Section 13 (1)(ia) of the Act and the trial court was not justified in holding that the cruelty asserted by the husband is not proved".

"Thus, we are of the considered opinion that the judgment and decree of the Family Court needs to be set aside, and the petition filed by the husband under Section 13(1)(ia) of the Act needs to be allowed granting a decree of divorce in favour of the husband." the HC said in an order dated May 31, 2022.

The court has also ordered the man to pay alimony of Rs 8,000 per month – as ordered by the trial court un-

til the woman gets married again. "This amount of Rs 8,000

would be in the nature of permanent alimony to the wife in view of the granting decree of divorce, till she gets remarried," the court said

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# Mawsynram sets new June rainfall record at 1003 mm in 24 hours

**ANJALI MARAR** PUNE, JUNE 17

MEGHALAYA'S MAWSYNRAM -- the world's wettest place -- rewrote its June rainfall records held since 1940. The 24hour rainfall recorded here on Friday was a whopping 1003.6mm, surpassing the previous record of 945.4mm of 1966.

The second closest rainfall record was held by nearby Cherrapunji, another wet place, where the 24-hour rainfall on Friday was 972mm. For the past three days, large areas of Meghalaya and particularly around Sohra, have been battered with extremely heavy rain. For three consecutive days since June 15, the 24-hour rain recorded in Cherrapunji were --811mm, 673.6mm and 972mm. These include the third wettest (June 17) and the eighth wettest (June 15) days in June in 122 years.

Cherrapunji's record rainfall measuring 2,456mm rain in the past three days triggered one of the worst floods and landslides in Meghalaya in recent years. Nearly ten people have died in Meghalaya and Assam due to rainfall-related accidents this week. According to the rainfall data maintained by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the rain recorded at Cherrapunji since June 1 was 4,067mm.

month's surplus rain over the northeast India region. Between March and May this year, Meghalaya received 93 per cent surplus rain and had ended as one of the wettest northeastern states.

For added perspective, the rainfall received at Cherrapunji was more than what Mumbai would record during an entire monsoon season between June to September. The average monsoon season rainfall of Mumbai is 2,205.8mm.

Strong and consistent inflow of moist southwesterly/southerly winds from the Bay of Bengal are reaching straight over to the northeast India since the past one week, resulting in such a deluge the meteorologists at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. Such winds along with local orographic and weather factors contributed to such high rainfall over northeast India.

Such extreme rain comes after last month's surplus rain over the northeast India region. Between March and May this year, Meghalaya received 93 per cent surplus rain and had ended as one of the wettest northeastern states.

The IMD, in its forecast issued on Friday, has said that heavy to very heavy rainfall will continue over Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim till June 21.

# CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

RESPONDING TO reports, 'Average math score of first-year engineering students below 40%: AICTE' and 'AICTE survey will help colleges identify learning gaps so that students can be industry-ready, says Prof MP Poonia', the AICTE issued a rejoinder on Friday: "All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) hereby clarifies that it has not conducted any 'survey' to evaluate the performance of students in different subjects. More appropriately, PARAKH is an ongoing project initiated by AICTE as 'Student Learning Assessment' (SLA) where students can identify their learning gaps during the course of study by registering on the portal and can take corrective measures timely through self-assessment. The published interview of AICTE

New Delhi

published with distorted data. AICTE does not approve the report appearing in various newspapers in this regard."

vice Chairman Prof MP Poonia has been

The Indian Express replies: The report 'Average math score of first-year engineering students below 40%: AICTE' accurately highlights the key findings of a 24-page report of the AICTE titled 'Student Learning Assessment (PARAKH) - Report for AICTE approved institutions'. The AICTE report states that the "entire survey was conducted through electronic mode and a dedicated portal aslap-aicteindia.org was developed for the purpose for the TEQIP (Technical Education Quality Improvement Program) institutes between 13 September to 7 June 2022". The Indian Express stands by its reports

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## CORRIGENDUM

Partial modification to the employment notification No. 03 of 2022 dated 07-05-2022, regarding the eligibility criteria for appointment to the various teaching posts is available on the University website: www.cukashmir.ac.in.

Dated: 16.06.2022

Sd/- (Registrar)



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No: RWSS NGP ONLINE 07/ 2022-23 DATED: - 08/06/2022

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1.	Name of Works	:	As mentioned in Table "A" which includes Construction of different capacity ESR/OGR, laying of pipe line, FHTC and it ancillary work in commissioned Pipe water supply scheme of different Block in the Nabarangpur District (Clubbed up projects
2.	No. of Works	:	8 (EIGHT) Nos (Detailed in Tender Call Notice available in the website)
3.	Estimated Cost	:	As mentioned in Table "A"
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Schedule-I: Manual water level indicator 3,60,475/-(MWLI) - Handheld Ground water level/logger The Tender documents and detailed information for tenderers are available in the e-procurement portal from 17.06.2022. Interested suppliers or their authorized agents may please go through the

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**Director, Watershed Development** 

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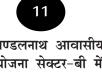
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# Modi to inaugurate Pragati **Maidan corridor on Sunday**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will inaugurate the muchawaited tunnel and six underpasses that are part of the Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor project at 10.30 am on Sunday, said officials. It is expected to ease traffic for 1 lakh

commuters The corridor has been built at a cost of more than Rs 920 crore and is funded entirely by the central government, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement. It is aimed at providing hassle-free and smooth access to the new world-class exhibition and convention centre being developed at Pragati Maidan, thereby facilitating easy participation of exhibitors and visitors in the programmes being held at Pragati Maidan, it

The 1.36-km-long tunnel will have six lanes, with a three-lane carriageway on both sides. It connects Ring Road with India Gate via Purana Qila Road passing through Pragati Maidan. It will also provide direct connectivity to the huge basement parking of Pragati Maidan.

It is expected to provide a hassle-free commute for people travelling between East, Southeast and Central Delhi. Officials said that it will de-congest the road at Pragati Maidan, ITO junction, India Gate and the Supreme Court.

Officials closely associated with the project said the tunnel

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In the matter of Company Application No. 24/1/2021-CL-III filed by Nabinagar Power Generating Company Limited, Kanti Bijlee Utpadan

Nigam Limited and NTPC Limited

And

In the matter of the Company Petition dated 28th April, 2022 filed before

the Learned Ministry of Corporate Affairs, seeking approval of Scheme

of Amalgamation between Nabinagar Power Generating Company

Limited, Kanti Bijlee Utpadan Nigam Limited and NTPC Limited and

...Petitioner No. 1/ Transferor Company No.1

... Petitioner No. 2/ Transferor Company No.2

... Petitioner No. 3/ Transferee Company

their respective shareholders and creditors

AND

Both, the Transferor Company Nos. 1 and 2 as well as the Transferee

Company are collectively referred to as "Petitioner Companies" and

have their registered office at NTPC Bhawan, Core-7, SCOPE Complex, 7

NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF HEARING OF COMPANY PETITION BEFORE THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS. NEW

DELHI ON 29th JUNE, 2022 FOR APPROVAL OF SCHEME OF

AMALGAMATION BETWEEN NABINAGAR POWER GENERATING

COMPANY LIMITED, KANTI BIJLEE UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED AND NTPC LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND

NOTICE is hereby given that by Order dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 **("Order")** the Government of India, through the Learned Ministry of Corporate

Affairs has fixed 29th June, 2022 as the date of hearing for Company Petition dated 28th April, 2022 ("Petition") connected with Company

Application No. 24/1/2021-CL-III under Sections 230 to 232 of the

Companies Act. 2013, both filed by the Petitioner Companies. The Petition has been filed jointly by all three Petitioner Companies, for

approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation between Transferor Company No. 1 and Transferor Company No. 2 with the Transferee Company and

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should

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date fixed for hearing of the Petition. If the said person seeks to oppose

the Petition, the grounds of opposition and an affidavit shall be furnished

with such Notice. A copy of the Petition i.e. seeking approval of the Scheme and the Order can be obtained from the office of the Advocate of the Petitioner Companies during the working hours or by sending an email to Mr. Pranav Vyas (pranav.vyas@dsklegal.com).

their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme").

Dated: 17th day of June 2022.

Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-3,

Advocates for the Petitioner Companies

**DSK Legal** 

Max House, Level 5.

New Delhi- 110020

Nabinagar Power Generating Company Limited

nstitutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110003.

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## THE PROJECT

The Pragati Maidan Corridor comprises a ■1.36-KM-long tunnel

from NSIC to Ring Road ■Six underpasses: 5 on Mathura Road at Sher Shah

Suri Road, DPS near Sundar Nagar, Supreme Court, Science Centre, Pragati

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An 80-metre-long, five-metre wide emergency lane has

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Maidan; and one on

■ Estimated date of

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deadlines missed since

■ Project began in 2017

**Bhairon Marg** 

which five are on the Mathura Road, will create a signal-free stretch between Pragati Maidan and Sunder Nursery.

away any vehicle that breaks

The sixth underpass on the Ring Road will go beneath the railway line and connect to Bhairon Marg.

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The 1.36-km-long tunnel connects Ring Road with India Gate via Purana Qila Road, passing through Pragati Maidan. Amit Mehra

The underpasses will ease the commute on Mathura Road from Pragati Maidan to Ashram, Nizamuddin, Sarai Kale Khan, Central and Southeast Delhi and Badarpur.

According to officials, work on the tunnel and underpasses started in 2017. It was estimated to be ready by 2019 but the project was delayed due to the pandemic and a ban on construction

Officials said murals showcasing Indian culture, birds and six seasons in different parts of the country from Kashmir to Kanyakumari will adorn the

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## KORBA DISTRICT URBAN PUBLIC SERVICE SOCIETY, KORBA

F.No./2022/77

Korba Dated- 14.061022

Selection of Operators for Operation, Maintenance and Management of City Bus Services and Ancillary Infrastructure in Korba Urban Agglomeration in Chhattisgarh Through this notice Korba District Urban Public Service Society, Korb

KDUPSS) invites proposal as given below online Electronic Chhattisgarh Government Procurment System (eGPS) https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in as pe RFP for for Operation, Maintenance and Management of City Bus Services and Ancillary Infrastructure in Korba Urban Agglomeration in Chhattsgartt Interested Bidders should provide information demonstrating that they have the equired qualification and relevant experience to perform the relevant tasks Amendments/ Corrigendum in RFP, if any, will only be uploaded on the web site and shall not be published in any newspaper.

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**Nodal Officer** Korba District Urban Public Services Society,

New Delhi

**Pranav Vyas** 

DSK Legal

Partner

# 5 THE CITY



**VACCINATIONS IN LAST 24 HOURS OXYGEN SUPPORT VENTILATOR SUPPORT** 

	DELHI 1	OTAL		lotai	vacan
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	19,19	,025	ICU BEDS	2,130	2,064
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	June 16	1,323	1,016	2	19,776
	June 17	1,797	901	1	21,978
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**AMID PROTESTS, 'TERROR THREATS'** 

# To test alertness of staff, police will 'plant' dummy IEDs in areas that see high footfall

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

TO CHECK alertness of district police and ensure vigilance, the Delhi Police Special Cell will "infiltrate and plant" dummy improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in places that see high footfall. The decision was taken in the light of the Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) warning of suicide bombings in Delhi, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat over comments on the Prophet made by suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma.

A letter issued on June 16 by DCP (Special Cell) Ingit Pratap Singh stated: "Keeping in view the controversy and recent violent protests over the Prophet Muhammad issue, and Al-Qaeda's threat of suicide attacks in India over this, police staff should be instructed to develop intelligence inputs to thwart any militant attack/plan."

Singh further states in the let-

**BRIEFLY** —

Police file

19 FIRs for

spreading

'hate' online

New Delhi: Police have so

far registered 19 FIRs over

hate being spread on social

media. One of the FIRs is

against Bhim Sena chief

Nawab Satpal Tanwar,

who was arrested on

Thursday for allegedly is-

suing derogatory remarks

and calling for violence

against suspended BJP

spokesperson Nupur

Sharma for her remarks on

the Prophet. Delhi Police

Spokesperson Suman

Nalwa said, "... On social

media, various Twitter and

other... handles were post-

ing material which was

spreading hate and was

against maintenance of

public tranquility. On the

basis of complaints and

suo moto social media

analysis, we registered 19

FIRs under various sec-

tions including 153A(pro-

moting enmity), 295A

(acts intended to outrage

religious feelings), 509

(outraging the modesty of

a women), 506 (threaten-

ing) and 505 (whoever

makes, publishes or circu-

lates any statement, ru-

DSEU begins

second batch

of admissions

New Delhi: Admissions

to the Delhi Skill and

Entrepreneurship Univer-

sity for the academic year

2022-2023 opened on

Friday, with the new uni-

versity expanding its pro-

grammes and capacity.

This is the second batch of

admissions. This time, the

number of seats across

programmes has in-

creased to 7,573 from last

year's 6,000. Four new UG

courses have been intro-

duced: BSc in Optometry.

bachelor's in Library

Sciences, BBA programme

in Automotive Retail

Management and BSc in

Hospital Management.

Elderly couple

New Delhi: An elderly

couple was found dead at

their first-floor home in

East Delhi's Nirman Vihar

Friday, said police. The

deceased were identified

as Vijay Kumar Talwar

(80) and Savita Talwar

(75). DCP (East) Priyanka

Kashyap said, "The de-

ceased had been living at

the house for the past 14

years, and their children

live in the US. No foul play

is suspected." **ENS** 

found dead

mour or report)."

ter, "Staff of Special Cell will randomly infiltrate and plant dummy IEDs at any of the places of high footfall in each district to check alertness of local police staff. As soon as district police detect the dummy IED, regular protocol of handling such device – cordoning (off) the area, using sandbags for buttressing, calling bomb disposal team — must be followed. After completing the exercise, Special Cell staff carrying out the infiltration attempt will be informed by district police. Lower staff should be briefed about the (IED) angle to remain extra vigilant and cautious accordingly.'

He added, "It is also reiterated that places of high footfall should be monitored, patrolled, and CCTV systems may be checked and monitored regularly. Moreover, an extensive checking to be carried out from 6 pm to 9 pm daily in crowded markets, shopping malls, and mass transportation systems. Special attention must be paid to tenant verification and hotels.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

IN THE run-up to Rajinder Nagar

bypoll, the Aam Aadmi Party

(AAP), intensifying its campaign-

ing, held a roadshow helmed by

party national convenor and

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal. "Don't vote for BJP.

Wherever the party and its MLAs

have won, they have indulged

in rowdyism, vandalism and

brawls. They don't know anything

apart from spreading hate and vi-

olence. If you want progressive

policies, vote for AAP," Kejriwal

the sight of thousands gathered

at the event, he said, "I am thank-

ful for all your support and par-

ticipation. Last time, you be-

lieved in AAP and helped us win

by a huge margin. Today, I come

here again to request you to vote

for us, help us win with double

voting for the BJP. They cannot

get any work done. They keep

fighting with us throughout the

day, so if you want a fighting

MLA who doesn't do any work,

then vote for BJP. But if you want

an MLA who works for you and

He added, "There is no use

the margin.'

Expressing his excitement at

said, hitting out at the party.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 17



Police personnel were present at all gates of the Jama Masjid on Friday. Shivam Kumar Jha

If you want MLAs who pick fights, vote

The CM at a roadshow in Rajinder Nagar on Friday. He will

hold roadshows again on June 18 and 19. Prem Nath Pandey

for BJP: Kejriwal at bypoll roadshow

guest house checking.' Security increased outside mosques

Meanwhile, security was increased outside mosques ahead

of Friday namaz and DCPs in all 15 districts were asked to make elaborate security arrangements. Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana visited the

The CM will hold road shows

Though the residents of the

constituency were split over

politics, there was widespread

agreement that water supply

this area. Over the last two years,

AAP's MLA (Raghav Chadha)

was in power and despite being

the chairman of the Delhi Jal

Board (DIB), he was unable to

provide regular water supply,'

said Mukundan, a resident of

"Water is the biggest issue in

again on June 18 and 19.

was a pressing concern.

Jama Masjid, where a brief protest was seen last week.

On Thursday, Special CP (northern zone) Dependra Pathak held a meeting with all DCPs regarding security arrangements. The protest by Congress workers against Rahul Gandhi's questioning by the ED, recent protests against Nupur Sharma's remarks about the Prophet, and the agitation against the Agnipath scheme in parts of the country were discussed.

"All DCPs have been asked to take precautionary measures, keeping in view the sensitivity of the issues. Adequate police arrangements by local police, including women staff, PCR and traffic have been suggested, especially in mixed population areas to handle the situation tactfully. There is a possibility that some people will try to create ruckus and it cannot be ruled out that even a minor incident may create communal tension and affect

Rajinder Nagar, Block 7.

Another resident, Sanyogita

Varma, said, "Water is an issue

but AAP has done some work.

A water pipe connection has

been provided to some blocks

and work is in progress in other

sections also. The party has

done a lot for the people, espe-

cially for women and weaker

A student from Andhra

Pradesh who has been staying

in Karol Bagh for the last two

years said, "The area is a hub for

coaching centres and students,

but there is lack of a support

system like a helpline for stu-

dents to address their griev-

ances. The PGs are expensive

and students' living condition is

A total of 14 candidates, in-

cluding from the BJP and

Congress, are contesting the by-

poll scheduled to be held on

June 23. The AAP has fielded

Durgesh Pathak, while the BIP

has fielded Rajesh Bhatia and

Congress announced its former

councillor Prem Lata as its can-

didate. The seat fell vacant after

erstwhile MLA Chadha was

nominated by the AAP to the

pated in the roadshow as well.

Pathak and Chadha partici-

Rajya Sabha from Punjab.

sections.'

below par."

senior police officer said DCPs have also been asked to deploy videographers to record any incident.

At Jama Masjid during the day, there was brief sloganeering by a group of people after namaz ended. Announcements were made over loudspeakers to stop sloganeering immediately and that it would not be tolerated within the masjid. People were told that the namaz had ended and they must leave immediately. Shahzad Khan, member of

the Aman Committee, who was present outside the masjid, said members of the committee had appealed to the people to pray peacefully and return: "If they want to protest and have an issue, they should raise it at a proper platform. The Imam is making all efforts to ensure that there is peace. The sloganeering that happened inside was by a few people who are not

Delhi Police personnel were present inside the masjid and deployed at all gates as well.

# Conclude investigation into plagiarism allegations against 2 profs: HC to IIT-D

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

OBSERVING THAT facts of the case are quite unsettling, the Delhi High Court has directed IIT-Delhi's Institute Level Plagiarism Committee to conclude an investigation into allegations of plagiarism against two professors and submit a report before the court. The teachers are accused of using a student's research proposals for obtaining a Lok Sabhasponsored fellowship.

'Further, the report prepared by the Student Grievance Redressal Committee be also filed with this Court before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Petitioner," said Justice Sanjeev Narula in the order.

Harshal Dilip Kate, a PhD scholar at IIT's Department of Management Studies since 2018, has approached the court against the termination of his registration by the institute. His registration was terminated on account of "unsatisfactory performance" in two consecutive semesters, as per the plea before court.

Kate told the court that the termination is a result of complaints made by him against his co-guide as well as chairperson of the Student Research Committee (SRC). He further told the court that he attended several e-conferences at international universities and institutes but was questioned by his co-guide for not

seeking their prior approval. "Petitioner also asserts that his co-guide used two of his research proposals for obtaining a Lok Sabha sponsored fellowship for herself worth Rs 10.80 lakh. The name of the Chairperson of SRC, who was his research supervisor, was mentioned as the Co-Principal Investigator on research proposals for the Lok Sabha fellowship," the court recorded in the order.

Kate told the court that ever since he confronted his co-guide and SRC Chairperson about the issue of plagiarism, they adopted an adversarial attitude towards him which led him to file complaints with the Student Grievance Redressal Committee and Institute Level Plagiarism Committee. On April 12, he also complained to the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances against the coguide and Chairperson, SRC.

The counsel representing IIT-Delhi told the court that allegations of the sorts made by Kate are viewed with seriousness by the institute. Action on his complaint would depend upon the report of the committee, the court was told.

Seeking response on Kate's petition from IIT-Delhi and other respondents, the court listed the case for further hearing on July 19.

# **Demolition along** Yamuna floodplain: Allahabad HC calls for temporary halt



Noida Authority has been carrying out anti-encroachment drives to demolish illegal farmhouses/structures built on the floodplains. Praveen Khanna

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

ISSUING A temporary halt on the demolition drive being carried out by the Noida Authority along the Yamuna floodplains, the Allahabad High Court has given 10 days' time to property owners to file objections.

Responding to a petition by Harit Kisan Kalyan Samiti, the court in its order issued on Tuesday stated that the petitioners and the respondents, the Noida Authority, will maintain status quo till June 24.

The organisation contended that a majority of the construction along the floodplains was carried out without any impact assessment as mentioned in the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016. The petitioners further stated that no individual notices were served to owners and only a public notice with regard to the demoli-

tion had been issued. The Authority maintained that the notice that deemed construction along floodplains as illegal was issued in accordance with the law. It, however, admitted that there were no individual notices since it was difficult to identify or contact the actual owner of the plot.

The court has given individual owners time to file objections if their property comes within the ambit of the public notice. If individual owners do not issue an objection within 10 days, the respondent can pursue its actions, the court said.

In 2013, an NGT order banned construction on the ecologically sensitive floodplains. Experts of Against norms

A floodplain is the area

situated next to a river or stream stretching from the bank till a land formation. As per authorities. any construction on a floodplain, including along the Yamuna, is illegal and in violation of NGT norms. The Yamuna Monitoring Committee is of the view that floodplains are essential for enhanced biodiversity and, hence, should be free from construction. Land worth crores has been reclaimed by the Noida Authority in the last few months by carrying out

the Yamuna Monitoring Committee set up by the NGT had also recommended that floodplains needed to be reclaimed for enhanced biodiversity.

demolitions in the area.

The Noida Authority has been carrying out surveys to identify structures that are in violation of the norms and issued appeals to locals that they should divest themselves from any form of construction in the riverbed area since it has been deemed illegal. The colonies on the riverbed have been built through illegal plotting and incomplete registry, officials said. The Authority further stated that encroachment drives will be carried out using police force in the future against those found to be engaged in illegal construction despite warnings.

# Waterlogging at Ring Road-IP Estate, Sisodia takes stock

resolves problems of the public,

then press the *jhadu* (broom)

button (on EVM). Over the past

he does not know how to quar-

rel, but only to work, Kejriwal

said, "I can assure you that AAP

and I will work for the welfare

of the people and development

of the society." He added,

"Ihadu ka button itni baar da-

bana ki button hi kharab ho

has been done in Delhi."

seven years, a lot of good work

Stating that, unlike the BJP,



**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

TO PREVENT waterlogging at IP Estate opposite the WHO building during the monsoon, the Public Works Department (PWD) is installing nine pumps and is constructing a stormwater drain along with a sump of 5 lakh litres capacity, said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

The stormwater drain is coming up under IPGCL's plant. A PWD official said it will be ready in 6-7 days.

Inspecting the site on Friday, Sisodia, who also holds the PWD portfolio, said, "Minto Bridge was considered a hotspot for waterlogging during the rain. In the last two years, the Arvind Kejriwal government worked on



it. Due to our work, there was no waterlogging at Minto Bridge last year...Last year, the place (IP Estate opposite WHO building) has emerged as a new waterlogging hotspot. Taking cognizance of the situation, some important steps have been taken by the PWD to deal with the problem. Our engineers have made all arrangements well in advance this time."

Kejriwal in a tweet also said, "We are trying our best to ensure that the public doesn't face any inconvenience this time."

Sisodia inspected the IP Estate site on Friday. Express

The PWD has also increased the height of the road for easy

Besides, the department has set up a 24x7 Central Control Room from where 10 severe waterlogging sites will be mon $ito red\,through\,CCTVs.\,The\,other$ critical locations are Pul Prahaladpur, Jahangirpuri, Zakhira flyover among others.

made preparations to avoid waterlogging at these critical locations. This includes desilting and construction of drains, sumps, raising levels of roads, installation of new motors, pumps, CCTV cameras at waterlogging hotspots, and alarm systems.

The government has also

# Man beaten to death on suspicion of theft

A 28-YEAR-OLD man was beaten

Police received information at 7.17 am. Sanjay was found dead in front of the building when they reached the spot. He had sustained several blunt injuries and lacerations. Police conducted door-to-door surveys and found bloodstains on the roof of the building. Police sources said when they questioned the owner and guard, they alleged Sanjay had entered the building to commit theft. Police said the accused allegedly beat him up with bamboo sticks.

Pranav Tayal, DCP (Rohini), said: "Videos and photos were accused at the time.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

to death on suspicion of theft at an under-construction building in Rohini Thursday. Police arrested five men in connection with the case — landlord Shamsher Singh (57), his son Raman Sahib (29), his brother Kulvinder Singh (52), his nephew Rayman Singh (24), and security guard Tausif Khan. The victim, Sanjay, lived in Mangolpuri.

recovered from the accused which show them beating him up." Police recovered CCTV footage, photos and two videos taken by the accused, bamboo sticks, and clothes worn by the

# Rain brings down max temp to 36.7°C, lowest in 20 days

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

RAINFALL IN Delhi on Friday brought the maximum temperature down to 36.7 degrees Celsius, three degrees below the long period average for this time of the year, and the lowest maximum temperature recorded in around 20 days.

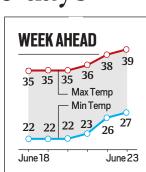
The maximum temperature has remained above 40 degrees Celsius on 15 days of June this year at the Safdarjung weather observatory, which provides representative figures for the city. It was 40.2 degrees Celsius on Thursday. The maximum temperature at all weather stations in the city settled below 40 degrees Celsius on Friday, with the lowest being 34.3 degrees Celsius at Mayur Vihar.

Rainfall in the early hours of Friday also meant that the minimum temperature was five degrees below normal, settling at 22.8 degrees Celsius. The Safdarjung weather sta-

tion recorded 19.1 mm of rainfall from the early hours of Friday to 5.30 pm. The weather station at Lodhi Road recorded 18.4 mm, while the Ridge in North Delhi recorded 5.6 mm. The normal amount of rainfall for Delhi til June 17 is 23.6 mm.

The temperature at 5.30 pm on Friday dropped to 27.4 degrees Celsius, but humidity remained high at 78%.

Western disturbances and southwesterly winds carrying moisture from the Arabian Sea to



Northwest India are likely to bring scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over Delhi, Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana and UP over the next five days, as per an IMD bulletin issued on Friday evening.

Cloudy skies and light to moderate rainfall are on the forecast for Delhi on Saturday as well. Rainfall between 15.6 mm and 64.4 mm is categorised as 'moderate'. Rainfall remains on the forecast for Delhi till June 21.

The maximum temperature is likely to remain below 40 degrees over the next six days, while the minimum temperature is likely to be around 22 or 23 degrees Celsius till June 21.

While March and April recorded deficit rainfall in Delhi this year, two thunderstorms towards the end of May turned rainfall for the month into an excess of 142%. With the rainfall, the air quality also improved to be in the 'satisfactory' category on Friday, with an AQI of 88, which is the best it has been so far this month. June has already witnessed three days when the AQI was in the 'very poor' category.

# 6 GOVT & POLITICS

# AGNIPATH RECRUITMENT SCHEME: AUTHORITIES GRAPPLE WITH PROTESTS, TRAIN SERVICES HIT

# 234 trains cancelled, many more impacted

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

MORE THAN 300 trains have been impacted so far with 234 trains cancelled due to the protests against the Agnipath scheme for recruitment in the armed forces, the Railways Ministry said on Friday.

Apart from the 234 trains that were cancelled, 95 trains were partially cancelled and 11 trains were diverted due to the

Coaches of three running trains in the East Central Railways and one empty rake in Kulharia (also in the ECR) were damaged by the protesters. In Balia, slogan-shouting protesters set an empty stationary train on fire and vandalised a few other trains, prompting the police to lathicharge them.

The worst-hit East Central Railways -- which covers Bihar, Jharkhand and parts of Uttar Pradesh, which have witnessed widespread protests -- has also decided to "monitor" the operations of eight trains due to the

These trains include: 12303 Howrah-New Delhi Poorva Express, 12353 Howrah-Lalkuan Express, 18622 Ranchi-Patna Patliputra Express, 18182 Danapur-Tata Express, 22387 Howrah-Dhanbad Black Diamond Express, 13512 Asansol-Tata Express, 13032 Jaynagar-Howrah Express and the 13409 Malda Town-Kiul Express. Two ECR trains that have been cancelled are 12335 Malda Town-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express and the 12273 Howrah-New Delhi Duronto Express.

Several trains run by the North Frontier Railways also pass through the ECR jurisdiction and three of them were also affected, the railways said.

# **Every Agniveer** from Assam will be absorbed in police force: CM

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI. JUNE 17** 

AMID PROTESTS across the country against the Centre's Agnipath scheme, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Friday that every 'Agniveer' in the state would be absorbed in the police force.

"Every Agniveer who is a resident of Assam will get a job in the state police force," Sarma told reporters, adding that it was a "win-win" situation for the state. "So, you will have the experience from the Army, and with the training, you will join the police force.

He said there was "no violence" in Assam following the scheme. While protests have marked different states in the country in the last two days, Assam has not witnessed any major protest, barring one in Jorhat on Friday morning. However, police said the situation did not get "out of control".

