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Most of them say their politics delinked from their academic inputs

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WHEN THE National Education Policy (NEP) was launched in 2020, it didn't elicit much partisan attack. Largely insulated from ideological pull and push, it set the roadmap for reforms, some of which were rolled out recently: from a common entrance for admissions to universities to four-year undergraduate programmes.

In one area, though, a place for politics has been marked at the table: restructuring of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for schools — the first such exercise since the Modi Government came to power in 2014 and the fifth since



Focus groups will guide school curriculum. Amit Mehra

From a national co-convenor of Swadeshi Jagran Manch to the chief of Vidya Bharati, 24 members with RSS links, some of them serving functionaries, figure in at least 17 of 25 NCF national focus groups working on curriculum changes, an investigation by The Indian Express has found.

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THE CHIEFS of the three services are to brief Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday on the Agnipath short-term recruitment scheme for the armed forces, official sources said Monday after the Army issued a notification for compulsory online registration by aspirants.

The Agnipath scheme has led to protests in several parts of the

Speaking in Bengaluru where he dedicated a slew of connectivity, education, healthcare and research projects Monday, the Prime Minister said sometimes decisions may not seem right at the first instance

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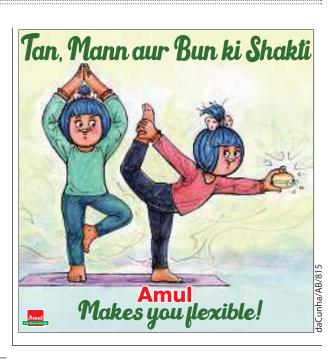
LIEUTENANT GENERAL B S Raju, Vice Chief of the Army Staff, said Monday that the Agnipath recruitment scheme has been "well thought out", and if any tweaks are required, they will be carried out at the end of four or five years.

In an interview to The Indian Express on the day the Army issued a notification for compulsory online registration of all Agnipath job aspirants, Lt Gen Raju said the scheme, as being rolled out now, is a "pilot project". He said Agnipath marks a "fundamental change" in reLieutenant General B S Raju

cruitment into the armed forces and there is "a need" for all to "absorb the change".

The VCOAS's remarks come in the wake of violent protests against the Agnipath scheme in different parts of the country. Youth who have been waiting since 2020 to join the forces -afreeze on recruitment was imposed that year — have been on the rampage against the new

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DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE CBI Monday detained a Joint Drug Controller of the Central Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and the Director of a Delhi-based private company while they were allegedly exchanging bribe money of Rs 4 lakh.

The agency also booked three others including an Associate Vice President of Biocon Biologics Ltd, a company founded by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, claiming that bribe money was being paid to get regulatory

clearance for an insulin injection manufactured by the company - a charge Mazumdar-Shaw and Biocon Biologics rejected. Officers of the CBI identified

the detained men as S Eswara Reddy, Joint Drug Controller posted at the CDSCO headquarters in New Delhi, and Dinesh Dua, Director of Synergy Network India Pvt Ltd.

The others booked in the case are L Praveen Kumar, Associate Vice President and Head-National Regulatory Affairs of Biocon Biologics Ltd; Guljit Sethi alias Guliit Chaudhary, Director of Bioinnovat Research Services

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Main shooter held in Moosewala case, was in touch with Goldy Brar: Police

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

FOLLOWING THE arrest of two men described as "shooters" and an associate from Gujarat by the Delhi Police's Special Cell for allegedly killing Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, officers said on Monday that one of the accused was in touch with Canadabased gangster Goldy Brar at the



Moosewala was killed on May 29

time of the incident last month. Among those arrested from Kutch on Sunday, Special Commissioner of Police H G S Dhaliwal identified Priyavrat (26)

as the alleged "main shooter and head of the module" that gunned down Moosewala. Sources told The Indian Express that after the incident, Priyavrat sent a message to Brar saying "work is done".

They said Priyavrat's associate, Kashish (24), was allegedly **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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TO FREE its forest department from devoting too much time, resources, and efforts in fighting illegal mining in the National Chambal Sanctuary, the Madhya Pradesh government has proposed to open 292 hectares for mining in five stretches on Chambal and its tributary Parvati



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Armed Forces

but pay dividends over time. The path of start-ups and innovation is not easy and comfortable and it has not been

easy to put the country on the path to rapid development in the last eight years. Many decisions and many reforms may not seem right in the short term, but with time the country experiences the benefit of the reform," Modi said.

"Only the path of reform can take us to a new vision and goals. We have opened the space and defence sectors to youths after only the government had authority over these sectors for years. From drones to aircraft to cutting-edge technology, youths are being encouraged. From ISRO to DRDO, we are telling youths to link their vision to world-class facilities created by the government and test their ideas," he said.

"In the last eight years from 100 start-ups, over 70,000 start-ups have come up," Modi said, citing this as an example of the capabilities of the youth in the country

"During the Covid period, youths in Bengaluru helped people all around the world. Bengaluru showed that if governments provide facilities and interfere to the minimum in the lives of people, then there is no limit to what youths can do and the heights to which they can take the country," he said.

'The Bharat of the 21st century is the Bharat of wealth creators, job creators, and innovators. Being the world's youngest nation is the real strength of Bharat and this is our tradition. To promote this strength, constant efforts have been made but it has had limited results. But Bengaluru has won over this culture," he said.

"There is also a lot of discussion on the start-up ecosystem in India, of which Bengaluru is a big centre. In the last eight years, a lot of progress has been made. It is evident when we look at the numbers. In the previous decades, the number of billion-dollar companies that were created could be counted on the fingers but in the last eight years, more than 100 billion-dollar companies have come up, and every month new companies are joining them,"

"The strength of Bengaluru is that it teaches people to also change their mindsets including those people who view the private sector of India and private enterprises with disrespect. The strength of the country and the ability of crores of people are belittled by the people who are obsessed with politics," Modi said.

He inaugurated and dedicated to the nation several projects worth over Rs 33,000 crore during his visit Monday in what is seen as an infrastructure push ahead of the state polls that are scheduled for 2023. Among the key projects for which a foundation stone was laid was a Rs 15000 crore. 148-km suburban rail project for Bengaluru that had been in the works since the 1980s. Modi promised to give the project wings in 40 months.

Army Vice Chief scheme that will take in only limited numbers, and does not

sion and health benefits for those exiting the three services

"The methodology of recruitment, percentages of retention-extension, anything of that nature, if there is a requirement to be tweaked, it will be done at the end of four to five years, once we have some reasonable data. Right now, we have a policy that has been well thought through, and which we

are implementing," Raju said. had not carried out a pilot project that would have provided this data earlier, he said: "What we are doing is actually a pilot project... the rate at which it is happening, yes, it is deemed as a pilot project. We may not have called it a pilot project. But this, it's a work-in-progress. So what we are doing is actually some kind of a pilot project, but with very clear timelines put in place. The government has repeatedly said that they are amenable to modifications based on our experience."

He said he would not be able to predict what exactly might be tweaked. "Based on our experience of this, of the four to five years, necessary changes will be brought about. (The tweaks) could be on any front.'

Raiu said changes to regiments would take place in a "very slow manner" and there was no plan to do away with homogenous units right away. "We are not in a hurry to change anything along these lines," he said, responding to criticism that the 'All India, All Class' recruitment would undermine the cohesiveness of fighting units, so far built on homogeneity of personnel.

He dismissed the suggestion that the spate of announcements after the policy had been announced for the re-employment of ex-Agniveers -- 10 per cent reservation in Central Armed Police Forces; 10 per cent in Coast Guard and Defence PSUs; two years relaxation in the upper age limit; preference for Agniveers ins state police services --indicated that the policy had not been well thought out.

"I don't agree with your contention that it seems to be (policy making) on the fly. Because the only change and announcement that has taken place is from 21 to 23 years, all others are some offers which are coming from different establishments to give more strength to the programme that has been announced by the government to take care of the 75 per cent of the people who would be exiting. So it is an add-on to what the government already had thought of (providing)," he said.

This includes a package of Rs 11.71 lakh Seva Nidhi tax-exempt financial package, in addition to the Rs 11.72 lakh as his pay for four years. "So, a young boy coming in at 18 years of age, after four years goes back with around 24 lakh rupees," Raju said. The government has also said an ex-Agniveer can take a loan of Rs 18 lakh over a period of three years, using the Seva Nidhi package as a collateral.

"So after that, we thought -and we still believe -- that he's got multiple opportunities outside. It is designed not for giving him a pension at the end of four years, it is designed to

make him a more capable boy. The more capable ones are retained within the system, the

after four years.

Class 10 to Class 12 (at the end of four years). They also give Asked why the armed forces him a multiple skilling certificate as per the NSQ (National Skills Qualification) Format. So, which puts him in place to get on to the next phase of life. And before, (we thought) that was sufficient. Now there is new feedback that has come into the environment, that he needs a government job. But that was not the aim, the aim was to skill him and put him into the environment where he finds multiple opportunities in front of him, to be an entrepreneur himself," Raju said in defence of

the scheme. The implementation was going to be slow, he pointed out, with 40,000 this year, the same number in 2023, increasing to 45,000 in 2024 and

50,000 in 2025. "So the number of Agniveers who are coming into the system is going to be very small. Along the way, if there's any tweaking required to be done, we will do it. So in an infantry battalion of 880 people, at the end of four years we will have 120 (Agniveers). So in a section, we may have only one to two persons. That is the rate of change. Four years from now is the first time that 75 per cent of the Agniveers will be exiting. So we have time to learn along the way, and we will make nec-

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of skills of varied kinds, based

on whether he has come to in-

fantry, to EME, Signals,

Engineers, each one has come

into the system, he gets a

unique set of skills . So for these

people, we said that this kind of

money will give him a second

option, a secondary option to

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essary changes," he said. Raju said the scheme was "a fundamental change" in recruitment. "So, there is a need for all of us to absorb the change. It is to give (a young person) an opportunity to serve the nation for four years and exit and do something more. It is not an end in itself," he said.

Rejecting the charge that this would turn the Army into a finishing school for imparting skills to Class 10 graduates, Raju said this was a "wrong" inter-

"It is not that we are going to give him some extra training or extra skill which is outside the job he's doing. So if we have an (Agniveer) as an EME boy who is expected to maintain vehicles. That is captured as a skill, so at the end of it he wants to start a workshop of his own, or he can get employed as a supervisor in a workshop, those opportunities open." he said.

Raju said a cap of 50 per cent of Agniveers in the composition of the Army would ensure balance. The remaining 50 per cent would be the "permanent force", which would come from the 25 per cent hired from every four-year batch of Agniveer.

The VCOAS said the number of Agniveer recruited could go up to 1.30 lakh per batch, which means that the numbers in the 25 per cent re-hired would also go up proportionately.

Drug controller Private Limited, Delhi; and, CD- SCO Assistant Drug Inspector Animesh Kumar.

"It was alleged that the accused was trying to exert undue influence on officers of CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation) under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (GOI), Delhi to waive the Phase III trial of 'Insulin Aspart Injection'," a CBI spokesperson said.

"It was further alleged that the accused agreed to pay bribe amount of Rs 9 lakh to JDC, CD-SCO for favourably processing the said three files related to private company based at Bangalore and also for favourably recommending the file of 'Insulin Aspart injection' to the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) meeting," the spokesperson said.

CBI officers claimed a trap was laid and Reddy was caught allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 4 lakh from Dua. "Searches were conducted at 11 places located at Delhi, Noida, Gurugram, Patna, Bengaluru which led to recovery of incriminating documents/articles," a CBI statement said.

CBI officers claimed **Bioinnovat Research Services** Private Limited had been asked to get regulatory clearance for Biocon product. Bioinnovate, in turn, engaged Synergy Network to get the work done, the officers claimed. "Dua, who negotiated and paid the bribe, is Synargy's Director. Both Reddy and Dua are under detention and are being questioned," a CBI officer said.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Biocon Biologics rejected the CBI claims.

Mazumdar-Shaw said, "We deny the bribery allegations. All our product approvals are legitimate and backed by science and clinical data. Our bAspart is approved in Europe and many other countries. The regulatory process in India is online and all meeting minutes are in public

A similar statement was issued by the spokesperson of Biocon Biologics. "All our product approvals are legitimate and backed by science and clinical data. Our bAspart is approved in Europe and many other countries. We follow due regulatory process for all our product approvals by DCGI. The entire application process in India is online and all meeting minutes are in public domain. We are cooperating with the investigation agency," the spokesperson said.

Moosewala case

the "second shooter". The third arrested accused. Keshav Kumar, allegedly received the shooters after the murder, the sources said.

Privavrat was previously involved in two other murder cases, in 2015 and 2021, while Ihajjar resident Kashish was wanted in another murder case, the police said. Keshav has a criminal record, too, including alleged involvement in a murder case in 2020, the po-

The accused were arrested near Mundra port in Kutch on Sunday morning following a police raid at a rented apartment where they were hiding, officers said.

Kutch (west) police said the

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Defence aspirants and veterans react to the Agnipath scheme, Northeast India's increasing number of floods, and India's poor rank on Environment Performance Index

To end illegal mining, MP plans to make it legal in parts of Chambal sanctuary

strengthen protection meas-

Additionally, the proposal sought to make the contractors of the soon-to-be legal quarries responsible for checking illegal mining on adjacent sanctuary land four times their leased areas, failing which their leases would be terminated. Denotifying 292 hectares for mining would bring 1,168 hectares under the miners protection.

The Madhya Pradesh forest department, records show, started working on the proposal on July 13, 2021, a day before transferring the then superintendent of NCS who made headlines for seizing 78 vehicles engaged in illegal quarrying and facing multiple attacks allegedly from the mining mafia during her threemonth stint.

Records show the denotification proposal was moved through the office of Shashi Malik, then Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Gwalior). Asked if the move was necessitated by the escalated conflict with the mining mafia, Malik said: "Neither did I ask for the proposal nor did I make any observation on it. I cannot comment

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further."

"This is a policy decision of the government. Opening a legal window to meet local requirements should minimise the pressure of illegal mining," Jasbir Singh Chauhan, chief wildlife warden, Madhya Pradesh, told The Indian Express.

The standing committee of the MoEF-CC's National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL) has considered the proposal at its last two meetings on March 25 and May 30. A committee set up by the SC-NBWL to examine the proposal visited Chambal last week. "We have seen the areas and will submit our report before the next SC-NBWL meeting," said NBWL member HS Singh

Spread across three states,

(NCS) runs along a total stretch of 435 km of Chambal and its tributary Parvati in Madhya Pradesh. An important bird habitat, NCS is home to the critically endangered gharials, river dolphins, mugger croco-

and turtles.

In its "justification" for the proposal, the Madhya Pradesh government noted that over 4 lakh locals directly depended on various resources of the NCS. They farm along the river, extract river water for irrigation, practice sustenance and commercial fishing, and quarry sand - activities that can destroy the natural nesting grounds of gharial, mugger,

diles and several rare turtle

National Chambal Sanctuary

"Due to the absence of any legal quarries on Chambal since 2006, illegal sand mining persisted in the sanctuary area," the proposal said. The three sand quarries allowed in 1999, noted the proposal, were shut down following an order by the Gwalior bench of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh

Since "illegal mining has become a major commercial activity" in the area, the proposal underlined that upholding the nistar — concessional access to natural resources for livelihood needs - rights of the people while ensuring conservation of biodiversity was the "responsibility of the government" under the policies of the Centre.

Therefore, the Madhya Pradesh government proposed to denotify five stretches (see chart) that it claimed were already disturbed by mining and no longer used for mating, breeding or basking by gharials, muggers, dolphins, turtles or any migratory bird species.

To curb illegal mining, the state proposed stricter monitoring of vehicles carrying sand by marking them with registration numbers, barcoding the royalty receipts with time and destination, and developing a mobile application for onthe-spot verification.

Not everyone is convinced. "Such measures have not stopped rampant illegal mining in Chambal due to weak enforcement. Our experience in the neighbourhood tells that every legal mine allows a dozen illegal ones in the vicinity to manipulate papers and move their load as legal material," said conserbiologist vation Dharmendra Khandal.

Delhi Police team picked up the three accused from Baroi village. "They came to Mundra around a week ago in search of work and had taken a room on rent in Baroi," said Hardeek Trivedi, Police Inspector,

Six "shooters" have so far een identified by the Delhi Police Special Cell, which is questioning jailed gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi, Kala Rana and Kala Jathedi in connection with the Moosewala killing. A total of 16 gang members and leaders have been arrested by the Delhi Police and other agencies in the case.

Moosewala was killed on May 29 at his village in Punjab's Mansa by assailants who waylaid the vehicle he was driving and opened fire, killing him on the spot. Brar and Bishnoi had taken responsibility for the murder on social media.

According to police sources,

the preliminary probe has revealed that Brar and Bishnoi had planned the murder to take revenge for the killing of Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukhera. The two gangsters allegedly suspected that Moosewala and his manager had helped the assailants who gunned down Middukhera.

In the Moosewala killing, police sources said, the shooters were seen in CCTV footage recovered from a petrol pump near the spot. They were spotted in Fatehgarh right before the incident, they said.

"The murder was well planned. The men had conducted recce around 9-10 times in the weeks before the killing. They roamed around different routes to note Moosewala's movement. They were not aware of his security arrangements, and were waiting for him to be alone," the sources

"Their aim was to kill Moosewala. For this, they had mounted grenade launchers in reserve and were ready to throw grenades as well. However, Moosewala died within minutes of firing and the additional weapons weren't used," the sources said. According to source

police also found that the accused had bought uniforms to pose as Punjab Police officers but didn't use them and decided to wear masks instead. Dhaliwal said: "All teams of

the Special Cell worked round the clock to track down the syndicate members. We have identified six of the shooters. Two modules were involved in the murder. One was in a Bolero car, which was driven by Kashish. The others were in a Corolla car in which assailants Jagdeep Roopa and Manpreet Mannu were travelling."

In the Bolero, sources said,

Priyavrat and other alleged accused Ankit Sirsa and Deepak Munde were in the back seat. According to police, Mannu allegedly fired the first burst from the Corolla at Moosewala's car. This halted the singer's vehicle. they said. From the other side, the shooters in the Bolero then shot the singer, they said

The men later left in an Alto for different hideouts, sources

According to the police, they found weapons and ammunition in Haryana's Hisar in raids conducted after Sunday's arrest, including eight grenades, nine electric detonators, an assault rifle, three pistols and a grenade launcher

On June 8, the Special Cell along with Maharashtra Police had arrested another associate named Siddhesh Kamble from Punjab. He was allegedly involved in planning the incident. (WITH ENS/RAJKOT)

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police stations on the June 10 violence. Two persons — Mudassir, 15, and Sahil, 21 — were killed from bullet injuries, allegedly received in police firing. Eight others, including a policeman, sustained bullet injuries and are currently being treated at Rajendra

Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi. The main FIR is based on the complaint of Circle Officer Amit Kumar Bhagat, who stated he was out on patrolling on June 10 and saw that a protest had started after 2 pm. The FIR

quoted Bhagat that the rally was taken out without permission and the crowd soon became aggressive. It said police tried to stop them but the crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 people threw stones and gathered near Hanuman Mandir. They "targeted police and attacked [them] with stones", the FIR mentions.

The case has been registered at Daily Market police station under various IPC Sections, including for rioting, attempt to murder, assault on public servant, and acts intended to outrage religious feelings; Arms Act; and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

Police had said they registered a total 25 FIRs against 22 people. The Indian Express accessed 22 of these 25 FIRs to get the details.

The FIR said: "Upadraviyon dwara poorva niyojit yojna anusar main road sthit Hanuman Mandir ko bhi lakshit kar dharmik danga failane ke uddesya se lagataar patharbazi ki jaane lagi. (In a planned manner, miscreants wanted to target the Hanuman Temple to instigate religious riots and continued stone-pelting)." The crowd had also attacked police or government as well as private vehicles.

According to the FIR, the mob broke the police blockade in an "attempt to climb on the temple".

"Îs kram mein ugra bheed evam upadrawiyon dwara police bal par jaan maarne ki niyat se lagataar kai round firing bhi ki gayi.... Unmaadi bheed mein shamil kai navyuvakdyuti mein karyarat police karmiyon ko pakad kar unke sarkari hathiyaar chheennne ka prayas bhi kiya gaya (In this process, the mob and the miscreants fired on the police in an attempt to kill them...many in the crowd even tried to snatch weapons of police personnel)," the FIR stated.

After the violence, another FIR was registered at Daily Market police station based on ASI Sumit Bhagat's complaint on illegal protests. A third FIR was registered at the same station against four persons for performing 'kirtans' even after CrPC Section 144 was invoked in the area.

The fourth FIR is based on the complaint by ASI Madan Mishra of Lower Bazar police station that mobs shouted slogans and got into a scuffle with cops. It named 17 accused, and is identical as the FIR at Daily Market. The fifth FIR is based on complaint of SI Jitendra Singh Bist of Lower Bazaar station — it stated that the mob also targeted "passersby".

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18 accused shifted out of Kanpur, Prayagraj jails

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AT LEAST 18 people arrested in connection with the protests in Kanpur and Prayagraj against the remarks on the Prophet made by now-suspended BJP leaders have been transferred to different jails in the state.

A jail official said eight arrested accused have been shifted out of Kanpur jail and 10 from Prayagraj's Naini jail. "The shifting of the accused to other jails in the state has been made on the basis of intelligence inputs and on administrative grounds. a senior jail official said Among the 10 accused who

have been moved out of Prayagraj's Naini jail included activist Mohammad Javed. Javed's house was demolished by Prayagraj Development Authority following his arrest. He too has been shifted to Chitrakoot district jail, sources said. A total of 97 people, including five minors, were held in Prayagraj for the June 10 protests.

Justice Chandrachud: SC must not touch issues that require lawmakers' role

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

UNDERLINING THE need for political engagement in a democracy, Supreme Court judge DY Chandrachud said that the apex court cannot and must not transcend its role by deciding issues requiring the involvement of

elected representatives. "It is true that the Supreme Court of India must protect the fundamental rights of persons and perform its constitutional duty. That would not only be a deviation from its constitutional role but would not serve a democratic society, which at its core, must resolve issues through public deliberation, discourse and the engagement of citizens with their representatives and the Constitution," he said.

Justice Chandrachud was speaking at King's College in London on the topic "Protecting human rights and preserving civil liberties: The role of courts in a democracy". He also said that thinking of

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solution to resolve complicated issues of policy and society" is a reflection of the waning power of discourse and consensus building.

"The growing litigious trend in the country is indicative of the lack of patience in the political discourse. This results in a slipperv slope where courts are regarded as the only organ of the State for realisation of rights obviating the need for continuous engagement with the legislature and the executive." he said.

"The fulfilment of the ideals of our Constitution and the protections guaranteed under it cannot only be achieved by exercising our role as citizens once every five years. There must be a continuous engagement with all the pillars of democracy," he added in his closing remarks.

Justice Chandrachud's remarks on political engagement are significant as he is in line to be the Chief Justice of India in November this year for a period of two years, during which the 2024 Lok Sabha elections will also be held.

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DELHI OFFICIAL SAYS NOT ALLOWED

Modern School asks EWS children to pay **Rs 67,000 in fees**

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

STUDENTS WHO had been admitted to Modern School Barakhamba Road against the economically weaker section (EWS) quota and are in class XI now have been asked to pay over Rs 67,000 in fees for the first term of this academic year, prompting the parents to get a legal notice issued to the school authorities.

According to the provisions of the Right to Education Act 2009, all private schools in Delhi are required to reserve 25% of seats for EWS and disadvantaged group (DG) students during admissions at the entry level, and compulsorily provide them free education till the completion of

Modern School is one of the 400 schools in the city which are built on land given to them by public land-owning agencies such as the Delhi Development Authority. These schools had been allotted land at concessional rates on the condition that they would provide free education to EWS children. The Delhi Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011, states that these schools "shall continue to fulfil their obligation for providing free elementary education and till completion of secondary/ senior secondary education, as the case

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What rules say

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students who were admitted to the school against EWS seats. The parents of these children

received messages from the

school earlier this month asking

them to clear pending fees

amounting to Rs 67,385 for the

first term of the 2022-2023 aca-

demic session, from April to July. Principal Vijay Datta did not respond to repeated calls and messages seeking a comment.

When contacted, a Delhi government official from the education department said: "This is not allowed. We will take cognizance of this and the school will be issued a notice. Schools set up on public land have an obligation.'

The parent of one of the students said this is the first time they have received a request for fees from the school. "My child has been studying in the school since nursery, and even in classes IX and X there was no such request, but we received this message around 10 days ago. The fee is not affordable for me, I work as a tailor," said the parent.

Retd Armymen, cops clarify doubts on Agnipath scheme

New Delhi: A press conference was held on Monday with police personnel and retired soldiers, in order to "clarify various doubts regarding the Agnipath scheme".

In attendance were ADCP Gautam Buddh Nagar Ranvijay

Singh, and retired veterans Colonel R K Bhushan, Colonel S K Bohra, Colonel Shailendra Singh, Colonel I P Singh, and Colonel S K Shrivastava. They also condemned violent protests in several states by those dissatisfied with the scheme. **ENS**

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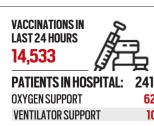
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BRIEFLY –

Satyendar Jain admitted to Lok Nayak

New Delhi: Delhi health minister Satyendar Jain, currently being investigated in an alleged money laundering case by the ED, was rushed to Lok Nayak hospital at 11 am with low oxygen saturation. He was admitted to a special ward and is on oxygen. He is stable, according to sources.

IIT-D station to be developed as multi-modal hub by PWD

New Delhi: The PWD is planning to develop the space outside the IIT-Delhi Metro station into a multi-modal hub, said officials. "The IIT road sees heavy traffic during peak and non-peak hours. Several auto rickshaws and shared autos on the stretch also add to the congestion. So, the PWD has decided to use the vacant land under its jurisdiction, and develop it into a multi-modal hub with separate facilities for pedestrians, vehicles, and cyclists," said an official.

Youth Cong workers held for 'obstructing train': Police

New Delhi: 16 Youth Congress workers were arrested Monday for allegedly obstructing a train at Shivaji Bridge railway station during a protest against the Agnipath scheme and the interrogation of Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate.

Man detained in JNU prof's abduction & assault case

New Delhi: Days after an assistant professor of JNU physically assaulted and robbed by a group of unknown men, police detained a man. "We are questioning him and looking for two more suspects," said a police officer.

Man held for stealing 1,206 pairs of jeans

New Delhi: A man has been arrested for allegedly stealing 1,206 pairs of jeans from a laundry workshop in Outer district's Baprola on June 13. Police said the accused, Sanjeev (22), allegedly committed the theft along with his brother who is absconding. ENS

AMONG 3 ARRESTED FROM KUTCH

Key Moosewala shooter got weaponsRs 5,000 fine on vehicles plying consignment from Pak, probe finds

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

PRIYAVRAT ALIAS Fauzi, the alleged main shooter in the murder of singer Sidhu Moosewala, received a consignment of weapons sent from Pakistan via drone, initial probe by the police has revealed. The consignment included eight grenades, an under-barrel grenade launcher, nine electric detonators and an AK-47. The weapons were a contingency plan in case they failed to shoot Moosewala.

Police said Priyavrat was hired by Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar in April and got Rs 4 lakh from him.

Sources in the Special Cell said the quality of all the recovered weapons suggests they were made abroad. The grenades are designed for use with grenade launchers that can be mounted on AK-47 assault rifles.

"Priyavrat, during questioning, said he was evading arrest in a murder case from Sonepat when one of his old associates, Monu Dagar, approached him. Dagar had been approached by Goldy after another contract killer supposed to target Moosewala, Sharukh, was arrested by the Delhi Police. Goldy spoke with Priyavrat via an app and offered a hefty amount to kill Moosewala. He assured him support in the form of other shooters, logistics and accommodation," a senior police officer said.

Police said Priyavrat attended an Army school in Pune, but eventually got addicted to drugs and got into the life of crime in Sonepat. He also told the police that he went to Punjab in the last week of April and stayed in a rented accommodation in a village for Rs 5,000 a month.

"He disclosed that they had deployed men outside Moosewala's house and were tracking his movements. His men

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LONG-PENDING plans to build

a new prison in Narela have fi-

nally gained momentum with

a 40-acre parcel of land being

handed over to the prisons de-

Delhi at present, Tihar, Mandoli

and Rohini. Officials said the to-

tal capacity of the three com-

plexes is 10,026 persons but

19,669 convicted and undertrial

prisoners are housed in these at

Sources said Lieutenant

Vinai

Saxena, who is also the chairper-

son of the Delhi Development

Authority (DDA), ordered the au-

thority to handover the land al-

lotted for the jail on June 8 and

report compliance in a week's

time. The land parcel was

Kumar

There are three prisons in

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

Capital set to get a

new prison in Narela



THE MOOSEWALA **MURDER WEB**

Three key aides of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, working from Dubai and Canada, planned and orchestrated singer Sidhu Moosewala's murder, recruiting men from India who conducted recce for months. A look at the intricate network of gang leaders and members who carried out the hit



LAWRENCE BISHNOI

The alleged kingpin of the Sidhu Moosewala murder, he was in Tihar Jail at the time. His name has cropped up in several murder and



PRIYAVRAT

Main shooter, allegedly headed

Moosewala. Police say he was in

touch with Goldy Brar at the time

Second key shooter who worked

alongside Priyavrat, resident of

Jhajjar with a criminal record

Accused of providing Corolla

Manpreet Bhau, to use in the crime

Delivered the car to two alleged

shooters provided by Saraj Mintu

Directed Bhau to provide the car to

vehicle to another accused,

MANPREET SINGH

MANPREET BHAU

two of his men

also interacted with the singer's

security guards. He claimed that

on May 27, Moosewala came out

from his house in his SUV with-

handed over on June 15.

The prisons department first

paid the DDA Rs 7.79 crore in

2003, with a request to allot

land to build another prison

complex, officials said. Sources

said the matter was pending

since 2018 because of unsettled

payments issues between the

vised demand for Rs 128 crore

for land identified in Narela. The

payment was made by

prisons department in 2020.

Subsequently, DDA raised the

demand of Rs 29.88 crore as in-

terest on delayed payment from

July 2018 to March 2020.

Meanwhile, DDA moved a pro-

posal for relocation of already

allotted land for the District Jail

apart from District Court, Police

Line and Police Training

Institute. The L-G overruled this

proposal for reallocation...," an

"In 2018, DDA raised a re-

wo departments.

module that gunned down

Claims to be Bishnoi's nephew. Based in Dubai, he claims to have shot



GOLDY BRAR Based in Canada, gangster and Bishnoi aide

released video taking credit for hit PRABHDEEP SIDHU

MONU DAGAR

of Sidhu's residence

Provided two shooters and helped assemble team to carry out the

In January, Goldy Brar sent him to

logistics to men to conduct a recce

provide accommodation and

KESHAV KUMAR

Received Priyavrat, Kashish and others after the murder, took them to and from Mansa where murder was committed

SANTOSHJADHAV

out his security personnel, but the

accused weren't prepared when

the opportunity presented itself.

His associate, Kashish, along with

CRAWLING

Pune-based gangster was arrested from Kutch, accused of being involved in the murder. Police say he changed his appearance afterwards to evade arrest

Rs 3 lakh each. An old Bishnoi hand

VIKRAM BRAR

Based in Dubai, he

is alleged to have

hired shooters for

Delivered Bolero used in the crime and provided hideout to shooters

Faces the same allegations as Pawan Bishnoi of providing logistics to the accused

SANDEEP SINGH

PAWAN BISHNOI

On directions of Goldy and Sachin, he went to Moosewala's residence on the day of the murder and tracked his movement. He pretended to be a fan, clicked a selfie with him and passed on information to the shooters

CHARANJIT SINGH Transferred weapons to the accused and procured fake number plates for the vehicles used in the crime

without high security plate

GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

VEHICLES IN Delhi found plying without High-Security Number Plates (HSRP) or with stickers pasted on number plates will be slapped with a fine of Rs 5,000, said officials from the transport department.

The department will start a special drive on Tuesday, as part of which enforcement officers will be deployed to check violations. Action will also be taken against dealers who supply unregistered vehicles, officials said.

According to officials, the HSRP was introduced in 2012-13 and was made mandatory for all new vehicles. In April 2019, the government made it mandatory for old vehicles in Delhi as well.

"The HSRP is very important as it helps in identifying stolen cars. Police have also cracked several criminal cases with just the plate. But the transport department has observed that several unregistered vehicles are plying without HSRP. To escape from police, they even paste stickers saying 'IND' on their number plate which is illegal. Also, there are many vehicles which have fancy numbers inscribed in regional languages. From tomorrow, if any unregistered vehicle is found plying on roads, we will issue a challan of Rs 5,000 under the drive," said a senior transport department official.

