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CONTACT: 8468022022, 9019066066

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19th June | 5 PM

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PSB organized Sneh Milan, a Customer Meet at Dehradun recently. The meet was chaired by Dr Ramjass Yadav (ED), Ms Mahima Agarwal (ZM, Dehradun) along with other senior officials of the Bank were also present in the meet.



LAUNCH- NAINITAL BANK

In the series of the Centenary Celebration Events, Prem Chand Aggarwal, FM of Uttarakhand launched Bank's Coffee Table Book titled as '100 Years & Beyond: A Living Legacy of Trust" at L P Villas, Hotel, Dehradun.



INAUGURATION-SAKSHAM INDERPRASTHA

SAKSHAM Inderprastha, a NGO working for the upliftment of persons with disabilities has opened a vocational training centre at Dwarka, ND. The centre IKSHANA was inaugurated by S Agrawal, President, SAKSHAM.



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S Tender

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S Tripathy, CMD, United India Insurance, called on the CM Tamil Nadu. The CM was apprised of the Company's services rendered towards providing insurance coverage for families whose annual income was less than Rs1.2 lakhs.

Name of work with its location

Replacement of deck plate at Bridge no. RUB 13

Replacement of badly corroded rivets & members

in the jurisdiction of AXEN/BL/SPL/TKJ and

plates of Br. No. 58-A UP on MB-GZB section

Strengthening of heavily corroded/perforated of

X- girders at Br. No. 233 UP (5x30.5m) on DUK

section, 148 (1x76.2m) & 161 (2x45.7m) on SIR-

140(10x30.5m) on SIR-NLDM section on UMB Division in the jurisdiction AXEN/BL/UMB

DLPC section and strengthening of heavily

22,06,2022 corroded/perforated X- girder at Br. No.

22.06.2022 i.e Lateral bracing, angles, Cross frames & Gusser

under the jurisdiction of AXEN/BL/MB

near Pragati Maidan station on NDLS-PWL sectio



RAILTEL joined the Nation in celebrating the 8th International Day of Yoga. Aruna Singh (CMD), S Kumar (Dir. Network Planning & Marketing, Project, Operations & Maintenance - Additional Charge), AK Singh (Dir. Finance) & staff participated in a Yoga session.



POWERGRID in association with Ministry of Ayush celebrated 8 th International Day of Yoga 2022, with fervour & enthusiasm at Rakhigarhi, Haryana. Hundreds of students & local public participated in this mega effort of practicing Yoga together.



NTPC: RK Singh, M/o Power & New & Renewable Energy joined the 8th International Day of Yoga 2022 celebrations with the people of Bihar at the Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda in Bihar. More than 1400 participants joined the celebrations.



NSIC: The Ministry of MSME, GOI celebrated International Yoga Day 2022 at the NSIC Exhibition Complex, Okhla Industrial Estate, ND. The participants of the program included BB Swain (Secretary, MSME) SK Singh (AS&DC, MSME) & PU kumar (CMD, NSIC).

Completion

(08) Eight

Months

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1537/2022

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Date & time for

tender & opening

Upto 15:00 hrs or

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same day

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS



NTERNATIONAL YOGA

BHEL celebrated 8th International Yoga Day 2022 with Mass Yoga Demonstration based on Common Yoga Protocol. The event was organised by the M/o Heavy Industries. During the event, PM's address to the nation was live-streamed, from Mysuru Palace, Karnataka.



PNB celebrated the 8th International Yoga Day by highlighting the importance of physical and mental wellbeing for all its employees. On this day, the PNB Parivar came together and took part in multiple early morning interactive yoga sessions.



EdCIL celebrated the International Day of Yoga 2022 at its Corporate Office in Noida. Manoj Kumar, CMD along with senior officers & employees participated enthusiastically in the event. A prominent Yoga expert helped participants in undertaking various useful Yoga Asanas



OM SAI GURUKUL: A Yoga program was organised by P Mittal in the presence of trained yoga gurus, all the staff & children of the Om Sai Ram Gurukul. Coordinator & Director of OSRG, Mamta Mishra told that yoga is a daily activity which we should do regularly.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER(NIT) (E-Tender mode only)

E- NIT No. 13/PCDF/Mtl/Ad-Agency/22-23 Dt:13.06.22,14/PCDF/

Mtl./AluminiumCan/2022-23 Dt:13.06.22,15/PCDF/QMP-RKVY/2021-22

dated18.06.22 and 16/PCDF/Mtl/Medi.Pur./22-23 Date.22.06.22 The

The Processing fee of Tender document is mentioned in the respective

E-NIT. The details & submission of E-Bids are only available on the

E-Tender portal http://etender.up.nic.in. Any corrigendum of this

tender, if required, will be published on E Tender portal http://etender.up.nic.in and departmental website www.

paragmilkup.in only. MD PCDF reserves the right to cancel any or all

E-Bids without assigning any reason thereof.

पत्रांक 325/डी-2/पीसीडीएफ/प्रका0/Direct Ad./22-23 दिनांक 23.06.2022

F-Bids are invited by PCDF Ltd under two bid sy



NHPC celebrated 8th International Day of Yoga across all its locations with full enthusiasm. AK Singh, CMD, NHPC alongwith his wife Sudha Singh participated in a mass Yoga session organized at NHPC Residential Complex, Surajkund, Haryana.



IREDA celebrated 8th International Day of Yoga at RO IHC. ND. Under the supervision of a professional Yogacharya, employees of the company & their families performed yoga asanas. The Yoga Day event was live streamed from New Delhi to across all offices of IREDA.



SCOPE organized a programme on 'Self-Empowerment through Yoga' with Dr MD Gupta, leading cardiologist and motivational speaker as part of Yoga Utsav 2022. The occasion was also addressed by A Sobti, DG, SCOPE.



UTTARAKHAND PUBLIC SCHOOL: On the eve of International Yoga Day, the school successfully held the event at their school premises. Chairman H Papne & Principal Mohini Negi guided over 150 participants, including children & women, to perform yoga Assanas with ease.

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on website. Bidders are requested to regularly

visit at our website for up-dation

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DEMONSTRATION OF ENERGY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DEEP PROJECT The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) aims to undertake "Demonstration of Energy Efficiency Projects (DEEP)" in designated consumers under PAT scheme. BEE has entursted EESL to create an eco-system and implement 8 innovative energy efficiency technologies across 27 demonstrations projects with the view to enable market transformation of these innovative technologies that have high potential for energy savings but have not yet been commercialized. In 1st stage, 4 technologies have been identified and 4 more shall follow shortly.

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) hereby invites forma Expression of Interest from Designated Consumers under PAT scheme for enrollment in DEEP project. For more details and enrolment, please scan QR code

or use the link provided below:
https://eeslindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06

Eol-format_DEEP.pdf Last date for EOI submission is 23rd July, 2022.

For any queries, please reach out to us on deep@eesl.co.in

Creating an Energy Efficient India

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 35 Yrs. (About), Height: About 6', Sex: Male, Complexion: Black, **Built**: Unknown, **Face**: Unknown, **ID Marks**: The deceased person belongs to African Countries as per the appearance, Wearing: Hospital Clothes, Place of Recovery: Found in the area of P.S. Mehrauli. Delhi and admitted in AIIMS via

MLC No. 5031/22, where during treatment he died. In this regard DD No. 31A, Dated: 15.06.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Mehrauli, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

DP/285/SD/2022

P.S. Mehrauli, Delhi Ph.: 011-26645050

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely (1) Pradeep Kumar @ Bangali S/o Sachinder Kumar R/o H. No TC-1187, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi and (2) Tarun Sharma @ Abhishek S/o Prem Kumar R/o H. No. 2/3, Tyagi Market, Bassai Darapur, Moti Nagar Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 651/2016 U/s 392/397/411/34 IPC registered at P.S Punjabi Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued stating that the said (1) Pradeep Kumar @ Bangali and (2) Tarun Sharma @ Abhishek could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Pradeep Kumar @ Bangali and (2) Tarun Sharma @ Abhishek have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Pradeep Kumar @ Bangali and (2) Tarun Sharma @ Abhishek of case FIR No. 651/2016 U/s 392/397/411/34 IPC registered at P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.07.2022.

By Order Shri Sudhanshu Kaushik **Additional Sessons Judge** Special Judge (NDPS) West District Room No. 132, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that this man namely Md. Yaseen, S/o Munshi Khan, R/o C-34, Gali No. 2, Ramesh Enclave, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi, is missing since 24.04.2022 at 8:00 PM from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 100A, dated 29.04.2022 has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the ocal police to trace out the missing man



but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Md. Yaseen, Sex: Male, Age: 60 years, Height: 5'7" Complexion: Dark, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: White colour Kurta Pyjama and Slipper in feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform to the following:

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/1584/RD/2022

DP/928/WD/2022

(Court Notice)

P.S. Aman Vihar, Delh Ph. No.: 011-27581812, 27581223

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Incharge Materials

Executive Engineer, Tauni Devi Division HP:PWD, Tauni Devi on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, for the work a

r. Io.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Starting date for downloading	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of bid
	Balance work of construction of Link road Thana Tikkar to Jattandi-dhar via Chamarara km. 0/0 to 5/130 i/c One No. Bridge at RD. 3/190 (SH:- C/O 5/7mtr. Wide road formation cutting, slab culverts and 1 No. Bridge over Jangler Khad at RD. 3/190) Under NABARD RIDF-XXIII.	26507537/-	04.07.2022	530000/-	08.07.2022

The bidders are advised to note all details of tenders, changes, if any i.e. date, amount etc. from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

If opening day is a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on next working day at the same time.

The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. It is the bidder's

responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender For details log on to website https://hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer, Tauni Devi Division, HPPWD Tauni Devi For and on behalf of Governor of HP.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची

<u>ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना</u> ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 08/RI/2022-23/RWD/GIRIDIH

दिनांक :- 23.06.2022 मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से

निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है | आईडेन्टी फिकेशन प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) कार्य का नाम की तिथि कॉल नं0 संख्या / पैकेज संख्या अक्षर में नियाटांड़ मटरूखा से पुरनानगर, टिकोडी दो करोड अठहत्त RWD/ GIRIDIH/27 2,78,88,024.00 लाख अठासी हजार चौबीस रू० मात्र 15 माह भाया जसपुर पथ तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण द्वितीय 2021-22

कार्य (लं- 8.200 कि0मी०) वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि ·- 28.06.2022 ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :— 11.07.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक |

(क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची . अथवाँ (ग) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, गिरिडीह में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोंड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:— 12.07.2022 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराहन ३.३० बजे तक 🛭

:-- 13.07.2022 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे | निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :— मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय

तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी चौक, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन— 834001 ै ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ट का दूरभाष सं0— 0651—2207818 निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से

ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह के पक्ष में एवं गिरिडीह में भुगतेय होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। PR.NO.272261 Rural Work Department(22-23):D

नोडल पदाधिकारी ई—प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is here by informed that this Boy Namely: Akash, S/o Hari Kishan R/o: 183, Pocket-8, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi, **Age:** 19 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Hair: Black small, Identification Mark: Black mole on neck, Wearing: Blue colour shirt & jeans and Blue colour hawai chappal, has been missing since 31.05.2022 from the area of P.S.

Aman Vihar, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 77-A, dated 01.06.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any Person having any information or clue about this Boy kindly inform to the following

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph.: 011-27581812, 8750870321 Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/1600/RD/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is here by informed that one Persor Namely: Punit, S/o Babu Lal, R/o: WZ-319, Gali No 3, Virender Nagar, Hari Nagar, Delhi, Age: about 30 years, Height: 5'9", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Hair: Black, Wearing: Yellow shirt & Grey lower and Brown slipper, has been missing since 02.06.2022 at 04:30 A.M. from his house area of P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 83-A, dated 07.06.2022, has been lodged at P.S Hari Nagar, Delhi

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

Any person having any information or clue about this Person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Hari Nagar, New Delhi Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph. 011-28125719, 8750871128

Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/923/WD/2022

New Delhi

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE HIMACHAL PRADESH **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) The Executive Engineer HP PWD KasauliDistt.Solan HP on behalf of Governor of HP invites the online bid on lump sum base in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approve contractors. Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Note :- (i) Above tenders are available on website, IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in where

complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded. (ii) S.No.2* Re-Invitation of tender.

Invitation of Tender through E- Tendering (E-Procurement System)

Approx.

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Job Name of Work Tentative Cost of Earnest Time Allowed Form Money C/o 45.00 mtrs span double lane Arch Bridge without 4,90,29,975 5000/ 9,80,600/ foot paths across Gamber Khad on Shalaghat- Arki-Four Kunihar- Barotiwala road at Rd. 32/360.(SH Substructure, Superstructure and both side approaches)

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:- The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying authorities (CA) Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website :https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

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ı	1	Date of Online Publication	18.06.2022		
ı	2	Document Download Start Date	27.06.2022 11.00 AM		
ı	3	Bid Submission Start and End Date	27.06.202211.00 AM to 12.07.2022 at 4.00 PM		
l	4	Physical Submission of receipt of EMD and cost of tender Document	13.07.2022 at 11.00 AM		
ı	5	Date of Opening of Bid	13.07.2022at 11.30 AM		

3. TENDER DETAILS:

The tender Document shall be uploaded online in 2 cover: Cover1: shall contain Scanned copies of all" Technical Document/Eligibility information'

(ii) Cover 2: shall contain" BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item 4.SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:

Bidder have to submit the Original cost of bid document,Security/Earnest Money and other Technical Document, which

are uploaded in technical bid in the O/o Executive Engineer HPPWD Kasauli HP as specified in Key well before 13.07.2022 on tender opening date, failing which the bid will be declared Non-responsive. 2. Bid Opening Details:-The bid shall be opened on dated 13.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in the office Executive Engineer HPPWD Division KasauliHP, by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with

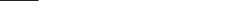
original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90/120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

> Kasauli Division. HPPWD Kasauli

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

WITH PRIME Minister Narendra

Modi and Russian President

Vladimir Putin listening, Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday

said the world "must abandon

Cold War mentality" and "bloc

confrontation" — and "oppose

unilateral sanctions and abuse of

War and blocs at the annual

summit of the five-nation group

appeared to target NATO and the

Quad, of which India is a part.

And, his mention of sanctions

seemed to have been aimed at

the US and European curbs tar-

geting Russia following the inva-

sanctions but Modi steered clear

of any specific references and

Putin also raised the issue of

sion of Ukraine.

Xi's references to the Cold

spoke about "governance of the

global economy" in the context

epidemic has reduced glob-

ally...many of its ill effects are still visible in the global economy.

We, the BRICS member coun-

tries, have had a very similar

view of the governance of the

global economy. And so our mu-

tual cooperation can make a use-

ful contribution to post-Covid

joint statement, the BRICS lead-

ers said they "support talks be-

tween Russia and Ukraine"

They also committed to "respect

the sovereignty and territorial

integrity" of all states and

"peaceful resolution of differ-

ences and disputes between

countries through dialogue and

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consultation'

global recovery," Modi said. Later, in a carefully worded

"Even though the scale of the

of the pandemic.

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The unravelling in Maharashtra is unsurprising and disturbing PAGE 10

Russia says 'happy to help' India bid for 2036 **Olympics**

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, JUNE 23

WHILE IT continues to be ostracised from world sport following the invasion of Ukraine, Russia has offered to help India in hosting the 2036 Olympics if the bid receives backing from the International Olympic Comm-

Russia's Sports Minister Oleg Matytsin said his country's "specialists will be happy to help in organising the Olympic Games

Although no concrete official move has been made, India has repeatedly expressed interest to host the 2036 Games with Ahmedabad as the central city.

Last year, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra proposed a unique multi-city bid that will be centred around Ahmedabad as the key destination. Two months ago, Gujarat's Advocate General Kamal Trivedi told the Gujarat High Court that "we are preparing for the Olympics of 2036" Committee will visit in 2025".

On Wednesday, during his visit to India, Matytsin told RIA Sport that Russia was "very happy" that India is hoping to host the Games.

"If such a dream as hosting the Olympic Games comes true, then this will be another criterion for the stable development of the country. We are always open to interaction and ready to share our experience of hosting the Olympic Games, and we have done this many times, so if a decision is made, then Russian specialists will be happy to help in organising the Olympic CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



ATTHIS early stage, Russia's offer is mostly symbolic. But it indicates its eagerness to bolster bilateral ties - especially with India emerging as a major buyer of Russia's oil amid sanctions.



Rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde with supporting MLAs at a hotel in Guwahati on Thursday. Express

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37 OF 55 SENA MLAS WITH SHINDE, CAN BEAT ANTI-DEFECTION LAW

MVA end nears, Uddhav loses control, Sena says can exit govt if rebels return

Who are you trying to scare, asks Shinde after Uddhav faction seeks disqualification of 12 rebel MLAs

VALLABH OZARKAR & YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, JUNE 23

THE RULING Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition in Maharashtra appeared to be on the verge of collapse Thursday after Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray lost the support of majority party MLAs who rallied behind rebel leader Eknath Shinde and his call for ending the alliance with the 'ideologically opposed" NCP and

In a tacit admission that Uddhav was no longer in control of his legislators, Shiv Sena MP and spokesperson Sanjay Raut said the party was ready to walk out of the MVA government.

"If you are Shiv Sainiks, if you



are saving that you are not leaving Shiv Sena and that your issue is with the government, then Shiv Sena is willing to walk out of the government and MVA CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Pawar: Floor test to decide... let's see how Gujarat, Assam BJP leaders guide rebels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 23

IN FIRST public remarks after the revolt in the Shiv Sena threatened to bring down the ruling MVA coalition in Maharashtra, NCP chief Sharad Pawar said Thursday "whether this government is in a minority or not will be tested on the floor of the Assembly"

After he met NCP legislators, Pawar said he was hopeful that the Shiv Sena MLAs would return and that the MVA, under the leadership of Uddhav Thackeray,

blamed the BJP for the rebellion. "When the MLAs return they

will narrate the reality of how they were taken. When they come here and clarify that they are with the Shiv Sena, the majority of the MVA will be proved," he said.

would prove its majority. He

Maharashtra Cong worries its MLAs could be next, leadership 'not serious'

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

WHILE THEY have virtually given up hopes of survival of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, Congress leaders are also increasingly worried about the fate of their own MLAs in Maharashtra.

A section of the party believes many of the MLAs are "vulnerable" and that the central leadership is taking no real interest in keeping the flock together. On Wednesday night, AICC observer Kamal Nath, sent for fire-

fighting in Mumbai, returned to Madhya Pradesh after a brief

Officially, the Congress said its 44 MLAs were firmly with it, with Nath claiming to have met 41 and spoken to three on the

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A consignment of earthquake relief assistance sent by India landed in Kabul on Thursday. Twitter@MEAIndia

Indian 'technical team' reaches Kabul embassy, IAF flies in quake relief

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

TAKING AN incremental step towards reopening the Indian em-Thursday sent a "technical team" to Kabul where it will be stationed at the embassy to coordinate delivery of humanitarian

India also sent aid for the people of Afghanistan, a day after a deadly earthquake claimed more than 1,000 lives in the Paktika province near the border with Pakistan.

"First consignment of India's earthquake relief assistance for the people of Afghanistan reaches Kabul. Being handed over by the Indian team there,"

Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said in a Twitter post, attaching photographs of an Indian Air Force aircraft in Kabul.

While Delhi said the stationteam" was meant for monitoring and coordination of delivery of humanitarian aid, it is being seen as the first step towards reopening the Indian embassy which was shut in August last year when the Taliban seized control of the country.

Underlining that India has a "historical and civilizational relationship with the Afghan people," a statement by the MEA said, "In order to closely monitor and coordinate the efforts of various

stakeholders for the effective CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

AIADMK in turmoil, **OPS** faces taunts and bottles at key meeting



AIADMK leaders O Panneerselvam and Edappadi K Palaniswami in Chennai on Thursday. PTI

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JUNE 23

A MADRAS High Court order that came at 4.30 am foiled a concerted bid by the dominant faction of AIADMK, led by former chief minister E K Palaniswami. to seize complete control of the party and sideline the other senior leader O Panneerselvam amid

chaotic scenes at a key meeting. The court restrained the AIADMK from implementing a unitary leadership system by amending party bylaws at its

general council meeting near Chennai on Thursday. But while the order brought relief for Panneerselvam, he faced taunts. slogans of "Go back" and even a few plastic bottles thrown in anger, highlighting the extent to which the mood in the party had swung in favour of his rival Palaniswami.

Even as the party resolved to meet again on July 11, the chaos reflected the internal churn after the loss in the state elections last year, triggering growing demands for a single-leader CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

BYPOLLS PEACEFUL, **LOW TURNOUT IN**

> **DINKAR GUPTA IS NEW NIA CHIEF**



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Consumption basket expanded, revamped consumer expenditure survey begins July 1

Delhi on Thursday. Murmu also met Home Minister Amit Shah. PTI



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PM MEETS PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu in New

THE GOVERNMENT will launch fieldwork for the new Consumer Expenditure Survey on July 1, with the revamp including features such as three visits by an enumerator to a household to seek more detailed information on their consumption basket. The basket itself has been ex-

panded in the new round. The largest category of 'miscellaneous' items has been segregated for detailed collection of data on consumption of those items, along with inclusion of items which have seen higher consumption trends in recent times. Also, detailed questions for seeking inputs on welfare subsidies such as food grains are

About 1,700 investigators are likely to be engaged in the revamped consumer expenditure survey, as against 800-900 earlier, people aware of the development said.

learnt to have been included.

The three visits to a household to collect data on consump-

ing information on daily use items, regular items and consumer durables and will help draw poverty estimates after a decade-long gap. The survey will cover around 1.2 lakh households in rural areas and around 84,000

households in urban areas. The Consumer Expenditure **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Rs 30 for 90 mins: Co-working space for freelancers, working mothers

SWEETY KUMARI KOLKATA. JUNE 23

UNTIL RECENTLY, Kolkata-based Pooja Maitra, a media professional and a mother of a fouryear-old girl. had a nickname for her car: mobile office. She would often use it to work in after dropping off her daughter at school while waiting to pick her up.

For all its ills—the car would get excruciatingly hot and it was not easy to charge the laptop-it helped Maitra juggle her career and family. Sometimes, she would choose to sit at a cafe, but working out of these was expensive.

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This changed when she discovered Happy Works, a co-working space introduced by the West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation or HIDCO, a public sector undertaking, in the city's New Town area.

The Happy Works space essentially comprises working pods, which provide a comfortable setting for people to work at minimal rates. The charge is Rs 30 for the first hour-and-ahalf (90 minutes), after which one would have to pay Rs 20 for each additional hour. Many customers also book the pods on a monthly basis by paying a onetime charge at the beginning of the month.

These pods have been set up at three locations in New Town and are increasingly attracting freelancers, upcoming entrepreneurs and, of course, working mothers. Most of the people using these pods had let go of their rented offices during the pandemic. "I am so happy that the government has come up with something like this," said user

INSIDE A WORK POD

■20 seats (including conference room) Rent/seat: Rs 30 (for first 90 mins); thereafter Rs 20/hour.

■ Monthly rent/seat: Rs 4,999 excluding GST ■ Books available for reference, reading ■ Users must maintain

■ Smoking, outside food not allowed ■ Food available at reception counter

Covid protocol



A Happy Works co-working space in Kolkata. Partha Paul

Sukanya Guha. She, too, is the mother of a five-year-old and is working to establish her startup, a recruitment firm.

The working pods, painted in vibrant yellow, have been set up on an 800-plus sq ft area. There are about 20 working desks; each one is numbered and comes with a bookshelf.

It is an air-conditioned space with free high-speed Wi-Fi. People also have the option of working from the rooftop in winters.

For many customers, especially young mothers, working from home isn't always the most convenient option. For one,

women's careers seriously enough. Moreover, it is tough to focus on the constant demands from family members. The working pods are open on

many families do not take

all seven days, from 9 am-8 pm. "Working pods are the coolest thing in our city today," said

Maitra, who is now a regular user. Beyond the obvious convenience, customers also enjoy working with a diverse set of

cialising. "I come monthly to hold meetings and meet my teammates. Earlier I used to book

people, exchanging ideas and so-

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PRIDE MONTH 2022: A LEXICON OF 22 WORDS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE **LGBTOI+COMMUNITY**

This Pride Month, we have put together a lexicon of words -- sourced exclusively from the Humsafar Trust -that one ought to learn so they can educate others and keep the conversation going

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Express Investigation: Deleting history from the textbooks of future

Indian Express' National Education Editor Ritika Chopra, political commentator Suhas Palshikar, and sociologist Yogendra Yadav on the sweeping changes that the NCERT has made to the social science school textbooks

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BRICS summit

Earlier, Xi, who was chairing the summit, said: "We must abandon Cold War mentality and bloc confrontation, and oppose unilateral sanctions and the abuse of sanctions. And it's important for the world to recognize that forging a community with a shared future, like a big family, is so much better than building ex-

The reference to "exclusive circles" is also an oft-used term by China for groupings like the Quad. In his remarks, Putin said

BRICS "can find solutions to the crisis situation" in the global economy because of "ill-conceived and self-interested actions" by some nations that have been "using the financial mechanisms" -- a clear reference to the West's sanctions.

"I am convinced that...BRICS leadership is relevant in order to design a truly positive, unifying force to form a multipolar system...based on the universal rules of international law and the key principles of the UN Charter,"

Modi did not respond to or share these concerns in his state-

While the Prime Minister's statement was audible to the domestic audience, there was a technical glitch that prevented the BRICS leaders from hearing his remarks. Xi urged Modi to repeat the opening statement later, during the closing remarks.

Modi said BRICS initiatives, including establishment of a vaccine R&D centre, coordination between Customs departments, establishment of shared satellite constellation and mutual recognition of Pharma products, have direct benefits for people.

He said that BRICS youth summits, sports, and interaction between civil society organisations and think-tanks, have strengthened people-to-people contact.

Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa also attended the vir-

tual summit.

In the joint statement, the leaders said: "We have discussed the situation in Ukraine and recall our national positions as expressed at the appropriate fora, namely the UNSC and UNGA. We support talks between Russia and Ukraine. We have also discussed our concerns over the humanitarian situation in and around Ukraine and expressed our support to efforts of the UN Secretary-General, UN Agencies and ICRC to provide humanitarian assis-

The statement, or declaration, also made an important point in the context of the war in Ukraine as well as the border stand-off between India and China. "We commit to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states, stress our commitment to the peaceful resolution of differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation, and support all efforts conducive to the peaceful settle-

ment of crises," it said. On Afghanistan, the leaders emphasised that territory should "not to be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or to plan to finance terrorist acts" They stressed on the need for all sides to encourage Afghan authorities to achieve national reconciliation through dialogue and establish an inclusive and representative political struc-

On terrorism, the statement said: "We are committed to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, and terrorism financing networks and safe havens. We reiterate that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group."

Modi's participation at the 14th summit took place after New Delhi opted for a virtual summit instead of an in-person event in China. The decision was taken in view of the strained bilateral ties over the two-year border stand-off in eastern

China is hosting the summit in its capacity as the chair of BRICS this year. Beijing had made an outreach to revive bilateral dialogue and set the stage for the BRICS summit in China, with Foreign minister and State Councillor Wang Yi coming to New Delhi in an unannounced visit on March 24

Beijing had proposed a series of events to kickstart the dialogue, starting with possible high-level visits from both sides. China's ultimate and clear objective was to host Modi for the inperson summit. But the move did not succeed.

The last BRICS summit to take place in China was in Xiamen in September 2017, which was attended by Modi -this was soon after the Doklam border standoff was resolved. The last face-to-face meeting between Modi and Xi was in Brazil for the BRICS summit in November 2019.

The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of global GDP and 16 per cent of global trade.

Kabul

delivery of humanitarian assistance and in continuation of our engagement with the Afghan people, an Indian technical team has reached Kabul today and has been deployed in our Embassy there."

Singh, Joint Secretary in charge of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran (PAI) in the MEA, visited Kabul to "oversee delivery operations of our humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan" and met with senior members of the Taliban. An assessment of the security situation there was also carried out, the MEA said

"Our longstanding links with Afghan society and our development partnership including humanitarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan, will continue to guide our approach going forward," it said.

The attack on the Karte Parwan gurdwara in Kabul last week increased the threat perception and cast a shadow on plans to restart some of the functions of the embassy -- visas, humanitarian help, trade in some sectors -- but the intention to resume these services remain, sources said. A political call was taken to start with humanitar-

ian help, the sources said. The team that travelled to Kabul on June 2, more than nine months after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, found that the health and education infrastructure was crumbling but the security situation had shown some improvement. This initial assessment was shared with the leadership here.

2036 Olympics

Games in India," Matytsin was quoted as saying.

Russian state media also reported that Matytsin put forward the proposal of a friendly football match between Russia, ranked 35 in the world, and 104ranked India if the latter expressed interest.

The Minister is leading a Russian delegation to the International Convention Against Doping in Sport in New Delhi and held a meeting with Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday. Russian Ambassador Denis Alipov was

also present at the meeting. Sports Ministry sources said the ministers explored areas of

alliance. But first show the courage to come here and put forward your demands in front of Uddhav Saheb. Surely, it will he considered Come back within 24 hours, we will sit with Uddhay Saheb and think on accepting your demands," he said.

In the same breath, Raut said. "We are in contact with 21 MLA who are in Guwahati and when they come to Mumbai, they will be with us. If there is a situation of floor test, I am sure they will vote for the MVA al-

Until Wednesday night, a total of 32 Sena MLAs were in the Shinde camp in Guwahati in BJP-ruled Assam. But that number touched 37 -- Shinde needed the support of 37 of the 55 Sena MLAs to form a breakaway group and avoid the antidefection law -- when five more MLAs switched sides and

While three MLAs -- Deepak Kesarkar, Sada Sarvankar, Aashish Jaiswal — joined Shinde early Thursday morning, another two -- Dada Bhuse and

cooperation in sports, including

the exchange of technical

knowledge between players and

Former Croatia president

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic heads

the IOC commission that will se-

lect the host city for the 2036

Games, with a decision to be

Incidentally, Russia was one

taken between 2025 and 2029.

of the countries that showed in-

terest in hosting the 2036

Olympics. However, after its in-

vasion of Ukraine, the country

has been shunned by the world's

"as of May 25, international

sports organisations cancelled/

postponed 186 international

sporting events planned in Russia

in 2022-2023, including 36 ma-

jor international sporting events".

Khan was quoted as saying by

Daily Mail that he was in talks

with the International Olympic

Committee to bring the Olympics

back to the British capital in 2036

or 2040. Other cities in the fray

are Istanbul, Doha, Jakarta, and

Cairo, apart from a potential joint

in the ring to host the Olympics -

- for 2024 and 2032 -- but could

not put together a bid. With the

hosts for the next three Olympics

already decided -- Paris in 2024.