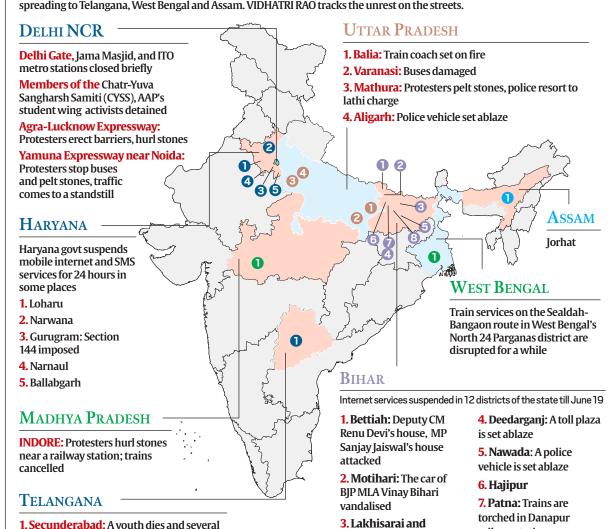
About 100-150 youths had gathered at a stadium at Jorhat in the morning," said Jorhat SP Mohan Meena, adding that the protestors were sloganeering



Vikramshila Express train was set on fire by a mob in Lakhisarai, Bihar, on Friday. PTI

# DAY 2: Anti-Agnipath protests

Protests continued for the second day Friday against the short-term Agnipath scheme for the armed forces, with violence spreading to Telangana, West Bengal and Assam. VIDHATRI RAO tracks the unrest on the streets.



1. Secunderabad: A youth dies and several are injured in Telangana as police open fire

on a mob at Secunderabad railway station

torched in Danapur railway station

8. Nalanda: Train coaches torched in Islampur

# **ARMY RECRUITMENT IN STATES HIT BY PROTESTS**

major contributors to the Army, have been rocked by protests. A look at Army recruitment, using data that the Military of Defence shared with Parliament in February and March this year, reveal high recruitment in some of the areas now hit by violence. The recruitment process for 2020-21 and 2021-22 was put on hold due to the Covid pandemic. RECRUITMENT

Haryana, Bihar, Rajasthan, which are among the

IN 2018-19 AND 2019-20

PATNA, JUNE 17

Nawada.

during the protests amid wide-

spread violence against

Agnipath recruitment scheme

in at least 15 of 38 Bihar dis-

tricts on Friday. As a precau-

tionary measure, the state gov-

ernment suspended Internet

services in 12 districts -

Bhojpur, Kaimur, Buxar, Saran,

Samastipur,



Outside the railway station in Danapur, near Patna. PTI

Vaishali, West Champaran, Aurangabd and Rohtas - ADGP (law and order) Sanjay Singh said. Also, prohibitory orders were issued in Samastipur till

further orders.

Samastipur: A mob sets

fire to coaches of two

trains at the stations

■2018-19 ■2019-20

The protesters also attacked houses of Bihar BJP state president Sanjay Jaiswal and Bihar deputy CM Renu Devi in Bettiah. BJP offices at Madhepura, Lambert Sarai, Bagaha (West Champaran) and Saran were ransacked or attacked. RJD-led Grand Alliance has called for

Bihar bandh on Saturday. Targeting railways properties for the second consecutive day, protesters torched several compartments of 10 trains stationed at Samastipur, Lakhisarai Danapur (Patna), Islampur (Nalanda). Kulharia (Ara). Fatuah (Patna) and Supaul. About 75 private vehicles, including four school buses in Aurangabad, were damaged.

Bihar Additional Director of Police (law and order) Sanjay Singh said: "We are now trying to identify protesters to know if there is any involvement of anti-social elements." In last two days, the state police have arrested over 300 people, including 40 for torching two trains at Danapur.

# Secunderabad attack was planned, mob had WhatsApp group: Police

SREENIVAS JANYALA

ONE PERSON died and several others were injured when police opened fire on a mob that went on a rampage at Secunderabad railway station Friday morning. The protesters, claiming to be army recruitment aspirants opposed to the Centre's Agnipath scheme, went on a two-hour spree of mindless destruction and arson not only damaging railway property but also motorcycles and household goods kept at the

parcel office on Platform 1. Additional Director General of Police (Railways, Telangana) Sandeep Shandilya said it was a very well-planned and organised attack on the railway station. "These youths had formed a WhatsApp group called 'Chalo Secunderabad' in which they planned everything. The youths started assembling at various places near Secunderabad railway station last night and launched the attack Friday morning. We had about 50 security personnel guarding the station but they were no match for the 500-1,000 strong mob who came in through all the seven entrances to the station. They went on a rampage smashing everything in sight and setting property on fire," Shandilya said.

He said the mob set on fire several coaches of three trains, burnt down the Accident Relief Train, and two brake vans. Apart from that, windowpanes of dozens of railway coaches and train engines were smashed. Shandilya said that the mob tried to attack the Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) the nerve centre of South Central Railway (SCR) but a small force of Hyderabad City North Zone policemen and RPF personnel managed to hold off the attack and protected the RRI. The protesters also set fire to an engine which had 3,000 litres of diesel in it.



Police personnel deployed in Secunderabad, during the protest on Friday. Reuters

# Protester who was killed awaited Army recruitment for 3 yrs

**RAHUL V PISHARODY** HYDERABAD, JUNE 17

DAMODAR RAKESH, 23, aspired to don the military uniform following the footsteps of his elder sister who is serving in the Border Security Force (BSF) in West Bengal. On Friday morning, he was declared "brought dead" by doctors at Gandhi General Hospital in Hyderabad after protests by army aspirants turned violent. According to fellow protesters, Rakesh died suffering a bullet injury after the police opened fire at the protesters. Doctors, however, refused to confirm bullet wounds till a postmortem examination of the body was completed.

Rakesh hailed from the Dabeerpet village in Khanapur Mandal of Warangal district.

Son of Damira Kumaraswamy, a farmer, and Phulamma, Rakesh had completed his graduation from Narsampet. He had cleared the physical test and medical test for army recruitment and was awaiting the announcement of dates for the written exam for the Common Entrance Exam. On Thursday night, along with a few friends, he travelled to Hyderabad to partake in the protest at the Secunderabad Railway Station the next morning.

He was the youngest of two daughters and two sons of the farmer couple. "The parents are in shock. Along with their daughter and other relatives, they are trying to go to Hyderabad. They were prevented from going past Hanamkonda and sent back to Dabeerpet by evening. They should be given financial assistance and a government job," ex-Sarpanch of Khanapur told The *Indian Express* over the phone. According to the neighbours in the village, Rakesh has been eagerly awaiting Army recruitment for the last three years. Especially after his elder brother suffered an accident and was left physically challenged, the family pinned their hopes on Rakesh to do well.

# Protests spread across UP, train coach, police outpost set on fire

**ASAD REHMAN** LUCKNOW, JUNE 17

PEOPLE PROTESTING against the Centre's Agnipath scheme set on fire an empty train in Ballia district and a police outpost in Aligarh on Friday, police said. Several incidents of protesters indulging in violence on the highways were reported from districts in Uttar Pradesh, where travellers were stuck in traffic jams and violence due to the protests.

On the incident reported from Ballia railway station, police said the protesters were dispersed, the fire was doused and further action is underway. Videos of protesters vandalising trains and a bogey on fire surfaced on social media on Friday morning. The students also vandalised stalls at the railway station and indulged in stone-pelting in some parts of the district.

Ballia Superintendent of Police Raj Karan Nayyar said in a statement. "There was information that some students gathered at the railway station and stadium. Senior police officers and magistrates



Passengers wait at Charbagh railway station in Lucknow after train services were affected on Friday. Vishal Srivastav

started a conversation with them. The students were dispersed from there. While being dispersed from the railway station, they tried to break windows of an empty train. They also tried to set on fire a bogey of a train stationed in an isolated area. The fire is being doused. All have been dispersed from the spot patrolling is underway and further action is being taken.'

"Around 100 people have been sent to jail after they were booked under CrPC section 151..." he said later.

In Varanasi, a protest against

the Centre's scheme was reported on Friday, with two roadways buses being vandalised by protesters. A police officer said that they were spoken to and dispersed. "The situation is now under control," the officer said.

In Aligarh, a part of the Jattari police outpost and a vehicle inside the outpost premises were set ablaze by protesters. They blocked a highway and vandalised buses. Some buses were also set on fire. After that, police tried to disperse them and they went and set the Jattari police outpost on fire.

# Under fire over Agnipath, BJP's youth, unemployment headache

**LIZ MATHEW** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

AS VIOLENT protests against Agnipath, the Centre's new shortterm recruitment policy for the armed forces, spread to more states, with train coaches being set on fire and BIP offices and leaders being singled out for attack, there's growing realisation in the ruling party that the problems of unemployment and the economy could

the party and its government. While the protests forced the government on Thursday to announce a two-year relaxation in the upper age limit this year, a sec-

snowball into a major challenge for

tion within the party admitted that the government has only been too aware of this simmering anger of the youth over its "failure in addressing ioblessness".

The Agnipath move came alongside the Prime Minister's announcement of the government recruiting 10 lakh people in mission mode over the next 18 months. The announcement, which is expected to cost the exchequer Rs 54,000 crore a year, was made with an eye on the 2024 elections and was a bid to neutralise the Opposition's criticism on the issue of unemployment.

The disquiet among the youth over unemployment was palpable in the run-up to the recent

Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh. However, by using a deft mix of religious polarisation and welfare politics, the BIP has managed to ensure that the discontent

over unemployment doesn't translate into votes against the party in UP and elsewhere. It also helped that there was no credible opposition that could win over the youth or offer them an employment plan.

It's no wonder then that while the BIP's cultural and political agenda had a smooth run among the youth (abrogation of Article 370 and construction of the Ram Temple), the Centre's attempts to

push major economic reforms have been met with resistance from the ground, with the youth playing a key role in this pushback. A senior party leader pointed

to the pan-India student uprising against the to the changes Citizenship Act to say, "We still have not been able to capture the imagination of the youth, es-

pecially young women. It is a worry for the BJP even when we focus on consolidating our support base among women.' Aparty MP pointed out, "Since

coming to power, we have been

challenged on all economic issues

-- be it the land acquisition law,

GST implementation, demonetisation or the farm laws. While the government and the party managed to emerged unscathed through some of these, primarily due to Prime Minister Modi's popularity and image, we had to roll back certain decisions. But it's true that the youth are increasingly disappointed with some of the economic initiatives.

What's pertinent is that the challenge to these reforms have come from the ground, and not the Opposition. "It's not an Opposition-led protest, but a resistance among the youth. There is an increasing anger against the privatisation moves of the government too," said a party leader.

A senior party leader pointed out that of the two challenges facing the government — inflation and joblessness — its initiatives on tackling the former were largely welcomed by experts as well as the public. But on the latter, the government may have faltered by projecting the Agnipath scheme as Prime Minister Modi's attempts to address the issue of joblessness. "It was a mistake to project the scheme as an answer to the job crisis. It's a scheme to make the armed forces a young, combatready fighting force. The commu-

more adequate," the leader said. Now on the backfoot, some in the party have been accusing

nication from us could have been

the Opposition of "sponsoring" the unrest. "In Bihar, the protests are mostly sponsored by the RID," said a party MP.

However, leaders such as Varun Gandhi have been vocal about the growing resentment among the youth. Speaking to The Indian Express, Gandhi said: "Much of the new jobs being created, take for instance, the Agnipath scheme, are contractual or temporary in nature, engendering a lack of agency and limited stability for our youth. There is a push for gradually reducing people employed in government... With job creation already limited, policymakers seem to have not negotiated the gravity of the situation."

# Lathicharge amid protest in Nainital

Dehradun: Police lathicharged protesters in Nainital of Uttarakhand and detained 47 persons who were later released.

According to police officials in the district, the protesters blocked the Nainital-Haldwani road near Tikoniya. After the local Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) and City Magistrate failed to convince them to clear the road, police used force to disperse them.

"We detained 47 protesters. We did not find any need to impose Section 144 CrPC. In the scuffle City Magistrate, two SHOs and a police outpost in-charge suffered some injuries. None of the protesters received any injuries," said Nainital SSP Pankaj Bhatt. ENS

# CBI searches premises of Gehlot's brother

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** & HAMZA KHAN

NEW DELHI, JAIPUR, JUNE 17

THE CBI on Friday conducted searches at 15 locations across Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Bengal in connection with a case in which Agrasain Gehlot, the brother of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, is one of the accused. Sources said Agrasain was booked along with 14 other individuals and companies on charges of corruption related to the alleged diversion of fertilisers meant for farmers.

Agrasain, who runs the company Anupam Krishi, is already facing a money laundering investigation by the Enforcement

Directorate (ED) in connection with the alleged diversion of fertilisers between 2007 and 2009.

Sources said that the CBI team. including officials from Delhi and Jodhpur, conducted searches at Agrasain's properties for over 12 hours, after which they moved to the Gehlots' paternal home in Jodhpur.

A source close to the family questioned why the CBI was investigating the same allegations as the ED. "CBI had summoned him earlier, too, over the allegations, and we told them that the original documents and all the details were already with the ED and you coordinate with them. We don't even have photocopies of some documents," the source

Last year, the Jodhpur High Court had stayed any coercive action against Agrasain in the case.

Ashok Gehlot, and other Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi, said the searches were the result of political vendetta.

The CM, who returned to Jaipur on Friday after having been in New Delhi for protests related to the ED's questioning of Rahul Gandhi in connection with the National Herald case, said: "No one knows or knew Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brother. In the same way, no one knew my brother. And now, it is running in the media that CBI raids have been conducted. So, what is the fault of the family member? If someone is participating in politics and then his family is attacked, that too by

the government, I believe it is not proper. Issey koi hum ghabrane waale nahi hain. (We will not be scared by this)," "If I am active in Delhi or if I participated in this movement of Rahul Gandhi ji, why is vendetta being exacted from brother?" he asked.

The CBI said the alleged corruption led to the loss of approximately Rs 52.8 crore to the exchequer. The scam concerns the alleged illegal export of muriate of potash (MoP), a restricted item that can only be exported with prior permission from the government. Indian Potash Limited (IPL) imports MoP and distributes it to farmers through authorised dealers at subsidised rates.

Reacting to the CBI searches. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a tweet, said: "Harassment of Opposition leaders who stand up and speak truth to power has become the hallmark of the BJP government. I stand in solidarity with Ashok Gehlot ji and his family against this politics of vendetta. Our fight will go on."

Earlier in the day, Congress' newly appointed communications in-charge Jairam Ramesh said: "This is vendetta politics beyond all bounds. Ashok Gehlot was at the forefront of the protests in Delhi over the past three days, and this is Modi Govt's brazen re-

sponse! We will not be silenced!" Sachin Pilot said the CBI searches came as a result of political pressure.

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# China blocks India, US bid to designate LeT dy chief as global terrorist

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** 

CHINA HAS put a "technical hold" on a joint proposal by India and the US to list Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) Pakistan-based deputy chief Abdul Rehman Makki as a global terrorist under the UN Security Council's ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee, which is also known as the UNSC 1267 Committee.

Makki is the deputy amir/ chief and head of the political affairs wing of the LeT/ Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD), banned as terror outfits by the UN. He also headed the LeT's foreign relations department, and is a member of the shura (governing body) as well as the JuD's central and proselytiz-

Both India and the US have already listed Makki - brother-inlaw of LeT/ JuD chief Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, who is a UNproscribed terrorist — as a terrorist under their domestic laws. On June 1, the two countries had jointly proposed to list Makki

The proposal was circulated to all members of the council's 1267

16, China placed a 'technical hold' on the proposal to list Makki. This measure (which can last for up to six months at a time) blocks the adoption of the listing proposal till the hold is withdrawn," said an

Indian government source. "This decision by China is extremely unfortunate given the overwhelming evidence against Makki. Moreover, it runs counter to China's claims of combating terrorism," said the source.

Sources said Makki has been involved in raising funds, radicalising and recruiting youths to plan attacks in India, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. While he was holding leadership positions in the LeT, the outfit was involved in major terror attacks in India, including the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack in 2008, Red Fort attack on December 22, 2000, Rampur CRPF camp attack on January 1, 2008, Karan Nagar (Srinagar) attack on February 12-13, 2018, Khanpora (Baramulla) attack on May 30, 2018, Srinagar attack on June 14, 2018 and Gurez/ Bandipora attack on August 7,

Makki was reportedly arrested by the Pakistan government on May 15, 2019 and kept under house arrest in Lahore. In

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Centres with huge variation

2020, he was convicted of terror financing and sentenced to prison by a Pakistani court.

This is not the first time that China has blocked the listing of known terrorists. In the past, it repeatedly blocked proposals to designate Maulana Masood Azhar, chief of Pakistan-based and UN-proscribed terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

"China should reflect on its response that signals double standards on combating terrorism. Protecting well-known terrorists from sanctioning in this manner will only undermine its credibility and risk exposing itself more to the growing threat of terrorism," said the source.

PTI adds: In Beijing, the Chinese foreign ministry defended its move, saying that its actions were in accordance with the relevant procedures and rules. "I would like to say that China opposes terrorism in all its manifestation and the actions we take in the 1267 Committee in the UNSC always abide by relevant procedures and rules," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin. "China will continue to carry out its work in a constructive and responsible atti-

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# MANGO DIPLOMACY

BANGLADESH PRIME Minister Sheikh Hasina on Friday sent one metric ton of 'Amrapali' variety of mango to President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Last year, the chief ministers of West Bengal, Tripura and Assam were also recipients of Hasina's goodwill gesture. The Bangladesh government said in a statement that such gestures will take bilateral ties to new heights. During her past visits to India, Hasina had reportedly brought Hilsa for the hosts, giving birth to the "Mango & Hilsa diplomacy" coinage.

# SOME RELIEF

THE PROTESTS against Agnipath may have upset some of the senior BJP leaders as the party wanted to project the recruitment scheme as a magic formula moved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the issue of joblessness. The BJP had planned a number of programmes to "sell the idea" but the protests have dampened them. It became worse when ally JD(U) also joined the bandwagon, seeking a review of the scheme. JD(U) leaders say the BJP should have discussed the scheme with them before announcing it. However, the BJP is now relieved as its ideological parent RSS has decided to back the government on this move. Sources say the RSS likes the idea as it thinks it would remove the colonial shadow over the armed forces. But it wants the BJP to improve its communication channels to sell the idea.

# Yoga Day Special

TO MARK the international Yoga Day, Doordarshan is planning a marathon programme – from 3 am to 10 pm – on June ter Narendra Modi had mentioned the concept of 'One Sun, One Earth' during one of his Mann Ki Baat addresses. The programme. The Guardian Ring, will show images of people doing yoga when the sun rises in their countries. Around 80 Indian missions and embassies around the world will be organising yoga events in those countries on

# NMC may allow students from Ukraine, China to sit for screening test

**ANONNA DUTT** 

NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

THE COUNTRY'S apex medical education regulator has proposed that final year medical students from China and Ukraine who were not able to complete their practical training due to the pandemic or the war be allowed to sit for the Foreign Medical Graduate Exam (FMGE) – a screening test which foreign medical students have to clear to practice in the country.

The students who pass the examination will then have to complete a two-year internship to be eligible for permanent registration to practice medicine in the country. This will be a onetime relaxation granted due to unforeseen circumstances, according to the proposal of the National Medical Commission (NMC).

Currently, foreign medical graduates have to complete their training and a one-year internship at the university they are enrolled in order to appear for the FMGE. They also have to do a one-year long internship in India in order to get permanent registration.

The relaxation will be applicable only for a year, so students should refrain from taking admission to courses in these countries this year... Some of the students from China were given an internship completion certificate online, how can that be accepted. The two-vear internship will help in plugging the gaps in clinical training," said a senior official.

help many students as the FMGE is known for low pass percentages. Only 16.5% of the students who appeared in 2020 passed the exam, according to official data.

The proposal was submitted by the undergraduate medical board of the National Medical Commission (NMC) on orders of Supreme Court. The proposal states that the first and second year medical students, who joined their college after November 2021, can appear again for NEET to seek admission in Indian colleges. These students, unlike the third and fourth year students, cannot take a transfer to universities in

other European countries. The new guidelines for foreign medical graduates that came into force November 2021 states that the students have to complete their entire training and internship from the same university.

Around 18.000 medical students returned from Ukraine after the war started in February. There are almost 65,000 students in India – from China and Ukraine, but also from the Philippines whose education was halted because of the new norms.

Another official said, "There is no way we can accommodate so many medical students in India. We have a total of 90.000 MBBS seats and there are so many people higher up in the merit list who might not have gotten admission, so how can we give the seats to

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# over 18 lakh people have been affected across 28 districts of Assam. Dasarath Deka PM to launch 2 schemes for pregnant, lactating women today in Gujarat

Army personnel evacuate flood-affected people from Baksa district, Assam, on Friday. As

in Meghalaya and 9 in Assam — were killed in related incidents. According to official data,

heavy rainfall continued in the Northeast for the fourth day on Friday, at least 22 people -13

**ESHAROY** 

KEVADIA, JUNE 17

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will on Saturday launch in Vadodara two flagship programmes of the Gujarat government under its Integrated Child Development Services, Poshan Abhiyan, which will be focused on rolling out additional nutrition to pregnant women and lactating

Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana, which will cover 7 lakh women, is Gujarat government's first scheme aimed at dealing with dietary deficiency within the first 1,000 days of the conception of a child (from pregnancy to 2 years), considered the crucial first window to check malnutrition. The scheme will entail distribution of 2 kg chickpeas, 1 kg toor daal and 1 litre fortified



Narendra Modi "The entire scheme will be

Minister

electronically monitored. Packets will have bar codes which will be scanned and the scheme is OTP based. This means the beneficiary will receive OTPs confirming that they have received these packages, so that we know that the intended beneficiary is actually receiving the ration," said Avantika Darji, Joint Director, ICDS.

Apart from this, the Prime Minister will also relaunch the Poshan Sudha Yojana, under which hot cooked meals will be provided to tribal women once a day at Anganwadi centres. The pilot has been carried out in 10 districts in the state and is now being extended to all 14 tribal-domi-

Under this scheme, pregnant women and lactating mothers registered at Anganwadi are provided a full nutritious meal. In addition, iron and calcium tablets as well as education on health and nutrition are also offered. The announcement of the roll-

out comes ahead of the Assembly elections in Guiarat, and less than a month after the latest National Family Health Survey 5 data showed that 89% children across the country in the 6-23 month age group do not receive minimum acceptable diet. Incidentally, Gujarat features

at the bottom of the pile in NFHS 5 with the lowest adequate diets for children between 6-23 months at 5.9% each.

Ministry officials, however, said that the NFHS may not reflect the true picture on the ground.

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# **Presidential**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

IN ORDER to coordinate with its state units and allies for the July 18 presidential election, the BJP on Friday constituted a 14-member team, headed by Union min-

The "management team" Reddy, Ashwini

The BJP, which is yet to an-

guide its elected voting repreprocess.

# in results under scanner

election

# **RITU SHARMA**

AHMEDABAD, JUNE 17

THE GUJARAT Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) will analyse CCTV footage and results across centres to detect irregularities in those that reported an unusual

spike in the Class 10 board results. "GSHSEB will initiate the process of shortlisting those examination centres that have reported high results as compared to the previous year. Also, those with too low results will be identified along with their previous years' results," board chairman A J Shah told The Indian Express.

For instance, according to the results declared on June 6, Banaskantha's Kotda--a comparatively newly designated exam centre that started in 2016-recorded a huge jump in its pass

percentage from 21 per cent in the last academic year to 74 per cent. Of the total 329 students who appeared for the Class 10 exams, 244 secured at least the minimum marks. In contrast, the district posted an overall result of 67 per cent this year, compared to 64 per cent in 2020 and 68 per cent in 2019.

While the CCTV footage is beng monitored for mass copying by the state education board, Kotda is only one among multiple examination centres that have reported a huge variation in Class 10 state board results this year.

Despite nearly 100 per cent surveillance coverage through CCTV cameras, a total of 907 copying cases were reported across the state during Class 10 exams.

The board will also contemplate strict action at centres if irregularities such as mass copying is detected, said sources.



# WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

walk-in-interview is proposed on 01/07/2022 to engage one Senior Research Fellow at Animal Genetics Division, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly, under NASF-SUTRA project entitled "Identification of unique signatures of selective sweeps in indigenous dairy cattle breeds". For qualifications and other details, candidates may visit the website www.ivri.nic.in Qualified candidates may send their biodata up to 25.06.22 through email to manjit707@gmail.com.

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI (ORIGINAL COMPANY JURISDICTION)

IN C.P. NO. 306/2012 IN THE MATTER OF PRESIDIUM BREWERIES PRIVATE LIMITED (IN PROV. LIQN.)

ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS FROM SECURED CREDITORS, WORKMEN, UNSECURED CREDITORS, PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY TO PROVE THEIR CLAIM

Notice is hereby given to all the creditors of the above named company (in liqn.) that they are required to submit their claim to the Officia Liquidator, Delhi attached to the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi to prove their respective debts or claims against the above said company (ir prov. Liqn.) by delivering the same at the Office of Official Liquidator or or before 08.07.2022 or sending by post to the Official Liquidator so as to reach at the Office of Official Liquidator, Delhi not later than the aforesaid date along with an affidavit in support of their debts or claims and any title to priority.

Any creditors of the above named Company (in Liqn.) who fail to submit his/her affidavit of proof of his/her debt within the aforesaid time limit, to the office of the Official Liquidator, Delhi, will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution of dividend before his debt is proved, or as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.

Any Creditors of the above said company who has sent his/her proof, i so, required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator, Delhi shal either in person or by his/her advocate attend the investigation of such debt/ claim at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and shall produce such further evidence of his/her debt or claim as may

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PLACE: NEW DELHI

(VINOD SHARMA) OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR HIGH COURT OF DELHI 8TH FLOOR, LOK NAYAK BHAWAN KHAN MARKET, NEW DELHI- 110 003 davp 07104/11/0003/2223

### **SIEMENS** Jammu councillor, husband held for graft

Jammu: A BJP councillor of Jammu Municipal Corporation was on Friday arrested along with her husband for demanding a bribe of Rs 10.000 for issuing "malba clearance certificate" to a private contractor. The arrest were made by the Jammu and Kashmir's Anti-Corruption Bureau. The accused was identified as Jyoti Devi, who represents Ward 53, and her husband Sham Lal.

Sources said that the ACB had received a complaint from the contractor, saying that he was allotted contract for upgradation of an open area along the main road by laying pre-cast paver tiles in Trikuta Nagar area. Though he completed the work, his payment was pending. When he approached the councillor, she allegedly demanded Rs 10,000 for issuance of certificate and asked him to contact her husband. The ACB laid a trap and allegedly caught the accused.

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI (ORIGINAL COMPANY JURISDICTION) C.P. NO. 505/2016

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Siemens Financial Services Private Limited .

New Delhi- 110043

And

Heavant Sudhir Malhotra D7/70L8, Vasant Kunj New Delhi- 110070

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Shiv Mandir Road.

have been appointed as Sole Arbitrator by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, by its order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, in Commercial Arbitration Application No. 465 of 2019, to adjudicate upon disputes between the above referred Parties

of the subject Arbitration shall be held on 28th June 2022, from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm, at the following address to, inter alia, give certain important directions.

Mansion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sir P M Road, Fort, Mumbai 400001 Parties may also appear through their Advocates provided the necessary Vakalatnama in favour of the Advocate is filed in the office of the

Arbitrator before 5.00 pm on Friday 27th June 2022. The said meeting shall be held physically as well as virtually i.e. Parties and their Advocates may physically attend and may also attend through video conference. The link for joining the said meeting is

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2022 Hormaz C Daruwalla

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under the UNSC sanctions regime. Committee."Regrettably, on June

# polls: BJP forms 14-member team

ister Gajendra Shekhawat.

which includes ministers G Kishan Vaishnaw, Sarbananda Sonowal, Arjun Meghwal and Bharati Pawar, is expected to ensure a smooth election process and victory of party candidate for the

nounce its candidate, earlier deputed party president J P Nadda and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to talk to opposition parties to see if there could be a consensus candidate.

Sources said the management team will coordinate with all state units of the BJP and party allies for the presidential election and is also expected to sentatives on the voting

In The Matter of Arbitration Between Claimant

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Appendix-IV (Rule 8(1)) **POSSESSION NOTICE** 

(For immovable property)

Where as The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Federal Bank Ltd

under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement o

Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of power

conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest

(Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a demand notice

dated 10.09.2021, calling upon the borrowers, (1) Mr. Amit Pandey, S/o. Mr. Chandrik

Pandey (2) Mrs. Pyari Devi Pandey, W/o.Mr.Chandrika Pandey Both Residing at 01

Tarun Sharma Colony, Behind Masjid, Yadunandan Nagar, TIFRA, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh

495223 to repay, jointly and severally, the amounts mentioned in the notice

being Rs.7,83,811.50 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred

Eleven and Paisa Fifty Only) as on 31/08/2021 in A/c no. 16665600000378 with

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the

borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of

the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under

section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this the 15th day of

The borrower/s' attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in

The borrowers in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the

property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Federal

Bank Ltd. for the amount Rs.8,24,943/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Twenty Four

Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three Only) as on 31/05/2022 in Loan A/c.No

Description of the Immovable Property

All the piece and parcel of the commercial shop measuring 253.70 Sq.ft bearing Shop

No G-5, situated at Tifra Industrial area, Village-Tifra, Tehsil and District- Bilaspur Chattisgarh and bounded on East -Shop No G-4. West-Stair, North - Road and South

CSIDC Land. (As per Conveyance Deed No.4188, Prakaran Serial No 201426812

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA** 

PUBLIC WORK (TRIBAL) DEPARTMENT

For The Federal Bank Ltd

(Authorised Officer under SARFAESI Act, 2002)

respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset (security property)

16665600000378 and interest and cost thereon

dated 27-02-2015, registered at SRO Bilaspur(s).