Similar action and fines will be imposed on vehicles not displaying registration marks, offi-

The difference between the HSRP and the old number plate is that the new ones are tamper-proof, made of aluminium, and come with nonreusable locks. Officials said that one cannot easily remove the locks, and if broken, it has to be reinstalled.

"The HSRP also has chromium-based Ashoka Chakra on the left with 'IND' and the vehicle identification number is laser encoded which is easy to scan and difficult to tamper with. The number plate also has the engine number, $chass is \, number, and \, registration$ number, through which police can easily identify the owner. Other number plates are easy to tamper with and difficult to identify once stolen as they can be replaced," said the official.

The department has also issued an SOP to all enforcement officers on implementing action against vehicles found violating norms.

"Each team will record by photograph/video of registration plate not being displayed to preserve evidence of such violation. They will also ascertain the name and address of vehicle dealers who supplied the unregistered vehicles,' read the SOP.

It has further asked enforcement teams to prepare a daily report of the number of vehicles challaned/impounded and to submit it to the control room and headquarters. A weekly report must also be submitted to the operation branch for action against vehicle dealers who supply unregistered vehicles, offi-

NCPCR seeks action on Moosewala was shot dead his two others even followed the Pathak for 'using minors SUV, but Moosewala then headed near Mansa on May 29. Since then, police in several states have to a courtroom and left in a differin bypoll campaign' made a spate of arrests.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE NATIONAL Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has asked Delhi Police to take legal action against AAP's Rajinder Nagar bypoll candidate Durgesh Pathak over allegations that minors were roped in during campaigning.

In a letter from NCPCR registrar Anu Chaudhary to police, she said the commission has received a complaint from Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta. "A viral video... shows minor children being used for paid labour for distributing pamphlets, pasting posters, hanging banners and... participating in campaign rallies," it states. "... The Commission thereby requests you to investigate the matter urgently by lodging an FIR against accused person(s), at once. An ATR along with copy of FIR be shared with the Commission within 3 days of receipt of this letter," it adds.

NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo has also written to the

Chief Election Commissioner saying that such an act is prima facie in contravention of the Model Code of Conduct and in violation of Section 75 of the Iuvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Child & Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Article 21 (Right to Life) & Article 23 (Right to protection from forced labour) of the Constitution of India, relevant Sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Police said an FIR has been filed against unknown persons under section 75 of IJ Act and section 14 of the Child Labour Act.

Gupta, on Saturday, had demanded that the child rights body and the Election Commission take action against the "Aam Aadmi Party, which is using innocent children to campaign" for its candidate.

Pathak responded: "Who cares about future of children will be visible after seeing the condition of Delhi government schools and BJP-ruled MCD's schools. As far as the notice is concerned, we will reply to it..."

To Scout, Train Talent From Early Ages

present.

Governor

Admissions set to begin at Delhi govt's sports school

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE DELHI government is set to commence admissions to its fully co-educational residential 'sports school', equipped with training infrastructure and facilities for 10 Olympic sports, with the aim to "identify and nurture exemplary sports talent" from

across the country. This Delhi Sports School will operate for classes VI to XII. It will be managed by the Delhi Sports University, which was established by a Bill passed in the state assembly in 2019, and will be affiliated with Delhi government's Delhi Board of Secondary Education.

There are 10 sports for which training will be provided in the

and field), badminton, boxing, lawn tennis, shooting, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting and wrestling. The school has been envisioned as a feeder school for the sports university to "scout and groom sporting talent from early ages to create a talent pool for the Delhi Sports University".

"Delhi Sports School will accept students from all over the country. Through this unique sports school, our government aims to identify exemplary sports talent... and nurture them. We will train students to become international sports champions and Olympians in future," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Admissions will begin with talent scouting in various states. According to officials, candidates

school: archery, athletics (track

THE ADMISSION PROCESS LEVEL - O
All-India registration for talent scouting CLASS VI-VII CLASS VIII-IX **Generic Sports Entry:**

Athletics, Boxing, Shooting, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Archery **Specific Sports Entry:** Badminton, Lawn Tennis, **Table Tennis, Swimming** 10 Identified Sports: Archery, Shooting, Athletics, Swimming, Badminton, Table Tennis, Boxing, Weightlifting, Lawn Tennis, Wrestling

LEVEL 1 Talent scouting in various states

LEVEL 2 Selection trials

Medical examination of shortlisted candidates followed by final admission

will first have to register on the school's online portal, after which a pre-screened list of students will be prepared based on 'merit'. These students will be called for talent scouting camps in their states where they will have to undergo tests for motor ability, speed, endurance and agility along with tests for their chosen sports. The next step in the admission process will be selection trials in Delhi, which will be followed by medical examinations of the shortlisted candidates.

At the Noida border, Monday. In view of the Bharat Bandh called against the Centre's

were stuck near Vasant Kunj and Vasant Vihar due to heavy traffic. Gajendra Yadav

Agnipath scheme. Delhi Police made special traffic arrangements in and around the city in

flyway (DND) side, Ashram and Badarpur border as well. On the Gurgaon side, commuters

anticipation of heavy traffic jams. Traffic congestion was reported on the Delhi-Noida Direct

Candidates for admission in classes VIII and IX will have to select their primary sport based on their professional performance records. However, candidates for classes VI and VII who have not performed professionally but have 'potential' can opt for any of the remaining sports. "Students will be trained un-

der the guidance of specialised coaches and will be assessed continuously on sports training and performance... Apart from world-class sports coaching and facilities, the school will have a sports science centre and athlete monitoring system to enhance sports performance through scientific means... This holistic approach of creating an end-to-end sports ecosystem through sports science, world-class infrastructure, training and curriculum will also address mental health issues that sportspersons face while balancing their sporting careers and academic requirements in formal education systems," said Delhi Sports University Vice-Chancellor Karnam Malleshwari.

Man accused of rape with intent to 'spread HIV'

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

DAYS AFTER a 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly assaulting and raping an eightyear-old at her home in Southeast Delhi, police have found that the accused is HIVpositive and had deliberately tried to "spread" the disease.

The accused, a labourer, recently shifted to a rented accommodation where the minor lives with her mother. On June 14, the girl was alone at home when he targeted her. When her mother returned from work, she found bite marks on her body. They reported the matter to police and were sent to AIIMS for medical

DCP(Southeast)Esha Pandey had earlier said, "We were told the man shifted to the house 2-4 days before the incident. Using

New Delhi

technical surveillance, his location was traced to a relative's house in Palwal and he was ar-Medical tests showed he is

HIV positive and police sources said he told them he was aware of this. Speaking to The Indian Express on Monday, the girl's mother said she might have to quit her job as she is worried about her daughter. "We don't know a lot, but the police said my daughter might be infected with AIDS... She doesn't step out anymore and cries all night. She doesn't want to stay alone anymore but I need to go out and earn. Nobody else will support us," she said.

The mother and daughter hail from Bihar and shifted to Delhi after the victim's father left a few years ago and married someone else. The woman said she plans to send her daughter back to Bihar.

AGNIPATH SCHEME: REGISTRATION STARTS IN JULY

Army sets ball rolling, issues notification

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. JUNE 20

EVEN AS protests against the government's Agnipath policy for recruitment in the armed forces are yet to die down completely, the Army took the lead among the services and issued its notification Monday for induction of soldiers under the recruitment scheme.

The mandatory online registration begins in July, according to the notification.

It said the service of soldiers, or Agniveers, "commence from the date of enrolment", and they will "form a distinct rank in the IA [Indian Army], different from any other existing ranks".

"With introduction of this Scheme, the enrolment of Soldiers in the regular cadre of [Indian Army], except technical cadres of Medical Branch, will be available only to those personnel who have completed their engagement period as Agniveer," the notification stated.

The basic eligibility criteria includes clearing class X with minimum 45 per cent aggregate marks for general duty; clearing class XII in Science with Physics. Chemistry, Maths and English with aggregate 50 per cent for technical units; and class VIII with aggregate 33 per cent to become eligible for Agniveer

While the age limit will be 17-and-a-half years to 21 years, as announced last week, there will be a two-vear relaxation in the upper age limit for this year, raising it to 23 year.

The notification said that "Leave, Uniform, Pay & Allowances during the service period of four years will be governed by orders and instructions in respect of such individuals issued" by the government. Agniveers will be "liable to be assigned any duty in organisational interest, as decided from time to time", and they can be "posted to any regiment/unit organisational interest", it stated.

After their four-year tenure. a "detailed" skill-set certificate



THE ARMY'S move to issue the notification for in-

duction of soldiers under Agnipath signals that the government has no plans to roll back the shortservice recruitment scheme and is keen to see that the first batch of Agniveers will be in training by the end of this year.

will be provided to the Agniveers, highlighting the skills and level of competence achieved "during their engagement period", the notification mentioned. It said a Class XII certificate or its equivalent will be given to those who had joined the Army after clearing Class X, based on skills attained".

"Detailed instructions shall be issued separately," it added.

The Agniveers will be discharged after four years but based on organisational requirements, the notification said, those "completing their engagement period in each batch will be offered an opportunity to apply for enrolment in the regular cadre" of the Army, which will be "considered in a centralised manner by the Army based on an objective criteria, including performance during their engagement period".

It stated that "not more than 25% of each specific batch of Agniveers" will be enrolled in regular cadre of the Army after their four-year engagement period.

Those enrolled as regular cadres will serve for another 15 years. They will be paid between Rs 30,000 and Rs 40,000 - 30per cent of this amount will be deposited under the Seva Nidhi package; the government will contribute the same amount each month. Agniveers will get this money, income tax-free, after completing their four-year tenure. Each Agniveer will also have a Rs 48 lakh insurance



Army aspirants and farmers protest against the Agnipath recruitment scheme at Makroli toll plaza in Rohtak on Monday. Manoj Dhaka

State will recover damages from protesters: UP police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

UTTAR PRADESH Police on Monday said the state government will recover damages for the destruction caused to public and private properties by the protesters during the violent protest against the Centre's new military recruitment scheme -Agnipath.

"Recovery will be made from people who will be found involved in the violence," Additional Director General (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said here.

During the protests in 14 districts since Friday after the Centre unveiled the new recruitment scheme, youth protesters damaged trains, buses and vehicles and set them on fire at several places.

Several private and government properties were also damaged in stone-pelting, police said. Police have so far registered

49 FIRs, and arrested 525 people. with 145 booked for breach of

Sources in the police said that they initially adopted a "lenient" approach towards the Agnipath

"The strategy was changed after anti-social and political elements got involved in the protests... We had to then take strict steps by registering FIRs and arresting the culprits," said a senior police officer.

Goa to reserve posts

Panaji: Goa CM Pramod Sawant on Monday said his government will reserve posts for Agniveers in its administration.

In a social media post, Sawant said he had informed Defence Minister Rajnath Singh "that Government of Goa has decided to provide reservation to 'Agniveers' in recruitment of state police, forest, fire & emergency services, prisons, health and electricity department."

Scheme illegal, must be quashed: PIL in top court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

A PUBLIC Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in the Supreme Court Monday has challenged the 'Agnipath' scheme for recruitment to armed forces.

The plea by Advocate M L Sharma sought quashing of the Jun 14, 2022 notification issued by the Defence Ministry claiming it is "illegal, unconstitutional and ultra vires to the Constitution of India, being also void in the interest of justice".

The plea said that by issuing the notification the government "contra to the constitutional provisions, without having approval in the Parliament and without any gazette notification... quashed century-old army selection process and imposed" the scheme. It also referred to protests against the scheme in different parts of the country.

Over 600 trains cancelled so far due to protests, says Railways

ANISHA DUTTA NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

THE ONGOING protests against the Agneepath scheme has so far impacted 612 trains, with 602 of them cancelled and 10 partially cancelled, according to the Railways Ministry

Among cancelled trains, 223 are mail and express trains and 379 are passengers trains. Four mail/express trains and six passenger trains were partially cancelled, it was informed.

The worst-affected zone has been the East Central Railways – headquartered at Hajipur, Bihar, it comprises Sonpur, Samastipur, Danapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, and Dhanbad railway divisions. Around 350 trains in this zone remain cancelled, including those that pass through it.

Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) cancelled at least 26 trains due to violent protests and floods at several places in Assam, an NFR official said. Many trains have been short-terminated, short-originated, diverted or rescheduled, the official added.

Besides the trains cancelled on Monday, another five have been cancelled for Tuesday, NFR chief public relations officer Sabyasachi De said.

Cong leaders meet **President Kovind**

Meanwhile, a delegation of senior Congress leaders Monday approached President Ram Nath Kovind and demanded the rollback of what they called a "poorly conceived" Agnipath

The Congress leaders also sought initiation of "breach of privilege" proceedings over the "vicious attack" of the Delhi Police on party MPs who were protesting against the ED's questioning of Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case.

Over 50% govt depts fail to report hiring of ex-Servicemen

Officials skipped top-level meet on job policy held by DG-Resettlement

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

MORE THAN half the Central government departments have not submitted details of ex-Servicemen (ESM) recruited by them, as also the reasons for the shortfall in filling these vacancies, according to records.

Neither did more than half the departments attend a top-level meeting called to monitor implementation of the Reservation Policy of ESM in Central civil services & posts (CCS&P), banks, Central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), scrutiny of official records reveal.

The records show that officials of 48 of 77 Central government departments (62 per cent) did not attend the June 2 meeting, chaired by Secretary, Ex-Servicemen Welfare (ESW), to discuss "means to enhance the representation of ESM in Central Civil Services & Posts (CCS&P)".

The meeting called by the reservation monitoring cell of the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), under the Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare (ESW), of the Defence Ministry, was supposed to be attended by liaison officers appointed by various ministries/departments. The main aim of the meeting was monitoring the implementation of reservation policy of ESM in CCS&P, banks, CPSEs and CAPFs.

The meeting, which took place at the South Block, was attended by Jt Secy (ESW) Pudi Hari Prasad; Maj Gen Sharad Kapur, D-G (R); Cmde Atul Dewan, Principal Director (DGR); as well as liaison officers of various ministries.

Among those which did not attend the meeting are the departments of Commerce, Agricultural Research and Education, Atomic Energy, Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Civil Aviation, Corporate Affairs,

Defence Civil, Public Enterprises, Road Transport and Highways, Law and Justice, Ports Shipping and Waterways, UPSC, etc.

During the meeting, the Secretary, Department of ESW, even drew participants' attention towards the absence of officials from several ministries/departments. He said the next meeting will be held with CCS&Ps that have "not nominated liaison officers till date, and liaison officers who have not attended any meeting" whether virtual or physical.

The date of the next meeting was not specified.

While officials of nearly 60 per cent Central government departments did not attend the meeting, almost an equal number did not share information about vacancies for ex-Servicemen, and the number of ESMs recruited by them.

The record shows the reservation monitoring cell at DGR had circulated a 'format for halfvearly report' to all ministries and departments, seeking details about their total strength of personnel (both total and ESM); total number of direct recruitment vacancies in this period: total direct recruitment vacancies authorised for ESM; direct recruitment vacancies reserved for ESM; number of direct recruitment vacancies filled during the period-total and the ESM both; shortfall in filling vacancies of the ESM; overall strength and percentage (total and ESM); and reasons for shortfall in filling the vacancies of ESM.

Records show 45 of 77 departments did not share the information on hiring of ex-servicemen until May 15. These include departments of Atomic Energy, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Agriculture Research and Education, Food and Public Distribution and Corporate Affairs, and Ex-servicemen Welfare. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Yoga for wellbeing

Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, practising yoga from the comfort of our home will help us be optimistic, maintain a healthy lifestyle and strike a balance between our mental and physical health

OT many of us are aware that mental and physical wellness are very closely related. Maintaining a balance between the two is the key to being holistically healthy. To achieve this, you need to adopt yoga as your mantra for life.

Yoga, an ancient Indian practice, has many interesting facets to it. One, it's a sport in itself. This is the reason behind the Union Government's decision to promote yoga as a competitive sport within the country to spread awareness about its benefits and spiritual background among the youth.

In fact, the National Yogasana Sports Federation of India (NYSFI) was recently established with the intention of preserving and developing yoga as a competitive sport.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit the country and the ensuing months of lockdown became a way of life for most of us, people began practising yoga at home, realising its many benefits to their overall well-being. With sports clubs, stadiums and gymnasiums closed, even athletes and sports icons turned to yoga to maintain their physical and mental health in these times of great distress.

A regular yoga practice can help in improving flexibility and reducing performance anxiety among sportspersons. Most athletes practise yoga on a regular basis to improve their performance. Practising yoga before a sports event helps the players achieve a mind-body connection and reduces their anxiety.

With deep faith in the power of yoga to restore the body's lost equilibrium, Prime Minister Narendra Modi first proposed the idea of an International Day of Yoga at the United Nations General



Assembly, on September 27 2014.

Recognising its universal appeal, the United Nations, on December 11, 2014, proclaimed June 21 as the International Day of Yoga by a 69/131 resolution. The International Day of Yoga aims to raise global awareness of the many benefits of practising yoga. International Yoga Day celebrations is celebrated in India, the USA, Canada, Europe, the Middle

East, China, Australia, and Pakistan. The theme for this year's International Yoga Day celebrations is "Yoga for Humanity". The theme was selected with the aim to activate and inspire the yoga community for sustainability and global development. In India, Mysore in Karnataka is all set to host the main event on June 21.

It is very important to practise yoga to maintain flexibility, inner strength and mind-body coordination to stay stress-free and healthy in these trying times.

Along with practising yoga, it is important to care for the body's nourishment. Consuming milk, one of the many superfoods, can provide many health benefits. It is also a very tasty drink. Therefore, our motto is "Swaad Bhi -



healthy day and we want to turn that good start into a healthy lifestyle. While milk lays a strong foundation for your fitness, yoga will build on it and make you stand strong all day, everyday. Today, we are celebrating the 8th edition of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) with the theme "Yoga for Humanity". Ministry of AYUSH has chosen this theme to be organised in India and across the globe. Yoga is the best fitness regime for your body, heart and mind. It is the best therapy to keep your mind and body calm. Yoga will help you get through when you are suffering stress and anxiety. It is the practice for a healthy body, mind, soul and heart. So let's celebrate Yoga Day together with Param Dairy

"Swaad Bhi - Sehat Bhi".

NAMITA KUMAR Director, Param Dairy



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WARM AND SWEET

POLITICAL SCENE may be volatile and acrimonious, but some still try to keep the relationship warm with the opponents. On Monday, a meeting of the Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children Youth and Sports witnessed some emotional moments. With Monday being the last meeting under the chairmanship of BJP MP and senior leader Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, whose term as RS member ends on July 4, almost all members spoke appreciating the way he ran the committee and bid him a fond farewell. Sahasrabuddhe, who was for two consecutive years the Chairman of the committee, also was overwhelmed by the words of appreciation he received from the members, including those from the Opposition, BJP's Chandreshwar Prasad and Congress's T N Prathapan gave their appreciation in writing to Sahasrabuddhe. From the Congress's Akhilesh Prasad Singh to Communist member Bokash Ranjan Bhattacharya, YSRCP's Lavu Sri Krishna to BJD's Anubhav Mohanti, all spoke affectionately about their outgoing Chairman. To make the last day even more memorable, Sahasrabudhe's wife Nayana served the Maharashtrian delicacy of sweet Modaks as a token of thanksgiving for the members.

EASTERN YOGA

UNION MINISTER for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju will lead the International Yoga Day programme on Tuesday at Dong in Arunachal Pradesh's Anjaw district. From his home state, Rijiju chose Dong, the easternmost village in India close to the point where India, China and Myanmar meet. Dong experiences the first sunrise in India and is dubbed 'India's Land of the Rising Sun'.

LEAD, MISS

AFTER TAKING lead in convening a joint meeting of the Opposition to pick a consensus Presidential candidate, West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee will skip the second round of discussions on Tuesday, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee will represent TMC in the meeting, which has been convened by NCP chief Sharad Pawar. Over the last few days, Abhishek has been busy campaigning in Tripura, where bypolls will be held to four Assembly seats on June 23. The TMC officially maintains that Mamata will give Tuesday's meeting a miss due to prior engagements.

Poll panel to delete III unrecognised political parties for flouting norms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. JUNE 20

THE ELECTION Commission on Monday decided to delete 111 Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) from the register, as part of the poll panel's "graded action" against parties that flouted its rules.

The EC had deleted 87 RUPPs in May after announcing a cleanup drive against more than 2,100 such parties that it said had violated a string of rules by failing to furnish contribution reports or communicating changes to party-related information.

The poll panel has also sent a reference to the revenue department for necessary legal and criminal action against three RUPPs that it said were involved in "serious financial impropri-

There are 2,796 RUPPs, according to EC's data till September 2021, an increase of more than 300% since 2001.

According to the EC, during verification the RUPPs against whom action has been taken were found existing only on paper or letters sent to their addresses returned undelivered.

The EC has for long been seeking powers to deregister political parties. The poll panel has also been seeking modification to Form 24A to mandate disclosure of all donations above Rs 2,000 instead of the current Rs

may pitch Yashwant Sinha's name

THE OPPOSITION'S elusive search for a "true custodian of the Constitution" ahead of the election for the next President has landed in troubled waters, with all three candidates proposed so far opting out.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

On Monday, former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi became the third proposed face, besides NCP supremo Sharad Pawar and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, to decline the request of the joint Opposition.

By quitting the race just a day before the second round of discussions, convened by Pawar at Parliament Annexe, Gandhi made the task all the more difficult for the leaders. "Having considered the matter deeply, I see that the Opposition's candidate should be one who will generate a national consensus and a national atmosphere, besides

HIMACHAL PRADESH

SAURABHPARASHAR

At least 16 people — 14 tourists

and two attendants - were

stuck midair when two cable

cars developed a snag at

Parwanoo Timber Trail in

Himachal Pradesh's Solan dis-

in an operation that lasted more

than six hours. The others

reached down safely on their

five couples from Delhi, a tourist

and an attendant got jammed

while coming down, another car stopped near the destination up-

hill. The latter had on board three

youths and an attendant, who

managed to use the winch to

clamber down to safety.

Eleven of them were rescued

While one cable car carrying

trict on Monday.

own, officials said.



PRESIDENTIAL POLL: OPPOSITION STRUGGLES TO FIELD CANDIDATE

Gopalkrishna Gandhi opts out, TMC

Gopalkrishna Gandhi

Opposition unity. I feel there will be others who will do this far better than I. And, so, I have requested the leaders to give the opportunity to such a person," Gandhi said in a written statement released to the media.

There were signs of a consen-

sus developing around Gandhi's name, with even parties such as AAP hinting that it might be acceptable to them due to his illustrious career straddling the world of diplomacy and academia. "The idea was also to focus on

the fact that he is the Mahatma's grandson," one Opposition leader involved in the talks said. "In 75th year of Independence,

NDRF personnel rescue people stuck inside the cable cars in Parwanoo on Monday. Jaipal Singh

11 stranded mid-air in Himachal

cable car rescued after six hours

lice lodged an FIR against the

sort management for rashly and

negligently endangering human

life or personal safety of others.

The FIR was registered on the

statement of Anand Goyal, one

of the rescued tourists, under IPC

director Sudesh Mokhta said the

cable cars got stuck due to a tech-

nical snag, which was noticed

nessed at the Timber Trail on

October 13, 1992, when the

haulage cable broke near the

docking station and the cable car

carrying 11 passengers slid back-

wards. In panic, the operator

jumped off the car just as it be-

On Monday's incident, Solan

gan its slide and died.

A similar scene was wit-

State Disaster Management

Sections 336 and 283.

around 10.30 am.

Later in the day, the state po- SP Varinder Sharma said another

was successful.

cable trolley was used to rescue

A team of National Disaster

Response Force and the resort

conducted the rescue operation.

They brought the passengers to

safety with the help of local res-

Himachal Pradesh Chief

Minister Jai Ram Thakur, who

reached the spot to oversee the

rescue operation, told the media

that the incident would be

probed to determine if there was

any negligence on part of the

sistance arrived only when their

video clips went viral. "We were

stunned when the attendants

told us that the only way to go

down is the rope," Anita Garg, a

rescued tourist from Delhi, said.

The passengers claimed as-

firm running the trail.

Yashwant Sinha

that would have sent out a powerful message, especially when the forces behind the murder of the Father of the Nation are more emboldened than ever before."

Even in 2017, the Opposition camp wanted to field Gandhi, but the NDA's decision to pick Ram Nath Kovind as its face had forced a rethink. Eventually former Lok Sabha speaker Meira Kumar, also a Dalit like Kovind, was fielded by the Opposition. Gandhi fought unsuccessfully for the post of Vice President.

While TMC sources are now pitching the name of former Union minister Yashwant Sinha (84), as an alternative, the possi-

former BJP leader's name appears thin.

The NDA already has over 48 per cent of the vote share in the electoral college

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MAHARASHTRA

found dead, note suggests suicide pact due to debt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, JUNE 20

IN a suspected case of suicide for abetment of suicide was bewhom they owed money.

According to the police, the nine bodies were found around 1 pm on Monday at the residences of Manik Vanmore (49), a veterinarian, and his brother Popat Vanmore (52), a teacher. While six of the bodies were found in Manik's house, the other three were in Popat's house located said. Senior police officers in Sangli district rushed to the spot and a

Special Inspector General of Police (Kolhapur Range) Manojkumar Lohiya said, "Primary probe showed that there were no external injuries on any of the bodies. Poisoning due to consumption of some substance seems to have led to the death of all the nine persons.

Sinha had served as Finance

minister and Eternal Affairs minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet. Initially seen as an L K Advani loyalist, Sinha fell out of the BJP patriarch's good books in the later years. He remained in BJP till 2018 when he quit, alleging that the country's democracy was facing a "threat" under the Narendra Modi government.

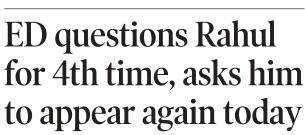
While Sinha's political past may come in the way of any Opposition consensus around his name, the overall poll maths, which is heavily stacked against the Opposition, is also emerging as an obstacle, with leaders refusing to enter a race headed for a seemingly predictable end the victory of NDA's yet-to-bedeclared candidate.

Family of nine

pact, nine persons from a family - two brothers, their wives and children and their mother – were found dead in separate houses of the brothers in Mhaisal town of Sangli district on Monday afternoon. Police suspect the family members to have taken extreme step because of debt and a case ing registered against those to

preliminary probe was launched.

DSP (Miraj division) Ashok Virkar said: "We have found what appears to be a suicide note. All the initial clues point to the deaths being the result of a suicide pact. The note mentions the names of the persons they owed money to. We are filing a case of abetment of suicide against these persons.'



Rahul Gandhi, accompanied by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra,

arrives at the ED office in New Delhi on Monday. Abhinav Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi was on Monday questioned for the fourth day by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the National Herald case. He had earlier been called on Friday but had sought exemption following which he was called on Monday.

Officials said the agency has summoned the Congress leader for questioning again on Tuesday.

Sources said Rahul arrived at the ED office around 11am and was questioned till late in the evening. Sources said while the agency believes it may need to summon Rahul again on Tuesday, the Congress MP has been requesting the agency to finish the interrogations as early as possible as he needs to take care of his mother Sonia, who is suffering from Covid-19 infection. Sonia, too, has been called for questioning by the agency on June 23.

The ED had summoned Rahul last Monday and guestioned him for three straight days. Sources said Rahul is being questioned about the ownership

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

The ED case is based on a trial court order that allowed the Income Tax Department to probe the affairs of the National Herald newspaper 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 part of the Gandhis in acquiring the newspaper.

Swami had alleged that the Gandhis acquired properties owned by National Herald by buying the newspaper's erstwhile publishers, AJL, through an organisation called Young Indian in which they have 76 per cent stake. Sonia and Rahul were granted bail in the case by the trial court on December 19, 2015.

'Conman' Chandrasekhar's plea seeking transfer from Tihar Jail opposed by ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate has opposed alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar's plea to transfer him from the Tihar Jail due to threat to life and said he "is only making up an excuse to repeat his modus operandi in some other prison where officials would not be familiar with his antics".

In an application filed in the Supreme Court, which is set to hear his plea Tuesday, the ED narrated how he had been running his operations even while inside the Tihar Jail.

It pointed out: "The Tihar Jail has ensured that it would thwart any future possibility of misuse of jail facilities. For any new prison to put in place similar measures or even to come to terms with the sophisticated Chandrasekhar will take time and transferring the petitioners ardous as he is likely to repeat the same mischief and offences." Denying his claim that there

means of con-manship by

was a threat to his life, the ED said Chandrasekhar has "repeatedly committed offences, including that of money laundering, during his incarceration in the jail by subverting the legal system and prison rules with the help of his knowledge of technology and his abilities to con people"

During ED custody, Chandrasekhar "admitted that he impersonated as Law Secretary Anup Kumar...and Home secretary Ajay Bhalla" and "admitted to collecting cash from Aditi Singh", wife of Shivinder Singh, former owner of Ranbaxy through co-accused Deepak Ramnani.

Top Maoist, 2 other operatives killed in MP gunbattle: police

IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, JUNE 20

THREE MAOIST operatives, collectively carrying a reward of over Rs 57 lakh on their heads, were killed by Madhya Pradesh police in an encounter in Balaghat district on Monday morning, the police said.

The three were identified as Nagesh, alias Raju Tulavi (40), who carried a bounty of Rs 29 lakh on him. Manoi (25) and Rama (23). The latter carried a bounty of 14 lakh each on them.

The police said Nagesh was commander of Tanda area committee of Mafalling, under Gondia-Rajnangaon-Balaghat (GRB) area of Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh-Chhattisgarh (MMC) corridor. Manoj and Rama were members of the area committee, they said.

The encounter comes months after Maharashtra police killed 26 Maoist operatives in MMC zone, where police say Maoists are trying to expand their base.

There are at least 13 cases registered against Nagesh in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. Rama. a resident of Sukma in Chhattisgarh, had 12 cases against her, while Manoj had three cases against him, according to the police.

According to police, they received information about presence of a few Maoist operatives on the hills of Kharadi village, about 70 km from district headquarters Balaghat. At around 5 am, a team of 50 personnel of Hawk Force — MP's elite combat unit — left for the village. "The terrain is tough and as

the team was searching, they spotted a training camp of Maoists. Suddenly, the security personnel were fired upon," a senior officer said.

The Hawk Force personnel responded with retaliatory fire, police said. Firing continued for about 45 minutes. Officers said at least 16 Maoists were present at the training camp, of whom

three were killed. According to police, during

search operation after the firing died down, the body of a man dressed in combat and carrying an AK-47 was found. The deceased was identified as Nagesh. Police found two more bodies at a distance of about 150 metres — police identified them as Manoj and Rama, residents of Chhattisgarh's Bastar and Sukma, respectively. Police claim to have seized three rifles, as many wireless sets, two combat pouches, GPS trackers and detonators among other explo-

Inspector General, Balaghat, Sanjay Kumar Singh said, "There has been expansion [of Maoist activities in the area] and we are reworking our strategy with positions of our Hawk Forces improved and expanded. We have also asked the state government for more troops; the new surrender policy will also help.'

sives from near the bodies.

Soon after the operation, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced out-ofturn promotion and gallantry awards for the police team and those from the Hawk Force.

LUCKNOW

FIR registered after Dalit food delivery partner 'thrashed'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JUNE 20

A 25-YEAR-OLD Dalit delivery executive, who is employed by food aggregator app Zomato, was allegedly thrashed by a group while he was delivering an order at a house in Lucknow's Aashiana area on Saturday evening. The man. Vineet Kumar Rawat, alleged that the customer refused to take food from him after coming to know that he belonged to the Dalit community and also made casteist remarks against him, police said.

An FIR has been lodged against the customer — Ajay Singh — one Abhay Singh and 12 other unidentified persons at Aashiana police station. No arrests have been made in the case so far. The accused have been charged under various sections of the IPC. The police have also invoked the SC/ST Act against the accused.

Cybersecurity linked to national security, India upgrading to take on threat: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

CYBERSECURITY is linked to national security, and with many countries having created their own "cyber armies", India is upgrading itself to deal with this threat, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday.

Shah also said many new dimensions of cyber fraud will be seen in the coming days and India will have to make many preparations to gear up to fully secure cy-

Addressing the National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security at Vigyan Bhavan here, Shah said: "Cybersecurity is also linked with national security in a way. Those who do not want to see our country safe attempt various types of cvber-attacks - some nations have even created cyber armies. But the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is fully alert to deal with this and is upgrading itself to prevent such threats.