Los Angeles in 2028 and Brisbane

in 2032 -- the next opportunity

started investing in infrastruc-

ture. In February, during the in-

auguration of the Narendra Modi

stadium, Union Home Minister

Amit Shah had said the complex

is capable of hosting the

As for the MVA government,

Nath, the chief of the Madhya

Pradesh Congress who was

called away just a fortnight

ahead of the first phase of

polling in key local body elec-

tions in the state, met NCP chief

Sharad Pawar during his

Mumbai stay and spoke to Chief

Minister Uddhav Thackeray over

the phone. He apprised the top

leadership of the situation be-

told The Indian Express: "It is a

gone case. Uddhav seems to have

lost the will to fight. Perhaps he

has health issues. Anyway we

can't do much. Same is the case

with the NCP. It is for the Shiv

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India had twice thrown its hat

bid from Berlin and Tel Aviv.

In May, London Mayor Sadiq

Matytsin told RIA Sports that

sporting bodies.

Sanjay Rathod - reached Guwahati in the evening.

In the House of 288 which is currently at 287 owing to the death of Sena MLA Ramesh Latke last month, the MVA needs at least 144 MLAs. Before the revolt, its strength in the House was 152 -- Sena 55, NCP 53, Congress 44. The BJP strength is 106 while Others account for the remaining 29.

Hoping to return to power, and not willing to reveal its cards yet, the BIP has been waiting for Shinde to rustle up the numbers that he needs to beat the antidefection law.

Uddhav, who moved out of the Chief Minister's official residence Varsha Wednesday night along with his family and belongings, called a virtual meeting of all party MLAs Thursday. Only 18 MLAs including son Aaditya Thackeray attended the meeting. While Uddhav and Aaditya attended the meeting from Matoshree, the MLAs were

Deshmukh who claimed they were forcibly taken to the Shinde camp. At a press conference addressed by Raut, the two MLAs narrated how they were taken to Surat and then to Guwahati by Shinde and how they struggled to return.

While Deshmukh claimed he escaped from the camp, the Shinde camp released videos and photographs of them travelling in chartered aircraft and claimed they were sent back because they wanted to return.

Meanwhile, newly appointed Shiv Sena legislature party leader Ajay Choudhari met acting Speaker Narhari Zhirwal, asking him to take action against 12 MLAs who had ioined the Shinde faction for violating party discipline.

Shinde hit back via Twitter posts, saying "Who are you trying to scare? Even we know the law, and this whip is applicable for only the legislative assembly, not meetings held outside. In this regard, the Supreme Court has already given its verdict... You cannot scare us by demanding action against 12 MLAs by submitting a letter. We are the real Shiv Sainiks and we are the Shiv Sena of Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray."

Shinde sent Zhirwal a letter stating that he had been appointed the Sena leader in the House and Bharat Gogawale the party Chief Whip.

Earlier, Choudhari said, "I have submitted our petition to Zhirwal and we want action against them." Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant said, "We called for two meetings on June 22 and a whip was issued by Sunil Prabhu. These MLAs were given notices and asked why they were not present. Some gave explanations, maybe real or fake. Some did not give explanations. Hence, we asked for disqualification of 12 MLAs: Eknath Shinde, Tanaji Sawant, Prakash Surve, Balaji Kinikar, Anil Babar, Lata Sonawane, Yamini Jadhav, Sanjay Shirsat, Bharat Gogawale, Sandeepan Bhumre, Abdul Sattar and Mahesh Shinde. We will ask the Speaker to take ac-

he was being treated. Even as party leaders lavished praise on Palaniswami, they did not mention Panneerselvam's name even once, referring instead only to his designation.

"It was a high-risk strategy but the leaders on stage were able to handle it without incident," said a senior AIADMK leader who was on the stage during the meeting. "The public was outraged

with Panneerselvam for publicly criticising the party and then taking the matter to court. On stage, Palaniswami was careful, even shouting at a follower who tried to garland him. He did not smile or acknowledge the slogans hailing him from the charged crowd. On the other hand.

Panneerselvam's humiliation was complete when some in the crowd flung plastic bottles at him as he prepared to leave the stage following Hussain's announcement of the next meeting. Later, senior leader K P Munusamy said Palaniswami would be elected as the party's general secretary at the next meeting on July 11.

Meanwhile, sources said the BJP has volunteered to assist in negotiations between the two leaders in order to find an acceptable solution, noting that there were several cases related to the tussle that were pending

Speaking to reporters, the main face of the Panneerselvam camp, R Vaithilingam, claimed the group was still open for negotiations -- and that the party's best chance of electoral success is with a combined leadership.

He also opposed the appointment of Hussain as presidium chairman and alleged that many in the audience were not general council members. Earlier, Vaithilingam was among those who had to leave the stage at the meeting.

Consumption

Survey (CES) is usually conducted at quinquennial (every five years) intervals and the last survey was conducted in the 68th round (July 2011 to June 2012). The government had, however, junked the 2017-18 findings of the consumer expenditure survey citing "quality issues". Studies based on leaked survey findings had pointed to a rise in poverty levels in 2017-18. While both the leaders sat on The new survey will be conducted till June next year and the results are then likely to come in

by October next year. "The single largest and

ket was 'miscellaneous', which is capturing many things that get clubbed together. It had to be broken down into different items. The three visits will include the first visit to cover items of daily consumption, which is asked on a 7-day basis. The second visit will capture details of items which are regular items but not used on a daily basis, that's on a 30-day basis. And then they will collect data on durables which would be on a 365-day basis," a source said.

fastest growing item in the bas-

In this round of consumer expenditure survey, the category of miscellaneous items has been broken down to collect information separately on them along with more detailed questions on food, education and health. "It was felt that the earlier schedule doesn't capture goods and services which have come more recently and they should be included. Also, it was felt that survey time should not be more than 40 minutes. So, as it is, the old schedule used to take two hours, now by adding more items it'll take more time. So it was decided to be split into three visits of approximately 40 minutes each and collect different parts of the schedule at different points of time. The same investigator will visit the same house on each visit," the source said.

Experts pointed out that the issues arising out of the revamped procedure would include an increase in the working time and a possibility of overestimating consumption. Also, the changes in data collection, items and methodology may make the results incomparable with previous consumer expenditure surveys and new poverty estimates will have to be drawn since they won't be consistent with earlier ones, they said.

A pilot for this revamped consumer expenditure survey was conducted in 2020 by undertaking the three-round process. "Training of trainers has been done. Training of field staff is being done now before the launch of July 1," the source said. The consumer expenditure

survey aims at generating estimates of household Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE) and the distribution of households and persons over the MPCE range separately for the rural and urban sectors across the country and for different socio-economic groups. It is designed to collect information regarding expenditure on consumption of goods and services (food and non-food) consumed by households. The results are then also used for rebasing of the GDP and other macroeconomic indicators.

Co-working

hotels for such meetings but now I book the conference room of these working pods. They charge me Rs 200 an hour," said 44-year-old Abhinav Biswas, who heads the eastern zone of a start-up that works on women's hygiene.

The first of the three working pods was inaugurated in August 2021 by state minister Firhad Hakim and Chairman and Managing Director of HIDCO, Debasis Sen.

"These pods are gaining popularity with each passing day not only because they are very affordable-just Rs 20 an hourbut also because they are very conveniently located," said Sen. "The idea behind charging some money for these pods was just to recover the wifi and electricity expenses, not to gain profit."

These working pods have now been handed over to selfhelp groups. Around 20-25 women take turns running the three working pods in Newtown.

In the next phase, HIDCO is working towards setting up a larger co-working space with an option of co-living as well.

Floor test

"All the Shiv Sena rebels will have to come to Vidhan Bhawan in Mumbai. Let us then see how BJP leaders from Gujarat and Assam will be able to guide them," he said.

This remark drew an angry response from Union Minister and BJP leader Narayan Rane who said, "If anybody dares to harm Shiv Sena rebels led by Eknath Shinde, we will ensure Sharad Pawar will not be able to reach his home. Pawar has the habit of giving threats. He should stop doing this."

Pawar said the rebel MLAs need to return to Maharashtra to challenge the majority of the MVA government. "Whether this government is in a minority or not will be tested on the floor of the Assembly. When the test happens, it will be proved that the MVA has the majority. We have faced such situations in the past as well. We will prove majority under the leadership of Uddhav Thackeray and this government will survive," he said.

On Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut's remark that the Sena may walk out of the MVA if that is what the rebel candidates want, he said, "Those who left their leaders are saying that they are angry about the Shiv Sena having formed an alliance with Congress-NCP. Sanjay Raut has said if that is what is troubling them, their opinion can be considered but they need to say that here in Maharashtra and not speak while sitting in Assam. That's all that he has said."

On Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's statement that prima facie the BIP does not seem to be involved in facilitating the Sena rebellion, Pawar took a swipe at his nephew: "Ajit Pawar may have said what he did looking at the situation in the state. Eknath Shinde's hand was visible here in the state as MLAs disappeared. While Ajit may know what is happening in the state, I know better as to what is happening in Gujarat and Assam.'

"I came across an interview with Eknath Shinde where he said that a national party is willing to extend support to him. Let me read out the names of national parties in India as listed by the ECI. They are the BJP, BSP, CPI, CPM, TMC and the NCP. Do you think any of these parties, other than the BIP. would support this rebellion?" he said.

He said some of the rebel MLAs were being investigated by Central agencies and the fear of these agencies could have had a bearing on the steps they took.

Earlier, Jayant Patil, leader of the NCP legislature party, said his party will stand with Uddhav Thackeray until the end. "Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi is a government established for the development and welfare of Maharashtra. We stand firmly with Uddhav Thackeray till the end. I am sure that no true Shiv Sainik will behave in a way that will deceive the thoughts of the venerable Balasaheb Thackeray,"

"If the government stays, we will be in power. If the government goes, we will sit in Opposition," he said.

Congress president Nana Patole said he was not so concerned about Raut's statement. "The statement by Raut is an internal matter of the Shiv Sena. I just want people to know that we are resolute in our support of the MVA," he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal, who is from the NCP, rejected a resolution by Shiv Sena rebel MLAs who had named Shinde as leader of the Sena in the House. Zirwal said he had approved the appointment of Ajay Choudhari as leader of the Sena MLAs in the House.

MVA end nears, Uddhav loses control

headed to Guwahati Thursday.

called to Varsha in the afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were MLAs Kailas Patil and Nitin

save the government." Handore, or all seven of them When contacted, Nath said: voted for BJP candidates." "Our MLAs are with us. There is riousness", the leader added:

total unity in the Congress. But my question is why are the Shiv Sena MLAs still in Guwahati? Uddhav has said he is willing to resign and make way for a new leader. They should come back and attend a legislature party meeting and elect whoever they want. What can they achieve by sitting in Guwahati?"

However, unlike Nath, not many leaders are as confident about the Congress's own house. One senior leader is said to have had an argument with HK Patil, the AICC in-charge Maharashtra, for not taking the initiative to keep the flock together. "Our MLAs are roaming free. We should at least move them to a hotel. Don't forget there was cross-voting from the Congress in the MLC elections

just days ago," a leader said. One senior leader said "two to seven" MLAs had crossvoted, which resulted in the defeat of the party's first choice Chandrakant candidate, Handore, the state Congress working president, "But has the party taken note of this? Has the party identified the MLAs? Have they been spoken to? We are brushing this under the car-

pet," a leader said. The party had assigned 29 votes to Handore, the first choice candidate, and 15 to its second candidate Bhai Jagtap. But Handore got only 22 votes and Jagtap managed to get 20 votes and won.

"There can be two scenarios. Five of those who were asked to vote for Handore voted for Jagtap on caste lines (Jagtap is a Maratha while Handore is a Dalit). If that is the case, then two of our MLAs voted for the BJP. But some of our senior leaders are claiming that Jagtap had managed to secure five extra votes from Independents and other parties. If that is true, then seven of our MLAs voted for candidates of other parties. Isn't it a cause for worry? But we are not taking it seriously. That means some of our MLAs are vulnerable," a senior leader said.

Speaking to The Indian Express after his defeat, Handore had said: "I have done my math and found that two of our MLAs cross-voted and five votes meant for me went to Jagtap." Asked about the same, a senior leader said: "We are yet to

identify these seven MLAs... find

out whether five of them defied

the whip and voted for Jagtap

when they were told to vote for

Urging the party to show "se-

"Kamal Nath came for a day and went back, we can't blame him as he has to look after the party in his state too. But H K Patil is said to be in a hotel in Mumbai. He says if any MLA wants to meet him, they can meet him. Is this how we should operate? The leaders who were given charge of the state are very lightweight - be it state Congress president Nana Patole, Balasaheb Thorat or Patil. Uddhav hasn't met any of them so far. He met Pawar. What does

AIADMK

system. The party has been functioning under a dual leadership with Panneerselvam as coordinator and Palaniswami as joint coordinator since the death in 2016 of AIADMK founder I Jayalalithaa.

In the latest political drama, the first twist came on Wednesday evening when a single judge of the High Court declined to postpone the party's general council meeting, emboldening Palaniswami's supporters. But a late-night appeal before a division bench spoiled their plans even though an overwhelming majority was behind

Palaniswami. Subsequently, the supporters turned Thursday's meeting at Vanagaram near Chennai into a show of strength to prove that most of the 2.200-odd members of the general council backed the proposal to declare Palaniswami as leader.

Panneerselvam, who was the first to arrive for the meeting, was confronted by a large number of party delegates from across the state. At one point, the few remaining leaders from his camp were forced to leave the dais after being booed by the crowd. At the same time, loud

cheers greeted Palaniswami's arrival in the auditorium to a traditional welcome. Soon, the meeting elected veteran AIADMK leader Tamilmagan Hussain as the party's presidium chairman. Also, all resolutions that were supposed to be passed at the meeting were declared rejected, with the council stating that the only agenda is to put in place a sole leader.

either side of Hussain, Panneerselvam was mostly left alone and appeared disconcerted at the manner in which





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WHAT VOTERS WANT: BETTER WATER SUPPLY, GOOD ROADS

Rajinder Nagar votes after hectic campaign

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

WATER SUPPLY issues and substandard road infrastructure were issues reigning in the minds of Rajinder Nagar residents who turned up to vote in the bypoll on Thursday.

Several people complained that the water situation in the area has not improved despite having Raghav Chadha, who was the vice-chairman of the Delhi Jal Board till March, as the MLA. "We want a local candidate so that we can air our grievances to him. We saw how the last MLA remained absent from the constituency most of the time," said Aarti Arora, a resident of Old Rajinder Nagar.

For Sushma Jaidka, also from Old Rajinder Nagar, poor roads and irregular water supply were the main issues.

Meena, another resident who has been living in the area for 40 years, echoed Sushma's demands: "In the past 15-20 days, water supply has been a major problem. Whoever wins should be able to do some good work for us and ensure regular water supply and electricity."

Vinod Kumar, a resident of Indepuri, said, "There is a water supply issue, but people think it is better to give the party in power another opportunity as they have more resources at

At Naraina village, Kuldeep Tanwar said water and sewerage issues and a closed foot overbridge were major problems. "There are several lanes where water doesn't come at all," he said.

In the jhuggi jhopri clusters, there was overwhelming support for the AAP. Nabila Hussain, who lives in a jhuggi, said there



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AAP's Chadha was elected to the

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The seat fell vacant after

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AAP MP Raghav Chadha and BJP MP Gautam Gambhir after casting their vote. Express

can be improvements such as more toilets, but residents are happy with the free electricity scheme and free bus rides for women. "We save a lot of money with free electricity and transportation," she said.

At the constituency, the contest was mainly between AAP

There were a total of 190 polling stations, including 13 auxiliary ones, set up at 21 locations. Amit Mehra

43.75%

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Candidates

against former BJP councillor Rajesh Bhatia and Congress' former councillor Prem Lata. Chadha and BIP East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir were seen casting their votes on Thursday.

There are more than 1.64 lakh voters in the constituency, of which 92,221 are male. 72.473 are female, and four are categorised as 'third gender'. There are 1,899 voters between the ages of 18-19 years who are eligible to vote for the first time in the constituency.

Voter turnout, however, was low at 43.75%.

There were a total of 190 polling stations, including 13 auxiliary ones, which were set up at 21 locations, equipped with all facilities such as drinking water, ramps, sign language, braille, creches for mothers if they come to vote with their children etc.

Results will be declared

Voter turnout 43.75%, lower than 2020 polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

THE RAJINDER Nagar Assembly constituency recorded a voter turnout of 43.75% in the bypoll Thursday, as per data made available by the Delhi Chief Electoral Office (CEO). During the 2020 Assembly election, the voter turnout for the constituency was 58.72%.

Voting was held from 7 am to 6 pm, and Covid patients were allowed to vote in the last hour after they wore full PPE kits. The seat fell vacant after AAP's Raghav Chadha was nominated to the Rajya Sabha.

Voting trends through the day signalled that the voter turnout would be low. In the first four hours, for example, the voter turnout was only 14.85%. "The voter turnout is low. We have tried out best through our voter awareness programme to encourage people to vote. We are hoping that it will pick up as we go and maybe in the afternoon more people will come," Delhi CEO Ranbir Singh had said in the afternoon, and expressed hope that 2020's voter turnout figure would be crossed.

During the election, a total of 188 challans were issued by traffic police for misuse of vehicles like bearing unauthorised posters, banners, and displaying other poll material, Singh said. Out of these, 123 were against the AAP, 49 against the BJP, and 16 against others.

He also said a total of 24 FIRs were registered for violation of the Model Code of Conduct of which 13 were against AAP, 9



There are over 1.6 lakh voters in the constituency. Amit Mehra

were against BJP, one against Congress and one against others.

On seizures, Singh said, 280 licenced arms were seized, while under the Arms Act. five FIRs were lodged, five illegal arms seized and five people arrested. Under the Excise Act, 1,850 litres of illegally possessed liquor worth Rs 5.65 lakh was seized, and 36 FIRs and arrests were made.

Under the narcotics department, drugs worth over Rs 10 crore were seized by authorities and the Income Tax department had seized cash worth Rs 1 crore in Delhi, although outside the Rajinder Nagar assembly constituency. "Under the GST department, various items worth Rs 43 lakh have been seized. and 40 non-bailable warrants were received, all 40 have been executed," said Singh. A total of 1,64,698 voters

were eligible to exercise their vote in the bypoll, with AAP's Durgesh Pathak, BJP's Rajesh Bhatia and Congress' Prem Lata as the main candidates in the fray. A total of 24 Covid patients voted in the elections out of the approximately 80 who were identified by the district admin-

Over 1,500 kids who lost parents to Covid adjusted as EWS students in pvt schools

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

MORE THAN 1,500 children studying in Delhi's private schools who lost their parents to Covid have been adjusted as EWS students so they can continue studying without pay-

After the distress caused by the second wave in April-May 2021, governments had announced a slew of measures to aid families who had lost their primary earners to the virus. The large number of children impacted by the deaths of their parents and guardians was also at the epicentre of discussions.

The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights had traced and identified around 3.500 children who had lost one parent and 70 children who had lost both in the second wave. According to provisions to ensure the continuation of their education in the same school, 1,513 children who had been fee-paying students in private schools have been adjusted in the **Economically Weaker Section** (EWS) and Disadvantaged Group (DG) category resulting in a complete fee waiver, state records maintained by the com-

school education and women

written to the chief secretaries of all states stating that to ensure continuity in the education of children who have lost their parents to the pandemic, all efforts must be made to bring them under the fold of various schemes of the department of school education and literacy.

ucation department directed that such children studying in private schools can be accommodated under the existing freeship provisions for students from economically weaker sections in schools.

"... all DDEs districts are directed to ensure that children who have become orphans or lost a parent after March 2020, either due to Covid-19 or otherwise, such orphans need due attention to enable them to continue their education in the school," the DoE had directed.

To implement this, it stated that such students in private schools running on public land may be accommodated in the same school as freeship stu-

been told that these students may be treated as studying under EWS/DG category so they paid to the school by the DoE. It may be admitted to any govern-

AIIMS director Guleria's term extended again



Dr Randeep Guleria

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

WITH THE search for a new director for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi still ongoing, the term of the present director Dr Randeep Guleria has been extended for another three months, according to an internal office memorandum by the hospital's deputy director (administration).

This is the second time his tenure has been extended, with his original five-year term ending on March 28 this year.

"The president, AIIMS, New Delhi is pleased to further extend his tenure as director... by three months or by the time new director is appointed, whichever is earlier," the memorandum said. The current extension comes as the appointments committee of the cabinet asked the health ministry to send "a wider panel of names" for the position.

At least 32 senior doctors, including 12 from within the institute, had applied for the post of AIIMS director. Three doctors from within the institute were shortlisted - director of AIIMS trauma centre and head of the department of orthopaedics Dr Rajesh Malhotra, professor of gastroenterology and executive director of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) Dr Pramod Garg, and head of the department of endocrinology Dr Nikhil Tandon.

Dr Guleria took over as director of AIIMS-New Delhi in March 2017. A pulmonologist by training, he remained at the helm of the institute and government committees through the pandemic. He is the only director to have completed the five-year term since the limit was introduced in 2007 amidst a tussle between the then health minister Dr Anbumani Ramadoss and the AIIMS director Dr P Venugopal.

Man who stabbed 6 cops booked; family says mentally unstable

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

A DAY after a 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stabbing six personnel inside the cyber cell police station in Shahdara, police booked him for attempted murder and for allegedly trying to commit suicide.

Police said during questioning, the accused, Bharat Bhati, revealed he had some grievances but hasn't shared them. He told police he went to meet a duty officer to complain about his internet service provider but found someone else sitting with the officer and got upset, police added. "He told us he started making a video... he was saying police don't help people. However, when head constable Deepak approached him, he got angry and stabbed him. We are not sure what his motive was," said an officer.

Bhati entered the station at 12.50 pm Wednesday. Police said he was recording a video when a policeman asked him to stop and started questioning him, Bhati allegedly stabbed two policemen on the third floor and four more personnel on the stairs and the ground floor, said police. Later, he allegedly put a knife to his throat and threatened to kill himself,

police added, saying that he also hit his head against the wall.

His family claimed he has been "depressed" and "unstable" since his father's death last month. Police said the accused has been "normal" and there are no medical documents with the family on his mental health.

Police said he has been booked under IPC sections 307 (attempt to murder), 183 (resistance to the taking of property by the lawful authority of a public servant), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 353 (assault to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) and 309 (attempt to commit suicide)

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[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest

(Enforcement) Rules, 2002] The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under

he Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred unde section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 21.02.2022, calling upon the Borrower M/s Bluepine Engicon Private Limited, Directors: 1. Mr. Suni 4. Mr. Safal Sangam to repay the amount mentioned in the notice bein ₹2,56,54,288.25 (Rupees Two crore fifty six lakh fifty four thousa two hundred eighty eight and paise twenty five only) as on 18.02.2022 (Inclusive of interest upto 18.02.2022) plus further interest charges w.e.f. 19.02.2022 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read wit Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 20th day of June of the year 2022.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the publi n general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any lealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of being **₹2,56,54,288.25 (Rupees Two crore fifty** six lakh fifty four thousand two hundred eighty eight and paise twenty ive only) as on 18.02.2022 (Inclusive of interest upto 18.02.2022) plu

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2. Registered Mortgage of land and building at Thana No.37, Mauza-Nakhas Mangal Akhara, P.S-Malsalami M. Plot No.827,948 & 967, Sheet No.256 Ward No.31/36/55/69, Sub Registry Office-Patna City Sadar Registry Office & Dist.-Patna admeasuring total area of 4 katha and 17 Dhurs standing ir he name of Mr. Nishant Mehta S/o-Shri Vidhya Bhushan Kumar. Boundar Description: East-10 ft wide Niz Road after that 4 ft. Gali and Ashok Kuma Krishna Paswan and Jayswal, West-Plot of Subodh Kumar & Vinod Kumar North-Gali Corporation, South-Corporation Road. **Authorised Officer**

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Date: 23.06.2022



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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of India Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is ", and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to bank of India from the below mentioned borrower(s) & guarantor(s). The reserve price and the Earnest money deposit are

Details of Borrower/Plant & Machinery/Mortgaged Property/Inspection Date/ Date E-auction/Reserve Price & EMD. Date, Time of E-auction:- 25.07.2022 at 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Followed by three extensions of 10 minutes

Inspection Date & Time of the Property: Till 21.07.2022 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM in consultation with the **Authorized Officer of Patna Zone (Bihar)** Last Date of acceptance of bids: 22.07.2022

Borrower/Guarantor/Outstanding Description of the Asset/Property 01. Sri Nandan Kumar Jha & Smt. Seema Jha Owner of property: All the part & parcel of the property in the name of Sri Nandan Kumar Jha situated at Raj Laxmi Residency, Flat No.- 102 **Branch: Boring Canal Road** Total Due: ₹ 33,56,734.46/- (Rupeesthirty three lacs fifty six (1st floor), Part Survey Plot No. - 471, Khata No. - 17, Society Plot No. thousand seven hundred thirty four rupees and forty six paisa)plus interest as mentioned in notice issued dated 06-04-2021 under rule 13(2) & interest accrued there on along with 'cost & Charges'

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In case of 'mistaken identity', 32-year-old Mundka fire victim cremated by another family: 'We waited so long... don't even know who to blame'

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

SWEETY'S FAMILY had been waiting more than a month for her body. The 32-year-old was among 27 people who were killed in a fire at a commercial building in Mundka in May, which left several bodies charred beyond recognition and required DNA tests to identify them. On Thursday, they were grief stricken to learn that she had already been cremated — by anmistakenly given her body.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Sweety's brother-in-law Ratan Singh said they thought her body was among those yet to be identified. "What is there to be done now? Somebody else has cremated her. We waited so long only to realise that there is no body anymore... We do not even know who to blame... The authorities should take some responsibility; they were conducting the DNA tests and could have checked to see if the correct bod-

The family of victim Ranju Devi (32), who had received Sweety's body, was shocked at the turn of events. Her husband Santosh said, "We had already cremated the body thinking that it was Ranju's. Then we received a call from police telling us that we must have taken the wrong body, and that Ranju was still in the mortuary.

Devi's body was handed over to them on Friday after DNA test results confirmed her identity. "This has been very hard for our



Sweety and (right) Ranju Devi were among 27 killed in the fire that broke out at the Mundka building in May

year students at the Post

Graduate Institute of Medical

Police said Ankit from

Rohtak, Narveer Yadav from

Mahendragarh, and Somvir from

Jhajjar suffered serious injuries

and were rushed to a hospital in

Sonepat and were later referred

to PGIMS Rohtak where they are

students were going from

station, said, "The road, near

Highway Meerut road, had

Rohtak to Haridwar.

Bahalgarh on

The incident took place around 2.30 am when the six

Devender, SHO, Rai police

National

in the ICU.

Sciences (PGIMS) in Rohtak.



body to the ghat. Once the proper ceremonies are done, we will cremate her finally," said Santosh, who works as a labourer.

On the mix-up, DCP (Outer) Sameer Sharma said: "The FSL report has come which states that the body in the mortuary is of Ranju Devi... It is a case of mistaken identity." According to police, after the

fire on May 13, eight bodies were identified based on facial features, jewellery and clothes and handed over to the families. One

3 MBBS students killed after car hits

Samples were later collected of all 27 bodies — including even those identified — to reconfirm and make sure there was no misidentification.

DCP Sharma said: "While DNA samples of seven families matched, Ranju's sample didn't match with that of her son. We then asked Ranju's parents and other family members to give

On June 20, police said DNA reports were awaited for six bodies. "The families claimed them

blood samples..."

Monika, Nisha, Parveen, Soni and Sweety. We had taken blood samples of their families on June

16," said the DCP. On Thursday, police found that one of the six bodies was Ranju's. Police said Sweety and Ranju were of the same age and had identical jewellery and

As of now, police said reports of two of the 27 bodies are pending and the others have been

clothes on them. They worked as

helpers at the building.

10-year-old boy dies trying to recreate stunt he saw online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy died while he was allegedly trying to perform a stunt with a skipping rope at his home in Northeast Delhi on Wednesday. Police said the boy had watched a video of the act, and was trying to copy it when the skipping rope accidentally got tangled around his neck and he died of suffocation.

The incident took place in the Kartar Nagar area around 7 pm. Police believe the stunt involved tying the rope around the neck. A senior police officer said,

'The boy's family told us he would watch a lot of stunt videos and he liked to play around. He was trying to enact one of the stunts with the rope. It got wrapped around his neck and it suffocated him. He couldn't remove it and collapsed."

The boy's mother alerted neighbours and rushed him to a hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The hospital informed police. Police said the boy and the mother were in different rooms at the time of the incident. The mother told police her son had watched a video on her phone and wanted to try it. She found him lying on the ground later, they added.

"We conducted an enquiry and found it to be a case of accidental death. There's no foul play. No case has been registered and inquest proceedings under CrPC section 174 (unnatural death) have been initiated," added the officer.

The boy is survived by his parents and a five-year-old brother. His father works at an electronics firm in Delhi while

YouTuber held, minor apprehended for using illegal arms to create videos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was arrested from Dwarka on Tuesday evening for allegedly possessing illegal arms that he purchased to make YouTube videos, said police, adding that they are searching for the weapons supplier. Police said a minor, also a Youtuber, who was with him has been apprehended as well for allegedly carrying a large dagger.

Police said the two were seen without helmets on a scooter on Tuesday at 5.30 pm. They tried to evade police when they were

They were apprehended after police blocked their path with their vehicle.

After police frisked the two. a large dagger or knife was found in the minor's bag. When the man was searched, a countrymade pistol along with two live cartridges were found. Police said a case was subsequently registered under section 25 (prohibited arms/ammunition) of the Arms Act.

Police said after questioning, the weapon supplier was identified and was found to be absconding. They added that raids are on to arrest him.

Harsha Vardhan, DCP (Dwarka), said: "The man had completed a one-year medical technician course after Class 12. Now he makes vlogs, videos and reels on YouTube. As he needed to cross 1 million views to earn income on videos, he purchased weapons to make reels and vlogs. His previous channel was deleted by YouTube. He had started a new channel and since he did not have any viewers, he thought that showing off these weapons would attract them.'



3 OTHERS INJURED, WERE EN ROUTE TO HARIDWAR FOR A TRIP

The incident took place around 2.30 am when the six students were going from Rohtak to Haridwar. The injured students are admitted to the ICU. Express

been closed for construction work and three-foot-high boulders had been placed in the middle. The victims did not notice the boulders, and their car rammed straight into the divider and caught fire. Three students were charred to death and died on the spot. Among the injured who are undergoing treatment, the condition of one student is critical. On the

complaint of the father of one of the deceased, an FIR has been lodged against an official from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the company which had the tender for road work.