Branch Bilaspur of the Bank, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Federal Bank Ltd., LCRD/Kolkata Division

### NORTHERN RAILWAY INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM Fender Notice No. Inj. Medicines Principal chief materials manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi - 110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite: -tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-S.N. Tender No. Brief Description Closing Date 82224201A Inj. Ferric Carboxymaltose 500mg per 10mL 2405 Nos. 11.07.2022 Medium (17\*15\*3.2cm) Polyurethane Ester Foam Dressing Kit Which Has 100 Nos. 15.07.2022 (Hydrophobic Foam For Fast Granulation) Polyurethane Ester Foam In Spiral Cut Sheet For Suction Unit With Pressure Of -25mm Hg To -200 mm Hg For Instillation (Not Irrigation), 2 Pieces Of Foam Along 6 Drape And Two Canister of 500 mL Each (Containing Sodium Polyacrylate To Covert Exudate In To Gel So No Cross Contamination ) With At Least 5 Or More Lumens Tube To Prevent Leakage And Blockage, One Cassette For Solution Distribution And Two Alcohol-Free Liquid Barrier Film That Protects Peri Wound Skin And At Least 5 Or More Lumens In Trac Pad Which Will Be Used For Instillation Therapy Unit Doci & BIS /US FDA Approved/ European CF Approved By An Agency With 4 Digit Notification Approved Quality. Measurements +/- 10% NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

फोन नं. 0751- 2371231 निविदा विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक 17/टी.सी./डी-1 ग्वा/2022-23 ईमेलः eepwdlgwl@mp.nic.ir दिनांक 13/06/2022

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Executive Engineer.

Jal Shakti Division.

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14/06/2022 प्रातः 10:30

04/07/2022 सांय: 17:30

06/07/2022 प्रातः 17:30

ाध्यप्रदेश के राज्यपाल की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु नवीन निविदा प्रपत्र 2.10 पर आमंत्रण की सूचना क्र. 17 ग्वालियर दिनांक 13/06/22 द्वारा प्रचलित भवन/पथ कार्यों की दर अनुसूची दिनांक 01.12.2020/25.03.2022 पर निविदायें लो.नि.वि. में केन्द्रीयकृत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार श्रेणी हेतु आमंत्रित की जाती हैं जिसका सम्पूर्ण विवरण http:/mptenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। विभाग तकनीकी समस्याओं के लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा। एवं किन्हीं कारणों से की जाने वाली परिवर्तन की सचना वेबसाइट पर ही देखें पृथक वे एकाणित नहीं की जारोगी

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		द्वितीय आमंत्रण								

**HIMACHAL PRADESH** 

**JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT** 

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS** 

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved

eligible contractors / Firms enlisted in the appropriate class with HP IPH Department for the following work

costRs.1419691.00,EMDRs.28400.00Cost of tender formRs.400Time limit3 months.

costRs.813539.00,Rs.16280.00,Cost of tender formRs250Time limit3 months

A/R& M/O WSS Rasansidhwari in Tehsil Dharamshala Distt Kangra H.P (Sub Head:- C/O Over Head Tank

80,000 liters Capacity 6 meters stagging height at Baghni for drought prone habitation.) Estimated

A/R & M/O WSS Dharamshala Town in Tehsil Dharamshala Distt. Kangra (HP).Sub Head:- C/O underground

water storage tank 60,000 Liters capacity in place of old existing defund tank at Darnu MC ward No.14 for

Drought Prone Habitation Estimated costRs.704635.00.Rs.14100.00.Cost of tender formRs.400Time

Provision for WSS under D/shala constituency (Providing LWSS to SCSP habitation in GP Sarah and Sakoh

in Tehsil Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra H.P.)(Sub Head:- Providing, Laying, Jointing &Testing of Rising Main 100mm Dia for stage 2nd). **Estimated cost**Rs.556459.00,Rs.11130.00,**Cost of tender form**Rs.250**Time** 

A/R & M/O WSS Dharamshala Town in Tehsil Dharamshala Distt. Kangra (HP).(Sub Head:C/o Underground

water storage tank 100000 Ltr capacity at Gamru ,ward no 5 under Smarty city Dharamshala Estimated

CAD work to Flow Irrigation Scheme Machul Kuhl in GP Tang in Tehsil Dharamshala and District Kangra

(H.P) (Sub Head:- Laying, Jointing and Testing of HDPE pipe 16180 Rmts. of various dia and C/O Outlets

Chamber = 144 Nos.). Estimated costRs.13051737.00, Rs.163000.00, Cost of tender formRs.2500Time

CAD Work for Flow Irrigation Scheme Charan Ki Kuhl from CharanKhad in Tehsil Dharamshala and District

Kangra (H.P) Sub Head:- Laying, Jointing and Testing of HDPE pipe 1795 Rmt. of various dia and C/O

Outlets Chamber = 27 Nos.). Estimated costRs.1525992.00,Rs.30390.00,Cost of tender formRs.400Time

Last date for the submission of e-tender through online mode 29.06.2022 at 11:00 A.M.Others terms

and conditions, tender documents of tenders please refer website: https://hptenders.gov.in.

**HIMACHAL PRADESH** 

**☎** 01899-240618, 292000 & fax 01899-240618, 242156

E-mail- ee-dal-hp@nic.in

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Division Dalhousie HP on behalf of Governor of HP

invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of con-

Estimated

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any rea-

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website

tractors registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Additional 24,98,589.95

Govt. Senior Mail District

1. Starting Date for downloading 22.06.2022 at 05.00 PM

2. Deadline for submission of Bid 30.06.2022 at 05.00 PM

3. Date of Technical bid opening 01.07.2022 at 11.30 AM

Metalling/ Tarring and Cross Drainage 1,23,50,657.09

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** 

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50000/-

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Form (Rs.)

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कुल कार्य संख्या - 1 (एक)

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ऑनलाइन निविदा दर प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि

hrough online tendering process:.

limit3 months

limit6 months

1783/HP

Sr. No.

Name of Work

Construction

2. KEY DATES:

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1790/HP

www.hptenders.gov.in

Accommodation at

Secondary School Mail Distri Chamba( SH: C/O Building Portion)

on Dalhousie Cantt to Bathri road km 0/0 to 4/760 (SH: Formation deficiency

Providing Cross Drainage M/T o

ऑनलाइन निविदा दर खलने की तिथि निविदा फार्म ऊपर दर्शित वेबसाइड पर (online system) ऑनलाइन भुगतान कर ही क्रय किये जा सकते हैं। तथ

प्रम्पूर्ण जानकारी पोर्टल पर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

G- 13871/22 Dated 16-06-2022

<mark>कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी,टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपनाना दो गज दूरी</mark>।

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** E-Tender Notice Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender unde

ingle packet system for the under noted work: Name of Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & commissioning of 25Kv ac OHE modification work in connection with construction of 6.10m wide FOB at HNZM Railway Station location

Approx. Cost of work Rs.6114270.12 Rs.122300 (payment mode available on IREPS websie Earnest Money Deposit E-Tender Bid Online 30.06.2022 Submission Period

-Tender Bid Submissio End Date & E-Tender 14.07.2022 (15.00 hrs.) Open Date & Time Fund Allocation 29536203 Website particulars when www.ireps.gov.in

documents can be seen

E-Tender No.: 09-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Dated : 16.06.2022 **Serving Customers With A Smile** 

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE NAME OF WORK NAME OF OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE WEBSITE OF THE OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL BOARD NOTICE TENDER BOARD 9968604725 vitablb@gmail.com **EMPANELMENT** www.vitaindia.org.in BALLABGARE OF ARCHITECT **PRODUCERS** UNION LTD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT:  $\underline{www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in} \text{ or } \underline{www.etenders.hry.nic.in}$ 

## कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय श्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा

ई- अति अल्पकालीन् निविदा आमंत्रण शूचना

दिनांक- 16.06.2022

ई-निविदा संख्या- 01/2022-23/RWD/CHATRA 1. कार्य का नाम : जिला खनिज फाउण्डेशन ट्रस्ट (DMFT) अन्तर्गत

प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) कार्य आईडेन्टिफिकेषन कार्य का नाम समाप्ति सं. संख्या / पैकेज संख्या अंक में अक्षर में कुन्दा—लावालौंग पथ से ग्राम तीन करोड ईक्कीस RWD/ लाख तीन हजार करिलगढ़वा मुख्य पथ तक पथ 3, 21,03,888,00 CHATRA/01/ 2022-23/01 आठ सौ अट्ठासी निर्माण कार्य Construction of High Level एक करोड पच्चीस Girder Bridge Across Koniwa 2 CHATRA/01/ 1, 25,46,189.00 लाख छियालिस 12 माह River Near Village Kendua 2022-23/02 हजार एक सौं नवासी Babhandi, Bankcho (1.19.4 M.) उच्च विद्यालय मथुरापुर से घोरीघाट एक करोड अटठाईस के बीच सिलदाहा नाला पर पल 3 CHATRA/01/ 1, 28,81,645.00 लाख ईक्यासी हजार 2022-23/03 निर्माण छः सौ पैतालीस Construction of Road From चौरासी लाख सत्तासी RWD/ CHATRA/01 84,87,328.00 हजार तीन सौ Guriya Main Road to Siddiki 2022-23/04 Panchayat Sachiwalaya अट्ठाईस

वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :— 28.06.2022

ई— निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :— 04.07.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक ।

(1) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा, (2) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य अंचल, हजारीबाग एवं (3) मुख्य अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ–पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि एवं संमय :– 05.07.2022 अपराहन 3.00 बजे तक।

ई— निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :— 07.07.2022 अपराहन 11.30 बजे I

ई— निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा, द्वितीय तल, विकास भवन, चतरा।

ई- निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या :- 7979730487, 8969359987, 6201014532

No. DME/GammaCamera/05/2021/Pt/13571

and now is being re-tendered again.

ई- निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक/अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / एकाउन्ट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा के पक्ष में एवं चतरा में भगतेय होगा. जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।"

**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)** 

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** 

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, ASSAM

SIXMILE, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI-22

Web site: www.assamtenders.gov.in, www.dmeassam.gov.in, email: dme@assam.gov.in, dmeassam@gmail.com.

**INVITATION FOR E-BID (IFB)** 

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Re-E-Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website

www.assamtenders.gov.in from the intending Manufacturer/Accredited Dealers for supply &

installation of equipment related to Pediatric Department at Medical College Hospitals of

The Equipment tendered here have been invited for bids vide no. DME/GammaCamera/

05/2021/6091, dated 11-01-2021 and DME/GammaCamera/ 05/2021/13215, dated 07-06-

2021, but due to less participation and unavoidable circumstances the same were not finalized

The e-Tender is Two-Bid System, to be submitted with affixed Court Fee Stamp Rs.8.25

(Rupees eight point two five paisa) only (for local bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only

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Assam, under the Health & F.W. Department, Govt. of Assam.

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग PR 271756 Rural Work Department (22-23)\_D कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा

## **INVITATION FOR TENDER** E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 16 YEAR 2022-2023 Sr.

कार्यपालक अभियंता

Date: 16.06.2022

June in the year 2022.

Name of Work **Estimated** No. Cost 1. Construction of school building in 6,42,18,169/-Government Tribal Ashram School Complex at Devargaon Tal. Dist. Nashik Construction of Government Tribal 7,40,85,743/-

Hostel building at Devargaon, Tal. Dist. Nashik Date of E-Tender Downloading Date 20.06.2022 Time

10.00 to Date 14.06.2022 Time 17.55. Date of E-**Tender** 

Opening 15.07.2022 Time 17.55 (If Possible) 1. Tender form Condition of Contract Specification and Contract Drawing can be download from e-tendering portal of Public Work Department of Maharashtra i.e.

2. Tender Notice can be seen also on web site https://mahatenders.gov.in

No.AB/TC/1902/2022 Office of the Executive Engineer P.W. (Tribal) Division Nashik

https://mahatenders.gov.in

(D. B. Bagul) Executive Engineer P.W. (Tribal) Division Nashik

Date :- 15.06.2022

### (in case of bidders from outside of the State of Assam) in favour of "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022. Important dates of the e-Tender

SI. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e- Tender Publishing	18.06.2022	12.00 Noon		
2.	e- Tender Download	18.06.2022	12.00 Noon	26.07.2022	12.00 Noon
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	02.07.2022	11.00 A.M.	Venue – o/o the Directorate of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Guwahati- 22	
4.	Bid Submission	04.07.2022	02.00 PM	26.07.2022	02.00 PM
5.	Bid Opening	27.07.2022	05.00 PM		

# **Brief Schedule**

1. Brief Schedule								
SI No.	<b>Description</b> (Name of the Items)	Bid Security (E.M.D.)	Delivery/ Installation schedule/	Tender fees in Rs.	Eligibility			
			Completion period					
1	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the Gamma Camera on turn-key basis at State Cancer Hospital, GMC, Guwahati	Rs. 10.00 Lakhs	180 days	Rs. 10,000/-	Manufact urer/Accr edited Dealers			

The detailed information of bidding documents are available online through e-procurement system i.e. through website <u>www.assamtenders.gov.in</u> only. The bidders would be required to register in the website for submission of the bids. The bidders are required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e- procurement may obtain the same by registering in the www.assamtenders.gov.in. The requirements to register with the eprocurement portal are available on the website indicated above. The tender fees is non refundable and payable in favour of the "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, at SBI-Dispur (Guwahati) Branch. Sd/

Janasanyog/C/4952/22

**Director of Medical Education, Assam** 

## DGIPR-2022-23/1360 **BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE** Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayananura Division

No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagara BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092. No: EE/BTP/BBMP/E-PMT/09/2022-23 Date: 16-06-2022

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)** (Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, BBMP for the works detailed below from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

SI. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Improvements to Reva College Circle to BSF Road in Ward No. 05, Byatarayanapura Sub Division - (Others)	22.85	57125
	Construction of Basavalingappa Samudaya Bhavana & Construction of Ambedkar Bhavan in Amruthahalli in Ward No.07 (Call-7) - (Others)	175.00	437500

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 22-06-2022 at 3.00 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092. 3) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 30-06-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 4) Technical Bids will be Opened on 02-07-2022 at 11.05 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer. 5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid is 04-07-2022 at 11.00 AM. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE Follow Physical Distancing Maintair Hand Hygiene

**Executive Engineer,** 

**Dalhousie Division** 

HP.PWD,

**Dalhousie** 

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# **EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 1 (FROM PAGE 1)**

# No space for protest movements in political science

EXERCISE FOR BOX 8.7 AND 8.8

Read box 8.7 and 8.8 carefully. In 2020-21, farmers went on a protest on the Delhi border areas against three farm laws passed by Indian parliament. Identify the issues and the tactics.

Many of the agrarian problems persist in contemporary India. Chapter 4 has discussed these in detail. The Naxal movement is a growing force even today.

The so called 'new farmer's movements began in the 1970s in Punjab and Tamil Nadu. These movements were regionally oganised, were non-party, and involved farmers rather than peasants ffarmers are said to be market-involved as both commodity producers and purchasers). The basic ideology of the wanti-state and anti-urban. The focus of demand were





FARMERS PROTEST: Exercise box on farm laws deleted from Class 12 textbook

NAXALITE MOVEMENT: Full page dropped from Class 12 political science textbook SOCIAL MOVEMENT: Full chapter on movements removed from Class 12 textbook

The official rationale for the latest exercise is to reduce curriculum load further to help students make a "speedy recovery" in learning, which has been hit by Covid disruptions.

Consider some of the most glaring changes made to the content related to contemporary

### **GUJARAT RIOTS**

■ References to the 2002 Gujarat riots have been dropped from two textbooks. First, two whole pages on the riots in the last chapter of the current Class 12 political science textbook titled 'Politics in India Since Independence' have been deleted. The first page carries a detailed paragraph that lays out the chronology of events — the train full of karsevaks set on fire followed by violence against Muslims – and refers to the National Human Rights Commission's criticism of the Gujarat government for failing to control the violence. The deleted passage states: "Instances, like in Gujarat, alert us to the dangers involved in using religious sentiments for political purposes. This poses a threat to democratic politics.'

The second page (now deleted) carries a collage of three newspaper reports on the riots along with an excerpt of NHRC's observation from its Annual Report of 2001-2002 on the Gujarat government's handling of the riots. Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's famous "raj dharma" remark in this section has also been removed: "My 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." Vaipavee had said this at a press conference in Ahmedabad in March 2002 with Narendra Modi, the then Gujarat Chief Minister, sitting by his side.

■The second reference to the from the Class 12 sociology textbook 'Indian Society'. NCERT has dropped a paragraph under the

section titled 'Communalism. Secularism and the Nation-State' in Chapter 6 that describes how communalism drives people to "kill, rape, and loot members of other communities in order to redeem their pride, to protect their

"A commonly cited justification is to avenge the deaths or dishonour suffered by their co-religionists elsewhere or even in the distant past. No region has been wholly exempt from communal violence of one kind or another. Every religious community has faced this violence in greater or lesser degree, although the proportionate impact is far more traumatic for minority communities. To the extent that governments can be held responsible for communal riots, no government or ruling party can claim to be blameless in this regard. In fact, the two most traumatic contemporary instances of communal violence occurred under each of the major political parties. The anti-Sikh riots of Delhi in 1984 took place under a Congress regime. The unprecedented scale and spread of anti-Muslim violence in Gujarat in 2002 took place under the BJP government."

According to Government's reply tabled in the Parliament, 790 Muslims and 254 Hindus were killed, 223 were reported missing and 2,500 injured in the Gujarat riots of 2002.

## **EMERGENCY**

Emergency in Class 12 political science textbook 'Politics in India Since Independence' has been reduced by five pages. The deleted content in the chapter titled 'The Crisis of Democratic Order' pertains to controversies surrounding the decision to impose an internal Emergency and the abuse of power and malpractices committed by the Indira Gandhi government during that time. It lists excesses such as the arrest of political workers, restrictions on the media, torture and custodial large-scale displacement of the poor. This section also mentions

home turf'.

■ The chapter on the the Commission of Inquiry

**■** Former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's quote on The dropped passage states: **Emperor Ashoka deleted from** the Chapter 'Ashoka, The Emperor Who Gave Up War' in the Class 6 History textbook. The deleted quote states: "His edicts (instructions) still speak to us in a language we can understand and we can still learn much from them." ■ Nehru's remarks on the

Bhakra Nangal Dam dropped from the Chapter 'Structural Change' in the Class 12 sociology textbook (Social Change and Development in India). "Our engineers tell us that probably nowhere else in the world is there a dam as high as this. The work bristles with difficulties and complications. As I walked around the site I thought that these days the biggest temple and mosques

headed by Justice J C Shah, set up

by the Janata Party government in

May 1977 to probe allegations of

excesses by the Government dur-

impact of the Emergency has also

been deleted from Chapter 6 ('The

Challenges of Cultural Diversity')

of the Class 12 sociology textbook

'Indian Society'. "The Indian peo-

ple had a brief experience of au-

thoritarian rule during the

'Emergency' enforced between

June 1975 and January 1977.

Parliament was suspended and

new laws were made directly by

the government. Civil liberties

were revoked and a large number

of politically active people were

arrested and jailed without trial.

Censorship was imposed on the

media, and government officials

could be dismissed without nor-

mal procedures. The government

coerced lower level officials to im-

produce instant results. The most

notorious was the forced sterili-

sation campaign in which large

■ Reference to the draconian

ing the Emergency.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

arbitrariness of colonial law through the example of sedition and how Indian nationalists played a role in developing a legal sphere in India is no

lives as well?"

**SEDITION** 

and gurdwara is the place

where man works for the

good of mankind. Which place

can be greater than this, this

Bhakra Nangal, where thou-

sands and lakhs of men have

worked, have shed their blood

and sweat and laid down their

■ A section describing the

OTHER DELETIONS

longer part of a Chapter 'Understanding Laws' in the Class 8 political science book. This deleted section also carries the following exercise for students: "State one reason why you think the Sedition Act of 1870 was arbitrary? In what ways does the Sedition

numbers died due to surgical complications. When elections were held unexpectedly in early 1977, the people voted overwhelmingly against the ruling Congress Party," the now-deleted paragraph states.

■ Another reference to curbs 'Workers' Movement'.

■ As many as three chapters detailing protests that turned into social movements in contemporary India have been dropped from political science textbooks across Classes 6 to 12. For instance, a chapter on the "rise of dropped from the Class 12 textbook 'Politics in India Since Independence'.

placed on all trade union activities during the Emergency has been deleted from Chapter 8 ('Social Movements') of the Class 12 sociology textbook 'Social Change and Developing in India'. This reference was made in a section titled

### PROTESTS & SOCIAL **MOVEMENTS**

This chapter traces the journey of the 1970s chipko movement in Uttarakhand, the growth of the Dalit Panthers in Maharashtra during the seventies, the agrarian struggles of the eighties, especially the one spearheaded by the Bharatiya Kisan Union. It also covers the antiliquor movement of Andhra

Pradesh, the famous Narmada

Bachao Andolan that opposed the

construction of the Sardar Sarovar

Project on the Narmada river and

its tributaries in Madhya Pradesh,

Gujarat and Maharashtra, and the

Act of 1870 contradict the rule

■ Almost all references to

Naxalism and the Naxalite

movement have been deleted

from social science textbooks.

A full page on the peasant up-

rising of 1967 along with a box

Charu Majumdar now stands

dropped from Chapter 6 titled

'Crisis of Democratic Order' of

■ The mention of Naxalite

movement has been removed

■ An imaginary narrative

from a section on "Peasants

Movement" in Chapter 8 of

the Class 12 sociology text-

book 'Social Change and

Development in India'.

titled 'A Moral Force in

the Class 12 political science

textbook 'Politics in India

Since Independence'.

on the Naxalite ideologue

NAXALISM

movement for Right to ■NCERT has also removed the chapter 'Struggles for Equality' from the Class 7 political science textbook that describes how the Tawa Matsya Sangh fought for the rights of displaced forest dwellers of Satpura forest of Madhya

lar struggles has been deleted from the Class 10 political science textbook 'Democratic Politics - II'.

Pradesh.

leader Kishan Patnaik, removed from a chapter in the Class 10 political science book. In the narrative, four fictional women, who are members of the people's movement, debate Kishen ji's advice to decide whether they should form a political party.

Politics', inspired by socialist

Two years ago, this page had drawn flak from the Nagpur-based anti-naxal organisation Bhumkal Sanghatan, mistaking Kishen Patnaik for the Maoist leader Kishenji, who was killed in an encounter in 2011. Bhumkal Sanghatan's criticism had prompted former Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Raman Singh to demand its removal from the textbook forcing NCERT to clarify that the story was referring to Kishan Patnaik and not Kishen ii.

It looks at indirect ways of influencing politics through pressure groups and movements. Apart from the movement for democracy in Nepal and the protest against privatisation of water in Bolivia, the chapter also talks about the Narmada Bachao Andolan, the non-violent Kittiko-

Hachchiko (pluck and plant) protest of Karnataka in 1987, the Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation founded by Kanshi Ram and the National Alliance for Peoples' Movements, which counts Medha Patkar as one of its ■ The only chapter on social

movements in the sociology curriculum for Classes 11 and 12 has been considerably reduced. Among the several changes made in the chapter titled 'Social Movements' in the Class 12 textbook 'Social Change and nment ii moval of an exercise box that asks students to discuss the recent farmers' protests against the three

# RATIONALISATION FOR RECOVERY

THE LATEST review of school textbooks started late last year. On December 15. the then NCERT director Sridhar Srivastava wrote to heads of all concerned departments asking them to initiate a textbook review by involving internal and external experts.

**SRIVASTAVA MADE** a case for the review citing the pandemic: "Though we are in the process of making our National Curriculum Frameworks, the development of new textbooks may take some time to come out. But in view of giving children the opportunity for speedy recovery in their learning continuum, NCERT needs to take a step towards rationalisation of its syllabi

year across the stages. We have somewhat rationalised the textbooks at the primary stage for the next year. Given its continuity with higher stages, this exercise needs to be done in every subject area and for all the classes from VI to XII also."

**THE GUIDING** principle for the rationalisation exercise is overlapping content in the same class or other classes, difficulty level, content that can be covered through selflearning and irrelevant or outdated content. Internal subject experts have conducted the rationalisation exercise with the help of external experts, but NCERT hasn't disclosed names of those involved from outside.

farm laws passed by the Parliament.

and textbooks for the next

### **DEMOCRACY**

■Four chapters about democracy and making of Indian democracy have been deleted on the ground that similar topics have been covered in political science textbooks of other classes. For instance, the chapter titled 'Key Elements of a Democratic Government' in the Class 6 political science book has been dropped. This is the first detailed introduction to the concept of democracy in middle school and talks about some of the critical elements that influence the working of a democratic government. including people's participation, conflict resolution, equality and

The chapter 'India After Independence', which talks about the framing of the Constitution and mak has been removed from the Class 8 history textbook 'Our Pasts III' for the same reason.

'Challenges to Democracy' from the Class 10 political science textbook. While the first introduces students to the concept of social divisions and inequalities along the lines of race and caste across the world, the latter talks about reforming democratic politics. These two chapters were first removed from the CBSE curriculum in April, and now it has been permanently dropped from the NCERT textbook.

Also dropped are chapters on

'Democracy and Diversity' and

## 'NCERT DECISION'

Asked about the decisionmaking process behind these deletions, NCERT director Dinesh Prasad Saklani said: "The entire (textbook rationalisation) exercise was completed before I took charge. So I cannot comment on the nitty gritty of it."

Saklani was appointed in February this year. His predecesis an NCERT decision and it's now in the public domain. That's all I have to sav.'

# govt prioritises girl education

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** DEHRADUN. JUNE 17

THE FOUR-DAY-LONG session of the Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha concluded on Friday with the passing of Rs 65,571-crore annual Budget for 2022-23 even as the Opposition Congress staged a walkout when the budget was in the process of being passed.

The Pushkar Singh Dhami-led government has proposed allocation of Rs 500 crore for 'Nanda Gaura Yojana' aimed at improving the gender ratio and education of the girl child. Under the scheme, the parents of a girl child will be paid Rs 11,000 at the time of her birth and Rs 51,000 when she passes the Class-12 exams. The highest allocation of Rs

1,500 crore was proposed in the budget for the payment of pensions to elderly people, widows without anyone to depend on, abandoned women, differentlyabled people and economically



CM Pushkar Singh Dhami

weak farmers.

After the listed business was completed, the House has adjourned sine die by speaker Ritu Khanduri. The Budget includes Rs 49,013.31 crore of revenue expenditure and Rs 6.558.18 crore of capital expenditure. The total estimated receipts during the financial year stood at over Rs 63,774 crore.

Finance Minister Prem Chand Aggarwal called the Budget "flag-bearer of the state government's priorities" that includes a robust fiscal discipline nance, and effective implementation of sustainable development goals. In the budget, a provision of Rs 17,350.21 crore has been made for salaries and allowances of government employees, Rs 6,703 crore for pensions, and Rs 6.017.85 crore for payment of interest.

and management, good gover-

The budget has also proposed Rs15 crore for building cow shelters and Rs 12.28 crore to set up Atal Utkrisht Vidyalayas for making quality education affordable for children from the weaker sections. A provision of Rs 25 crore has been made to stop migration from the hills and Rs 20 crore for the development of the border areas.

During the budget session. the business of the House went on for around 22 hours and 43 minutes, and a total of 573 questions were received, out of which 230 were answered, 17 were not accepted and three are under

# In Rs 65,000 cr Budget, Dhami PIL in HC against Jharkhand CM: SC refuses to interfere

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

SUPREME COURT on Friday refused to interfere with the proceedings before Jharkhand High Court in a PIL seeking probe against Chief Minister Hemant Soren over allegations of irregularities in allotting mining leases and money laundering.

A vacation bench of Justices ] K Maheshwari and Hima Kohli was of the view that it would not want to examine the matter piecemeal and that the High Court should decide it first.

Subsequently, at the request of Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who appeared for the state, it agreed to list the plea challenging the High Court order holding the petition as maintainable, for hearing when the apex court reopens after summer re-

Rohatgi pointed out that the High Court has PIL rules framed as per Supreme Court di-



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren

rections - and they say petitioner's credentials must be looked into before admitting PILs. But in the present case, the High Court had not ascertained the credentials of PIL petitioner Shiv Shankar Sharma, a busi-

nessman, he contended. But Iustice Maheshwari said. 'You can raise this point also, At present, let the HC decide... We are leaving it open... We are not going to entertain it piecemeal Mr Rohatgi." The senior counsel, however, said, "These are politically motivated petitions. The damage will be done. That is the idea of this man."

He urged the court to examine it or post it upon reopening of the court.

Rohatgi pointed out that another bench of the Supreme Court had on May 24 asked the high Court to first decide on the maintainability of the PIL before going into its merits. Justice Kohli said. "The HC has decided the question.'

"But if it is decided wrongly...," argued Rohatgi.

"That is your grievance. You are entitled to raise the grievance. We are only wondering. Should it be fine piecemeal or not," said Justice Kohli.

These are politically motivated cases. The damage will be done. This is only to destabilise the government. There is nothing else in this case," Rohatgi reiterated. "The HC is hearing it on a day-to-day basis all through the vacation. I don't know what is the urgency.'

The bench finally listed the plea for hearing upon reopening

# Migration to West Asia from Kerala drops, Canada among new destinations

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. JUNE 17

A DOCUMENT presented at the Loka Kerala Sabha (LKS), a common platform for Keralites living across the globe, on Friday, said the migration to the West Asian countries from the state is on decline, whereas Canada, Australia, New Zealand and European countries are becoming new destinations of migration.

which is being attended by representatives of the expatriate community from across the world, began on Friday. As many as 315 members are attending the twoday event, which would deliberate on the issues of expatriates and their role in the state development. The LKS members include all

The third edition of the LKS.

from 182 expatriates from various countries and other states in India.

The document said the emergence of developed countries as new destinations of migration is due to the improvement in educational standard and skill development of the job aspirants from Kerala. It said as per the latest data, West Asian countries are home to 89.2 percent of expatriates from the state. Developed countries becoming new destinations of migration should be seen as a new trend in migration from Kerala, said the document

It said the growing demand for health workers from across the world after the pandemic davs would benefit Kerala. which has been a major recruiting hub of health workers, particularly nurses.

# PM to states: Define target to meet \$5-trillion economy goal

New Delhi: Each state must recognise its strength and define a target as this is crucial for India to become a USD 5-trillion economy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

The prime minister was chairing the first three-day national conference of chief secretaries, which concluded on Friday at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh. The conference began on June 15.