Amit Shah receives a memento from Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla in New Delhi on Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

Stating that "questions of privacy of citizens are already there", the Home Minister said: "We have to be more careful in the context of critical information security. Both data and information are going to become a huge economic force in the coming days, so we have to prepare ourselves for security of data and information.' According to the MHA, Shah

informed the gathering that the

cybercrime reporting portal launched by the government in 2019 has registered more than 11 lakh complaints of different types. More than 2 lakh complaints of social media crimes have also been registered, he pointed out.

Shah said this volume will increase by the day as 800 million people have an online presence in India today, and by 2025 another 400 million Indians will enter the

digital world. He said there has been a 231-per cent increase in internet connections in the last eight vears and India's data cost per GB has come down by about 96 percent, which is expected to come down further since data becomes cheaper as the number of users increases

Shah emphasised that public awareness is of utmost importance to ensure cyber safety. "We should try to take cybersecurity to every part of the country," he said. Pointing out that cyber

crimes have increased over the years, Shah said that 3,377 such cases were reported in 2012, and the corresponding figure was 50,000 in 2020. While an average 136 cyber crime cases were registered every day in 2020, the number of cyber crimes per 1 lakh population also increased by 270 per cent in four years from 2016, when the figure was 1 — in 2020, it was 3.7 per 1 lakh population.

"This shows how big a challenge this is going to be in the coming times," Shah said.

Ensure adequate supply of fuel to Chhattisgarh: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, JUNE 20

CHHATTISGARH CM Bhupesh Baghel wrote to the union ministry Sunday regarding shortage of petrol and diesel in the state and its impact on the agrarian economics. He requested the minister to provide a regular supply of the fuel to all petroleum company depots in Chhattisgarh.

Baghel wrote to Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Puri, apprising him of depleting buffer stock. He alerted the minister about ambulance services and agricultural activities getting affected due to shortage of fuel for the past couple of months.

"Since Chhattisgarh is an agrarian state and with the onset of monsoon, farming activities start here. But due to the unavailability of diesel in sufficient quantity, farmers are facing trouble. Even necessary services are getting affected," Baghel wrote.

The Chhattisgarh Petroleum Dealer Welfare Association informed the CM that there are 750 retail outlets of Messrs, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in Chhattisgarh is getting closed due to the fuel shortage. The review of petroleum companies has revealed that earlier, the buffer stock would last for 4-5 days, while for the past months it only lasted for one day, drying up the petrol pumps.

17,880 DIED IN FIRST HALF OF 2021: BMC DATA

Mumbai sees 6-fold rise in monthly heart attacks

RUPSA CHAKRABORTY MUMBAI, JUNE 20

MUMBAI WITNESSED an over six-fold rise in monthly deaths related to heart attack in the first six months of 2021 compared to previous years. Between January and

June 2021, as many as 3,000 peo-

ple lost their lives to heart attacks

every month in the city, compared

to 500 in 2020. According to data provided by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), a total of 5,849 patients lost their lives to heart attacks in Mumbai in 2019. This dropped by 3.6 per cent when 5,633 patients succumbed to the disease in 2020. But between January and June 2021, a total of

filed by activist Chetan Kothari. "Pre-pandemic, cancer was the biggest killer. But last year, although deaths due to cancer subsided, heart attacks surged signif-

17,880 succumbed to heart at-

tacks in the city -- a surge of 217

per cent over the previous year, ac-

cording to a reply to an RTI request

icantly," said a civic official. Dr Avinash Supe, in-charge of Covid-19 death committee, said there are three major reasons for the surge in deaths related to **HIGHEST MORTALITY**

DISEASE				
	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Heart attack	8,601	5,849	5,633	17,880
Cancer	10,073	9,958	8,576	6,861
Kidney failure	1,396	1,516	1,634	1,182
Covid-19	0	0	11,105	10,289
Tuberculosis	4,940	4,899	3,719	2,921
Head injury	1,021	1,000	760	545
Source: RTI response from BMC *(Jan-June)				

heart attack - possibility of development of thrombosis among recovered Covid-19 patients, delay in diagnosis of patients during and better recording of data.

"Globally it has been witnessed that heart attack-related deaths increased during the pandemic, so it is not a new phenomenon that has only been observed in Mumbai. Secondly, since the start of the pandemic, medical practitioners are more conscious of segregation and bifurcation of types of deaths, so it has possibly helped maintain better data pertaining to heart attacks," said Supe.

It has been observed that SARS-Cov-2 injures the heart and blood vessels in infected patients, which leads to development of clots, heart inflammation, arrhythmias and heart failure. In August 2021, The Lancet reported that the risk of a first heart attack increased by three to eight times in week after a Covid-19 diagnosis.

Dr Kedar Todaskar, director of critical care at Wockhardt Hospital said the data suggests that Covid-19 was a risk factor for thrombosis, not only arterial but venous thrombosis, which included deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary thromboembolism, too, apart from acute coronary syndromes.

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STATEMENT PART OF CBI'S CHARGESHEET AGAINST ANIL DESHMUKH

CM, Aaditya pressured me to reinstate Waze: Param Bir

SADAF MODAK & MOHAMED THAVER MUMBAI, JUNE 20

FORMER MUMBAI police commissioner Param Bir Singh has alleged that it was Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aaditya, also a state cabinet minister, who 'pressured' him to reinstate suspended cop Sachin Waze. Singh's allegations are part of the 'corruption' chargesheet filed by the CBI against former state home minister Anil Deshmukh.

Waze was later arrested by

the National Investigation Agency for being the alleged mastermind of the Antilia terror scare case, and subsequently dismissed from the force. In the CBI case, the central agency gave its no-objection to Waze being pardoned, following which he was made a witness for the CBI and dropped as an accused.

The CBI filed a chargesheet earlier this month against Deshmukh and two of his staffers. Singh's statement is part of the chargesheet provided to the defence lawyers on Monday.

The CBI, while questioning

Singh, asked him about the circumstances under which Waze had been reinstated by the Suspension Review Committee headed by him in June 2020.

"The HM (Deshmukh) praised Waze after a press briefing pursuant to the recovery of masks and told me that Sachin Waze should be reinstated. This was around March 22-23, 2020. A few days later, Shri Suraj Chauhan, PA to Shri Aaditya Thackeray, came to meet me and he also pressured me to reinstate Shri Sachin Waze, saying that Shri Aaditya Thackeray wanted it," Singh said in his statement.

He claimed that he spoke on the phone to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, who told him to reinstate Waze. "He (Chauhan) also asked me

to call Shri Aaditya Thackeray and I called him on WhatsApp. Shri Aaditya Thackeray asked me to speak to the Chief Minister in this regard. I called on the phone of Shri Rajput, PSO of Shri Uddhav Thackeray, CM, again on WhatsApp. The PSO gave the phone to the CM and he (Thackeray) also asked me to reinstate Sachin Waze," said Singh,

MAHARASHTRA MLC POLLS: SAFFRON PARTY WINS ALL 5 SEATS IT CONTESTED BJP sails through, MVA hit by cross-voting

SHUBHANGIKHAPRE

IN A major blow to the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance, the BJP Monday swept the state Legislative Council polls by getting all its five candidates – Pravin Darekar, Ram Shinde, Shrikant Bharatiya, Uma Khapre and Prasad Lad elected. On the other hand, the ruling alliance was left red-faced as Congress' Dalit face, Chandrakant Handore, lost out following cross-voting by around three MLAs each from Shiv Sena and Congress, and further more from its smaller alliance partners. This is the second consecutive loss for the ruling MVA in a matter of two weeks as the BIP

had, on June 10, managed to trump MVA in Rajya Sabha polls. The BJP, which had 106 votes in the Assembly, polled 133 votes.

The additional 27 votes from other

parties and Independents paved the way forward for its victory against MVA, which was more certain of achieving the numbers. The elections for the 10 Council seats had 11 candidates in fray. While BJP fielded five can-

didates, Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena fielded two candidates each. Within the MVA, the two NCP candidates won comfortably. Eknath Khadse (29 votes) and Ramraje Nimbalkar (27 votes) emerged victorious. The NCP, which has 51 MLAs, polled 56

votes. While Shiv Sena's two can-

of their MLAs indulging in crossvoting. Against its total strength of 55 votes, Shiv Sena managed to get only 52 votes, leaving three votes unaccounted for. The scenario in Congress was worse as none of its two candidates - Bhai Jagtap and

Chandrakant Handore — could get

through in the first round despite

having 44 MLAs, Against 44 votes.

didates – Amashya Padavi and

Sachin Ahir – won the elections

by polling the required quota of

26 votes each, the party was left

fuming as they saw at least three

their two candidates polled 19 and 22 votes respectively in the first round - making a total of 41 votes. Though Japtap finally managed to attain the requisite quota

during the counting in successive rounds, Handore managed to get only 22 votes. Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis, who had planned the BJP's strategy, said, The electoral outcome has exposed the in-built conflict within the MVA. The cross-voting within Sena and Congress has shown $their members \, no \, longer \, trust \, the$ party and government." "The BJP had only 106 votes but it got 133 votes. We got 27 additional votes," he emphasised, adding, "In Rajya Sabha polls, as against 106 votes, we got 123 votes. Now, our tally

Shortly after the results, Shiv Sena's celebrations were marred as their political managers learnt about their members' cross voting.

has been enhanced to 133 votes."

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It is notified for information of the General Public that as per the provision of Section 135 B(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1951, every person employed in any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote, shall be granted a holiday on 23.06.2022 (Thursday), the day of Poll for the bye-election to 39-Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency in NCT of Delhi, so that he/she can cast his/her vote in the election.

As per sub-section (2) of section 135 B of the Representation of the People Act 1951, no deduction or abatement of the wages shall be made on account of above holiday and if any person is employed on the basis that he/she would not ordinarily receive wages for such a day, he/she shall nonetheless be paid wages he/ she would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to him/ her on that day.

Any contravention of the above provision by an employer is punishable as per the Provision of section 135 B (3) of the Representation of People Act, 1951.

However, as per sub-section (4) of section 135 B of the Representation of the People Act 1951, this section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged.

It is further brought to the notice of all concerned that Election Commission of India vide letter No 78/EPS/2022 dated 07.06.2022 has clarified that above provisions required that all the electors who are employees of **establishments and shops** including those which work on shift basis shall be granted a paid holiday on the day of poll in the Constituency where the bye-election is to held. Further, there may be cases where a person is ordinarily resident of the constituency and registered as an elector, may be serving/ employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the constituency having a bye-election, in such a situation even those electors including casual worker working outside the constituency concerned would be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under section 135 B (1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The daily wage/casual workers are also entitled for a holiday and wages on poll day as provided in section 135 B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951

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The Narendra Modi government has showcased India's excellent relations with the Arab world as one of the highlights of its foreign policy.

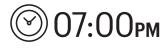
The Prime Minister has invested personally in relationships across the Arab world, visiting mosques and posting selfies with regional leaders.

It was, therefore, a blow to India as over a dozen Arab and Muslim countries protested the offensive remarks against the Prophet by BJP spokespersons.

Why is India's relationship with the Arab world so important? What are the business, strategic, and people-to-people links between India and the Arab world? How can stress in this relationship create problems for New Delhi?

Listen to Navdeep Singh Suri, former Ambassador to the UAE and Egypt, and one of the leading voices on India's diplomacy in the Middle East, answer some of these and related questions.

Ambassador Suri will be in conversation with Shubhajit Roy of The Indian Express







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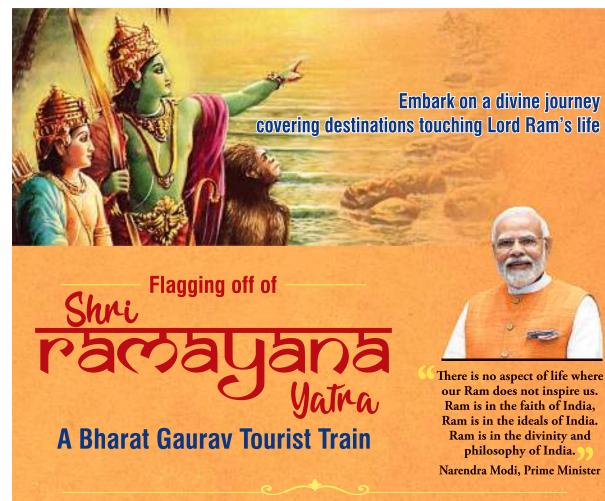








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At table reworking school curriculum: 24 with RSS links

vealed, over the past three days, key deletions in social science textbooks, including references to Gujarat riots and the caste system. Mughals and contemporary protest movements, in a separate rationalisation exercise by the NCERT.

The NCF curriculum revision, meanwhile, is being led by a 12member steering committee headed by former ISRO chairman K Kasturirangan and appointed by the Union Ministry of Education.

The revised NCF will be the foundation for new NCERT textbooks. And the papers prepared by the NCF focus groups will provide a roadmap for the changes. These focus group members --7-10 in each group -- were appointed by the NCERT through a notification on December 28.

The terms of reference states that the groups are expected to "develop a clear understanding of the theme in the context of the perspectives and recommendations of the NEP-2020 specifically with regard to...curricular and pedagogical structure and to clearly specify implementation strategies for each stage".

contacted. When Kasturirangan said he would not comment on any matter related to NCF. A senior member of the committee said: "We will do full justice to the task given to us and do everything possible to present a fair, objective and impartial document.'

Here are the focus group members with RSS links, and their response to queries -- on the links and the groups:

Philosophy and Aims of Education

Dr Bhagawati Prakash Sharma: Ex-Vice-chancellor of Greater Noida-based Gautam Buddha University. National coconvenor of RSS-affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM).

Response: "I am with the SJM because it is a movement. SJM is a forum, which is about awakening people about economic patriotism. I am also in the central committee of SIM.

Datta Bhikaji Naik: Committee member of Goa wing of RSS-affiliate Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram. Response: "(I suggested that) ideological aspects of Indian philosophy should be conveyed to students through short stories...and Sanskrit be used as a link language. There is no clash between my association with RSS and being a part of this group."

Education in Social Sciences

Prof (retd) CI Issac (group chairman): Member of Indian Council of Historical Research, former faculty at Department of History, CMS College, Kottayam. State working president of Kerala unit of RSS-linked Bharatiya Vichara Kendra and member of ABVP since 1975. In March, during an NCF consultation session, Prof Issac had said: "Nowadays, our history in school syllabus is subjective, not objective. The Indian defeat, Hindu defeat is the main theme of the school syllabus.'

Response: "I am a swayamsevak and a church-going Christian...I never allow my ideology to be reflected in such forums. I work for national interest, irrespective of religion, caste, or regional differences."

Assistant Professor with School of International Studies, JNU. Former national secretary of

ABVP. She declined to comment. Mamta Yadav: Sociology teacher at a Haryana government school. Former national vice president of ABVP, still a member. Response: "I am not the vice president anymore, and there is no conflict between me being a part of the focus group and a member of ABVP."

Holistic, Enjoyable & **Engaging Curriculum** & Pedagogy

D Ramakrishna Rao (group chairman): All-India president of RSS educational wing Vidya Bharati. Response: "My connection with education is important, other aspects are not important.'

Science Education

Prof Milind Sudhakar Marathe (group chairman): Retired associate professor at Mumbai's K J Somaiya College of Engineering. Former national president of RSS student wing

Response: "I am not in the focus group because I am an ABVP member but because of my credentials as a teacher of science and technology.'

Kishore Chandra Mohanty: Odisha president of Vidya Bharati. Response: "(I was chosen) based on a four-page note I had prepared on science education and my credentials of having worked in this area in the

Environmental Education

Prof Payal Mago: Principal of Delhi's Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences, director of DU's Campus of Open Learning. ABVP office-bearer till 2013.

Response: "I teach Botany and am working on an ICSSR study on 'Ecological Feminism of Indian Women'. I contested the students union election in 1984. Until 2013, I was a member of the (ABVP's) core group, which is the academic council.'

Mathematics

Dr Shriram Muralidhar Chauthaiwale (group chairman): Retired maths professor all-India convener Vedic Department Mathematics under Delhi-based Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas. Member of Vidva Bharati's All India Vedic Mathematical Council.

Response: "I was nominated to the group by the NCERT director. And I have worked very ra-

Arts Education

Prof Mamta Singh: Associate professor of Visual Arts at MKP Girls Inter College in Dehradun. Associated with the ABVP "for past three decades", currently Doon area president and member of national execu-

Response: "We need to go beyond Islamic architecture and focus on Indian art forms and culture... The UN honoured me in 2009 for my work on the role of art on women empower-

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consultant with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IG-NOU). Area head of RSS-affiliated teachers' forum Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal.

Response: "I have a specialisation in psychological and educational counselling...we need to ensure that India once again cements its position as jagatguru (world leader)."

Linkages Between **School and Higher** Education

Prof Ishwar Sharan Vishwakarma: Chief of UP Higher Education Commission, member of Indian Council of Historical Research, retired professor of Ancient History and Archaeology at Deen Dayal Upadhyay university in Gorakhpur. General secretary of RSS-affiliate Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana.

Response: "We have been picked on qualification and expertise. My basic identity is that I have been a professor of ancient history and archeology."

Raman Trivedi: Former professor and head of department of fisheries at Bihar Animal Science University, and currently its director (student welfare). Exnational vice-president of ABVP. Response: "I no longer hold any official post in ABVP.

Publication of Quality Textual and Nontextual Materials

Prof Ashutosh Mandavi: President of ABVP Chhattisgarh unit, teaches in the advertising department of Kushabhau Thakre Journalism & Mass

Raipur. He declined to comment.

Prof Brij Kishore Kuthiala:

Chairperson of Haryana State Higher Education Council, former VC of the Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University Journalism Communication (MCNUIC). RSS ideologue. In 2019, the then Congress state government ordered a probe into his conduct as VC. including the alleged purchase of a liquor cabinet using

university funds. Response: "I am a swayamsevak. But I am an academic also and have been a vice-chancellor." He did not respond to the allegations during his VC stint.

Guidance and Counselling

(retd) Prof Bhagabati (group chairman): Faculty member in education studies at Guwahati University, chairperson of the eastern regional committee of National Council for Teacher Education. Executive member of RSS-affili-

ate Bharatiya Sikshan Mandal. Response: "I specialise in adolescent psychology. I have done over 4.000 counselling sessions of students and parents in Assam. I am involved in the counselling of learners and parents through Students Wellness Society and Education Support

Alternative Ways for Schooling

Prof Ramachandra G Bhat: Former Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka-based Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana. Key

Prakalpa of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, an RSS body. Response: "Our focus group made recommendations on introducing Indianness in every aspect of education."

Gender Education

Rashmi Das: Editor of magazines and news services TelecomLive and InfraLive, run by Live Media & Publishers Pvt Ltd; PhD in International Relations from JNU, member of executive council. Former president of ABVP's JNU unit and former general secretary of JNU students' union.

Response: "My work with ABVP is part of my identity. But where is the contradiction or conflict in that? I am not an office-bearer of ABVP anymore...I have been involved in capacity building of students pro bono...I also publish on awareness and rights campaigns for autistic children.'

Anjali Deshpande: Secretary of RSS-linked DRISHTI Stree Adhyayan Prabodhan Kendra, a study centre. Response: "DR-ISHTI represents the same school of thought as RSS. I started working with ABVP in 1976. I am among the first full-time women workers of the organisation."

Adult education and **Value Education**

Govind Prasad Sharma: Chairman of National Book Trust, former president of Vidya Bharati, member of the 12member national steering committee on NCF. Response: "What matters is our contribution as members through extensive discussions over the months.'

J P Singhal: Former Vice Chancellor of University of Rajasthan, quit in 2017 following adverse remarks on his qualifications by Rajasthan High Court. National president of RSS-affiliated Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh. Response: "The position paper of our group is still being prepared."

Emerging Role of Community in Education

Dr Bishnu Mohan Dash: Associate professor at IGNOU's rural development department. General secretary of Bharatiya Samaj Karya Parishad which, he said, works under the patronage of Sangh's Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal. Response: Claimed expertise in "Indianisation of social work education".

Teacher Education

Prof (Retd) Chandkiran Saluja (group chairman): Retired from DU's Central Institute of Education in 2013. Headed working committee of RSS-constituent Samskrita Bharati. Response: "I support the NEP because it has the potential to infuse new energy in the student community and shape their ideas and imagination."

'No comment'

NCERT director Dinesh Saklani declined to comment on the focus groups. School Education Secretary Anita Karwal did not respond to requests for comment. Former NCERT director in-charge Sridhar Srivastava, who had issued the notification on focus groups, declined to comment.

People's love, Cong hatred rising for PM: BJP

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 $THE\,BJP\,on\,Monday\,slammed\,the$ Congress for its leaders' "hateful" comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asserted that people's love for him has been increasing as has the opposition

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The Congress, however, distanced itself from the statement made at the party's 'Satyagraha' protest at Jantar Mantar against the Centre's Agnipath scheme, saying it does not endorse any indecent remarks against the PM.

Bengal passes motion flaying Nupur's remarks

Kolkata: The Bengal Assembly on Monday passed a motion condemning the controversial remarks by former BIP national spokesperson Nupur Sharma against the Prophet.

Minister Partha Chatterjee moved the motion in the Assembly. The BJP MLAs, led by Leader of Opposition Suvendhu Adhikari, opposed the proposal and started a protest when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was addressing the House.

The CM claimed that the BIP does politics of provocation and hatred. "We took action when there was violence in the state. But how come this lady (Nupur Sharma) is still not arrested? I know she will not be arrested. She has sought four weeks from the Kolkata Police. She was to appear before the police

Meanwhile, Nupur Sharma Monday before the Narkeldanga tion expressing her inability to appear before it on Monday, the police officer stated. ENS & PTI



Army personnel rescue villagers at Kalita Kuchi in Kamrup district, Assam, Monday. Dasarath Deka

Two cops among 11 dead in Assam floods, toll 81

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MONDAY BROUGHT more devastation to Assam, as the floods claimed the lives of 10 more people, including two policemen.

As rain continued to batter parts of the state, affecting more than 45 lakh people in 32 districts. Union Home Minister Amit Shah said an inter-ministerial Central team would be dispatched to assess the damage. The team would visit both Assam and Meghalaya, two worst-affected Northeastern states this monsoon.

"Spoke to CM Assam @himantabiswa and CM Meghalaya @SangmaConrad to discuss the situation in parts of both states in

the wake of heavy rain and flooding. Modi government stands with people of Assam and Meghalaya in this hour of need." Shah tweeted on Monday sons have died since April, Assam has witnessed 81 deaths.

On Monday, Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma met families of those killed in a landslide in Mawsynram Block in East Khasi Hills. He said the government was working to ensure that electricity and mobile connectivity was restored in the affected areas.

Traffic has now started moving on the damaged NH-6 — that serves as the road link between the rest of the country and south Assam's Barak Valley districts, as well as Mizoram and Tripura - on a trial basis. Sangma said.

Meanwhile, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma held a virtual meeting with his Cabinet and state government officials and DCs, on Monday morning, emphasising that relief and rescue operations should be "top priority", without any delay due to procedural hurdles. He also directed authorities to form health camps to deal with post-flood diseases as water recedes.

ment requisitioned IAF to airlift petrol, diesel and geo bags to south Assam's Barak valley, which remains cut off.

A report from the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said 47,72,140 people were affected in more than 5,000 villages. More than 2 lakh people are in relief camps in various parts of the state. On Monday, 10 people, including two children, drowned in floodwaters in Cachar, Darrang, Dibrugarh, Hailakandi, Hojai, Kamrup, Lakhimpur and Nagaon districts.

Two policemen, including the officer in-charge of the Kampur police station in Nagaon, were washed away while on rescue duty. "During an ops last night, a team of @assampolice fell in a water body in Kampur area of Nagaon," tweeted Assam Special DGP GP Singh, adding that Officer in-charge Samujjal Kakoti and Constable Rajiv Bordoloi had jumped in to save their colleagues. Bodies were retrieved the next day.

line up Yoga Day events, ask judges to attend Officers of the Registry, Advocates

Rajasthan, Bombay HCs

DEEP MUKHERJEE & OMKAR GOKHALE JAIPUR, MUMBAI, JUNE 20

FOR THE first time, several High Courts will hold Yoga Day celebrations and have invited judges, advocates and court staff to the Court complex to attend a live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to mark

the day on June 21 at 6:30 am. Bharat Bhushan Gupta. Registrar (Administration), Rajasthan High Court, said: "This is the first time the court would hold Yoga Day celebrations. These are being held because we have received directions from the Department of Justice, Government of India."

Rahul Bhagwat, Registrar (Original Side) of the Bombay High Court, said the Ministry of Avush has issued guidelines regarding holding the event and the Ministry of Law and Justice, along with the Supreme Court, has issued directions in this regard. Apart from its principal seat in Mumbai, judges and members of the registry at the benches of the High Court at Goa, Aurangabad and Nagpur will also

mark Yoga Day, Bhagwat said. Initially, the Rajasthan High Court had invited sitting and former judges, advocates and staff to participate in a yoga session from 7 am to 7:45 am to mark the day. A second circular was later issued for attending a telecast of the PM's speech.

The Bombay High Court has invited sitting judges, officials of registry and members of the bar.

A notification issued by the Rajasthan High Court on June 18 states that the PM is scheduled to deliver an address from 6.40 am to 7 am from Mysuru on the occasion of Yoga Day. "Therefore, all the present and former Hon'ble Judges sitting / residing at Jodhpur,

and all other officers / officials of Rajasthan High Court, Jodhpur, are requested to assemble... at 6.30 A.M. sharp on Tuesday, the 21st of June," the notification says.

Justice (retd) Panachand Jain, former judge of the Rajasthan High Court, told The Indian Express that he had never heard of judges being asked to be present for such a programme. "The notice doesn't seem to be in good humour," he said, "I do not know why a constitutional court has to be so excited about the PM's speech," a senior advocate said on condition of anonymity.

The fact that the request coincides with summer vacation at the Rajasthan High Court has also raised eyebrows. The court reopens on June 27. Surya Prakash Kakra, the Registrar General of the Rajasthan High Court, told The *Indian Express* that the invite was in the nature of other such events. 'Much like other celebrations, we have invited everyone," Kakra said.

Registrar Rahul Bhagwat of the Bombay High Court said that 100-125 people are likely to participate at the event organised through the court administration and High Court Legal Services Committee, including Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and 20-25 other judges. The court has hired yoga instructors for the event and set a dress code of "Tshirt and track pants (in) sober colours such as blue and black".

Subordinate courts across Maharashtra have also been directed to conduct programmes in a similar manner with the assistance of District Legal Services Authorities and local sub-committees. The Chief Justice is the head of the administrative side of a High Court, responsible for the invites.

In the Rajasthan High Court, the post has been vacant since Justice Akil Kureshi retired on

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A dam break to farmer stir: Book on Modi digs out details faced police action, Modi ensured that

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI. JUNE 20

WHAT DID the dam break in Gujarat's Machchhuriver in 1979 have to do with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public life? Why was the 'Khedu' movement in 1984 significant in shaping Modi as a leader? What role did he have in taking out a 'Swavambhoo Yatra' in Ahmedabad in 1986, amidst a ban? How did the Ahmedabad Municipal Election of 1987 become a turning point in his life and for the Gujarat BJP?

All these questions are answered in a new book on the PM -- The Architect of the New BIP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the Party -- by Ajay Singh, a senior journalist who is currently working as Press Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind. In the book, which is set to hit the

stands soon, Singh lists a series of incidents that have contributed towards Modi finessing his electoral prowess and emerging as a strong leader.

One of the incidents he mentions is a flood in Morbi town in Saurashtra, a manufacturing hub for pottery and wall clocks, after a dam burst on the Machchhu river, on August 11, 1979. With government help delayed, social organisations stepped in to fill the gap. "What appears to have stood out in this relief operation was the focused ap-

proach of a team of RSS volunteers led by a young pracharak... known as Narendra Damodardas Modi. When the dam broke, Modi was in Chennai along with Nanaii Deshmukh of the RSS. He rushed back to Gujarat to organise relief operations.

According to the book, this proved a major boost for the RSS, at a time when its political wing Bharatiya Jana Sangh had lost its identity after merging into the Ianata Party.

 $Later, when farmers \, launched \, Khedu$ movement seeking free trade for their produce across states for best returns, the Bharativa Kisan Sangh roped in Modi in Gujarat and Om Mathur in Rajasthan

to plan the agitation. When the agitation

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donations gathered by cadres from across the state went to families of victims of police firing, says the book. "For the first time, the movement expanded the Sangh Parivar's base in the rural areas of Gujarat and effectively enhanced its social acceptability." Singh says that the gesture also helped "exorcise the ghost of Gandhi's

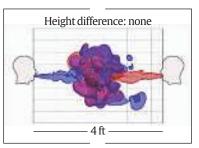
assassination that had got stuck with the RSS" by playing up the symbolism of Gandhi in the peasants' movement. Singh further writes that the 1987

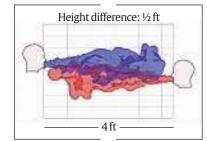
Ahmedabad MC polls helped Modi hone his skills as an organiser, having taken over when the structure of the city unit was "quite nebulous and loose".

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The risk of Covid transmission when two people are talking





Interactions of speech jets during short conversations between two people separated by a distance of 4 feet. Rohit Singhal, Indian Institute of Science

WHEN A person infected with Covid talks to an uninfected person, what is the risk of the first person transmitting the virus to the second? Researchers have examined this question by carrying out computer simulations to analyse the movement of speech aerosols, and published their findings in the journal Flow.

The team included researchers from the Department of Aerospace Engineering at

Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and collaborators from the Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics in Stockholm, and the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences in Bengaluru.

For the simulations, the team visualised scenarios in which two maskless people are standing 2 ft, 4t or 6 ft apart and talking to each other for about a minute, and then esti-

mated the rate and extent of spread of speech aerosols. The simulations showed that the risk of getting infected was higher when one person acted as a passive listener and didn't engage in a two-way conversation. Factors like the height difference between the two people, and the quantity of aerosols released from their mouths, also appear to play an important role in viral

transmission, IISc said in a press release.

For the analysis, the team modified a computer code (called Megha-5) they had originally developed to study the movement and behaviour of cumulus clouds. The analysis incorporated the possibility of viral entry through the eyes and mouth in determining the risk of infection, the release said, noting that most previous studies had only considered the nose as the

point of entry.

When the speakers were either of the same height, or of drastically different heights (one tall and another short), the risk of infection was found to be much lower than when the height difference was moderate. Based on the results, the team suggests just turning their heads away by about 9° from each other while still maintaining eye contact can

reduce the risk considerably. Moving forward, the team plans to focus on simulating differences in the loudness of the speakers' voices and the presence of ventilation sources in their vicinity to see what effect they can have on viral transmission, the release said.

SOURCE: IISc

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NEW RESEARCH

BLACK SWAN EVENT

A rare, unpredictable event with a significant impact on society or the world; RBI has flagged the possibility of one.

A STUDY by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has spoken about the possibility of capital outflows to the tune of \$100 billion (around Rs 7,80,000 crore) from India in case of a major global risk scenario or a "black swan"

A black swan is a rare, unpredictable event that comes as a surprise and has a significant impact on society or the world. These events are said to have three distinguishing characteristics - they are extremely rare and outside the realm of regular expectations; they have a severe impact after they hit; and they seem probable in hindsight when plausible explana-

tions appear. **ORIGINS:** The black swan theory was put forward by author and investor Nassim Nicholas Taleb in 2001, and later popularised in his 2007 book – The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable. The Sunday Times described his work as one of the 12 most influential books since World War II.

Taleb does not try to lay out a method to predict such events, but instead stresses building "robustness" in systems and strategies to deal with black swan occurrences and withstand their impact.

The term itself is linked to the discovery of black swans. Europeans believed all swans to be white until 1697, when a Dutch explorer spotted the first black swan in Australia. The metaphor 'black swan event' is derived from this unprecedented spotting from the 17th century, and how it upended the West's understanding of swans.

PRECEDENTS: Taleb's book predated the 2008 global financial crisis - a black swan event triggered by a sudden crash in the booming housing market in the US. The fall of the Soviet Union, the terrorist attack in the US on September 11, 2001, also fall in the same category.

Taleb does not agree with those who believe the Covid-19 pandemic to be a black swan event. In an interview to Bloomberg in 2020, he called it a "white swan", arguing that it was predictable, and there was no excuse for companies and governments not to be prepared for something like this.