In the police complaint, Rohit's father, Jay Singh said that his son and his friends were on their way to Haridwar



The victims Pulkit, Rohit & Sandesh were 3rd-yr students at

He alleged: "My son and his two friends died on the spot of burns. The authorities had not put any reflector, paint or signage, or blinker lights for road diversion on the stones and boulders. The incident took place due to negligence of the NHAI... and the company over-

taken for their negligence." Rohit's relative, Joginder, said, "It is a tragic incident. The friends had made a plan to go to Haridwar for a holidav.'

seeing work, action should be

Reacting to the allegations,

anonymity, said, "The incident is very unfortunate. One part of the carriageway had been closed due to construction work and after recent rainfall, another part was closed as a safety measure since a high-tension wire runs in the area. We had put up reflector tape, and a board informing the commuters of the diversion and construction work had been installed near the slip road exit over 150 metres before the flyover.

Police said the bodies were handed over to the families on Thursday.

The FIR was registered under IPC sections 283 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304-A (death by negligence) at Rai police station in Sonepat, said police.

A spokesperson of PGIMS Rohtak said, "It is a tragic incident. Three students are recovering in the ICU of the hospital. We have called a condolence meeting of faculty members, staff and students on Friday afternoon.'

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Sabir, S/o: Jakir, **R/o:** Rain Basera, Geeta Ghat, Age: About 35 Yrs, Height: 5'03", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Round. Wearing: Yellow Dark T-Shirt and Black Pant, Place of Recovery: Found in sick condition at Rain Basera and admitted in LNJP Hospital, Delhi on MLC No. 114580516/2022 on 15.06.2022, during treatment he died.

पर रू0 10 0/— अतिरिक्त डाक व्यय देना होगा । डाक द्वारा विलम्ब से प्राप्त होने पर विभाग की जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी ।

कार्य का नाम

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In this regard DD No. 40A, U/s 174-Cr.PC, Dated: 16.06.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Civil Lines, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform

P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi DP/2458/N/2022 Ph.: 011-23815444, 23810633

पत्रांक- 768 निविदा सूचना/2022-23

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



DP/2434/N/2022

कार्यालय खण्ड विकास अधिकारी , विकास खण्ड बहादराबाद, हरिद्वार

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

महात्मा गांधी रोजगार गारण्टी योजना के माध्यम से विकासखण्ड बहादराबाद में मनरेगा योजनान्तर्गत निम्न कार्यी हेतु पंजीकृत अनुभवी फर्म/ठेकेदारो से मुहरबन्द निविदायें

दिनांक—07.07.2022 की सांय 3.00 बजे तक पंजीकत डाक द्वारा आमंत्रित की जाती है. जो उसी दिन साय 3.30 बजे उपस्थित निविदादाताओं अथवा उनके प्रतिनिधियों के

सम्मुख अधोहस्ताक्षरी अथवा मनोनीत अधिकारी द्वारा विकासखण्ड बहादराबाद के कार्यालय में खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र किसी भी कार्य दिवस में (राजकीय सार्वजनिक

अवकाश को छोडकर) निर्धारित शुल्क जमा कर दिनांक– 06.07.2022 सायं 5.0 0 बजे तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकते है। निविदा प्रपत्र डाक द्वारा मांगने

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age about 30/35 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Medium Built, Wearing Blue colour lower was found dead at Town Hall Road, Near

Tejoo Fashion Chandni Chowk, Delhi on 16.06.2022. In this regard a DD No. 57-A date 16.06.2022 U/S 174 Cr.PC. has been lodged at PS Kotwali, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the following.

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At Palla, pond made to hold Yamuna floodwaters helps increase groundwater: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

A 26-ACRE pond at Palla that is being used to trap floodwaters from the Yamuna river, has helped increase the groundwater level in the area by 0.5 metres to 2 metres, according to the Delhi government.

The pond was launched as a three-year pilot project in 2019, and was in its final year in 2021. The project will now continue this year as well, going by a communication from the Delhi government. A total of 33 piezometers were installed close to the project area to determine the impact of the pond on groundwater levels. For the project, the government had taken control of 40 acres of land at Sungherpur village near Palla, of which around 30 acres were taken on a three-year lease

from farmers in the area. "While about 812 million gallons (MG) of groundwater have been recharged at present, about 20,300 MG of groundwater will be recharged by increasing the area to 1,000 acres," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who held a meeting with officials of the irrigation and flood control department Thursday.

The government has plans to expand the project by creating more such reservoirs between Palla and Wazirabad.

The communication from the government also stated that

Meant to capture excess water from the Yamuna with the long-term intention of recharging the groundwater table, the project was launched as a

three-year pilot scheme

26-acre

POND AT PALLA ■To capture floodwater during the monsoon

■The floodwater is expected to recharge **PROJECT** groundwater

> **■ 33 PIEZOMETERS** to measure groundwater WHAT HAS BEEN

TO THE DELHI **GOVERNMENT** ■ Increase in groundwater

ACHIEVED ACCORDING

level in the area by 0.5 to 2 metres

Average of 812 MG of groundwater "recharged" in the past 3 years



The pond was launched in 2019

there is regular extraction of water in the area by farmers, who extract around 4,000 MG and the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), which extracts around 16,000 MG.

In 2019, a rise of around 1 to 1.3 metres was observed in the piezometers, while a rise of 0.5

to 2 metres was observed in 2020, according to a note on the status of the project prepared by officials of the irrigation and flood control department before the monsoon last year. The pond had filled up with floodwaters in the monsoon in 2021 as well.

Man killed in fire at Rohini shop

building were residential.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

A 25-YEAR-OLD man was killed in a fire that broke out on the ground floor of a three-storey building in Rohini's Pooth Kalan on Thursday afternoon.

Delhi Fire Services officials said that the fire had begun on the ground floor of the building, which housed a shoe shop. They said the upper floors of the

DFS officials said Ajay (25), who worked at the shoe shop, died in the fire, while several others were rescued. They also said that a gas cylinder had ex-

ploded due to the fire.

After a PCR call was received about the fire at 3.57 pm, eight fire tenders were dispatched to the site, said officials. They further said that the fire was brought under control at 6.45 pm.

New Delhi

DFS chief Atul Garg said, "A total of eight fire tenders were dispatched. Seven people have been rescued from the building so far. No one else was injured or killed." DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal

said, "Enquiry has revealed that the ground floor of the building had a shoe shop. The victim worked there." "The cause of the fire is being ascertained and legal action is being taken," the DCP further said.

BRIEFLY —

Child rights body resolves over 5k cases in 2021-22

New Delhi: Almost half of the cases that the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) disposed of between April 2021 and May 2022 were grievances on juvenile justice, according to its annual report. The child rights body says it recorded 12,375 cases in the last year, in contrast with 6,656 cases in 2020-2021, 1,401 in 2019-2020 and 899 in 2018-2019. Of the 12,375 cases received, it disposed of 5,118. Of these, 2,437 were juvenile justice cases, the highest.

3 arrested for cheating bank customers

New Delhi: Three men, including an employee of a leading private bank, were arrested on Monday from Rohini for allegedly cheating hundreds of bank account holders by reissuing SIM cards on fake IDs, by using stolen customer data from the bank. Police said an FIR was registered on May 7 under IPC section 420 (cheating). **ENS**

Transport dept to hire researchers for EV policy

New Delhi: The Delhi government's transport department is hiring research fellows to advise the government on policy interventions to make the national capital more evehicle-friendly, officials said. Interviews were held on June 18 and four candidates shortlisted, they said. PTI

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GOVT & POLITICS





NEW CWC PICKS

A MONTH after the Congress at its Udaipur shivir decided to give 50 per cent representation to those aged below 50 at all levels, including the CWC, party chief Sonia Gandhi Thursday inducted four new members into the CWC but age clearly was not a consideration. It was rather a mix of caste calculations, loyalty and inner-party accommodation. Former Rajya Sabha MP T Subbarami Reddy, who was made a permanent invitee, is 79. He was rewarded for his loyalty. His induction is also aimed at sending a message to the influential Reddy community. Kumari Selja, who was made a CWC member, is close to Sonia. She was re $cently\,replaced\,as\,Haryana\,Congress\,chief\,with\,a\,close\,associate$ of Bhupinder Singh Hooda. A former Rajya Sabha MP, she also did not get renominated. Ajay Kumar Lallu, who was made a special invitee, is the only one among the four who is under 50. The 42-year-old had to be accommodated since he was asked to resign as UP Congress chief after the Assembly election loss. Abhishek Singhvi, a Rajya Sabha MP and noted lawyer, is the party's go to man for everything legal. With Sonia and Rahul Gandhi facing ED heat in the National Herald case, his entry into the CWC shows the party's increasing reliance on him.

In Transit

AICC GENERAL secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's presence at the Mumbai Airport amid the unfolding political drama in Maharashtra sparked a buzz on Thursday. But it turned out that she was in transit on her way to the Maldives. She was at the airport for one hour to change planes. Her daughter turns 20 and she is completing her diving instructors' course in the Maldives. Priyanka is expected to return by the end of this month.

HOPE FLOATS

 $IN THE\ backdrop\ of\ two\ key\ appointments-of\ former\ Punjab$ DGP Dinkar Gupta as the new NIA chief and IB Special Director Swagat Das as Special Secretary in the Home Ministry, hopes have been rekindled for possible new chiefs at the Intelligence Bureau and the Research and Analysis Wing. With the government dithering on police appointments – the NIA was without a regular chief for over a year — it was speculated that the Centre may go for further extension of incumbents Arvind Kumar and Samant Goel in the two agencies, respectively. The extended tenure of both officers is coming to an end on June 30. Even the extended tenure of Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla is going to end on August 31.

Land allotment for party office: HC notice to KCR

HYDERABAD, JUNE 23

THE TELANGANA High Court Thursday issued notices to Chief Minister and president of Telangana Rashtra Samiti K Chandrashekar Rao, general secretary M Srinivas Reddy, Chief Secretary, Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, after a writ petition challenged the allotment of land to the TRS to construct party offices.

A petition was filed asking why the state government had allotted to the TRS a 4,935 sq vard plot in Banjara Hills for construction of TRS Hyderabad district office. This plot was allotted on May 11 through a government order issued by Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar.

Chikkudu Prabhakar, counsel for the petitioner, said the notices had also been issued to Principal



Chief Minister K Chandrashekar

Secretary (Revenue) and Hyderabad District Collector, and the court gave four weeks to file replies. The petitioner, K Maheshwar Raj, is a retired employee and Telangana president of the All India Confederation of SC/ST Organizations and working as a civil contractor. In the petition, he said the government allotting land to the TRS at Rs 100 per sq yard was illegal and unconstitutional.

In 2018, the KCR government had announced it would allot land up to one acre at Rs 100 per vard to parties to construct offices in the state, adding they would also be exempted from paying property tax in this regard.

MAHARASHTRA POLITICAL CRISIS: REBELLION IN SHIV SENA

As rebel MLAs vest absolute powers in Shinde, legal hurdles await them

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE MUMBAL JUNE 23

WHILE DECLARING Eknath Shinde as their group leader, Shiv Sena rebels on Thursday pledged support and vested absolute powers on him to take any decision on their behalf. At a meeting held in a five-star hotel in Guwahati, Shinde addressed the rebels to convey a message of political oneupmanship against Uddhav

Thackeray's faction of Shiv Sena. A source in the Shinde camp told The Indian Express, "We are upbeat. Every step is being taken after proper deliberation. We are in know of each and every decision being made." A senior rebel leader added, "Shinde has reassured all of us that we are going to be the real Sena.'

During his address to the MLAs, without naming any party, Shinde emphasised that a pan-India party and its leader who has taken Pakistan head-on has expressed solidarity with their cause While the Shinde camp has

garnered the required number of MLAs to bypass the anti-defection rules, he, however, is set to face legal hurdles in its way of becoming the "real" Shiv Sena.

A senior official in the state secretariat said. "Under the anti**Taking Sena** symbol

EVEN IF Eknath Shinde has

the numbers on his side, stake ing claim to the Sena's bowand-arrow electoral symbol and to being known as the original Shiv Sena will be a cumbersome process, according to party insiders. They say it would require Shinde to ensure a vertical split of the party "not only within the elected members in the Assembly but across the party's office-bearers".

defection law, a two-third majority is required to form a separate group. The individual leader will have to prove the strength before the deputy speaker in the state legislature.' Shinde will require the support

of at least 37 MLAs to get the nod for becoming a separate group in the Maharashtra Assembly. Also, the process of forming a separate party will require filing an application before the chief election commission. Only after completing all formalities, a party will be allotted **FULL REPORT ON** a symbol.

VALLABHOZARKAR www.indianexpress.com MUMBAI, JUNE 23

Phatak joins rebels days after meeting them as CM's envoy Surat: Shiv Sena MLC Ravindra

Phatak, who was one of two envovs sent by Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to Surat on Tuesday to hold talks with rebel MLAs, has flown to Guwahati on Thursday with two other Sena lawmakers to join the rebel camp led by Eknath Shinde.

Sena MLAs Sanjay Rathod and Dadaji Bhuse were the two lawmakers who flew with Phatak on a chartered flight from Surat to Guwahati on Thursday evening. Bhuse is a minister in the Maharashtra government.

On Tuesday, Thackeray had sent his close aide Milind Narvekar as well as Phatak to talk to Shinde's camp in Surat. The talks did not provide a breakthrough, and they both returned to Mumbai the same day. Sources said Phatak, Rathod and Bhuse went to Surat again on Thursday and then flew from there to Guwahati.

corporators and some MPs to keep the cadres intact. **YOGESH NAIK &**

AFTER SECURING the support of a huge faction of MLAs, rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde has made a list of at least 400 former corporators and a few MPs who are expected to crossover to his side if a new government is formed.

This is set to be a big jolt to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, as movement of corporators out of the Thackeray camp would split the party down to the shakha level and pose a challenge for the CM in resurrecting the party.

Sensing this, the Sena was forced to hold meetings at the district level on Thursday in a bid Among the Lok Sabha MPs

Shinde camp woos 400 former

Rebel MLAs from Maharashtra enter a hotel in Guwahati on Thursday. Dasarath Deka

likely to join Shinde is Washim MP Bhavna Gawli, who is facing trouble from the Enforcement Directorate and has reportedly told Thackeray that Sena must ally with the BJP. In a letter to the CM dated

June 22, Gawali had said, "The MLAs of our party are requesting you to take major decision on the Hindutva agenda. These Shiv Sena leaders are staunch Shiv Sainiks. Hence, by understanding their feelings, without taking any action against them, I request you to take the decision for Shiv Sena even if it's difficult."

Sources said the Shinde group is trying to get a key MP from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. Shinde's son Srikant, an MP from Kalyan, is already with him. A corporator from Thane

said, "There were 64 corporators in Thane city alone and all of them, along with their cadre and even corporator candidates are with Shinde saheb. If we have to choose a side, we will be with Shinde saheb.'

With the corporation elections slated in the coming months, Shiv Sena has instructed its corporators not to speak to the media on the prevailing crisis. A Sena functionary said, "The corporators and cadre in Thane, Raigad and Palghar are likely to pledge allegiance to the Shinde camp and the party is aware of it. Hence, necessary precautions are being taken and an effort is being made at the district level to keep all the workers together.'

Rebel MLA writes to Uddhay, says he had been inaccessible

VALLABHOZARKAR MUMBAI, JUNE 23

WITH MAHARASHTRA plunged into a political crisis following a rebellion in the Shiv Sena, Minister Eknath Shinde on Thursday posted a letter on his Twitter handle, listing a series of complaints that party MLAs purportedly have against Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Written by Sanjay Shirsat, the MLA from Aurangabad, the letter addressed to Thackeray accuses him of not being accessible, points to the interference of middlemen who prevented legislators from meeting him and says that it was the MLAs themselves who urged Shinde to "take this decision (of revolt)".

Written in Marathi, the letter dated June 22 alleged that the gates of Varsha (Thackeray's official residence) were never open for Sena MLAs because of a few leaders around the CM, and their issues remained unheard, "Even after having a Shiv Sena chief minister, we Sena MLAs never got direct access to Varsha bungalow," the letter said.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

SP MLA: Being in MVA was difficult

Mumbai: Amid the crisis facing the

Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, Samajwadi Party MLA Rais Shaikh, whose party is one of the constituents of the 11-party coalition, said on Thursday that the association has been a difficult experience and that MVA leaders, including those from the Shiv Sena, have failed to notice the simmering discontent among the legislators. "Being a part of the MVA was a difficult journey for us... The common minimum programme that was drafted was meant to ensure we meet on common ground... (but) it was quickly forgotten and that is when the problem started," the MLA said at an Express Townhall in Mumbai, ENS

BY-ELECTION: LOW TURNOUT IN UTTAR PRADESH, PUNJAB; SPORADIC VIOLENCE IN TRIPURA

UP reports sharp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JUNE 23

THE VOTER turnout in the two Lok Sabha seats of Uttar Pradesh, where bypolls were held on Thursday, was sluggish with Rampur and Azamgarh recording 39.02 and 48.56 per cent polling, respectively, as per the Election Commission's preliminary numbers. Rampur witnessed a sharp

decline – a drop of nearly 25 percentage points — in the turnout vis à vis the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when it had recorded 63.19 per cent polling.

The drop in Azamgarh turnout was not that steep. Azamgarh had recorded 57.56 per cent turnout in the 2019 Lok

IN OTHER STATES

IHARKHAND: 56.03 per cent polling was reported in the Mandar assembly bypoll in Ranchi district.

ANDHRA: Nearly 67 per cent voters cast their ballots in the bypoll to Atmakuru Assembly seat.

Sabha elections, a drop of nine percentage points.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav accused the BJP government of misusing the state machinery to suppress the voting. The BJP called allegations baseless, and said the SP was making excuses.

36% vote in Sangrur; EC asks chief fall in voter turnout secy why more polling time sought

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH JUNE 23

THE LOK Sabha bypoll in Punjab's Sangrur constituency Thursday saw a voter turnout of 36.4 per cent till 5 pm, officials said, the day ending with the Election Commission seeking an explanation from the state chief secretary and the district's deputy commissioner for seeking an extension in the polling time.

In a strongly worded letter to the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, the panel said a letter sent by the returning officer and a subsequent request by the chief secretary "at 4.05 pm" amounted to an attempt to "unduly interfere in the election



process and influence a certain class of voters.'

"ECI seeks explanation from DC Sangrur and Chief Secretary Punjab for asking for extension of polling time towards the closing hours at 4pm without any new facts appearing on the day of polling, and thereby attempting to influence a section of voters," the EC spokesperson said.

booth in Handiaya town of Punjab's district, on Thursday. Gurmeet Singh

"The commission condemns such behavior by the officers during the election process," the letter stated as it asked the returning officer to appear before the

commission by 1 pm Friday. The voting percentage on Thursday is a sharp dip from 2019, when the constituency recorded a poll percentage of 72.40 per cent.

in Tripura; some areas see violence

Over 78% polling

DEBRAJ DEB AGARTALA, JUNE 23

TRIPURA, WHERE Assembly seats went to bypolls on Thursday, saw a voter turnout of 78.58 per cent till the end of polling hours, the office of chief election officer said.

Polling for by-elections started at four Assembly segments — Agartala, Town Bardowali Surma and Jubarajnagar — in Tripura from 7 am.

A policeman, on his way to cast his vote, was stabbed and a journalist assaulted in Agartala Thursday even as opposition parties alleged voters were not being allowed to reach the polling booths in the state, a charge denied by the ruling BJP.

Drop veil, minister tells sarpanch in Gujarat's Mehsana

RITUSHARMA

BECHARAJI (MEHSANA), JUNE 23

THE SARI veil covered her face as Meenaba Zala, the first elected woman sarpanch of Rantej village in North Guiarat's Mehsana district, stood on stage. She was tasked to hand over a souvenir – a framed picture of Bahuchar Mata, the deity after which the taluka Becharaji gets its name – to state Education Minister litu Vaghani.

Meenaba got on to the stage from a bunch of women, all in similar veils, from her village who were sitting on the floor on one side while the men from the village sat on plastic chairs. What happened next was unprece-

To the surprise of Meenaba and the scores of villagers at the event, the minister insisted that she removed her veil before he accepted the souvenir as part of

"If the elders allow, I would



souvenir to minister Jitu Vaghani on Thursday. Express

request Meenaba to come out of this riwaaz (tradition)," Vaghani said in front of villagers who had gathered at the school for the launch of the annual Shala Praveshotsav (school enrolment) and Kanya Kelavani (bringing up of girls)--the state government initiatives to ensure maximum enrolment of children, especially girls, in primary schools and ar-

rest the drop-out rate. Soon came a voice of opposition when a man from the crowd said, "Saheb, ame darbar chhiye

(Sir, we are Rajputs)." "What does caste have to do with this? Darbar, Patel, Vaniya or Brahmin... see how happy the women are and the blessings they will give you," the minister was quick to respond.

"Maan maryaada (respect and modesty) is alright but when you are a Sarpanch you have to come out of these traditions. Let the vil-

lage decide. Look around, where the world has reached... by doing this (removing veil) we do not lose our maan marvaada, Follow everything but at home. I do not say this riwaaz is bad but we have to change as per the time and come out of this so that we can move forward," Vaghani said insisting that all other women in the crowd reveal their faces.

Eventually, one of the village elders, who was also on the stage, agreed with Vaghani. Following the cue. Meenaba reluctantly pulled back a part of her saree and revealed her face. An extra chair was also arranged for her on the stage, albeit in a corner.

"The minister is right. We should keep our ghunghat at home and need to come out of this (tradition). We are anyway behind our veils at home but we need to move forward with time." Meenaba, who defeated four male candidates to get elected six months ago, later told The Indian Express.

A mother of two--a 10-yearold son and a two-and-half-yearold daughter--Meenaba hails from Ahmedabad. "I really wanted to join the police force but could not as my brother was strict. So. I was made to drop out of college in the first year of B.Com" she said.

On the villagers' resistance to the minister's suggestion, Meenaba said, "There is resistance from elders because they lack education. But things are changing slowly. Now, girls are getting educated. Look at my brother only... his daughter is now in the police force."

More than 60 per cent of the village, which has 3,200 residents, is from the Zala community. As per Census 2011, Rantej has a male population of around 1,650 as against 1,552 females. It has a literacy rate of 71.59 per cent, including 80.99 per cent literate males and 61.66 per cent literate females.

Becharaji taluka is still weighed down by patriarchy as most of the women in the villages have to still cover their faces with a long veil using their sarees.

Navdeep Suri will be guest at Explained event today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

THE NARENDRA Modi government has showcased India's stronger 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 meeting regional leaders.

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Navdeep Singh Suri



As the government navigates its ties with West Asia, these questions and more will come up for discussion on Friday, 7 pm, at Express Explained.Live with Navdeep Singh Suri, former Ambassador to the UAE and Egypt, and one of the leading voices on India's diplomacy in the Middle East.

Suri has had a 36-year-long career in the Indian Foreign Service. He served in India's diplomatic missions in Cairo, Damascus, Washington, Dar es Salaam and London. He was India's Consul General in Johannesburg and High Commissioner to Australia. He also headed West Africa and Public Diplomacy departments in India's Ministry of External Affairs.

His contribution to building stronger ties between India and UAE was recognised by the President of UAE when he was conferred the country's second highest civilian award - the Order of Zayed II.

At present, Navdeep Suri is a Distinguished Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation.

He will be in conversation with Shubhajit Roy, Associate Editor at The Indian Express. TO REGISTER, SMS-IEEXP

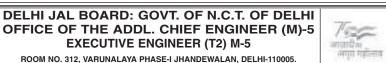
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Assam CM conducts aerial survey of flood-hit Silchar ducted an aerial survey of flood-

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, JUNE 23

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In this regard a DD No. 36-A dated 18.06.2022 U/s 174 Cr.PC, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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- Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 24.06.2022 to 08.07.2022 up to 4.00 pm. 2. Last date for tender submission: 08.07.2022 up to 4.00 pm
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Director [Engineering-2]

Dinkar Gupta appointed NIA chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, JUNE 23

DINKAR GUPTA, a 1987-batch IPS officer and former chief of Punjab Police, has been appointed Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA). The Appointments Committee has approved the appointment of Gupta



Dinkar Gupta

A distinguished police officer who served Punjab during the peak of militancy, Gupta successfully mapped and busted the narco-terrorism network in Punjab besides wiping off gang-

sters. It was under his watch that Punjab Police extradited two of them. He was also the first to highlight the threat posed by drones from across the border.

Gupta took over as the state police chief in February 2019, superseding five officers, two of whom fought an unsuccessful legal battle against him. During his stint as police chief, he sought to overhaul training in a bid to make Punjab Police tech-savvy.

Telangana HC lawyer among 3 held over Maoist recruitment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

THE NIA on Thursday arrested three persons, including a Telangana High Court lawyer, "for their involvement in motivating and recruiting youth for the proscribed organisation CPI

(Maoist)". The lawyer, identified as Chukka Shilpa, was arrested in connection with a case the agency registered on June 3 with regard to recruitment of a college student in the Maoist outfit. The other two accused have been identified as Dongari Devendra and Dubasi Swapna.

The agency also conducted searches at three locations Ranga Reddy, Medak Secunderabad districts in connection with the case. "During the searches conducted today, incriminating materials including digital devices have been

seized," NIA said in a statement. According to the NIA, leaders and members of Chaitanya Mahila Sangham (CMS), an alleged frontal organisation of the CPI (Maoist), were involved in recruitment of youth into the outfit. The case was initially registered on January 3, by the Andhra Pradesh Police and later taken over by the central agency.

About three and half years ago, a college student, identified as Radha, went missing from her home in Visakhapatnam. In January this year, her mother lodged a complaint with the Visakhapatnam police that leaders of CMS had met her in her college and influenced her to join CPI (Maoist). Following this, the police had registered an FIR.

It was alleged that Devendra had taken away the woman, a nursing student, on the pretext of providing medical treatment to someone in December 2017. She never returned. Her family later learnt that she had joined the Maoist outfit.

Uttarakhand IAS officer held in corruption case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DEHRADUN JUNE 23

A DAY after his suspension was ordered by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, IAS officer Ram Vilas Yadav was on Thursday arrested by Uttarakhand Vigilance Department after his questioning over allegations of amassing assets disproportionate

to his known sources of income. Yaday, who is set to retire at the end of this month, is accused of acquiring assets of more than 500 per cent of his income. He was transferred from Uttar Pradesh to Uttarakhand in 2019. He was earlier secretary of the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) and was serving as Additional Secretary in the Rural Department in Uttarakhand.

Earlier this month, the Uttarakhand Vigilance Department searched four locations linked with Yadav in the disproportionate assets case, including his premises in Dehradun and Lucknow. A case was registered against him in April this year.

"In connection to the FIR registered against Additional Secretary Ram Vilas Yadav under the Prevention of Corruption Act on April 19, he appeared at the Vigilance establishment in Dehradun to get his statement registered. When questioned by the team about assets acquired in the name of his family members. he did not give satisfactory answers," said a statement issued by Uttarakhand Police. "He neither could give satisfactory answers or provide documents for his Dilkash Vihar Ranikothi house in Lucknow, Janta Vidyalaya in Gudamba, land purchased in Noida, 10 bigha land in Ghazipur, money deposited in FD and accounts, money deposited in accounts of family members and family expenditure," it said.

as the NIA chief till March 31, 2024, the date of his retirement.



कार्यालय प्रबन्ध निदेशक पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि० विक्टोरिया पार्क,

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Request for Proposal for selection of Design and Technical Agency (DTA) for Preparation of Detailed Design of building, exhibits, theming and Construction Supervision of RegionI Science Centre at Vadodara, Gujarat

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of Moosewala, was planning since Aug: police





Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi; Singer Sidhu Moosewala

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 23

PUNJAB POLICE Thursday said jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi had confessed to being the "mastermind" in Puniabi singer Sidhu Moosewala's killing, which was being planned since August 2021.

Bishnoi has confessed to hatching the conspiracy with Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar, Sachin Thapan and Anmol, said Punjab Police ADGP Pramod Ban. "The plan to carry out the killing was being hatched since August last year. According to our information, recce was done thrice. In January too, a different group of shooters had come to kill Moosewala but could not do so," the ADGP said.

Ban said that fake passports made outside Punjab were used by Lawrence's brother, Anmol and his associate Sachin Thapan, to travel abroad earlier this year.

He claimed Lawrence asked them to flee the country and settle abroad from where they could execute the crime.

10L views in an hour for singer's new track

Moosewala's latest song SYL - the first to be released after his death - has become an instant hit, getting 10 lakh views in just an hour. But like his other songs, controversy is sure to follow: it talks of the water dispute between Punjab and Haryana, the 1984 riots, militancy in the state, and the hoisting of the flag at the Red Fort during the farmer agitation, among other subjects.

Bank manager held for diverting Rs 5.7 crore, says lost it to girlfriend he met online

Bengaluru: A bank manager in Rengaluru has been arrested af-Bengaluru has been arrested after he allegedly diverted Rs 5.7 crore, police said.

Hari Shankar, manager of Indian Bank's Hanumanthanagar branch, said he lost the money to a woman he met on a dating app, police said, while ruling out the claim. He has been sent to police

custody for 10 days. Police have named Shankar's colleagues, assistant branch manager Kausalya Jerai and clerk Muniraju, as suspects in the FIR. According to police, the alleged fraud took place between May

According to police, a woman customer deposited Rs 1.3 crore as a fixed deposit and took a Rs 75 lakh loan against it. The accused officials allegedly tampered with the deposit documents and used them as security to release Rs 5.7 crore in multiple installments as overdraft. **ENS**

Bishnoi admitted he plotted killing India team in Lanka: Ready to aid recovery via investments

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

A FOUR-MEMBER delegation led by Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, including top Finance Ministry officials, assured the Sri Lankan leadership on Thursday that New Delhi is ready to help Colombo's quick economic recovery by promoting investments, connectivity and strengthening economic linkages

The delegation — which included Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance: Dr V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor; and Kartik Pande, Joint Secretary of the Indian Ocean Region, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) — met President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo.

India's recent economic aid stands at \$3.5 billion. New Delhi also supported Colombo during the meetings at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in March this year, and in other forums including regional and plurilateral organisations.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said Kwatra, accompa-



The Indian delegation with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. PTI

nied by Seth and Nageswaran, held "productive discussions" with President Rajapaksa "on the current situation in Sri Lanka and India's ongoing support".

During the meeting, the delegation underlined that India stands ready to help Sri Lanka in quick economic recovery by promoting investments, connectivity and strengthening economic linkage, he said. "(They) reiterated Sri Lanka's centrality to India's Neighbourhood First policv. Both sides reaffirmed commitment to development of India-Lanka ties," Bagchi said.