"Had productive deliberations during today's proceedings at the National Conference of Chief Secretaries. We exchanged views on important policy issues including leveraging technology and strengthening our economy,' the prime minister said in a tweet. Appreciating the extensive

sessions, the prime minister said

the deliberations were useful in

laying out a roadmap for the sectors, an official statement said. The prime minister said every state must recognise its

strength, define its targets and develop a roadmap to achieve the same. This is essential for India to become a 5-trillion-dollar economy," the statement said, quoting Modi.

# Govt to tweak ancient monuments Act to make it flexible, says minister ments can also be dropped from

**DIVYAA** 

NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

THE GOVERNMENT is working to bring amendments to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act-1958, which stipulates area around the protected monuments to make it "more flexible and friendly", Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy has said.

While speaking at a meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA) in Delhi recently, the minister remarked: "The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is working to make the AMASR Act-1958 more flexible and public friendly." He added that "an amendment of the Act is under consideration".

The AMASR Act. 1958, was amended in 2010, according to which 100-metre radius of an ASI-protected monument is

"prohibited area", and hence, no construction is allowed there, while the next 300-metre is "regulated area", where permissions are required before executing any structural changes.

Sources said the ministry is looking to rationalise these prohibited and regulated zones following controversies over development projects pertaining different monuments. "Whether it's the world heritage monuments like the Taj Mahal and Red Fort, or a small graveyard in a remote corner of Delhi, once it becomes an ASI protected site, the same rules apply; this needs to change,' said a member of CABA, who didn't want to be identified. The amendment will also

give more teeth to the ASI to remove encroachments from regulated zones around the monuments and hold the local authorities liable. Recently, the plan to transform Jagannath Puri into a world-class heritage city had spiralled into a controversy when the government began an anti-encroachment drive to clear 75 metres from the Meghanada Pacheri and pulled down dilapidated mutts and other struc-Meanwhile, at the meeting,

MoS Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal said that "a standardisation should be made for the inclusion of site/monument in ASI list and if need arises, monualso to review the list of ASI-protected monuments and drop some from the ASI purview and pass on to the respective state archaeology departments for upkeep so that unnecessary burden can be shed off. On the other hand, a review

the list." Sources said the plan is

will also enable the ASI to take certain other monuments of 'national importance' under its wings

## WORDLY WISE

IF WE MUST WAGE WAR, WE HAVE TO DO IT ON UNEMPLOYMENT, DISEASE, POVERTY AND BACKWARDNESS. — ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

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RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

# FOLLOW THROUGH

Government must bring violence in check. Then, show it is listening to anxieties stoked by Agnipath

here can be no justification for protests against the new Agnipath recruitment process veering, as they have done in several states, to violence, arson and vandalism. It is the responsibility of all political parties, apart from local administrations and police forces, to work towards the return of calm. The announcement that the age limit will be relaxed from 21 to 23 years as a one-time exception for the first batch of recruits is welcome. It is the task of political communication now to ensure that the message reaches the young who are taking to the streets. Of course, the relaxation may also pose a challenge of its own — unless the government holds out against more such demands in the future, it may risk diluting the stated objective of creating a younger army.

The protests against Agnipath frame the unemployment crisis that has been deepening in the country. The aftermath carries a cautionary note — something as important as a new policy of recruitment for the armed forces should have been more thought-through, keeping in mind not just the jobless numbers in the country, but also the freeze on recruitment over the last two years. So far, young men have joined the armed forces not only for the respect that they gain in the eyes of society, but also for the sense of security that comes with life-long pensions and other benefits. The absence of a pension in the new scheme and the capping of the service of Agniveers at four years, have clearly not gone down well. The upper age-limit of 21 years, in effect, cut out lakhs of aspirants who have waited since 2020 for the two-year freeze on recruitment to be lifted. The apparently ad hoc manner in which chief ministers of BJP-led states, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh, declared that ex-Agniveer would be given preference for recruitment in the police and other government departments, has underlined the impression of a policy announced without tying up all loose ends. Qualifying a policy on Twitter in vague terms with an explicit political twist is hardly mature communication that this radical and disruptive reform needs.

Instead, what is needed for its successful implementation is clear communication and political follow through. Going ahead, the government will need to show that it is listening to the voices of all stakeholders. The record of the BJP-led government at the Centre on this count leaves much to be desired. On the now repealed farm laws, for instance, which were aimed at making agriculture more modern and remunerative, the government showed an inability to do the necessary hard labour of politics to prepare the ground, persuade those farmers who felt anxious and insecure in the face of change. The army chief has announced the Agnipath scheme will be notified next week, setting the stage for recruitment to begin. But it is still not too late for the government to take on board suggestions that are coming in from the military community — for instance, raising the length of service of the Agniveer to at least five years, and increasing the percentage of re-hires from the announced 25 per cent. The announcement of Agnipath is only the beginning — implementation will be a long haul, and the government will need to step up to the challenge with sensitivity and responsiveness. Street protests sometimes do acquire lumpen elements but lumpenising all protest — as was done in the early stage of the farm laws agitation — robs reform of the credibility it needs.

# A BELATED CORRECTIVE

Easing of IP restrictions on vaccines is welcome. But it will need to be accompanied by technology transfers

EARLY TWO YEARS after it was initiated by India and South Africa, a proposal to waive patents on Covid-19 vaccines has been approved by the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The global trade agency's 12th Ministerial in Geneva went into extra time to arrive at the decision, which, no doubt, is a shot in the arm for the principle of vaccine equity. The question, however, is: Will patent waiver, at the current stage of the pandemic, make a meaningful impact in the battle against the virus? In the lead-up to the WTO ministerial, India accused developing nations of dragging negotiations for far too long - New Delhi has, however, described Friday's decision as "progressive". Vaccine supply is no more the challenge it was at the beginning of this year. The argument that the deal has come too late is, therefore, correct to an extent. The vaccines currently in use provide protection against the more severe forms of Covid. But it's also clear that these shots do not always guard against infection. The virus continues to pose new questions — the lingering after-effects of the disease in large numbers of Covid patients, for instance - even though it appears to have become less virulent. Information flows must, therefore, be geared towards developing second-generation preventives and therapeutics. Easing intellectual property restrictions should be seen as the first step in this endeavour.

Waiver of IP rights will not amount to anything substantial if pharma companies in the Third World do not have the know-how to produce medicines and vaccines. In India, for nearly five decades, the generic industry has reverse-engineered drugs to mass manufacture low-priced therapeutics. But vaccines present a different order of challenge: Manufacturers require not only patented knowledge but also partnerships with the original innovator to develop these preventives. Such arrangements help vaccine manufacturers mobilise technical skills and raw materials. Technology transfers were harbingers of some of the most effective interventions in the battle against the virus. The tie-up between pharma major AstraZeneca, Oxford University and the Serum Institute of India is a case in point.

There was a global consensus, very early in the pandemic, that knowledge sharing would be critical in the battle against the pathogen. However, this understanding did not translate into equitable distribution of the most potent shield against the virus. The WTO decision, though belated, is a corrective. Much more will be needed in the coming months.

# PLAYING THE FIELD

For the politician-cricketer, it's a unique tightrope. The challenge is to achieve a fine balance

ANOJ TIWARY, A sitting MLA of Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, is an active cricketer. He spends the day on the field in the domestic tournament of Ranji Trophy, and does his constituency work in the evenings. The dual role cannot be easy and has sparked debates. Just like it does with Gautam Gambhir, BJP politician and mentor of an IPL team, living his life in bio-bubbles for a couple of months every year, and as a commentator or a studio expert for other India games. Every time Gambhir is shown in the IPL dugout, social media trolls start agitating about how he is not doing justice to his political job.

In the end, it will come down to what the voters think. People's representatives must go back to the people, with a report card, for their approval. But the dual responsibilities of Tiwary and Gambhir does point to the special predicament of the politician-celebrity. Not many constituents would know how active their representatives really are, but the Tiwarys and Gambhirs are always in the harsh glare of the spotlight.

Frank Worrell, the great West Indies captain in the 1960s, the first black man to captain the Caribbean cricket team, was an active senator while still playing Test cricket. Nearer home, Pakistan's Aftab Gul, a student lawyer and a founding member of the Peoples Party, became the first cricketer to appear in a Test while on bail for political offences when he debuted for Pakistan in 1968. Such was his following as a student leader that it was suggested that the selectors did not dare to not play him in that Test. There have been a host of other cricketers, most of whom tried their hand in politics after their retirement, some like Imran Khan with great success — and great failure as well.

# A president for our time



In the run-up to the election, a question: What kind of president does the republic need today?

NEERJA CHOWDHURY

A NEW PRESIDENT will take over from Ram Nath Kovind on July 25. Sharad Pawar's "no" to becoming the Opposition's consensus candidate — he has said he wants to remain in active politics — is a sign that the ruling side is confident of getting its candidate through. Pawar was best placed to garner the support of non-BJP parties, given his cross-party relationships over his long political career spanning half a century. But having won every election he has contested, he may not want to risk losing one now.

The NDA commands 48 per cent of the electoral college vote. But the remaining 52 per cent is a divided house. Five non-BJP parties were absent at the June 15 Opposition meeting called by Mamata Banerjee to evolve a consensus. They were Biju Janata Dal, Telangana Rashtra Samithi, YSR Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal and Aam Aadmi Party — these parties are obviously keeping their options open.

Stridently critical of the BJP, the TRS and AAP are unlikely to go with the NDA. TRS chief KCR, who has expressed a desire to move to the national stage, may have hoped to emerge as the Opposition's consensus choice for Rashtrapati, but there have been few takers so far.

More significantly, Orissa Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik (BJD) and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy (YSRCP) have indicated an open mind on supporting the NDA and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently. The two parties account for 7 per cent of the electoral college vote; the support of even one of them will ensure a comfortable win for the NDA candidate. But even without them, the BJP can be expected to pull out all the stops, work on independents and smaller parties, create abstentions and rebels in the major groups, as we saw in the recent Rajya Sabha elections. The BJP will have to keep its ally Janata Dal(U), known for crossvoting in the last two presidential elections, on its right side. These parties will extract their pound of flesh for their support.

That the NDA's candidate will win, then, appears to be a given. The story might have been different had the BJP fared poorly in the recent Uttar Pradesh elections, which

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did not happen.

The Opposition is not only a divided house, it also got into the act late. First Sonia Gandhi broached the subject with a few Opposition leaders, then Mamata Banerjee decided to invite 22 parties to a meeting. In a show of accommodation, the Congress decided to attend the meeting, and to mollify parties like the AAP and TRS, it has indicated its willingness to back anyone selected by consensus.

The importance of the presidential poll for the Opposition lies in effecting the maximum possible unity amongst non-BJP parties in preparation for 2024, and going for a candidate who can symbolise its counter-narrative.

The prime minister, on his part, has authorised Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP chief JP Nadda to hold consultations with other parties to evolve a "consensus", knowing that there is everything to gain by reaching out to Opposition leaders and displaying a spirit of conciliation when it is on the backfoot on hate speech by its spokespersons and now on Agnipath.

As the suspense continues over who will sit in Rashtrapati Bhavan next, there is also a more fundamental question: What kind of a president does the republic need today? Is s/he just meant to be the government's rubber stamp, or does the role of the rashtrapati go beyond that?

The president in our set-up does not enjoy executive powers. The 42nd Constitution Amendment enacted during the Emergency made the advice of the council of ministers binding on the president. Though the Janata government undid many of the draconian laws enacted by Indira Gandhi, it left the provision circumscribing the president's role untouched.

Every prime minister has sought a president of his or her choice. It is easier for powerful prime ministers who command a majority, like Narendra Modi and Indira Gandhi, to have their way. The president may be a figurehead but s/he has the power to appoint the PM, to ask the cabinet to reconsider a decision, or to delay decisions by sitting on them, among other things.

An adventurist president like Zail Singh in 1987 was on the verge of sacking the then PM,

Rajiv Gandhi, despite his unprecedented majority of 414 Lok Sabha MPs, and offered to swear in Vice President R Venkataraman as PM instead. "RV" refused, and so did VP Singh,

who was also sounded out. Fortunately, Zail

Singh pulled back from the brink.

But on the other extreme was the pliant President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed who signed on the draconian Emergency proclamation of Indira Gandhi at midnight in June 1975, without raising an eyebrow.

Between these two extremes lay the middle path several presidents tried to walk, as they nudged, restrained or censured the government as the occasion warranted, but did not cross the "laxman rekha". Shankar Dayal Sharma criticised the demolition of Babri Masjid in 1992. KR Narayanan helped PM IK Gujral rein in those in his coalition government who insisted on the sacking of the BJP government in UP in 1997; Narayanan asked the government to reconsider its decision, which it did.

R Venkataraman navigated three turbulent premierships — of VP Singh, Chandra Shekhar and PV Narasimha Rao, with whom he sometimes disagreed. A Congressman all his life, the "constitutionally correct" Pranab Mukherjee maintained a cordial relationship with PM Modi, but did criticise governance by ordinance and the growing dysfunctionality of Parliament.

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The sceptics will call the hope for such a president of a billion plus people a pipe dream in the given situation. But then, "umeed par hee duniya kayam hai", we live on hope.

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# A Month Of Pinkwashing

We need to sensitise politics and policy to LGBTQ+ concerns, not more token gestures

SUKHMANI MALIK

EVERY JUNE OUR social media feed looks like a dizzying assortment of VIBGYOR content. This year too corporations like Walmart and Meta have all announced their pride "campaigns," and all profile photos have turned rainbow. That is, until the clock strikes 12 on July 1.

June, recognised as Pride month, is a political movement for and by the queer and transgender community. As conversations around the LGBTO+ community entered the mainstream, the presence of the corporate sector escalated. Today, every company worth its salt "celebrates" pride with product launches and lip-service. Movies and campaigns around LGBTQ+ themes create an idea of progress hardly reflected in contemporary society. The passing of the regressive Trans Act 2019 in India, rejection of the Equality Act in the US and the general rollbacks of protections across nations, all point to the reality on ground. On top of everyday discrimination, 2021 saw the most number of registered mur-

ders of transgender people across the world. Corporations yield profits upto \$50-100 billion annually during pride month. Though they claim to be allies in our bid for queer liberation, these corporations also fund politicians who pass legislations that shrink spaces for LGBTQ+people. With visibility, the community has emerged as a unique consumer base, one that corporations don't shy away from marketing to in the name of support. This concept, called pinkwashing, has in the recent decade effec-

tively taken over the movement in the West. After persistent backlash, corporations have adjusted their strategy. This June, AT&T and partnered up with the US's biggest LGBTQ+ non-profit. Similarly, Walmart has come out with merchandise with quirky slogans like "Lez is more", and "Walmart PRIDE Walmart Proud". Corporations mentioned here also rank high on the US' Human Rights Centre's Corporate Equality Index.

However, in 2021 alone, Walmart donated

announced their campaign #TurnUpTheLove,

a million dollars to politicians who have worked actively to roll back LGBTQ+ protections. Similarly, AT&T has also funded anti-LGBTQ+ legislators. Coming out with pride exclusive scrunchies and T-shirts, vowing to donate part of the profits to LGBTQ+ funds, the intention of capitalising on the inclusivity momentum, seems apparent.

OTT platforms like Netflix and Prime have seen a surge in queer content too. This April, on the heels of losing subscriber count, Netflix fired 150 employees in North America, majority of them were LGBTQ+ individuals or people of colour. Netflix was disqualified by the HRC this year, following their choice to air Dave Chappelle's transphobic stand-up special. What's interesting is that the company had a perfect corporate equality score in the five years leading up to 2022. Part of the score is assigned on grounds of having workplace policies for LGBTQ+ employees. How, with those protections in place then, was Netflix able to carry out the firings in the way it did, demands a hard look at the nature of these policies.

Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter — some reports suggest that they algorithmically tilt the balance in favour of conservative accounts — also announce their support for the community while trolls on the platforms engage in unfettered queerphobia.

Corporations cannot refute that their efforts at inclusion are anything but attempts in maximising profits and capitalising on an expanding consumer base. The conversations sparked by this visibility have value, but not at the cost of lack of protections. In an era of conservatism, these projections of progress are dissonant at best and dishonest at worst.

In India, the LGBTQ+ movement doesn't have the influence it enjoys in the West. Corporate takeover of an agitation this nascent could be very damaging. With time, the scope for expanding this consumer base to India will only increase. Companies with a presence here, like Amul, UNAIDS have also started announcing campaigns. The trend of pinkwashing is unlikely to recede, even amid the critique it faces. So, holding companies accountable becomes necessary. Any corporation claiming to support LGBTQ+ people must be able to prove its mettle through the policies that limit the arbitrariness in hiring and firing, the nature of anti-discriminatory policies they adopt and their work with the community outside the month of June, Political engagement and investments are crucial to this assessment. Most importantly, though, we must recentre our focus from celebration and discounts to the true meaning of pride an agitation led by LGBTQ+ people for queer liberation, rooted in civil rights.

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TEN OPPOSITION PARTIES have formally suggested to the Prime Minister that Vice-President M. Hidayatullah "offers a very good choice for a consensus candidate" for the presidency. In a letter to Indira Gandhi, leaders of the opposition parties expressed the hope that she would agree to their proposal. They said they had not sounded Hidayatullah before proposing his name because "we believe that the consensus candidate should be approached appropriately by the leader of the ruling party." The opposition leaders told the Prime Minister that they were of the "considered opinion that the Vice-President has the

first claim to the presidency unless he is considered unsuitable otherwise or unless there is a candidate who is generally held to be better." They said that when the Vice-President happened to be a former Chief Justice of India, his claim to presidency "becomes greater".

# TENSIONS IN MIZORAM

STRONG, HEAVILY-ARMED BATCHES of Mizo guerrillas have succeeded in piercing the security cordon and infiltrating into major settlement areas all over Mizoram, following the serving of their "hriat tirna", an official order to non-Mizos to quit the Union territory by June 21. Sources say the situation is

serious as the armed desperadoes have by now merged with the local population.

# THE ISRAELI INVASION

ISRAELI INVASION FORCES tightened the screw on Beirut, shelling the southern outskirts anjd starting a big fire at a Palestinian camp. State-run Beirut radio said artillery battles broke out before dawn with the Israelis from positions in the hills to the south, shelling the camp of Borj el-Barajneh. Security sources said two Boeing 720 aircrafts of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines had been hit at the airport and that a big fire had started at Borj el-Barajneh.

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Unless the government can find new streams of revenue to create fiscal space for subsidies, the public will bear the brunt of the inflation."

# Demolition of House No 39C/2A/1

Prayagraj demolition is a flagrant challenge to due process, Supreme Court has taken cognisance of the matter. It is too late for the aggrieved family, but better late than never



REKHA SHARMA

WHAT HAPPENED ON June 12 in Prayagraj can be best described as a violation of the Constitution and the laws. That day, a twostorey house (39C/2A/1) that stood in the Karala area of Prayagraj, and in which Mohammad Javed lived with his family, was bulldozed by the Prayagraj Municipal Authority (PMA). The house was reduced to rubble on the ground that it was constructed without obtaining necessary sanctions and clearances from the concerned authorities.

However, the matter is not as simple as it is made out. Apparently, the demolition was carried out to teach Javed the lesson of a lifetime, who, according to the UP police, was the mastermind behind the violence on June 10, that erupted after the Friday protests against now-suspended BJP national spokesperson Nupur Sharma's remarks on Prophet Mohammad. The whole episode, it seems, was scripted to send a message not only to Javed but also to his community that anyone running foul of the state administration, whether by way of a tweet on social media or by staging dharnas or by leading protest marches, will meet the same fate.

A day before the aforesaid house was bulldozed, Javed was taken into custody for his alleged involvement in the June 10 violence. The same day PMA pasted a notice on the gate of the house, which stated that the construction of 25x60 feet was done on the ground and first floors without taking permission of the concerned authorities. According to the younger daughter of Javed, Sumaiya, the house in question was owned by her mother, Parveen Fatima. It was gifted to Fatima by her father two decades ago. She disclosed that the "notice" that was pasted on the gate of the house was in the name of her father, and not in her mother's name. The said "notice" asked the residents to vacate the property by 11:00 am on June 12. According to Sumaiya, no government agency had ever told them that it was built illegally, and that the house tax, water tax, and electricity bills were being paid on time.

The authorities have not rebutted Sumaiya's claims but they have stated that on May 5, a show cause notice was sent to Mohammad Javed and that he did not respond to the same. The family denies having received any such notice. Be that as it may, the question still remains how a notice sent to laved who was not the owner of the property authorised the authorities to demolish the house which belonged to his wife. She has her own independent identity, and was thus entitled to the protection of law and the procedure prescribed which ought to have been followed before any action was taken in relation to her property. For instance, giving due notice to the rightful owner of the property, providing sufficient time to respond to the same, a personal hearing if asked by the noticee, and even if there is no response from the noticee, a further and final notice informing the noticee of the proposed action. These are principles of natural justice which are at the core of the rule of law, and a democratically elected government is under an obligation to follow them. But unfortunately, these principles were thrown to the winds by the



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UP government, which now appears to be acting as judge, jury and executioner.

Let us for a moment accept that what is being stated by the UP government is the truth. But the government still needs to do a lot of explaining. For instance, it must disclose when the construction of the building commenced; whether any notice was issued at that stage to the owner informing him/her that the construction was unauthorised, and needed to be stopped; if any action was taken at that stage; if so, what and if not, why; when was the construction completed, and after how much time after its completion was the alleged notice to Javed sent, which he allegedly failed to respond; how many buildings in the locality have been constructed without legal sanction and if they are unauthorised, what action has been taken against those buildings. If no such steps were taken during the course of construction, should not the government functionaries who allowed such illegal construction to come up be identified? Since the UP government appears to believe in demolishing the houses of alleged criminals, even if such punishment is outside the purview of the law, and even though the offence is yet to be proved in a court of law, why should then the houses of all such errant officials be also not demolished? Should not the government of the day and its officials who allowed unauthorised construction be made answerable, and the owner suitably compensated?

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What has happened to Mohammad Javed is not a stand-alone case. We are being told that the district police is sending the names of 85 key accused who participated in the incident of June 10 to the civic officials for similar action. Nobody knows on whom the axe may fall next. The next of kin of those in custody are in panic. They are collecting whatever documents they

in custody are in panic. They are collecting whatever documents they can lay their hands on to stave off the demolition of their houses. Is it not an irony that Nupur Sharma who is in the eye of a storm, and because of whose utterances the country had to face huge embarrassment at the international level, and whom the BJP itself has dropped like a hot potato, is roaming free, while those who are hurt by her remarks are in custody, and in addition, are also facing the threat of demolition? It is nobody's case that those who indulged in violence on June 10 should be let off or not be dealt with under the laws of the land, but they cannot be punished unless proven guilty by a court of law. In any case, their houses cannot be demolished in the garb of unauthorised construction while the real motive is to teach them a lesson. In this situation, the aggrieved persons have nowhere else to go but to look towards the higher courts, particularly the Supreme Court, which is the custodian of the fundamental rights and civil liberties of the people, to stop this.

It is heartening that the Supreme Court has taken cognisance of the matter. It is, perhaps, too late in the day as far as the aggrieved family is concerned, but then, better late than never. Now that the matter is before the Supreme Court, let us hope and pray that nobody has to join Faiz Ahmed Faiz, a great poet of the Subcontinent, in saying Bane ĥaiñ ahl-e-havas mudda.i bhi munsif bhi/kise vakil kareñ kis se munsifi chaheñ (The power hungry have become both prosecutor and judge/ who will advocate for me, from whom shall I expect justice?).

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# The end of childhood

We live in times when insecurity and fear of being harmed is endemic to childhood



Krishna Kumar

IT IS SAFE to assume that every American child knows that life at school is precarious. Their parents know that nothing much can be done about this fear. Teachers also know it. Those who want to believe that matters can be changed, return to reality after each mass shooting. A bi-polar public ethos cannot permit a change. We Indians know this, having watched TV debates where no one steps out of their assigned role. The anchor too knows her role: Keep trying to get an honest answer. In the recent Texas killings, the police added a fresh layer to earlier stories of  $school\,shootings.\,A\,group\,of\,policemen\,stood$ around for over an hour outside the classroom where children were dying. The school corridor sound proofing must be of the highest quality. Presumably, there was CCTV coverage as well. Reports say that several children had dialed the police. They were whispering into their mobile phones. The killer had streamed his action live.

Childhood, as a concept, has a short history. Cultural historians and demographers have demonstrated that as a social category, childhood has been around for no more than 300 years. Over this period, the recognition of childhood as a distinct stage of human life has gradually gained universal acceptance. The recent social history of humanity is enmeshed with the ascent of public health and universal schooling that aimed at protecting children from early death and the precipitous onslaught of adult life. The use of children as cheap labour, induction into exploitative trade and violent conflicts have proved hard to stop, but considerable progress did take place in many parts of the world.

This period of modern cultural history may already be closing. The change occurring in conditions surrounding children is pervasive and deep. It points towards a Yuganta: The End of an Epoch — the title of Iravati Karve's monumental work on the Mahabharata. She argues that the great war marked the end of an era or yuga. Deep economic and cultural changes followed the great war depicted in the epic. People's outlook on life and the values underpinning that outlook changed. Something of that scale is occurring in children's life today.

A long period that influenced parenthood and education is approaching its end. The consensus — shared by the state, industry and parents - that children need protection is dissolving. That they are a social or collective responsibility had become a common concern. The idea that childhood is not merely a biological stage of life was central to this sense of collective responsibility. The growth of knowledge in disciplines such as psychology, linguistics and  $anthropology\,enhanced\,the\,breakthrough$ that had already occurred in social philosophy, pointing towards the importance of childhood as a distinct and prolonged stage of life in human society. This new perspective gradually created a global consensus

for child survival and welfare.

No country was immune to these pressures. The changes they brought in state policies and economics were radical. The formal recognition of children's rights is an outcome of these historical shifts. They are based on the argument that children need protection throughout childhood extending from infancy to adolescence and early youth. As children can't be expected to assert their rights, the state and society must guarantee that these rights are not violated. This assurance has proved hard to deliver, but now it is now facing a dire crisis. Protecting children from physical and psychological harm required a consensus that the family and the school would form an inviolable boundary around children. This consensus is no longer effective.

To begin with, the state's role as the custodian of children's rights has weakened. Shifts in public policy indicate a voluntary withdrawal of the state in order to create room for commercial interests directly addressing children. The state as well as the family is unable to maintain the protective ring they were empowered to maintain in some measure around childhood. The new consortium of market forces has penetrated that ring. Children can now participate in the new communication industry as consumers and also as objects or commodities of consumption. Their presence on a globally connected market of images and goods implies the availability of a massive amount of raw material for exploitation and trade. The family, the school and all other protective devices of the state have been rendered weak and vulnerable to attack in the war against childhood.

Digital communication has created an unprecedented social reality in which children can be approached without the knowledge of the adults who look after them. The sight of children playing on the street or in park-like spaces had already became a rarity as sexual crimes became more common. As children receded from public view, they became subject to oppression through the so-called social media. Their exposure to violent videos, pornography and terrorising messages is common. Tech giants remove millions of such material as part of their content moderation exercise. Ît is a strange ritual, for these very companies actively encourage children to participate in digital activity.

The Texas shooter live-streamed his visit to the Uvalde school. His reality show was dutifully removed. That hardly matters. As always happens, the event becomes a part of children's awareness. No matter how tightly schools are fortified, the child's view of the world has changed irretrievably. The propaganda of their right to be protected will, of course, continue. Insecurity and the fear of being harmed, oppressed and killed is now endemic to childhood. A social consensus against this insecurity will prove hard to build. The list of 21st century skills that schools are told to cultivate is long and ambitious. It covers thinking out of context, management of negative emotions and early induction into digital livelihood.

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# The way we watched the game

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Watching sports is becoming a solitary experience. It wasn't always so

their houses.

Sriram Veera

OF ALL THE mind-boggling figures that have popped up during the current conversations on broadcasting rights of Indian cricket, one stat stands out: Television viewership is dropping, and digital streaming rights are increasing. It's a story of our times the disappearance of the communal experience of watching sports with family and friends. Watching sports has become a solo pursuit, a monastic experience. It's rare now to react to a moment in a game by going beyond one's own heart and head and peeping into the emotional - occasionally dark — hearts of others.

TV IPL ratings have been dropping significantly while the streaming digital rights are escalating. Not just in sports, television viewership is falling in general. TV revenue is estimated to grow by just 6 per cent over the next five years while digital rights are expected to leap by 30 per cent. DTH operators such as Tata Sky, Airtel have lost viewership. DTH signals the death of the communal experience of TV viewing. Media rights fetched the BCCI Rs 48,390 crore, with Disney-Star bagging TV rights for the Indian Subcontinent and Viacom18/ Reliance sweeping the digital segment.

The mind goes back to childhood — to a living room in the maternal grandparents' home where uncles, cousins, neighbours, friends would congregate for a cricket game. It was a household in which the choicest abuses flowed freely during matches and viewers, more than the cricketers, were its targets. Like the bearded Kaccha, a distant relative whose real name never really registered in my mind. Kaccha was the singularly most abused man in that home.