SAURABH KAPOOR



SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Banning single-use plastic

The Centre has defined a list of single-use plastic items that will be banned from July 1. How much such plastic is released into the environment, what are the items chosen, and how will the ban be enforced?

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THE CENTRE has banned the use of 'singleuse plastic' from July 1. The Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change had issued a gazette notification last year announcing the ban, and has now defined a list of items that will be banned from next month.

'The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following singleuse plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022," says the Ministry notification.

What is single-use plastic?

As the name suggests, it refers to plastic items that are used once and discarded. Single-use plastic has among the highest shares of plastic manufactured and used from packaging of items, to bottles (shampoo, detergents, cosmetics), polythene bags, face masks, coffee cups, cling film, trash bags, food packaging etc.

A 2021 report by one of the Australian philanthropic organisations the Minderoo Foundation said single-use plastics account for a third of all plastic produced globally, with 98% manufactured from fossil fuels. Single-use plastic also accounts for the majority of plastic discarded - 130 million metric tonnes globally in 2019 — "all of which is burned, buried in landfills or discarded directly into the environment", the report said. On the current trajectory of production, it

has been projected that single-use plastic could account for 5-10% of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The report found that India features in the top 100 countries of single-use plastic waste generation - at rank 94 (the top three being Singapore, Australia and Oman. With domestic production of 11.8 million metric tonnes annually, and import of 2.9 MMT, India's net generation of single-use plastic waste is 5.6 MMT, and per capita generation is 4 kg.

What are the items being banned? The items on which the Central Pollution

Control Board (CPCB) have announced a ban are earbuds; balloon sticks; candy and icecream sticks; cutlery items including plates,

Activists in Chandigarh clear a forest area of single-use plastic in May. Express

cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, trays; sweet boxes; invitation cards; cigarette packs; PVC banners measuring under 100 microns; and polystyrene for decoration. The Ministry had already banned poly-

thene bags under 75 microns in September 2021, expanding the limit from the earlier 50 microns. From December, the ban will be extended to polythene bags under 120 microns. Ministry officials have explained that the ban is being introduced in phases to give manufacturers time to shift to thicker polythene bags that are easier to recycle. While manufacturers can use the same machine for 50and 75-micron bags, the machinery will need to be upgraded for 120 microns.

According to the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, there is also a complete ban on sachets using plastic material for storing, packing or selling gutkha, tobacco and pan masala

Why these items?

Ministry officials have said that the choice for the first set of single-use plastic items for the ban was based on "difficulty of collection, and therefore recycling".

The enemy is not that plastic exists perse, but that plastic exists in the environment. When plastic remains in the environment for long periods of time and does not decay, it turns into microplastics – first entering our food sources and then the human body, and this is extremely harmful. We have chosen these items as they are difficult to collect, especially since most are either small, or discarded directly into the environment – like ice-cream sticks. It then becomes difficult to collect for recycling, unlike the much larger items," said a Ministry official.

Satish Sinha of the environmental group Toxic Links described the items chosen as "low-hanging fruit". "Of the single-use plastic industry - the production and sale of these items is miniscule. The largest share of single-use plastic is that of packaging - with as much as 95% of single use belong to this category - from toothpaste to shaving cream to frozen foods. The items chosen are of low value and of low turnover and are unlikely to have a big economic impact, which could be a contributing reason. Having said that, we do need to start with something, and it is a beginning," said Sinha.

How will the ban be enforced?

The ban will be monitored by the CPCB from the Centre, and by the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) that will report to the Centre regularly. Directions have been issued at national, state and local levels - for example, to all petrochemical industries — to not supply raw materials to industries engaged in the banned items.

Directions have also been issued to SPCBs and Pollution Control Committees to modify

Airports with most

incidents in 2021

Ahmedabad 71

Mumbai

Kochi

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or revoke consent to operate issued under the Air/Water Act to industries engaged in single-use plastic items. Local authorities have been directed to issue fresh commercial licenses with the condition that SUP items will not be sold on their premises, and existing commercial licences will be cancelled if they are found to be selling these items.

Last week, the CPCB issued one-time certificates to 200 manufacturers of compostable plastic and the BIS passed standards for biodegradable plastic.

Those found violating the ban can be penalised under the Environment Protection Act 1986 – which allows for imprisonment up to 5 years, or a penalty up to Rs 1 lakh, or both.

Violators can also be asked to pay Environmental Damage Compensation by the SPCB. In addition, there are municipal laws on plastic waste, with their own penal codes.

How are other countries dealing with single-use plastic?

Earlier this year, 124 countries, parties to the United Nations Environment Assembly, including India, signed a resolution to draw up an agreement which will in the future make it legally binding for the signatories to address the full life of plastics from production to disposal, to end plastic pollution.

Bangladesh became the first country to ban thin plastic bags in 2002. New Zealand became the latest country to ban plastic bags in July 2019. China issued a ban on plastic bags in 2020 with phased implementation. As of July 2019, 68 countries have plastic

bag bans with varying degrees of enforcement. Eight states in the US have banned single-use plastic bags, beginning with California in 2014. Seattle became the first major US city to ban plastic straws in 2018.

On July 2, 2021, the Directive on Single-Use Plastics took effect in the European Union (EU). The directive bans certain single-use plastics for which alternatives are available; single-use plastic plates, cutlery, straws, balloon sticks and cotton buds cannot be placed on the markets of the EU member states. The same measure applies to cups, food and beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene, and all products made of oxo-degradable plastic. Vanuatu and the Seychelles have banned

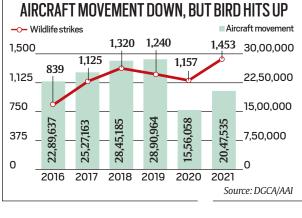
How bird hits happen, why they are a concern

PRANAV MUKUL

AT LEAST two bird strike incidents happened on Sunday. Both aircraft returned to their origin airports and were grounded for maintenance, An IndiGo A320neo aircraft, which took off from Guwahati towards Delhi, suffered damage to its left engine following a bird hit at 1,600 feet. The pilots returned to Guwahati. The other strike happened on a SpiceJet flight from Patna to Delhi. The pilots of the Boeing 737-800 suspected a bird strike during the take-off roll but continued to climb. Following the take-off rotation, they were informed by the cabin crew of sparks emanating from the left engine. Subsequently, the pilots were also informed by air traffic control of smoke coming out of one of the engines. The pilots declared an emergency and returned to Patna.

Why are bird strikes a concern?

Bird strikes are among the most common threats to aircraft safety, and they typically occur during take-off or landing. Dozens of bird strikes happen each day but some can be more dangerous than others. Typically, when birds collide with an aircraft's airframe, it is unlikely to cause significant problems for the pilots flying. But there are instances — like those on



Sunday — where the aircraft engine ingests the birds. This can lead to a loss of thrust for the engine and cause manoeuvrability problems for the crew. In these cases, where a jet engine ingests a bird, procedures would generally call for pilots to get the plane on the ground at the closest airport. While most airframe bird strikes are not considered critical to air safety, if a collision cracks a window or a windscreen, pilots will look to land as early as possible.

How critical are bird strikes to air safety? Smaller planes would generally be more susceptible to the dangers of bird strikes than larger ones. Also, modern jetliners are built with a number of redundancies, and common passenger aircraft like Boeing 737 or Airbus A320 are designed to safely land with even a single engine.

However, given that bird strikes mostly happen during take-off and landing, these incidents could distract the pilots during what are highly critical phases of a flight that demand the complete attention of the crew.

What causes bird strikes, and what are the

ways to prevent these? In the simplest of terms, the presence of

birds around an airfield increases the chances of a bird strike. In the monsoon, as water puddles emerge on open grounds attracting insects to breed, these also increase the presence of birds. In some cases, bird hits also happen at higher altitudes when a plane is cruising. These are more dangerous than the low-altitude hits given that they can cause rapid depressurisation of cabins. Other reasons for bird activity around an airfield could be the presence of landfills or waste disposal sites that attract a large number of birds. For example, in 2019, the Ahmedabad air-

port saw 11 wildlife strike events every 10,000 flights. One of the key reasons behind this was the dismantling of a large garbage dump that was located almost directly in the trajectory of flights approaching the airport, a move that has caused the birds circling the landfill to disperse. The Ministry of Civil Aviation and the DGCA

have recognised wildlife strikes, including bird and animal hits, to aircraft as one of the "State Safety Priority", and the aviation regulator regularly carries out aerodrome inspections that are considered critical with regard to wildlife strikes. Aviation authorities, along with local agencies, work on reducing wildlife presence around airports from time to time.

How lightning kills, and which areas are the most prone to strikes

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS & AMITABH SINHA PUNE. JUNE 20

SEVENTEEN PEOPLE have been killed by lightning over the last two days in various parts of Bihar, Six deaths have been reported from Bhagalpur district, while three people were killed in Vaishali, and two each in Banka and Khagaria. Other deaths happened in Madhepura, Saharsa, Munger and Katihar.

Of all the atmospheric phenomena, lightning perhaps is the most dangerous and mysterious. In India, lightning kills about 2,000-2,500 people every year. Bihar is just one of the several hotspots for lightning in India, as a new atlas of lightning shows.

What is lightning?

Scientifically, lightning is a rapid and massive discharge of electricity in the atmosphere some of which is directed towards earth. The discharges are generated

in giant moisture-bearing clouds that are 10-12 km tall. The base of these clouds typically lie within 1-2 km of the Earth's surface, while the top is 12-13 km away. Temperatures in the top of these clouds are in the range of -35° to -45° C.

As water vapour moves upward in the cloud, the falling temperature causes it to condense. As they move to temperatures below 0°C, the water droplets change into small ice crystals. They continue to move up, gathering mass until they are so heavy that they start to fall to Earth. This leads to a system in which, simultaneously, smaller ice crystals are moving up and bigger crystals are coming down.

Collisions follow and trigger the release of electrons, a process that is very similar to the generation of sparks of electricity. As the moving free electrons cause more collisions and more electrons, a chain reaction ensues. This process results in a situation in which the top layer of the cloud gets positively charged, while the middle layer is negatively charged. The electrical potential difference between the two layers is huge, of the order of a billion to 10 billion volts. In very little time, a massive current, of the order of 100,000 to a million amperes, starts to flow between the layers.

While the Earth is a good conductor of electricity, it is electrically neutral. However, in comparison to the middle layer of the cloud, it becomes positively charged. As a result, about 15%-20% of the current gets directed towards the Earth as well. It is this flow of current that results in damage to life and property on Earth.

Direct lightning strikes are rare but even indirect strikes are fatal given the immense amount of charge involved.

Which areas are lightning-prone?

A recently released annual report on lightning by the Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council (CROPC), which works closely with government agencies like the India Meteorological Department,

2019-22: TOP 8 LIGHTNING-PRONE DISTRICTS

Over 2 lakh strikes each



includes a lightning atlas which maps vulnerability at the district level.

According to the report, Madhya Pradesh has reported the largest number of cloud to ground lighting strikes, followed by Chhatisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha and West Bengal. Other states with high strike rate include Bihar, UP, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu.

Lightning is fairly common, though it is not often realised in the urban centres. In India, well over one crore lightning strikes have been recorded in recent years. It is only over the last few years that lightning records have begun to be maintained, thanks to the efforts of CROPC and India Meteorological Department.

In 2019-20, about 1.4 crore lightning strikes were recorded, which increased to 1.85 crore in 2020-21. In 2021-22, about 1.49 crore strikes were

recorded across the country. The reduction, in line with the trend observed globally, has been attributed to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The reason attributed to reduction in lightning is due to Covid-2019 pandemic induced reduction in aerosol level, pollution, environmental upgradation and relatively stable weather system in Indian subcontinent." the annual lightning report said.

But most of this reduction was seen in the cloud-to-cloud lightning. Of the strikes

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that reach the Earth, only a 2.5% reduction was observed.

How can the effects of lightning strikes be mitigated?

Lightning is not classified as a natural disaster in India. But recent efforts have resulted in the setting up of an early warning system, that is already saving many lives. More than 96% of lightning deaths happen in rural areas. As such, most of the mitigation and public awareness programmes

need to focus on these communities. Lightning protection devices are fairly unsophisticated and low-cost. Yet, their deployment in the rural areas, as of now, is extremely low.

States are being encouraged to prepare and implement lightning action plans, on the lines of heat action plans. An international centre for excellence on lightning research to boost detection and early warning systems is also in the process of being

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India lacks a National Security Doctrine. Armed forces have remained outside ambit of reform

Agnipath, between the lines

WHAT WORKS BEST

India buys more coal from Russia, urea from US — diversifying supply sources is good policy

NDIA'S IMPORTS OF Russian coal in June are reportedly expected to be the highest in at least seven and a half years. This comes alongside Russia displacing Saudi Arabia to become India's second largest oil supplier after Iraq in May. Neither of these are unwelcome developments, nor the fact that India has, for the first time, bought a large urea consignment from the US. With Russian traders offering discounts of 25-30 per cent for thermal coal and accepting payment in rupees, it isn't surprising that bulk purchases by Indian cement and steel companies have spiked in recent weeks. The share of Russian crude processed in Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery has, similarly, risen to 27 per cent in May, from less than 5 per cent before April. Why should any firm forgo the opportunity of sourcing oil at significant discounts to international prices? It has, likewise, become economical now to import urea from the US, which is quoting \$55-75 per tonne cheaper than that from the Middle-East, notwithstanding higher freight costs and longer voyage time.

But it is not just about profit calculations of companies. Diversifying supply sources and buying at the lowest price for equivalent quality is also in national interest. India's imports of crude petroleum, coal and finished fertilisers were valued at \$122.45 billion, \$31.72 billion and \$12.72 billion, respectively, in 2021-22, as against the previous fiscal's corresponding levels of \$59.48 billion, \$16.27 billion and \$6.83 billion. The country's merchandise trade deficit hit a record \$190.71 billion in 2021-22. A further widening of its deficits, whether external or fiscal, and uncontrolled weakening of the rupee, both external and internal purchasing value, is something it cannot afford. If importing more coal and oil from Russia or urea from the US forces existing suppliers — the likes of Australia, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates — to lower prices, it would aid in macroeconomic stability necessary for long-term growth.

The growing trade with Russia may not be to the West's liking. While the invasion of Ukraine deserves the widest condemnation, financial sanctions and not buying from Russia don't really help. India and China purchasing more from Russia, if anything, reduces the pressure on the international oil market. Imagine where crude prices would have reached had these two Asian countries not stepped up buying from Russia. In fact, China and India are today the world's top two net crude oil importers, with Russia emerging as the former's No 1 and the latter's No 2 supplier. The economic and national interests of others overriding its geopolitical priorities is a reality that the West has to acknowledge and accept, sooner than later.

A JOLT IN PARIS

Election results in France put Macron in a precarious position. He must build alliances or risk more instability

ESS THAN TWO months after Emmanuel Macron became the first incumbent to win the French presidency since Jacques Chirac in 2002, he has suffered an equally historic political setback, His political alliance, Ensemble, has lost control of the National Assembly, making him the first president since 1988 to lose the legislature so soon after a presidential victory. Given the turmoil in French politics and society over the last few years, and Macron's ambitious agenda for reform, the legislative election results augur at best a period of negotiation and alliance-building and at worst, policy paralysis and snap elections. At a broader level, even as the idea of "western democracy" is being shored up in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the election results show that the liberal, pro-market and pro-globalisation worldview championed by Macron has failed to address the growing inequality and popular disenchantment in France.

Both the Left and the far-Right have gained in the National Assembly. Ensemble is still the single largest alliance with 245 seats in the 577-member assembly, while NUPES, the grouping of Left parties, is set to be the primary opposition with 131 seats and the xenophobic National Rally led by Marine Le Pen grew 10-fold to about 90 seats. Le Pen and Jean-Luc Melenchon, despite their vast political differences, have one thing in common: They oppose the form of free-market globalisation and European integration that Macron champions. For the National Rally, immigration and the movement of labour facilitated by an integrated Europe provides a platform for a revanchist French cultural nationalism while for Melenchon, Macron's proposals to increase the retirement age and reduce labour protections are to be fought tooth and nail.

During his tenure, Macron has done his best to reclaim France's global stature, from playing a leadership role in the EU to engaging in multiple geopolitical theatres including Ukraine and the Indo-Pacific. Yet, the message in the verdict is clear, even if some in the ruling party seem unable to decipher it. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, for example, has said that the "result is a risk for our country in view of the challenges we have to face" and Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire called it "democratic shock". The "gilets jaunes" protests that rocked the country sporadically for over two years and now the rise of political forces opposed to globalisation make it clear that Macron and his party have not done enough to reach out to those who feel disenfranchised. Given the fragility of European unity, it is incumbent now to build alliances — social and political — for a stable France and Europe.

LINES IN WATER

Introduction of 'open' category for transgender athletes in swimming is a step forward — and backward

HE INTRODUCTION OF an "open" category by swimming's governing body, FINA, for trans-women in the competition, must first and foremost be seen as their effective exclusion from the established women's category. In a sense, this move can be said to accommodate science which says that the advantages that those born male acquire at puberty are structural – larger lungs and hearts, longer bones and bigger feet and hands — and cannot entirely be suppressed by hormone suppression during transitioning. However, it is a blow to those trans-women who would want to seamlessly integrate into their new, identity-affirming life after transitioning, and view competing in the women's category in sport as a natural progression.

Swimming was headed for this confrontation since March when freestyler Lia Thomas, a transgender athlete at Penn State University, edged out Olympic medley silver medallist Emma Weyant to win the prestigious US Collegiate title. Thomas had competed on Penn's men's team from 2017-19 prior to transitioning and was a few months short of the mandated three-year hormonal replacement requirement regulations. At FINA's extraordinary congress, the swim body announced the Open category so that trans athletes were not excluded from the top competitions. Sport has received all round backlash for its gender-based exclusions in the past, and this was swimming's way of striking a balance between science and fairness, albeit by appearing unfair to trans-women.

The idea of an "open" category, though discriminatory in not allowing trans-women to be part of their preferred category, can be viewed as a step forward. FINA's move to hold the competition and celebrate champions in yet another category could be seen as mainstreaming trans-women in society. A gold is a gold, and though the numbers of trans-women in elite sports are far too low at the moment, it can serve as a platform to fast-track trans visibility. The final word on the best way ahead, though, must rest with the trans-athletes.

Arun Prakash

SO DREADFUL IS the prospect of a military defeat, and so horrifying its consequences, that nations are willing to go to any length to avoid such an outcome. It is for this reason that national security has been historically deemed, worldwide — by economists and not soldiers as "the first charge on the treasury."

Independent India, unfortunately, saw defence expenditure being relegated to the "nonplan" category, within the ambit of a Sovietinspired, central economy. In another anomaly, the pension bill of veteran soldiers — a separate charge on the exchequer - was linked to the defence budget and its (inevitable) growth trotted out as an excuse for the dwindling funds available for force-enhancement and hardware replacement/modernisation.

Thus, for years, governments dragged their feet, for "want of resources", over the army's demand for a mountain strike corps. But, ironically, the 2020 Chinese incursions in Ladakh resulted in the deployment of 50,000-60,000 troops - over a corps strength - and the outflow of a huge unplanned expenditure to support this indefinite deployment.

The most disheartening aspect of this situation has been the fact that the finance ministry, instead of finding ways and means of raising essential, additional funds for national defence, has passed the buck to the armed forces, and demanded that they evolve measures for reducing the pension bill. One presumes that the Agnipath scheme, launched with much fanfare, is an outcome of this demand.

But rather than engage in a critique of this controversial project, which has already seen much debate, controversy and public disturbances, let me focus on two larger issues, which lie at the root of much that is wrong in our approach to national security.

Every nation faces the eternal "guns vs butter" dilemma, and has to find its own way to resolve, what the US military terms the "endsways-means" conundrum. All major powers undertake a periodic (every 4-5 years) review of their evolving national security objectives, the options available, and the economic/military means available for achieving them. Such reviews automatically generate assessments of existing/potential adversary threats to naOur 1.4 million strong army has neither benefitted fully from the 'revolution in military affairs' of the 1980-2000 era, nor learnt all the lessons of the ongoing 'hybrid warfare,' and remains fixated on the 'boots-on-the-ground' syndrome. Given the transformed nature of warfare, down-sizing of the Indian army, by substituting manpower with smart technology and innovative tactics, has become an imperative need. Against this

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From here, it is a short step to the estimation of the military capabilities required, and the funding support that the nation will need to generate. Apart from providing fiscal guidance, this process also facilitates the evolution of a national security strategy. Our neighbourhood adversary, China, has, since 2002, been issuing, with unfailing regularity, a biennial "Defence White Paper", which encapsulates all of the foregoing, and is available on the Internet; for the information of foes and friends, alike.

The government of India, on the other hand, has neglected to undertake any such exercise, in the past 75 years. It has, thereby deprived itself, and the taxpayer, of a holistic, national security picture of: (a) Where we stand; (b) where do we want to go; and (c) how do we intend to get there? Unsurprisingly, India is amongst the few major powers which has failed to issue a National Security Strategy or Doctrine, and is consequently seen offering fumbling responses, to emergent threats as well as to financial stringency in the security domain.

A second fact that we need to face is that our armed forces have remained in a Second World War time-warp, as far as their organisation and doctrines are concerned. Halfhearted attempts at organisational reform have come to naught due to lack of political will as well as internal resistance from the services; with the constitution of a Chief of Defence Staff and creation of a Department of Military

Affairs providing the latest examples. However, the most troubling lacuna is that our 1.4 million strong army has neither benefitted fully from the "revolution in military affairs" of the 1980-2000 era, nor learnt all the lessons of the ongoing "hybrid warfare," and remains fixated on the "boots-onthe-ground" syndrome. Given the transformed nature of warfare, down-sizing of the Indian army, by substituting manpower with smart technology and innovative tactics, has become an imperative need. Against this backdrop, a scheme on the lines of Agnipath, appropriately constituted, and focused on enhancing "combat effectiveness"

rather than "effecting savings" or "generating employment," could have triggered a reformative process. But a number of caveats need to be borne in mind in this context.

Firstly, given the parlous security situation, on the country's northern and western borders as well as the ongoing domestic turbulence, this is not the best time to cast the armed forces - already short of manpower - into turmoil, with a radical and untried new recruitment system.

Secondly, such a scheme, in its present form, is suitable only for the army, whose large infantry component is not excessively burdened with technology. In case of the navy and air force, it must be recognised that at least 5-6 years are required before a new entrant can acquire enough hands-on experience to be entrusted with the operation or maintenance of lethal weapon systems and complex machinery and electronics.

Thirdly, no matter how extensively the issue was discussed in meetings or on files, a radical change of this nature should have been subjected to a trial before servicewide implementation. Ideally, a few units of the regular or Territorial Army could have been earmarked as a testing ground, and feed-back obtained.

Lastly, bitter experience of the past has shown that the home ministry has resisted induction of ex-servicemen into the armed-police and para-military forces, on the grounds that it would spoil the career path of their own cadres. Similarly, state governments and other agencies have blatantly ignored the reservations mandated for ESM. Therefore, if the Agnipath scheme has to offer a meaningful promise of post-demobilisation employment or education, this must be mandated by an Act of Parliament, on the lines of the "GI Bill" enacted by the US Congress.

In conclusion, seeing the detritus of burnt trains, wrecked buses and social turmoil, often seen in the wake of many recent pronouncements, one is left wondering whether dissenting opinions are tolerated and contrarian advice accepted or given any weightage in our high-level decision-making forums?

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THE RECKLESS BORROWER

Pakistan's economic crisis is in part due to high interest rates on Chinese loans

AMIT BHANDARI

PAKISTAN'S LATEST Economic Survey (2021-22) gives a glimpse of just how deeply it is indebted to China. It has a current debt of \$87.7 billion. Its ongoing economic crisis can be traced to reckless borrowing, enabled by China, Meanwhile, even as the country risks a financial crisis, the military has awarded itself an 11 per cent increase in budgetary allocation, while other heads such as education, housing and health have seen their budgets slashed. This has created an unprecedented backlash against the military

Given the role Chinese lending has played in the crisis in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, other lenders are coming around to the view that China must also take some of the haircuts and burden of debt relief to these countries directly. Funds from the IMF - which Pakistan is in negotiations with for its 22nd loan - and other aid providers, shouldn't be used to repay opaque financing made on unfair terms.

China is Pakistan's largest bilateral creditor, with outstanding loans of \$14.5 billion only the Asian Development Bank (ADB) at \$14 billion and the World Bank (WB) at \$18.1 billion have comparable amounts owed to them. However, this number undercounts the true extent of Chinese lending to Pakistan under other categories. For instance, China's SAFE (State Administration of Foreign Exchange) has lent to Pakistan. The Economic Survey lists \$7 billion owed to "SAFE/TIME" (not clarified in the budget documents), which likely includes loans extended by SAFE

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West Asia and three Chinese lenders — the Bank of China, ICBC and China Development Bank, all state-owned banks. Between 2016-17 to 2020-21, the three Chinese lenders extended short-term loans worth \$11.48 billion. It is not clear how much of this amount is still The absolute amounts also don't capture

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the different interest rates and tenures - most of the multilateral loans (ADB and WB) are for 25-30 years and have been made at much lower rates (Libor + 0.6 per cent), while loans from Chinese "commercial banks" are for shorter tenures (1-3 years) and at higher interest rates (Libor + 2.75-3 per cent). This means that while ADB/WB lending is around 3 per cent, loans made by Chinese banks are 5.5-6 per cent at current rates. This difference also extends to bilateral lending. Compared to other bilateral lenders, China's loan tenures are shorter and interest rates higher. Bilateral loans from Germany, Japan and France charge interest of under 1 per cent, while bilateral loans from China are at 3-3.5 per cent.

The higher interest rates become evident when viewed along with Pakistan's interest payments to its creditors. During 2019-20, the total lending to Pakistan by Paris Club countries and China was about the same – but the interest outflow on Chinese loans was four times higher. In the past two years, Pakistan has paid out just \$7.6 million in interest to the Paris club – likely relief on account of Covid – while it has paid over \$400 million to China.

A significant part of the Chinese lending has likely been for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), an ambitious project undertaken on opaque terms. According to Pakistani media reports, the IMF wants Pakistan to renegotiate the CPEC energy deals before it agrees to assist Pakistan. Earlier research by Gateway House has shown that some of the loans made for CPEC Power projects were at Libor + 4-4.5 per cent, and the cost of projects was significantly higher than similar projects elsewhere.

Any lasting solution to the problems of these countries will have to involve China. It will have to chip in, in the form of lower interest rates, extended repayment periods and some debt forgiveness, if Pakistan and others like Sri Lanka, Maldives and Myanmar are to climb out of the financial hole they are in.

If China refuses to help solve a problem it has helped create, other lenders may also refuse to contribute: Why write off money that will then be used to pay off a single lender at everyone else's expense? However, if China does write off some of its loans, it will face similar demands from other borrowers that signed up for the BRI. From an Indian perspective, the Chinese debt trap will limit Pakistan's economic growth, in turn reducing its ability to cause mischief for India.

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INDIAN EXPRESS

JUNE 21, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

THE ISRAELI INVASION ISRAEL IS CONTINUING to adhere to the shaky cease-fire with Palestinian guerrillas in Beirut, the cabinet secretary, Dan Meridor said. Answering reporters' questions after a cabinet meeting, Meridor had no comment on efforts by the US presidential envoy, Philip Habib to negotiate some kind of disengagement of Israeli forces encircling the Palestinian stronghold in the Muslim sector of the Lebanese capital. Meridor indicated there was little chance of a deal widely reported in Beirut, under which the PLO would lay down its arms in Beirut in return for safe passage and a role in peace negotiations. "Israel will not negotiate ever with the organisation calling

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BHOSALE FACES REVOLT

THAT THE MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister, Babasaheb Bhosale is facing a revolt from within his party became clear when his rivals held a three-hour meeting at Ramrao Adik's house in Bombay. The meeting attended by over 60 legislators, seven MPs and 11 presidents of district Congress (I) committees "bitterly" criticised the "style of functioning" of Bhosale and "virtually" decided to urge Indira Gandhi to dislodge the Chief Minister in the interest of the state. The dissidents will meet again on June 23 to decide the date on which they should apitself an organisation to liberate Palestine proach the Prime Minister. However, the

meeting will not take place if the President's election is not going to be unanimous. The dissidents want to avoid any rift in the state party until the President's election is over.

Assam Mail derails

AT LEAST 12 persons were killed and 75 others were injured when nine bogies of the 3 Down Assam Mail derailed between Pranpur and Thana Bihpur railway stations in the North Bihar stretch of the North-Eastern Railway, according to official sources. Reports received here are silent over the cause of the derailment. Civil and police officials and doctors of Khagaria and Katihar districts are engaged in rescue and relief operations.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Last month, leaks by US officials revealed that the US helped Ukraine kill Russian generals, and Mr. Biden signed a \$40 billion aid package for Ukraine. At the very least, what the US is doing in Ukraine is not not war."

-THE NEW YORK TIMES



C R Sasikumar

On jobs, the big picture

Data on employment paints a complex landscape. Government's intent to add over a million jobs in the next 18 months is laudable, but the task is audacious and challenging



MADAN SABNAVIS

LET US LOOK at three reports that have appeared recently on the issue of jobs. The first pertains to start-ups that have begun issuing pink slips to their employees. The number given for this year so far is above 10,000 and more could be in the offing. The second pertains to the NSO survey which says that the unemployment rate in 2020-21 (July to June) was at 4.2 per cent, down from 4.8 per cent in 2019-20. This sounds good because it seems that even though start-ups are retrenching staff, somewhere in the country. opportunities are being created. And the third is the determination shown by the government in creating opportunities - it has assured the creation of one million jobs over the next one-and-a-half years. This may be optimistic, but if it does materialise, the employment landscape will change dra-

So what is the employment situation to-day in India? Ex-post, one can say that if jobs are being created on a progressive basis, there will be an increase in income generation, which in turn, should spur consumption. Therefore, if consumption picks up—this can be indicated by the growth in the consumer goods segments—then one can be confident of jobs being created. Here the picture may not be too assuring. Consumer durable goods have been registering negative or slightly positive growth for the last five years or so—this is a reflection of the purchasing power of the people that ultimately can be linked to job creation.

There has also been a lot of talk about start-ups with several companies having witnessed impressive listings, despite their profit and loss accounts being weak. It is one thing to say that these firms were able to ride the stock market boom post-Covid and have garnered resources. But those that are still dependent on funding from venture capital-

ists or PE funds have suffered a setback, with this channel drying up.

Interestingly, it is a well-known fact that, globally, 80-85 per cent of start-ups fold up in the first couple of years mainly due to nonviable models that fail the scaling-up challenge – when an enterprise that works at the micro-level does not survive as it expands. For this deep pockets are required and if funds are not forthcoming, it adds to the pressures on the firm. A fallout of this is retrenchment. Start-ups have been the flavour with several qualified engineering and management graduates who prefer to start their own ventures, especially in the fintech space. Therefore, while start-ups sound exciting, job creation at scale cannot be part of these experiments, unless there is an assured flow The NSO data which talks of the unem-

ployment rate coming down to 4.2 per cent in 2020-21 sounds like good news because it says that during the height of the pandemic there was a decline in the unemployment rate. But this does not seem in sync with those times when several people had lost their jobs and when migrants were forced to go back home with their workplaces closing down. In fact, the PLFS data does throw up some anomalies. From 2018-19 onwards, the unemployment rate has been coming down — from 6.1 per cent in 2017-18 to 5.8 per cent in 2018-19 to 4.8 per cent in 2019-20 and then to 4.2 per cent in 2020-21. But, during this phase, the GDP growth rate declined from 6.8 per cent in 2017-18 to 6.5 per cent and 3.7 per cent in 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively, contracting thereafter by 6.6 per cent in 2020-21. Therefore, there does seem to be something amiss here as lower GDP growth is being associated with a decline in the unemployment rate which should be the other way. This is something that requires further examination given that CMIE's unemployment rates have been between 7-10 per cent during the Covid period.

The government's intention to hire one million employees is laudable. It will be a really big task given that presently the central government offices house around 3.45 million personnel as per the budget for 2022-23. Employing a million more will mean an addition of around 30 per cent to this num-

ber. The questions that arise are the following: First, can this number be accomplished in this short period of time considering that there are fairly lengthy processes involved in hiring people to government departments? Second, hiring such a number is good for the country, but finding meaningful roles for them in various departments needs to be seriously examined. Interestingly, in 2012-13, the total employee strength was 3.41 million which came down to 3.18 million by 2020-21 as the government worked on reducing its flab significantly. It has increased in the last two years to 3.46 million. Quite clearly, plans need to be in place to provide work to this set of new employees. It is possible that the opportunities may go beyond the central government departments, perhaps in the realm of education, health and social welfare. But that would be outside the system.