The Indian High Commission in Colombo said the talks were held in a "frank, cordial and constructive manner". In a statement.

Marathi Actor Released

actor was awarded bail on Wednesday. Deepak Joshi

SHAJU PHILIP

early Thursday.

few CPI(M) leaders.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

A CPI(M) youth wing member

was allegedly assaulted, kept

captive and subjected to a "trial"

for around three hours by a mob

said to belong to the Social

Democratic Party of India (SDPI)

in Kerala's Kozhikode district

The mob also recorded a

video of the incident at Balussery

and forced 24-year-old Jishnu

Raj, a Dalit man, to confess that

he had destroyed some SDPI

signboards of at the behest of a

online, showed the Democratic

The video, widely circulated

Marathi actor Ketaki Chitale leaves Thane prison on Thursday. Incarcerated for around a

wing member, holds him captive

Youth Federation of India (DYFI)

member holding a sword-

which the mob claimed was

used to damage the boards. It

also shows the captors extract-

mitted to a government hospital

Thursday registered a case

against 29 people based on a

complaint from Raj. Police also

booked Raj on a complaint that

he had damaged SDPI campaign

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on a two-wheeler at around

Wednesday midnight after at-

tending a friend's birthday, when

he was waylaid. The mob alleged

The DYFI leader later told re-

The injured youth was ad-

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in Kozhikode.

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month-and-a-half over a Facebook post that allegedly targeted NCP chief Sharad Pawar, the

it said the Indian delegation underscored that the recent economic, financial and humanitarian assistance of over US\$ 3.5 billion to Sri Lanka was "guided by the 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

"During the call on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the Indian side thanked the President of Sri Lanka for his commitment to the development of India-Sri Lanka bilateral relations. Both sides had a productive exchange of views on the current economic situation in Sri Lanka as well as India's ongoing support," the statement said.

At the meeting with Wickremesinghe, the two sides

the Sri Lankan economy and efforts undertaken towards achieving economic recovery, it said. "In this context, both sides highlighted the importance of promoting India-Sri Lanka investment partnership including in the fields of infrastructure, connectivity, renewable energy and deepening economic linkages between the two countries," the statement said.

Kwatra also had a separate meeting with his Sri Lankan counterpart, Wijewardena, where they agreed to work in close coordination towards strengthening diplomatic engagement and undertaking a bilateral visit at an early date.

"The Sri Lankan side appreci-ated the consistent support of the government and people of India over the past few years in a variety of fields such as counter-terrorism, maritime security, disaster management, humanitarian assistance, development cooperation, commercial engagement and people-topeople ties," the statement said.

It said development assistance extended by India stands at over \$5 billion

MP: Rail officer overseeing track work hit by train, dies

IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, JUNE 23

AN OFFICER of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) died Thursday evening after being hit by a passenger train while supervising work on an adjacent track near Amlai station in Madhya Pradesh's Annupur district.

Yogendra Singh Bhati was posted as Area Manager for Baikuntpur in Bilaspur division of South East Central Railway. He was supervising pre non-

interlocking work in which points and



Yogendra

tracks with a third line was out. According to railway officials, Bhati and others were winding up

crossings for

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the work when a train heading from Katni to Bilaspur hit him near the outer signals of Amlai station around 7.45 pm.

Preliminary reports said Bhati was standing between two tracks when the train hit him. He was rushed to hospital where he was declared dead on arrival.

Bilaspur division Divisional Railway Manager Alok Sahay said a departmental inquiry has been ordered. It is being investigated why the loudspeaker installed at the work site to alert officers and workers of any oncoming train did not work.

Bhati, who got married on June 8, had applied for transfer to Jabalpur where his wife - also an IRTS officer — is posted.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Murmu meets PM, to file nomination papers today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. JUNE 23

AHEAD OF a nationwide campaign for her election, NDA's presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh and BJP president J P Nadda on Thursday

After meeting Murmu, who was given a warm welcome at the Delhi airport by BJP supporters on her arrival from her home state Odisha, Prime Minister Modi in a tweet said: "...Her presidential nomination has been appreciated across India by all sections of society. Her understanding of grassroots problems and vision for India's development is outstanding."

The 64-year-old former Jharkhand Governor is expected to be the first President from the tribal community. Her nomination will be filed on Friday with fanfare with the Prime Minister, senior ministers and the BJP chief proposing her to be the ruling coalition's candidate.

Four sets of nomination papers will be filed with signatures of Union Ministers, BJP MPs, MLAs and of leaders from supporting parties. She will then embark on a nationwide campaign, urging different political parties to support her bid. The BJP has appointed a 14-member team led by Union minister Gajendra Shekhawat to coordinate the electioneering process for the July 18 presidential election. An election to the post is necessary as the Opposition has fielded former Union minister Yashwant Sinha as its joint candidate for the post.

However, Murmu's win is certain as non-NDA parties such as the BID. AIADMK and YSRCP have extended support to her candidature. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who has appealed to all MLAs in the Odisha Assembly to vote for Murmu, on Thursday said two of his cabinet colleagues will be present during the filing of nomination on Friday.



Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu after her arrival at the airport in New Delhi on Thursday. Amit Mehra

JMM set to veer from nod for Sinha to back NDA pick Murmu

ABHISHEK ANGAD RANCHI, JUNE 23

THE JHARKHAND Mukti Morcha (JMM), led by its executive president and Chief Minister Hemant Soren, may be among the 17 Opposition parties, which nominated Yashwant Sinha on June 21 as their joint candidate for the July 18 Presidential election, but the tribal party seems all set to review its position and back the ruling BJP-led NDA's Presidential nominee, Droupadi Murmu. The former Jharkhand gover-

nor, Murmu is on course to be elected as the next President, the first tribal to assume the country's highest constitutional office.

The NDA's move to name the 64-year-old Santhal leader Murmu as its Presidential candidate has put the JMM in a spot, which draws its electoral strength from tribal votes in Jharkhand, which it is ruling at the head of a coalition that in-

cludes the Congress and the RJD. The Shibu Soren-headed JMM clearly does not want to be seen as a party which despite its tribal credentials did not back the "historic move" to send the first tribal to the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

With the Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik-led BJD backing Murmu's candidature, she is set to have a smooth sailing in the Presidential poll, even as former PM and JD(S) chief H D Deve Gowda also indicated his party's backing for her.

Sources in the JMM said the party would hold a meeting of all its MLAs on Saturday to review their stand on the issue of the Presidential candidate and take a decision. A party insider said: 'There is no harm if Hemant Soren supports Murmu's Presidential candidature as numbers are heavily stacked in her favour. And Soren wants to be seen as the person who has supported a tribal candidate for the President's post. Most likely the JMM will vote for Murmu.

Govt decides to allot Paswan's old 12 Janpath house to Kovind

ANISHA DUTTA NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

THE GOVERNMENT has decided to allot 12 Janpath — which was earlier occupied by Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader Ram Vilas Paswan till his death in October 2020 - to President Ram Nath Kovind as his retirement house. Kovind's tenure ends on July 24. While the bungalow was al-

lotted to Union Railways and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in August 2021, he could not move in as it was still occupied by Paswan's family. "Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw was allotted another bungalow on 32 Prithviraj Road, where he has moved in," said a senior official of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

In March this year, the government got Paswan's family to vacate the bungalow. While the



The house was earlier given to Ashwini Vaishnaw. Anil Sharma

family had sought more time, the Delhi High Court had dismissed their petition and refused to intervene in the eviction process initiated by the Directorate of Estate, under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

All retired Presidents are entitled to a rent-free furnished residence, including its maintenance, as well as secretarial staff,

per the President's Emoluments and Pension Act, 1951. As a convention, former Presidents are allotted Type VIII bungalows According to Directorate of

Estate rules, Type VIII bungalows, which have seven rooms with domestic help quarters, are also allotted to serving ministers, Rajya Sabha members, and senior members of the judiciary.

Urban Cooperative Banks won't be treated as second-class: Shah

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

ASSURING THE cooperative sector that it will no longer be treated like a "second-grade citizen", Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah on Thursday asked the Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to un-

dertake institutional reforms. Addressing the National Conclave on Scheduled and Multi State Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies, Shah said UCBs account only 3.25 per cent of the total bank deposits and 2.69 per cent of the total advances in the country.

"We should take a resolve to expand this. I assure you that the Narendra Modi government is in power and you will no longer be treated as a second-grade citizen.

addressing the conclave organised by the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB).

Shah, however, said the responsibility of development lies with the cooperative sector.

"It is our responsibility to establish our trustworthiness and earn people's faith. It is our responsibility to win the confidence of the RBI and the government through our conduct," he said.

Shah asked UCBs to undertake institutional reforms like transparency in recruitment and implementation of a robust accounting system, which he said are necessary for growth. "If we want to expand.... we will have to undertake sansthagat parivartan (institutional reforms)," he said.

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With a 41% shortfall in rain, sowing of kharif crops takes a hit in Maharashtra

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS

PUNE, JUNE 23

IT IS not just political uncertainty that Maharashtra is facing. The lack of rain in the state has meant that there has hardly been any sowing of kharif crops.

The 41.4 per cent deficient rainfall in the state during the current southwest monsoon season(till June 23) is in contrast to the 82.5 per cent surplus in Assam—where the ruling Shiv Sena's rebel MLAs are holed up.

The monsoon technically entered Maharashtra on June 10 and had covered the entire state by Thursday. The rain, however, has been scanty overall, with only scattered showers. Most farmers have, therefore, refrained from taking up sowing. The main worry is over kharif pulses, par-



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Muslim League, took him to a

nearby paddy field, where they

tried to drown him. Although the

mob trial started after midnight,

police reached the spot to rescue

him only three hours later, he

said. The video showed the mob

telling police that they (mob)

for a probe. "IUML and SDPI

goons brutally attacked Jishnu

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ments from him in a mob trial

He was forced to say CPI(M) men

had deputed him with a sword

to create trouble," it said.

DYFI, in a statement, called

had collected "evidence".

Raj said the assailants, be-

Rain has been scanty, with only scattered showers. File

ticularly moong (green gram) and urad (black gram), whose window seems to be closing.

"I normally grow moong and urad on around two acres each, the sowing for which has to be completed by the month-end. This time, I have decided to skip these two crops and, instead, plant

cotton on 12 acres and soyabean on my remaining four acres," said Manik Kadam, a farmer from Arvi village in Marathwada district.

At 89 mm, cumulative rainfall so far in this region has been 10.4 per cent below the normal historical average of 99.3 mm for this period. The deficiency has been even higher at 37.4 per cent (70.7 mm versus 113 mm) for Vidarbha and 51.4 per cent (53.1 mm versus 109.3 mm) for Madhya (central) Maharashtra.

Sufficient rain by the third week of June is important for moong and urad, which are shortduration pulses of roughly 70 and 80 days, respectively. Both are sensitive to water-logging and the tendency for heavy rain in September has made farmers wary of stretching sowing beyond June.

Phule Mahatma Agricultural University at Rahuri Ahmedngar and the

Marathawada Agricultural University in Parbhani have also issued advisories to farmers to not sow the two pulses after June.

The varsities have recommended cut-off dates for sowing of crops based on rainfall and soil moisture availability. The sowing window for soyabean and cotton is longer, till July-end and mid-August, respectively in Vidarbha. For Marathwada, the cut-off date for sowing cotton is mid-July, with farmers being advised to go for maize or jowar (sorghum) in case rain continues to play truant.

Like Kadam, Ramesh Patil has taken a call not to sow moong and urad. The farmer from Chapoli village in Latur district said: "Normally, I grow these on 1.5 acres. But it's too late now and I will sow soyabean. That is, of course, if it rains."

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INTERIM ORDER IN SISTER ABHAYA MURDER

Kerala HC suspends life term of priest and nun, grants them bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

A DIVISION bench of the Kerala High Court Thursday, in an interim order, suspended the life imprisonment of Catholic priest Thomas Kottoor and nun Sephy, who had been convicted by a CBI court in 2020 in connection with the murder of Sister Abhaya, whose body was found inside a well at a convent in Kottayam on March 27, 1992.

The bench of Justices Vinod Chandran and C Jayachandran allowed the release of the duo on bail till the disposal of their petition challenging the verdict of the trial court.

(murder) and Section 201 (destruction of evidence) of the IPC. The trial court had allowed the discharge petition of another accused, Father Jose Puthrikkayil. After examining the trial court verdict, the division bench said: "We do not dwell on the

In December 2020, a CBI

court had sentenced the duo to

life imprisonment after a pro-

longed legal battle. They were

charged under Section 302

circumstance of lack of explanation or the bizarre ones of suicide given by the accused since that... cannot solely lead to a conviction. On a prima facie look at the evidence... not effectively countered by the prosecution, we cannot but release the two accused, as an interim measure....'

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

FLOODS ARE 'ACTS OF GOD,' BUT FLOOD LOSSES ARE LARGELY ACTS OF MAN.

— GILBERT F. WHITE

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RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

THE MELTDOWN

A post-poll alliance, Sena searching for a centre, BJP with a grudge — unravelling in Maharashtra is unsurprising and disturbing

HE STILL-UNFOLDING SCENES of the dramatic political crisis in Maharashtra, stretching from Mumbai to Guwahati via Surat, frame a government in freefall in an important state, and its rippling echoes. The Uddhav Thackeray government would appear to be coming undone by, on the one end, its own weakness, the inability or unwillingness or both of a family-run party to accommodate the rising ambitions within, and on the other end, by its partner-turned-foe's aggressive fishing in murky waters. That the Sena rebels who have rallied behind Eknath Shinde have been ferried and locked into hotels in BJP-ruled states, first Gujarat and now Assam, tells its own story. There has been visible rancour between the Sena and BIP ever since 2019 assembly election, in which the BJP emerged as the single largest party but after which the two long-standing allies went their separate ways. The rift inaugurated a battle over the "real" flagbearer of Hindutva against the arresting backdrop of the country's financial capital. At that time, the Sena went on to join hands with Sharad Pawar's NCP and the Congress, and formed a coalition government. Now the Shinde-led group of rebels are pointing to that unlikely alliance and the need to go back to a solo, undiluted Hindutva as reason for their revolt, but they protest too much. After all, unlikely alliances are not unusual in Indian politics and, time and again, power has proved to be a strong glue. In all likelihood, therefore, the current unravelling in Mumbai has more to do with a Sena, having lost Bal Thackeray, finding it difficult to hold together and a BJP, in power at the Centre and not above weaponising its control of central agencies against political rivals and opponents, that is seizing the opportunity.

In the coming days, the prospect of a vertical split in the Sena, and the endgame for the Uddhav Thackeray government, will pose a test for the institutions of the Speaker and Governor. The Deputy Speaker — since the Maharashtra assembly does not have a full-time Speaker since 2020 — could be called upon to assess the claims and counter claims and determine the status of the Sena factions under provisions of the anti-defection law. The governor could play a critical role in resolving the political instability, even as, after the Bommai judgement in 1994, the Supreme Court has laid down that the place for deciding whether a government has lost its majority is the floor of the assembly, not Raj Bhavan.

The fate of the Uddhav Thackeray government in Maharashtra will also send signals that resonate beyond the state. With less than two years to go for the general election in 2024, and given that the Opposition is struggling to rally together to put up a fight against a formidable and predatory BJP, the loss of a crucial state will be consequential. Maharashtra, which has been one of the most prominent sites in the fight against Covid — during which, incidentally, the Uddhav Thackeray government kept a remarkably calm head — is now, amid the political tug and pull, again ground zero.

SAME SUFFERING

Government must help build resilience against recurring floods, put warning systems, long-term mitigation measures in place

VEN AS ASSAM becomes the site of the political turmoil in Maharashtra, people in the Northeastern state are facing the fury of the Brahmaputra, Barak and their tributaries. Nearly 100 people have lost their lives in the rain-induced landslides and floods that have engulfed 30 of Assam's 35 districts, a geographical sweep described as unprecedented by experts. The Centre and state government have commenced relief operations but the raging rivers have hobbled these activities. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has reportedly said that once the waters recede, the government will find a permanent solution to the state's flood problem. Similar statements have been made before, including in 2020, by then CM Sarbananda Sonowal. But words have rarely been matched by action.

For more than half a century, Assam has relied on embankments to stave off the swelling rivers during the monsoons. A growing body of literature shows that these walled structures — most of them have not been repaired for decades — are ill-equipped to tackle floods, especially at a time when climate change is complicating the state's hydrology. Assam's flood management data shows that it needs to take such studies seriously. Last year, the state's water resources minister, Pijush Hazarika, informed the Assam assembly that close to 1,300 cases of embankment breaches have been recorded since 2000. Reports of the state's Disaster Management Authority show that the problem has intensified in recent times. Floods ripped apart nearly 200 embankments in 2020. This year, they have destroyed nearly 300 such structures. A report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources last year advised the state government to strengthen flood protection structures, address soil erosion and de-silt rivers. But these measures continue to be on the to-do list of the Assam government. In fact, the state's flood management outlay has come down in the past two years.

Assam has received nearly twice its average June rainfall in the first three weeks of the month. The state's rainfall for March-May was 62 per cent more than the normal average. Destruction of natural wetlands and outmoded sewer systems in the state's cities — including in Guwahati, projected to be a smart city by 2025 — have made these urban centres susceptible to water logging. Waterbody restoration and sewer system overhaul might take time. Meanwhile, the state government would do well to build people's resistance to the elements in cities, towns and villages. Such measures include putting flood warning systems in place and shifting people and livestock to safer locations. The state's annual suffering must end.

SPOONFEEDING THE GAME

Allowing coaches to give instructions from sidelines will reduce the charm of tennis

FORMULA 1 driver is always wired to a backroom full of experts, football players keep looking at hand-waving managers on the sidelines and in cricket, drinks duty also means ferrying strategy messages to the pitch. For all these years, tennis was different. It was a sport that encouraged players to think on their feet on the court. Now, in a six-month experimental move, including at the US Open, tennis has permitted "off-court coaching", something that many believe has been happening surreptitiously anyway. "The trial aims to create additional points of intrigue and insight to enhance the fan experience," the ATP wrote of the change.

While the move can see coaches hand-hold their players in times of crisis or change strategy during the game, it threatens sports' egalitarian charm. The fear is that players with bigger budgets can have better brain banks and wiser counsel during a game. Spoon feeding from the sidelines might also come in the way of players conjuring those moments of inspired magic. History shows that it is only when a player is trapped in a culde-sac of sapping spirit, and the match seems lost, that something stirs inside, ingenuity kicks in and they come up with a new way to get out of jail. Such riveting episodes enrich the narrative of sports, enhance the drama and increase its appeal to fans. In some cases, it also gives an idea of the limitless nature of human potential.

In the sporting ecosystem, tennis was an outlier. It left the player to find a way out of the mess on their own. That was one of its charms. Why make it like every other sport? To watch someone try and fail or succeed, or give up without trying — that is sport at its core. A coach shouting out ideas and instructions comes with the risk of reducing a tennis game into a battle of automated machines reeling out the shots. That would be a pity.

Picture this

Shiv Sena dissidents from Maharashtra, in five-star luxury in Guwahati, surrounded by flood and misery



THE BATTLE FOR the heart of Maharashtra unfolds before us like a scene out of the Greco Roman wars. On one side, we have the somewhat battle-weary combined forces of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi; on the other, Eknath Shinde, the mighty dissident from the Shiv Sena with his swelling band of brothers, claiming that the coalition that the Sena had made with Sharad Pawar's NCP and Sonia Gandhi's Congress was unholy. Though it is being publicly denied, strong support is coming from the BJP headed by Devendra Fadnavis, still smarting from being dethroned by the MVA, and consumed by the desire for regaining his lost throne. The great strength of the camp supporting Shinde, as we all know, is the north's demographic strength - numbers, the immeasurable human mass that BJP-ruled states hold, ready to pulverise the enemy who snatched away India's financial capital successfully.

Operation Grab Back began a few days ago when a few air-conditioned buses were said to have carried dissidents from the MVA into Gujarat's Surat and kept them in a five-star hotel awaiting orders. This is, by now, a familiar scenario, repeated in many states before toppling an elected government and replacing it with one that is more Centre-friendly.

As things began stirring in Mumbai and Surat this time, suddenly and inexplicably, three chartered planes flew dissidents, whose ranks had swelled, from the arid climes of Surat to the flood-ravaged north-eastern state of Assam. In Guwahati, as in Surat, they are reportedly staying in a five-star luxury hotel. As we all know, Assam is facing floods and landslides that have killed almost 100, rendered almost 3 lakh homeless and nearly submerged 32 of the state's 36 districts.

Questions arise, like who has been funding these expensive disaster tourism ventures for dissidents opposing the MVA, of which they are still a part? Who funded the trips in air conditioned buses to Surat and picked up the tab for stays in five-star hotels in both Surat and Guwahati? The Maharashtra BJP state chief Chandrakant Patil says his party has nothing to do with what has been happening in the Sena's ranks and will not stake a claim

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for government formation. However, Shinde and his friends were received by a BJP MP and a BJP MLA at Guwahati airport.

While the political drama is still unfolding in Mumbai and Delhi, with Uddhav Thackeray moving out of his official residence and the swelling numbers of rebel Shiv Sena MLAs being feted at Radisson Blu in Guwahati, it seems more likely than not that the MVA government may fall. It may be cause for glee in the ranks of those who engineered this coup, but it still leaves another question unanswered: What possessed the powers that be to undertake this unseemly horse trading in a state reeling under unprecedented floods? Media savvy as they are, did they not pause to think of how the images of the homeless rushing to safe spaces with their minimal possessions would play against the backdrop of MLAs thumping each other on the back and smiling for the cameras in plush hotels?

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Herodotus, a passionate advocate of freedom and democracy and a foe of despotic behaviour, would make good reading in these times for our elected representatives. Herodotus never blames human beings, he blames the system. It is the system that creates the soldiers and the kings and the learned men eventually. And their quality determines the end result. At the end of the Greco Persian wars, a handful of free speaking, ever squabbling Greeks won because they were defending what is most defensible: The right of all

citizens to be treated well, to be heard, to live with dignity befitting a human being. The Persians, with their great disciplined ranks, lost, because they worshipped at the feet of one supreme leader unquestioningly, with no arguments.

The Maharashtra dissidents enjoying themselves at someone else's expense, in five-star luxury surrounded by misery, devastation, land erosion and death, are a metaphor, a symbol and sign of our times. They point to the borders that have been drawn between the common citizens and the political class they vote for. The millions that are being squandered on people's representatives who are defying their given mandate, could have been at the service of the state's disaster management department to help the people of Assam who have lost their homes, their crops and their self respect.

This is not the first instance, nor will it be the last. Year after year, crisis brews in a state and crores are wasted in supporting completely irrational dissidence through undemocratic means. To think that, decades ago, Mumbai was India's first multi language metropolitan city where VK Krishna Menon, a rank "outsider", could win an election and rise to be a Union minister.

What went wrong? Things changed with the rise of linguistic chauvinism. Once it began to tug at the political imagination, Maharashtra hit out at Gujaratis, and then, at South Indians and other "Others". Sadly, politicians from various ideological camps discarded their core ideology of liberal multiculturalism and joined the xenophobic supporters of "Maharashtra for Maharashtrians" and Marathi chauvinists. In 1966, a cartoonist, Bal Thackeray created the Shiv Sena, and soon established a mindset that was anything but amusing. The wall built around the state is today simultaneously its shield and a trap. Such walls do not make good neighbours. They will always make state politics a target for the entry of Trojan horses from UP to Guwahati.

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How To Train A Karmayogi

Capacity building for politicians, bureaucrats is a must for growth

OP Agarwal and Nitya Kaushik

RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT of India's Mission Karmayogi programme to build civil service capacity received a \$47 million boost from the World Bank.Prime Minister Narendra Modi championed capacity building in 2004 when, as the chief minister of Gujarat, he launched the "chintan shivir" to discuss policies with his ministers and bureaucrats. Today, his government must build capacity of a far more complex nature.

Before 1985, capacity building of the higher civil services primarily involved twoyear induction training. For the lower civil services there were no trainings. In 1985, the then government recognised that a two-year induction training was insufficient for senior officers. IAS officers were mandated to attend a week-long training annually, and periodic four-week trainings to allow reflection and learnings.

In the early 2000s, the government launched a year-long professional programme in public policy at IIM-Bangalore followed by programmes in IIM Ahmedabad, MDI Gurgaon and TERI University. The government further strengthened the mid-career training for IAS officers by introducing Phases III, IV and V programmes at three different points of their career, in addition to Phases I and II (induction training). The rationale was that while the induction programmes equipped IAS officers to be good field officers, they needed different competencies at more senior levels.

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Such a programme must build capability to envision the future and work towards realising it. It must equip the entire chain of command to coordinate and steer the ship towards a national goal. A forward-looking mindset that can quickly seize opportunities and foresee threats is critical.

Capacity building must aim at building professionals in all domains, from technical experts to generalists. As policymaking gets more complex, respect for data and evidence-based decision making will gain importance. We won't be able to afford top-level officials with little experience in the subject of their departments. Political leaders too would need to choose areas of specialisation.

Finally, building morale and self-respect among the frontline workers is critical. They include people like police constables, patwaris, gram sevaks, frontline clerks, office peons, postmen, etc. They must recognise that they are important members of the larger public management system, not mere cogs in the wheel.

Way back in 2004, while serving as Joint Secretary (Training) in the Union Department of Personnel and Training, one of us witnessed a three-day programme organised for safai karamcharis of the Satara Municipal Corporation. In scenic Panchgani, nearly 600 sanitation workers participated in the workshop, which included complimentary health checks, interactive problemsolving exercises, and other customised edutainment programmes. The participants left the session feeling respected, with a promise to put their newly acquired learnings to use. A month later, when our team visited Satara, they found that the workers had proactively set up a waste segregation system by educating each household within their ward. When asked if they were concerned that a drop in garbage collection would render them jobless, a woman employee replied: "Our job is not to clean the city, but to keep the city clean". This change in attitudes is the power of training.

The good news is that India already has everything it needs to scale up capacity building. The existing institutions and educational centres, as well as the available expertise and knowledge base, can appropriately support trainings for various grades of civil servants. However, at the heart of such a massive capacity-building exercise is logistics—if existing institutions are used to their full capacity, there won't be a need to invest in more brick-and-mortar establishments. Investments in high-quality learning material and using a pedagogy that is appropriate to the group, rather than standard classroom lectures, will be a better use of funds.

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THE ISRAELI INVASION

ISRAELI WAR-PLANES ATTACKED Syrian positions in the mountains east of Beirut after renewed artillery exchanges shattered a cease-fire that lasted for less than 24 hours, the state television and radio reported. The Israeli war-planes in action for the second day in a row, struck six different locations along a 14-kilometre stretch of the Syrianheld territory between Aley and Hammana near the vital Damascus highway eight to 22-km east of Beirut, the broadcasters said. The air raids touched off fires in the hillsides but there were no immediate reports of casualties, the radio and TV said.

OPPOSITION RALLY

THE LOK DAL president, Charan Singh, the Congress (J) president, Jagjivan Ram, and other opposition leaders gave a call to the people to wage a relentless war to "save democracy" which they alleged was being "trampled" by the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi. The leaders, however, appealed to the people not to violate prohibitory orders or get provoked while demonstrating when the new assembly meets here for the first time. The rally was organised by eight opposition parties of Haryana and the Akali Dal (Longowal) in protest against the installation of the Bhajan Lal Ministry a month ago.

Charan Singh announced that very soon, opposition parties would evolve a programme which will show a new way to the country and save it from constitutional breakdown.

Argentina Faces Coup

THE ARMY, DEFYING Navy and Air Force opposition, took over the Argentine Government in an internal coup and appointed retired General Reynaldo Bignone to become the President of the country. General Bignone, 54, will take office on July 1, replacing former President Leopoldo Galtieri who resigned following Argentina's defeat in the Falkland Islands war.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"We were told privatisation would mean great services, savings for the government and an investment boom. It was a lie." —THE GUARDIAN

The fertiliser pinch

India cannot sustain current cost of fertiliser imports. It must cap its consumption of urea, DAP and MOP



G RAVI PRASAD AND Harish Damodaran

NO COUNTRY HAS as much area under farming as India. At 169.3 million hectares (mh) in 2019, its land used for crop cultivation was higher than that of the US (160.4 mh), China (135.7 mh), Russia (123.4 mh) or Brazil (63.5 mh). With its perennial Himalayan rivers and average annual rainfall of nearly 1,200 mm against Russia's 475 mm, China's 650 mm and the US's 750 mm – India has no dearth of land, water and sunshine to sustain vibrant agriculture. Which it has for 3,000 years and more.

But there's one resource in which the country is short and heavily import-dependent - mineral fertilisers. In 2021-22, India imported 10.16 million tonnes (mt) of urea, 5.86 mt of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and 2.91 mt of muriate of potash (MOP). In value terms, imports of all fertilisers touched an all-time high of \$12.77 billion last fiscal.

That figure, however, presents an incomplete picture. In 2021-22, India also produced 25.07 mt of urea, 4.22 mt of DAP, 8.33 mt of complex fertilisers (containing nitrogen-N, phosphorus-P, potassium-K and sulphur-S in different ratios) and 5.33 mt of single super phosphate (SSP). The intermediates or raw materials for the manufacture of these fertilisers were substantially imported.

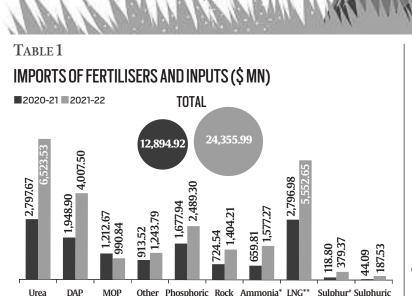
Take urea, whose primary feedstock is natural gas. In 2021-22, India imported 23.42 mt of liquefied natural gas (LNG) valued at \$13.47 billion. As per the petroleum ministry's data, the fertiliser sector's share in the consumption of re-gasified LNG was over 41 per cent. The industry's LNG imports would have, then, been worth more than \$5.5 billion.

For DAP, domestic manufacturers import intermediate chemicals, namely phosphoric acid and ammonia. Some even produce phosphoric acid by importing rock phosphate and sulphuric acid. The latter can be further made from the import of sulphur. During the last fiscal, 6.44 mt of phosphoric acid, 2.31 mt of ammonia, 9.66 mt of rock phosphate, 1.92 mt of sulphuric acid and 1.90 mt of sulphur were imported into the country.