Quite early in our cricket-watching lives, it was clear that the jovial lungi-clad Kaccha, who had the ability to talk to kids in a genuinely friendly way, was a jinx who had to be avoided at all costs. The door and three windows had jaalis running across, and, a piece of towel or saree would be spread across them, so that Kaccha's "evil eye" didn't cast its effect on the game. Sealed out, he might have been, but he was either amused or masochistic: Kaccha would always turn up, and linger outside the front door to gather cricket tidings from

our shouts of joy or disappointment. There was another middle-aged man, simply called "Mookan" ('the nose' for obvious Nasser Hussain-ish anatomical reasons) who lived down the road. A more parochially ferocious supporter of the Indian team one hasn't seen — the kind who would believe that Balwinder Singh Sandhu could hit out against Imran Khan or Malcolm Marshall with healthy doses of French cuts. and win the game. The grandfather would needle him by talking up the opposition and face Mookan's abuses, who, in the same breath, would smile shyly at the grandmother and ask for a hot cup of filter coffee with "sakkarai konjam thookala" (extra helpings of sugar) - he was a borderline diabetic and not allowed such cubed luxury at home. And of course, Mookan hated the guts of Kaccha. Fun times. The stadium-like experience in a living room with people with a great sense of humour, and the occasional invective thrown in, was something worth cycling for a few kilometres. It's something the young generation may never experience. But such experiences have been lost for

a while now. The latest broadcasting rights have only sealed the loss. It's been a while since smartphones have taken over. Even at night, with their kid listening to a podcast, husbands and wives are either glued to Netflix or Insta. Cricket was already trapped in the small rectangular screens of our palms.

In cities, in high-rises, not many of us know our neighbours anyway. Parents might not like cricket. Friends might not share our interest in sports. The intrusion of others is probably not welcomed by all. Especially, for this generation which has grown up in bubbles for most things - entertainment, online studies, social media even if, paradoxically, the surfeit of lonely pursuits has reduced the quality of solitude.

One has also to move beyond the cities and big towns to understand the importance of smartphones, even for entertain-

ment. Some years ago, a few of us were in Nimgayhan yillage in Maharashtra, which faced the threat of being submerged in the waters of the Narmada after the height of the Sardar Sarovar dam was raised. A boy swam under the setting sun across the riverturned reservoir to join us under a mahua tree in a small school. Cricket surfaced in our conversation and we showed him the latest score of a game on our phones. His broadeyed reaction to technology has stayed in the mind. His father had a normal phone, he said, but no internet; perhaps one day he will get it and follow the scores like us, he said. It wasn't a surprise that the internet was making its presence felt in the hamlet. First, they gave us cheap internet, then they took over our headspace. That isn't a lament because it has changed lives.

The current generation might not even feel as if something has been lost as this is the only experience they know. And not everyone wants a Mookan in their lives or wants to be a Kaccha waiting for the breeze to lift the thin cloth that stood between him and cricket on the telly. But it had felt gloriously good, while it lasted. Sorry, Kaccha, I never knew your name and only smiled at vou slyly lest the elders saw it, but can you please buzz off. India is in a good position now – don't jinx it.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# BILATERAL TIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Drawing closer' (IE, June 16). Better connectivity between India and its island neighbour is sine qua non for cooperation in a comprehensive manner. South India is better placed to fulfill the connectivity needs considering their proximity to Sri Lanka.The current economic crisis in Sri Lanka had provided an opportunity for India to improve bilateral relations by providing aid to Colombo. India, true to its doctrine of "neighborhood first", helped Sri Lanka, despite the fact that New Delhi itself is under pressure at home due to the situation created by the Ukraine war. This will definitely help improve bilateral ties. The SAGAR doctrine given by Prime Minister Modi is also significant in this context. The aspects of security and growth are crucial for any country, especially for an island nation. SAGAR fulfills both these criteria. Having said that, better connectivity has no alternative. The new ferry service and air route from Jaffna to Trichy are welcome steps.At the same time, it is important to note that Colombo has to show reciprocity to New Delhi in terms of strategic pri-

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

# FALL FROM GLORY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Congress in its labyrinth' (IE, June 17). Congress, in recent years, has entirely de-linked itself

from grassroot realities. Shirking its responsibilities of being the sole national opposition party and showing no response for the bigger problems of the day like unemployment, price rise, communal discord and shaky diplomatic relations, Congress has lost the confidence of even its own primary cadres. Instead of assembling support from like-minded parties and making it a common issue of political vendetta, Congress just wanted to play one-upmanship that fell completely flat.

Devendra Awasthi, Lucknow

# ALL-ROUNDER

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Batting for Bengal: Ranji team star by day, minister and TMC MLA at night' (IE, June 17). Manoj Tiwary is commitment personified. He has scored a century with a swollen knee, and represented his state in the Ranji trophy, while being fully aware that his Indian and IPL dream is long over. In addition to that, he also works as an MLA. All this speaks volumes to his passion and commitment. There is no precedent of a politician playing active professional cricket in the past. Not many cricketers would so desperately want to win the Ranji trophy knowing they're well past their prime. He is a true inspiration for not only Bengali cricketers but other budding cricketers who want to play for India.

Bal Govind, Noida

I. Yashwinder Paal Siingh S/o

901, 9th Floor, DesignArch,

Late Shri Sarabjit Singh R/o A-

Suraipur Site-C. Greater Noida.

Yashwinder Singh/ Yashwinder

Yashwinder Singh/ Yashwinder

Pal Singh and Yashwinder Paal

0040619048-1

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0040619011-1

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0040619074-4

0070790920-1

0070790911-1

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Pal Singh to Yashwinder Paal

Siingh for all purpose. That

Siingh are the names of one

and the same person.

I, Vishal S/O Keval Krishna

to Vishal Bhardwai vide

affidavit dated 17/06/2022.

, Sunil Kumar Harbhagwan

Kishanchand R/o 481, Ground

Floor, Sanik Vihar, Pitampura,

my name to Sunil Rajpal for all

Delhi-110034, have changed

I, Sharda Prasad Tripathi, S/o

H.No: 702, Sadarpur Colony,

Sec-44, Near Hanuman Mandir

Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida,

from Sharda Prasad to Sharda

Prasad Tripathi and my father's

U.P., have changed my name

name from Uma Shankar to

Uma Shankar Tripathi for all

I, Sharda Prasad Tripathi, S/o

Uma Shankar Tripathi R/o

H.No: 702, Sadarpur Colony,

Sec-44, Near Hanuman Mandir,

Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida,

 $\hbox{U.P., have changed my name}\\$ 

name from Uma Shankar to

Uma Shankar Tripathi for all

I, SONU S/o Banshi Lal R/o A-42,

New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-

minor daughter's name from

KASHISH to KASHISH SONKAR

I, SANJEEV MEHRA, R/O 57, WEST AVENUE ROAD, PUNJABI BAGH,

NEW DELHI-110026, HAVE

DAUGHTER'S NAME FROM

AISHWARYAA MEHRA TO

I, SANDIP VASAN, S/o OM

AISHWARYA M MEHRA (DOB:

PRAKASH VASAN, R/O-8567,

Sector-C, POcket-8, Vasant

Have Changed my name to

I. Ruby Sikdar W/o Samrendu

110027 have changed my name

to Ruby Anand. 0040619074-1

Delhi-110063, have changed my

I. Ritu Goel W/o Anil Goyal R/o-

B3/323, G.F., Paschim Vihar,

I, Rajesh Kumar Baswala, S/o

Punia Ram. R/o M-570. Guru

Hari Kishan Nagar, Paschim

Bagh, Delhi-87, have changed

my name to Raiesh Baswala for

**I,** Rajeev Kumar Dua, S/o Ashok

Dua, R/o-H.No. 615, Sector-28,

changed my name to Rajiv Dua.

I, Aditya Goel S/o Anil Goyal R/o-

Delhi-110063,have changed my

B3/323, G.F., Paschim Vihar,

name to Aditya Goyal

**I,** Raisa Arora w/o Saurabh

New Delhi-110063 have

Budhiraja r/o 221, First Floor,

changed my name to RAISA

I, Prem Lata d/o Ram Lal Barwa

Delhi hereby declare that Prem

future my correct name will be

I, PRAVEN KUMAR S/o Pyare Lal

R/o C-28, 3rd Floor, Suian Singh

Park, New Delhi-110003, inform

that my name wrongly written

as Praveen Kumar in my son's

10th and AARAV KUMAR, Class-

(PRIYANSHU KUMAR, Class-

1st) school records, but my

Bhardwaj born on 05/05/1974

residing at 1205 Pavilion height

1 sector-128 Jaypee wish town

Noida, have changed my name

to Meenakshi Bhardwaj vide

affidavit dated 17/06/2022.

I.720732-N Junior Warrant

Bharatpur, Rajasthan-

321021, Have Changed my

Officer Partap Singh, R/O Vill-

Jaghina post-Jaghina, District-

Daughter's Name Pari to Pari

16.06.2022, before NCT-of-Delhi.

Singh,vide-Affidavit dated-

I,Suresh Kumar S/O Baij Nath

Adarsh-Nagar Delhi-110033,

have changed my name to

Suresh Kumar Gupta.

Gupta,R/O, D-10,Ashoka-Road

correct name is PRAVEN

**I,** Meenakshi W/O Vishal

KUMAR.

Lata and Prem Lata Barwa is

one and same person and in

Prem Lata for all purposes.

R/O E-2/128, Shastri Nagar,

BUDHIRAJA after marriage.

Avtar Enclave, Paschim Vihar,

Faridabad-121008, have

name to Ritu Goyal

all future purposes.

Sikdar R/o B-126, Tagore

Garden Extension, Delhi-

SANDEEP VASAN for all

Kuni, South West Delhi-110070

CHANGED MY MINOR

14-10-2005)

purposes.

110015, have changed my

future purposes.

for all purposes.

from Sharda Prasad to Sharda

Prasad Tripathi and my father's

future purposes

Uma Shankar Tripathi R/o

Raipal S/o Harbhagwan

Bhardwaj born on 22/05/1970

residing at 1205 Pavilion height

1 sector-128 Jaypee wish town

Noida, have changed my name

Uttar Pradesh-201306, have

changed my name from

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

# Classifieds

## **PERSONAL**

We. Ranieet and Baby, R/o H-630, Shakurpur, Delhi-110034 have changed our minor daughter's name from SOMEYA to PRIYANSHI for all future 0040619007-1 purposes.

I,JAWAHAR LAL CHHABRA, S/o Sh.BAL CHAND CHHABRA,R/O.A-144, BLOCK-A SHIVALIK, NEW-DELHI-110017.inform that my name has been wrongly-written as JAWAHAR LAL in my passport.correct-name is JAWAHAR LAL CHHABRA.

0040619068-3

I,Sudhir Kumar Gadia S/o . Sharwan Kumar Gadia R/o Flat No.18-19, Pkt-10, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi, changed my name to Sudhir Gadia.

0040619063-4

I,Shipra Chauhan,D/o Late Sh.Govind Singh,S/o Inder Pal.R/o.D-113/B.Gali.No. 19, Dashrat Puri, New Dehi-110045, Declare that My Grand Father Names Inder Pal & Prithvi Singh both Names are Same and One Person.

0040619072-3

I,Shalini D/O-720732-N Junior Warrant Officer Partap Singh,R/O.Village-Jaghina Post-Jaghina, District-Bharatpur, Rajasthan 321021, Have Changed my Name Shalini to Shalini Singh.vide-Affidavit, dated-16.06.2022.before NCT-of-Delhi

0040619063-1

I,Rahul S/o Heera Singh R/o H.No.174, Gali No.13, Karkardooma, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Rahul Rajput for all future purposes.

I,ROZY CHADHA VAJPAYEE,W/O SH.LAKSHAY VAJPAYEE.R/o H.NO.BE -19, HARI-NAGAR, SOUTH-WEST DELHI, DELHI-110064, have changed the name of my minor son PARTH VAJPAYEE aged-09years and he shall hereafter be known as VIHAAN VAJPAYEE.

0040619068-5

I,Pushpa Satyendra Raninath W/o Rahul Srichand Parmanandani.R/o H.No.404 Sec-36, AVL Apartment, Gurgaon, Haryana, changed my name to Pihu Nath Parmanandani 0040619063-6

I,Poonam Rani Maheshwari,W/o Pankaj Kishor Paltani,H.No.C-1532.C-Block, Ground-Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Poonam Paltani, for all 0040619072-2 Purposes.

I,Pankaj S/O,Suresh Kumar Gupta R/O,D-10,Ashoka-Road Adarsh-Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Pankaj Gupta. 0040619068-2

I,PARAMJIT KAUR,W/O SURESH PAL.R/O A-186-A,RITHALA,VIJAY-VIHAR PHASE-1, 3RD-FLOOR, ROHINI, SEC-7, DELHI-85, have changed my name to

0040619072-1

I.Madhu W/o Nawal Kishore stagi R/o B-7/3 Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Madhu Rustagi, for all purposes.

I,MOHAN LAL ARORA S/O JINDU RAM R/O.H.no.B-57/A,RAM NAGAR,OM VIHAR,UTTAM NAGAR,DELHI-110059,Have Changed My Name To MOHAN LAL, For All, Future Purposes.

**I,Km** Pragati/Pragati Kumari D/o-Surendra Singh R/o-House.No-32,Pocket-18, Sector-24 Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Pragati. 0040619063-7

I.Jugal Kishor, S/o Harbans Lal Wadhawan,R/o-Plot No.23, Upper-Ground-Floor,Block-B Pocket-6.Sector-15. Rohini. Delhi-110089, changed my name to Jugal Kishore Wadhawan. 0040619068-4

I.Pooia Arora W/o Kunal Chopra, R/o A-33 Vivek Vihar Phase-1,Delhi-110095,Have Change My Name To Pooja Chopra For Future.

0040619072-6

I,Inderjit singh oberoi,S/o SHRI.NARAIN SINGH oberoi,R/o A-480 KALKAJEE DOUBLE-STOREY, NEW DELHI-110019, have changed my name to Inder jeet Singh. 0040619072-5

**I,Harpreet** Kaur Sethi W/O

Jaspinder Singh R/o BC-102C, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed name to Harpreet Kaur. 0040619063-8 I,Anupama Gauba W/o Gurpreet

Singh, R/o.WZ-457,Gali.No.24, Shiv-Nagar Jail Road, New Delhi-110018. Have Changed My Name To Anupama Kohli. 0040619063-3

I.Anu W/O Pramod Singla R/O F-16, Mahavir Enclave, Delhi-110045, have changed name to Sarita Singla Alias Anu.

0040619063-9

I, NK Oberoi, wife of VS Oberoi, resident of D-401, Lagoon Residential Apartment Complex, Ambience Island, NH-8 Gurugram (Haryana), 122002 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from NK Oberoi to Narinder Kaur Oberoi for all purposes.

0040619009-1

I, Lazhema Angkang Villa, D/o Lamkahai L. Shimray, R/o Tangrei Ukhrul, Manipur-795142, have declare the in my Education Documents my Father's name wrongly mention as Lazhema Angkang Lamkahai instead of Lamkahai L. Shimray. In future he will be known as Lamkahai L. Shimray for all purposes. 0070790921-1

I. Kamla Devi, W/o Jai Krishan Kaushik, R/o Flat No.753, Arun Vihar, Sector-29, NOIDA, Distt.-Gautam Budh Nagar, UP, have changed my name to Kamla Kaushik for all future purposes. 0070790905-1

I. GAGAN SINGH w/o AJAY SINGH r/o H. No. C-376, Sector-122, NOIDA, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed my name to GAGANDEEP KAUR.

0040619008-1

I, Ekta Gupta, alias Ekta Agarwal, W/o Rajkumar Agarwal,R/o-33-34, IInd Floor, Pocket-8, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Chhavi 0040619074-5 Agarwal

**I,** Dilip Kumar Vig, S/o Late Jagat Ram Vig. R/o Flat No-S-1/ II-B-171, Ganesh Apartments, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad-201001(UP), have changed my name from Dileep Kumar Vig to Dilip Kumar Vig for all future purposes. 0070790909-1

I. Deen Daval S/o Hukum Chand R/o 5/210, Trilok Puri, East Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Guddu Sharma.

0040619074-2

, DRISHTI D/O JITENDER KUMAR R/O PLOT NO.4, SWAMI VIVEKANAND MARG, BLOCK-C. QUTUB VIHAR, PHASE-1, NEAR SATYA PUBLIC SCHOOL, GOYLA DAIRY, NEW DI FHI, D.C. GOYLA. SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110071, have changed my name from DRISHTI to DRISHTY PANWAR.

0040619051-1 I, Chirag S/o Krishan Kumar R/o C-04, The Rock Apt, GH-17, Sec-1, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122051, have changed my Name To Chirag

0040619002-1 I, Bhawna Chugh W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Flat no-199, Pkt-5, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sehaj Kaur after

0040619063-5

0070790903-1

marriage.

L Ashok Kumar Makkar s/o Late Gobind Ram Makkar, R/o C-52A, Second Floor, Sudarshan Park. New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Ashok

I Muskaan Talreja D/o-Kishore Talreja R/o-TU-31, Pitampura, Delhi-34 have changed my name to Muskan Talreja for all 0040619016-1 purposes.

I, Amrita Raj @ Amrita Rajpurohit, D/o Jeevraj Singh Raipurohit, R/o 96 Krishan Kuni Extn., Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Amrita Rajpurohit for all purpose.

I Kishan Singh, S/O Devanandan Poddar, R/O Gali no. 15, Khasra no. 1281, House no. 1281, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi - 110042 have changed my

name to Krishandev Kumar. 0070790878-1

I Harnur Singh D/O, Dapinder Singh R/o 146/703 Sekhon Vihar Air Force Station Palam Delhi Cantt Delhi 110010 have changed my name to Harnur Watta for all purposes.

I Ashwani R/o D-832/B, Gali no-4. Ashok Nagar, shahdara. Delhi-110093 have changed my name to Ashwani Naagar

0070790886-1 I Anamika Shastri D/O Ram

Naresh Prasad Shastri R/o G834, 4th Floor, Suncity, Sector 54, Gurgaon, 122001 have changed my name to Anamika for all purposes. 0040619020-1 I,MOHAMMAD ARIF,ADD-B-29/1, IST-FLOOR ABUL-FAZAL ENCLAVE-2 SHAHEEN-BAGH, JAMIA-NAGAR, OKHLA SOUTH-EAST.DELHI-110025. Changed my Minor Son name MOHAMMAD AKRAM to

0040619072-4

# LOST & FOUND

MOHAMMAD AKSHAM,

Permanently.

This is notify that original property deed, conveyance deed,registry & building plan of property-11730/3, Gali.no.3,sat nagar,karol bagh,Delhi in the name of my husband Lt. Shri R.L.Bansal has been lost/misplaced. Finder may inform Shashi Prabha Bansal#9910331480, 8860017770. 0040619068-10

I Rajni Chhatwal W/o Sh. Subhash Chhatwal R/o Flat No. 229, Sector-13, Pocket-B, Phase-II, MIG DDA Flats, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 have lost my Original Demand Letter No.30796 Vide File No.M312(284)2004/NPRS/DW issued by DDA. 0040619000-6

**I,Bhupinder** Bakshi,S/o Sh. B.D. Bakshi R/o,Flat-No.509, Maitri-Apartment, Plot-No.17, Dwarka, Sector-10, New-Delhi-110075, have lost original share certificate of my above mention property. Finder may contact:9810096342

0040619074-7

**I,Vipin** kumar & mrs Rajeshwati s/o, w/o mr. Rajkumar Both/ R/o village Shakipur G.B.Nager, Have lost my allotment no. RAS01309,Plot no.A131 sector Zeta-1 Shakipur Gr.noida up 0040619072-8

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Host my Sale Deed dt. 27.11.2000 regd. as No. 5273, in No. Bool No.-1, volume No. 10117, page: 162 to 171, regd. on 27/11/2000 registered in the office of Sub Residue No. 10117, Page No. 101 legistrar-III Asaf Ali Road, Nev Delhi, of my property i.e. ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR, PART OF PROPERTY NO. 3552 to 3557, a Chawri Bazar, Delhi-110006, in th egard a complaint has launched P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi vide L.F No. 1911039/2019, dt. 19.11.2019 if any one found the same please contact me. AJAY KUMAR NIGAN

> PUBLIC NOTICE The general public is hereby informed that my clients Ved Prakash and his wife Wimla Devi Rio, House no B-1051 Second Floor Shastri Nagar, New Delhi 10052, has severed all kinds o relations with their son Vipin Goyal Alias Sonu and daupther in law Asha and has disowned from all movable an immovable properties due to their disobedient and misbehawiour towards my clients. Anyone deals with them shall do at their own responsibility. My client shall not be held responsible for any act and deed of the above mentioned son and his wife in future.
>
> Stdr. Himanshu.
>
> Advocate
>
> Chamber no. 71 Western Wing.

Chamber no. 71 Western Wing azari District Court, Delhi-11005

**PUBLIC NOTICE** This is to inform public at large that my clients Sh. Kallash sahu and his wife Smt. Chandra Devi R/O House No 388, Ground Floor, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi have cut off their family cletations and have disowned their sor Sourav Sahu and his wife Ritu from their mysuble & immovable properties neir movable & immovable propertie lue to their disobedient an quarrelsome nature and my client wer tot / are not/shall not be responsibl or act of Sourav Sahu and his wif tu in any manner in future

**DEEPK ARORA & ASSOCIATES** 

PUBLIC NOTICE Floor, North Face, Indra Vikas Color Near Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi hav out off their family relations and hav ut off their lamily relations and naw isowned their brother Souraw Sahu ani is wife Ritu from their movable & mmovable properties due to thei isobedient and quarrelsome nature any client were not / are not/shall not seponsible for act of Souraw Sahu ani is wife Ritu in any manner in future.

**DEEPK ARORA & ASSOCIATES** Lawyers Ch. No. 504, Civil Win Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi 11005

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to my client, CHIRAC
COMAR R/o A-1/133, HASTSAL ROAD
TITAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-11005:
as lost original sale deed of Property no
2-25, New Krishna Park, New Deli'
110018 registered as Sale Dee
10.6427, ADDITIONAL BOOK NO.1
COLUME NO.1282, PAGES 191 TO 198
ERGISTERED NO 1911 SEP 1970 A DLUME NO. 1282, PAGES 191 TO 196 CIGISTERED ON 9TH SEP 1970. Ar CR/LR No : 503520/2022 Dated /06/2022 has been done. ly person having any objection or found possession of original Sale Deed cument, may contact at mobile no 10325000 within 15 days from the data publication of this notice or car resonally inform or write to, Advocate

NIKHIL BAHRI (ADVOCATI **PUBLIC NOTICE** client Smt. Chhanno Devi W/o Late S ar Singh and daughter of Late Shri Mi

wy clean shirt Chrisamus Dew Whot Lates Shirt Mun Lat Rio H.No. 680, Section 14A, Seash Shazalabad, (U.P.) has entered into an arrange of the shazalabad, (U.P.) has entered into an arrange of the shazalabad, (U.P.) has entered into an arrange of the shazalabad, (U.P.) has entered into an arrange of the shazalabad shaz

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

मुविक्कल रामकुमार S/o स्वः श्री उद . निवासी 1287 / 89 शांति नगर. त्रि नग दिनांकः 19.04.2004 को श्री सदाराम व 8/o स्वः श्री भोले राम के द्वारा की गई विद जेसका पंजीकरण संख्या 2072 बुक न. 0 ॉल्यम न. 350 पेज न. 21 से 25 को सदार र्जा की दिनांक: 26.10.2005 को हुई मृत्यु व प्रश्चात् विल पंजीकरण कार्यालय में जमा व देश गई थी। उक्त दस्तावेज़ से मेरे मुवक्कि का अब कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है।

अनिल कुमार गुप्ता (अधिवक्ता सीट नं. एक्स–38, सिविल साईड, तीस हजारी कोर्ट्स, दिल्ली-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all general publichat my client Sh. Suresh Kumar S/ ate Sh. Ved Kumar R/o 556, Pkt-1 Paschim Puri, New Delhi-110063 permanent residing at 72 L, near Shyam Mandir, New Colony Gurgao iryana-122001, have disowned & debarred his one of daughter namely Hema Malik W/o Rohit Malik from a movable & immovable properti and severed all his relations. Any body dealing with her in any man natsoever will be doing so at his/ ner/ own cost, risk & responsibilitie 1v client & his family members wil not be responsible for any of her/ Pankaj Gaba (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE seneral Public is hereby informed than vicient SH. GOPAL DUTT SHARMA RVG OBALA DUTT SHARMA RVG OBALA DUTT SHARMA RVG OUSE NO.C-229/5. Railway colony, Mandawali Fazalpur shakarpur Baramad, Delhi-110092 GE -70 years have severed all his lealtions and disowned, debarred SH HANKAR DUTT SHARMA S/O Shopal Dutt Sharma, his wife MRS R CHANA CHANDER KANT SHILLARE JVO Chander KANS If CHANA CHANDER KANT SHILLARE JVO Chander KANS If CHANA CHANDER SASES GUE THE SHILLARE JVO CHANGE SHILLARE I not be responsible for any act, deed dealing done by them. Surender Sharma-Advocate 5,76A, West Guru Angad Sagar, Laxman Nagar, New Delhi -92,

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Be it known to all the concerns the client Devender Rani Batr V/o Late Sh. Jiwan Dass Batra R/ W/O Late Sh. Jiwan Dass Batra R/ 15/135, Geeta Colony, Delhi 110031 have severed all of hi relation and debarred her married laughter Namely Kamna Sehga and her husband Pramod Sehga rom her moveable or immovab roperties in Delhi due t sobedient attitude. My client an is other legal heirs shall not b esponsible for any of his act eeds done by him in future in any nanner and anybody dealing with him shall be at his own risks and

onsequences
V.K. Singh (Advocate)
Ch.No.D623, KKD Courts,
Delhi

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Client Smt. Premvati W/o Late halya Lal R/o H.No.-C-373, N State Bank, New Seema Puri, Eas Delhi, Delhi-110095 have disowne her Son Sanjeev Kumar and his Wife Smt Rani from their all movable and movable properties due to thei is-behavior & bad conduct. Anybo ealing with him in any mann hatsoever will be doing at his ov ost, risk & responsibillity.

Advoca Chamber No, 512, Fifth Floo

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE
This Public Notice is issued upon instruction and for and on behalf of my client Ms. Suman Lata Sharma Wo Y.K. Sharma R/o 178 3rd Floor west Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 do here by disown his son Aman Sharma and His wife Nandini Dashora from my all legal inheritance as they are not obedient to my client as per instructions also my client shall not be responsible for the any acts of the both in any manner. acts of the both in any manner SANJAY MISHRA ADVOCATE 9/10 Subhash Nagar

Surai Kumar

E-mail:cic@cbi.gov.in

Fax: 011-23011334

DP/1857/OD/2022

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

system for supply of the following items.

Starting date for downloading of bid

ate of opening Technical bid followed

Starting date for downloading of bid

Date of opening Technical bid followed by financial bid

The all other terms and condition will remain the same

ast date of bid submission

Name of Work

Approx cost of the works in

Address of the office

Bid Security

Date & time of submission

of tender

Opening of tender

Name of the work

document in the portal

http://tendersorissa.gov.in

2. Estimated cost

in the portal

C-575

ast date of bid submission

1800/HP

Sr. No. Tender No.

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undersigned.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Known all men by these present that m client Mr. Sameer Puri son of late Shyan Kumar Puri R/o Y-50 Hauz Khas has given Kumar Puri R/o Y - 50 Hauz Khas has given a statement that Mrs. Rai Puri Wo of late Shyam Kumar Puri R/o Y - 50 Hauz Khas New Delhi 110016 expired or 27 April 2021, She lett behind a will dt 17/04/2021, the will is being now registered after death. She left all her movable & immovable properties in favour of my client/beneficiaries to Mr. Samer Puri son of late Shyam Mumar Puri R/o of Y - 50 Hauz Khas. New Delhi - 110016. If anyone has any objection of any type he/she or they may contact within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice at above beneficiaries address M. M. ya 92(17)3375) Nirmal Singh Chechi (Advocate (M. No. 9999166077

### "IMPORTANT"

New Delhi 110027

General Public is hereby informed

that a boy namely Suraj Kumar,

S/o Sudhir R/o Plot No.31 Mehta

Enclave, Vikas Nagar, Ranhola,

Delhi. Age: 19 years, Height: 5'3"

Complexion-Sallow, Face-Long,

Wearing-Pant & Shirt has been

missing/ kidnapped from the area

of PS. Ranhola, Delhi, since

30.04.2022. In this regard case

vide DD No. 87A dated

06.05.2022 has been registered at

Ph.: 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003

P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the

missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one

naving any information about this boy please inform to the

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Zonal Office : 75/4, Siddhi Sadan, Halsey Road, Near Badshahi aka Police Station, Kanpur, E-mail : zokanpur.gad@ucobank.co

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

Tender Notice: 61225670A

Invitation of tenders through E-Procurement system

Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Jagadhari Workshop-135002,

Brief Description

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.

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**Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department** 

Corrigendum

The e-tenders invited by this office letter No. 1055-59 dated 20.05.2022, vide which the tender for the work Additional accommodation of 100 bedded for Civil Hospital Nurpur District Kangra (HP) (SH: Construction of main building portion including water supply and sanitary installation and rain water harvesting system), which is scheduled to be uploaded on 13.06.2022 is hereby postponed due to some administrative/Technical reasons.

The new key dates for start o uploading and opening of the tenders will be as unde

**Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department** 

Corrigendum

The e-tenders invited by this office letter No. 1107-12 dated 24.05.2022, vide which the ender for the work C/O 42.65 mtr. span (4 span @ 10.37 mtr., each) RCC slab bridge over Chhounchh Khad at RD 0/515 including both side approaches on Sukhar to Salahan road in felsil Nurpur Distt. Kangra (HP), which is scheduled to uploaded on 15.06.2022, is hereby ostsponed due to some administrative/Technical reasons.