The third issue that would have to be kept in mind is the increase in cost for the government. As per the budget for 2022-23, the average outgo per employee was around Rs 12.20 lakh. Assuming the new set earns half of the existing average, the additional cost would be at least Rs 60,000 crore. The salary outlay for the year was Rs 4.22 lakh crore. These provisions would have to be made in subsequent budgets. The other associated cost that has to be kept in mind relates to pension funds — this necessity builds up every year as employees retire periodically.

Therefore, the overall unemployment picture looks complex today. While officially, the rate is coming down, our experience during the pandemic doesn't support such optimism. While the government's intent to add over a million jobs in the next 18 months is laudable, the task is audacious and challenging from both an administrative and financial point of view. Lastly, the high hopes placed on startups to propel India have proved to be a dampener from the point of view of the stock market performance as well as employment. It has led to job destruction rather than creation. We may have to wait for the traditional route of economic growth to gradually create spaces for more jobs.

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Rebuilding school, children first

Post-pandemic learning assessments must differ from those before it. They should be sensitive to children's experiences during the crisis



Disha Nawani and Vivek Kumar

A DEEP learning crisis has set in during the Covid pandemic. The National Achievement Survey (NAS) has captured a fall of nine percentage points between 2017 and 2021 in the performance of students in subjects ranging from maths to social science (IE, May 25). Since the absence of a formal, structured learning environment is being identified as the primary cause of this crisis, the learning loss seems to be more applicable to those children who do not have educational support at home and are constrained in other ways as well.

It is natural to expect any tool that assesses and quantifies the acquisition of formal learning skills among children will show gaps between what they should know and what they actually know. What is a bit perplexing, however, is that while the meanings of learning, pedagogy, and peer interaction have changed with the shift to the online mode, the assessment tools continue to be centred on the offline mode of instruction. Typically, curriculum, pedagogy and assessment go hand-in-hand and a change in any of these necessitates a change in the other two as well. That is not the case here.

The NAS is the first nationwide survey of quality education after the lockdown and extended closure of schools. Therefore, its results assume greater significance. School teachers have also been asked to assess students on a regular basis.

Now that the learning loss has been estimated, children with learning gaps have been identified and appropriate strategies framed for them, it is important to recognise the implications of labelling a section of children as "weak". We also need to examine the impact of this kind of assessment on the impact of this kind of assessment on the meaning of learning. Labelling a child as "kamzor bacchha" impacts her self worth and dignity. In the Kotra village in Rajasthan, for instance, where one of us works, it's common to see a few children playing early morning while most others make their way to the support classes — a sense of shame on their downcast faces is obvious.

One has also seen children running in the opposite direction on seeing their teacher: "Maasahab aa rahein hain, bhaag. Mobile se kuch sawal pochenge aur phir kahenge turn log ko kuch nahin aata hai" (The teacher is coming, let us run. He will ask a few questions from his mobile and say that you don't know anything). Incidents such as these reflect how children have begun to view their teachers and what assessment means to them.

The more fundamental impact of such assessments is on the meaning they give to learning. Remedial programmes like bridge courses are based on an understanding of learning as an additive process, one that can be recovered by increasing either the con-

tent intake or the instruction time. Second, it also assumes that learning manifests itself easily irrespective of who is evaluating and under what circumstances, without bothering to understand how children relate to the assessment exercise. Third, it validates certain kinds of learning which takes place in the classroom and excludes all other experiences outside it. Without downplaying the importance of foundational skills of literacy and numeracy, one must admit that there is a risk of them being given disproportionate importance to the neglect of all other kinds of learning that seldom gets measured. Related to this is the narrative of poor children lacking basic foundational skills.

While the assessment survey focuses on what children do not know, it is also important to know what they may have experienced/acquired in this period. While the experience of each child may differ, one may not be wrong in generalising that each child may have gone through some amount of grief, uncertainty, fear of death, the pain of losing someone close, alienation from one's friends and classmates. Some would have even faced poverty, hunger, dislocation and the resultant frustration. This also means that children may have also matured more, their needs would have changed and so would their expectations from school. It is also important to acknowledge the fact that just because children did not come to school, they did not stop learning. In Kotra, we observed that the last two years have also meant a little more time for children to be with friends, support their parents and learn from them, and explore local forests and areas in their village. All these experiences should be integral to the learning process. It becomes critical for schools to integrate elements of these

Rather than asking how to make children ready for school, a more valid question to ask perhaps would be how to make schools more responsive to children and their needs. Although the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) has been continuously lamenting the falling learning levels of school children since 2005, we will confine our discussion around the pandemic. Schools need to be prepared to offer and invite students to process grief through cultivating safe spaces to express and share their feelings and needs. Providing such spaces would be very critical in processing grief. This should be ingrained in school culture, and not be a one-off event and its effect on the overall growth of children should be observed. This will allow children to reclaim their spaces in the classroom. This practice is rooted in the child first approach.

Opportunities to build confidence in children must be created and students should be enabled to work in groups so that they can share their experiences with their peers. The well-being of teachers should be considered absolutely essential to the process. Thrusting them with responsibility unilaterally mandated by their seniors will not take us far. These measures will have a positive influence on the teacher-student relationship and help bridge the trust deficit that has been created by long school closures.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Way forward

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Grim reminder' (IE, June 20). Saturday's incident is the latest targeted attack on a place of worship of a minority community in Afghanistan. This shows that the Taliban is not in full control. The Afghan economy has gone into a tailspin, hunger is acute, and women's rights are disappearing. The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the deadly terror attack. Delhi must raise its voice in shaping the international debate on Afghanistan as well as revisit its Afghan policy.

SS Paul, Chakdaha, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Grim reminder' (IE, June 20). The attack on a Gurdwara in Kabul will have long-term consequences. First of all, the global community will have to keep asking the Taliban regime to respect minority rights and provide them security. Secondly, threat of terrorism.which was an expected fallout after US' withdrawal. looms large in the region. The complex nature of terrorism in Afghanistan is a grim reminder to stay vigilant. Presence of the Haqqani Network, Al-Qaeda, and Taliban has been complicated further by the prominent presence of ISIL-K. Finally, for New Delhi, this is a setback. Because we have started the process of reopening the Indian embassy in Kabul recently, and those efforts could be derailed by this attack. Having said that, along with

the global community, India should keep asking for accountability from the Taliban regime for the larger interest of the region. At the same time, we need to keep diplomatic channels open.

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

BOTTOM UP

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'In Arunachal district, women lead fight for drug-free community' (IE, June 20). Kudos to all the women of this village who showed the courage to convince their husbands to enroll in a drug de-addiction centre. Former District Commissioner, Devansh Yadav, also needs to be applauded for his innovative solution to this age-old issue. A bottom up approach in a de-addiction programme is a good idea because it can be adopted on a larger scale progressively. We don't become a drug-free society overnight. It requires a huge amount of will power and sustained efforts.

Bal Govind, Noida

DOUBLE SPEAK

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The vishwaguru fantasy' (IE, June 20). Bhagwat's parallel narrative of "manavta" and "Hindutva" appears to be noble, but is simultaneously overlooking its denigration by bigotry from certain factions of the Sangh Pariyar.

LR Murmu, New Delhi.

Yoga, post Covid

The ancient practice has a renewed relevance in present times

SARBANANDA SONOWAL

THE POST-COVID world faces several dilemmas. The rising tide of parochialism threatens to engulf humanity while depression, anxiety and innumerable physical and mental diseases have affected the well-being of people around the world. The World Health Organisation estimates that nearly 280 million people are suffering from depression.

In such a restive milieu, yoga can bring us together, help us to learn from each other's experiences and address our shortcomings. In 2020, when the world was in the grip of the pandemic, researchers from the Harvard Medical School published an article, "Coping with coronavirus anxiety". It highlighted how yoga and meditation can help one stay calm in an increasingly tense environment. Yoga helps in elevating the levels of a chemical called gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) which is associated with better mood and decreased anxiety. Researchers around the world agree that yoga therapies play a key role in improving the quality of life by significantly reducing symptoms linked to depression, boosting immunity, improving cardiovascular functioning, and enhancing sleep patterns.

Ancient texts also elucidate the importance of yoga. In the second chapter of the *Bhagwat Gita*, Lord Krishna asks Arjuna to perform his duties without flinching as if he was in a state of yoga. Krishna seems to see yoga as a state of mindfulness under all circumstances. Yoga fundamentally means letting the virtues of godliness and spirituality permeate one's mind—it's about self-realisation and the ability to merge one's mind with the soul. Buddhist Dhamma also talks about qualities such as patience, self-control, tolerance, and understanding—these, according to Dhamma, are qualities that make virtuous rulers. Yoga can help people constantly improve the resulters.

A healthy mind forms the nucleus of a harmonious community. Yoga can not only help us improve our mental health but also help us become karma yogis; a community of karma yogis is one where every member performs his or her duty while maintaining equanimity

under all circumstances. Yoga can also spark creativity, which can, in turn, enhance one's self-esteem and improve focus. A community of karma yogis could, therefore, help the world become a more peaceful place. In a sense, therefore, yoga has the potential to spark a revolution that lifts us out of our miseries.

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the unemployment rate

Apart from healing the mind, yoga also heals the body. It helps in relieving back pain and easing the symptoms of arthritis. Yoga also helps in improving strength, balance, and flexibility. India has already taken the first step in sow-

ing the seeds for a peaceful community. The recently inaugurated Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat, is a collaboration between the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Government of India. It seeks to deepen research in the field of traditional medicines and practices, including yoga. A Yoga Certification Board (YCB) has been established with the objectives of bringing synergy, quality, and uniformity in the knowledge and skills of yoga pro-

fessionals across the world. This dovetails with the vision and mission of the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, under the Ministry of Ayush: "Health, harmony and happiness for all through yoga".

Through the celebration of the International Day of Yoga 2022, the Ministry of Ayush aims to make the traditional practice of yoga go global. Such initiatives promote the sacredness of yoga cutting across the barriers of race, caste, religion, gender, and class. The promotion of yoga is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal number 3 of ensuring healthy lives.

Today, a peaceful self and a harmonious world appear to be difficult goals. However, by making conscious efforts toward self-improvement, we can contribute towards the collective good. Using yoga as a tool for self-improvement would be a step towards a calmer, more compassionate world.

The writer is Union minister for Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways

12 THE WORLD



Cambodia

World's Largest Freshwater Fish In Net

The world's largest recorded freshwater fish, a giant stingray, has been caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia, as per scientists from the Southeast Asian nation and the US. The stingray, captured on June 13, measured almost four metres from snout to tail and weighed slightly under 300 kgs, said Wonders of the Mekong, a joint Cambodian-US research project.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Paul Haggis is under house arrest. AP

ITALY Director Haggis held on sexual

abuse charges

Rome: Oscar-winning Canadian screenwriter and director Paul Haggis is under house arrest in southern Italy on charges of sexual assault and aggravated personal injury, accusations that Haggis denies, his lawyers said on Monday. "Mr Paul Haggis was detained on Sunday with an emergency measure issued by the Brindisi prosecutors and is now under house arrest in Ostuni. He will be questioned by Thursday," his Italian lawyer Michele Laforgia said. Haggis was charged with forcing a young non-Italian woman to have sex against her

JAPAN

Sunday.

Same-sex marriage ban not illegal: Court

will the course of two days

in Ostuni, public prosecu-

tors in Brindisi said on

REUTERS

Tokyo: A Japanese court ruled on Monday that a ban on same-sex marriage was not unconstitutional, dealing a setback to rights activists in the only Group of Seven nation that does not allow people of the same sex to marry. The ruling dashes activists' hopes of raising pressure on the central government to address the issue after a court in the city of Sapporo in March 2021 decided in favour of a claim that not allowing same-sex marriage was unconstitu-**REUTERS**

Intercepted a missile in flight, says Beijing

Beijing: China says it has successfully intercepted a missile in flight, in a test of an anti-ballistic missile system that could improve its defences as it presses its territorial claims. A statement from the Defence Ministry late Sunday gave no details, but said the test was purely defensive and not aimed at any foreign

BELGIUM Congo national hero's tooth returned to kin

Brussels: Belgian authorities on Monday returned a gold-capped tooth belonging to the slain Congolese independence hero Patrice Lumumba. The restitution of the relic took place after Belgium's King Philippe this month expressed his "deepest regrets" for his nation's abuses in its African former colony, Congo. AP

SAUDI ARABIA Travel curbs

lifted for India

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia lifted coronavirus travel restrictions on Monday on its citizens travelling to Turkey, India, Ethiopia and Vietnam, state news agency SPA reported. Earlier this month, the kingdom lifted measures imposed to prevent the spread of the virus, including a requirement to wears face masks in-**REUTERS**

21st Amendment cleared by Lanka Change of guard in Israel: Bennett will make way for Lapid Crisis-hit nation scrambling to get fired shipments in 2002.

Crisis-hit nation scrambling to get fuel shipments in next 3 days: Minister Protesters ask

PTI&REUTERS

COLOMBO, JUNE 20

SRI LANKAN Cabinet on Monday approved the 21st Amendment to the Constitution aimed at empowering Parliament over the executive president and it will now be tabled in Parliament soon, two senior ministers have said.

The 21st Amendment is expected to annul the 20A to the Constitution, which gives unfettered powers to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa after abolishing the 19th Amendment that will strengthen Parliament.

"The 21 amendment was tabled and passed in cabinet today and will be tabled in @ParliamentLK soon. Like to thank @RW_UNP and @wijerajapakshe for pushing it through," Minister of Tourism and Lands Harin Fernando tweeted.

The 21A aims, among other reforms, at barring dual citizens from contesting elections to hold public office. "Today the cabinet approved the 21A - this was the draft that I had discussed with all political parties and other organisations. This will now be sent to draftsman." legal

Demonstrators demand immediate release of protesters who were taken into police custody for obstructing an entrance to Presidential Secretariat. Reuters

Constitutional Affairs Minister Wijedasa Rajapakshe told PTI.

He said he was keen to make sure that the draft would not incorporate any provision which would be deemed as required to be approved at a national referendum by the Supreme Court.

The island nation of 22 million people is scrambling to get fuel shipments in the next three days, the energy minister told Reuters, as public disaffection grows because of a persistent shortage of diesel and petrol.

A nine-member IMF team, which arrived in the commercial

Taliban release

several British

citizens held in

Afghanistan

capital Colombo on Monday, held talks with Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on how to structure what will be Sri Lanka's 17th loan programme with the global lender. "The prime minister commenced discussions with the IMF team," Wickremesinghe's office.

treasury was uncalled for.

public support. **AGENCIES**

Gotabaya to quit

the way for the country's fifth Colombo: A group of protesters in Sri Lanka demanding the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapksa for the mismanagement of the economy blocked all entrances of the presidential secretariat, forcing the police on Monday to arrest 21 people, including a Buddhist former Prime Minister Benjamin

The protesters last night blocked the two entry points to the presidential secretariat in addition to the entrance, which they have been continuously blocking since April 9. Police said the latest action by the protesters to block the two gates, which provide access to the finance ministry and the government

monk and four women.

Thousands of students from state universities also marched in the capital on Monday to demand the president and PM resign over an economic crisis. The students say Gotabaya is responsible for the economic crisis and the PM has not delivered on his pledges. The protest in Colombo spread to other parts of the country with wider make way for Lapid ISRAELI LAWMAKERS will vote to dissolve Parliament, opening

 $election\,in\,three\,years, following$ weeks of pressure on Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's fragile ruling coalition. Bennett will step aside to be replaced by Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, his partner in the unlikely coalition of opposites that ended

12 months ago. Lapid, a former journalist who heads the largest party in the coalition, will serve as interim prime minister until new elections can be held.

Netanyahu's record 12-year rule

"We are standing before you today in a moment that is not easy, but with the understanding we made the right decision for Israel," Bennett said in a televised statement as he stood alongside Lapid.

A vote will be held in Parliament next week, after which Lapid will take over the premiership, according to Bennett's spokesperson.

"I think the government did very good work over the past year. It's a shame the country has to be dragged into elections," said Defence Minister Benny



Yair Lapid is likely to take charge next



A political

lifeline to Netanyahu?

OPINION POLLS have forecast that Netanyahu's hardline Likud will once again emerge as the largest single party. But it remains unclear whether he would be able to muster the required support of a majority of lawmakers to form a new government. The dissolution threatened to overshadow a visit scheduled next month by President Joe Biden.

Gantz, head of a centrist party in the coalition. "But we will continue to function as a temporary government as much as possible," he said. A date for the snap parliamentary election was not announced, but Israeli media reported it was likely to take place in October.

LE PEN CALLS IT HISTORIC VICTORY

Macron camp seeks allies, says going to be complicated after losing majority

Both Right and Left gain in France election

REUTERS & AP PARIS, JUNE 20

PRESIDENT EMMANUEL Macron faced calls for his prime minister to resign on Monday and doubt hung over his ability to rule decisively after his camp lost parliamentary majority. Macron's centrist camp is un-

der pressure to secure support from rivals to salvage Macron's reform agenda after weekend elections delivered a hung parliament. If it fails, France could face a long spell of political paralysis.

The loss of his Ensemble alliance's absolute majority is a painful setback for Macron who won a second term just two months ago. "It's going to be complicated," government spokeswoman Olivia Gregoire told France Inter radio. "We're going to have to be creative."

Macron now needs either to form a wider coalition or accept leading a minority government that negotiates with opponents on a bill-by-bill basis. His only consolation: the opposition groups are themselves bitter rivals and in some cases riven by internal rifts. "Such a fragmented parliament will likely result in political deadlock, with a much slower reform agenda," said Philippe Gudin of Barclays.

The broad leftwing Nupes alliance of Jean-Luc Melenchon and Marine Le Pen's far-right



President Emmanuel Macron voting on Sunday in Le Touquet, France. NYT

promised to hound Macron and his administration relentlessly in parliament. Marine Le Pen said on Monday that her party's extraordinary surge in the country's parliamentary election is a "historic victory" and a "seismic event" in French politics.

Le Pen's National Rally got 89 seats in the 577-member parliament, up from a previous total of eight. On the other side, the leftist Nupes coalition, led by hardliner Jean-Luc Melenchon, won 131 seats to become the main opposition force. "Macron is a minority president now. (...) His retirement reform plan is buried," a beaming Le Pen declared on Monday in Hénin-Beaumont, her stronghold in northern France, where she was reelected for another five-year term in the parliament. "It's a historic victory (...) a

Islamabad: The Taliban have re-

leased several British citizens who were detained in Afghanistan after an agreement was reached between the two countries, Taliban and UK officials said Monday. The detainees were released Sunday following a series of meetings between Afghan and British officials, said Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesman for the Taliban government.

"A number of British nationals were released, who were arrested about six months ago for violating the laws and traditions of the Afghan people," he said.

Mujahid didn't sav what laws the UK citizens had broken or elaborate on why they had been detained. The statement said all of them pledged to respect the laws of Afghanistan, the traditions and culture of the Afghan people and not to violate them again. AP



COLOMBIA PICKS FIRST LEFT PRESIDENT

■ Leftist Gustavo Petro won Colombia's presidency, the first progressive to do so in the country's history. He beat Rodolfo Hernandez with a margin of 700,000 votes

■ Francia Marquez (right), a single mother and former housekeeper, will be Colombia's first Black woman vice-president after a historic vote on Sunday. AP

Port of Odesa comes under attack as Russians advance in eastern Ukraine

REUTERS KYIV, JUNE 20

RUSSIAN FORCES captured territory along a frontline river in eastern Ukraine on Monday and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy predicted Moscow would escalate attacks ahead of a summit of European leaders expected to welcome Kyiv's bid to join the EU.

Moscow's separatist proxies claimed to have captured Toshkivka, a town on the mostly Ukrainian-held western bank of the Siverskyi Donets river, south of Sievierodonetsk, which has become the main battlefield city.

Ukraine acknowledged that Moscow had success in Toshkivka and said the Russians were trying to gain a foothold there to make a breakthrough into the wider, Ukrainian-held pocket of the eastern Donbas region. It also confirmed a Russian claim to have captured on Sievierodonetsk's eastern outskirts.

"Obviously, this week we should expect from Russia an intensification of its hostile activities," Zelenskyy said in a Sunday nightly video address. "We are preparing. We are ready." Zelenskyy also said that Africa was a "hostage" in the war with Russia, which had contributed to rising food prices on the continent.

In Odesa, Ukraine's biggest Black Sea port, a food warehouse was destroyed in a Russian missile attack on Monday, the Ukrainian military said. No civilians were reported killed. The Operational Command "South" said Russian forces fired 14 missiles at southern Ukraine during a three-hour barrage.

Meanwhile, discussions between Turkey, Finland and Sweden about the Nordic countries' NATO membership will continue and an alliance summit in Madrid next week is not a deadline. Turkey said after talks in Brussels on Monday.

15-yr-old killed, 3 shot at in gunfire at US music fest

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy was killed and three adults, including a police officer, were shot when gunfire erupted Sunday night at an unauthorised music event in a Washington, neighbourhood. the authorities said.

Police had shut down the event, known as Moechella, a free street festival near the city's culturally storied corner of 14th and U Streets Northwest, after violence earlier in the evening. Chief Robert J Contee III of Metropolitan Police Department said late Sunday he wanted to ensure people would be held accountable for holding events without a permit.

of rape rise, Pak Punjab to impose 'emergency'

As incidents

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LAHORE, JUNE 20

AUTHORITIES IN Pakistan's Punjab province have decided to declare an "emergency" following a spike in cases of sexual abuse against women and children, the media reported on Monday.

Punjab Home Minister Atta Tarar on Sunday said the administration was forced to "declare an emergency to deal with rape cases". The minister said the rapid increase in cases of sexual abuse against women and children in the province was a serious issue for the society and government officials.

'Four to five cases of rape are being reported daily in Punjab due to which the government is considering special measures to deal with cases of sexual harassment, abuse and coercion," the Dawn quoted the provincial minister as saying at Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz headquarters.

The minister, in the presence Law Minister Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan, stressed that all cases will be reviewed by the Cabinet Committee on Rape and Law and Order, and that civil society.

Tarar also urged parents to teach their children about the importance of safety and that youngsters should not be left alone at home without supervision. The home minister also said the role of Punjab Forensic Science Agency would be improved for sampling of DNA on a fast track basis and a meeting with the lab authorities was scheduled for later Monday.

EDITORS AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DICTIONARY CENTRE WORK TO DOCUMENT IT

Buzz words: 'Hard yakka' of defining Australian English's many quirks

DAMIEN CAVE CANBERRA, JUNE 20

AMANDA LAUGESEN scrolled through the spreadsheet of

7,000 words and idioms being considered for the next edition of the Australian National Dictionary, but no matter how hard she looked, she just could not find the phrase.

'Few bricks short of a pallet" was there. So was "face like a bucket of smashed crabs." But where was "face like a halfsucked mango?" Spinning quickly from the screen, she got up and walked down the hall to ask Mark Gwynn. They had been working together at the Australian National Dictionary Centre in Canberra for more than a decade, and they had both seen phrases go missing in drafts of what a colleague had called their "herbarium of words."

Gwynn, a former poetry student, was also stumped by the disappearance. "Well, we know we've got 'face like a twisted sand shoe.' " he said, recalling similar entries in their database, "It's not under 'mango' or 'sucked'?"

Laugesen shook her head. The author of a book about Australia's penchant for offcolour language, with a doctorate in US history, she looked almost as mad as a cut snake. "This is the problem," she said, lamenting the lost mango insult.



An index card regarding 'mad as a cut snake' phrase in the archive room in Canberra, Australia. NYT

"Sometimes you get stuck." Clearly, updating a dictionary of Australian English on a shoestring budget is a special kind of

those who speak the local language. The Australian National Dictionary includes only words and phrases that have originated hard work - or "hard yakka," for in Australia, that have a greater cur-

special significance in Australian history. And the process is a bit like panning for gold. Sometimes the job requires

rency in the country or that have a

sifting through the muck of politics, collecting Australianised phrases like "loose unit," which is how PM Scott Morrison described Anthony Albanese after Albanese made an economic proposal. Sometimes it means scanning Twitter or reading memoir after memoir, looking for phrases that have become valuable among Indigenous Australians, like "story custodian," or new communities of Australians — like "ABC," for Australian-born Chinese.

It can also mean paying close attention to how words change. turning some abbreviations or seemingly innocuous phrases into slurs, based on race, gender or country of origin. And they also tend to shine up, or "ameliorate," others, taking "bloody" or "bastard" and making them part of the more commonly accepted vernacular, often long before Britain.

Australians have a long history of

All of this work, the forensics of national dictionary research, is relatively new in Australia. The Oxford English Dictionary

emerged gradually from 1884 to 1928. Noah Webster published "An American Dictionary of the English Language" in 1828. But the first serious look at the Australian language, by Sidney Baker, a New Zealander, came out in 1945. And National Dictionary hit libraries only in 1988. Bruce Moore, a former me-

the first edition of the Australian

dieval English scholar who was the director of the National Dictionary Centre from 1994 to 2011, noted that a lot of words and sayings that captured "Australian qualities" were looked down upon among educated elites.

Words like "battler" (a person who works doggedly and with little reward) or the admonition to never "dob in your mates" (inform on your friends) or "rort the system" (cheat or engage in fraud) were all there in Australian English, "but they were not recognised in the traditional 'public square," Moore said.

ECONOMY







Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 17

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SECTOR WATCH **AVIATION**

4 'wildlife strikes' daily in 2021; DGCA writes to AAI, pvt operators

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI. JUNE 20

NEARLY FOUR "wildlife strike" incidents occurred every day near Indian airports last year. double from a little over two daily incidents in 2016, even as aircraft movement numbers for 2021 remained below the 2016 total, according to data sourced from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and

Airports Authority of India (AAI). A "wildlife strike" means an aircraft either suffered a bird hit or was disrupted by an animal on the runway during take-off or landing. One landing or take-off is calculated as one aircraft movement.

Following two bird hit incidents on Sunday, which forced an IndiGo plane and a SpiceJet aircraft to turn back to their airports of origin, India's aviation safety regulator has written to all airport operators, asking them to work on managing the threat of wildlife strikes to aircraft.

"We are all aware that during the monsoon season, wildlife (birds and animals) activity increases in and around airports. The presence of wildlife in the airport vicinity poses a serious threat to aircraft operational safety," the DGCA noted in its letter to the AAI and private airport operators on Monday.

According to official data, there were 1,453 suspected and confirmed wildlife strike incidents in 2021, up from 839 in 2016. In comparison, the number of aircraft movements was 20.47 lakh in 2021, down from

New Delhi: Commerce and

Industry Minister Pivush Goval

on Monday said intellectual

property rights (TRIPS) waiver

for five years agreed in the re-

cently concluded WTO meet will

help developing countries man-

ufacture patented Covid vac-

Goyal said that India already

has a number of Covid vaccines

and can help other developing

The top five airports which reported most wildlife strike incidents in 2021 were Delhi (231), Mumbai (140), Ahmedabad 71), Kolkata (70) and Kochi (56).

"All airports are requested to review their wildlife hazard management plan for any gap and ensure strict implementation of strategies for wildlife hazard management within and also outside the airfield," the DGCA said in its letter.

On Sunday, an IndiGo A320neo aircraft's left engine got damaged after suffering a bird hit when it was at an altitude of 1.600 feet after take-off from the Guwahati airport. The pilots declared an emergency and re-

turned to the airport. A Delhi-bound SpiceJet-operated Boeing 737-800 plane also had to make an emergency landing in Patna, minutes after take-off from there, after one of its engines suffered a bird hit.

The DGCA has asked airports to ensure that within the airport premises, grass is trimmed and insecticide is sprayed, in addition to conducting frequent runway inspection for bird activities and deploying bird chasers and birdscaring devices. It has also asked airports to ensure regular garbage disposal in the operational area and to avoid water concentration and open drains. Airport operators have been asked to convene meetings of the Airport Environment Management Committee to discuss and review implementation of the measures to reduce bird hazard. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

PIYUSH GOYAL

Commerce Minister

'Vaccines: TRIPS waiver to help'

BIHAR, KERALA, PUNJAB, RAJASTHAN, BENGAL HIGHLY STRESSED

5 states need to take steps to stabilise debt levels: RBI

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 20

BIHAR, KERALA, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal are the five highly stressed states after taking into account the warning signs flashing from all the indicators, a Reserve

Bank of India (RBI) study has said. "We can identify a core subset of highly stressed states from among the 10 states identified by the necessary condition i.e., the debt/GSDP ratio. The highly stressed states are Bihar, Kerala. Puniab. Raiasthan and West Bengal," said the RBI study on state finances released last week.

It said Punjab is expected to remain in the worst position as its debt-GSDP ratio is projected to exceed 45 per cent in 2026-27, with further deterioration in its fiscal position. Rajasthan, Kerala and West Bengal are projected to exceed the debt-GSDP ratio of 35 per cent by 2026-27. These states will need to undertake significant cor-

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> COMMITTED EXPENDI-TURE, which inter alia includes interest payments, pensions and administrative expenses, accounts for a significant portion (over 35 per cent) of the total revenue expenditure in states like Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and Puniab leaving limited fiscal space for undertaking developmental expenditure.

rective steps to stabilise their debt levels. "Based on the debt-GSDP ratio in 2020-21,4 Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala, West Bengal, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana turn out to be the

den," the study said. These 10 states account for around half of the total expenditure by all state governments in India, it said.

Among the 10 states, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Punjab exceeded both debt and fiscal deficit targets for 2020-21 set by the 15th Finance Commission (FC-XV). Kerala, Jharkhand and West Bengal exceeded the debt target, while Madhya Pradesh overshot the fiscal deficit target. Haryana and Uttar Pradesh were exceptions as they met both criteria. Rajasthan, Kerala and West Bengal are projected to surpass the FC-XV targets for debt and fiscal deficit in 2022-23 (BE), it said.

It said the own tax revenue of some of these 10 states viz Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Kerala, has been declining over time, making them fiscally more vulnerable. "For most of these states, non-tax revenue has remained volatile, dropping significantly in recent years. The decline eral services, interest receipts and economic services," the study said.

The share of revenue expenditure in total expenditure of these states varies in the range of 80-90 per cent. "Some states like Rajasthan, West Bengal, Punjab and Kerala spend around 90 per cent in revenue accounts. This results in poor expenditure quality, as reflected in their high revenue spending to capital outlay ratios," it said. Committed expenditure, which inter alia includes interest payments, pensions and administrative expenses, accounts for a significant portion (over 35 per cent) of the total revenue expenditure in states like Harvana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and Puniab. leaving limited fiscal space for undertaking developmental expenditure, it said. "Consequently, the share of developmental expenditure in these states is considerably lower than the other states."

> Full report on www.indianexpress.com

To recover ₹148-cr bad loans, banks to auction Great Indian

IDBI BANK has put on sale properties of Great Indian Tamasha Company Ltd, which is the corporate guarantor of Great Indian Nautanki Company, to recover defaulted loans, or non-performing assets (NPAs), worth over Rs 148 crore taken from IDBI Bank, HDFC Bank and Bank of Baroda.

The immovable properties, which will be sold through an eauction next month, are located in Karnataka's Kodagu district, according to a public notice issued by IDBI Bank. Great Indian Nautanki Company owes IDBI Bank Rs 86.48 crore, HDFC Bank Rs 6.26 crore and Bank of Baroda Rs 49.23 crore. "The dues of IDB Bank outstanding as of May 1, 2022, stand at Rs 92.69 crore plus interest thereon with effect from May 2, 2022," the notice said.

The guarantors and directors of the company were Anumod Sharma, Anu Appaiah, Sanjay Choudhry, Viraf Sarkari, SG Investments. Great Indian Tamasha Company and Wizcraft International Entertainment Pvt Ltd, the notice said.

"IDBI Bank invites bids/offers in sealed covers for sale of the property of Great Indian Tamasha Company (corporate guarantor of

properties, to be sold via

Great Indian Nautanki Company) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and **Enforcement of Security Interest** Act," the lender said.