Table 1 shows the total value of fertiliser imports by India, inclusive of inputs used in domestic production, is a whopping \$24.3 billion in 2021-22. There are two costs here. The first is foreign exchange outgo: Imports are mostly from China, Oman, UAE and Egypt (urea); China, Saudi Arabia and Morocco (DAP); Belarus, Canada, Russia, Israel and Jordan (MOP); Qatar, US, UAE and Nigeria (LNG): Morocco, Jordan, Senegal and Tunisia (phosphoric acid); Saudi Arabia and Qatar (ammonia); and Jordan, Morocco, Egypt and Togo (rock phosphate). The second cost is fiscal. Fertilisers are not only imported, but Indian farmers also pay below what it costs to import or manufacture using imported inputs. The difference is paid as a subsidy by the government. That bill was Rs 1,53,658.11 crore or \$20.6 billion in 2021-22 and projected at Rs 2,50,000 crore (\$32 billion) this fiscal.

Both costs are unsustainably high to bear for a mineral resource-poor country. We are feeling it, especially with global prices of urea, DAP, MOP, phosphoric acid, ammonia and





acid phosphate Note: *Anhydrous ammonia; **Estimated from the total value of LNG imports and the share of fertiliser sector in R-LNG consumption; *Assuming 80% share of fertiliser sector in imports. Source: Department of Commerce and authors' calculations.

fertilisers

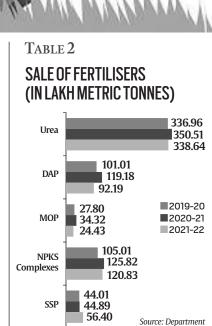


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LNG soaring two to two-and-a-half times in the last year (they have softened a bit of late). There was a time farmers had to be incentivised to use chemical fertilisers for boosting crop yields. Today, they have to be restrained from over-application. Farmers should know India imports half of its natural gas requirement - that will only go up - and hardly has any mineable rock phosphate, potash or elemental sulphur reserves.

There is a need, first of all, to cap or even reduce consumption of high-analysis fertilisers - particularly urea (46 per cent N content), DAP (18 per cent N and 46 per cent P) and MOP (60 per cent).

One way to do this is by incorporating urease and nitrification inhibition compounds in urea. These are basically chemicals that slow down the rate at which urea is hydrolysed (resulting in the production of ammonia gas and its release into the atmosphere) and nitrified (leading to below-ground loss of nitrogen through leaching). By reducing ammonia volatilisation and nitrate leaching, more nitrogen is made available to the crop, enabling farmers to harvest the same, if not better, yields with a lesser number of urea bags. Together with products such as liquid "nano urea" - their ultra-small particle size is conducive to easier absorption by the plants than with bulk fertilisers, translating into higher nitrogen use efficiency — it is possible to achieve a 20 per cent or more drop in urea consumption from the present 34-35 mt levels. That works out to 6.5-7 mt fewer imports, equivalent to \$4.5-5 billion at current prices.

A second route is by promoting sales of SSP (containing 16 per cent P and 11 per cent S) and complex fertilisers such as "20:20:0:13" and "10:26:26". DAP use should be restricted There are two costs here. The first is foreign exchange outgo: Imports are mostly from China, Oman, UAE and Egypt (urea); China, Saudi Arabia and Morocco (DAP); Belarus, Canada, Russia, Israel and Jordan (MOP); Qatar, US, UAE and Nigeria (LNG); Morocco, Jordan, Senegal and Tunisia (phosphoric acid); Saudi Arabia and Qatar (ammonia); and Jordan, Morocco, Egypt and Togo (rock phosphate). The second cost is fiscal. Fertilisers are not only imported, but Indian farmers also pay below what it costs to import or manufacture using imported inputs. The difference is paid as a subsidy by the

mainly to paddy and wheat; other crops don't require fertilisers with 46 per cent P content. India can also import more rock phosphate to make SSP directly or it can be converted into "weak" phosphoric acid. The latter, having only about 29 per cent P(compared to 52-54 per cent in normal "strong" merchant-grade phosphoric acid), is good enough for manufacturing "20:20:0:13", "10:26:26" and other low-analysis complex fertilisers.

As regards MOP, roughly three-fourths of the imported material is now applied directly and only the balance is sold after incorporating into complexes. It should be the other way around. India, to re-emphasise, needs to wean its farmers away from all high-analysis fertilisers. That movement, to use more NPKS complexes and SSP, is already happening (Table 2). It requires a concerted push, alongside popularising high nutrient use-efficient water-soluble fertilisers (potassium nitrate, potassium sulphate, calcium nitrate, etc) and exploiting alternative indigenous sources (for example, potash derived from molasses-based distillery spent-wash and from seaweed extract).

Finally, no plan to cap/reduce consumption of high-analysis fertilisers can succeed without farmers knowing what is a suitable substitute for DAP and which NPK complex or organic manure can bring down their urea application from 2.5 to 1.5 bags per acre. It calls for agriculture departments and universities not just revisiting their existing cropwise nutrient application recommendations, but disseminating this information to farmers on a campaign mode.

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Preparing soil for the future

Degradation poses a challenge to food security. Global community must come together, work to reverse it



M Venkaiah Naidu

FOOD SECURITY IS one of the core indicators of economic development. The modernisation of agriculture has brought huge dividends in terms of ensuring food security to large swathes of people, apart from improving crop production. A key element of sustainable food production is healthy soil because nearly 95 per cent of global food production depends on soil. The current status of soil health is worrisome.

Soil degradation on an unprecedented scale is a significant challenge to sustainable food production. About one-third of the earth's soils is already degraded and alarmingly, about 90 per cent could be degraded by 2050 if no corrective action is taken. While soil degradation is believed to be occurring in 145 million hectares in India, it is estimated that 96.40 million hectares — about 30 per cent of the total geographical area - is affected by land degradation. Globally, the biophysical status of 5,670 million hectares of land is declining, of which 1,660 million hectares (29 per cent) is attributed to humaninduced land degradation, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation's 'State of Land, Soil and Water' report.

The time has come for collective global action involving governments and civil society to reverse this alarming trend. Apart from natural causes, a variety of human activities lead to soil degradation. With the threat to food security looming large globally, compounded by the attendant hazard of serious damage to the environment, the need of the hour is to adopt innovative policies and agroecological practices that create healthy and sustainable food production systems.

Since ancient times in India, mother earth has been considered a divine entity and her worship is an integral part of the country's civilisational ethos. One can find numerous reverential references to mother earth in the Vedas. In tune with this divine knowledge, Indian farmers since ancient times have followed sustainable and holistic agricultural practices. With changing times and a growing population, agriculturists adopted modern scientific techniques. Extensive use of fertilisers and pesticides led to the deterioration of soil health and contamination of water bodies and the food chain, which pose serious health risks to people and livestock.

Stressing the urgent need for actio duce dependence on pesticides worldwide and to promote policies advocating healthy and sustainable food systems and agricultural production, "A Healthy Planet for Healthy Children" published by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the World Future Council highlighted success stories from various countries — including Sikkim in India, which became the first organic state in the world. It said: "The small northeast Indian state has succeeded in phasing out chemical pesticides and fertilisers gradually but resolutely and has converted the entire state to organic agriculture."

As soil is a fragile and finite resource, sustainable land management practices are essential to ensure healthy soil. They are critical not only to preventing degradation but also to ensuring food security. Every effort must also be made to prevent soil erosion as it not only affects fertility but also increases the risk of floods and landslides.

The FAO's latest 'State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture' says: "...soil pollution is also an issue. It knows no borders and compromises the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe. The excessive or inappropriate use of agrochemicals is one cause of the problem. The global annual production of industrial chemicals has doubled since the beginning of the 21st century, to approximately 2.3 billion tonnes, and is projected to increase by 85 per cent by the end of the decade. Another challenge comes from salinisation, which affects 160 million hectares of cropland worldwide." Soil degradation needs to be urgently addressed and reversed. As stated by the Director-General of the FAO, Qu Dongyu in his address to the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture on January 28, "reversing soil degradation is vital if we want to feed a growing global population, protect biodiversity and help address the plant's climate crisis".

I compliment the Union government for having introduced the revolutionary soil health card scheme. Under the programme as of date, soil health cards have been distributed to about 23 crore farmers. The scheme has not only helped in improving the health of the soil, but has also benefited innumerable farmers by increasing crop production and their incomes. I am pleased to note that India is well on course to achieving the restoration of 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030. A study conducted by the National Productivity Council in 2017 on this programme revealed that there has been a decrease in the use of chemical fertilisers in the range of 8-10 per cent as a result of the application of fertilisers and micro-nutrients as per the recommendations on the soil health cards. Overall, an increase in crop yields to the tune of 5-6 per cent was reported

Several studies have established that natural farming and organic farming are not only cost-effective but also lead to improvement in soil health and the farmland ecosystem.

I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to Sadhguru for his "save soil campaign" and for completing 100 days of solo biking, traversing through 27 nations. His attempt to engage with heads of governments, experts and government officials for concerted action on saving soil is laudable

From ordinary folk to those in the highest positions in governments, from farmers to CEOs, from scientists to school children, everybody must join this campaign to save the health of the planet and ensure food security. Each of us has a stake in this movement because our survival depends on dependable, sustainable food security.

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Policy, not diktat

RBI should issue regulatory instructions only after public consultations

government.

JAMES CARVILLE, A political advisor to Bill Clinton, had famously quipped that if there were such a thing as reincarnation, he would like to come back as the bond market because you can intimidate everyone. Reincarnation as the central bank wouldn't be any less exciting. After all, they are the "only game in town". The rule of law appears rather staid in comparison, but the law is fast catching up.

Modern inflation targeting central banks are often bound by explicit statutory mandates. Spiralling inflation is therefore likely to bring the law into sharp focus. This phenomenon is currently playing out in India. Critics have argued that the RBI ignored its statutory inflation targeting duty. The central bank appears to have ventured into uncharted legal territory by pos-

sibly targeting the exchange rate instead. Separately, critics have also highlighted broader regulatory governance challenges at the RBI. For instance, its alleged use of informal nudges to restrict a foreign player's access to the Indian payment ecosystem appears to fly in the face of an adverse Supreme Court ruling. Another recent instruction abruptly prohibiting loading of prepaid instruments from credit lines has been criticised for causing confusion among market participants. Such criticisms underline an urgent need to improve the credibility of the central bank's rule of law quotient.

In this context, the recent report of the Regulations Review Authority 2.0 (RRA) offers useful suggestions to improve the central bank's regulation-making process. The RBI had set up the RRA in April 2021 to streamline its regulations. The RRA has recognised that preparation of regulatory or supervisory instructions is akin to legislative drafting, which is both an art and science. It has therefore advocated for skill development in regulatory drafting inside the RBI.

The RRA has also made several important suggestions to improve regulatory governance at the RBI. For instance, its regulatory instructions should be issued only after public consultation, except if they are urgent or time sensitive. They must contain a brief statement of objects and reasons clearly explaining the rationale behind their issuance. They must be accompanied by a press release with the necessary background, brief rationale, and objective of the regulatory prescription. Finally, a structured mechanism for periodic review of the RBI's regulations has also been suggested.

These seemingly straightforward suggestions hold great significance for a central bank. Prior to the 1990s, central banks thrived on secrecy. The common wisdom was that the efficacy of monetary policy depended on taking markets by surprise. This belief started changing gradually with the adoption of inflation targeting. Targeting inflation required central banks to influence households' and firms' decisions. This could be done better by transparently communicating with them rather than surprising them. Thus emerged the need for central banks to be transparent and predictable.

During the same period, there was growing international recognition that central banks as monetary authorities should enjoy a relatively higher degree of de facto or de jure independence from their elected governments. In a democratic polity, this could only be expected in exchange for increased accountability. As a result, regulatory governance gradually emerged as a relevant consideration for independent central banks over the last three decades.

The regulatory governance discourse in India gained salience with the report of the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission in 2013. It considered statutory regulators to be mini-states. Like a state, regulators usually enjoy significant legislative, executive and judicial powers and should be subject to appropriate accountability mechanisms. These should include internal separation of powers; a well-structured regulation making process overseen by the board, through public consultation and cost-benefit analysis; duty to explain its actions to regulated entities and public at large; regular reporting requirements; and judicial review. Based on these recommendations, the Ministry of Finance released a handbook in 2013 for voluntary adoption of these enhanced governance standards by all financial sector regulators.

These developments turned the spotlight on the RBI's regulatory governance. A 2019 research paper authored by Anirudh Burman and Bhargavi Zaveri found the central bank's legislative functions to be the least responsive in comparison to three other regulators - SEBI, TRAI and AERA. During the period under study - January 1,2014 to April 30,2016 - the RBI held formal public consultations for only 2 per cent of all legislative instruments it issued. Its consultation papers usually presented only one solution and did not offer merits and demerits of

multiple possible solutions. The paper attributed this low responsiveness to deficiencies in the formal legal framework.

Weak regulatory governance resulted in weak regulations, inviting judicial scrutiny. In 2019, the Supreme Court effectively rewrote RBI's master circular on wilful defaulters to provide additional procedural safeguards to borrowers. In 2020, the court struck down an RBI circular that sought to ban its regulated entities from dealing or settling in virtual currencies. The court found that the RBI had neither adduced any cogent evidence of the likely harm, nor had it considered any less intrusive alternative before issuing the circular. Consequently, the circular was held to be a disproportionate restriction on the fundamental right to conduct business in India.

Against this backdrop, the RRA's recommendations assume significance. Although much softer than the FSRLC standards, they nevertheless signal a progressive step forward. Unlike the FSLRC or the Ministry of Finance, the RRA was a serving RBI Deputy Governor. Its recommendations would hopefully find greater acceptance within the central bank.

The RBI should heed these recommendations. It should ideally hardcode the suggested principles into a secondary legislation that is binding on itself. That would be the best way to signal that the central bank takes regulatory governance and rule of law seriously.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLITICAL ACUMEN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No contest' (IE, June 23). The BJP has, once again, shown political acumen and astuteness which appears to be entirely missing in the case of an opposition that is deflated and in disarray. The antecedents of Droupadi Murmu make her candidature for the top executive post not only very strong, but one which goes down well with the political playbook of the BJP — a commoner from a marginalised section rising through the

Vijai Pant, Hempur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No contest' (IE, June 23). It seems that all political parties have missed an opportunity to strike a cordial note and work out a national consensus when the outcome of the presidential election is a foregone conclusion. As the BJP-led NDA has the required numbers to go it alone, the Opposition should have fallen in line to support a non-controversial lesser known tribal woman who has risen through the ranks in the course of her political career. In a bid to put up a show of notional fight, the Opposition has only ended up showing fissures in our political structure. India at 75 needs to showcase its maturity by having the next President elected unopposed.

SS Paul, Chakdaha, Nadia

FAIR NEGOTIATIONS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Regulating global commons' (IE, June 23). The re-

cently concluded negotiations on the agreement on fisheries subsidies under the aegis of the WTO banner have successfully filled the global policy vacuum in this domain. India's call for a generous transition period for the developing and the least-developed countries to discontinue various subsidies in this area should have been given a serious thought. Special and Differential Treatment has been a core tenet of many successful WTO negotiations in the past, which takes into consideration the issue of equitability, and historic disadvantages between the countries of the world. Issues of sustainability and livelihood cannot be seen in isolation.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

Presidential duties

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A suitable Rashtrapati' (IE, 23 June). The President is the first citizen of India and must keep the interests of the country and her people at the front of her mind, living by the and spirit of the Constitution. Yashwant Sinha or Droupadi Murmu, we need a President who stands for justice and democracy and does not hesitate to remind governments of the errors of their way when they go astray. Sadly, this happens all too rarely in India. It is, however, the need of the hour when few other checks exist on ruling governments. One hopes that the next President will remember this duty to the nation and not be a meekly submissive incumbent of this high office.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

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ANTI-VIRUS CREATOR

McAfee Corpse In Morgue Year After Death

The body of software entrepreneur John McAfee, who died in prison in June last, is at a morgue as a legal case lodged by his family to demand further checks is yet to be resolved.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Emmanuel Macron

FRANCE Parties ignore Macron appeal on stalemate

FRENCH PARTIES from left and right brushed off President Emmanuel Macron's appeal for help to overcome a hung parliament on Thursday, demanding he clarify what compromises he was ready to make to win their backing. Before heading off to a European Union summit in Brussels, late on Macron Wednesday called on rival party leaders either to look at possible coalition options with his centrist alliance or to consider lending support for re-forms on a bill-by-bill basis. But the gambit was widely dismissed as an attempt to rally others to his policies while making few concessions. REUTERS

LONDON WHO considers emergency tag for monkeypox

AS THE WHO convenes its emergency committee Thursday to consider if the spiraling outbreak of monkeypox warrants being declared a global emergency, some experts say WHO's decision to act only after the disease spilled into the West could entrench the grotesque inequities that arose between rich and poor countries during the coronavirus pandemic. Declaring monkeypox to be a global emergency would mean the UN health agency considers the outbreak to be an "extraordinary event" and that the disease is at risk of spreading across even more borders. It would also give monkeypox the same distinction as the Covid-19

UNITED STATES

pandemic.

Judge approves \$1 billion deal in condo collapse

A JUDGE gave final approval on Thursday to a settlement topping USD 1 billion for victims of the collapse of a Florida beachfront condominium that killed 98 people, one of the deadliest building failures in US history. Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Michael Hanzman praised the dozens of lawyers involved for averting what could have been years of litigation with no sure outcome. "It will never be enough to compensate them for the tragic loss they have suffered," the judge said. AP

Afghanistan: aid trickles in to area devastated by quake, officials say rescue almost complete

MOHAMMAD YUNUS YAWAR & SAYED HASSIB GAYAN, JUNE 23

 $AID\,BEGAN\,arriving\,on\,Thursday$ in a remote part of Afghanistan where an earthquake killed 1,000 people, with Taliban officials saying the rescue operation was almost complete.

The magnitude 6.1 earthquake struck early on Wednesday about 160 km southeast of Kabul, in arid mountains dotted with small settlements near the border with Pakistan.

Poor communications and a lack of proper roads are hampering relief efforts in a country already grappling with a humanitarian crisis which has deteriorated since the Taliban took over last August.

"The rescue operation has finished, no one is trapped under (the) rubble," Mohammad Ismail Muawiyah, a spokesman for the top Taliban military commander in the hardest-hit Paktika province, said.

Mohammad Haqqani, a spokesperson for the disaster ministry, said rescue op-

Sri Lanka: truck

driver dies after

queue for 5 days

waiting in fuel

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

A 63-YEAR-OLD truck driver has

died in Sri Lanka after standing

for five days in a queue at a fill-

ing station in the country's

Western Province, the 10th

death reported due to prolonged

waiting for fuel procurement in

the debt-ridden island nation

grappling with the worst eco-

nomic crisis since its independ-

ence, according to a media re-

The man was found dead in-

The death toll in queues now

stands at 10 and all the victims

have been men aged between 43

and 84 years. Majority of the

deaths reported in queues have

been due to cardiac arrests, the Daily Mirror newspaper re-

Aweekago, a 53-year-old man

died while waiting in a queue for

several hours at a fuel station in

Panadura in Colombo. The man

was reported to have died of a heart attack while waiting in the

Sri Lanka, home to around 22

million, is currently facing its

worst economic crisis in more

than 70 years. Sri Lanka's econ-

omy is experiencing extreme

fuel shortages, soaring food

long queues for refuelling at fill-

fuel shortages and the resultant

transport difficulties the state

sector employees are allowed to

treat Fridays as holidays starting

from June 17, the public admin-

istration ministry said in a circu-

lar. This will be in force for the

worsened.

The country is experiencing

prices and a lack of medicines.

queue in his three-wheeler.

side his vehicle after waiting in

the queue at the filling station in

Anguruwatota, police said.

port on Thursday.

COLOMBO, JUNE 23

powerful earthquake killed 1,000 people and flattened homes. AP erations had finished in major districts but were continuing in

some isolated areas. The UN said on Thursday the Taliban ministry of defence had indicated as early as Wednesday 90 per cent of search and rescue operations had been completed.

The earthquake killed about

1,000 people and injured 1,500, Muawiyah said. More than

3,000 houses were destroyed. About 1,000 people had been rescued by Thursday morning, Sharafat Zaman, a spokesperson for the health ministry said.

People sift through the rubble in Gayan, in Afghanistan's Paktika province, a day after a

"Aid has arrived to the area and it is continuing but more is needed," he said.

The rescue operation will be a major test for the Taliban, who took over as US-led international forces withdrew after two decades of war. The humanitarian situation has deteriorated alarmingly since the Taliban takeover, aid officials say, with the country

cut off from much international assistance because of sanctions. Abdul Qahar Balkhi,

spokesperson for the Afghan foreign ministry, on Thursday repeated calls for international aid.

"We call on natural disaster management agencies and the international community to provide immediate and comprehensive aid to the Afghan people," he said in a tweet.

The United Nations said its World Food Programme (WFP) was sending food and logistics equipment to affected areas, with the aim of initially supporting 3,000 households.

'The Afghan people are already facing an unprecedented crisis following decades of conflict, severe drought and an economic downturn," said Gordon Craig, WFP deputy country director in Afghanistan.

"The earthquake will only add to the already massive humanitarian needs they endure daily."

Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the United Arab Emirates all said on Thursday they plan to send aid. Supplies from neighbour Pakistan have already crossed the border. REUTERS

DISAPPOINTED, SAYS BIDEN

US top court strikes down **NY gun limits**

JESSICA GRESKO WASHINGTON, JUNE 23

IN A major expansion of gun rights, the Supreme Court said Thursday that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public, drawn a sharp reaction from President Joe Biden who said he is "deeply disappointed".

The justices' 6-3 decision follows a series of recent mass shootings and is expected to ultimately allow more people to legally carry guns on the streets of the nation's largest cities - including New York, Los Angeles and Boston — and elsewhere.

The ruling comes as Congress is working toward passage of gun legislation following mass shootings in Texas, New York and

In a statement, Biden said the ruling "contradicts both common sense and the Constitution. and should deeply trouble us all.' He added that after mass shootings across the US, the country should be doing more, not less, to rein in firearm availability. As Congress appears set to

approve modest gun law changes, Biden urged states to go further and "enact and enforce commonsense laws to make their citizens and communities safer from gun violence.'

"I call on Americans across the country to make their voices heard on gun safety. Lives are on the line," he added.

In their decision, the justices struck down a New York law requiring people to demonstrate a particular need for carrying a gun in order to get a license to carry one in public. The justices said that requirement violates the Second Amendment right to 'keep and bear arms". California, Hawaii, Maryland,

Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island all have similar

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority that the Constitution protects "an individ-

Expanding gun rights

THURSDAY'S RULING comes as the US Congress appears set to approve modest gun law changes in view of a surge in gun crime. It will also have implications in many cities that had sought to address the growing gun violence by putting restrictions on who can carry them.

ual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home".

About a quarter of the US opulation live in states expected to be affected by the ruling, the top court's first major gun decision in more than a decade.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul said the decision comes at a particularly painful time, when New York is still mourning the deaths of 10 people in a mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo. 'This decision isn't just reck-

less. It's reprehensible. It's not what New Yorkers want,' Hochul said.

Backers of New York's law had argued that striking it down would lead to more guns on the streets and higher rates of violent crime. Gun violence, which was already on the rise during the coronavirus pandemic has spiked anew.

In most of the country gun owners have little difficulty legally carrying their weapons in public. But that had been harder to do in New York and the handful of states with similar laws.

New York's law, which has been in place since 1913, says that to carry a concealed handgun in public, a person applying for a license has to show "proper cause", a specific need to carry the weapon.



Protests Grow In Ecuador

Protesters march in Ecuadaor's capital Quito to demand President Guillermo Lasso address price increases for fuel, food and other basics which have ignited 10 days of demonstrations across the country. The demonstrations, triggered by the disquiet over rising prices, are testing Lasso's ability to restart the country's economy and kick-start employment. Reuters

AHEAD OF ISRAEL MINISTER'S VISIT

Turkey detains 5 Iranians, says attack plans thwarted

ASSOCIATED PRESS ANKARA. JUNE 23

TURKISH AUTHORITIES have detained five Iranians suspected of planning attacks on Israelis ahead of Thursday's visit to Turkey by Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, Turkish media reports said.

ing stations as the government finds it difficult to finance fuel Lapid arrived in Turkey on Thursday for talks with Turkish imports to retain a reserve adecounterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu quate for a minimum of three months. A move to ration fuel is as the two countries press ahead to be implemented from next with efforts to repair ties that month as the forex crisis gets have been strained over Turkey's strong support for the As a measure to tackle the Palestinians.

They were also expected to discuss a recent warning issued by Israel calling on its citizens to avoid travel to Turkey and urging Israelis in Turkey to leave immediately.

The warning said Israeli citizens could be targets of Iranian

The warning angered Turkey, whose economy depends on tourism to a large extent. Ankara responded by issuing a statement that said Turkey was a safe country.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett has since said that a joint operation with Turkey succeeded in thwarting several attacks and resulted in the arrest of several suspected operatives on Turkish soil in recent

Hurriyet newspaper reported on Thursday that Turkish authorities detained five Iranian nationals on Wednesday suspected of involvement in an alleged plot to assassinate Israeli citizens in Istanbul.

Police seized two pistols and two silencers in searches conducted in houses and hotels where the suspects were staying, according to the report.

GERMANY TRIGGERS GAS ALARM

EU's candidate status for Ukraine as Russia tightens vice on Donbas

REUTERS

KYIV, BERLIN, JUNE 23

UKRAINE IS set to be accepted as a candidate to join the European Union on Thursday, a move that boosts the country's morale as Russian assaults wear down the defenders of two cities in the eastern Donbas region.

The move comes as Germany triggered the "alarm stage" of its emergency gas plan on Thursday in response to falling Russian supplies but stopped short of allowing utilities to pass on soaring energy costs to customers in Europe's largest economy.

Although the approval of the Kyiv government's application by EU leaders meeting in Brussels is just the start of what will be a years-long process, it marks a huge geopolitical shift and will anger Russia as it struggles to im-



Protesters outside the EU summit in Brussels, Thursday. AP

pose its will on Ukraine. The expected green light "is a

signal to Moscow that Ukraine, and also other countries from the former Soviet Union, cannot belong to the Russian spheres of influence". Ukraine's ambassador to the EU, Vsevolod Chentsov, said.

Meanwhile in Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland, the battle in Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk is "entering a sort of fearsome climax", said Oleksiy Arestovych, an adviser to President Zelenskyy.

Russian forces were trying to encircle Ukrainian troops defending Lysychansk, senior Ukrainian defence official Oleksiy Gromov said Thursday.

N Korea talks on new army duties hint at deploying nuclear weapons

Kim Jong Un at a meeting on

Wednesday. Reuters

ASSOCIATED PRESS SEOUL, JUNE 23

NORTH KOREA discussed assigning additional duties to front-line army units at a key military meeting, state media said Thursday, a move that analysts said indicates it plans to deploy battlefield nuclear weapons targeting South Korea along the rivals' tense border.

During an ongoing meeting of the Central Military Commission of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party, leader Kim Jong Un and other top military officers discussed on Wednesday "the work of additionally confirming the operation duties of the front-line units of the Korean People's Army and modifying the operation plans," according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

A KCNA photo showed what appeared to be a large map of the Korean Peninsula's eastern coast, including border sites, standing near the conference table.

Although there was no public mention of tactical nuclear weapons, "I can assess that the issues of forward-deploying tactical nuclear weapons... have been discussed in an in-depth manner" at the meeting, said Cheong Seong-Chang, a senior analyst at South Korea's private Sejong Institute.

UNESCO-LISTED CAPITAL SEES RESTORATION EFFORTS

Lick of paint for Yemen's historic city Sanaa as ceasefire holds

KHALED ABDULLAH & **ABDULRAHMAN AL-ANSI** SANAA. JUNE 23

YEMENI ARCHITECT Zaid al-Kuhlani watched his workers dab white paint around stained glass windows from scaffolds, part of a large-scale restoration effort of UNESCO-listed historic Old Sanaa that has endured years of bombings during the war.

Others used pulleys and ropes to lift the city's distinctive brown mud to the top of its damaged unique tower houses as the sounds of traffic and honking car

horns replaced warplanes' rumbling, thanks to a United Nationsbrokered truce.

'We are dealing with historical buildings ranging from 300 to 350 years old, and each house is unique in its historical background and architectural style." Kuhlani said. Old Sanaa dates from at least the eighth century.

Kuhlani added that his work Yemen's General Organistion for the Preservation of Historic Cities (GOPHCY) ranges from finding traditional material, securing and consolidating buildings and finally their renovation.

have faced thousands of air strikes from a Saudi-led coalition that intervened in the country's civil war in 2015 after the Iran-aligned Houthi group ousted the internationally recognised government the previous year.

Both sides agreed in April on a UN ceasefire proposal that has suspended air, sea and land attacks while allowing imports into Houthi-controlled sea ports and a partial reopening of Sanaa airport. The truce is the first comprehensive agreement in the war that has killed tens of thousands



A worker sits on a scaffold as he renovates the facade of a house in the old city of Sanaa, Yemen. Reuters

and pushed Yemen to the brink

About 5,000 buildings were damaged including 380 that were seriously hit and were

about to collapse in Sanaa's historic neighbourhoods, said Aqil al-Nusairi, deputy chairman of GOPHCY. "A large number of these

buildings have been restored when the old Sanaa issued a distress call which was answered by some international donors... through the UNESCO," Nusairi

In the course of war, bricks were used to seal windows in

as residents sought to protect their families from shrapnel. Inside the houses, workers wearing bright green vests that read "cash-for-work project" and

some buildings, replacing Sanaa's

unique coloured window glasses,

helmets - used the brown mud to cover wooden ceilings. "We have lively inhabited cities with their unique history, buildings, streets, planning, urban fabric, traditions, music and

manuscripts," GOPHCY's Nusairi "Everything in them is her-

itage," Nusari added.

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Covid vaccines prevented 42 lakh deaths in India in first year: global study

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

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COVID-19 VACCINES are estimated to have prevented nearly 1.98 crore deaths worldwide — out of a potential 3.14 crore deaths in the first year of the vaccine programme, a new modelling study has found. These include 42.10 lakh deaths prevented in India. The study has been published in The Lancet Infectious Disease.

Vaccination in India

"The study estimates how many deaths could have been saved between December 8, 2020 and December 8, 2021 — which reflects the first year in which vaccines were distributed — and for India, we have

estimated that 42.10 lakh deaths were prevented by vaccination," DrOliver Watson, lead author of the study, from Imperial College London, told The Indian Express. "This shows the remarkable impact that vaccination has had, especially in India, which was the first country to experience the impact of the Delta variant," he said, by email.

"These estimates are based on the estimates of excess mortality in India during the Covid-19 pandemic, which they have sourced from the Economist and are similar to the estimates that the WHO (World Haelth Organization) have reported. Independently, our group has also investigated the Covid-19 death toll based on reports of excess mortality and seroprevalence surveys and arrive at similar estimates of almost 10 times the official count," he said.