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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Bid Identification No. 12/ 03 / SPH© / 2022-23 dt. 10.06.2022

Last date / time of receipt of bid : 5.00 PM of 12.07.2022

3. Date & time of availability of bid : From 11.00 AM of 21.06.2022 to

5. Date and time of opening of bids: 11.00 A.M. on dated.15.07.2022

6. Name and address of the Officer: Superintending Engineer, P.H

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Call: 0120-6651214

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

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Date: 17.06.2022

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"Rectification of vibration problem in unit no.3 at Chilla Power House." in BOQ is amended. . Other terms and conditions of tender will remain same

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http://uktenders.gov.in" **Executive Engineer (M), Chilla Power House** 

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE. BARIPADA** "e" Procurement Notice for Building Works Identification No.- Online Tender- Building N.C.B. No. 233 for 2022-23

Letter No. 2011/ Date: 16.06.2022 1. Name of the work :- Building work

2. Total No. of works :- 01 No. (One) :- Rs.385.52 Lakh (approximately). 3. Estimated Cost

4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- 'A' & 'Special' Class

5. Period of Completion :- 15 Calendar months.

6. Other details

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Chief Construction Engine

Rural Works Circle, Baripad

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NORTHERN RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE** 

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## THIS WORD MEANS

## INTER-STATE COUNCIL

A platform for engagement among states and the Centre, which Stalin wants to meet more frequently

ON THURSDAY. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking that at least three meetings of the Inter-State Council should be held every year to "strengthen the spirit of cooperative federalism", and that Bills of national importance be placed before the Council before being tabled in Parliament.

THE COUNCIL: The Inter-State Council is a mechanism constituted "to support Centre-State and Inter-State coordination and cooperation in India". It was established under Article 263 of the Constitution, which empowers the President to constitute such a body if the need is felt. In 1988, the Sarkaria Commission suggested the Council should exist as a permanent body, and in 1990 it came into existence through a Presidential Order.

Its main functions are inquiring into and advising on disputes between states, investigating and discussing subjects in which two states or states and the Union have a common interest, and making recommendations for the better coordination of pol-

The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Council, whose members include the Chief Ministers of all states and UTs with Legislative Assemblies, and Administrators of other UTs. Six Ministers of Cabinet rank in the Centre's Council of Ministers, nominated by the Prime Minister, are also its members.

Following a reconstitution last month, the Inter-State Council will now have 10 Union Ministers as permanent invitees. Its

standing committee has been reconstituted with Home Minister Amit Shah as Chairman, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, UP, and Gujarat as some of the other committee members.

**STALIN'S LETTER:** Stalin has flagged the lack of regular meetings, saying the Council has met only once in the last six years - and that there has been no meeting since July 2016. Since its constitution in 1990, the body has met only 11 times, although its procedure states it should meet at least three times every year. Stalin appreciated the recent reconstitution of the Council. Stalin has frequently disagreed with the Centre's policies on matters of taxation, and on the medical entrance examination NEET. Highlighting the need for the Council to meet regularly, he said, "What could be settled amicably among the executive branches is often taken to the doorsteps of the judicial branch.'

THE LAST MEETING: In 2016, the Inter-State Council meeting included consideration of the Punchhi Commission's recommendations on Centre-state Relations that were published in 2010. States asked for maintaining the federal structure amid growing "centralisation". Article 356 of the Constitution, which deals with the imposition of President's Rule in states, was also discussed. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who was then with the Opposition, demanded that the post of Governor should be abolished.

**RISHIKA SINGH** 

# **EVERYDAY TECHNOLOGY**

# The case against Apple for allegedly throttling older devices

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

JUSTIN GUTTMAN, a consumer rights campaigner in the UK, is launching a class action suit against Apple seeking damages of around \$935 million. The representative action is being filed against Apple for throttling performance of some of the older versions of its iPhone.

**THE SUIT:** The class action suit being filed at the Competition Appeal Tribunal in London is to represent 25 million iPhone users in the UK who used any of the 10 iPhone models from the 2014 iPhone 6 till 2017 iPhone X, including the iPhone SE. The suit claims that Apple abused its market dominance to engage in exploitative and unfair commercial practices. In case of this lawsuit, Apple has said, as quoted by the BBC: "We have never, and would never, do anything to intentionally shorten the life of any Apple product, or degrade the user experience to drive customer upgrades." Guttman's suit is an opt-out claim, which means that any affected customers will not need to actively join the case to seek damages.

THE ACCUSATION: The Cupertino, a California-based company, is said to have misled iPhone users by applying a power management software update, released in January 2017 in iOS 10.2.1, that throttled the performance of these devices. In case of some of the older iPhones, this update reduced the processor's peak performance by up to 58%. Apple had said this was introduced to cut the load on the phone's battery. In 2018, after this move was called out, Apple apologised for its handling of the episode, and launched a battery replacement program for the affected iPhone models.

PREVIOUS LAWSUIT: In 2020, Apple settled a class action suit in the US, where it was accused that Apple intentionally slowed down the performance of older iPhones to push consumers into buying new models. The company, then, paid around \$500 million to settle the litigation without accepting any wrongdoing. The French antitrust regulator in the same year penalised Apple around \$27 million for throttling devices without informing the customers. However, this time, Apple also agreed to display a statement on its website about the sanction for a month.



# SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# The cases against Rahul, Sonia

The ED has been questioning Rahul Gandhi and has called Sonia Gandhi, too, in connection with a money laundering probe into the affairs of National Herald. What is the probe about, and where does it stand?

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** & SANDEEP SINGH

NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JUNE 17

THE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE (ED) has interrogated Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for three consecutive days this week in connection with a money laundering investigation concerning the affairs of the National Herald newspaper.

Rahul has been called for questioning again on Monday, while his mother Sonia Gandhi will be questioned on June 23. Earlier, the ED had questioned Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Pawan Bansal.

What is the case?

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

Swamy's complaint had alleged cheating and misappropriation of funds on the part of the Gandhis in acquiring the newspaper. Swami had alleged that the Gandhis acquired properties owned by National Herald by buying its erstwhile publishers, The Associated Journals Limited (AJL), through an organisation called Young Indian (YI) in which they have 76% stake. He alleged Sonia, Rahul and others had misappropriated funds by paying Rs 50 lakh through YI to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that AJL owed to the Congress.

Sonia and Rahul were granted bail on December 19, 2015.

What happened with National Herald?

Jawaharlal Nehru established National Herald in 1938. It was published by AJL, a Section 25 company, which is generally a not-for-profit entity. AJL also published the Qaumi Awaz in Urdu, and Navjeevan in Hindi.

The company owns prime real estate in various cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Patna, and Panchkula. Plagued by overstaffing and lack of revenue, AJL ran into losses and stopped publishing in April 2008.

After that, AJL's income came mainly from exploitation of its various properties. One of these was at 5A Herald House, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. Meanwhile, the All



Rahul Gandhi outside the Enforcement Directorate office in New Delhi on Wednesday. He will be questioned again on Monday. Amit Mehra

India Congress Committee (AICC) gave the company unsecured, interest-free loans for a few years up to 2010.

What happened thereafter?

By the end of 2010, AJL's unsecured debt had risen to Rs 90.21 crore. Its management appears to have made no effort to repay the AICC, although its properties had a fair market value (FMV) of over Rs 413 crore according to investigations by the Income Tax Department.

On November 23, 2010, Young Indian Pvt Ltd was incorporated as a Section 25 company, with Suman Dubey and Satyan Gangaram (Sam) Pitroda as directors. Its object was stated to be: "To inculcate in the mind of India's youth commitment to the ideal of a democratic and secular society..."

Immediately after its incorporation, both directors transferred their shares to Congress leaders Oscar Fernandes, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Moti Lal Vora (now deceased). On December 13, 2010, Rahul Gandhi was appointed as director and, on January 22, 2011, Sonia Gandhi joined the board as a director.

As of March 2017, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi had shareholdings of 38% each in the company. Vora and Fernandes held the remaining 24% in equal parts.

YI then registered itself under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act as a charitable organisation, making it eligible for 100% tax exWhat was the AJL-YI-AICC deal? The AICC decided to assign AJL's nearly

Rs 90 crore debt to the newly formed YI, which paid just Rs 50 lakh for this acquisition. The loan assigned was converted into shares of AJL, and AJL allotted 9,02,16,899 equity shares to YI in lieu of the loan amount. In this manner, almost 99.99% shares of AJL were transferred to YI.

The IT Department has alleged that in order to achieve the objective of holding 100% share of AJL by YI's majority shareholders, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra have purchased an additional 47,513 and 2,62,411 shares through Rattan Deep Trust and Janhit Nidhi Trust respectively.

At the time of AJL's acquisition, YI, incorporated with a paid-up capital of Rs 5 lakh, did not have the Rs 50 lakh to acquire AJL. It decided to take a loan of Rs 1 crore from M/s Dotex Merchandise Pvt Ltd, Kolkata, Dotex, alleged by the I-T Department to be a company that allowed accommodation entries for a commission, is now owned by the RPG Group. This loan of Rs 1 crore was also flagged as

"suspicious transaction" by the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Finance Ministry. The IT Department has even raised doubts about the purported loan forwarded by the Congress to AJL saying there is no evidence of it except in the books of AJL.

What were the questions raised around The AICC transferred its loan to YI for just

would be in position to repay. The IT probe has held that AJL, with properties worth hundreds of crores, was in a good position to repay. Other key questions raised were of con-

Rs 50 lakh, claiming that it was not sure if AJL

flict of interest, with Vora holding positions as AICC treasurer (formerly), AJLCMD, and shareholder and director at Young Indian. Also, the Representation of the People Act, 1950, does not allow a political party to give a loan.

## What is the status of the IT case now?

The IT Department had earlier issued a notice to Rahul for allegedly concealing information on his status as a director of YI. It has said Rahul's shares resulted in an income of Rs 154 crore, whereas earlier only Rs 68 lakh was assessed. It issued similar notices to Sonia and Fernandes, even as it sought to reopen the assessment to compute the "fair market value" of these shares.

Rahul, Sonia and Fernandes challenged this, contending that no income had escaped assessment, and that they had disclosed all facts. One key argument against the reassessment was that YI, as a Section 25 company, had applied for exemption under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act, which was granted on May 9, 2011.

On October 26, 2017, the Commissioner of Income Tax (E) cancelled the registration granted to YI under Section 12A on the ground that no genuine activities were carried out by YI either in furtherance of its obiects or otherwise, which can be held to be charitable. The cancellation was upheld by the IT Tribunal.

## What is the Congress's defence?

The Congress has accused the BJP government of vendetta politics to divert attention from issues like inflation, GDP, and social unrest. Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi has said that AJL had come under financial stress over the decades, after which the Congress stepped in, and over a period of time gave Rs 90-odd crore as financial sup-According to Singhvi, AJL did what any

company under debt would do, i.e., to convert its debt into equity which was eventually acquired by Young Indian. He said since Young Indian is a non-profit organisation, "by law... no dividend can be given to its shareholders or directors... So you cannot take a penny.'

# What now for Assange after extradition order

**RISHIKA SINGH NEW DELHI. JUNE 17** 

proved the extradition of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to the United States, where he faces criminal charges. The extradition had been ordered in April by a London court, but it was pending as it needed Patel to sign it.

What happens to Assange now?

Assange still has the right to appeal to the English High Court, If refused, Assange must be extradited within 28 days. He is currently being held at Belmarsh prison in London. Assange's wife Stella, as well as Wikileaks,

has said she would appeal the decision to extradite him. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has previously supported the de-

mand for Assange's release, the BBC reported. Assange is an Australian national. The Sydney Morning Herald reported that

Assange's Australian human rights lawyer, Jennifer Robinson, said that the Australian

government needed to ask the Biden admin-Foreign Minister Penny Wong, however, issued a statement saying the Australian government was not a party to the Assange case. nor was it able to intervene in the legal matters of another country, the newspaper

### Why is Assange wanted in the US? Assange shot into global prominence in

the late 2000s when Wikileaks, which he founded in 2006, began publishing classified and confidential government and corporate documents for public consumption. Some of the most notable of the "leaks" were documents from the US government that said the US military had killed hundreds of civilians in unreported incidents during the war in Afghanistan.

The US government wants him in connection with 18 charges for violating the Espionage Act and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. It alleges the information was obtained by Wikileaks illegally and endangered the lives of its officials.

The Government of Sweden too declared istration to drop the charges. Australian Assange wanted in relation to a sexual asexpired in 2019.

> How has he escaped extradition so far? Assange's troubles began in 2010, when

Sweden asked for his extradition over the charges of sexual assault levelled by two Swedish women. He denied the charges and claimed they were made in a bid to eventually extradite him to the US for trial. The Swedish Prosecution Authority said:

"Every extradition case is to be judged on its own individual merits. For that reason the Swedish government cannot provide a guarantee in advance that Iulian Assange would not be subject to further extradition to the USA.'

Assange sought asylum in 2012 in the Ecuadorian embassy. The same year, when the British Supreme Court rejected Assange's appeal against extradition to Sweden, he violated his bail conditions to get to the Ecuadorian embassy and was granted refuge.

removed from the embassy and arrested by sault case against him, which was dropped UK authorities, after Ecuador withdrew proafter the time limit or statute of limitations tections for Assange for his alleged attempts at "destabilising" Ecuador's government and flouting the conditions of his stay. Since then, Assange has been in jail while

But in 2019, the Australian national was

the extradition hearings have continued. His lawyers have also argued for him to be released given his deteriorating physical and mental health. A district judge ruled in January 2021 that there was a possibility of him dying by suicide in a US prison if extradited. He was still not allowed to leave the

In December last year, the London High Court ruled in favour of the US government after the Joe Biden administration assured it would not hold him at the highest security prison facility. And, if convicted, he could serve his sentence in Australia if requested.

Assange tried appealing against this in the British Supreme Court, but on March 14 the court refused his permission to appeal. Finally, a London court ordered the extradition in April, which has now been signed.

# Monsoon so far: heavy rainfall in parts of N-E, hardly any elsewhere

**ANJALI MARAR** PUNE, JUNE 17

THE SOUTHWEST monsoon has started inconsistently in different parts of the country, with rain eluding many states but lashing parts of other states. The all-India rainfall was 18% short of normal until Friday. But while a majority of India awaits rain, Assam and Meghalaya have been submerged in record rainfall of 1,000mm in the last 24

# Monsoon so far

Despite the monsoon's early arrival on May 29 over Kerala, rainfall has been abysmally poor over most regions where the onset has been declared. The rainfall deficiency for the season until June 17 is as high as 60% in Kerala and Maharashtra.

Experts at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the wind circulation pattern is yet to fully get established. This, along with absence of favourable systems, have kept the monsoon inactive so far. Senior Met officials noted that the monsoon onset has largely been driven by convective activities — thunder, lightning and localised rainfall, mainly realised during afternoon hours.

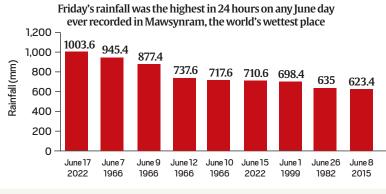
On Friday, the Northern Limit of Monsoon (NLM) — or the imaginary line indicating the areas covered by the Southwest monsoon — passed through Porbandar, Bhavnagar, Khandwa, Gondia, Durg, Bhawanipura, Kalingapatnam, Malda and Motihari. On Friday, the monsoon advanced into a very small geographical area over north Bihar and sub-Himalayan West Bengal. The southwest monsoon has covered the entire Southern Peninsular and Northeast India, southern Chhattisgarh and Odisha, and some parts of Guiarat and Bihar.

Region-wise, the rainfall departures were –24% in Southern Peninsular India and +39% in East and Northeast India. Over other regions, where the monsoon is yet to arrive, the departures were -63% in Northwest India and -57% in Central India.

# World's wettest places

Cherrapunji in Meghalaya, among the world's wettest locations, has received unprecedented rainfall this week. In just three days between June 15 and 17, the total rainfall recorded was 2,456 mm — more than

# RECORD IN WORLD'S WETTEST PLACE



the annual rainfall of many places in central India and Mumbai's seasonal (June to September) average rainfall, Friday (972) mm) was Cherrapunji's third wettest June day since 1901, and Wednesday (811.6 mm) was the eighth wettest.

Mawsynram in Meghalaya, the world's wettest place, broke an 83-year record for June. The 24-hour rainfall on Friday at Mawsynram was 1003.6mm. The previous highest rainfall in June here was 954.4mm in June 1966. The IMD has attributed such extreme

rainfall consistently over three days to the strong and moisture-loaded southerly winds blowing from the Bay of Bengal straight towards parts of Assam and Meghalaya. Since June 1, Meghalaya and Assam have recorded 194% and 96% surplus rainfall, respectively. Other northeastern

states remain in deficit: Mizoram (-46%), Manipur (-45%) and Tripura (-39%).

### Implications for agriculture Many southern states have started

kharif sowing. At present, nursery sowing or transplantation of rice, finger millet, maize, soyabean, pigeon pea, groundnut are ongoing in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, coastal Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana and Punjab.

The agricultural meteorology division of the IMD has advised farmers to take up nursery of rice and vegetables and prepare land ahead of sowing.

# **Forecast**

After remaining subdued for nearly three weeks, both the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal branches of the southwest monsoon will make further progress starting June 19. The IMD has forecast enhanced rainfall activity along the west coast, especially Konkan, Kerala and coastal Karnataka during June 19-22.

"The monsoon winds from the Arabian Sea are set to strengthen, and there are chances of development of an off-shore trough parallel to the west coast, resulting

New Delhi

in heavy rains along the west coast," a senior IMD, Pune official said on Friday. An "intense and very heavy rainfall"

warning and a "yellow" alert have been issued for southern Konkan during these The extremely heavy rainfall over the

Northeast, especially Assam and Meghalaya, will continue until Monday. Thereafter, a reduction in rainfall is likely owing to the change in wind direction from southerly to westerlies from the Bay of Bengal

Due to likely instability caused by interaction between westerly winds from higher altitudes and most winds from the Arabian Sea, Northwest India, parts of Jammu & Kashmir will receive heavy rain during the next three days, the IMD said.

With the monsoon still keeping with the normal onset dates and the current yet to be established, the upcoming spell starting June 19 still carries hope. According to officials, widespread and heavy rainfall can make up for the prevailing large deficits, and officials said conditions are favourable for further advance of the monsoon over Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Bihar by early next week.

# 14 REVIEWS CINEMA

# Secret Ties



**MASOOM** 

**Director:** Mihir Desai

Cast: Boman Irani, Samara

Tijori, Upasana Singh,

Manjari Fadnnis, Veer

Rajwant Singh, Manu Rishi

Chadha, Akashdeep Arora,

Sarika Singh, Sukhpal

Singh, Nikhil Nair

Streaming on:

Disney+ Hotstar

FAMILIES CAN be the most complex human unit, and it is not always love that binds its members: it can also be secrets. The six-part web-series Masoom, directed by Mihir Desai and helmed by showrunner Gurmmeet Singh, the duo behind Mirzapur, gives us the Kapoor family in Punjab, which reacts in different ways to the passing of the one who was its fulcrum. The loving husband (Boman

Irani) seems strangely matter-of-fact, the elder daughter (Manjari Fadnis) is hard put to keep herself together, the son (Veer Rajwant Singh) struggles to hide a crucial part of himself, and the younger daughter (Samara Tijori) feels that the death was not caused by a fall, but that it

was a murder Based on Blood, a 2018

Irish TV serial, *Masoom* begins with quick introductions to the main characters in the village of Falauli: the Delhi-based younger daughter sobs as she drives towards her home, devastated by the loss of her mother, the local cop (Manu Rishi Chadha) who keeps on eye on the populace, the father, a much-respected figure, who is standing for elections, and the two siblings, who were around and about when their mother passed. Or were they?

A large stash of cash goes missing on the same day of the death. Are the two things connected? The plot includes a few other characters who have been old friends and compatriots of the Kapoor family. A comely colleague of Kapoor Sr who seems too close to him. A friend of the son who is clearly up

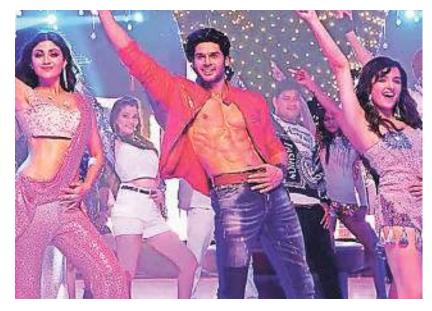
to no good. And a friend of the younger daughter who has never been able to recover from the death of his father.

All of this should have been parlayed into a taut thriller, but the result is only intermittently effective and comes off, overall, strangely bloodless.

Tijori, whose character sets much of the action in play, is so morose as to be single-note. Of the other performers, Singh

strikes a chord, as does, as always, Chadha. And it is good to see Boman Irani play something other than the kind of supporting roles he gets to do in Bollywood, but you wish his part had been written with more heft. You know that he knows more than he is letting on, but he only gets in a substantial chunk right towards the end, when we get to know

# Time to Go Home



# **NIKAMMA**

# **Director:** Sabbir Khan

Cast: Abhimanyu Dassani, Shilpa Shetty, Shirley Setia, Abhimanyu Singh, Sameer Soni,

WHO AMONG us thinks we are in 2022? Not the makers responsible for Nikamma, a remake of Telugu hit Middle Class Abbayi (2017), because they have come up with a film so mothballed that it would have been roundly rejected even in the '80s.

Jobless Adi (Dassani) is just another version of your standard-procedure Bollywood hero. A brat, made much of by his affectionate family, which includes a big brother (Soni), and seemingly strict sister-in-law (Shetty). But we all know that Adi is just biding his time, waiting for a chance to reveal his true colours.

Meanwhile, there's the mandatory meetcute with a college girl (Setia), who is never to be seen inside a classroom. Back in the day, the heroine would have been seen carrying at least one book, Here, there is evidence of

hair and make-up and nothing else. This is also a film which is meant to be Shilpa Shetty's comeback, so for the price of one, we get two heroes. Shetty plays a government officer in a small town, going up against the local baddie (Singh), who lives in a palace and is always surrounded by a posse of scowling goons.

So that's your film: Adi and his "maasamaan" Bhabhi up against the Very Bad Guy. Set pieces featuring bike chases, fight scenes, bloody limbs, and one guy taking on all comers. And just so you know they haven't been forgotten, a couple of songs and dances.

There's not one thing in this film that we haven't seen a zillion times before. Unless you think Ms Shetty trying to be badass counts. Or maybe that's what the filmmakers think. Abhimanyu Dassani does a fair job of playing yet another version of Salman Khan, who was a similar brattish hero in his mother's 1989 debut Maine Pyar Kiya. The only thing missing is a shirtless scene.

*Nikamma* is nothing but a torturous 2.5 hours of wondering about the future of Bollywood. If this is what we are getting in the name of a new film with a new hero, who has shown signs of promise in his first two outings, then, well, it's time to go home. SG

SEVERAL COILED strands present themselves in Suzhal: The Vortex, the eight-part Tamil original web-series created and written by

**SHUBHRA GUPTA** 

Pushkar and Gayathri and co-directed by Bramma and Anucharan. A teenage girl goes missing. An old factory goes up in flames. A week-long religious festival, high on fervour, is under way. Old enmities resurface, laying bare a collective unease: Nothing is as it seems in this small town, somewhere in south India.

The thick ripples that emanate from undetected crimes and putative punishments in atmospheric small towns is an old trope. The last time it all came together for me so well was in the Kate Winslet-starrer Mare Of Easttown, which Suzhal reminds me of in a broad sense. Many familiar elements of domesticated crime thrillers set in deep ruralurban outposts are here - complicated relationships between young people kept hidden from prying eyes, police personnel who think they know their townspeople from the inside, unhappy residents who may or may not have something to do with the disappearances, a bunch of red herrings and an air made rancid by predators. But Suzhal's vivid sense of place and people, and the infusion of local myth-making, makes it its own very specific, very gripping creature.

Vortex of Lies

and Betrayal

SUZHAL: THE VORTEX ★★★

Director: Bramma G, Anucharan Murugaiyan Cast: Aishwarya Rajesh, Kathir, R Parthiban and Sriya Reddy Streaming on: Amazon Prime

Troubled factory union leader Shanmugan (Parthiban Radhakrishanan), already upset at the heavy damage caused by the fire, returns home to find his 15-year-old daughter Nila (Gopika Ramesh) missing. As senior cop Regina (Sriya Reddy) and able colleague Sakkarai (Kathir) start digging deeper, they keep peeling back layers, which lead them from one suspect to another. Is it Trilok Vadde (Harish Uthaman), the owner of the factory, who seems a bit too keen to prove that it was arson, and who has a connection with the missing girl? Is it someone involved

with the colourful, crowded procession, with the local deity at its centre, demanding fresh blood as sacrifice? And

whose bodies are those that are dredged up from the lake that abuts the town's cliffs?

The characters have a nice degree of depth. No one is black or white; they are your garden variety flawed humans. Regina's hands are not quite clean, even if her reasons to dirty them are understandable. Sakkarai professes love for one woman, but has another on his mind, and heart. The women of Suzhal, in fact, are its bedrock: When the missing girl's mother (Indumathy Manikandan) returns from a selfimposed exile, and her older sister Nandini (Aishwarya Rajesh) shows up after a gap of several years, you are left asking, why did they

leave in the first place? At times, some twists and turns appear a tad forced. Some things feel shoehorned into the plot, and a couple of plot points are left dangling. And at other times, you get impatient because it gets too stretched. But these do not deflect from the big picture: Suzhal stays focussed on advancing the mystery, with its murders most foul, which come wrapped in lies and betrayal and the thickened scars of childhood trauma. You

willingly let yourself be drawn deeper and deeper because you can't wait to know what lies on the other side, and the big reveal manages to be a surprise.

Nolan/Interstellar feel. Buzz's new team: Alisha's granddaughter Izzy Hawthorne (Palmer), accident-prone new recruit Mo Morrison (Waititi) and Darby Steel (Soules), an old criminal hand, currently on parole, sliding into place, should have infused more interest but not one of

The only character which makes you sit up in this only-made-becausewe-can-sell-more-toys enterprise is a cat called Sox, who is super-smart, can do complicated calculations, and goes meowmeow-meow whenever he gets a chance. And saves the gang from doom and gloom.

What are the chances that Sox (Sohn) will get his own spin-off soon?

New Delhi

# **STREAMING** WATCH LIST



### AND THEN WE DANCED

This Levan Akin-directed powerful coming-of-age story challenges set notions of masculinity and rigidity as it follows the dreams and desires of a young traditional Georgian dancer. Merab (Levan Gelbakhiani), a dedicated dancer aspiring for a spot in the National Georgian Ensemble, feels threatened by the arrival of another male dancer. As Merab finds himself drawn to him, he finds himself questioning the traditional ideas and attitude.

### **GET OUT**

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO This much-talked about political horror movie from 2017, directed by Jordan Peele, is now available for streaming. When a young African-American (Daniel Kaluuya) pays a weekend visit to his white girlfriend's parents, his simmering dissatisfaction with their treatment of him eventually boils over. The movie, nominated for multiple Oscars, won the award for Best Original Screenplay.

# LOVE & ANARCHY: S2



Its first season started with a flirtatious game between a married consultant Sofie and a young IT technician Max at a Stockholm-based publishing house. As they navigate the complexities of their secret relationship, this season shifts its focus to serious subjects such as guilt, grief, trauma and mental health. It is also about learning to understand and accept oneself

### SHE: S2 **NETFLIX**



Bhumi, a naive female constable goes undercover as a prostitute to bust a drug cartel leader. The dangers in her assignment scare her  $and, eventually, provide \, her \, the \, thrill \,$ and a sense of power. In the new season, Bhumi (Aaditi Pohankar) continues to play the dangerous game of leading a double life of being close to a drug lord while operating as an undercover cop.

# THE SUMMER I TURNED

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO



The series is based on a bestselling book by Jenny Han that follows the summer adventures of Belly. Every summer, Belly and her family head to the Fishers' beach house. The year Belly turns 16, the summer vacation has something interesting in store for her. She finds herself caught in a love triangle with two brothers.

**COMPILED BY ALAKA SAHANI** 

# Little Soul, Low Spark

**LIGHTYEAR** 

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Director:

Angus MacLane

Cast: Voiced by Chris Evans.

Keke Palmer. Peter Sohn.

James Brolin, Taika Waititi,

Uzo Aduba, Dale Soules

IN A blink-and-bliss introductory scene, we are informed that back in 1995, when young Andy got his toys, Space Ranger Buzz

Lightyear was a figurine from Andy's favourite film. And this, the film that we are about to watch, is that film. Ooh, meta.

Did we know back then that Buzz, one of Andy's many beloved toys, would have his own spin-off? Given Pixar's penchant for sequels and prequels with

familiar figures, it's only surprising that it took the studio so long to get down to it. It's even more surprising how

little soul and spark Lightyear has, those Pixar hallmarks that are sure to make you chuckle, and cry at least once.

> Upon encountering hostile elements on a planet, Buzz (Chris Evans) and his commanding officer Alisha (Uzo Aduba) scramble back to the safety of their ship, and manage to set up a safe space for the people on the ship. The doughty Buzz keeps trying to come up with a super fuel which will take them back to earth. But

every time he takes off, the four minutes he spends in space become four years back on the planet, and before he knows it, sixty-four years have passed. The spry Alisha is now old and ailing, and the community's new boss has no time for Buzz's buzzing about in deep space. What will our never-say-die space ranger do now?

A space ranger needs to range in space. Got that. But this new Pixar space adventure, despite its slick computer graphics, struggles to keep it fresh. A giant robotic figure who calls himself Zurg (James Brolin) and his scary army, looking straight out of a Star Wars movie, hovers over the planet. And all those snatch-and-grab manoeuvres in space give off a very

them, even with their quirks firmly in place, lifts off.

# 15 ECONOMY

**⚠** 78.07/USD

**⊘** \$117.22

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 16

SENSEX: 51,360.42 ▼ 135.37 (-0.26%) NIFTY: 15,293.50 ▼ 67.10 (-0.44%) NIKKEI: 25,963.00 ▼ 468.20 HANG SENG: 21,075.00 ▲ 229.57 FTSE: 7,119.72 ▲ 74.74 DAX: 13,208.71 ▲ 170.22

# **SECTOR WATCH** INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

# Thailand to ease visitor entry: What are the new rules?

**PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

THAILAND, one of the top tourist destinations for Indians, further eased norms for international arrivals. Starting July 1, the country is doing away with its requirement of Thailand pass registration scheme and a mandatory \$10,000 health insurance for foreign visitors.