IDBI took possession of the property on May 20, 2022. The eauction will take place on July 27, 2022, and the last date of submission of bids is July 22. The sale of the secured assets for which the reserve price has been fixed at Rs 11.53 crore will be on "as is where is basis", "as is what is basis", "whatever there is basis" and "no recourse basis" on behalf of the se-

Great Indian Nautanki Company was set up in September 2007 with a registered office in Delhi. Great Indian Tamasha Company, set up in January 2008, is classified as a non-government company. Anumod Sharma and Sanjay Choudhry are directors of both the

Full report on

Trained youth for industry: India Inc leaders back Agnipath

Amid protests against the Agnipath defence recruitment scheme, India Inc on Monday rallied behind it, saying the



also make available a very disciplined & trained youth for industry, including Tata Group" **NCHANDRASEKARAN** CHAIRMAN,

"We have sufficient types of

vaccines... So for the current

strains of COVID-19, we do not

need this TRIPS waiver. We have

supported it more for the other

developing countries to manu-

Organization (WTO) last we

agreed to grant a temporary

patent waiver for manufacturing

COVID-19 vaccines for

Members of the World Trade

facture vaccines," he said.

five years. PTI

TATA SONS



Group welcomes the opportunity to recruit such trained, capable young people" ANAND MAHINDRA CHAIRMAN,

MAHINDRA GROUP



Agnipath scheme. Agniveers in armed forces will ensure right blend between youth & experience" SANJIV MEHTA PRESIDENT,

Cos ask govt

plastic straw

ban deadline

New Delhi: Makers of small pack-

aged fruit juices and dairy prod-

Mother Dairy are resorting to im-

ported paper straws despite

higher costs to continue selling

their products as the deadline for

implementing the ban on plastic

straws from July 1 draws closer.

Centre to extend the implemen-

tation date of the ban till proper

present in India to be able to pro-

duce the quantum of straws re-

quired for the industry," Parle

Agro CEO Schauna Chauhan said.

"We would urge the government

to extend the implementation

date of the ban till proper infra-

structure for producing paper

straws locally is developed,"

Shahrukh Khan, executive direc-

tor-operations, Dabur, said. PTI

infrastructure is developed.

Manufacturers want the

"There is no infrastructure at

to defer



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countries to make vaccines.

RIL, 2 others fined

New Delhi: Sebi levied fines of ₹30 lakh on RIL (Reliance Industries) and two individuals, Savithri Parekh and K Sethuraman, for not making prompt clarification to bourses on Jio-Facebook deal, which was disclosed via newspapers. The fine need to be paid jointly and severally by them within 45 days, according to a Sebi order.

Vedanta, Sterlite

New Delhi: Vedanta put on sale its copper smelter plant in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, which was shut in 2018 after 13 people died in a police firing on protestors agitating against alleged pollution by the unit. Vedanta sought bids by July 4for the unit with 400,000 tonnes a year output capacity. PTI

Sebi circulars

Mumbai: Sebi said untagged demat accounts of stock brokers need to be appropriately tagged by June-end. Credit of securities will not be allowed in any demat account left untagged from July 1, but credits on account of corporate actions will be allowed, it said. It set up an advisory panel on hybrid securities, for recommendations to boost growth of such instruments. **ENS**

EPFO base

New Delhi: EPFO added 17.08 lakh net new subscribers in April. 34% over 12.7 lakhenrolled a year ago. PTI

FINMIN'S MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW

'Slowing growth likely but low stagflation risk'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

INDIA IS expected to witness slowing growth and faces an upside risk to the fiscal deficit owing to the recent excise duty cuts on fuel, but it has low risk of stagflation owing to prudent stabilisation policies, said the Department of Economic Affairs on Monday in its Monthly Economic Review for May 2022.

Maintaining growth momentum, restraining inflation, keeping the fiscal deficit within Budget and containing the current account deficit while maintaining a fair value of the Indian currency is the challenge for policymaking this financial year, the Finance Ministry report said.

"Going forward, global growth is expected to witness head-

New Delhi: The Department of

Telecommunications (DoT) has

extended the production-linked

incentive (PLI) scheme for tele-

com by 1 year and has amended

the scheme to raise the incentive

rate by an additional 1 per cent.

after the country took its first step

towards 5G rollout as the Union

Cabinet cleared a proposal to in-

vite applications for spectrum

According to an official re-

lease, the design-led manufactur-

ing scheme is open for both

medium and small-scale enter-

prises (MSMEs) and non-MSMEs,

The amendment comes days

winds with rising commodity prices, supply chain bottlenecks NEW DELHI, JUNE 20 and faster than the projected

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emerging market economies."

withdrawal of monetary accom-

modation. Various international

agencies have projected a slow-

ing of global economic growth.

India's economy is also expected

to witness slowing growth,

though still higher than the other

Meanwhile, as per PTI, the Finance Ministry held a meeting www.indianexpress.com

FinMin, PSB heads meet

Monday with heads of public sector banks (PSBs) to review their annual performance and progress on schemes. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman could not attend due to some other engagement, but Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat K Karad chaired the meet. Full report on

including domestic and global

companies. The DoT also said ap-

plications for design-led manu-

facturing will be prioritised over

other manufacturers. The scheme

requires an investment threshold

of Rs 10 crore for MSMEs and Rs

100 crore for non-MSMEs, ex-

The incentives will be based on

cluding land and building cost.

incremental sales of the manufac-

tured goods, and range between 4

per cent to 7 per cent for different

categories over the years. MSMEs

will get an additional 1 per cent in-

centive in the first, second, and

third years. **ENS** Full report on

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में निम्नलिखित सामग्री की आपूर्ति/सेवाओं के लिए पंजीकृत फर्मी या अधिकृत विक्रेताओं से निविदाएं निर्धारित प्रारूप पर आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

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GeM NAC ID: GEM/GARPTS/20062022/FOIM485I6NIM निविदा फार्म अहस्तांतरणीय होंगे। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 21 जून 2022 से 12 जुलाई 2022 के मध्य सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापुर की वेबसाइट व केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक खरीद पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा प्रपत्र केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक खरीद पोर्टल (CPP Portal) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app एव सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापुर की

www.sainikschoolambikapur.org.in से भी डाउनलोड किया जा सकत है। पूर्ण रूप से भरे हुए निर्धारित निविदा फार्म दिनांक 12 जुलाई 2022 सुबह 11.00 बजे या उससे पहले हाथों-हाथ या डाक के माध्यम से सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापर में जमा किया जा सकता है। निविदा पेटी सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापुर मेण्ड्राकलां में दिनांक 12 जुलाई 2022 सुबह 11.30 बजे खोली जाएगी। डाक् विभाग द्वारा किसी भी प्रकार की देरी के लिए सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापुर प्रशासन जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा। प्राचार्य, सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापुर के पास किसी भी निविद को किसी भी स्तर पर स्थगित/रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है।

प्राचार्य, सैनिक स्कूल अम्बिकापुर

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-9 COMMAND TANK NO. 4, SEC-20, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110075 Press N.I.T. No. 23 (2022-23)/EE (T) M-9 Last date / time Shifting of water line existing service at 13.50 meter road along SPG complex wall sector - 08 Dwarka under CT-1 Under Bijwasan AEE(M)-36 (Tender I.D. No. 2022_DJB_224454_1) 29.06.2022 upto 3:00 PM 16.06.2022 emolition and Re-construction of water store near Palam Flyover under EE(M)-37 (Tender I.D. No. 2022_DJB_224454_2) 16.06.2022 29.06.2022 upto 3:00 PM mprovement of sewerage system by P/L 300mm dia Rs. 1,45,100/sewer line in Braham puri area in Railway line side and 72,51,467/ 400 mm dia to Braham puri Centre road to Kailesh puroad connecting main sewer in Darri ward in Dwark (Tender I.D. No. 2022_DJB_224454_2)

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8. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 21.07.2022 at 11.30 AM

9. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Furthe https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum

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NOTICE -

(for the attention of Equity Shareholders of the Company) Sub.: Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority

This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 as amended ("the Rules"). The Rules, amongst other matters, contain provisions for transfer of all shares, in

Adhering to the various requirements set out in the Rules, the Company has, so far transferred to IEPF Authority, on respective due dates, all shares in respect of which dividend(s) for the financial year 2013-14 or before had remained unpaid or unclaimed for a period of seven consecutive years or more. The Company has, vide its letter dated June 16, 2022, communicated individually, the concerned shareholders whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority during the financial year 2022-23 for taking

respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years

or more, in the name of the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") Authority.

The Company has uploaded full details of such shareholders and shares due for transfer to IEPF Authority on its website at www.riil.in. Shareholders are requested to refer to the web-link https://www.riil.in/transfer_suspense_accountiepf.html to verify the details of unencashed dividends and the shares liable to be transferred to

Shareholders may note that both the unclaimed dividend and the shares transferred to IEPF Authority including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed back by them from IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed under

The concerned shareholders, holding shares in physical form and whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority, may note that the Company would be issuing new share certificate(s) in lieu of the original share certificate(s) held by them for the purpose of dematerialisation and transfer of shares to IEPF Authority as per the Rules and upon such issue, the original certificate(s) which stands registered in their name will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable. The shareholders may further note that the details uploaded by the Company on its website shall be deemed to be adequate notice in respect of issue of new certificate(s) by the Company

for the purpose of transfer of shares to IEPF Authority pursuant to the Rules. In case the Company does not receive any communication (claiming the unclaimed / unencashed dividend) from the concerned shareholders on or before October 16, 2022, the Company shall with a view to complying requirements set out in the Rules, dematerialise and transfer the shares to JEPF Authority by way of corporate action as per procedure stipulated in the Rules.

In case the shareholders have any queries on the subject matter and the Rules, they may contact Shri S. P. Venugopal, Vice President, KFin Technologies Limited Company's Share Transfer Agent at Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad – 500 032; Tel: +91-40-6716 1708 Fax: +91-40-6716 1680; Toll Free No.: 1800-309-8998 (From 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m on all working days); Email: riilnkm@kfintech.com; Website: www.kfintech.com.

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For Reliance Industrial Infrastructure Limited

Shailesh Dholakia Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

New Delhi

Place: Mumbai

Date : June 20, 2022

Sd/- (Satish Kumar)

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T)M-9

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PERSONAL

I Saumva D/O, Chakradhari Sharan Singh R/o 402, bihar Bhawan, Chankya Puri ,kautliya Marg, New Delhi, have changed my name to Saumya Singh for all purposes. 0040619311-1

I MURSHIDA NOOR W/O MOHAMMAD IRFAN R/O 852, STREET 9 25FT ROAD SABHPUR OLD MUSTAFABAD, DELHI-110094 have changed my name from MURSHIDA to MURSHIDA NOOR for all future purposes.

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IMD ASLAM S/O MD AKHTAR R/O RZ-D8/A GALI NO. 10, DURGA PARK, DELHI-110045 have changed my name from MOHD ASALAM to MD ASLAM for all future purposes.

0040619301-2

I,FARHAT KAZMI,W/O SYED JAFAR NAQVI,R/o K-34, WINDSOR PARK.5, VAIBHAV-KHAND, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD,U.P-201014, changed my name to FARHAT NAQVI. 0040619309-8

I MOHD FARID AHMED,S/O MOHD Yusuf R/o-1667 GALI-ΤΔΚΗΔΤ WΔΙΙSΙΙΙ WΔΙ ΔΝ DARYAGANJ DELHI-2, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD FARID. 0040619305-6

It is for general information that I,Kasib,S/o-Afsar Husain, residing at, A-254, Buland-Masjid, Shastri-Park, Delhi-110053, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Ashif in mv Ihbas Hospital-Record. The actual-name of mine is Kasib, which may be amended 0040619348-6 accordingly

It is for general information that I,HUMERA SUNDUS,D/o MUEED AHMED R/o 1978 Mohalla Qabristan,Turkman Gate,Delhi-110006.declare that name of my mother has been wronglywritten as SADEQA MUEED in my educational-records. The actual-name of my mother is SADIKA respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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I. hitherto known as Satish Nayyar W/o Vinod Kumar Nayyar residing at Flat no. L-4, Navbharat Apartments, Block A-4, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sunita Nayyar.

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I,Vinod Kumar Kalia,S/O Hari Chand Kalia, R/O, 222, 2nd-Floor,Vikas-Marg Jagriti-Enclave Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Vinod Kalia, for all future 0040619374-10

I,VENKATA NITHEESHA ALAPATI, W/o ARPIT KALRA.ADD:B-120. GROUND-FLOOR,NEAR-MCD SCHOOL, KALKAJI, New-Delhi-110019, have changed my name to NITHEESHA ALAPATI 0040619349-7 VENKATA.

I,Shweta Rani W/o Karan Sharma R/o B-6, TF, Moti Nagar Delhi-15, have changed my name to Shweta Sharma.

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I,Santa Datta Gupta,Spouse

of,Swarup Dutta Gupta, resident of, RZH-4/43, H-4 Block, Flat, No. 102, Bengali-Colony, Mahavir-Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name, from Santa Datta Gupta to Santa Dutta Gupta, videaffidavit dated-16.06.2022,at

I.Saima Bashir.w/o Bashir Sheikh, H.No. E-193, Shaheen Bagh, Abul-Fazal Enclave Part-2, Jamia-Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Salma, permanently.

New-Delhi.

0040619348-4 I.Rashi Jain.W/o Sh.Shivam

0040619349-10

Arora, R/o H-278, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad-201013,have Changed my name to Rashi Gupta, for All Purpose.

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I,Sadhana Kumari,D/O Ram Charan Ram R/O.H.No-159, Street. No-7, Samta-Vihar Mukundpur Libaspur, Delhi-110042, have changed my name to Sadhana. 0040619374-2

I,SHEFALI SINGH, W/O-VIKRAMADITYA SINGH,R/O-A-2/403 PURVANCHAL SILVER CITY SECTOR-93, NOIDA GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR U.P-201304, Changed my name to SHEFALI GANDHI.

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I,Reena Sharme,w/o Hari Nandan, R/o Rz-75 Block-B-Gopal Neger Phase-2, Maruti Gali Najafgarh Delhi,have changed my name to Reena, for all future Purposes.

I,Ranjeet Kour W/o-Balvinder Singh R/o H-44.SF.WZ-H.Block Sant-Nagar Extn, New-Delhi, have changed my name to Ranjit Kaur.

0040619374-8 **I,Rameshwar** Dayal Gupta,S/o Ram Kishan, R/o Flat. No. B-15, 4th-Floor, Pocket-9A, DDA-HIG-Flats, Jasola, New Delhi-25, have lost my Original-Allotment cum Demand-Letter Bearing.No.90485, vide-DDA

No.H/321(99)2012/DDA10/JL.If anyone found the same please send return or contact at-

9896513200. I, PRANAV ASHISH GAURAV S/O GAURAV RAVISH,R/o-H.No-23, 2nd-Floor, Ber Sarai, HAUZ-KHAS, N.D-110016, have changed my name to PRANAV

ASHISH, for all future purposes.

I,Rakesh Mana S/o Inder Sain Mana R/o-4/91. Subhash Nagar Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Rakesh Mahna

Permanently.

I.Raivvir Ashok Aroraa.S/o Ashok Arora R/o.AR-308,The Aralias,Golf-Link Road, DLF Phase-5, Gurgaon, HR-122009 $have\, changed\, my\, name\, to$ Rajvvir Aroraa. 0040619305-4

I.REKHA NAINANI W/O PURUSHOTTAM THADANI R/O HNO.170, A-BLOCK, NEW MOTI NAGAR, DELHI-110015. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NIDHI THADANI. 0040619349-8

I,RAKESH KUMAR,S/O KANWAR PARKASH AGGARWAL,R/O CGY-211, DLF CAPITAL GREENS-15 SHIVAJI-MARG,MOTI-NAGAR, DELHI-110015. CHANGED MY NAME TO RAKESH AGGARWAL.

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I,RAKESH KUMAR SOLANKI,S/o RAMCHANDER, R/o RZG 85, DEV KUNJ, PALAM, NEW DELHI-110045, Changed my name to RAKESH KUMAR. 0040619348-3

I.Pardeep Gambir S/o Dharam Pal Gambhir,R/o D-25 Kirti Nagar Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Pardeep 0040619309-2 Gambhir.

I,Pammi W/O Avtar Singh Bagga,R/O A-92-93,DDA Colony, Khvala.Tilak Nagar.New-Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Pammi Kaur.

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I.Pallavi Raghav Choudhary, W/o Raghav Hari choudhary, R/o-7, first-floor, Padmini Enclave, Hauz khas, southdelhi, delhi-110016, have change my name from pallavi jain to pallavi Raghav Choudhary, for all future 0040619333-1 purposes

I,PAMMI W/O AVTAR SINGH BAGGA,R/O A 92-93, D.D.A. COLONY,KHYALA,DELHI-110018,have changed my name to PAMMIKALIR 0040619348-2

I.Nirmala bai.W/o OM prakash,R/o.A-40 FLAT.NO.303,S/F F/RHS BLOCK-A MANSA RAM PARK UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110059, changed my name to

I,Niharika D/o Sanjay Kumar Modi,R/o C-468,Saraswati Vihar Pitampura, Delhi-110034, changed my name to Niharika Modi. 0040619309-3

nirmala devi.

I,Neetu W/O Late Sh. Naresh Kwatra,R/O WZ-1864,Second-Floor, Near Krishan Mandir. Rani Bagh, North West-Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Neetu Kwatra. 0040619349-3

I.Navneet Chhatwal @ Saniam Chhatwal S/o Inderdeep Chhatwal R/o G-7, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-18, both names belong to same person i.e.myself.

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LNaresh Kumar, S/o Hans Rai Mukhi, R/o A-36, Tagore Garden Extension New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Naresh Mukhi. 0040619374-5

I,NONA GIRI,D/O PRAMJEET SINGH BHOGAL.ADDRESS.S-24 GROUND-FLOOR, GK-1, NEW DELHI-110048 INFORM THAT HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NONA BHOGAL, Permanently.

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I,NAVED S/O MOHD FARID,R/o 1667 GALI TAKHAT WALI SUIWALAN DARYA GANJ DELHI 2,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD NAVED. 0040619305-5

I.Mudit Mangla, S/O Rakesh Mangla.R/O. H.No-425, Second-Floor Sainik-Vihar Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Mudit. 0040619374-1

I,Mohammad Sartaj Khan,S/O Allauddin khan,R/O.villagebahuara.post & PS:Dildar-Nagar,Distt:Ghazipur,U.P-232326.,have changed my name to Sartaj Ahmad Khan.for all porpuse.

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I,Manjeet Singh,S/o Inder Singh Guliani, R/o C-422B, Sushant-Lok Phase-1, Executive-Villa,Gurgaon(Haryana)122009, have changed my name to Manjit Singh, for all purposes. 0040619348-1

I.MOHD FAREED S/O MOHD YUSUF,R/o 1667 GALI TAKHAT WALI SUIWALAN DARYA-GAN DELHI-2, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD FARID.

0040619309-6 I,MOHD AQIL AND MOHAMMED AQIL S/O-MOHAMMED SABIR.R/O.547-A.GALI HAKIM JI WALI, CHURIWALAN, JAMA-MASJID, DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MUHAMMED AQUIL.

0040619374-3 I,LAKSHAY CHOPRA,D/O MR.

SANJEEV CHOPRA.R/O N-6D SAKET, NEW DELHI-17, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO LAKSHAYE CHOPRA. 0040619374-6

I.KRISHNA H SUKHADEVE W/O HARSHVARDHAN SUKHADEVE R/O 1081/A,WARDNO.1,LOTUS APARTMENT,3rd-FLOOR, MEHRAULI,GADAIPUR,DELHI-110030, CHANGED MY NAME TO KRISHNA HARSHVARDHAN SUKHADEVE.

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I, Gurmeet Kaur, W/o Daljit Singh Arora, R/o WZ-283/215-B, Second Floor, Maddiwali Gali-7, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to GURMEET KAUR ARORA

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I. Daliit Singh, S/o Suriit Singh. R/o WZ-283/215-B, Second Floor, Maddiwali Gali-7, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to DALJIT SINGH ARORA. 0040619323**I,KRISHMA** D/O VIRAT SHARMA R/O FLATNO.B-42,INDRAPRASTHA APARTMENT, SECTOR-14 ROHINI DEI HI-110085 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KARISHMA SHARMA.

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I.K A ALEXANDER.S/o KARAMOOTTIL KORUTHU ALEXANDER, R/o-303-A/2B.GAUTAM NAGAR.NEW DELHI-110049, have changed my name to KARAMOOTTIL ALEXANDER ALEXANDER, for all purposes. 0040619362-2

I,JAVEED KHAN AND MOHD JAVED KHAN,S/O LAL KHAN R/O-2273 GALLMASTER SHIV PRASHAD, TURKMAN GATE, DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD JAVED. 0040619374-4

I.Harjit Kaur Jolly,W/o Raghubir Singh Jolly R/o-163 first floor Mukherjee Park, New Delhi-110018, changed my name to

Harjeet Kaur Jolly.

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I.Hari Nandan Sharma.S/o Shiv Kumar,R/o RZ-75,Block-B-Gopal Neger Phase-2, Maruti Gali-Najafgarh,Delhi,have changed my name to Hari Nandan, for all future Purposes. 0040619305-7

I,Darshan Kumari,W/o Ishwar Dass.R/o G-8/55, First-Floor. Sector-15,Rohini,Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Darshna Kumari, 0040619309-9 permanently

I,Saarthak Aggarwal,S/O Shri Anil Aggarwal, R/O-BA-35.Shalimar Bagh.Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Sarthak Aggarwal.

0040619362-1 I,DALWINDAR SINGH,S/O DARSHAN SINGH,R/O WZ4-LANE-1, MEENAKSHI GARDEN NFAR-SUBHASH NAGAR METRO-STATION DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DALVINDER SINGH.

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I,Chander Kanta,W/o Harsh Nath Tiwari,R/o B-225,P-2,Hari-Nagar South-west Delhi-110064, has changed my name to Chander Kanta Tiwari. That my correct-DOB is-01/10/1947 instead of 01/07/1950.

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I,Balvinder Singh S/o- Chanan Singh,R/o H-44, SF,WZ-H, Block Sant-Nagar Extn, New Delhi, have changed my name to Balwinder Singh.

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I,Akhilesh Das,S/o Munshi Das,R/o F-549,lado Sarai,New Delhi-110030, inform that my name wrongly-written as Akhilesh in my minor son Shivam Kumar School-record aged-30/03/2007 but my actual name is Akhilesh Das and I also declare that Akhilesh & Akhilesh Das is one and the same person. 0040619374-11

I,ANU KUMARI,W/O ROSHAN KUMAR,R/O SMQ 379/H-4,CAMERO COMPLEX SUBROTO-PARK, NEW DELHI-110010,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM ANU KUMARI TO ANU ROY VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-20/06/2022 BEFORE-

NCT-DELHI. 0040619305-10 I. Yashwant Singh Khera. S/o Moti Ram Khera, R/o-J-119 Reserve-Bank Enclave, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-

110063, have changed my name Yashwant Khera Permanently 0040619333-4

I Wahih Humzah S/o-Bashid Wakil R/o-House no.45, Behind Shiv Mandir, Raj Pur Khurd, South Delhi 110068 have changed my name to Wahib Humzah Wakil for,all

0040619303-1 purposes. I. Vijav Lakshmi Mishra, W/o Ramesh Chand, R/o-C-604,

Adarsh Nagar, Majlis Park, Delhi-110033 have changed my name to Vijay Lakshmi.

0070791188-1 I, Swaleheen, S/o Habibur Rahman, R/o-6314, Sadar Bazar, Quresh Nagar, Delhi. have changed my name to Mohd Sualehin for all future

0070791187-1 purposes. I, Shubham Pal, S/o Anoop Kumar, R/o Avadh Vihar Colony, Badali Khera. Near Ambedkar Park, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226023, have changed my name to Tarun

Kumar Pal. 0070791175-1 I, SHAGOON KOHLI D/o Vijay Kohli R/o House No-28 Second Floor Road No-62 West Punjabi Bagh Delhi have changed my name as SHAGUN KOHLI

I, SARBJEET SINGH, S/o Gurdeep Singh, R/o E-82, Street No.3,Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to SARABJEET SINGH, for all purposes.

permanently.

I, Rakesh Kumar s/o Palchand r/o T-564/A1, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi-110008 have changed my name to RAKESH KUMAR KAPAHI.

0040619312-1

0040619331-1

I. Raiesh Kumar Baswala, S/o Punia Ram, R/o-M-570, Guru Hari Kishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Sunder Vihar, Puniabi Bagh, Delhi-87, have changed my name to Rajesh Baswala for all future purposes.

0070791183-1 I, Parmod Saxena S/O, Late Sh.

Nirankar Sahai R/o 141C, Pocket-A. Dilshad Garden Delhi-110095 have changed my $name\ to\ Pramod\ Saxena\ for\ all$ 0040619349-11 purposes

I. PRANSHU ANANYA GAURAV S/o, GAURAV RAVISH, R/o-H.No.23, 2nd-Floor, Ber Sarai HAUZ-KHAS, N.D-110016, have changed my name to PRANSHU ANANYA, FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040619333-6

I, Meenu Mana W/o Rakesh Mahna R/o-4/91, Subhash Nagar Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Meenu Mahna Permanently.

0040619333-2

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

0040619068-1

I, Anjana Saini, R/o MH-858, Gali No. 5, Saini Mohalla, Shahbad, Mohammadpur, ND-110061, have lost my Original ATS-Possession Letter Will, and Pay Receipt on-02/07/2019. Finder Contact above address Mob. No.-9891272546.

LOST & FOUND

0070791204-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my client Sml SUMITRA DEVI (AGED 54 YRS.) W/o SH. RAJPAI SINGH & SH. RAJPAL SINGH (AGED 59 YRS.) S/ J. SH. JAGERAM, R/o- RZ-1321, STREET NO.5 MAIN SAGAR PUR, NEW DELHI-110046, have evicte heir Son i.e. SH. AMIT KUMAR S/o SH. RAJPAL SINGH to LT. SH. JAGERAM will not be liable for the same.

(MPA,LL.B.) En.No.D/3027/19 n Conference Room, Delhi High Cour Road, SB- MARG, New Delhi -110503

PUBLIC NOTICE "General public at large is hereby informed that my client, Ms. Saroj Bala W/O Late Ishwar Singh R/O H. No. 73. Village Singhola, Delhi-110040 have severed all her relations from her son Mr. Vikas Khatri, his wife Ms. Ritu and their son master Veer Rhatri for want of control and their extortive conduct and has disowned them from all her moveable and immovable properties. Any person dealing with afforesaid Mr. Any person dealing with aforesaid N Vikas Khatri, his wife Ms. Ritu and the on master Veer Khatri shall be doing o at his/her own risk, cost and onsequences and the same shall no be binding on my client in any manner, whatsoever. AJAY KUMAR GAUR Advocate Off. Ch. No. 51, Civil Wing. Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Know all that I Kavita Das, W/o Sh Sukanto Das (S/o Mr. Samiro Chandra Das), have been livir separately from my husband sind 17.09.2018 in view of our straine relations. It has come to my knowledge nat my husband has/had entered in everal financial transactions in a ithout my knowledge or consent. B formed to one and all that since I ar either aware nor a consenting party t ne said transactions, I stand absolve rith respect to the same and shall no e responsible for any ensuin

> RITA KIIMA Advocat Chamber No. 22 se Courts Complex New Delhi-11000

PUBLIC NOTICE

is for the general publi information that I. Vikas Yadav S/o Shri Vijay Pa Singh Yadav, R/o VPO Surana, Block Muradnagar District Ghaziahad, Uttai Pradesh- 201206, declare hat name of mine has been wrongly written as Vikas ir my educational documents The actual name of mine is Vikas Yadav.

PUBLIC NOTICE

andeep R/o House No. 1000, Ivarwaue fohalla, Near Som Bazar, Najafgarh, outh west Delhi -110043, has disown heir son, Shri Dipanshu for the nisconduct and threat done by him or various occasions, from my client's al roperties with Immeuate enecession of my client roperty / properties and shall not be initited to grant of probate to my client will. Anybody transacting any busines with Shri Dipanshu S/o Shri Sandeep espect to my clients, is doing that in h

BALRA

Dwarka Courts, New Delhi-110075

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby inform Public at large is hereby informed the Entire Basement, Entire Ground Floor and Entire First Floor along with 53% proportionate and rights in the Freehold Property bearing No. 2, Nayiwan Vihar, Malyiya Nagar, Nev Delhi, presently owned and possessed by Delhi, presently owned and possessed by Smt. Manju Singla by virtue of Sale Deed, duly registered vide Regd. No. 7185, dated 01.12.2017 is offered as Security with State Bank of India and as per present owner(s) version the said property is/are free from all sorts of encumbrances except mortgage with Punjah National Bank, Branch Office Scope Tower, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi. It is hereby notified that any person, Attorney and/or entity, firm/ company, Bank, (except mentioned above), HUF/ Member of HUF, Financial Institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim and/or objection to thereof. he/she/they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/court judgement. oger holly the same to the indestagile tith documentary proof/court judgement ithin15 days from the day of publication is public notice, failing which any furthe ture claim! objection(s) shall be rejecte and my client is free to create Equitable

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public at large is hereby informed Freehold

DOA built up MilG Flat No.2-B, First Floor, Nirman

Vihar, New Delhi, presently owned & possessed

by Smt. Bhupinder Kaur Sachdeve by vittue of

Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No.1605,

dated 19.03.2018. & the executor of General

Power of Attorney is alive & never revoked till

the execution of Sale Deed by constituted

attorney, & as per present owner(s) version the

said properly sidare free from all sorts of encum
brances. The present owner informed/ reported

tost of allothernt cum Demand Letter the same

is reported vide LR No. 509242/2022, dated

18.06.2022 with P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi.

It is hereby notified that any person, Attorney

and/or executor of POA, or enth/en yany lodge

notify the same to the undersigned with

documentary proof/court judgement within15

days from the day of publication of this public

notice, falling which any further future claim

objection(s) shall be rejected & my client/

prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser

conclude the title/Sale Deed proposed to be

executed in fawro of my client or in the name

of hisher/their nominese shall be deemed to

be clear & marketable without any defect,

encumbrances, flaw and impediment.

Aleat Kumar (Advocata) Ajeet Kumar (Advocate) o. 561, Saket Courts, N. Delhi (M) 9810 Email: legaloffice2006@gmail.con

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public at large that m inclinates is Smit Prakash Wall, Wife of Lat Sh. Ganeshi Lal Nim. Resident of 4/2294 A Street No. 4, Blanir Colony, Shahari Cand Nin, Shahari Cand Nin, Shahari Cand Nin, Shahari Candon, Shahari iny cirentesis was not / is not /shall not responsible for any act of 'SIDDHART NIM' son of Late Sh. Ganeshi Lal Nim, wife 'REKHA' wife of Siddhartha Nim a heir son 'Garvik' alias 'Chikki'/Chikoo' in a

D-14/214, Ground Flo Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE The Public at large is hereby

notified that my client is intending to Purchase a Property No. 83. Measurig Area 200 Sq. Yds. situated in the layout Plan of the I.M.D. Co-operative House Building Society Ltd. colony known as

the above named Seller

PUBLIC NOTICE

Demonstration of the Control of the

PUBLIC NOTICE

it known to all concerned that my clien ri Nathu Ram Son of Shri Prabhati Lal an t. Kasturi wife of Shri Nathu Ram both R 20/9, Sahibabad Dairy, Delhi, have severe

.05.2022, from their movable and movable properties/assets due to their schenkry, discbedient, rude and not unde a control of my clients aforesaid. If any lice case or court case happens because or me, then it will be their responsibility, we will to be responsible for it. If any person, panization, institution does any transaction per relations with them does so at their own k, for that my clients shall not be sponsible in any manner whatsoever.