India began vaccination in January 2021. According to the Health Ministry, till date, the cumulative vaccination coverage exceeds 196.62 crore. India's has been one of the world's fastest vaccination drives. More than 65% of the population are fully vaccinated, according to Our World in Data.

Global inequalities

The study is based on data from 185 countries and territories. It found high and upper-middle income countries accounted for the greatest number of prevented deaths (1.22 crore/1.98 crore), highlighting inequalities around the world. A further 5.99 lakh deaths could have been averted if the WHO's target of vaccinating 40% of the population in every country by the end of 2021 had been met, the report said. Despite the speed of vaccine rollout worldwide, more than 35 lakh Covid-19 deaths have been reported since the first vaccine was given in December 2020.

Methodology

The researchers used a model based on country-level data for officially recorded

Covid-19 deaths occurring between December 8, 2020 and December 8, 2021. To account for under-reporting of deaths in countries with weaker surveillance systems, they carried out a separate analysis based on the number of excess deaths recorded above those that would have been expected during the same time period. Where official data was not available, the team used esti-

mates of all-cause excess mortality. These analyses were compared with an alternative hypothetical scenario in which no vaccines were delivered. China was not included. Based on officially recorded Covid-19

deaths, an estimated 1.81 crore deaths would have occurred if vaccinations had not been implemented. Vaccination prevented 1.44 crore deaths. These findings do not account for under-reporting of deaths. The team did a further analysis based on total excess deaths

More than three quarters (1.55 crore/1.98 crore) of deaths averted were due to the direct protection provided by vaccination; and 43 lakh were estimated to have been prevented by reduced transmission.

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NEW RESEARCH

MO BUS

Bhubaneswar service, recipient of UN Public Service Award

MO BUS, the bus service of Odisha's Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) authority, has been recognised by the United Nations as one of 10 global recipients of its annual Public Service Awards for 2022, it was reported on Wednesday. It has been recognised for its role in "promoting gender-responsive public services to achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)".

The UN recognition noted that the Odisha government in 2018 "reorganised the public transit services in the city to provide an integrated, reliable and inclusive public bus service system". Mo Bus has incorporated "real-time technologies like live tracking, travel planner and e-ticketing", and an e-rickshaw system (MoE-Ride) has been introduced as a feeder service.

The "impact" is that 57% of the city's commuters now use the Mo Bus, the UN said. Mo E-Ride is estimated to reduce pollution by 30-50%. Also, "40 per cent of Mo



The UN recognition is for promoting 'gender-responsive public services'.

Bus conductors are women and 100 percent of Mo E-Ride drivers are women, transgender people, and people from disadvantaged communities," the UN noted.

According to the CRUT website, it plans to introduce 289 buses in three phases, and

to extend the service to Cuttack soon. **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**



EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

What FPIs' market exit means

Foreign portfolio investors have pulled out Rs 42,000 crore this month amid rising inflation and monetary policy tightening in the US. How does this impact the market and the rupee, and what should you do?



GEORGE MATHEW

SUSTAINED CAPITAL outflows from the capital market have unnerved the stock markets and led to a weakening of the rupee amid rising inflation across the globe. With the US Federal Reserve set to hike rates further, outflows are likely to continue, putting pressure on the Indian currency.

Why is capital flowing out?

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), which own around 19.5% of the market capitalisation, have pulled out Rs 42,000 crore in June so far, taking the total outflows to Rs 260,000 crore (\$33 billion) since October 2021. The FPI sell-off is being attributed to the tightening of monetary policy by the US Fed which has been on a rate hiking spree to control inflation. Other central banks, including in Britain and the Eurozone, are following suit.

'Relatively high valuations in India, rising bond yields in the US, an appreciating dollar and concerns regarding the possibility of a recession in the US triggered by aggressive tightening are factors behind FPIs' pullout," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

When the global economy took a hit, central banks across the world slashed interest rates and announced liberal monetary policies. While this helped the economies recover and led to higher consumption, the surplus liquidity in the financial system led to inflation. This is why central banks have started tightening monetary policies and hiking interest rates. In India, inflation surged to an eight-year high of 7.79% in April, prompting the RBI to hike the reporate by 90 basis points to 4.90%.

How does it impact the markets and the

The pullout is dampening sentiment in equity and forex markets. The benchmark Sensex has plunged by 16% from the October 2021 high of 62,245.43 to 52,266.72 on June 23. The impact of FPI selling on markets is visible, with increase in volatility and declin-

FPI OUTFLOWS IN 2022 (₹CRORE)

	EQUITY	DEBT	DEBT-VRR	HYBRID	TOTAL
January	-33,303	5,194	-2,114	1,697	-28,526
February	-35,592	-3,073	487	110	-38,068
March	-41,123	-5,632	-3,244	-68	-50,068
April	-17,144	-4,439	-1,175	69	-22,688
May	-39,993	-5,506	9,043	-62	-36,518
June *	-43,831	1,107	837	58	-41,729
Total 2022	-210,986	-12,349	3,834	1,904	-217,597

ing equity prices. While this selling by foreign investors has been absorbed by domestic investors led by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) to a large extent till now, fund flow from retail investors and domestic institutions has slowed down of late. Between November 2021 and June 2022, DIIs have invested a net of Rs 2,84,488 crore (over \$37 billion) in Indian equities, providing some counterbalance. Experts say, however, that the retail flow and DII inflow is weakening now, and the markets could weaken further if the FPI outflows continue.

India's foreign exchange reserves have fallen \$46 billion in the last nine months to \$596.45 billion as on June 10, 2022, mainly due to the dollar appreciation and FPI withdrawals. The rupee has plunged 7.3% to an all-time low of 78.30/32 against the dollar. Rupee depreciation is never good for the overall equity market, and foreign investors pulling out can result in a decline in stocks and equity mutual fund investments. Foreign investors generally keep away when the currency is declining and interest rates are rising in the US and developed markets.

Analysts said a lower rupee against the dollar keeps import bills higher, pushing inflation even higher than it is now. Higher inflation is detrimental to the overall market. If the rupee does not strengthen, FPI outflows will continue, which is another negative. A strong dollar is good for export-oriented companies, but bad for import-oriented industries such as oil, gas and chemicals. With the dip in the rupee, oil imports and other imported components will get costlier, which will further lead to higher inflation. Travellers and students studying abroad will have to shell out more rupees to buy dollars from banks. People are directly impacted by the rupee fall as fuel prices shoot up.

How do FPIs operate?

In times of global uncertainty, foreign investors embrace a risk-off trade, meaning they move money from risky assets such as equities and add more of bonds and gold. When interest rates rise in the US and other advanced economies, they withdraw money from emerging markets such as India and invest in the bonds in their domestic markets. The 10-year US bond has shot up from a low of 0.54% in July 2020 to over 3.30% now.

"The global investing scenario has been plagued by the risk-off trade since October 2021, as central bankers hinted at policy tightening with inflation moving from being 'transitory' in nature to somewhat of a medium-term headache. This aided the bond trade globally as yields started to become attractive, nudging investors to allocate a higher portion towards Fixed Income as an asset class," said an Axis Mutual Fund report. The rise in global yields is not good news for Indian stocks and investors. The FPI sell-off has led to a decline in the valuation of top-500 companies, with some of them losing 15-20% in the last 9 months.

How big are they in India?

FPIs are the largest non-promoter shareholders in the Indian market and their investment decisions have a huge bearing on the stock prices and overall direction of the market. Holding of FPIs (in value terms) in companies listed on NSE stood at Rs 51.99 lakh crore as on March 31, 2022, a decrease of 3.36% from Rs 53.80 lakh crore as on December 31, 2021, due to the sustained sell-off since October 2021.

FPIs hold sizeable stakes in private banks, tech companies and big caps like Reliance Industries. The US accounts for a major chunk of FPI investments at Rs 17.57 lakh crore as of May 2022, followed by Mauritius Rs 5.24 lakh crore, Singapore Rs 4.25 lakh crore and Luxembourg Rs 3.58 lakh crore, according to data available from the National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL).

Will the rupee fall further?

The rupee has continued to depreciate beyond the general expectation of a gradual weakening despite the RBI selling dollars from its forex kitty to stabilise the currency. At current dollar-rupee spot levels, year-end forward pricing has moved above its projection of 79 per dollar by end-2022, a Bank of America Securities report said. "We believe the risks are still skewed towards more depreciation for the rupee as the fundamental outlook has deteriorated further primarily due to higher oil and other commodities. We have adjusted our projection higher from 79 currently to 81 per dollar for year-end 2022. We, however, see the RBI's strong reserves as a mitigating factor against tail-risks," it said.

The rise in US inflation, rate hike worries and the stock market fall are weighing on the rupee sentiment. On the other hand, more rate hikes by the Fed will lead to higher outflows from foreign portfolio investors.

What should investors do?

If FPIs continue with the outflow and there is a dip in retail and DII participation, which market participants have noticed over the recent past, the equity markets may witness further correction. However, while other markets may correct further from the current levels, experts say that investors should stick with their existing investments in domestic equities.

"Even as the weakness is likely to continue in the markets, investors should not look to redeem their holdings in the current market. They should stay with them as a rebound in economic activity, which is on the way and could gather momentum over the next one to two years, would result in revival of the markets going forward and thereby gains for investors," said the CIO with an asset management company. He further said investors should not go for lumpsum investments and should instead continue with the systematic investment plan mode.

Khalsa TV and its surrendered licence in UK

MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA CHANDIGARH, JUNE 23

KHALSA TELEVISION Limited surrendered its licence to broadcast in the UK on June 21 after an investigation by the country's media regulator found that its channel, Khalsa TV, had breached broadcasting rules with Khalistani propaganda. The channel, which has faced hefty fines for violating broadcasting regulations in the past as well, has been off air in the UK since March 31.

What is Khalsa TV?

Khalsa TV or KTV broadcasts largely to the Sikh community in the UK under a licence held by Khalsa Television Limited. It claims to broadcast in 136 countries.

KTV was officially launched in the UK on January 22. 2017.

On its website, Khalsa TV, aka KTV Global. describes itself as the UK's newest and most exciting Panjabi channel catering to the Sikh diaspora and airing a range of cultural, religious,

"We aim to deliver only the best in pro-

gramming using the latest broadcast technology from our purpose-built studio setting in West Bromwich," claims the channel. It says it actively supports NHS and local

charities in UK besides Pingalwara in India.

Why did Khalsa Television Limited surrender the licence?

This happened after an investigation by the UK's media watchdog, Office of Communications (Ofcom), found that KTV had breached broadcasting rules by beaming incendiary and separatist propaganda in a programme called *Prime Time*, beamed on December 30 last year. Of com found that the show "promoted violence, including murder, as an acceptable and necessary form of action to further the Khalistani cause".

Ofcom raised the red flag early this year following three complaints about a 95minute live discussion on Prime Time. Its report said, "The presenter, Jagjit Singh Jeeta,

educational and entertaining programmes for opened the programme with a monologue third time in four years that programmes regarding the progress of the Sikh secessionist cause towards the creation of an independent state of Khalistan since Operation Bluestar in 1984, during which he set out his view that the current leadership of the Sikh community lacked the courage or drive to take the necessary action to achieve this aim."

Ofcom sent its "Preliminary View" notice

to the channel in February. KTV claimed that the programme did not contain any inflammatory statements, and provided an example of how words used by the presenter may have been misunderstood. But Ofcom maintained that KTV could not prove its point.

KTV went off air on March 31, when Ofcom suspended the licence held by Khalsa Television Limited. Ofcom then sent a draft revocation no-

tice to the channel on May 26, following which it surrendered its licence on June 21.

Is it the first instance of such action

An Ofcom statement said this was the

beamed by the channel had violated rules on incitement to violence. Last year in February, the regulator had

slapped a fine of £50.000 on KTV for broadcasting hateful content and a discussion programme that asked British Sikhs to commit violence and also contained a terror reference. An Ofcom statement said a music video

aired by the channel featured a man wearing a hoodie with two AK-47 rifles and an inscription that read: "Peace will come via the bullet". It included slogans glorifying Khalistan, and inscriptions promising a bloody fight for it. A drawing depicted the assassination of General Vaidya, while a caricature of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi carried the caption calling her an "evil woman".

KTV was also fined £30,000 for broadcasting a discussion in 2019, in which participants made implicit threats to a Sikh radio presenter based in New Zealand, Ofcom also found that the programme had the potential of "legitimising the aims and actions of a banned terrorist organisation".

Goa's Sao Joao festival, and why revellers jump into wells and ponds

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, JUNE 23

AS IN every monsoon, Catholics in Goa will celebrate Sao Joao, the feast of St John the Baptist, on Friday. The celebrations will include revellers sporting crowns made of fruits, flowers and leaves, and the major draw of the feast is the water bodies – wells, ponds, fountains, rivers – in which the revellers take the "leap of joy". The festival also includes playing the traditional gumott (percussion instrument), a boat festival, servings of feni, and a place of pride for new sons-in-law.

What is Sao Joao?

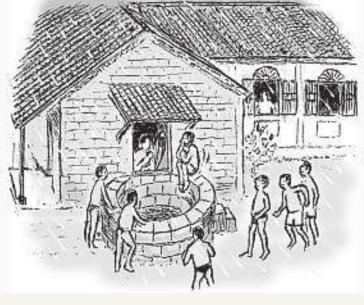
In Goa, Catholics celebrate all feasts of the Roman Catholic Church, which include on June 24 the feast of St John the Baptist (who had baptised Jesus Christ on the river Jordan). Traditionally, there are spirited Sao Joao festivities in the villages of Cortalim in South Goa and Harmal, Baga, Siolim and Terekhol in North Goa, However, over the years, pool parties and private Sao Joao parties in Goa have been a "complete package of merriment and joy" for tourists, according to the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC).

What does jumping into water bodies symbolise?

In the 2004 edition of Feasts, Festivals and Observances of Goa, author and historian Maria de Lourdes Bravo da Costa Rodrigues writes: "The youngsters in Goa celebrate this occasion with revelry and perform daredevil feats, by jumping into over flowing wells or rivulets... The boys are found merrily jumping into the water to commemorate the leap of joy, which St John is said to have taken in the womb of his mother St Elizabeth when virgin Mary visited her."

Revellers wear the kopel, the crown of fruits, flowers and leaves, parade in villages and often well-hop from one place to another as they chant, "Sao Joao! Viva Sao Joao". Villagers gather near the well and cheer for those jumping in. Renditions of Konkani songs written for the occasion are accompanied by music from instruments like the gumott and cansaim (cymbal).

Rodrigues writes that the revellers are treated with sweets, fruits and a peg of feni.



Jumping into the well is part of the Sao Joao festivities. Flickr/FN-Goa

"There have been a number of tragedies due to the alcohol consumption, and the revellers jumping in an inebriated condition. To avoid these, some groups carry with them a ladder made of rope so that in case of an accident, the same can be used to get the person out of the well," she writes. "Some groups do not drink and collect the bottles instead of drinking them. They then auction these and use the money for a good cause."

What other festivities take place?

Among the festivities on Friday will be the Sao Joao boat parade in Siolim that usually sees thousands of visitors. The Sao Joao traditional boat festival started in 1992 and is held in front of St Anthony's Church in the village, now also the pin code for many upscale properties. A stage is erected, participants show up in costumes, and prizes are given to the best decorated boat, dress and kopel.

The tourist hub of Baga too has a Sao Joao tradition. In this bustling part of North Goa's coastal belt, sangodd is celebrated as a part of the feast of St John the Baptist, "Two boats are tied together to make a sangodd, which means union, unity and junction. The tying

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of the boat signifies the unity of the village... In fact, the sangodd brings the whole community of Baga together and becomes an occasion when friends and relatives are entertained. Along the route, on both the borders of the Baga river, people gather to participate and woo the sangodd," Rodrigues writes.

What is the importance assigned to new sons-in-law?

Sao Joao is an occasion for the family and the villagers to get to know their newly wed daughters' husbands better. Traditionally, the new son-in-law is crowned with festive headgear of fruits and leaves, taken around the vilge and then jumps into the well with others.

Rodrigues writes: "The tradition of taking the son-in-law around the village comes from a very sad incident... a new son-in-law came to visit his in laws. However, on his way back home, he met with an accident and died. Unfortunately, the people did not know him, as he was not introduced to the villagers. Therefore, they decided that in the future, they would introduce the son-in-law to the villagers and the feast of St John the Baptist would be a good occasion to do so."

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,Vikas S/o-Satish Kumar R/o-A-34 Street No.2 Harijan Basti Karawal Nagar Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Vikas Kumar for, all purposes

0040619673-

I,Kalpana Bhanshali,W/O Arvind Vador R/O.flat.no-4,1st-floor,10 Alipur-road.civil lines.Delhi-110054, have changed MY name to Kalpana Vador, for all purposes. 0040619841-2

I,Sumitra Palsaniya,W/o-Chhotu Ram Jat R/o. Ward.No.7, Dhani-Karel Wali, Village Surana. Tehsil Shahpura. Distt.Jaipur, Rajasthan-303120,Inform that my name wrongly-written SUMITRA DEVI in my some-documents but-my correct-name is SUMITRA PALSANIYA. 0040619879-5

I.Sanjay Kumar Pandey S/o Radhey Shyam Pandey, R/o 535-B,Third-Floor, B-Block, Rishi Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sanjay Pandey. 0040619842-5

I,SHAISTA ZAMAIN,W/O SHARIQUZ ZAMAN,R/O A 39, Amrapali-Leisure Valley, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh-Nagar(UP)have changed my name to SHAISTA ZAMAN.

0040619842-3

I,SANDAY LAL S/O KOMAL R/O IB-673,J.J.CAMP, SAMAYPUR BADLI, DELHI-110042. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANDE LAL. 0040619841-8

I,SALAHUDDIN ANSARI,s/o Md.Safik Ansari,R/O-Ward Humber.11, Gaddopur, Samastipur.Bihar-848130, presently at New Delhi, have changed my name to SAHIL ANSARI, for all, future Purposes. 0040619841-1

I,Rehmat W/o Mukhtyar Ahmad R/o F-136 Gali No.3 Chand Bagh Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Rahmat. 0040619879-4

I,Ram Kumar No.111012A, Rank Petty Officer,S/o Suraj Bhan R/O.RZ-124C.Rai Nagar.Part-2,Palam Colony New Delhi-77, have changed my minor son name from Advita Solanki to Aditya Solanki vide affidavit dt.14.6.22, before Delhi.

0040619843-5 I.Raiiv Kohli s/o Sohan Lal Kohli.

R/o 8/59, Ground Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my minor daughter's name from UDAYA to UDAYA 0040619827-1

I,Pawan Kumar alias Pawan Kumar Dogra S/o Preetam Singh Dogra R/o H.No.B-992, shastri nagar north west delhi-110052, have changed my name,from Pawan Kumar alias Pawan Kumar Dogra to Pawan Kumar Dogra for,all future.purposes. 0040619843-7

I,PRASHANT TIWARI,S/O PRABHAKAR TIWARI,R/O FLAT NO-1116 CREMA MAHAGUN MANSION-1/4 VAIBHAV KHAND INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD.UP 201014, changed my name to PRASHANT KUMAR TIWARI. 0040619842-2 Permanently.

I.No-JC-594210Y,Sub Horny LT, Jasbir Singh, S/O-Rachhpal Singh, R/o/P/o-Bakore, District Jammu. In my service records the name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as pushopdeep Singh Manhas instead of pushapdeep Singh Manhas. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020441082-1

R/o-A-2204 ATS HACIENDAS AHINSA KHAND-1 INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD UP-201014, changed $my\,name\,to$ NEHA TANDON. 0040619841-9

I,NEHA MALIK,W/o-ANKIT MALIK

IJATIN OBERALS/O OM PRAKASH OBEROI R/O D-1/23,MIG FLATS,SECTOR-15.ROHINI.DELHI-110089. HAVE

CHANGED MY NAME TO JATIN I,Shama Dua,W/o Surinder pal J-127.IIND Floor.Vikas Puri.New

Delhi-110018,Have Changed my name to Shama,for all purposes. 0040619841-4 I.HRITIK SHARMA S/O-RAJESH

KUMAR SHARMA, R/O I-603, Prateek Wisteria, Sector-77,Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar(UP), have changed my name to HRITHIK SHARMA.

0040619842-4

I.Gurmeet Singh S/o S. Jagiit Singh R/o J-5/86, Second-Floor, Rajouri-Garden, N.Delhi-27 have changed my name to Gurmit Singh Dhir. 0040619843-2

I,Dolly Rani,W/o, No.JC183778K

SUB SuKumar Rudra R/o,H/no.-

5, Sector-3, Pocket-16, Dwarka, ND-78, have changed my name to Dolly Rudra vide affidavit dt. 23.6.22, before 0040619879-6

I,Daljeet Singh Sethi S/o Gyan Singh Sethi, R/o B-4/103, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Daljeet Singh.

0040619842-7 **I,** Gaurav Dwivedi S/O Arun Prakash Dwivedi, R/o A-303, Asha Apartments, Railway Road, Bazaria, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as A P Dwivedi in my 10th Class Certificate No-0061166. The actual name of My Father is Arun Prakash Dwivedi, which

may be amended accordingly. 0070791623**I,Bikramjeet** Singh,S/o Pyarelal R/o-2/25 Yudhishter Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name To Bikramjeet,For All 0040619841-10 Purposes.

I,Ashok alias Ashok Kumar . Kandhari.S/O-Shri Sewak Ram.R/O I-6/72, First Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089,have Changed my name to Ashok Kandhari.

0040619843-8

I,Ashish Jain,S/O Amit Jain R/o H.No.177,Dayanand Vihar, Karkarduma, Delhi-110092, changed my name to Asheesh Jain. 0040619842-8

I,Arvind Kumar Bhanshali,S/O-Ran chhod Bhanshali,R/O.flat.no-4,1stfloor,10 Alipur road, civillines Delhi-110054 have changed MY name to Arvind Vador,for all purposes.

0040619841-3

I,Anil Bansal S/o Mahavir Prasad R/o F-1/54,Budh Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Anil Kumar Bansal. 0040619842-6

I.ASHA RANI D/O NANAK CHAND R/o-A-162, NAND RAM PARK, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110059, have changed my name to MANJU SACHDEVA.

0040619843-1

I,ANUP ARORA S/O RAMPARKASH ARORA, R/O TP-10,2nd-FLOOR,TV TOWER.PITAMPURA.DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANOOP ARORA.

0040619841-6

I, hitherto known as SUMAN D/O Inder Singh Dahiya W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o F-9A, Rana Park, Siraspur, Delhi-110042, have changed my name and shall hereafter be konwn as SUMAN DUDHWAL.

0040619771-1

I, Vijender S/O Munshi Ram, R/o Village-Rithal Narwal (75), Rohtak, Haryana-124303, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vijender Kumar.

0070791613-1

I, Vijaya D/o Ittala Kauteshwara Rao R/o Plot 559, UG-2, Nitikhand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Ittala Lakshmi Rao for all purposes 0040619777-1

I, Unnimadhavan, Father of.No.15714404 M Naik Harikumar Pk, residing at, House Name-Parayante Kuzhiyil, Vill-Kottur PO-Kottur.PS-Koorachundu.Dist-Kozhikode, State-Kerala Pin-673614,have changed my name.from Unnimadhavan to Unnimadhavan Nair, Permanently. 0040619843-4

I, Sukhdeep Singh Pandher S/o Sh. Randeep Singh Pandheri R/o Nabha-House, Chandpur Road, Near Tube Well Colony, Bijnor, U.P. do solemnly declare that I have changed my name from Sukhdeep Singh to Sukhdeep Singh Pandher for all future purposes.

0040619772-1

I,Anil Kumar,S/o Jai Narain Sharma, R/o House. No-3329 Street.No.1,Sawrey Estate Vishnu-Garden Near-Gautam Hospital Rajendra-Park Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Anil Kumar Sharma.

004061988 I, Soni, D/o Sushil Kumar, R/o B 37, 3rd Floor, Manak Vihar,

Delhi - 110018, have changed my name to Soni Bhardwaj. 0070791666-1 I. Shahnaz Ahmed.W/o Shakeel Ahmed, R/o-1015 Mohalla

Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, New

Kishan Ganj Teliwara Azad Market Delhi-10006, have changed my name to Shahnaz,for future.

0040619842-1

I, Rugmani, Mother of, No.15714404 M Naik Harikumar Pk,residing at,House.Name-Parayante Kuzhiyil, Vill-Kottur PO-Kottur, PS-Koorachundu,Dist-Kozhikode, State-Kerala Pin-673614, have changed my name,from Rugmani to Rugmini .P, Permanently

0040619843-3

I. Ranjeet Kaur W/o Kawaljit Singh,R/o-House.No-77, Sector-11A, Faridabad-121006, have changed my name from Ranjit Kaur to Ranjeet Kaur, for all future purposes.

0040619781-1 I. Pranav Shishodia S/o

Yogender Pal Singh R/o-J-200, Sec-25, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P. have changed my name to Pranav Singh for all future

I, Paurush Singh S/O Arjun Singh, R/o 759 B, Nikat Devi Mandir, Khatriwara, Sikandrabad, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-203205. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Apeksha Singh aged about 4 years and She shall hereafter be known as Shrinika

0070791624-1

I, Omveer Singh, S/o Late Raghunath Singh, R/o-I-86, Gamma-2, Greater Noida U.P., have changed my name to Omvir Singh for all future purposes.

0070791683-

I, NITU UPADHYAY @ NEETU UPADHYAY D/o Basudev Upadhyay, W/o Abhishek Kumar Tanguriya, R/o A-1705. Ace Platinum Society, Zeta-1st, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201308 have changed my name to NEETU SHARMA for all 0040619827-2 purposes

I, Manoj Tiwari S/o Shri Rajesh Tiwari R/o F-15 Sector-56, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301, have changed my minor daughter's name from Pihu Tiwari to Satakshi Tiwari for all future purposes.

0040619778-1 I, Manish Agnihotri, S/o Ganesh Dutt Agnihotri, R/o Plot No-44A, Punchkula-III, Chhapraula, G.B.Nagar, U.P-201009, have changed my name from Mansih Agnihotri to Manish Agnihotri for all future 0070791682-1

purposes. I, Jatin Aggarwal S/O Narottam Kumar Aggarwal, R/o G-3/188, Sector-16, Rohini, North West Delhi-110089, Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Narottam Kumar in my Educational Documents. The actual name of My Father is Narottam Kumar Aggarwal, which may be amended accordingly

0070791621-1

I, Humera Sundus D/O Mueed Ahmed, R/o 1978, Mohalla Qabristan, Turkman Gate, Delhi-110006. Declare that Name of My Mother has been wrongly written as Sadeqa Mueed in my 10th Class Certificate-1322049. The actual name of My Mother is Sadika, which may be amended accordingly. 0070791615-1

I.S.V. Aasheesh Sharma S/O Mr.Rajesh Sharma, R/o A-38-B, New DSIDC Flats, Paschim Puri, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Shri Vaishnav Aasheesh Sharma, for all purposes.

0040619842-9

I, Dr. Achintya Srivatsa, R/o 9356, Sector-C-9, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from AANVI to AANVI SRIVATSA for all future purposes.

0040619775-1

I, Devpratap Singh Chauhan S/O Prem Singh Chauhan, R/o 0, Barola By pass Road, Madhuvan Colony, Koli, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh - 202001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Dev Partap Singh Chauhan 0070791622-1

No.7. Janak Park, Hari Nagar,

Delhi-110064 have changed my name to SEEMA JAITLY 0040619773-1 I, Anita Sharma, W/o Surinder Kumar Jaitly, R/o WZ-81, Gali

I, Anita Sharma, W/o Surinder

Kumar Jaitly, R/o WZ-81, Gali

No.7, Janak Park, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to SEEMA JAITLY 0040619773-1 I, Amit Gupta S/O, Dev Prakash Gupta R/o M404 Ajnara Enclave

to Amit Kumar Gupta for all purposes. 0040619842-10 I. Abhishek Rai S/O Jav Kishor Singh, R/o Tarn Taran Road, Shera Wali Mill, Sagrana Sahib Chabba, Amritsar, Puniab-143022, have changed my name

20101 have changed my name

Chandernagar Ghaziabad

and shall hereafter be Known as Abhi Singh. 0070791614-1 I. ABHISHEK KUMAR @ ABHISHEK SHARMA S/o Ramanand, R/o A-1705, Ace Platinum Society, Zeta-1st. Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201308 have changed my name to

ABHISHEK KUMAR TANGURIYA for all purposes. 0040619827-3 I Rakesh Arora S/o Shri Harbans Lal Monga R/o-A-25 ground

floor, Chander Nagar Ghaziabad informed that I, have change my name as Rakesh Kumar Arora, In future known to me as per this name. 0070791674-1

I IIIGAL S/O VED PRAKASH R/O F-822, J.J COLONY RAGHBIR NAGAR, TAGORE GARDEN. WEST DEI HI-110027 THAT MY FATHER & MOTHER AUCTUAL NAME IS VED PRAKASH & KUSUM LATA.BUT BY MISTAKE IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED WRONGLY IN MY 10TH MARKSHEET & SC CERTIFICATE AS KUSSUM LATA & VED PARKASH.PLS REFER AS VED PRAKASH & KUSUM LATA

FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040619786-1

IChukwuebuka S/o- Emeka Obi Obimoro & S/o- Alen Rose Lalremzo Obimoro R/o House Number-150, Second Floor, Kailash Hills East of Kailash,have to add my surname to Chukwuebuka Obimoro for all future 0040619780-1

I,VIJAY KUMAR S/O SURAJ PRAKASH R/O A-87.1st-FLOOR, SUDARSHAN-PARK, RAMESH NAGAR, DELHI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAY KUMAR 0040619841-7

I,Ram Krishan,S/o Ranjit Bahadur.R/o 302.Tower-1,Block-F,The-Palms Residents App.South-City-1,Industrial Estate, Gurgaon, (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Ram Krishan Wasal,for all purposes. 0040619879-2

I.MANJU BALA.W/O.SANJAY SHARMA, ADD-531, LIG-FLATS, HASTSAL, UTTAM-NAGAR DELHI-110059, Changed my name to MANJU SHARMA, permanently.

I,Poulomi Chakravorty D/o,T K Bhattacharya Ex. Wife of Kushal Raj Chakravorty R/o,22/8, Primrose Vatika City, Sector-49, Gurugram, HR-122018, have declare that I got divorce from my husband vide Court Decree/HMA No.397/2020 dated 02.03.2021, further I have changed my, name and shall

hereafter be known as Poulomi

Bhattacharya.