### What were the old rules that are being removed?

International visitors arriving into Thailand are currently required to register online for a Thailand pass with a certificate of Covid-19 vaccination and a health insurance policy. These rules are being done away with.

According to a statement by the **Tourism Authority** of Thailand, from July 1, foreign nationals are only required to show proof of either a

certificate of vaccination or a negative RT-PCR or professional ATK test (antigen test) result within 72 hours of travel. These can be in a print or digital format.

### What are some of the other requirements for entering Thailand?

Upon arrival, random checks will be made at Thailand's international airports or land border checkpoints (in 22 provinces). Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travellers, who are random checked and who are unable to show proof of a pre-arrival negative

## STARTING JULY 1



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test, will be required to undergo a professional ATK test at the point of entry.

Germany lifted all Covid-19

### Are there other countries that are easing travel requirements? Yes. Effective June 11,

restrictions for travel into the country. This meant that travel from India to Germany is permitted for all purposes, and no proof of vaccination. recovery or testing is required any longer for entry into Germany. Similarly, the US also lifted its requirement that international travellers arriving into the country needed a mandatory Covid-19 test within a day before boarding their flights, easing one of the last remaining government mandates meant to contain the spread

of the coronavirus

## NO CONSENSUS ON FINAL REPORT WITHIN GOM ON TWEAKING SLABS

# **GST** panel to draw up interim report, seek tenure extension

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

THE GROUP of Ministers (GoM), constituted to review the current rate slab structure under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, will prepare an interim report and will seek an extension of its tenure in the upcoming GST Council meeting on June 28-29. Discussions held so far on GST rates, inverted duty structure for sectors, except textiles, and some exemptions will be part of the interim report but a consensus on a final report could not be reached in absence of a complete agreement within the GoM members on tweaking the tax slabs, officials said.

In a meeting held on Friday, the GoM agreed upon putting together an interim report detailing the discussions held so far. "The report has not been finalised vet. Extension will be sought for the

₹12,423.98 cr: Gross direct

non-life insurance players in

May 2021, according to data

from the Insurance Regulatory

and Development Authority of

₹13,566.18 cr: Gross direct

premium last month seen by

witnessing an increase of

in the year-ago month

24% over ₹10.954.18 crore

31 non-life players,

25 general insurers among the

premium registered by

India (Irdai)

Non-life insurers' gross

premium up 24% in May

year at ₹15,404.45 crore, data from Irdai showed

Non-life insurance companies saw a year-on-year rise of

24% in their collective gross direct premium in May this

## PANEL'S TASK

■The panel, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai, was formed in September last year with an overarching mandate: an evaluation of

"special rates" within the tax structure, rationalisation measures, alongside a review of instances of inverted duty structure, among others.

GoM. Textiles inverted duty structure has been left like that, it will be taken up in the next meeting," a state finance minister, who is part of the GoM, told The Indian Express.

In its 46th meeting in December, the Council had deferred the proposed hike in tax rate for the textiles sector to 12 per cent from 5 per cent, which was to be implemented from January 1. "Status quo will be maintained for the GST rate for textiles as of now and a ministerial panel will review the rate structure by February," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had

71,708.86 cr: Gross premium

seen by five standalone private

sector health insurance

₹1,382.71 cra year ago

₹129.42 cr: Gross

direct premium

specialised PSU

insurers this May,

a jump of 48.6% from

₹87.09 cra year ago

of the two

companies in May,

reporting a rise of

23.6% from

said after the meeting.

An inverted duty structure arises when the taxes on output or final product is lower than the taxes on inputs, creating an inverse accumulation of input tax credit which in most cases has to

The GoM has had three meetings so far. In its November meeting, it had discussed various proposals for rate rationalisation and measures to shore up revenues. While an officer-level fitment committee is learnt to have recommended raising of tax rates from 5 per cent to 7 per

**₹36,680.69 cr** 

**Cumulative gross direct** 

premium of all non-life

the current fiscal year,

rising by 22.8% from

₹29,867.41 crore in the

same month a year ago

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** 

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI)

has unveiled the Payment Vision

2025 document which proposes

a host of innovative payment sys-

tems and regulation of BigTechs,

fintechs, buy-now-pay-later

(BNPL) systems, and introduction

of a central bank digital currency

payment systems towards a

realm of empowering users with

KWA-JB-GL-6-375-2022-23

(CBDC), among others.

insurers during April-May

cent, some state finance ministers had then flagged potential concerns over the impact of such major rate changes. Some states had cited concerns about the inflationary impact of any such major rate hikes, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The panel, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai, was formed in September last year with an overarching mandate: an evaluation of "special rates" within the tax structure, rationalisation measures that include "a merger of tax rate slabs for simplifying the rate structure", alongside a review of instances of inverted duty structure and an identification of potential sources of evasion to shore up revenues. Though GST revenues have shown buoyancy in recent months, rate changes are also under purview as the compensation to states for revenue losses under GST will come to an end in June 2022.

# FY23 direct tax mop-up rises 45% so far

New Delhi: Reflecting an uptick in the economy, net direct tax collections between April and mid-June jumped 45 per cent to over Rs 3.39 lakh crore, the Income Tax department said on Friday. The improved collections are

mainly due to a 47 per cent growth in tax deduction at source (TDS) mop-up and a 33 per cent rise in advance tax realisation for April-June quarter. The net direct tax collection

of over Rs 3.39 lakh crore included Corporation Tax (CIT) of over Rs 1.70 lakh crore and Personal Income Tax (PIT), including Security Transaction Tax (STT), of more than Rs 1.67 lakh

The RBI document has pro-

posed enabling of geotagging of

digital payment infrastructure

and transactions and revisiting

guidelines for prepaid payment

instruments (PPIs), including

closed system PPIs. It also pro-

posed a framework for regulation

of all significant intermediaries in

payments ecosystem and link

Other proposals include

bringing in enhancements to

Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kollam

RBI bats for CBDC, regulation of fintechs, BNPL



Organization Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and other officials in Geneva, Switzerland. Reuters

# WTO strikes global trade deals after 'roller coaster' talks

**REUTERS** 

GENEVA, JUNE 17

agreed the first change to global trading rules in years on Friday as well as a deal to boost the supply of Covid vaccines in a series of pledges that were heavy on compromise. Director-General Ngozi Okonio-Iweala told cheering delegates: "The package of agreements you have reached will make a difference to the lives of people around the world."

THE WORLD Trade Organization

The package, which the WTO chief called "unprecedented", included the two highest profile deals under consideration - on fisheries and on a partial waiver of intellectual property (IP) rights for Covid vaccines. The accord to curb fishing subsidies is only the second multilateral agreement setting new global trading rules struck in the WTO's 27-year history and is far more ambitious than the first. designed to cut red tape.

The deal on a partial IP waiver to allow developing countries to produce and export Covid vaccines has divided the WTO for nearly two years, but finally passed. One deal also reached was to maintain a moratorium on e-commerce tariffs.

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on payments involving BNPL

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## Able to secure favourable outcome: Goyal

Geneva: India has been able to secure a favourable outcome at the WTO after many years, despite a strong global campaign against Indian farmers and fishermen, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday. "Few countries attempted

to create a false campaign, initially on Sunday and Monday, that India is obstinate due to which no progress is being made. The real situation has emerged before us all, the issues raised by India... now the whole world acknowledges that was the correct agenda and ultimately India played a vital role in arriving at all solutions," he added. PTI

## India, EU restart FTA talks

Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, India and the European Union (EU) finally restarted the negotiations for the long-pending trade and investment agreement on Friday after a gap of over eight years.

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ing nodal account (escrow ac-

count after authorisation) to

route payments between BNPL

has the core theme of E-pay-

ments for everyone, everywhere,

everytime (4Es) and aims to pro-

vide every user with safe, secure,

fast, convenient, accessible and

affordable e-payment options."

Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

"The Payments Vision 2025

customer and a merchant.

# **BRIEFLY** —

# Forex kitty falls

*Mumbai:* Forex reserves fell 10. Foreign currency assets (FCA) fell \$4.53 billion, as per RBI data. Meanwhile, the rupee pared initial gains to settle one paisa higher at 78.09 against the dollar Friday.

# Credit offtake

Mumbai: Banking credit offtake rose 13.1% to ₹121.4 lakh crore in the week till June 3, against 5.7% a year ago. Credit growth rose by ₹14.02 lakh crore on a vear-on-vear basis against ₹5.89 lakh crore a year ago. Deposit growth fell to 9.3% to ₹167.33 lakh crore against 9.7% a year ago. **ENS** 

# Gadkari, EVs

New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said EV prices will be on par with those of petrol vehicles in 1 year. PTI

# 'Googlearm'

Moscow: Google's Russian arm filed a declaration of bankruptcy, as per Interfax.

# 'SpaceX firing

Bengaluru: SpaceX fired at least 5 staff who circulated a letter criticizing Elon Musk, sources said. REUTERS

# **FINANCIAL EXPRESS MODERN BFSI SUMMIT**

# Shifted focus to inflation after growth hit pre-Covid level: Das

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI. JUNE 17

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said the central bank's focus was to ensure that growth in the economy reached a stage – the pre-pandemic level — before it started withdrawing liquidity and hiking rates to tame inflation. Stating that the RBI was not

'behind the curve". Das said the process of getting out of the 'chakravyuh' - or withdrawal of the accommodative monetary policy – has taken a little longer. "The process has taken longer because of the Ukraine war getting out of control.... However, we are targeting a soft landing," he said while speaking at the inaugural address at the 'Modern BFSI Summit' organised by the Financial Express.

During the pandemic, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee consciously decided to tolerate an inflation which was higher than 4%, up to 6% because the situation required that. "Had we started raising the rates before, what would have done to the growth in 2021-22? Would it have prevented inflation from spiking? No," Das said. "We waited for economic growth to reach a stage where it was safe to



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das at financialexpress com's Modern BFSI Summit in Mumbai, on Friday. Amit Chakravarty

pull out liquidity," he said. "The RBI is in sync with the

economy and the trend of economic developments. Our focus was to ensure the financial sector functioned smoothly and support the growth when the economy showed a decline due to Covid. The priority now is inflation," he said. On further action on the anvil, Das said, "it depends on the evolving situation ... Our actions will be suitably cali-

brated." According to him, while certain developments were challenging, each injection of liquidity is accompanied by a sunset clause. "The variable repo rate auctions were able to deal with the liquidity which came into the

system. Around Rs 12.5 lakh crore liquidity was injected into the system to support growth after the Covid pandemic hit the economy. This has now come down to around Rs 5.5 lakh crore," he said.

### Das warns of strict action against harsh methods of recovery agents

Das also raised concerns over the growing instances of loan app scams and unruly behaviour of recovery agents. He added the increasing use of technology and digital services has led to more incidents of digital frauds and customer dissatisfaction and it has attracted RBI's serious attention.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

### "The Payments Vision 2025 credit cards and credit components of banking products to UPI. promises to further elevate our

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY** 

Source: Irdai/PT

**CENTRAL BANK UNVEILS PAYMENT VISION 2025** 

e-Tender Notice North Panchayaths in Kunnathoor Taluk and Thazhava, Thodiyoor, Kulasekharapuram Panchayaths in Karunagappally Taluk - Supplying and laying 900 mm DI K9 Clear Water Transmission Main from WTP to Chainage 3000m. EMD: Rs. 200000. Tender fee Rs. 10000+1800 (18% GST-It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender: 12-07-2022 02:00:pm. Phone  $04742745293. Website: \underline{\textbf{www.kwa.kerala.gov.in}}, \underline{\textbf{www.etenders.kerala.gov.in}}.$ 

Telangana State Technology Services Ltd., HACA Bhavan, Hyderabad- 500063, Telangana

Tender No.- TSTS/CS/HEALTH-108-EAS /2022 TSTS on behalf of the of Director-Health Medical & Family Welfare Dept, issues tender call notice for Selection of Agency for Setup, Operations & Management o 108 Emergency Medical Ambulance Services (EMAS), 102 Ammavodi Services ree Hearse Services & 104 Health Helpline for a period of 5 years. Pre-bid Queries to be submitted through email on or before 23.06.2022,

For details visit: www.tsts.telangana.gov.in, https://tender.telangana.gov.in

R.O. No.: 256-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Date: 17-06-2022

# KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

Head Office, Udhampur - Srinagar - Baramulla Rail Link Project, Satyam Complex, Marble Market, Greater Kailash, P.O. Sainik Colony, Jammu -180011, Jammu & Kashmir, Tel: +91 - 191 - 2484778

**OPEN E-TENDER** 

Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-JK-ROAD-06-2022 dated 17.06.2022 Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. invites "Open e-Tender" in "Two Packet System" from experienced agencies for "Upgradation of existing service road at Kauri & Bakkal site of Chenab bridge on Katra -Dharam section of Udhampur - Srinagar- Baramulla Rail Link Project Jammu & Kashmir." Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 22.56 Crore. Bid Security: Rs. 12,78,000/- to be submitted through payment modes as mentioned in Tender document. Completion period of Contract B Months. Submission of Tender: 18.07.2022 up to 15.00 hrs Opening of Tender: 18.07.2022 @ 15.30 hrs. Cost of Tender Form: Nil. For further details and updates please visit https://www.ireps.gov.in Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the above

Head Office: Star House 1, Risk Management Department, Information Security Cell, 3rd Floor, East Wing, C-5 - G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051. Email: security.information@bankofindia.co.in.

# TENDER NOTICE

Bank of India invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for procurement of Cyber Insurance Policy for Bank of India for the year 2022-23.

Last date for submission of Request for Proposal: 30.06.2022 by 3.00 pm. Full details are available on the Bank's Corporate Website: www.bankofindia.co.ir under "Tender" Section from 17.06.2022. mendments/ Corrigendum, if any, will be kept on website only.

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New Delhi

## 'Geopolitical climate poses near-term challenges' tary policies in most countries Piramal biz

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JUNE 17

CHIEF ECONOMIC Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran has said the threats and global headwinds from geopolitical conditions are the near-term challenges for the economy, and may remain for 6-12 months.

In his keynote address at the FE Modern BFSI Summit, Nageswaran said the global situation is leading to high inflation in most countries, high global prices of commodities with sig-



(crude oil, edible oil, fertilisers, metals, etc), tightening of mone-

and financial and macro instability risk (global spillovers and local risks). It's also leading to likely correction in stock markets, supply chain bottleneck (delays and shortage of key inputs), potential global recession with impact on export growth for India and transition to green economy, he said. Nageswaran said.

India is becoming inflation intolerant, and it is important to stabilise inflation expectations, going forward, he said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com merger of Piramal Group's pharmaceutical business. which received board nod last year, is on track and is expected to be completed by the third quarter of this financial year, Ajay Piramal, chairman of Piramal Group, said on

Friday. RAJESHKURUP/FE

Mumbai: The proposed de-

demerger by

Dec quarter

# 16 THE WORLD



# MBS To Vist Ankara On Wednesday

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will visit Ankara on Wednesday. The visit comes amid a thaw of relations between the two countries following the 2018 killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.



Trintignant had won an Oscar for A Man and a Woman. AP File

## **FRANCE**

## Jean-Louis Trintignant, film titan, dies at 91

FRENCH FILM legend and amateur race car driver Jean-Louis Trintignant, who earned acclaim for his starring role in the Oscar-winning film "A Man and a Woman" and went on to portray the brutality of aging in his later years, has died at 91. Trintignant died in his home in southwest France, said Bertrand Cortellini, who operated a vineyard with the actor and visited him Thursday before his death. He did not divulge details. French news reports said Trintignant had prostate cancer. In a career that started when he was 19, Trintignant acted in more than 100 films. He was one of France's premier actors in the post-war eraand one of the last remaining performers of his generation.

## **BELGIUM**

## Bishop declines cardinal honour over clergy abuse

ONE OF Pope Francis' proposed new cardinals, the retired bishop of Ghent, Belgium, has bowed out of accepting the honour over his insufficient response to cases of clergy sexual abuse, the Belgian bishops conference said. Ghent Bishop Luc Van Looy had asked Francis for permission to decline the honour in order "to not harm victims again," and Francis accepted the request, the bishops said in a statement. Francis had named Van Looy as one of 21 prelates to become a new "prince of the church" during a consistory August 27.

## THE UNITED STATES Musk sued for \$258 bn over crypto scheme

ELON MUSK has been sued for \$258 billion by a Dogecoin investor who accused him of running a pyramid scheme to support the cryptocurrency. In a complaint filed in court in Manhattan, plaintiff Keith Johnson accused Musk of racketeering for touting Dogecoin and driving up its price, only to then let the price tumble. "Defendants were aware since 2019 that Dogecoin had no value yet promoted it to profit from its trading," he said. "Musk used his pedestal as World's Richest man to manipulate the Dogecoin Pyramid

# TOPOFTHE FATF retains Pakistan on 'grey list', hints at removal after October visit

**MUNIR AHMED** 

ISLAMABAD, JUNE 17

THE FINANCIAL Action Task Force, an international watchdog, Friday said it will keep Pakistan on a so-called "grey list" of countries that do not take full measures to combat money-laundering and terror financing but raised hopes that its removal would follow an upcoming visit to the country to determine its progress.

The announcement by FATF president Marcus Pleyer is a blow to Pakistan's newly formed government, which believes it has mostly complied with the organisation's tasks set for Islamabad.

Pleyer said an onsite inspection by FATF in Pakistan would be done before October, and that a formal announcement on Pakistan's removal would follow.

He said FATF is praising Pakistan for implementing the or-

# US approves Covid vaccine for infants, pre-schoolers

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** WASHINGTON, JUNE 17

US REGULATORS on Friday authorised the first Covid-19 shots for infants and pre-schoolers, paving the way for vaccinations to begin next week.

The Food and Drug Administration's action follows its advisory panel's unanimous recommendation for the shots from Moderna and Pfizer. That means US kids under 5 roughly 18 million youngsters - are eligible for the shots, about 1 1/2 years after the vaccines first became available in the US for adults, who have been hit the hardest during the pandemic.

The FDA also authorised Moderna's vaccine for schoolaged children and teens. Pfizer's shots had previously been the only ones available for those

There's one step left: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends how to use vaccines and its vaccine advisers are set to discuss the shots for the youngest kids Friday and vote on Saturday. A final signoff would come from CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky.



The country's new government, led by PM Shehbaz Sharif, believes it has complied with the watchdog's tasks. Reuters File

ganisation's action plans, a clear indication that Pakistan is moving

closer to getting off the "grey list". The Paris-based group added Pakistan to the list in 2018. The "grey list" is composed of countries with a high risk of money laundering and terrorism financ-

**REUTERS** 

dream.'

months ago.

BRUSSELS, KYIV, JUNE 17

THE EUROPEAN UNION gave its

blessing on Friday for Ukraine

and its neighbour Moldova to

become candidates to join, in the

most dramatic geopolitical shift

to result from Russia's invasion.

for the European perspective,"

European Commission President

Ursula von der Leyen told a news

conference, wearing Ukrainian

colours - a yellow blazer over a

blue blouse. "We want them to

live with us the European

process that could take many years, but it puts Kyiv on course

to realise a goal that would have

been far beyond its reach just

membership path that'll certainly

bring our victory closer," tweeted

President Voldymyr Zelenskyy,

thanking von der Leyen and EU

expected to endorse the decision

at a summit next week. The lead-

ers of the three biggest -

Germany, France and Italy - had

signalled their solidarity on

Thursday by visiting Kyiv.

Leaders of EU countries are

members for the decision.

"It's the first step on the EU

It was only the start of a

"Ukrainians are ready to die

ing but which have formally committed to working with the task force to make changes.

At the time, the south Asian country avoided being put on the organisation's "black list" of countries that do not take adequate measures to halt moneylaundering and terror financing but also have not committed to working with the FATF. The designation severely restricts a country's international borrowing capabilities.

Still, being on the Paris-based international watchdog's "grey list" can scare away investors and creditors, hurting exports, output and consumption. It also can make global banks wary of doing business with a country.

Pakistan has said it continues to detain suspects involved in terror financing to comply with tasks set by the watchdog.

A Pakistani-based independent think tank, Tabadlab, ĥas estimated that it has cost the country's economy \$38 billion since it was put on the grey list in 2018.

The FATF is made up of 37 member countries, including the United States, and two regional groups, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the European

# Ukraine secures EU blessing to 'live the European dream'

unjust or an abuse of process. "We're going to fight this.

'travesty" "I'm going to spend every

served.' Agnes Callamard, Amnesty

said: "Allowing Julian Assange to be extradited to the US would put him at great risk and sends a chilling message to journalists the world over.

# **WIKILEAKS FOUNDER TO APPEAL**

# **UK approves extradition** of Julian Assange to US

Move a chilling message to journalists: Amnesty International

**MICHAEL HOLDEN** LONDON, JUNE 17

THE WIFE of Julian Assange vowed to fight using every possible legal avenue after British Home Secretary Priti Patel on Friday approved the WikiLeaks' founder's extradition to the US to face criminal charges.

Assange is wanted by US authorities on 18 counts, including a spying charge, relating to WikiLeaks' release of vast troves of confidential US military records and diplomatic cables which Washington said had put lives in danger.

His supporters say he is an anti-establishment hero who has been victimised because he exposed US wrongdoing in conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, and that his prosecution is a politically motivated assault on journalism and free speech.

His wife Stella said Assange would appeal after the Home Office said his extradition had been approved as British courts had concluded it would not be

We're going to use every appeal avenue," Stella Assange told reporters, calling the decision a

waking hour fighting for Julian until he is free, until justice is

International's secretary general,



Julian Assange after he was arrested by British police, in London, in 2019. Reuters File

# The Assange saga: Key events

2010 - WikiLeaks releases damning video of a US air strike that killed civilians in Baghdad. ■ Over 91,000 secret documents about Afghanistan war. ■ And 400.000 classified military files chronicling Iraq war. NOV 2010 - A Swedish court orders Assange's arrest over rape allegations. ■ Arrested in

UK in December, gets bail.

in Ecuador's embassy in London. ■ Ecuador grants Assange asylum in August. **APRIL 2019** - Carried out of Ecuadorean Embassy and arrested by British police after Ecuador revokes political asylum. JAN 2021 - A British judge rules Assange should not be extradited to the US, citing his mental health.

**IUNE 2012 - Takes refuge** 

## New battle ahead

THE DECISION does not mean the end of Assange's legal fight which has been going on for more than a decade. Experts say he has 14 days to appeal at London's High

Court which must approve a challenge. He

can ultimately seek to take his case to the UK Supreme Court. But if an appeal is refused, he must be extradited in 28 days.



A queue to buy kerosene in Colombo Friday. Reuters

# China: Anger, fear as residents find Covid tracker used for crowd control

**HUIZHONG WU** TAIPEI, JUNE 17

ANGRY BANK customers who travelled to a city in central China attempting to retrieve their savings from troubled rural banks were stopped in their tracks by a common technology: a QR code. The QR code, which residents

are required to have, is supposed to display one's health status, such as if they have Covid or have been a close contact. In central Henan province, some Chinese people found that the health code was used to enforce crowd control.

The incident has started a national debate on how a tool designed for public health has been appropriated by political forces to tamp down controversy.

The issue started in April,



A sealed area in Shanghai **on Friday.** Reuters

when customers found they could not access banking services. They tried multiple times to report the banks and get their money back, but didn't get an

In one since-deleted account

on WeChat, a woman surnamed Ai had arrived in Zhengzhou. Shortly after checking into a hotel, she was questioned by a group of police who asked her why she was in Zhengzhou. She replied honestly: To withdraw money from the bank. Shortly after, she found her health code was turned red even though she had a negative Covid test result from the past 48 hours. She was immediately taken to a quarantine hotel.

Sixth Tone interviewed over a dozen people who found their health codes turned red after they scanned a QR code in the

An official with Henan's Pandemic Control Committee has said that the authorities were investigating the reports of health codes being turned red.

# China launches hi-tech carrier in naval milestone Beijing: China on Friday launched

Dmitry

REUTERS

"My country invaded another

state, Ukraine... We thought for a

long time about what we could

do ... and we thought that everyone should give away something

dear to them, important to them,

Muratov has said.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at the

Russian journalist puts Nobel

medal up for sale over Ukraine

EU headquarters in Brussels on Friday. AP

RUSSIAN JOURNALIST and Nobel

Peace laureate Dmitry Muratov is

auctioning his Nobel medal for

Ukrainian refugees, distraught at

the eradication of independent

media in his country, where he

says fewer and fewer people sup-

port Moscow's military campaign.

and long-time editor-in-chief of

Novaya Gazeta, a newspaper

Muratov is the co-founder

its third aircraft carrier, the country's most advanced, as an aggressive Beijing sought to extend the range of its navy in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

The Fujian is China's first domestically designed and built catapult aircraft carrier. Xinhua news agency reported. The next aircraft carrier

China plans to build is expected to be nuclear-powered. The Fujian is equipped with

an electromagnetic aircraft launch system or EMALS and has a flat, straight flight deck, and arresting device.

The EMALS is regarded by Indian naval experts as a major leap forward by the Chinese navy as currently only the United States has such an advanced one.

# Crisis a lesson, Army to till barren land for food

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** COLOMBO, JUNE 17

SRI LANKA Army will cultivate over 1,500 acres of barren or abandoned state land by taking part in the government's cultivation drive aimed at multiplying food production and averting any shortage in the future, a media report said Friday

The army established its Green Agriculture Steering Committee (GASC) on Thursday to supplement and promote the food security programme amid the country's economic crisis.

The emergency project to be kicked off by early July as a supportive mechanism to the government's cultivation drive is spearheaded by Lieutenant General Vikum Liyanage, Commander of the Army. Major

## Govt tells Staff to work from home

SRI LANKA on Friday ordered public sector employees to work from home for two weeks due to severe fuel shortages. Earlier this week, the government also approved a four-day work week for public sector workers to help them cope with a chronic fuel shortage and encourage them to grow food. **REUTERS** 

General Jagath Kodithuwakku, the Chief of Staff, will supervise.

The troops will first prepare the ground by weeding, tilling and preparing beds for the cultivation of selected seed varieties in consultation with agricultural experts, newsfirst.lk reported.

during a trip last year to an ele-

mentary school in a Paris suburb,

where the students started

screaming and following her

around as soon as they laid eyes

on her. "She became a bit of a Pied Piper," Feldman said. "It was

# Somalia security forces, residents kill 70 militants in attack: official

MOGADISHU, JUNE 17

ARMED RESIDENTS and local security forces in Somalia's Shabaab fighters as they repulsed a raid by militants on Bahdo town on Friday, a local official said.

The state broadcaster posted images on Twitter of at least 20 bodies in military fatigues that it said were among the attackers who were slain. Al Shabaab's Radio Andalus said in a broadcast that the al Qaeda-linked group lost nine fighters and said it's fighters had killed 27 soldiers during a fierce battle after morning prayers.

Reuters could not independently verify the claims.

"Armed residents and clerics shot dead fighters from every window of every house... Ahmed Shire, information minister of Galmudug state, said.

He said two children and a cleric from the town were killed in the fighting, while four car bombs were defused after the insurgents had fled.

## Al Jazeera releases image of bullet it says killed reporter

Jerusalem: The Al Jazeera news network has published an image of the bullet that it says killed its veteran reporter Shireen Abu Akleh while she was covering an Israeli military operation in the occupied West Bank last month.

It identified the bullet as a US-made 5.56mm round fired from an M4 rifle, commonly used by Israeli forces. The Israeli military says Palestinian militants use the same ammunition.

were confiscated in a raid last The bullets in the two images

image of sacks of bullets it says

The military released its own

appear identical, with green marking on the tips.

Al Jazeera and the Palestinian Authority have accused Israel of targeting her, something Israel adamantly denies. The Israeli military says she was killed during a complex military operation

# TO PROMOTE OPEN EMBRACE OF REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS

# Little Amal, refugee puppet who travelled Europe, to visit New York

**JULIA JACOBS** JUNE 17

LITTLE AMAL, a 12-foot-tall puppet depicting a 10-year-old Syrian refugee, has seen about a dozen countries, visited London's Royal Opera House and other sightseeing destinations, and even met the Pope.

But this fall, Amal will embark on an entirely new adventure, crossing the Atlantic for the first time in a trip to New York intended to promote an open embrace of refugees and immigrants.

Amal is scheduled to arrive at John F Kennedy International Airport on September 14, with plans to travel to all five boroughs, visiting with children, artists, politicians and community leaders along the way, according to an announcement on Thursday from the Walk Productions, which is co-producing the visit with St. Ann's

Warehouse. Her original 5,000-mile journey from Turkey to England last year — which included visits to migrant camps – was designed to highlight the plight of millions of Syrian refugees in Europe who traveled long distances across the continent to flee the country's civil war. The project was supposed to end there, said its artistic director, Amir Nizar Zuabi, but about two-thirds of the way through the journey, the creative team realized that Amal could have a future beyond those specific geopolitical circumstances.

"She became an excuse for communities to come together and be kind to a foreigner," Zuabi said, "and by doing that, understand something about themselves — understand what there is



Amal with locals in Calais, France, last year. NYT

The towering puppet which is operated by three people, including one person on stilts will visit St, Ann's, and several other New York cultural institutions will be involved in her trip, including the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Lincoln Center and the Classical Theater of Harlem. The visit, which has a budget of over

to celebrate in their communities."

Susan Feldman, the artistic director of St. Ann's, said she first saw Amal's effect on the public

Statue of Liberty.

Although Amal's presence is not overtly political, Feldman said she felt that the visit to the US would send an important message in a country where immigration has become a "political football" and migrant chil-

\$1 million, is planned to conclude in early October with a trip to the dren have faced perilous living conditions.

very magical."

New Delhi

in which troops traded fire with Palestinian militants.