Manuada Dally, Delli, have severe leations from their Son namely Sh Kumar Gupta and his wife Sm Kumari and debarred from 22, from their movable an

1. Electrical infrastructural work for development of Fishery harbour phase-III at Mangrol-2nd attempt (Est. Cost Rs. 02,73,10,160) Tender Notice No.XEN(M)/2022-23/08

On behalf of Chairman, Gujarat Maritime Board, the Executive

Bid document downloading and online submission end date is 11/07/2022 upto 18:00 hrs. and physical submission of Tender

fee/EMD & other document through RPAD/Speed post only

Detailed terms & conditions and other related information is given in the online Bid document. For more details please visit GMB website www.gmbports.org and www.nprocure.com or contact Executive Engineer (Mech), Bhavnagar.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that

a case has been lodged vide DD No. 55A dated 18.06.2022 at P.S. Gandhi Nagar, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: About 42 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Strong, Wearing: White colour checked half sleeves shirt, blue colour pant and bare feet. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO

DP/886/SHD/2022

Ph.: 011-22072761, 7065036024

ई - प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, रांची

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट नोटिस

94	टन्डर रफरन्स न0—BCD/CE/15/Saraikella /2022-23 दनाक—20-06-2022			
1	कार्य का नाम	Construction of Excise Office Building for Govnment of Jharkhand in Saraikela-Kharsawan		
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू०)	रू० 1,25,00,000.00(रुपये एक करोड़ पच्चीस लाख) मात्र ।		
3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	9 महीने		
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	27-06-2022		
5	वेबसाइट पर बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि / समय	11-07-2022 के 11.00 AM तक		
6	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	ई — प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची।		
7	प्रोक्योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	9631476651		
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हेल्पलाईन संख्या • किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है |

सकता है।

नोडल पदाधिकारी, ई – प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची

PR 271986 Building(22-23)#D

Applications are invited for 'One Station One Product' for setting up Stall/kiosk at Meerut City, **Pataudi Road and Mansa Stations**

- The period for setting up of the stall/kiosk will be 15 days from 23.06.2022 to 07.07.2022
- Atoken fee of Rs. 1000 for 15 days shall be charged. The following are the eligibility criteria for
- participant viz. i) Holder of Artisans/Weaver ID card issued by Development Commissioner Handicraft, **Development Commissioner Handloom or**
- by the requisite State/Central Government Authority. ii) Tribal artisans/weavers/craftsmen enrolled/ registered with TRIFED.
- iii) Registered Self Help Groups.
- iv) Micro Enterprises registered under MSME. The applicant will have to submit an undertaking to
- the Station Superintendent indicating that no activity would be undertaken to adversely affect the train operations, passenger safety and image of the Railways.
- Application should be addressed to Station Superintendent of the respective station they wish to apply for and last date of submission of applications is 22.06.2022 up to 11:00 hrs. and same will be opened thereafter though Open lottery/Public draw.

A NORTHERN RAILWAY



CIPET/Dehradun/Purchase/Tender/2022-23/Advt./03 Expression of Interest for Supply & Installation of Prewashing Setup for Effect on Water Test

CIPET: CSTS, Dehradun

Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) a premier National Institution invites Tenders for Supply & Installation of

Prewashing Setup for Effect on Water Test. Interested parties may download the tender document from CIPET website

www.cipet.gov.in and send their Bid (Technical & Financial) in the sealed cover on or before 04.07.2022 by 05.00 PM. Deputy Director & In-charge reserves right to accept or reject Anyone/Al

Tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Deputy Director and In-charge

CIPET: CSTS, Dehradun

CIPET/Dehradun/Purchase/Tender/2022-23/Advt./05 Tender for Supply of raw Material for Manufacturing of Family

Mould of LED Bulb Holder Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) a premier National Institution invites Expression of Interest for Supply of raw Material for Manufacturing of Family Mould of LED Bulb Holder.

Interested parties may download the tender document from CIPET website www.cipet.gov.in and send their Bid (Technical & Financial) in the sealed cover on or before 04.07.2022 by 05.00 PM.

Deputy Director & In-charge reserves right to accept or reject Anyone/Al

Tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Deputy Director and In-charge

CIPET: CSTS, Dehradun

CIPET/Dehradun/Purchase/Tender/2022-23/Advt./04 Tender for Supply & Installation of Hydrostatic pressure tester

with bath for Emitting Pipe as per IS 13488 Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) a premier National Institution invites Tenders for Supply & Installation of Hydrostatic pressure tester with bath for Emitting Pipe as per IS 13488. Interested parties may download the tender document from CIPET website www.cipet.gov.in and send their Bid (Technical & Financial) in the sealed

cover on or before 04.07.2022 by 05.00 PM. Deputy Director & In-charge reserves right to accept or reject Anyone/All Tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Deputy Director and In-charge

RTP-43/22

LIP PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office.: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala-147001) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-07205

E-Tender Enq. No. 385/P-1/EMP-W11996 dated 17.06.2022 Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnaga vites E-Tender ID No. 2022_POWER_86923_1 for Routine cleaning of sta ion building at various levels for unit-III to VI including other related buildings and service building and for providing skilled assistances of plumber Carpenter mason & tractor driver at GGSSTP, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT 8

NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at

HIMACHAL PRADESH

The e-tender for the work "Providing WSS to drought affected habitations in GP Sanwal , Shallellabari, Dehgran, Jhajjakothi, Thaneikothi, Kuthedbudhora and Hartwas under Churah Constituency in tehsil Churah Distt Chamba (HP)" was called vide NIT No. EE/Jal Shakti/ Tissa/CB/ Tender/ NIT/2022: 988-1036 dated 07-06-2022 (tender ID 2022_HPIPH_61521_1) and is to be opened on dated 23-06-2022. In BOQ which was already uploaded alongwith the tender, the units at Column No 5 for the items shown at serial No. 31 to 34.11 and serial No. 41.01 to

Other contents of the BOQ will remain unchanged. **Executive Engineer**

Jal Shakti Division, Tissa. 1877/HP

Distt. Chamba (HP)-176316 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

Request for Qualification and Proposal for **Domestic Air Cargo Handling** (Santacruz Air Cargo Terminal) at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport,

Mumbai International Airport Limited ("MIAL") intends to award Concession for "Domestic Air Cargo Handling (Santacruz Air Cargo Terminal) a Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai" through competitive bidding process

downloaded from CSMIA website: https://csmia.adaniairports.com/tenders.aspx Request for Qualification and Proposal ("RFQP") document containing the terms

30th June, 2022 on payment of cost for issue of RFQP.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for

for the following work. Name of work Improvement of station building in the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-III/DLI. 2 Approx. cost of work Rs. 63,27,308.51 (Rupees Sixty Three

3 Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 1,26,600/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Only) 4 Cost of tender document Rs. 0.00/-Date & Time of submission of

6 Website particulars detalls of complete tende documents can be seen

No.: 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/24/2022-23/W-3

For all terms and conditions please refer tender document No manual offers are acceptable

Serving Customers with a Smile

SEARCH FOR MISSING

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement syster

Date: 00.06.2022

Namely: Sandeep Sethi S/o Lt. Bhawani R/o House No. 03, NIT Faridabad, Haryana has been missing since 21.05.2022 from the area of P.S. Pul Prahlad Pur. Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 77A dated 21.05.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Pul Prahlad Pur, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

1490/2022

Age: 49 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Shirt & Blue

person, may inform SHO, Pul Prahlad Pur, Delhi at E-mail Idcic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Phone:

011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Pul Prahlad Pur. Delhi South East Distt., Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/193/SE/2022

New Delhi

Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in fron 17.06.2022/ 06.00 PM onwards. ttps://eproc.punjab.gov.in

> **JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG CORRIGENDUM**

41.10 may be read as "Pair" instead of "Nos."

Mumbai

MIAL hereby invites interested parties to participate in the competitive bidding process by submitting an application to MIAL. The application can be shall be provided to the applicant who submits the application on or before

Contact details: cargo.csmia@adani.com

akh Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eight and Fifty One Paisa Only)

12.07.2022 @15.00 Hrs. tender bid and opening of tender where www.ireps.gov.in

(IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

General Public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), Sandeep

Sethi

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing

Ph. No. 011-26366800, 26366801

Mausam Vihar, Delhi-110051 from Mr. Deepak Birmani S/o Late represent himself as the sole and absolute owner of the property by Virtue of Will Deed dated 23.08.2010, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-V, Lucknow, vide Registration No. 396, in Book No. 4, Volume No. 124, on Pages 303 to 312 Dated 23.08.2010 executed by Late Sh. Ram Prakash Birmani who expired on 02.08.2014. It is therefore notified that anybody claiming any rights, share, claim title, interest or lien over the aforesaid property may file such claim or objection to the undersigned within a period of 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice, otherwise it will be presumed that

the above named Seller. Sd/-Rakesh N.D., Advocate Office No. 107, First Floor, M.S. Chamber, C-1/A, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092.

the said property is free from all

encumbrances, charges and/or lien etc. and my client is free to

purchase the said property from

GUJARAT MARITIME BOARD ONLINE TENDER NOTICE FOR

Engineer (Mech), Bhavnagar (Tel: 0278-2443195) invites online tender offer through www.nprocure.com from experienced agencies for above mentioned work.

as per detailed NIT upto 19/07/2022 upto 18:00 hrs.



one person Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown, was found unconscious near Lohe ka Pul, Kailash Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi in the area of P.S. Gandhi Nagar, Delhi and admitted in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi, During

treatment doctor declared dead on 18.06.2022. In this regard

P.S. Gandhi Nagar, Delhi

• अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा Note: UCAN Registration is mandatory for the Bidders

Superintending Engineer (MM&C)

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE ADDL.CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10/EE(T)

ENGINEERS BHAWAN 2nd FLOOR, ANDREWS GANJ,

NEAR MOOL CHAND CROSSING, NEW DELHI-110049

NIT No. 31/ACE(M-10)EE(T)/2022-23

Amount put to

Tender, EMD.

Rs. 36.72.952

Rs. 500/-

Rs. 36.24.384/

Date of release of

tender in

solution

18.06.2022

2022 DJB 224603

18.06.2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for 3D scanning of River bed of Bridge No. 249 of span 12x60.96+2x18.3m width of 25 meter on both sides of the bridge Name of in the section of ADEN/DLI. Approx. cost Rs. 10,99,882.54 (Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Eight

Hundred Eighty Two & Fifty Four paise only) Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 22,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) 4 Cost of tender document Rs. 0/-Date & Time of submission of 15.07.2022 @ 15:00 Hrs. tender bid and opening of tende Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can www.ireps.gov.in

- The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
- No manual offers are acceptable
- Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through ne banking or payment gateway only.
- No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/22/2022-23/W-3 Dated : 20.06.2022

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORK (TRIBAL) DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR TENDER E- TENDER NOTICE NO. 18 YEAR 2022-2023

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost
	Construction of new school building in Government Tribal Ashram School, premises at	
	Mani, Tal. Surgana Dist. Nashik	

Date of <u>E-Tender Downloading</u> Date 22.06.2022 Time 10.00 to Date 16.07.2022 Time 17.55 Date of <u>E-Tender</u> **Opening** 18.07.2022 Time 17.55 [If Possible]

- Tender form Condition of Contract Specification and Contract Drawing can be download from e-tendering portal of Public Work Department of Maharashtra i.e. https://mahatenders.gov.in
- Tender Notice can be seen also on website https://mahatenders.gov.in

No. AB/ TC/ 1904/ 2022 Office of the Executive Engineer P.W.(Tribal) Division Nashik Date: 15.06.2022

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

OSMC

Sd/-

DGIPR/2022-23/1396

NOTICE INVITING BID Odisha State Medical **Corporation Limited** (OSMCL)

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar - 751 001

Tel.: (0674) 2380950, Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: drugs-osmcl@gov.in

Bid Ref. No.: OSMCL/2022-23/DRUGS-VETERINARY/14 Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Veterinary Items as per the particulars mentioned below:

SI. No.	Particulars	rs Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	20.06.2	2022, 3 PM
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id- drugs-osmcl@gov.in	23.06.2022,	up to 5:00 PM
3.	Date & time of Online bid	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
	submission	29.06.2022, 3 PM	19.07.2022, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of	Olari Balo a Tillo	End Date & Time
	Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee of tender document	20.07.2022, 10 AM	27.07.2022, 11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	27.07.2022, 11:3	0 AM
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to	the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in The Authority reserves the right to reject any part thereof or all the hids without assigning any reason thereof. SD/

> Managing Director OSMC Ltd., Odisha OIPR/10112/11/0021/2223

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 single packet system for the under noted work:

1	Name of Work with its location	Shifting of SEMC at RCC center at New Delhi		
2	Approx. Cost of Work	Rs. 11,29,269/-		
3	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 22600/-		
4	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	04.07.2022 (00.00 Hrs.) to 18.07.2022 (15.00 Hrs.		
5	E-Tender Bid Submission E-Tender Open Date & T		18.07.2022 (15.00 hrs.)	
6	Fund Allocation		00844521	
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen		www.ireps.gov.in	
E	E-Tender No.: 11-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Dated: 20.06.2022 1502/2022			

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Bengaluru-560 025 O.A. No. 838/2021 Between: Bank of Baroda ... Applicant And: Kiran and others ... Defendants **SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23** (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To, Defendant No. 5,6 and 7: 5. Mr. Naresh Chand S/o Late Muralilal R/at S-191, Greater Kailash Part I New Delhi-110048. **6. Mr. Abdul Jameel**, S/o Late Abdul Jaleel, R/at No 219, 3rd Cross, First Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560034. **7. M/s. Pruthvi Builders and**

TO DEFENDANTS

Developers, Represented by its Managing Partner Mr. P. Shankar Having its Office at No 29/2, Second Floor, Senaipillai Complex, Hulimavu Gate, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560070. Whereas the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of Rs. 39,19,485/-(Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Nineteen

Thousand four Hundred and Eighty Five Only.) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **20-09-2022** at 10.30 AM in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly nstructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted Take notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the

proceedings will be heard and determined n your absence Given under my hand and by the seal of this

tribunal on 07-06-2022. By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts overy Tribunal-2. Bangalore

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JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED	П	Onl MN
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) – U40109RJ2000SGC016483		Ten Nai
Office of the Superintending Engineer (MM&C) Material Management & Contract Wing		Nai
Regd. Office: New Power House, Industrial Area, Jodhpur-342003, Ph. 0291-2742223, Fax: 0291-2746539		Est
E - PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE		Per
E-procurement Short Term Tender is invited for purchase of Three		Ear
Phase Meter Box under TN-1820(UBN JVV2223GLOB00201)		Co
Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule		Ter
date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our		Dat

website at www.jdvvnl.com and also at http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in

Description

Replacement of old damaged sewer line at Basant Gaon and adjoining lane under R.K. Puram

Replacement of old damaged sewer line at House

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	ner Corporation of India Ltd.				
Navrat कॉनकॉर NSIC Ne concor (Opp. N	Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking) NSIC New MDBP Building, 2 nd Floor, Okhla Indi. Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station), New Delhi-110020				
	R NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)				
	CENSE OUT OF SPACE FOR ISO CONTAINER REPAIR FACILITY at years through single packet e-tendering mode.				
Tender No.	CON/AREA-II/Cont. Repair/MLPB/2022				
Name of Work	LICENCE OUT OF SPACE FOR ISO CONTAINER REPAIR FACILITY at MMLP-Balli, Goa.				
Estimated Cost	Rs.11,68,200/- (Inclusive of GST)				
Period of the contract	36 Months (3 years) plus four months obligatory period				
Earnest Money Deposit*	Rs.7800/- (Inclusive of GST)				
Cost of Document*	Rs.1,000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment				
Tender Processing Fee*	Rs.690/- inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable) through e-payment.				
Date of Sale (On Line)	From 21/06/2022 at 15:00 hrs. to 05/07/2022 (upto 16:00 hrs.)				
Last Date & Time of submission	On 06/07/2022 upto 15:00 hrs.				
Date & Time of Opening	On 06/07/2022 at 15:30 hrs.				
* Through e-Payment	Fhrough e-Payment				
For eligibility criteria and other details please log on to www.eoncorindia.com or eprocure.gov.ir or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL . Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CONCOF reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. Or complete details log on to www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL . Executive Director (Area-I Executive Director).					

	I	E-TENDER NOTICE			
	Dated: 20.06.202	CE NO. 196-S/71/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE/TSO-III/BALP			
	E-Tender for and Headquarters Off	E-Tender for and on behalf of the President of India, Pr. CE, Northern Railway Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 invites the following tenders through E-Procurement System:			
	Tender No. TS225	038A Due on 19.07.2022			
at Y	Description of Iter	 Manufacturing & Supply of Blown Aluminium Powder as per Northern Railway Thermit Portion Plant Lucknow's Standard Specification TPP/BALP/2021 (as amended up to date) 			
┒	Tender Value	Rs. 5,20,55,388.62			
4	Tender Document	Cost Rs. Nil			
4	Earnest Money	Rs. 10,41,110/-			
e)	Completion period	12 Months			
4	Time of Submission of Tender	on Up 19.07.2022 at 14:30 IST			
	Date & Time of Opening of Tende	On 19.07.2022 at 14:30 IST			
	Validity of Offer	180 days			

May 26, 2022 No. 201/VIII-S.L.A.O/Amroha/2022—Whereas Preliminary notification no 1472 date 16-12-2021 was issued under sub-secti

(1) of section II of the right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, in respect of 0.1260 hectares of land in Village Munda Khera, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Can project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body and laity published on dated 01-01-2022 The Depu Collector Naugawan Sadat was appointed is Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resentment of this proje

website www.ireps.gov.in and www.nr.indianrailwavs.gov.in."

affected families.

After considering the report of the Collector submitted in pursuance to provision under subsection (2) of the section 15 of the Act, the Governor is pleased to declare under section 19(1) of the Act that he is satisfied that the area of the land mentioned in the given schedule "A" is needed for public purpose and the land to the extent of 0.1260 hectares in Village Munda Khera Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha as given in schedule "B" has been identified as the Rehabilitation and Resettlement area for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the displaced families.

The Government is further pleased under sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Act, to direct the Collector of Amroha to publish a summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with publication of the declaration to this effect, The summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with

ment scheme is attached here with. SCHEDULE-A (LAND UNDER PROPOSED ACQUISTTION)					
	Village	Plot NO.	A		
Pargana	village	Plot NO.	Area		
3	4	5	6		

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement tender is available of

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0.1260 SCHEDULE-B

(LAND IDENTIFIED AS SETTLEMENT AREA FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES) --NIL

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquis
NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION BY COLLECTOR [UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 19 OF THE/ACT]

J.P Irrigation Department EE MGCCD-6, Meerut By the order of declaration made under Government notification no 201 dat 26-05-2022 for 0.1260 hectares of land in Village Munda Khera, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsii Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name o requiring body). I hereby published the declaration made therein and summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with Government notification. A summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is given below:

The plan for the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of land Acquisition.

No. 205/VIII-S.L.A.O/Amroha/2022–Whereas Preliminary notification no 1468 date 16-12-2021 was issued under sub-section. (1) of section II of the right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, in respect of 0.2700 hectares of land in Village Mukari, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name for requiring body and lairy published on dated 01-01-2022 The Deputy Collector Naugawan Sadat was appointed is Administrator for the purpose of ehabilitation and resentment of this project affected families.

After considering the report of the Collector submitted in pursuance to provision under subsection (2) of the section 15 of the Act, the Governor is pleased to declare under section 19(1) of the Act that he is satisfied that the area of the land mentioned the given schedule "A" is needed for public purpose and the land to the extent of 0.2700 hectares in Village Mukar

ParganaDhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha as given in schedule "B" has been identified as the Rehabilitati and Resettlement area for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the displaced families. The Government is further pleased under sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Act, to direct the Collector of Amroha to publish mary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with publication of the declaration to this effect, The summ

Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is attached here with SCHEDULE-A (LAND UNDER PROPOSED ACQUISTTION) Plot NO District Teshil Pargana Village Area

152 Mukari 0.2700 Naugawan Sadat (LAND IDENTIFIED AS SETTLEMENT AREA FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES) Plot NO. Area Earmarked for Rehabilitation ---NIL-

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION BY COLLECTOR

[UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 19 OF THE/ACT]
ation Department EE MGCCD-6, Meerut By the order of declaration made under
ent notification no 205 date 26-05-2022 for 0.2700 hectares of land in Village Mukari, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawa

Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body, I hereby published the declaration made therein and summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with Government notification. A summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is given below: No. 203/VIII-S.L.A.O/Amroha/2022-Where as Preliminary notification no 1470 date 16-12-2021 was issued under sub-secti (1) of section II of the right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, in respect o 0.3750 hectares of land in Village Madan Khera, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required fo

public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body an lairy published on dated 01-01-2022 The Deputy Collector Of Naugawan Sadat was appointed is Administrator for the purpos of rehabilitation and resentment of this project affected families.

After considering the report of the Collector submitted in pursuance to provision under subsection (2) of the section 15 of the Act, the Governor is pleased to declare under section 19(1) of the Act that he is satisfied that the area of the land mentioned i

the given schedule "A" is needed for public purpose and the land to the extent of 0.3750 hectares in Village Madan Khera Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha as given in schedule "B" has been identified as the Rehabilitation and Resettlement area for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the displaced families. The Government is further pleased under sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Act, to direct the Collector of Amroha to publish

mary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with publication of the declaration to this effect, The summar Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is attached here with SCHEDULE-A

(LAND UNDER PROPOSED ACQUISTTION) District Pargana Village Plot NO Area

0.1650 SCHEDULE-B (LAND IDENTIFIED AS SETTLEMENT AREA FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES) Rehabilitation

Hectares .-NII --NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the p

NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION BY COLLECTOR
[UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 19 OF THE/ACT] J.P Irrigation Department EE MGCCD-6, Meerut By the order of declaration made under Government notification no 203 da

26-05-2022 for 0.3750 hectares of land in Village Madan Khera, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha

Dhanora & Naugawan Sadat was appointed is Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resentment of this project

affected families After considering the report of the Collector submitted in pursuance to provision under subsection (2) of the section 15 of the Act, the Governor is pleased to declare under section 19(1) of the Act that he is satisfied that the area of the land mentioned in the given schedule "A" is needed for public purpose and the land to the extent of 0.6029 hectares of land in Village Wasipur Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Dhanora, District Amroha & 0.1740 hectares of land in Village Halpura, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsi

mmary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with publication of the declaration to this effect, The summar

ion and Resettlement scheme is attached here with

SCHEDULE-A

(LAND UNDER PROPOSED ACQUISTTION)										
District	Teshil	Pargana	Village	Plot NO.	Area					
1	2	3	4	5	6					
					Hectares					
Amroha	Dhanora	Dhanora	Wasipur	50	0.0415					
				52	0.3000					
				53	0.2250					
				54	0.0280					
				102	0.02926					
				133	0.2100					
				140	0.0392					
				Total	0.60296					
Amroha	Dhanora	Dhanora	Halpura	44	0.1740					
				Total.	0.1740					
Amroha	Naugawan Sadat	Dhanora	Galib Bara	66	0.0160					
				67	0.1160					
				108	0.1680					
				Total.	0.3000					
Amroha	Naugawan Sadat	Amroha	Bhera Bharetpur	406	0.1664					
				Total.	0.1664					
				Total Balance	1.2433					

Plot NO.

SCHEDULE-B (LAND IDENTIFIED AS SETTLEMENT AREA FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES)

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION BY COLLECTOR

[UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 19 OF THE/ACT]

U.P. Irrigation Department EE MGCCD-6, Meerut By the order of declaration made under Government notification no 207 date 26-05-2022 for 0.6029 hectares of land in Village Wasipur, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Dhanora, District Amroha & 0.1740

nectares of land in Village Halpura, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Dhanora, District Amroha & 0.3000 hectares of land in Village Galibe Bara, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha & 0.1664 hectares of land in Village Bhera Bharatpur, Pargana Amroha, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal roject (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body, I hereby published the declaration made therein an on and Resettlement scheme with Government ent scheme is given below:

The plan for the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of land Acquisition UPID NO.-177322 DATE-18/06/2022

RAIGAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY C/o OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, DISTRICT RAIGAD **ALI BAUG, MAHARASHTRA** RAIGAD Development Authority (RDA), invites expression of interest

rom experienced firms/Joint Ventures/Association for appointment as MASTER PLANNER for Raigad Fort & Prescient 21 villages as a part of the project covering the conservation and development of Raigad Fort and its heritage precincts. Details of the requirement, eligibility conditions and method of selection etc. are available on the web site of Government o Maharashtra at "www.mahapwd.com & www.mahatenders.gov.in".

Right to accept or reject the tender has reserved by Collector and Member Secretary, Raigad Development Authority, Raigad Alibag. Hard Copy of the Uploaded Documents has to submit in the office of

The District Collector and Member Secretary, Raigad Development Authority, Raigad-Alibag.

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	No.		Date	Time	Date	Time	
	1.	Period of Downloading & Online Submission of bid documents.	20.06.2022	10.00	15.07.2022	18.00	
	2.	Pre Bid Meeting (In the Office of District Collector, Raigad , Alibaug)			Time : 11.0 ssible)	0 AM	
	3.	Submission of Hard Copy of the Uploaded Documents.	Upto 18.07.2022 18:00				
	4.	Online opening of Technical bid in Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Project Division, Mahad (Special Cell Raigad Fort).		11.00			
	5.	Online opening of Financial bid in Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Project Division, Mahad (Special Cell Raigad fort).	after Opei		lline) separa of The Techr d.		
(Cost	of Tender Form: Rs. 1.120)/-				

Rs. 1,50,000/- only Earnest Money Rupees : No. R.F.Sp.Cell/RPD/Mahad/EOI/208

(Mahesh R. Namade) **Executive Engineer**

(Raigad Fort Special Cell)

Date: 15.06.2022 DGIPR/2022-23/1402

Expirv

02.07.2022

No. 35 A and adjoining lane nearby lane at Vasant Enclave under EE(M)-44 Rs. 72,500/-Rs. 500/-Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_224603_2 Further details in this regard can be seen at (https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in) Sd/- (V.K. Gupta) ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T)M-10** "STOP CORONA, Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्पलेक्स, पी-2, सैक्टर-ओमेगा-1, ग्रेटर नौएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्ध नगर, 201308 (उ.प.) Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइटः www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांकः वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2022/592 ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासिक/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई-निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सोल्यशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धित से खोली जायेंगी। कार्यालय आदेशा संख्याः वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2022/591 दिनांक 20.06.2022 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी.ओ.क्यू.) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दुरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दुर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी/परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ.डी.आर./सी.डी.आर./बैंक गारन्टी/एन.एस.सी. के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Construction of boundary wall of Barat Ghar in village Salarpur, yea. WC-06	रु. 25.41 लाख
2	Providing and applying retro reflective road marking strips in 120m wide road (from Salarpur under pass to Dhanori village) Between sector 17 and 18, yea. WC-1	रु. 17.82 लाख
3	Barbed wire fencing work of 50mtr wide green belt along 100mtr wide road no 12 in sector 28 for yea. WC-Horti	रु. 17.33 लाख
4	Barbed wire fencing work of 25 mtr wide green belt along 75mtr wide road no 13 in sector 29 for yea. WC-Horti	रु. 30.12 लाख
5	Barbed wire fencing work of 25 mtr wide green belt along 75mtr wide road no 13 in sector 28 for yea. WC-Horti	रु. 31.89 लाख
6	P/o trees shrubs incentral verge and both side patri 45m wide road sec 24 and balance 120mtr wide road central verge & both side patri infront of sec 22E and 22D with two years maintenance for yeida. WC-Horti	रु. 58.03 लाख
7	Barbed Wire Fencig work of remaining 25mtr Wide green belf towards Sector-33 on Road No 18 between Sector 33 and Sector 9 for yea, WC-Horti	रु. 15.20 लाख
8	Balance Work of R.c.c Drain and culvert along 60mtr Wide road Near at Ch.12.500 km in YEA WC-01	रु. 25.72 लाख
9	Barbed wire fencing work of 50mtr wide green belf along 100mtr wide road on 14 in Sector 29 for yea. WC-Horti	रु. 33.45 लाख
	जिन्हें दिनांक 29.06.2022 से 11.07.2022 को 5.00 बजे तक उपलोड किया जा स	कता है।

	जिन्हें दिनांक 29.06.2022 से 11.07.2022 को 5.00 बजे तक उपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 12.07.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।								
क्रम सं	. कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत							
10	Construction of Link Road (Kharanja work) From Sakka to Bhatta in YEA WC-06	रु. 18.76 लाख							
11	Construction work of Shamshan ghat (Chabutra Shed & Path Interlocking Tiles) In Village - Mohammadpur Gurjar & Sakka- Bhatta yea WC-06	रु. 20.75 लाख							
12	Dewatering & Restoration of pond in Village-Dhanori Khurd, YEA WC-06	रु. 09.68 लाख							
13	Barbed wire fencing work of 50mtr Wide green belt along 100mtr wide road no 14 In Sector 29 for yea. WC-Horti	रु. 26.95 लाख							
14	Providing and Laying Interlocking Tiles & Drain in Village-Kadalpur WC-06	रु. 93.94 लाख							
15	Construction work of Shamshanghat (chabutra and shed)and Interlocking tile work in village Wailana,YEA WC-06	रु. 54.13 लाख							
16	Providing and fixing Interlocking Tiles in village Kallupura (including construction of drain)YEA Wc-6	रु. 47.83 लाख							

of drain)YEA Wc-6 जिन्हें दिनांक 30.06.2022 से 12.07.2022 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड़ किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 13,07,2022 को प्रातः 11 बजे खोली जायेगी।

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Civil works, permanent way works including Earthwork in filling in mbankments and in cutting, supplying and spreading including compaction of blanketing materials, supplying & putting of stone pallast, Extension of 02 nos minor bridges, provision of retaining walls etc, El and all other types of service buildings, extension of high level platforms, provision of drainage system in LDH yard, laying & linking of railway track/turn outs and all other permanent way installations etc. all type of dismantling of existing buildings and existing P-Way infrastructures and all other allied works etc. in C/W yard remodeling of Ludhiana in the scope of Ludhiana-Mullanpur Doubling in the jurisdiction of Dy. Chief Engineer/Const./jalandhar city on Ludhiana-Ferozepur Section of Firozepur Division. ₹2965.90 Lakh 18 months

Approx. Cost of work Completion period of the work Earnest Money to be deposited ₹16,33,000/-Tender documents will be available on IREPS website Sale/availability of i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 20.06.2022 to 15.07.2022 tender document on unto 11:30 hrs Railway Website 15.07.2022 upto 11:30 hours. Tender documents can Last date/Time of be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f upload of tenders 01.07.2022 to 15.07.2022 15.07.2022 at 11:30 hours (immediately after close of

uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligibility tenders would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be Date and time of opening of tender notified later on. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. No. 74-W-1-1-454-WA-JUC Dated: 20.06.2022

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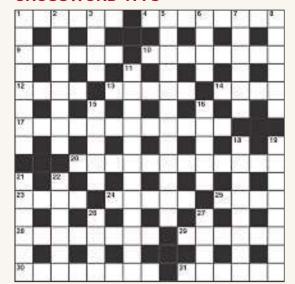
26-05-2022 for 0.3750 hectares of land in Village Madan Khera, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body, I hereby published the declaration made therein and summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with Government notification. A summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is given below:
The plan for the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of land Acquisition.
No. 207/VIII-S.L.A.O/Amroha/2022-Where as Preliminary notification no 1560 date 07-01-2022 was issued under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, in respect of 0.6029 hectares of land in Village Wasipur, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Dhanora, District Amroha & 0.1740 hectares of land in Village Halpura, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Dhanora, District Amroha & 0.3000 hectares of land in Village Galibe Bara, Pargana Dhanora, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha & 0.1664 hectares of land in Village Bhera Bharatpur, Pargana Amroha, Tehsil Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body and laity published on dated 12-03-2022 The Deputy Collector Of Dhanora & Naugawan Sadat was appointed is Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resentment of this project

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The Government is further pleased under sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Act, to direct the Collector of Amroha to publish

CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 4773



1 Couple hired to form a band (8)

2 All being well it should be empty

3 No good thinking too much of

oneself (4) 5 Embarrassed lady describing

6 Drove in another direction (4)

7 Fruit with the top off is still fruit

8 Observe attack and think it right

11 In a way I serve to tell practically

15 He represents a male following

16 Pass on to a punctuation mark

18 Bitter criticism - I'd bear it

21 Letter bound to have shown

22 Conforming part of the body (6)

26 Short of ammunition (4) 27 It's heard to good effect if raised

somehow(8) 19 Settled honestly(8)

sympathy (6)

on greeting (2-2)

pagan Rome? (7,5)

nothing (4,2,6)

ACROSS

bottom (6)

problems (5)

1 How two auxiliary verbs act (6) 4 Confiscates sea chest in shipwreck(8) 9 Is able maybe to get down to rock

10 Reg and Maria joined in wedlock 12 Give out the wrong time (4) 13 Lives wildly producing social

14 Vehicle to move before take-off 17 An overdrawn account (12) 20 He has a small life interest

23 Stops for refreshment in Nova Scotia (4) 24 A girl worker coming back about one (5)

25 Visitors to Sicily should see it before coming back (4)28 Private hint (8) 29 It conceals the seamy side of our

habits (6) 30 Extensively used troops

31 Immediate credit provided (6)

Solutions Crossword 4772: Across: 1 Quill, 4 Dies out, 8 Act, 9 Curiosity, 10 Emeriti, 11 Islet, 13 Spoors, 15 Season, 18 Media, 19 Synonym, 21 March hare, 23 Gas, 24 Secedes, 25 Sites. Down: 1 Quakers, 2 In the mood, 3 Lichi, 4 Darwin, 5 Ermotive, 6 Obi, 7 Tryst, 12 Last night, 14 Reached, 16 Nemesis, 17 Oscars, 18 Mumps, 20 Needs, 22 Roc

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis









CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



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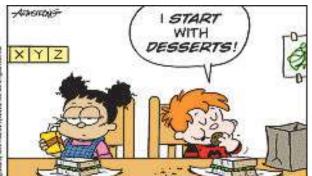
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4871



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





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

There are lots of people who mistake their for their memory. - Josh Billings (11)



DETINT IOVGMN

sgainia asol-:: There are lots of people who mistake their **imagination** for their memory. SOLUTION: AROMA, CHILI, TINTED, MOVING

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

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

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

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Dt-20.06.2022

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Discussions should be lively, not to say animated in the extreme. Also, for some reason which is not entirely clear, work develops an emotional dimension. It's almost as if colleagues function as a sort of

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)



but I hope that you see now that it was all worth it. You are not one to bear grudges, in spite of your stubborn reputation, so I hope that all sorry episodes and upsets will soon be forgotten.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Some astrologers will be forecasting personal tiffs this week, and I'd

agree that these are very likely. However, I want to take your horoscope one stage further and suggest that you bide your time, bite your tongue and maintain a discreet silence.

revelations should have crept up on you over the past

have a clearer realisation of you're going. However, your new understanding is instinctive and therefore extremely difficult to put into words.

realise that you must stand up and be counted for who

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) thinking you

that life has to offer?

answers, you will begin to learn. Mercury, the planet of the mind,

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Travel plans and communications are to the fore but it

won't be the end of the world if a few plans have to be delayed. In two weeks, and again in four weeks' time, you'll be able to bring your intentions to fruition, so don't expect the

Somehow, your best efforts may begin to

come adrift. You may hold things

afford it? That is the question. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



dealing with money, making essential purchases, arranging vital investments or taking steps to raise your earnings. Take a look around yourself, there's someone who deserves to benefit from your generosity.