0040619879-3

0040619843-6

I,Ved Prakash,S/o Bhim Sen,H.No. 310,Sector-10A, Gurgaon (Haryana) 122001, have changed my name to Ved Prakash Singh, for all Purposes. 0040619879-1

I, Chandr Kanta, W/o Harsh Nath Tiwari R/o.B-225, P-2, Hari Nagar South-west Delhi-110064, has changed my name to Chandra Kanta Tiwari.That my correct-DOB is 01/10/1947 instead of 01/07/1950. 0040619374-7

LOST & FOUND

I,Virender Pal Singh,S/o-Kali Charan Singh,R/o-B-1184,New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096.have lost my.Caste Certificate(1967/1748/SHADR A/85).Graduation Degree(28368) and Conveyance Deed(56930).FIR (346366/2019), for this was lodged on 20-Jan-2019.If anyone found this then, Please Contact-8130548199

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whomsoever it may concern, the original documents of Flat No. 192 A Pocket 1, Mayur Vihar issued by DDA that includes Allotment & Possession letter. CD etc allotted to Mr. S.S. Sinha has been lost FIR no for the lost documents is LR No 790185/2016. If found please contact 935043002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

his is for the information of eneral Public that my clients Shr inesh Taneja and Smt. Shobha aneja R/o 53/15, Ashok Nagar ew Delhi-1100H have disowned and disiphorited their son pamel. and disinherited their son namel Mr. Rohit Taneja and his wife Mrs Payal both from all moveable and noveable properties includir neir business namely M/s JMD ire Services and insurance polic any owned by my clients. My ients has also severed their clients has also severed their relationship with them for all inter rand purposes and as such m clients shall not be responsible for the acts, omissions and conduct of the aforesaid persons, in an .. Pulkit Taneja (D-1562/2013

& Divya Taneja (Advocates) PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Smt. Anupama Goel w/o Late Sh. Nand Kishore Goel r/o E - 66, Ground Nand Kishore Goel r/o E - 66, Ground Floor, New Multan Nagar, Delhi - 110056 has disown her son Sh. Ishu Goel s/o Late Sh. Nand Kishore Goel and his wife Smt. Swatl Goel d/o Sh. Suresh Kansalin all the manners and from their all the acts, which have been done by them, my client have no concern with her son namely Sh. Ishu Goel and his wife Smt. Swatl Goel and in case any body deals with them in any manner, he/she shall be responsible for the same at his own risk, cost and consequences and the said act shall have no legal binding force upon my

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTE

Wy client Harvinder Kaur wife of Late
Shri Harjinder Pal Singh, Resident of 57.
Gautam Nager, Andrews Can, South
Delhi-110049, caused this notice to
general public that my abovesard client
has debarred and disowned her son
namely Pushpinder Singh norm set
immovable & movable assets
throughout India Decause of shis bads
behavior and wrong acts and conducts,
as his behavior towards my client is not
well and proper, now my client would
have no concern with her above said
swift said son in any manner, if any person deals
wift said son in any ways, in that case,
he'she would be doing so at their own
responsible for the same.

Ch. No. 870 salvet District Court
Complex, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is notified that an allotment lette vide DO No. 887 dated 11.01.1980 an occupation certificate having memo no. 755 dated 26.02.2009 and an occupation certificate and an occupation certificate having memo no. 2583 datec 30.10.2009, in respect of Plot No. 26, Dharuhera, Rewari, Haryana 123106, were issued from HUDAir favour of M/s Swastik Cables Pvt Ltd., now PMI Coaches Pvt. Ltd. which have been lost. In case anyone comes to possess any of these documents, please return them to the undersign.

PUBLIC NOTICE Sewa Singh R/o 2A/65, Rames Nagar, New Delhi-110015 has sev red relation with his matern rand daughter & son name laughter and son of Late Smt aspreet Kaur W/o Sh. Ranjit Singl

> (Tarun Sharma Advocat Ch.No.P-3. Post office Land Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

rds mv client. Any one dealir

with them in any manner shall do

PUBLIC NOTICE

uraj Bhan and Smt. Kamla W/h.Rajpal Singh both R/o 92, Vill & PC akrola, New Delhi-78 have disowner neir son Jitender Gahlot and daughter law Shreya Sharma from all their novable and immovable properties and evered all their relations with them. My lients shall not be responsible in futur or any acts and deeds of the isowned son and daughter in law. NAVEEN THAKU Advocat Enrollment No. D-4483/201

PUBLIC NOTICE IY CLIENTS SH. RAJ KUMAR JAIN S/ ATE SH. CHOTE LAL JAIN AN HUSHILA JAIN W/O SH. RAJ KUMA AIN BOTH R/O G-3/131-132 SECTOI ELATIONS & DEBAR HIS & HER SO H. RAHUL JAIN S/O SH. RAJ KUMA AIN AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SN AINA JAIN W/O RAHUL JAIN FROI L MOVABLE- IMMOVABLE PROPER ('S) DUE TO MISCONDUCT & MISBE WIOR. MY CLIENTS WILL NOT B SPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF HIS ACT

9/2026, GALI NO.6, KAILASH NAGAR, DELHI-110031

GAGAN KUMA Advocate Enrl. No.: D/4351/2019 Off.: C-1/140, Sector-11 Rohini, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that my clie Mr. Muniraj Bhardwaj s/o S/o Sh. J. I Bhardwaj R/o House No - 291, Housir ard Colony, Sector-7, Extens irugram -122001, Haryana Gurugram -122001, Haryana is purchasing the property bearing House No. 39, HIG, Sector No.7, Extension, Housing Board Colony, Gurgaon - 122001 ("Property") from its sole and exclusive owner Mr. Ramneek Vashishtha so' Late Sh. L. S. Vashishtha resident of the Property. Any person claiming any right, title or interest, or having any objection may write within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned failing which my client will proceed to pay the consideration and roceed to pay the consideration a cecute the transaction for purchase e Property

Nachiketa Goy

Advocate En. No. D/970/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE WIFE KIRAN RANI BOTH R/O S-57 GALI NO 2 SANJAY COLONY NARELA DELHI

110040 HAVE SEVERED ALL THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR SON TINKU KASHYAP AND DEBARRED HIM FROM ALL THEIR MOVEABLE AND IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT DUE TO HIS
DISOBEDIENT CONDUCT AND WORKING DISOBEDIENT CONDUCT AND WORKING AGAINST THEIR WILL AND IF ANY BODY DEALS WITH HIM WILL DO ATTHEIR OWN RISK COST AND CONSEQUENCES AND MY CLIENTS SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HISACTS IN FUTURE IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER. SANJAY PADAM JAIN (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Deepak Chand alias Deepak Kumar acquired Property No. 144, (New No. WZ-159), measuring 46 Sq. Yds. Rect. No. 32, Killa No. 20, situated in Village Khyala, Delhi State, Colony Ravi Nagar, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 04.05.2018 executed by Mr. Deepak Chand GPA of Mrs. Kamla Devi and now Mr. Deepak Chand alias Deepak Kumar is the undisputed owners of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift. Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

PUBLIC NOTICE orm to the public at lar Wanti acquired First F No. WZ-283A, New Mrs. Bhag Wanti acquired First Floor or roperty No. W2-283A, New No. D-1435, plot No. 4-A, measuring 75, 134, 205. Khasra No. 2738/16 (Village assai Darapur, Sudarshan Park Exth., Near Mot Nagar, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 24.06. 1972 (Near Near Martin
Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024 **Public Notice**

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large, in continuation to the FIR Not 482914/2022 dated 0.9.6.2022 that the undersigned Advocate is announcing that the property title deeds of Shinderjeed Grover in respect of propert bearing Municipal No. 11/122 Jheel Khuranjia, Geeta Colony, Delhi-11003 is missing which is more particularly described in the sithedule-A hereunde written. Any person having found o noticed the said document is herebrequested to intimate the undersigner equested to intimate the undersigne n writing/or over any other mode at the ddress/mobile number/ email II nentioned below within 7 days from the ate of publication hereof.

SCHEDULE-A SCHEDULE-A
i) Original Sale Deed Registration No 3742, Book No. 1, Volume No. 665 o pages 56-70 dated 08.7.200 registered with Sub Registrar-VIII, Ner Delhi, favouring Inderjeet Grover.

Mr. Marimuthu Ch. No. 827, Patiala House Court New Delhi-11000

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Sh. Prem Kumar Barthwal, DJ
Commercial-01(South)
at Room No. 614, Saket Courts
Complex, New Delhi
Proclamation Requiring
Attendance Of Defendant
(Order S, Rule 20 of the Code of
Civil Procedure)
Suit No.:-85/2020
Corporation Bank ...Plaintiff
V/s

M/s Shubh Mangalam Store & Anr ...Defendan

o, M/s Shubh Mangalam Store hrough Its Proprietor A-97 hase-1, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-10047 2. Suman Thakur Proprietor M/. Shubh Mangalam Store, A-97 Phase-1, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-

1004/ klso At :- 67, Chandan, Chandan Jagar, Poorvar Kotvali Vagar, WHEREAS you are intentionally wading service of summons. It is the service of summons is the service of summons in the service of s appear in the court, it will be hear Given under my hand and the sea of the Court, this 20-04-2022.

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS E-TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE NO.: CLW-DKAE-WC-570-CL-177. E-tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: Sl. No.: [01]. Tender No.: CLW-DKAE-WC-570-CL-177. Name of the work: Cable laying activities in 177 nos WAG-9H locomotive at ELAAU/ Dankuni Tender value (Rupees):1,68,74,430.00 (Rupees One crore sixty eight lakhs seventy four thousand four hundred and thirty) only Cost of tender document (Rupees): 5,000.00 (Rupees Five thousand only) Earnest Money/Bid Security (Rupees): 2,34,400.00 (Rupees Two lakhs thirty four thousand and four hundred) only. Period of ompletion: 24 (twenty four) months NOTE: (i) Complete details can be seen in the Railways website www.ireps.gov.in (ii) Contact Number: 03212-230003. (iii) Date of closing of tender submission is 06.07.2022 a 12:00 hrs. PR5-131 AWM/Planning/CLW/DKAE.

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आजादीक अमृत महोत्सव

SHORT NIT NO. 34/ACE(M-10/EE(T)/ 2022-23 Description Amount Put to Date of release of tender | Last date / time of receipt in E- Procurement of Tender through E-Tender Fee Solution) **Procurement Solution** 1 Construction of Bain water Harvestin Rs. 34.02.471/-21.06.2022 01.07.2022 at

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CORRIGENDUM (1)

(शुद्धि–पत्र)

इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित अति अल्पकालिन निविदा सूचना संख्या– Tender Reference No.- DWSD/DUMKA 1/CLUSTER-02/2022-23 Date-10.06.2022PR No.271377(Drinking Water and Sanitation)(22-23):D के द्वारा प्रकाशित सूचना में अपरिहार्य कारणवश निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने की तिथि एवं निविदा खोलने की

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1	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid	04.07.2022/05 : 00 PM					
2	Last date of submission of Earnest Money (Bank Guarantee/T.D. Pass Book/N.S.C)/Time and Cost of BOQ	05.07.2022/02 : 00 PM					
3	Date of Opening of Tender /Time:	05.07.2022/05 : 00 PM					

कार्यपालक अभियंता

PR 272310 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23).D

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR. No. Tender Online RCK - 18/22 e-Procurement NOTICE Name of the work Construction of Settlement Colony of Mankedia Tribes At- Kusumundia, Ransol District of Jaipur under DMF (Balance Work) 2. Class of Contractor Special Class & Super Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing a)Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00: Crore & upto Rs.15.00 Crore b)Estimated cost more than Rs.3.00 Crore & upto Rs.6.00 Crore

c) Estimated cost more than Bs 40 00 B & A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities. . As specified in the Column-8 of the Annexure As per Annexure attached

 Detail Projects 5. Other Details Procurement Officer Bid Last Date & Time Date & Time of opening of Availability of Tender on-line for bidding Identification of seeking tende clarification То ical Bid Financial Bid From Chief Construction Engineer 12.07.2022 at 13.07.2022 at To be intimated 27.06.2022 at 11.07.2022 up to Rural Works Circle BCK - 18 / 22 11.30 A.M.

11.30 A.M. Sd/-Chief Construction Engine

OIPR-25129/11/0017/2223

e-Procurement Notice

Jharkhand Education Project Council invites Request For Selection of an Agency to provide maintenance Services of computer and related equipments at ICT Labs of selected Schools and Providing Computer Education Services (manpower, internet, consumables etc.) under Zone I,II,III and IV for a period of 3 years. The detail tender document can be seen in website http://jharkhand tenders.gov.in.only. List of dates with regard to this notice are given below-

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l	Sl.	Details	Start Date	Time	End Date	Time			
	1	Document Download from	23/06/2022	10:00 A M	14/07/2022	02:00 PM			
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l	2	Pre-Bid Meeting at JEPC, Ranchi	29/06/2022	11:30 AM	-	-			
l	3	Online Bid Submission	07/07/2022	10:00 AM	14/07/2022	02.00 PM			
l		Submission of Original DD for Cost of Tender,							
l	4	DD/BG of Bid security(EMD) and other relevant	15/07/2022	10:00 AM	15/07/2022	03.00 PM			
l		documents (if any) etc. to JEPC, Ranchi.							
l	5	Opening of Technical Bid	15/07/2022	03.30 PM	-	-			
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Notice Ref No. JEPC/ICT/52/24/2022/1472., dated 22/06/2022.

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMC) In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar -751 001



Tel.: (0674) 2380608, Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in Assuring Quality, Saving Lives **CAD-899** NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FROM PROSPECTIVE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES THROUGH EMPANELMENT TO CONDUCT MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY TESTS OF SAMPLES COLLECTED AT VARIOUS GOVT. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders to conduct molecular pathology test of samples collected at various Govt. Healthcare Facilities as per the particulars mentioned below Bid Reference No. Item Name **Bid Document Cost** inclusive of GST (Rs.)

Various Govt. Healthcare Facilities SI. No. Particulars Date and time Date & time of release of bid 22.06.2022, 5 PN Date & time of Pre-bid meeting 29.06.2022, 11 AM Venue: Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar End Date & Time Date & time of Online bid submission Start Date & Time 04.07.2022. 3 PM 21.07.2022. 5 PM Date & time of online Technical bid opening 25.07.2022, 3 PM Date of demonstration of Equipment (if required by the To be informed to those bidders whose bids are found to be technical) Tender Inviting Authority for some equipments)

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, EMDs, Pregualification criteria an other terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in. OSMCL reserves the righ to reject or modify any conditions of the tender or cancel the tender or cancel the issued purchase order at any stage without assigni

> OSMC Ltd., Odisha OIPR-10112/11/0022/2223

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, MEDININAGAR

E-Procurement Notice (3rd Call) Short E-Tender Notice Reference no. DWSD/SVS/CLÚSTER/MED-10/2022-23 Dated: 23-06-2022

	2	Date of publication of Tender on Web site	28.06.2022 / 12.30 P.M.
	3	Date of Pre-bid Meeting	04.07.2022 / 12.30 P.M.
	3	Date of Fre-bld Meeting	Office of the Engineer-In-Chief, D.W.S.D, Nepal House, Ranchi
	4	Last date / Time for receipt of Bid	11.07.2022 / 05.00 P.M.
			12.07.2022 / 05.00 P.M.
		Last date / Time for receipt of EMD Cost &	 Office of the Regional Chief Engineer, Ranchi Zone Ranchi,
	5	BOQ Cost.	D.W.S.D, Doranda, Ranchi
		(in Hard Copy)	2. Office of the Superintending Engineer, DW&S Circle, Medininagar
			Office of the Executive Engineer, DW&S Division, Medininagar
	6	Date & time of Opening of Tender	13.07.2022 / 04.00 P.M.
	7	Name & Address of Office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, DW&S Division, Medininagar
	8	Name & Address of Tender Opening	Executive Engineer, DW&S Division, Medininagar
°		officer	Executive Engineer, DVV&3 DIVISION, Medininagar
	9	Contact No. of Procurement office	9835068475
	10	Help No. of e-Procurement Cell	0651-2490920
		Detailed survey, designing and drawin	g, construction of 8390 nos. FHTC in different block of Palamau

District comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Structure ESR, Distribution Line, Source (as required) & 5 years Operation and Maintenance all complete job "On Turnkey Basis" under DW&S Division, Medininagar for the year 2021-22.

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Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in SAVE WATER FOR COMING GENERATIONS **Executive Engineer**

DW&S Division, Medininagar

New Delhi

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Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may vary.

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A & Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.

05.00 P.M. 01.00 P.M. Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

JHARKHAND EDUCATION PROJECT COUNCIL J.S.C.A Stadium Road, Jagannathpur, Sector -3, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004 Phone - 0651-2444502 Fax: 0651-2444506, E-mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com

Opening of Financial Bid Announced after the evaluation of technical bids

(Kiran Kumari Pasi) PR 272216 Human Resource Developement(22-23)#D **State Project Director**

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SECTOR WATCH **BIG TECH**

Non-English content moderation: Meta Oversight Board flags lack of investment

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

FLAGGING CONCERNS over inadequate investment in moderating content in languages other than English, the Oversight Board of social media company Meta has pointed out the small number of user appeals from India and other such non-English majority countries that the advisory group received.

In its first annual report, the board noted that almost half of the appeals came from the US and Canada, while only 2.4 per cent came from Central and South Asia – the region to which India belongs.

"We recognise that this distribution does not reflect the spread of Facebook and Instagram users worldwide. In 2019, for example, only six of the 20 countries with the most Facebook users were in Europe and North America, while India has the Facebook and Instagram users of any country," it said.

"The lower numbers of user appeals from outside Europe and the US & Canada could also indicate that many of those using Facebook and Instagram in the rest of the world are not aware they can appeal Meta's content moderation decisions to the Board," it pointed out, adding that it did not believe that the distribution of appeals data re-

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to the Board"

flected the actual distribution of content moderation issues around the globe.

"If anything, we have reason to believe that users in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East experience more, not fewer, problems with Meta's platforms than other parts of

"Our decisions so far, which covered posts from India and Ethiopia, have raised concerns about whether Meta has invested sufficient resources in moderating content in languages other than English," the board said.

In its annual report, the board also noted that Meta has committed to translate its Community Standards into several languages spoken in India "meaning that, once completed, more than 400 million more people will be able to read Facebook's rules in their native language".

LOOKING TO PLUG REVENUE LOSS, PROPOSAL TO BE TAKEN UP

Mandatory e-way bills for gold set to be on GST Council table

AANCHAL MAGAZINE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

IN A measure that will help curtail revenue loss from tax evasion on gold and precious stones under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the GST Council will discuss a proposal to implement a mandatory e-way bill system for intra-state movement of such high-value items with a minimum threshold of Rs 2 lakh. A ministerial panel, headed by Kerala's Finance Minister KL Balagopal, has made the recommendation and also suggested mandatory e-invoicing for B2B transactions by all taxpayers supplying gold/precious stones and having annual aggregate turnover above Rs 20 crore.

The GoM has suggested that states should be allowed to decide the modalities about the imposition of the e-way bill for intra-state movement of gold and precious stones within their states. It has also suggested that

Agenda points

> THIS RECOMMENDATION by the ministerial panel is expected to be taken up for discussion in the next GST Council meeting to be held on June 28-29. The Council will also discuss rate hike suggestions from fitment committee for items ranging from cut and polished diamonds (1.5 per cent from 0.25 per cent), tetra packs (18 per cent from 12 per cent) and rate cut for ostomy appliances.

the GST Network, in consultation with NIC, will work out the modalities and timelines for implementation of e-invoicing for gold/precious stones. "There will be a minimum threshold of Rs 2

any amount including or above this amount as minimum threshold for generations of eway bill for intra-state movement of gold/precious stones in their state," the GoM said in its

This recommendation by the ministerial panel is expected to be taken up for discussion in the next GST Council meeting to be held on June 28-29. Additionally, the Council will also discuss rate hike suggestions from fitment committee for items ranging from cut and polished diamonds (1.5 per cent from 0.25 per cent), tetra packs (18 per cent from 12 per cent) and rate cut for ostomy appliances including waterproof pouch for collecting waste from the body (nil from 12 per cent). The fitment committee has also recommended a uniform 5 per cent rate for orthopaedic implants (trauma, spine and arthroplasty implants). On the issue of taxation of virtual digital assets including cryptocurrency, the fitment committee has recommended deferring the decision and suggested that states of Haryana and Karnataka shall study all aspects and submit a paper in due course. Rate rationalisation measures

under GST are being considered as the compensation regime under which states were offered compensation for revenue loss below the guaranteed compounded 14 per cent rate comes to an end in June after five years of the rollout of the indirect tax regime. As per data on revenue growth collated for the Council meeting, only five out of 31 states/UTs — Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim – registered a revenue growth higher than the protected revenue rate for states under GST in financial year 2021-22. Puducherry, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh have recorded the highest revenue gap between the protected revenue and post-settlement gross state GST revenue in

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PM 'WELCOMES' FOXCONN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Foxconn chairman Young Liu on Thursday. "I welcome their plans for expanding electronics manufacturing capacity in India, including in semiconductors," the PM tweeted. via @narendramodi Twitte

MoS IT bats for 'contemporary' IT Act, says 'working on it'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

REITERATING THAT the government was open to a self-regulatory framework by social media companies, Minister of State for Electronics & IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that at this point, the IT Ministry will "go ahead" with its proposed appellate committee as the next step in content moderation on social media intermediary platforms. He also underscored the need for a contemporary Information Technology Act given that the government can only tweak the current one in different ways to "get to a safer internet".

Chandrasekhar was speaking at an open house consultation with stakeholders on the proposed amendments to the IT Rules. Earlier this month, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) proposed that "the central government shall constitute one or more grievance appellate committees, which shall consist of a chairperson and such other members as the central governpowered to review, and possibly reverse, content moderation decisions taken by social media companies.

"At this stage, we will go ahead with the Appellate Committee. But I make a solemn commitment to you that if you come back with a self-regulatory framework that works and that meets the test of transparency and accountability, we are very happy to move to that from the



Minister of State for Electronics & IT

moment you are ready with such a framework," the Minister said.

He said that the government's perspective was to ensure four boundary conditions for policy and rule making around the Internet - openness, safety & trust, accountability and complete compliance to the Indian Constitution & legal provisions.

When some attendees at the consultation meeting suggested the government amended the broader IT Act, Chandrasekhar my opinion a mezzanine stage of where we are in the evolution of our jurisprudence, rules and laws. Very soon we will have an absolutely contemporary law and Act, which will take care of a lot of these issues. IT Act is a 22-year-old Act and, therefore we are bolting on, retrofitting, band-aiding to get to a safer internet, and we need a new contemporary law and we are working on that".

Investment through P-notes declines to ₹86,706 cr in May Investment in the Indian capital markets through

participatory notes (*P*-notes) dropped to Rs 86,706 crore till May-end from the preceding month, as per Sebi data

Foreign investors will reverse their selling stance and return to the country's equities in the coming 1-2 quarters, experts say

In March, the investment was at Rs 87,979 crore. It was Rs 89,143 crore in February and Rs 87,989 crore in January

In terms of ODI (offshore

derivative instruments) in equity and debt, it has reached back to the levels of December 2020

Assets under the custody of FPIs dropped by 5 per cent Rs 48.23 lakh crore at Mav-end from Rs 50.74 lakh crore at April-end

Nearly ₹40,000 crore withdrawn by FPIs last month

₹90,580 cr $Value \, of \, P-note \, investments \, in \, Indian \, markets \, -equity, \, debt$

and hybrid securities — at April-end

P-notes are issued by registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to overseas investors who wish to be a part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly. They, however, need to go through a due diligence process

Govt, Tata Motors to probe Nexon EV fire HC clears way for

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

and Highways (MoRTH) on Thursday said it is investigating the incident of a Nexon electric car catching fire in Mumbai. Tata Motors said it's also in-

vestigating the incident. The video of a Nexon EV caught on fire at Vasai, Mumbai, was circulating on social media like Twitter. "A detailed investigation is

currently being conducted to ascertain the facts of the recent isolated thermal incident that is doing the rounds on social media,' the company said while responding to the incident that has been widely shared on social media.

The Centre for Fire, Explosive

'Standards set for EV batteries' New Delhi: The Bureau of on Thursday.

come out with performance standards for electric vehicle batteries in order to ensure the safety of consumers, a senior Consumer Affairs Ministry official said

and Environment Safety, Naval Science & Technological Laboratory and Indian Institute of Science are likely to join the probe

ordered by the Ministry. "We will share a detailed response after our complete investigation. We remain committed to the safety of our vehicles and their users," the company said.

ies", the official said. PTI "This is a first incident after more than 30.000 EVs have cumulatively covered over 100 million km across the country in nearly 4 years," the company said.

dards-setting body that func-

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There have been many incidents of electric two-wheelers catching fire in the recent past. Electric two-wheeler makers such as Ola Electric, Okinawa

their scooters in the wake of separate fire incidents. The fire incidents had prompted the governand had warned companies of penalties if they were found to be negligent. In May this year, Tata Motors launched a new version of its top-selling Nexon EV named Nexon EV MAX in India with a starting price of Rs 17.74 lakh (exshowroom all India). The vehicle supports faster charging and it will cover 437 km on a single charge against 312 km of the previous model.

Autotech and PureEV had recalled

Meanwhile, as per a Reuters report, Toyota Motor Corp said it would recall 2,700 of its first mass-produced electric vehicles for the global market because of a risk the wheels can come loose.

Yes Bank to vote in DishTV EGM today TV to be held on Friday (June 24).

OMKARGOKHALE MUMBAI, JUNE 23

A DIVISION Bench of the Bombay High Court Thursday dismissed an appeal by the promoter of DishTV India Pvt Ltd seeking to restrain Yes Bank from exercising its rights, including voting, over shares held by the lender.

With this, Yes Bank, a shareholder of DishTV, can participate and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Dish

A division Bench of Justice Gautam S Patel and Justice Madhay Jamdar passed the order. World Crest Advisors LLP, promoter group of DishTV, had moved an appeal before the division Bench after a single-judge Bench, on June 17, rejected its interim plea. Last month, DishTV made an announcement about the EGM to ratify and pass a resolution for re-appointing the MD, whole-time director and a non-ex-

ecutive independent director.





Re-invited e-tenders (1) 73747. (2) 73748. (3) 73857. (4) 73866

Note: For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in. PRO/AAM(M)/49/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER**



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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Tender No. a) HSCC/SES/MGMS/PGI/Neuro Science/2022 Date: 24.06.2022

b) HSCC/SES/MOT/PGI/Neuro Science/2022 Online item rate bids are invited by HSCC (India) Limited on behalf of PGIMER Chandigarh for the works "Execution including Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of (a) Medical Gas Manifold System and (b) Modular & Minor Operation Theatres for Advanced Neuro Science Centre at PGIMER, Chandigarh.'

The detailed NIT will be available on e-tender portal http://www.tenderwizard.in/HSCC HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any would appear only on said websites and not be published.

CGM (PG-I). HSCC (I) Ltd. CGM (PG-I), HSCC (I) Ltd

Estimated cost for (a) Rs. 11.50 Cr. & b) Rs. 15.24 Cr. Completion period for (a) 5 months

& (b) 4 months. Tender available online from 28.06.2022 and Last Date of submission of



Nashik Municipal Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. CIN: U93090MH2016SGC285193

E-mail: ceo@nashiksmartcity.in; Tel.: 0253-2518833

Tender Publishing Notice Advertisement E-Tender No.: NMSCDCL/43/2022-23

Last date of online submission of Bids is 13.07.2022 up to 05.30 PM. The detailed notice inviting tender available on www.mahatenders.gov.in

> **Chief Executive Officer** NMSCDCL

> > New Delhi

TATA POWER-DDL Regd. Office: NDPL House, Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi 110 005 Tel: 66112222, Fax: 27468042, Email: TPDDL@tatapower-ddl.com CIN No.: U40109DL2001PLC111526, Website: www.tatapower-ddl.com **NOTICE INVITING TENDERS** TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

TATA POWER DELHI DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

Tender Enquiry No. Work Description	Cost/EMD (Rs.)	of Bid Document	of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
FPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001425/22-23 Supply of 2 nos. of 66/11 kV 16/20 MVA PTRs for Narela-II Grid	5.35 Crs/ 10,00,000	24.06.2022	15.07.2022;1700 Hrs 15.07.2022:1730 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001424/22-23 Repair of 66/33 kV 50 MVA PTR at Rewari Line Grid	1.85 Crs/ 5,00,000	24.06.2022	15.07.2022;1700 Hrs 15.07.2022:1730 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001421/22-23 Supply of Infrared Thermo Scanning Camera	73.63 Lac/ 1,84,000	25.06.2022	16.07.2022;1600 Hrs 16.07.2022:1630 Hrs
Complete tender and corrigendum docur			rigendum Documents

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Contracts - 011-66112222

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Dholera Industrial City Development Limited (DICDL) - SPV formed being joint

(DSIRDA) for implementation of projects in DSIR area. Request for Quotation (RfQ) Request for Quotation for Waterproofing With Pure Polyurea in the Inside Face of Waste water Retaining Structure of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP)

and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Activation Area of Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR), Dholera DICDL in the capacity of Employer invites Request for Quotation (RfQ) for aforesaid Works. RfQ document uploaded on the website https://dholera.gujarat.gov.in/tenders#ongoing.

The RFQ submission shall be addressed to DHOLERA INDUSTRIAL CITY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

6th Floor, Block No. 1 and 2, Udyog Bhavan, Sector-11, 'GH-4' Circle, Gandhinagar - 382011, Gujarat, India. CIN: U45209GJ2016SGC085839 Email: gm1-dicdl@gujarat.gov.in & srmgrcp-dicdl@gujarat.gov.in Phone: +91-079-29750500, , website: https://dholera.gujarat.gov.in

BRIEFLY —

ONDC protocols

New Delhi: Seven companies, including a buyer-side app and five seller-side apps, have adopted ONDC protocols and built their own ONDC-compatible apps, the Commerce Ministry said on Thursday.

World Bankloan

New Delhi: The World Bank has approved a \$245 million loan to support India's efforts to modernise rail freight and logistics infrastructure. It has also approved 3 loans totalling \$562 million.

Air India pilots

New Delhi: Air India has offered to re-hire pilots post retirement for 5 years.

'Adani charity'

New Delhi: Gautam Adani and his family have pledged to donate Rs 60,000 crore to charity to mark his 60th birthday. The donation will be managed by Adani Foundation, a statement from the conglomerate said. PTI

No precision tools; risk of joblessness moving up: Powell



US Federal Reserve Board Chair Jerome Powell at a House Financial Services Committee hearing, Washington. Reuters

REUTERS WASHINGTON, JUNE 23

THE FEDERAL Reserve's com-

mitment to reining in 40-yearhigh inflation is "unconditional" but comes with risk of higher unemployment, US central bank chief Jerome Powell said Thursday.