## Neeraj eyes 90m mark in Kuortane

New Delhi: Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra will be primed to breach the 90m mark during the Kuortane Games in Finland on Saturday after his spectacular return to action in Turku where he had sent his spear to 89.30m for a new national record. The 24-year-old Indian superstar's spear landed 70cm short of the 90m mark, the gold standard of the javelin world at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, on Tuesday in his first competition after winning gold in Tokyo in August last year. He was second in a star-studded field behind local athlete Oliver Helander, who was the surprise gold winner with a personal best of 89.83m. Chopra will be competing for the second time this week at the Kuortane Games, which is a silverlevel event in the World Athletics Continental Tour. He is currently based at the Kuortane Olympic Training Centre, around 300km from Turku, ahead of the all-important World Championships (July 15-24) in Eugene in USA.

## Triple crown for Shiva Narwal

Bhopal: Haryana's Shiva Narwal won a golden treble, clinching both the senior and youth men's 10m air pistol titles as well as the team crown at the 20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial (KSSM) Shooting competition here on Friday. Shiva overcame Army's Dharmendra Singh Gaharwar 17-5 in the men's final and then blew away Sahil of Uttar Pradesh 16-0 in the Youth final to win two individual golds. He also claimed the team title in the event along with Naveen and Anmol Jain, as the Haryana trio beat Punjab for gold.

# Kothari bags rare double in snooker

Melbourne: It was double delight for former world billiards champion Sourav Kothari, who clinched the Pacific International Billiards Championship title on Friday, just days after bagging the Snooker crown in the same event. The 37-year-old Kothari edged past multiple-time English champion Rob Hall of England 1500-1321 in the finals of the Level 5 highest World Billiards ranking event to win the title. The 2018 World Billiards champion thus became only the second cueist after Mathew Bolton of Australia to achieve a double title in the Pacific International. —Agencies

# Wiser, sharper Prannoy inches The ultimate Warriors towards first title in five years

**SHIVANI NAIK** JUNE 17

HE'S CALLED the Backhand Beast for his attack when the forearm goes high across the face and the shuttle is thwacked down with force, But HS Prannoy has in his arsenal some of the most exquisite defensive variations on the backhand. These backhand beauties, often counter-tricks to negotiate both the opponent and more so the tricky drift, are helping the 29-year-old resurrect a fantastic 2022 from the ashes of the last five years.

Prannoy is searching for his first title since the US Open in July of 2017. But that magical season - when he took out opponents like Lee Chong Wei and Chen Long in back-toback matches offering Kidambi Srikanth a springboard to surge to the Indonesia title remains a whirlwind blur. He has continued scalping big names - including Viktor Axelsen at Bali last autumn, and made the final at the Swiss Open, but the title at a Super Series event remains on the to-do list. The Super 1000 semis at Istora, shuttle's grandest coliseum, beckons after he ousted Danish Rasmus Gemke 21-14, 21-12 in the quarters.

His game, wisened from all the standalone upsets but not standout title wins, is reaping the benefits of all the delectable nuances he added to his original backhand allout attack. In the early 20s, one goes bombastic. In the late 20s, the blues and rhapsodies of the struggle are taken in the stride, and ballads are composed. Tempering the attack isn't just about maturity sobering the bones. For the deep thinker and cerebral player, adding variations to his once-beastly bazooka strokes has been about making peace with the conditions.

Of Indonesia, he said, "The conditions are very tricky with a lot of drift and the shuttle is tough to control." The breathing, heaving crowds at Istora - and even the emptying in the late session - makes conditions unpredictable. "But I've really been able to control the shuttle well from Day 1. I'm playing a much better and patient game now."

Prannoy has a defanged nothing-topounce-on serve. In contrast with Gemke, who thrives - and sinks - on his restless unstable energy, Prannoy is a monk with a mace on court. Through the two games, he kept a steady length and orchestrated action around the two mid-courts, relying on the cross-reflex strokes to tame the wild shuttle and keep it within bounds.

The tall shuttler is aware of his capabilities at in-rally acceleration, where he can lull Gemke on a lateral yo-yo with his crosses, and in a sudden burst of energy, send the kill shot deep to the back corner, down the line.



Prannoy beat Rasmus Gemke 21-14, 21-12 to enter semis.

So, he took the hapless Dane along before dashing his hopes.

"Thomas Cup was more pressure and emotional with mind games. Here I was in much better shape and relaxed," he said of the Dane whom he beat to clinch the semifinal tie for India last month in the historic triumph. Gemke had a wobbly knee, Prannoy had a plan to keep it wobbled.

## Adding new tricks

Prannoy leads 6-4 in the head-to-head against him, but there was a period from 2019-21, when Gemke enjoyed a stranglehold over the Indian. It was that strange phase when Daren Liew built himself bragging biceps boasting of continuous wins against the Indian. In short, a torrid time for Prannoy struggling with health issues and a convoluted over-thinking game on court. His backhand needed to snap out of the big power trap, as dazzling as the jump cross

Prannoy's underrated defence now came to the fore, "It's not easy to attack or get points off opponents in these conditions. Getting angles, connecting shuttles, it's been tough to get the kills," he said later.

So, he began developing a wide variety of

deceptions: wrist, elbow, forearm, all of them iamming along to build a bag of tricks. It took him years to get them down to not just the muscle memory but the bone - humerus, radius, ulna perfectly following instructions of his ticking brain, intuiting in nano seconds how to wrong-foot opponents.

Perhaps the cleverest trick was reserved for the last point. Playing from pretty close to the net where the shuttle dipped, Prannoy took a stride and scoped it on the backhand inches off the ground, sending it just right to fall, like the Fosbury Flop, across the net but well short of Gemke. The Dane, who looks boggled at best of times when he's stolen a point off Prannoy, didn't complete his grimace even after that dipping backhand scoop, taken like a half volley, but sent shooting vertical. "I've been practising it for 4-5 years. It's very tough to execute, so I kept it for the last point," Prannoy chortled.

He plays Chinese Zhao Jun Peng in the semis - matching his best showing here - on Saturday. The Indian has beaten Li Shifeng and Huang yu Xiang, the other two young Chinese previously, but Zhao stays steady and throws posers in long rallies. The beautiful tricks might need some support from the beastly attack.

SHASHANK NAIR

A WEEPING Stephen Curry was mobbed by his teammates as he led the Golden State Warriors to their fourth NBA Championship in eight years, defeating the Boston Celtics 103-90 in Game 6 of the NBA Finals at the TD Garden on Friday. Curry finished the series averaging 31.2 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists and 5.2 threepointers per game and was handed the 2022 Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award. He now stands side-by-side with LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal with four rings to his name.

Barring a dry Game 5 where he went 0-9 from the three-point line, these NBA Finals have been about Curry's offense. The Warriors offensive rating is a league-high 115.8 with Curry on the floor and dead last at 88.6 without him. One of the toughest arenas to play in, with a generous heaping of the most raucous crowds possible - Boston can be a nightmare to contend with. Against the Celtics in Game 6, Curry once again rose to the occasion. "This one hits different for sure knowing what the last three years meant, what it's been like," Curry said. "Injuries, the changing of the guard, rosters, the young guys. ... Now, we got four championships. Me, Dray, Klay and Andre.

"Finally got that bad boy," Curry added, referring to the MVP trophy. "It's special. ... Everybody mattered in that process.'

## Weathering the storm

With their season on the line, Celtics raced to a 14-2 lead four minutes into the first quarter. But the Warriors have championship DNA and rode that initial Celtic wave out and then went on a tear of their own to finish the first quarter in a 11-0 run. That run continued in the second as the Warriors went 10-0 ahead and Celtics head coach Ime Udoka took two timeouts in the first two minutes itself to stop the bleeding. It didn't work. The difference was between the Warriors and Celtics bench. Grant Williams, Derrick White and Payton Pritchard played for a combined 40 minutes and were -64 in that period. Jordan Poole and Gary Payton II on the other hand played 38 minutes combined for the Warriors and were a combined +29. The result – the Warriors won the second quarter 27-17 and went into the second half with a 15-point lead.

In the first two quarters, there were many instances when the Celtics had a matchup advantage but didn't use it. On the offensive end, there would be many an opportunity to pit Al Horford, the Celtics' centre, against Steph Curry in the paint. But for reasons unknown, Jaylen Brown, who finished the game on 34 points, would either drive to the basket, and when closed down, would rarely be able to pass to an open teammate. Brown's 34 points might have been a Celtic high, but so were his five

Tatum goes missing There have been two leading criticisms of

Stephen Curry on Thursday.

Boston's NBA Finals run – their high turnover rate and Jayson Tatum not closing games out in the fourth quarter. In terms of turnovers, the Celtics gave away 22 in a game that they had to win. "This is tough, getting to this point and not accomplishing what we wanted to," said Tatum. "It hurts. I feel like I could have done a lot of things better. But, you know, like we said, we competed, we tried all season, all playoffs."

14 June, 2019: Steph Curry sat alone at the far end of the Oracle Arena, watching his teammate Klay Thompson, go down to a brutal knee injury - in Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

Four days earlier, the Warriors had lost Kevin Durant to an Achilles injury in Game 5. With two-and-a-half minutes remaining in the third quarter and leading by three points, the 2018 champions had lost two of the three greatest shooters to ever play basketball to long-term injuries in the space of five days. They went on to lose Game 6 and saw the Toronto Raptors win an NBA Championship on their floor. A basketball dynasty was brought to its knees in the space of two NBA Finals games.

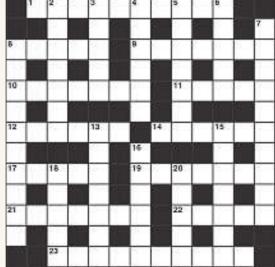
### Out in the wilderness

The following year, the Warriors finished the season dead last in the Western Conference, with an underwhelming record of 15-50. In 2020-21, the Warriors returned hoping to prove that the previous season was a one-off. But Klay Thompson suffered another injury setback – with his right Achilles tendon giving out. Two years can be a long time in the NBA. The Milwaukee Bucks became unlikely champions. LeBron James won an NBA ring while the entire league was in a bio-bubble in Disneyland. A pandemic happened.

But then, after years of struggling to get back to the playoffs, Thompson returned, Curry was fit and Wiggins was integrated better into the Warrior setup. The Warriors overcame the odds yet again to reach the top of the mountain – beating a Celtics team that had taken down a Kevin Durant-led Brooklyn Nets, a Giannis Antetokounmpo-led Milwaukee Bucks and a Jimmy Butler-led Miami Heat.

"This one is definitely different because of the three years of baggage we carried coming out of that Game 6 in 2019," Curry said after the title was handed to them.

# **CROSSWORD 4771**



# ACROSS

- 1 Direct opposite of a scholarly
- 8 I am taken in by a fat Scottish
- 9 Drama writer barred for the very young
- 10 Type of hymn or carol he arranged(7) 11 Hide a broken heart
- 12 Frenzied woman made an error (6) 14 Infected for a month with
- nervous disorder (6)
- 17 Man's highest state? (5) 19 Alfresco opera in translation
- restraint(7) 22 A bad shot for a musketeer (5) 23 Support for a player (5,5)

# 21 Not evil maybe; just lacking

- 2 No one takes part it's most
- 3 Country providing aid in
- 4 It carries food for a flea perhaps
- 5 Such twins were once
- $in separable \, (7)$ 6 Extra capital (5)
- 7 Likely to be a short dance arrangement
- (2,3,5)8 Moving example of crazy reasoning (10)
- 13 A female impersonator 15 Informal conference about the
- Inca (5-2) 16 There should be rhyme if not
- reason in such justice (6) 18 It sweeps right inside the 20 Make Bill work in the house (5)
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# **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis









# **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson





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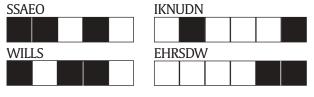
# MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



# JUMBLED WORDS

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Answer: There is no subject so **old** that something **new** cannot be **said** about it. - Fyodor SOULTION: OASES, SWILL, UNKIND, SHREWD

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# **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You could soon be ready to make your move, at last. Your stars are adopting a position which is

frankly more favourable than for some weeks, and the best thing you can do is to be young-at-heart, spontaneous and ready to take off at a moment's notice. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The Sun and the Moon have both recently come to your aid, and you

should be set up for a very positive future. Today's stars put the accent on domestic affairs, so family relationships should come first, and people you live with will be hogging the limelight.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Short journeys

beckon, so you may accept any invitations that take you away from home. Mind you, they are as likely to be for business as for pleasure. If you are waiting for someone to get in touch, wait no longer. Take the initiative, make the first move and never doubt yourself.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You may feel the need to be a little more secretive than usual, yet without being deceptive or manipulative. Your romantic

stars are at a height, and even the slightest change will find you feeling much more sensitive. Still, it's good to be in touch with your emotions.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) This is certain to be a time of emotional

ups and downs, with an emphasis

on the ups. However, only determined action will shift a log-jam to do with work, or resolve deep-rooted irritations at home. First of all, though, you need to work out what partners really want.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Dream on, Your imagination should be at its peak, which means that there

could be extra worries, but that you should also emphasise all the positive angles in your life at the moment. Concentrate on the ethical issues, and raise moral standards all round.

New Delhi

BY PETER VIDAL LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Some sort of financial crisis is footwork will be necessary if you want to avoid bad feeling and save yourself some of your hardearned cash. If you're in the housing market, or otherwise contemplating large

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Watch out for emotional squalls and be aware of the extent to which you may be responsible for any ructions. This doesn't mean that you've done anything wrong, but there may be

domestic purchases, follow

have left someone else high and dry. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Your imagination

things which you have left

undone which, in their turn,

may lead you a merry old dance, and feelings like resentment, jealousy, anger and the desire for revenge are lurking. However, first you should make a fair and reasonable assessment of the

situation. Let the facts speak

for themselves. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Seldom have your stars looked more

passionate, at least not for a month or so. Such feelings will of course have intense repercussions for your romantic affairs, but will also influence other areas of your life. Adopt a bold and

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) You are much

colourful approach.

think, and even apparently

disastrous developments will turn out in your favour. You must pay special attention to partners who are swept away by feelings they can't understand, and don't tangle with authority, either.

stronger than you

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You are likely to get very wound up



questions, but you're also liable to jump to conclusions and misunderstand what is really

going on. Say your piece, but be a good listener. If partners know that you're giving them your attention, they'll respond

### **HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE:**

India vs Argentina (W), 5.30pm, Netherlands vs India (M), 8pm Live on Star Sports

Semifinals, 10.30am, Live on Sports 18

# As pain subsides, Nadal hopes to find firm footing on grass at SW19

**NAMIT KUMAR** JUNE 17

RAFAEL NADAL announced on Friday that he intends to play Wimbledon this year despite concerns regarding his chronic foot injury. The Spaniard said that he will travel to London after positive training sessions this past week following the treatment he underwent on his foot in Barcelona.

'My intention is to play Wimbledon, but it will all depend on what happens with my body this next week," the 36-year-old said at a press conference in Mallorca per Reuters. "I'm without pain for a week and have been practising, so it tells me there may be a chance to play in the tournament.'

Following the conclusion of the French Open – where he won a record-extending 14th French Open and 22nd Grand Slam title -Nadal revealed that he was forced to use painkilling injections to numb the pain in his left foot. The step he took was dangerous, considering the lack of sensation in his left foot might have numbed him to an extent that it prevented him from noticing an injury that could have worsened the already weakened area.

## The injury and the treatment

Nadal suffers from the Mueller-Weiss syndrome, a complex and rare degenerative condition in the foot, which causes blood to be cut off from the navicular bone. As a result of the condition, which Nadal has suffered since 2005, the Spaniard suffers chronic pain. While he was able to play pain free during his triumph at the Australian Open in February, the problem flared up during the clay season again. Nadal said after Roland Garros that the anasthetic injections he was taking was applied on the nerves and that he will be undergoing a "radio frequency" treatment to be able to burn part of the same nerves and numb them.

On Friday, Nadal revealed that although it may be too early to claim the treatment is succesful, the pain in his foot has eased and allowed him to practice at full tilt on the grass courts of the Mallorca Country Club this week.

The Spaniard announced that he will assess his condition after a week of training on grass in the British capital, where he also plans to play an exhibition event in the leadup to SW19. Nadal plans to play the Masters 1000 event in Canada, and the US Open next.

# What's at stake at Wimbledon?

Nadal's remarkable comeback season this year has allowed him to take a commanding lead in the age-old Grand Slam race with Djokovic and Roger Federer. The trio were tied at 20 Majors apiece at the start of the year, before Nadal's triumphs in Melbourne and Paris allowed him to reach a men's record of 22 titles. A win at Wimbledon will not only allow him to go 3 ahead of his big rivals, but it will also mean that Nadal will join Serena Williams as joint-second in the allalso in the running to become the first man since Rod Laver to complete the Calendar Slam - winning all four Majors in a calendar year.

## **MULLER-WEISS SYNDROME** It is a degenerative condition primarily affecting the navicular bone (in red) in the foot. In most cases, it causes severe pain in the mid and hindfoot



# 498/4: England set ODI World Record

Jos Buttler scored a 47-ball ton to help England post the mammoth total against the Netherlands. His crowd-pleasing knock contained 14 of the team's 26 sixes. Reuters

■ England have the three highest scores in ODIs. Before Friday's world record score, their previous bests were 481/6 against Australia in June 2018 and 444/3 vs Pakistan in August 2016.

■Buttler completed his ton in 47 balls, the second-fastest hundred for England. Buttler now has the three quickest ODI centuries for England - off 46 balls (vs Pak), 47 balls (vs Ned) and 50 balls (vs Pak).

■ Livingstone could've taken the total to 500. With two balls left, and England on 488, his slog toward midwicket landed just short of the rope for four. He smashed a six in the same area off the next ball.

■ The Netherlands were playing an ODI against England for the first time outside a Cricket World Cup. At the same venue – VRA Ground in Amstelveen — they had conceded 443 runs vs Sri Lanka in 2006.

# Karthik leads comeback

'Keeper-batsman's big hitting followed by Avesh Khan's four-wicket haul helps India level the series 2-2

**SANDIP G** JUNE 17

FROM TEETERING on the edge of the cliff, India have crawled back to breathe again and take the series to the final game in Bangalore. Sizeable credit for the series-levelling 82-run victory in Rajkot goes to the unflustered bighitting brilliance of Dinesh Karthik and Hardik Pandya, whose 65 runs in 5.3 overs propelled India to 169 runs on a tacky surface, as well as the synchronised utility of its bowling firm.

Give these set of bowlers conditions that remotely abet their craft, they they make life impossibly difficult for overseas batsmen to live, let alone prosper. The surface was not as conducive to stroke-play as the other venues in this series. Some balls stopped, some skidded along, some just leapt off goodlength areas. The bounce was spongy rather than a trampoline. Both seamers and spinners mixed their pace shrewdly, hammering out even a toehold of the advantage South Africa were trying to gain. The Indian

No hero emerged for South Africa. Quinton de Kock laboured on before he ran out, Temba Bavuma sustained a shoulder injury and retired hurt; Harshal Patel jetted out David Miller with a slippery ball; Yuzvendra Chahal exacted revenge on his tormenter, Heinrich Klaasen, with a straighter ball; Avesh Khan enjoyed his best night in international cricket with a four-wicket haul. They were bundled out for 87, just half as India had put on (169/7).

For India, there were several heroes. Foremost among them was Dinesh Karthik, whose 27-ball 55 conveyed an impression that he alone batted on a different pitch. He certainly batted on a different plane, batting fluently on a surface where most batters consistently struggled to time the ball and find the boundary.

The background was perfect for him to flourish-team reeling, series at stake, last of the specialist batsmen, it was the time to not only play a winning hand but also make him



Dinesh Karthik became the oldest Indian to score a T20I fifty on Friday. PTI

an indispensable player in the side. In his dience after tracing a delightful arc. prime, he had let golden opportunities slip of his career, he is desperately making even half an opportunity count.

Count he did, with a knock of inscrutable

coolness and sparkling stroke-play. Amidst the reverse pulls and sweeps, the sheer wattage of destruction Karthik ratcheted up, a straight drive stood out. South Africa's left-handed spinner Keshav Maharaj, after he was fiercely swept through midwicket, seared one onto his pads. Karthik could have bent low and swirled his wrists over the ball and whirled it over long-on. His design seemed just that, before at the last moment, he changed his mind, as if suddenly seized bound by classical batsmanship. He just pressed his front-foot forth and drove the ball between the bowler and the long-on fielder, aerial but a stroke of pure, pristine timing. For this stroke alone, he kept the pose, the front-elbow winking at the inky sky, the bat-maker's name proudly staring at the au-

He struck eight other boundaries and a brace of sixes to complete his maiden T20 international half-century and propel India to a competent score, but a photograph of this stroke is the likeliest to adorn the walls of his drawing-room. This stroke held the breath; most others rushed the blood. Karthik was in full flow, the currents lashing furiously like a river in monsoon. There was a swept-six of Dwaine Pretorius, wherein he simply walked outside the off-stump and whacked the ball over deep midwicket. Fast feet, faster hands and even faster brains.

The ball was not too full for the slog, but he hyperextended his bat, got under the ball and heaved it over the drops.

In such a mood for carnage, he could be unstoppable. His range of strokes—and as importantly his eye for boundaries—is astounding. Anything even marginally shot, he moves back with the rapidness of an electric

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wave, and cuts, often in front of square. Anything full, he has the whole canvas to find a boundary. The ball could vanish into any corner of the field. Length balls could disappear over deep square leg; he could reverse pull, reverse sweep, and if need be, ramp and scoop (there was no need for such improvisation). He manufactures the lengths that suit him, like sashaying down the track and pummelling Andre Nortje down the ground. The shot, his second boundary, rattled the strapping South African seamer. Perhaps the entire team too, as they suddenly looked deflated, and let the game drift away from them

That was the precise moment South Africa would rue, after the penetration and planning they showed in the early exchanges. Until then, they had bottlenecked the hosts and chipped away with wickets, the last being Rishabh Pant. India were, at this juncture, 81 for 4 in 13 overs, having already lost Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Shreyas Iyer. Escalating their woes, Hardik Pandya too had hit the straps with a few Justy blows, the trademark back-cuts and flick-slogs, where he wrists the ball at the final moment of contact, making the crowd erupt in joy. This burst of boundaries made all the difference-from teetering on the edge of the cliff to taking the series to the last match in Bangalore.

BRIEF SCORES: India 169 for 6 in 20 overs (Dinesh Karthik 55, Hardik Pandya 46; Lungi Ngidi 2/20) bt South Africa 87 all-out in 16.5 overs (Rassie van der Dussen 20, Avesh Khan 4/12) by 82 runs

# **England rewrite** world record to beat Netherlands by 232 runs

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** AMSTELVEEN, JUNE 17

ENGLAND BROKE its own world record for the highest total in one-day international cricket by smashing 498-4 to set up a 232run win over the Netherlands on Friday. Jos Buttler led the barrage with a typically ex-

travagant 162 not out off only 70 balls. The total achieved in Amstelveen, outside Amsterdam, surpassed the 481-6 made by England against Australia at Trent Bridge in

While Dawid Malan (125) and Phil Salt (122) also compiled centuries for England, it was Buttler's that took the breath away. He reached three figures in 47 balls for the second-fastest hundred for England, and his brutal, crowd-pleasing knock under a blue sky contained 14 of the team's 26 sixes along with seven fours.

Buttler has the three quickest ODI centuries for the national team - off 46 balls, 47 balls and 50 balls.

Liam Livingstone weighed in with a 22ball 66 not out after joining Buttler for the final 5.2 overs. He brought up England's fastest ODI fifty, from 17 balls, to beat the one in 21 deliveries set in a partnership between Eoin Morgan and Jonny Bairstow, and struck six

Livingstone had the chance to take England to 500 - an almost mythical figure in limited-overs cricket that would have seemed unfeasible only 20 years ago - by taking strike with two balls left, with his team on 488.

Off the next-to-last ball of the innings, his slog toward the midwicket boundary landed a couple of meters short of the rope and bounced for four. He smashed a six in the same area off the next ball.

The Netherlands - playing an ODI against

England for the first time outside of a Cricket World Cup - had only a few moments to savor amid a flurry of big-hitting from the tourists, which led to balls being lost in bushes and getting damaged after striking the branches of trees outside the stadium.

Shane Snater bowled his cousin, Jason Roy, to leave England 1-1 and Pieter Seelaar took two wickets off successive balls - includng Morgan for a golden duck.

In their reply, the Dutch at least put up a decent score of 266 all out in 49.4 overs, led by Max O'Dowd's 55 and Scott Edwards. 72 not out. Malan's century was his first in ODIs and came off 90 balls. He has hundreds in all three formats - the second England player to achieve that feat after Buttler.

England - the defending 50-over world champion - has the top three ODI scores of all time, all of them being recorded since 2016. Dropping to No. 3 in the all-time list was its 444-3 against Pakistan in August 2016, also made at the traditionally fast track at Trent Bridge in Nottingham.

est made in either internationals or at firstclass level. The previous best was 496-4 by English county side Surrey against Gloucestershire at The Oval in 2007.

**BRIEF SCORES:** England 498 for 4 (Buttler 162\*, Malan 125, Salt 122, Livingstone 66\*) beat Netherlands 266 (O'Dowd 55, Edwards 72\*; Moeen 3/57) by 232 runs

It's great learning, this will make us better cricketers in the future, but the intimidation was there, the Barmy Army was loud, we have to pull ourselves together and come back on Sunday. It's hard to take now, but if we become better cricketers, it's good learning."

PIETER SEELAAR CAPTAIN, THE NETHERLANDS

# Mumbai young guns Jaiswal, Jaffer make hay before Ranji Trophy final

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI, JUNE 17

YASHASVI JAISWAL continued his superb run of form as he slammed back-to-back hundreds in the ongoing Ranji Trophy semifinal against Uttar Pradesh. The left-hander had scored 100 in the first innings and followed it with 181 on Friday. It was his third hundred in the past three innings.

It was not only Jaiswal who reached the three-figure mark, Mumbai middle-order batsman Armaan Jaffer too slammed 127 as the domestic heavyweights continued to punish the UP bowlers on Day Four of the clash in Bengaluru, reaching 449 for 4 at stumps.

From 0 off 54 balls to scoring 181 off 372, Jaiswal passed the transition phase successfully.

"They were bowling well and I just couldn't get off the mark yesterday. It took me some 54 balls to get my first run. But I had told myself that I will bat for as long as possible, and not throw my wicket. I want to score big hundreds because they matter more. At the same time, I wanted to prove a point that I can bat in red-ball cricket as well," Jaiswal told The Indian Express.



Arman Jaffer (L) and Yashasvi Jaiswal helped Mumbai take a 662-run lead.

Mumbai resumed at the overnight score of 133 for 1. The 41-time Ranji Trophy champions already had a 346- run lead and wanted their batsmen to gain more match confidence going ahead. At close, Sarfaraz Khan and Shams Mulani were batting on 23 and 10 respectively. Mumbai has a pretty inexperienced bat-

for Rajasthan Royals in the IPL but knew he had to prove himself in red-ball cricket. "Days' cricket keeps checking your patience. Like in this game, UP bowlers kept

ting line-up. Jaiswal had a decent showing

bowling outside the off-stump, hoping I will poke or try to cut one ball. In such a situation, batsmen's temperament is tested and we

need to start finding answers. The crux of success is to give some time and play shots as per the merit of the ball, and runs will come," Jaiswal added.

## Can't take things for granted Despite Mumbai being in a strong po-

sition, Jaffer didn't want to take things for granted. "I didn't want to waste this opportunity. It's always good to have some good runs before any big game. Jaiswal and I were just giving respect to their bowling in the beginning and knew when they get tired, they will give us chances to score. It was all about waiting for our time," Jaffer said.

Only three wickets fell the entire day. Shivam Mavi got Jaffer, medium pacer Prince Yadav managed to get Suved Parkar caught and bowled and three overs later, had Jaiswal caught after the batsman tried to pull a ball that hurried onto him and ballooned in the air.

Mumbai are assured of their spot in the Ranji Trophy final and the final day will be just about completing the formalities.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 393 and 449/4 (Yashasvi Jaiswal 181, Armaan Jaffer 127) vs Uttar Pradesh 180

# MP in control despite Bengal fightback

Bengaluru: Skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran's unbeaten 52 after Shahbaz Ahmed's superb all-round show gave Bengal a glimmer of hope even as Madhya Pradesh firmly held the upper-hand on the penultimate day of the Ranji Trophy semi-final here on Friday.

On a difficult fourth day pitch, the India A batter looked flawless and milked the field at ease, slamming six fours in his 104ball knock as Bengal were precariously placed at 96 for 4, needing another 254 runs to reach the stiff winning target of 350.

Madhya Pradesh, on the other hand, need six wickets in pursuit of their first Ranji final after 23 years as the match is headed for a thrilling final day finish here on Saturday. Mumbai Indians' left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya did the maximum damage for Madhya Pradesh.

He held on to his end, bowling 19 overs non-stop to end the day with figures of 3/35 to jump to joint-second in the top wicket-takers' list this season with Jharkhand's Shabaz Nadeem (25).

New Delhi

Mumbai left-arm spinner Shams Mulani leads the list with 37 wickets.

Giving Abhimanyu company at the other end was the old warhorse Anustup Majumdar, unbeaten on 8 from 25 balls after he was dropped down to No 6 in a tactical move. Bengal also have a capable batter in Shahbaz waiting in the dressing room but it would be an onerous task on a fifth day pitch as the odd ball has started staying low and some deliveries turning square.

Sloppy umpiring and lack of DRS also let down Bengal as they lost the wicket of an in-form Sudip Gharami (19) given lbw by umpire Ravikant Reddy who failed to notice the ball hitting his glove to a Saransh Jain delivery which was also out of the line.

BRIEF SCORES: Madhya Pradesh 341 and 281; 114.2 overs (Aditya Shrivastava 82. Raiat Patidar 79: Shahbaz Ahmed 5/79. Pradipta Pramanik 4/65) vs Bengal 273 and 96/4; 37 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 52

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