> Symbolically is under vour control. În plain

language this means that family members and people you live with, must be at your beck and call. Play your cards right and you'll get anything you want out of almost anybody but, if you're waiting for a partner to do the right thing, then you might have a

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) There will be fiddly



consider other people, and a self-centred attitude may cost

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



such as employers. Verve and enthusiasm are required if you are to make the most of your very considerable advantages. Above all, make sure that every gain you've made is here to stay.

CIPET: CSTS, Dehradun Dehradun-248140 (Uttarakhand)

Ph.: 0135-2695075, E-Mail: dehradun@cipet.gov.in CIPET/Dehradun/Purchase/Tender/2022-23/Advt./01 Date:21.06.2022 Tender for Supply & Installation of Uniformity of Emission Rate Apparatus for Emitting pipes as per IS 13488

nstitute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) a premier National Institution invites Tenders for Supply & Installation of Uniformity of Emission Rate Apparatus for Emitting pipes as per IS 13488. interested parties may download the tender document from CIPET website www.cipet.gov.in and send their Bid (Technical & Financial) in the sealed cover on or before 04.07.2022 by 05.00 PM.

Deputy Director & In-charge reserves right to accept or reject Anyone/All Tenders without assigning any reason there of.

mprovement of sewerage system in L-Block of Lajpat Nagar-II under EE (M)-41 (AC-41 Jangpura)

Improvement of sewerage system by providing new Sewerage line from (Rampul to Shiv Mandir Marg)

in Laipat Nagar under EE (M)-41 (AC-41 Jangpura)

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Particular

Name of Work

Group No

BRD/SVS/CLTR/07(B)(i)

HRJ/SVS/CLTR/01(A)(i)

CHN/SVS/CLTR/03(B)(ii)

BAL/SVS/CLTR/04(B)(ii)

MAH/SVS/CLTR/08(A)(i)

MAH/SVS/CLTR/08(A)(ii)

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Last Date of Submission of

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of BOQ and EMD (Hard

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Inviting Authority

Name & Address of Tender Opening Officer

Name & Address of Tender

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PR 271942 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 22-23 (D)

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Date of Starting Submission of Bid

Further details in this regard can be seen at govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

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OFFICE OF THE ADDL.CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10

TENDERING DIVISION (M)-10

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Office of The Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Latehar

E-procurement Short Tender Notice(SBD)

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24.06.2022 at 05.00 P.M

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03.07.2022 at 04.00 P.M

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Detail of Work

Detailed Survey Desigening and Drawing Construction of 14597 nos FHTC in Different Block of Latehar Comprising of Suitable

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3. Executive Engineer D W & S Div Latehar.

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21th June CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with the terrorists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest deed.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

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S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date				
01	82221056D	Sacubitril 24mg + Valsartan 26 mg	133600 Nos.	12.07.2022				
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GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, PAKUR.

1	Name of the Departm	ent	Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.								
2	Date of publication of on Web site	f Tender		20.06.2022/ 04.30 P.M							
3	Date of Pre-bid Meeti	ing		24.06.2022 at 12.30 PM in the Office of Engineer-in-Chief, D. W. &S Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi							
4	Last date /Time for re Bid	ceipt of		28.06.2022/	05.00 PM						
5	Last date /Time for re E.M. Cost & B.O.Q. (29.06.2022/02.00 PM (1) Office of the Executive Engineer, DW&S Division, Pakur. (2) Office of the Superintending Engineer, DW&S Dumka Circle, Dumka (3) Office of the Zonal Chief Engineer, DWSD, Dumka Zone, Dumka								
6	Date of Opening of To	ender		29.06.2022/ 05:00 P.M							
7	Name & address of of inviting tender	ffice	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Pakur, Jharkhand								
8	Name & address of O Officer	pening	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Division, Pakur.								
9	Contact no of Procure office	Contact no of Procurement 9264195682									
10	Helpline no. of e-proc Cell	Helpline no. of e-procurement Cell 0651-2480345									
11	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in Amrapara Block, comprising of suital R.C.C./Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required), FHTC & 5 years Operation and Maintenance all complete job in the Pakur District "On Turnkey Basis" Under DW&S Divi sion, Pakur for year 2022-23.							d			
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Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may vary

Executive Engineer DW&S Division, Pakur

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ई-निविदा सुचना (१३) ते (१६)/२०२२-२०२३

मुख्याधिकारी, नगरपरिषद उमरगा जि. उस्मानाबाद यांनी शासनाच्या विविध योजना

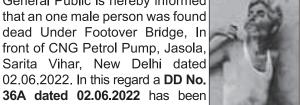
Tender Enquiry No. 1399/O&M/PC-2311 Dated: 16.06.2022 Chief Engineer/ O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the Procurement of Heating Elements (APH Baskets) for 2x250 MW Stage-II Units, Quantity per NIT. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to ://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 16.06.2022 17.00 hrs. onwards.

GURU HARGOBIND THERMAL PLANT, LEHRA MOHABHAT

Regdoffice: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patials-147001.
Corportate Identity Number (1401089)(201080)(203381), Website: www.gspsl.in

ttps://eproc.punjab.gov.in **UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY**

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead Under Footover Bridge, In front of CNG Petrol Pump, Jasola, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi dated 02.06.2022. In this regard a **DD No.**



lodged in P.S. Sarita Vihar, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unkonwn, S/o:Unkonwn, R/o-Unkonwn. Age: 45 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing-White Baniyan and Grey Pant.

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

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e-Tenders are invited for the "Rate fixation for the Purchase of Computer, Laptop, Printer, Printer Cartridge, Scanner and Other Items" for BMCRI and its attached Hospitals.

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procrement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website. 1) Commencement date for uploading of tenders: 20-06-2022. 2) Pre Bid Meeting: 27-06-2022 at 11.30 AM. 3) Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: 05-07-2022 before 4.30 PM. 4) Date of Opening of Tenders: 07-07-2022 at 11.30 AM. For further details contact Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore.

BMCRI, Bengaluru. COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE

Mainta Hand

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A number of

few weeks, and you may who you are and where

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Do you now

you are not for the person others want you to be? Take a spot of astrological advice and be bold, creative and colourful. Why not take more pleasure in all

When you stop know all the

is now occupying a very strong position in your solar chart, urging you to think again. It will also raise emotional questions. especially in matters relating to your security.

surrogate family, with all that earth to move this week. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

> together by realising that you and you alone are responsible and also by checking up on all financial angles and implications. But can you really



CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) speaking, the Moon

you support and sympathy. Romantic liaisons require an old-fashioned and selfcontrolled approach.

people in authority,

नगर परिषद कार्यालय, उमरगा ता.उमरगा जि.उस्मानाबाद दिनांक : १७.०६.२०२२

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Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at





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THE ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED ROHTAK, A UNIT

17.06.2022

24.06.2022

10453/HRYFOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

<u>Very Urgent E-Procurement Notice (3RD CALL)</u> E-Tender Notice Reference no- 15/DWSD/PKR/2022-23 Dated : 20.06.2022

Further details can be seen on website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in SAVE WATER FOR COMING GENERATIONS

PR271980 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)22-23*D

(In Lac.)

Sri Lanka vs Australia, 2.30pm, Live on Sony Six

BRIEFLY —

India at full strength for CWG hockey

New Delhi: India on Monday named a full-strength 18-member senior men's hockey squad for the Commonwealth Games with Manpreet Singh returning as captain and dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh as his deputy. Hockey India (HI) had initially decided to send a second-string team to the CWG due to the short turnaround time between the Birmingham event and the Hangzhou Asian Games, which is a qualifier for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Team: PR Sreejesh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak DEFENDERS: Varun Kumar, Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh (VC), Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh. Manpreet Singh (C), Hardik Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Shamsher Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Nilakanta Sharma; Mandeep Singh, Gurjant Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay,

India win two bronze in Asian cycling meet

New Delhi: India win two bronze on Day 3 of Asian cycling meet India enjoyed a successful outing at the Asian Track Cycling Championship with two bronze medals here on Monday. Ronaldo Singh bagged the country's first-ever international medal in the 1km time trial event. After three days, India has 20 medals in the kitty. World junior champion and Asian record holder Ronaldo pedalled the cycle with a speed of 58.254 km/hr and clocked 1:01.798s to come in the leaderboard. He won the bronze medal in the 1km time trial event of men's senior category. This was his and India's first-ever medal in this event.

Archer Deepika set for India comeback

Paris: Sidelined after the Tokyo Olympics debacle, star Indian archer Deepika Kumari is all set to make a India comeback in the upcoming Stage 3 of the World Cup beginning here on Tuesday. Exactly a year after she won an individual gold here in the same tournament last year, the 28-year-old world number three will look to redeem herself after failing to win a medal at the Tokyo Games. That the Olympics is slated in two years at the same venue will be an added motivation for Deepika.

Bengaluru FC signs Das for next season

Bengaluru: Bengaluru FC announced the signing of right-back Prabir Das from ATK Mohun Bagan on a three-2024-25 season. Das, a product of the Pailan Arrows Youth Academy, brings with him the experience of having played for a number of clubs, and has won the Federation Cup and Indian Super League. "I am very happy at having signed for Bengaluru FC because this is a football club that I have admired for a while now."

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Female, Male and 'Open'

After swimming's international body (FINA) barred the participation of transgenders in the women's category, athletics and football are set to do the same. **Shashank Nair** on how FINA are thinking of introducing an 'Open' category to include trans-women.

THE INTERNATIONAL Swimming (FINA) voted against allowing transgender athletes to participate in female competitions – the exception being that the transgender athlete must have completed their transition before

The policy was voted upon by 274 members with 196 casting their votes in favour of it. The ruling only applies to elite competitions run by FINA. Athletics and FIFA were reported by BBC and British media, as two other major sporting bodies set to follow swimming's cue.

FINA President Husain Al-Musallam announced that a Working Group was being set up to create an 'open category' in some FINA competitions. On the 'open category' Musallam said, "The creation of an open category will mean that everybody has the opportunity to compete at an elite level." He then added, "This has not been done before, so FINA will need to lead the way.'

Track and Field's IAAF boss Seb Coe later told BBC: "We see an international federation asserting its primacy in setting rules, regulations and policies that are in the best interest of its sport.

This is as it should be. We have always believed that biology trumps gender and we will continue to review our regulations in line with this. We will follow the science.'

The move was also widely criticized by gender activists, on grounds of exclusion.

Why have these changes been made?

Transgender athletes in sports, particularly transgender women participating in women's competitions, are at the heart of this change. A transgender woman who has gone through male puberty and then later on transitioned into a female, has been shown in case studies to retain testosterone levels that lead to higher structural advantages in sport over cisgender (A person whose sense of identity and gender corresponds with their birth sex) women.

Ross Tucker, a sports scientist explained on his podcast, the Real Science of Sport that the effects of testosterone result in the development of a body post puberty differently for men and women. He said that according to at least 13 case studies, men who later transitioned to becoming women do not have the effects of testosterone completely removed because they transitioned to become a woman.

"In a number of physiological systems that are relevant to performance - muscle mass, muscle strength, body performance, body fat, heart and lung size – testosterone creates things that are never fully undone," said PHD Tucker on the Real Science of Sport podcast. He then added, "The difference between men and women for power, strength and muscle mass can be 30-40%. Testosterone suppression for a year can take away 5-10%. The result is quite a large retained advantage – and if you've tained performance advantage."

What is the stance of the IOC and other major sport bodies?

It is the importance given to testosterone and the timing of when it affects a human body, that has divided world bodies to the extent that the International Olympic Committee and the International Swimming Federation have almost opposite policies on transgender athletes.

For example, World Athletics has said



After hormone therapy, Lia Thomas beat Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Emma Weyant.

THE TRANS QUESTION IN OTHER SPORTS

While FINA adopted their constitution to bar transgender athletes from participating in women's competitions, other sports saw athletes in both team and individual sport compete at the highest level and grapple with the tricky issue.

Canadian athlete Quinn won the gold medal in football when their team beat Sweden in the final of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. Quinn became the first ever transgender athlete to win a medal at the Olympics in the process.

WEIGHTLIFTING

In the women's +87kg weightlifting category, Laurel Habbard created

that once transgender women reduce testosto compete in competition. USA Swimming dictates that trans athletes must undergo three years of hormone replacement ther-

apy before they can be allowed to compete. The IOC's trans-inclusion framework essentially gave the right to the leading bodies of sport to decide how they would incorporate their transgender athletes. It also said that sport bodies shouldn't automatically assume that trans women athletes were inherently more advantaged than cisgender women athletes nor that transgender $history\,in\,becoming\,one\,of\,the\,first$ openly transgender athletes to take part in the Olympics. While she failed to register a lift, at 43-years-old, this probably would have been the last time that she participated in high level weightlifting – something that she insinuated when she said that age was catching up with her. Habbard transitioned to a female aged 35.

SKATEBOARDING

In this new Olympic discipline, Allana Smith stood up and stood out. From Forth Worth, Texas, Smith came last at their event, the women's street but participating was the real prize for the 20-year-old. "I wanted to walk out of this knowing I UNAPOLOGETICALLY

upon their medical, legal and athlete coun-

sels to speak. Each counsel had a couple of

delegates who spoke on why FINA came to

the decision. And then the member organi-

One could say Lia Thomas was the reason

the world body of swimming took this meas-

ure. Thomas earlier competed in the male

category in swimming for Penn State

University and was part of their team for

sations voted for this historic measure.

Why is Lia Thomas important here?

was myself and was genuinely smiling," Smith wrote on Instagram

In October 2021, World Rugby became the first international sports governing body to institute a ban on transgender women competing in global competitions like the Olympics and the women's Rugby World Cup. The decision was deliberated for nine months at the end of which, World Rugby said that in a collision sport with multiple injuries, "safety and fairness cannot presently be assured for women competing against trans women in contact rugby."

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women shouldn't have to reduce their three years. In 2019, she started undergoing and Ivy League rules.

In 2022, after two years and six months of the therapy, she took part in the 500-yard NCAA Swimming Championship and came first, beating Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Emma Weyant. In March, Lia Thomas told Sports Illustrated: "The very simple answer is that I'm not a man. I'm a woman, so I belong on the women's team. Trans people deserve that same respect every other athlete gets."

Reka Gyorgy, who competed for Hungary in the 2016 Rio Olympics, complained about missing out on her final race to the NCAA. According to the Guardian, she said that Thomas essentially took her spot and that it hurt her, her team and other women in the pool. Thomas said that she was looking to participate at the 2024 Paris Olympics and judging by her times, could probably have won medals for the USA. It is important to note, that before she transitioned to become a woman, Liz Thomas was an NCAA swimming athlete already.

Why are the words 'competitive fairness'

so important in this decision of FINA?

The advantages of testosterone on Liz Thomas' body before she transitioned into becoming a woman had provided her with the ideal setup to be an elite athlete. This was despite the rules of NCAA with regards to hormone replacement therapy and a threeyear gap. This is why competitive fairness is a term that was used at the Extraordinary Congress. It was the main reason why transgender women were barred from elite competitions unless their transition happened before the age of 12. The age of 12 however is not scientifically determinant and a random number because puberty doesn't happen to the human body at a set age. Transition also requires three stages – social, medical involving hormones and surgical.
"Which of these three do they mean?

Should the patient have undergone surgery by that time, which is almost impossible,' said Dr. Alireza Hamidian Jahromi, co-director of the Gender Affirmation Surgery Center in Philadelphia.

The issue of certification

"All athletes must certify their chromosomal sex with their Member Federation in order to be eligible for FINA competitions," read the latest ruling. Add to that the conundrum of how this certification will take place ("Member Federations must confirm their athletes' certifications of chromosomal sex when registering their athletes to compete in FINA competitions") and suddenly everyone has to prove their gender through their own federations and the chromosomal test on the lines of a doping test.

What is the 'other' category and what does it entail?

The second part of the FINA ruling was to, in the next six months, come up with an 'open category'. This would be the category that transgender athletes would be a part of. While scientifically there are many pros to this idea, including trans athletes being able to participate among each other – there are

There is the problem of numbers. There simply aren't enough transgender elite athletes around. A Liz Thomas might essentially peting in the Olympics because there aren't enough elite transgender women swimmers in the world. The ruling fails on this account.

It also fails on the issue of privacy where an athlete can decide their gender status without pressure. Tucker spoke about the flip side in a BBC. "There is still a lot of stigma attached to being trans and I'm not sure that trying to force or create a platform through sport would help overcome that. If anything, there might be certain barriers that are created." he said.

Pandit: High priest of Ranji coaching, messiah of underdogs

ABHISHEK PUROHIT MUMBAI, JUNE 20

"THERE SHOULD be some fear in the player, otherwise he will not do what he is supposed to do. And he knows that if he does not act according to the plan, he will have to face Sir's wrath," veteran Madhya Pradesh pacer Ishwar

Planning and discipline - that, essentially, is coach Chandrakant Pandit's philosophy. The former India wicketkeeper-batsman has guided another side not used to making summit clashes - Madhya Pradesh in this case - to their first Ranji Trophy final in 23 years. Having won back-to-back titles with then-unknowns Vidarbha three years ago. Pandit is now up against his 'home' team Mumbai, whom he coached to their last title in 2015-16.

Pandit is famed for his hard-taskmaster style, and painstakingly-prepared plans that brook little interference from either captain or bowler. During a Ranii semi-final against Karnataka, he had taken away the phones of the Vidarbha players, worried that they might keep checking them late into the night and lose focus. There are tales of him not being averse to slapping the odd player who broke a law he'd laid down. It is this aspect of his coaching that gets played up the most, but there is doubtless a method behind the remote control, and it has worked for years now.

"Both go hand in hand, the planning and

discipline," says former India and Mumbai allrounder Abhishek Nayar, who played under Pandit's coaching. "All his plans require a certain amount of skill and discipline. He tries to incorporate certain life skills that will help players on the field. Ranji Trophy is a format in which each person can play a role. He understands and assigns roles to players very early in the season. But to fulfil those roles, be it playing a certain number of balls, or playing in a certain style, his ideology of discipline comes into play.

"It also goes hand in hand with the analytical work on what the opponents have done in the past and what they do now," Nayar adds. "He (Pandit) needs freedom to pick the kind of players he wants and then he gets the results that are desired by the association."

Both Vidarbha Cricket Association and now the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association have given Pandit the leeway to run a tight ship, and have reaped benefits.

"Chandu developed the entire strategy and planned the practice sessions," former India opener Wasim Jaffer, who was part of the victorious Vidarbha side, had told this correspondent once. "He gave everyone confidence. Kisiko pyaar se samjhaana, kisiko daantke samjhaana [Convince some with love, some with scolding l.

"That is the role of the coach. It is nothing new for him, he has been doing it for so many years. And Vidarbha needed somebody like that," Jaffer had said. "Today's youngsters need



Planning and discipline - that, essentially, is coach Pandit's philosophy.

someone to pull them out of their comfort zone and he did that to a great extent, without a doubt.'

Tough act to follow

It is a tight rope some other domestic coaches have tried to walk, unsuccessfully. Push too hard, and one can lose the respect of the dressing room. Nayar does not see that happening with Pandit. "Because he takes responsibility for his actions and does not blame the player when things go wrong," Nayar says.

"If you follow him blindly and fail, most likely he will take responsibility. That gives a player security. And when you keep playing finals, you obviously grow as a player."

Pandey, who took 11 wickets at an average of 20 until he got injured before the knockouts, was one who benefited from following Pandit's instructions. Into his 12th year of first-class cricket, Pandey says he enjoyed the "very different experience" from what he's had till then in his career.

"He is excellent at reading players. He'll as-

sess the strong and weak points of an opposition batsman and then make us bowl accordingly. So it becomes easier for us, and we don't have to try too hard to make things happen," Pandey says.

Of course, there is to be no swaying on the field from the path set by Pandit, unless he himself sends in a word asking for a change in tac-

"The planning is done in front of everyone and the team follows it, ki bhai ye karna hai aur kaam khatam [we have to do this, and nothing else]. It is not like the bowler will do what is in his mind and the captain will be thinking about something else," Pandey explains. "Like if you have to keep a fielder at a certain position, you have to. It may take some time to get the result, but the process has to be gone through. If it doesn't work, he'll send in a mes-

sage with another plan." The downside to this micromanagement approach is that those who are used to thinking and expressing their thoughts might find it hard to fit in. And those who become used to being fed plans may never start thinking on their feet. "There are many players who also operate at their best under instructions from others," says former Madhya Pradesh captain Devendra Bundela, who was the side's batting coach before Pandit took over.

"He (Pandit) has his own way of thinking, but his overall understanding of the game is remarkable," Bundela adds. "There may be some who don't like his working style but then,

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he also gives you the results."

Says Nayar: "A player who wants to grow will grow, and a player who doesn't want to will not. If everything is good about someone, he is not trying to make an impact, just trying "Chandu sir is a very brave person, he takes

the onus on himself to control all the controllables. And the results he has given over the years just prove that there are a lot more pros than cons to his style of coaching.'

Unique style

The last time MP played the final, in 1998-99, Pandit was their captain. A young Bundela, who would go on to become the third-highest run-getter in Ranji Trophy history, was part of that side, and remembers the backing he got from his skipper.

"I remember when I was young, Chandu bhai supported me a lot, ki jaao aur bindaas khelo [just go out and play freely]. His presence has made a lot of difference to this team; in the past couple of years, their self-belief and confidence has increased." Bundela adds.

Pandit has himself acknowledged that his methods might not work at international level, but Nayar calls him the Ranji Trophy "king". "No one comes close to him. He has figured out how to win championships," Nayar says. "It is one thing to win a championship with a strong team, it is another to win with a team that has never won before. He is undoubtedly the best first-class coach in India."

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Daruvala's chance to impress F1 teams

23-year-old Indian racer will test drive for Formula 1 team McLaren for two days this week

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, JUNE 20

FOR A man who's about to realise his dream. a part of it at least, Jehan Daruvala appears remarkably calm. He doesn't seem over-eager and is careful not to over-promise. Only occasionally, the 23-year-old Indian racer gives an

impression that he's buzzing. "It'll be tempting to go flat out. But the main goal is to learn," Daruvala says. After a slight pause, he adds: "(But) at the end of the day, I am a racing driver so I want to drive as fast as I can...

Daruvala is talking about his maiden ride in a Formula 1 car after it was announced that he will test drive for F1 giants McLaren on Tuesday and Wednesday at the fabled Silverstone circuit in England. It's a small but significant step in Daruvala's pursuit of becoming only the third Indian to race in F1 and the first since Narain Karthikeyan a decade

The test is 'nothing related' to him getting a drive in F1 next year, Daruvala clarifies. "There are not many seats opening up in F1. But I want to tick all the boxes before hopefully, I get a seat," he says.

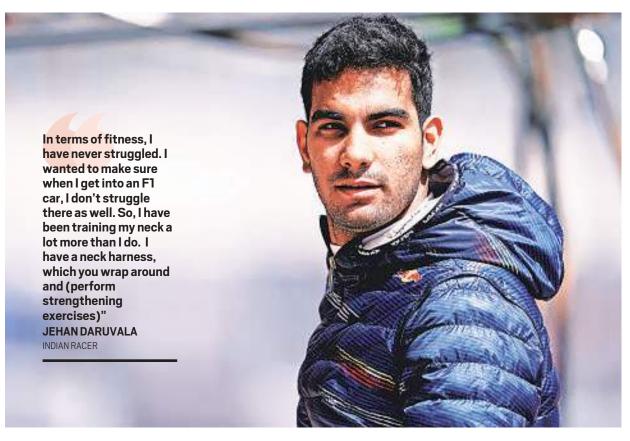
 $Over the two \, days, McLaren \, will \, evaluate$ Daruvala's driving skills and test his potential. It's not linked, at the moment, to a long-term deal, something the racer from Mumbai repeatedly underlines. Rather, this'll be for him a, to borrow the title of the Netflix show, drive

Before the opening race in Bahrain, Daruvala – a Red Bull Junior team member who drives for Prema Racing in Formula 2, a feeder competition for F1 – had called this a make-or-break season for him with regards to his F1 ambitions. This is his third season in F2 and it's widely held that if a driver is unable to secure a seat in F1 after such a long period, chances for the future diminish considerably.

With five podium finishes in the six races of the season so far, a third place in the championship race and first among the Red Bull junior drivers, Daruvala says he's had a 'pretty decent' season so far. But it's not yet opened the doors of an F1 team. In this context, his drive with McLaren comes at a crucial time.

McLaren, he says, were 'looking at young drivers'. This is because the British team is among the few that hasn't yet named its youth drivers who'll race in at least two practice sessions this year, in accordance with new F1

Daruvala and his father Khurshed spoke to Red Bull's head of driver development programme, Marko Helmut, about the opportu-



Jehan Daruvala is aiming to become only the third Indian to race in F1. Express

An evaluation and a step closer

WHEN DRIVERS test F1 cars, it's usually for the car's development; to make it better. In Jehan Daruvala's case, it'll be his evaluation more than the car's. The test drive will not automatically lead to a seat in F1 for Daruvala. However, it's an important step in that direction. After driving in F2 for the last three years, Daruvala has a chance to showcase his potential and if he can handle the speed of F1, he could secure another drive with McLaren or even woo other teams.

nity and an agreement was reached. "So this test, together with my F2 results, is the next step in my career," Daruvala, who does not disclose the financials involved, citing a Non-Disclosure Agreement, says.

He will drive McLaren's MCL35M car, which they used last year. It was considered to be one of the quickest cars of the season, with McLaren routinely emerging as the thirdfastest team.

Daruvala has spent the last couple of days on the simulator but knows nothing can prepare him for the moment he'll step into the

Compared to F2 drives, F1 cars weigh more, churn out almost double the horsepower, and zip around the track much faster. Daruvala doesn't sound bothered a lot about these factors but singles out the biggest stepup – the g-force. "We go through a lot of Gs. That's the main thing, that's the biggest stepup from F2," he says.

With F1 cars travelling at great speeds, both on straights and corners, F1 drivers have to deal with much higher lateral g-force as they move forward, backward and side-to-

side. Daruvala says he's been working for the last two weeks to strengthen his neck muscles to deal with this.

"In terms of fitness, I have never struggled. I wanted to make sure when I get into an F1 car, I don't struggle there as well. So, I have been training my neck a lot more than I do," he says. "I have a neck harness, which you wrap around and (perform strengthening exercises). I've been doing that for the past few weeks and now I'm fully ready for the F1 test."

This might not be his last chance to sit in an F1 car but Daruvala knows the importance of this drive. Most seats for the 2023 season have already been filled with Alpha Tauri, also owned by Red Bull, being one of the few teams

that's yet to finalise its roster. Daruvala says he'll discuss with Helmut the option of taking up the role of a reserve driver in case a permanent seat doesn't work out so that it keeps the F1 door open for him for 2024. Before that, he'll have to show he can handle an F1 car.

"This is a dream come true," he says. "(Now) I want to make an impression so that if I do get an opportunity in F1, I'll be ready."

Verstappen holds off Sainz to strengthen grip on drivers' C'ship

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MONTREAL, JUNE 20

MAX VERSTAPPEN maintained his hold on the Formula One championship fight by holding off a late challenge from Carlos Sainz Jr. to earn his sixth win of the season in a fairly easy drive in the Canadian Grand Prix.

Verstappen won from the pole at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve to extend his lead in the standings to 46 points over Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez, who retired early with a gearbox issue. "It's still a very long way to go and I know the gap of course is quite big, but I also know that can switch around very quickly," Verstappen said of his points lead. He noted he trailed Charles Leclerc by 46 points following the third race of the season.

The Dutchman had no trouble clearing Fernando Alonso, who earned his first frontrow start in a decade then joked he'd attack Verstappen in the first turn to steal the victory. But there was no challenge and by the time Sainz cleared Alonso for second on Lap 2, Verstappen had already built a lead of 2.4 seconds. Sainz was able to close the gap over the final 10 laps and pressured the reigning F1 champion but faded on the last lap and finished .993 seconds behind in his Ferrari.

"It was good racing, it is always more enjoyable to be able to really push rather than just save your tires," said Verstappen, who added Sainz didn't have "a go in terms overtaking, but it was super close.

Sainz said second was the best he could get on Sunday. "When I gave it all, I was risking everything," Sainz said. "I can tell you I was pushing. I left everything out there. For the first time this season I can say I was fastest man on track, which gives me confidence and some hope for the next races.'

Mercedes had a tremendous rebound from its season-long struggles, which included a terrible Friday practice, as seventime champion Lewis Hamilton scored his first podium since the season-opening race in March. George Russell was fourth as Hamilton beat his new teammate for just the second time in nine races this season. "It feels great to be amongst the battle and at the end there I was keeping up with these guys. It does give me and the team a lot of hope," Hamilton said. "The potential is truly there if we can get the setup right and I think that's been the most difficult thing this year."

Hamilton received a rousing ovation after his finish and said he had no problems with his back, which has been plaguing him all season because of how the new Mercedes



Max Verstappen won his sixth race of the season. Reuter:

bounces all over the track. "It's good, I'm back to being young," said the 37-year-old.

Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said the team had raised the ride height on its cars to make them more drivable and eliminate the "porpoising" effect that has bogged down Hamilton and Russell all season. The bouncing has caused back pain and headaches for its drivers. "The (wind) tunnel has told us that the lower the car, the faster you go, the more ground effect it will have," Wolff said. "But in effect, you can't drive the car there so you need to lift it, and lift it, and lift it, and then on paper you are losing half a second or so in downforce. "We raised it already (Saturday) but the more you raise, the more performance you lose. So it's always a compromise." Verstappen, meanwhile, has now won six of the first nine races in his title defense season. It was Verstappen's first win in Montreal, which F1 said hosted a record 338,000 spectators over the three-day weekend as the series returned to Canada after a two-year pause during the pandemic. The Sunday crowd was treated to clear, sunny skies after two days of rain that upended qualifying and created the slick track that allowed Alonso and other drivers, including Hamilton — to earn their top starting spots this year.

Leclerc rallied from a 10-place grid penalty for changing the engine in his Ferrari to finish fifth from 19th. Estaban Ocon of Alpine finished sixth and teammate Alonso, who said he'd be pleased with a fifth-place finish, was seventh but penalized five-seconds after the race for weaving. That dropped Alonso to ninth, while Valtteri Bottas of Alfa Romeo moved to seventh. Bottas was followed by rookie teammate Zhou Guanyu, who was moved to eighth after the Alonso penalty and finished in the points for the second time this season.

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