"It's unconditional," Powell told the US House of Representatives Financial Services Committee when asked about the Fed's commitment to fight inflation that, by the central bank's preferred measure, is running at more than three times its 2 per cent target. "We don't have precision

tools," he said, "so there is a risk that unemployment would move up, from what is historically a low level though. A labour market with 4.1 per cent or 4.3 per cent unemployment is still a very strong labour market.'

RailTel/N. Region invites bidders for the work of: (1) "Trenching, laying,

bidders for the work of:

(1) "Trenching, laying, termination, splicing, testing and commissioning of OFC for connectivity of NTRO Udaipur (main and protection paths) in Northern Region of RailTel".

Estimated Cost: Rs. 2, 49, 79, 576, 57

Tender opening date: 15-07-2022

(2) Zonal Rate contract for OFC laying and LAN withing related under a present critical of the contract of th ing related works as per SOR under territory TM/Chandigarh/RailTel.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,21,42,617.18

Tender opening date : 18-07-2022 Tender Notice & tender documents are available on www.railtelindia.com and

www.ireps.gov.in. Addendum/ corrigencem will be uploaded in RailTel

RailTel

Date: 21.06.2022 RailTel/Northern Region invites E-tenders from eligible bidders for deployment of OFC intenance team for a period of 3 years in ollowing sections : 1) RailTel/Tender/OT/NR/O&M/2022-23/20 for Raibareilly-Daryapur-Unchahar-Phaphamau. Daryapur-MCF/Lalganj section including al

MC's (153.74 Km)

LIVIC \$ (133.74 KIII) (2) RailTel/Tender/OT/NR/O&M/2022-23/19 for Lucknow-Burhwal-Sitapur section including MC (RKM 166.5) B) RailTel/Tender/OT/NR/O&M/2022-23/18 for Pathankot-Jammu-Udhampur-Katra section including LMC (RKM 189) (4) RailTel/Tender/OT/NR/O&M/2022-23/17 for Jallandhar-Amritsar-Pathankot section ncluding LMC (RKM 251) 5) RailTel/Tender/OT/NR/

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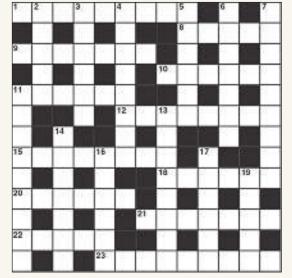
(a) Rainer/lender/OT/NR/Odwi/2022-23/2 ioi Merta Road (Excl.)-Degana-ratangarh(Excl.) section including LMC (RKM 197) (6) RailTel/Tender/OT/NR/O&M/2022-23/1 for Raika Bagh-Merta, Pipar-Bilara & Merta Road-Merta City section including LMC (RKM 162) Tender Notice & tender documents are available on **www.railtelindia.com**. and https://railtel.enivida.com Addendum corrigendum will be uploaded in RailTe website only.

Bids: 18.07.2022 upto 15:00 hrs



MMSCDCL is publishing tender "Request For Proposal(RFP) for Establishing and Maintenance of Smart School in Nashik" Tender publishing date is 22.06.2022, Pre-bid meeting is on 28.06.2022.

CROSSWORD 4776



DOWN

settled(7)

2 An unusual term I deserve

3 They act diplomatically so

4 Cadger is source of shame

5 Neighbourly get-together

6 Proof that someone has

11 It doesn't have to be smart

7 Game and trifle (9)

to fool the birds (9)

13 To walk about is bliss

which is ridiculed (7)

17 Gems and pelts

the precinct (5)

against it (6)

14 Nut and date confection

16 Key operators may strike

19 It's more pleasant back in

envy is disguised (6)

ACROSS 1 Ash Wednesday is

understandably the first of them (5,4)8 Girl getting a first love letter

9 The figure is in strangely poor condition (7) 10 Pictures a mince pie (6) 11 He doesn't go for a horse that will finish (6) 12 Order a dessert (5,3) 15 Come again to gather fruit

18 Dramatic beginning formulated at once (3,3)20 Be able to repeat a vigorous dance(6)

21 Walk round the pub - 'The Boat'(7) 22 Appearing in robes entirely

too voluminous (5) 23 Shift scenery as required

Solutions Crossword 4775: Across: 1 Retinue, 4 Forum, 7 Dash, 8 Asteroid, 10 Inaccurate, 12 Around, 13 Palate, 15 Immaterial, 18 Assassin, 19 Shop, 20 Tours, 21 Launder. Down: 1 Radii, 2 Testator, 3 Ensure, 4 Free trader, 5 Room, 6 Midwife, 9 Economists, 11 Vanished, 12 Adamant, 14 Daniel, 16 Leper, 17 Esau

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis





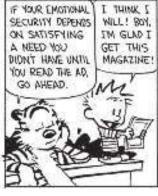


CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

HERE'S AN AD FOR A NEW GUM CALLED "HYPERBUBBLE," AND IT SAYS, " IF YOU'RE NOT CHEWING HIPERBURBLE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE CHEWING YOUR CUD." DOH, GREAT COPY.







MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







JUMBLED WORDS

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

us all when it comes. - John Donne (5,.,5) Death comes equally to us all, and



Fire Death comes equally to us all, and **makes** us all **equal** when it comes. SOLUTION: EDEMA, FLASH, SACRUM, SQUAWK

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle.

SUDOKU

every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

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

No.:- SE/WR/KOTA/NIT/2022-23/1421

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Office of The Superintending Engineer,

Water Resources Circle, Kota

E-NIT No.- 04/2022-23

Bids for Construction of Approach (Submersible Bridge) to old monument (Barod Shiv Temple) in U/S of Navnera Barrage on Kalisindh

River Tehsil Mangrol District Baran is invited from interested bidders from

16.06.2022 (9:30 Hr) to 05.07.2022 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms 8

महिला आर्थिक विकास महामंडळ (माविम)

(महाराष्ट्र शासन अंगीकृत)

TENDER NOTICE

Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM), A Government of Maharashtra

Undertaking, invites Expression of interest from Human Resource Management

For detail document, interested bidders should visit on portal www.DevNetJobsIndia.org

Last Date & Time for submission of Tenders: Till 12th July 2022, before 5.00 pm

Environmental Management &

(Registered Society under Department of Ecology

& Environment, Government of Karnataka)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Environment Management and Policy Research Institute,

Bangalore (EMPRI) invites Tenders from eligible bidders

through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal

(e-Procurement) for Preparation of Detailed Project Report

for Rejuvenation of Lakes in 5 talukas of Bengaluru Urban

Zilla Panchayat in the 8 packages involving 13, 16, 24,

Bid documents can be downloaded from the e-Procurement

portal of GoK (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) Last date for

submission of bids through e-Procurement portal is 4:00 pm

on 14.07.2022. For any addendum/corrigendum, bidders are

Policy Research Institute (EMPRI)

मुंबई - 022-26592264

seen on

http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in.

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DATE 15/06/22

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Superintending Engineer

Managing Director, MAVIM, Mumbai

Water Resources Circle Kota

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You should now be

vou down. If you are still feeling slightly hemmed in,

friends and colleagues may

show you the way to enjoy yourself, but you must do

your bit to persuade other

you're doing.

people that you know what

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Entrepreneurial

are on the upward phase

of a cycle. Quite simply, you, or someone close, will

soon be the beneficiary of a

advance at work. Whatever

healthy windfall or an

you do now, you need to

pay attention to loved

ones' interests.

types, professional

people and ambitious aspirants



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct

The general trend is still quite sober but you may, if you wish, take some time off to enjoy yourself. Serious discussions, meetings, interviews and even unwelcome chance encounters may point you in the right direction and the chances of uncovering the truth are good.



combine with domestic, and you may go out and spend on home essentials but, for those of you in the property market or otherwise wielding large amounts of money, the signs are good and getting better. Why don't you check out travel options? You

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You seem to be avoiding trouble and good for you. If

you can side-step angry or demanding people, then so much the better. But I don't think you'll gain anything from burying your head in the sand, ostrich-style. If you face up to secret fears, they may actually go away.

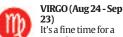
July 23)



CANCER (June 22 -A fog of uncertainty

is refusing to clear up. A mystery may continue in the background, but there is almost a nil chance that you, or anyone, will truly understand what is going on. If you're under the weather, one cause may be emotional or nervous strain.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Astrology is seldom to do with luck, pure and simple. Right now, though, there seems to be good-fortune for the asking, but you know better than anyone that good fortune is what you make it. Tension at home should be in the past and complications at work should have eased.



spot of extravagance, particularly if partners have been holding you back lately. Family decisions and domestic plans are likely to work only if they concern short-term and day-to-day affairs. Longrange plans may be fun to formulate, but are unlikely to

SCORPIO (Oct 24 -Nov 23) Monetary influences

deserve a change of scene



moment, that's for sure. Communication is the key, but co-operation may be hard to achieve. Some of you will be called away on a short journey. All of you will be faced with information to absorb and decisions to take. You'd better

SAGITTARIUS (Nov



get on with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) It may seem as if, having dramatically

changed your mind on many occasions, you now have decided to let fate take its course. That's the longterm consideration. As far as today is concerned it's money which looms large, especially for domestic



You should be in the driving seat today. You may be able to take the initiative and compensate for a few recent blunders. An argumentative mood may be dealt with nicely if you are the very essence of charm.

Pay a little more attention to domestic grumbles, before they become

insoluble.

PISCES (Feb 20 -

Mar 20) You may be rather discreet, and a good thing too. It could be best to keep your own counsel. At home you will be inclined to do things quietly and

Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Devel First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun

Ref. No. 726 / I1-02(xix)-2/ITCO/URRDA/22

23-06-2022. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid

documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to registe n the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

Last Date / Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 29-06-2022

For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in.

Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of gueries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice- 05/2022-23

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Pauri & Pithoragarh for 02 number of Packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 4.74 Crore** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent*. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement:

authorized Certifying Authorities.

Chief Engineer,

URRDA, Dehradun

Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

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The Sr.DME/Diesel, Northern Railway, Diesel Loco Shed, Tughlakabad for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tenders for the following work. The tender will be accepted online only in the prescribed tender document.

Subject	Description
Name of Work	"Comprehensive AMC of MASTER CONTROLLER unit in various schedules (Yearly, 3 Yearly and 6 Yearly) fitted in HHP Locomotives."
Place of Work	Diesel Shed, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110044.
Completion period	24 months
Approximate cost of Work	Rs. 69,49,519.14/- including GST @18% (Rs. Sixty Nine Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen and Fourteen Paisa only Including GST @18%)
Earnest Money	Rs.1,39,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand only)
Description of Similar Service Contract	The approved definition of similar nature of work is- "The Tenderer should be either an OEM of Master Controller or Authorized dealer of any OEM for Master Controller or Sources approved by RDSO for related work"
Technical Eligibility Criteria	As per clause 10 of tender form (second sheet) of Tender Document.
Financial Eligibility Criteria	As per clause 10 of tender form (second sheet) of Tender Document.
Website to download and upload e-tender document	www.ireps.gov.in
Due date & time of uploading of Tender by tenderer	15.07.2022 upto 12:00 Hrs.
Place of opening of tender	Divisional Railway Manager office, State Entry Road, New Delhi.
Date & Time of Tender opening	15.07.2022 after 12:00 hrs.

45 days from opening of tender.

Tender Document can be downloaded from Indian Railway website

www.ireps.gov.in. For details of work experience, scope of work and terms &

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se see Tender document

Validity of offer

Allocation

requested to view at eProcurement portal. Sd/- PDO & TIA, EMPRI

24, 24,11, 19 and 19 Lakes.

NORTHERN RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE No. ELS_SRE_T 27**Open tender through E-Tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS Electric Loco Shed, Khanalampura yard, Northern Railway, Saharanpur (Ambala Division) for and on behalf of the President of India from the registered tenderer or website www.ireps.gov.in for the following work upto 11;00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:-

Open Tender No.	ELS_SRE_T-27
Name of work	Fabrication of assembling and modification & fitment of Dummy Bogie of modifying Casnub type Bogie.
Date of Closing/Opening	14.07.2022
Approx. Cost	Rs. 9, 61,748.00
Earnest Money	Rs. 19,200.00
Completion period	04 Months
Validity period	45 days
Cost of tender form	'free of cost'

- Tenderer (s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in
- 2. Tenderer are required to upload self-attested scanned copies of all relate
- 3. Taxes & Charges will be applicable as per extent rule 4. For details, Please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY

1540/22

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Read Office: PSEB Head Office. The Mall. (Patiala) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number: 96461-17659)

Dated: 22.06.2022 Tender Enquiry No. 1404/O&M/PC-2310 Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites Eender for the Procurement of APH Baskets (Heating Elements) for 2x210 MW Stage-I Units, Quantity as per NIT.

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 22.06.2022 from 17.00 Hrs. onwards. NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at

GHTP-32/22

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement System Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi 110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following item:-SI.No. Tender No. Brief Description Equivalent to Harmonic 82222915A HD 1000i with Advance 40 Nos. 15.07.2022

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

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Tender Notice No.: 82222915A Dated: 22.06.2022 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT AUTHORITY

(PORT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT) ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 27001:2013, ISO 45001:2018 CERTIFIED SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE
No. JNPA/PPD-Estate/Plot/T-35/2022 dated 22/06/2022

JNPA proposes to lease vacant land admeasuring about 1.5 Ha. in tank farm area. Tenders are invited "ON-LINE" in Two Bid (Technical & Price Bids) and e-auction methodology from 24.06.2022 to 21.07.2022 from the firms fulfilling the "Minimum Qualifying Criteria" for "e-tender-cum-e-auction for allotment of land- plot no. 4 on long term lease basis for setting up of tank farm for liquid storage facilities (edible and lube oil) at Jawaharlal Nehru Port". Tender fee is 23,600/- (non-refundable). Details are available on JNPA website ww.jnport.gov.in or https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app CHIEF MANAGER (PP&D)

Executive Engineer Water Resources Division Tonk

Fill No. 1072

Date- 17/06/22 **Notice Inviting Bid**

Bids for Repair Renovation and Restoration work of Mansagar Arniya dam and canal sytem Tehsil Deoli District Tonk are invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM dated 11.07.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate balue of the procurement in Rs.268.03 Lacs.

NIB code WRD2223A0171 UBN WRD2223WSOB00696 DIPR/C/8421/2022

E-AUCTION NOTICE The e-auction schedule for Sale of Scrap Let through e-auction under the jurisdiction of Dy. CMM/Pandu for the month of July/2022, Aug/2022 & Sept/2022 has been re-fixed as per following details:

SN	Month/Year	Auction Schedule No.	Auction Start Date	Time
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1	July/2022	GSDPNO22N23008	08-07-2022	10:00:00
2	July/2022	GSDPNO22N23009	19-07-2022	10:00:00
3	July/2022	GSDPNO22N23010	29-07-2022	10:00:00
4	August/2022	GSDPNO22N23011	10-08-2022	10:00:00
5	August/2022	GSDPNO22N23012	18-08-2022	10:00:00
6	August/2022	GSDPNO22N23013	30-08-2022	10:00:00
7	Sept./2022	GSDPNO22N23014	09-09-2022	10:00:00
8.	Sept/2022	GSDPNO22N23015	20-09-2022	10:00:00
9	Sept./2022	GSDPN022N23016	29-09-2022	10:00:00

(www.ireps.gov.in) for registration, training, participation in e-auction. Dv. CMM/Pandi NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education) P.O. New Forest, Dehradun - 248006

File No. XXI/6/2022-23/Wooden auction /STR Dated: 23 June, 2022 **TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are invited on behalf of Director, Forest Research Institute, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun for the auction of old/obsolete/un-unserviceable/condemned/scraped wooden Items of FRI. "Dehradun on "As is where is basis".

The prescribed Tender Form can be obtained from Store Section, FRI, P.O. New Forest, Dehra Dun 248006 against a payment of Rs.1000+18% GST Rs. 1180/- (Including GST) each by Demand Draft drawn in favour of Director, Forest Research nstitute P.O. New Forest, Dehradun 248006 on all working days from 27.06.2022 to 18.07.2022 up to 1.00 pm. Sealed Tender addressed to Store Officer, Forest Research Institute, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun must reach on or before 18.07,2022 up to 2.30 pm. The tender will be opened on 18.07.2022 at 3.00 pm at Store section. Forest Research Institute.

Registrar Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender fo e following work

1 Name of Construction of FOB at Adarsh Nagar for entry from Shalima work Bagh in the section of SSE/W/L/DLI under ADEN/DLI Rs. 8,09,87,434.61 (Rupees Eight Crore Nine Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four and Sixty One paise

Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 5,54,900/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Only) 4 Cost of tender document Rs. 0/-Date & Time of submission of 19.07.2022 @ 15:00 Hrs.

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German football gives transgenders freedom of choice

Berlin: German soccer is bucking the recent trend of banning transgender women from women's competition by allowing all transgender, intersex and non-binary players to decide for themselves whether to play in men's or women's teams. The German soccer federation passed a new regulation for gender-nonconforming players with the civil status "diverse" or "unspecified" on Thursday. "It also applies to transgender players who can now switch at a self-determined time or remain initially in the team in which they'd been playing previously," the DFB said in a statement. "As long as the sporting activity does not affect the health of the person while they are taking medication, the person can take part in the game, which is why the new regulation excludes doping relevance.". AP

India U-17 women lose 0-7 to Italy

Udine: India's Under-17 women's football team suffered a humiliating 0-7 defeat against Italy in the opening match of a four-nation tournament at Grandisco D'Isonzo stadium here. The Thomas Dennerby-coached side started off the match by trying to press the opposition high up the pitch and entice mistakes from them. Tackles were flying in from both sides and it was Italy, who were awarded a free-kick in the fourth minute. Beatrice curled the free-kick but she narrowly missed the target. Italy almost took the lead in the 10th minute as Dragoni had just Indian goalkeeper Monalisa to beat but the latter stretched and produced a wonderful save to deny the Italian. PTI

Rodrigues, spinners do the job for India

Dambulla: The Indian bowlers choked the Sri Lankan women's team after Jemimah Rodrigues's vital knock on return to secure a convincing 34-run victory in the first T20 International here on Thursday. Defending a modest 139, left-arm spinner Radha Yadav (2/22) made her presence felt right after the powerplay by dismissing the dangerous-looking Sri Lankan captain Chamari Athapaththu (16) and Harsihtha Madavi (10) in three balls. **BRIEF SCORES: India Women** 138/6 (Jemimah Rodrigues 36; Shafali Verman 31; Inoka Ranaweera 3/30) bt Sri Lanka Women 104/5 (Kavisha Dilhari 47; Radha Yadav 2/22) PTI

Savita named skipper for CWG

New Delhi: India named an 18-member women's hockey team for the upcoming Commonwealth Games. with star striker Rani Rampal left out yet again for failing to regain full fitness after an injury. The CWG team is very similar to the one taking part in the World Cup next month. The side will be captained by goalkeeper Savita Punia while experienced defender Deep Grace Ekka will be her deputy in the Birmingham CWG, to be held from July 28 to August 8.The duo will also take the same roles in the World Cup, to be co-hosted by the Netherlands and Spain from July 1 to 17. There are only three changes in the CWG squad from the World Cup team. Rajani Etimarpu was named in place of Bichu Devi Kharibam as number two goalkeeper while World Cup team member Sonika (midfielder) was left out from the CWG

Khan's run festival '22

Mumbai's Sarfaraz scores his fourth hundred of the season – 134 off 243 balls — to help team post 374

ABHISHEK PUROHIT BENGALURU, JUNE 23

SARFARAZ KHAN had just swatted Gaurav Yadav for four behind square when he ran straight into the seamer, his gaze focussed on the distant ball beating the fielder into the rope. The impact shook him so much that he lay motionless on the ground for a few moments, his face contorted in pain.

He'd hurt his leg and his helmet grille had taken the bulk of the impact, so he was stunned for a while before he could get back on his feet after some treatment. And right away next ball, he was beaten by a peach that straightened past the outside edge. The intense focus he'd applied all morning seemed to have evaporated momentarily after the blow. What happened on the next delivery sums up the maidan-hewn genius of Sarfaraz that sniffs out run-scoring opportunities from the slightest of openings. There wasn't much wrong with the short-of-alength delivery; it was not too far outside off, it just about held its line.

There was enough protection in place. Deep point was some yards in from the boundary, and third man was right on the edge of the rope. Sarfaraz played one of those innocuous-looking punchy dabs; the placement was right between those two men, and the timing was so good it teased both fielders before bursting through to the rope.

Mumbai were seven down by then and had still not reached 300. As he has been so often over the previous Ranji season and this one, Sarfaraz was Mumbai's only hope. When he became the last wicket to fall, holing out off Yadav for 134 off 243 balls, he had dragged Mumbai from 228 for 5 to 374 on the second day of the Ranji Trophy final against Madhya Pradesh.

Sarfaraz had gone to stumps on the first day on 40 off 125. Despite the watchful start on the second morning against the second new ball and wickets falling at the other end, he still took 94 off 118. The last four batsmen with whom he formed partnerships tallied a combined 29. He had avoided playing the sweep on day one with MP packing the legside field, and largely stayed away from it on Thursday too. But when he did play the shot, against left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya, he left deep backward square leg, square leg and deepish midwicket watching the ball.

Meanwhile, the MP seamers were still making the ball curl around beautifully on another overcast morning. Yadav bowled Tanush Kotian with what was a seamer's legbreak, it deviated so much against the incom-

MP had played only four frontline bowlers and Yadav and Anubhav Agarwal, the two specialist pacers, ran in with no dip in effort for nearly 65 overs between them, and picked up seven wickets between them. They swung and seamed the ball both ways throughout, presenting a masterclass in stepping up on the big occasion. Anubhav earned Sarfaraz's outside edge with a lovely, curving outswinger but it flew between 'keeper and first slip

Playing the situation

Sarfaraz had packed away the characteristic cheekiness all along, but seeing that he was running out of partners, he started tak-

He got down on his knee, offered his helmet to the advancing delivery and scooped Agarwal right over the 'keeper to enter the 90s. He'd try the shot at least three times more, but without success.

MP had sensed the shift in Sarfaraz's mood and had started increasing the number of boundary riders. With five of them waiting, Sarfaraz charged Kartikeya and bashed him over his head for four to bring up his fourth hundred of the season.

By now, MP had given up trying to get Sarfaraz out. The boundary riders went on increasing, from five to six to seven. Sarfaraz calmly slog-swept Kartikeya for six over them. He could have manipulated the field and the strike longer had No. 10 Tushar Deshpande not thrown away his wicket, causing Sarfaraz to furiously signal that he



Sarfaraz Khan was emotional on reaching a century on Day 2 of the Ranji Trophy final against Madhya Pradesh. PTI

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should have batted sensibly instead of having a go. Still, Mumbai kept MP on the field for 127.4 overs and were riding on Sarfaraz's momentum when they came out to field.

That was to dissipate in the face of some solid defending and leaving from MP openers Yash Dubey and Himanshu Mantri. Despite the skies continuing to remain cloudy, Dhawal Kulkarni wasn't able to generate as much movement and bite off the surface as the MP seamers had.

Deshpande's natural length is anyway just short of good, which makes him easier to defend against if the surface is slowish, like this one is. Mumbai had an extra pacer, Mohit Avasthi, and he looked the sharpest, getting the ball to cut back in from outside off and also straightening it in the channel to keep the batsmen on their toes. Avasthi gave away just 11 runs from his seven overs, but was unable to break through.

Mumbai tried their vocal best to distract the MP batsmen but they didn't make a mistake and Mumbai did not have the threat to force one. Shams Mulani was thumped for successive sixes by Mantri and was otherwise knocked around easily. While Dubey was battling it out, Shubham Sharma walked in at No. 3 and took the attack to Mumbai, slashing and driving hard for boundaries. Off-spinner Kotian was given just two overs but he did manage to get some bounce at the end of the day.

MP still need another 252 runs to take the first-innings lead and this match could yet have a result over five days, but this start will have left Mumbai worried. Thanks to Sarfaraz, though, they still have plenty of cushion to try and make things happen on the third day. For that, as Sarfaraz said, they will have to be more disciplined than they were on the second afternoon.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 374 (Sarfaraz Khan 134, Yashasvi Jaiswal 78; Gaurav Yadav 4/106, Anubhav Agarwal 3/81) vs **Madhya Pradesh** 123/1 (Yash Dubey batting 44, Shubham Sharma 41 batting; Tushar Deshpande 1/31)

'If not for my father, I would have been finished'

ABHISHEK PUROHIT BENGALURU, JUNE 23

WHEN HE is at home in Mumbai, Sarfaraz Khan and younger brother Mushir are inseparable from their father, coach and warden Naushad. And even when he was not present for the Ranji Trophy final at the Chinnaswamy Stadium to watch his elder son score what he called his best innings yet, Naushad was a constant presence in Sarfaraz's mind. After scoring 134, his fourth hundred of the Ranji season, to take Mumbai to 374 in their first innings against Madhya Pradesh on Day Two of the final, Sarfaraz choked with emotion while talking to reporters. In this age of rehearsed, cliched interactions between cricketers and the media, here was a young man not holding back from displaying his emotions publicly.

"This hundred is because of my abbu (father), his sacrifices and holding my hand when I could have been down and out," said Sarfaraz, struggling to keep the tears away and slowly getting his words out.

"Aap sab toh jaante ho mere saath kya kya hua. Abbu na rehte toh main khatam ho jataa (You all know what I have gone through and had my father not been there, I would have been finished by now)," Sarfaraz said, revisiting how he had gone to Uttar Pradesh, unable to find a spot in the Mumbai side, and had then returned to serve a cooling-off period to make an eventually grand comeback in 2019-20. "There has been so much of struggle and when I think how my dad dealt with all of it, I get emotional. He didn't leave my hand even once. My brother put up a status on his cell phone and I could see abbu was so happy. It made my day."

Sarfaraz, who is made to follow a routine of facing a minimum of 400 balls in a day by his father, said that making a century for Mumbai in a Ranji final had been a collective family dream that he had now fulfilled. He also credited his unbeaten 71 in the second innings in the defeat to Karnataka, at the Bandra-Kurla Complex ground in Mumbai in early 2020, for kickstarting his glorious run



Sarfaraz (L) with his father Naushad and brother Mushir.

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"In our lives, it's about all those little dreams that we harbour. The dreams that we (he and his father) have dreamt together. The nearly 2000 runs that I have scored in two seasons since my Mumbai comeback is because of my abbu.

"When I was a little boy, the dream was to wear the Mumbai jersey and score a hundred. When I realised that dream, then the dream was to score a hundred in a Ranii Trophy final when the team is in a precarious position. That's the reason I was overwhelmed with emotion after the hundred."

Sarfaraz said that having got out attempting a reverse sweep in the first innings of the semi-final against Uttar Pradesh, he had decided he would stay put at the wicket this time. "This is my best knock in Ranji Trophy as this is the final and it came when the team was in a difficult situation. We were losing wickets when we should not have. My aim was that whatever happens, I will not throw my wicket away even if it means the runs come in ones and twos and I have to play 300

Ex-heavyweight loses bouncer licence for knocking out unruly customer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JUNE 23

FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT boxer Julius Francis, a British and Commonwealth Games champion, had his bouncer license suspended after a video emerged of him knocking out an unruly customer with a single punch outside BoxPark in Wembley.

The former British heavyweight champion, who once fought Mike Tyson, had also shared the ring with the likes of Vitali Klitschko during his career. Following the incident, Metropolitan

Police launched an investigation but decided to take no further action.

However, Francis, who used a single left to knockout the customer, has revealed he would like to return to working as security soon despite word gathering pace of a box-

"I was arrested and rightly so and I was taken to the police station for about four-anda-half hours," Francis detailed to TMZ when discussing the viral incident.

"The guy came up to me and he'd already been violent, struck a couple of doormen, pushed them, punched them, went at a couple of patrons. "As that happened he turned around and

made a B-line to me. He was calling me names... it doesn't harm me, but I have the right to defend myself. They had statements from my manager, people at the door and they looked at our CCTV. I wasn't worried so much about that because it was actually me defending myself.

"I had the right to defend myself and that's what I did when he raised his hands. The security authority industry called the SIA actually suspended my licence to work. I can't work at the moment, so I'm trying to get that sorted so I can get back to work as soon as possible.'

In a statement, the Met said: "We are aware of footage circulating on social media showing an incident involving security staff and a member of the public outside Boxpark in Wembley. The incident took place shortly after 17.00hrs on Saturday 11 June. Officers vere called and attended the venue.

"A group had been ejected and one male customer had become involved in a confrontation with security staff. Officers have spoken to all parties involved and have reviewed relevant CCTV. No further action will be taken in relation to the incident involving the security guard and male customer."

Meanwhile, Boxpark CEO Roger Wade has said he 'stands with' his employee.

In a post on LinkedIn, he wrote: "Woke ip to a viral story about one of our security team. Julius Francis, is ex UK heavyweight boxing champion, he is one of the nicest people I have ever met and helps train young underprivileged kids boxing in his spare time.'

Wade continued: "My understanding is that Julius and our security team spent 15 minutes stopping this man and his friends from abusing, spitting and hitting our customers and staff. They carefully escorted him from the premises under constant provocation and violence. Finally the person approached Julius in a confrontational manner and he defended himself. Acts of violence or abuse to any staff members should never be tolerated. How would you react if someone approached you violently? What would you do next if you were in my shoes?'

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JULIUS FRANCIS

US coach rescues artistic swimmer who faints in the pool at Worlds



Anita Alvarez, an American artistic swimmer, was rescued from the bottom of the pool during the World Championships in Budapest on Wednesday. Reuters

ANDREW DAS JUNE 23

AS THE American artistic swimmer Anita Alvarez sank slowly to the bottom of the pool at the world championships in Budapest on Wednesday, her coach Andrea Fuentes quickly scanned the pool deck and made a split-second decision: She dove in to save her. Alvarez, a 25-year-old from upstate New

York, had lost consciousness at the end of her solo routine at the event, creating a potentially life-threatening situation as her motionless body drifted below the surface. "I jumped into the water again because I

saw that no one, no lifeguard, was jumping in," Fuentes, a former Olympic medalist from Spain, told the Spanish newspaper Marca. "I got a little scared because she wasn't breath-

Fuentes said Alvarez, who was treated by medical staff, had gone about two minutes without breathing as water filled her lungs. Doctors had "checked all vitals and everyAlvarez, a 25-year-old from upstate New York, had lost consciousness at the end of her solo routine at the event, creating a potentially lifethreatening situation as her motionless body drifted below the surface.

thing is normal: heart rate, oxygen, sugar levels, blood pressure, etc," Fuentes said in an update posted to the Instagram account of USA Artistic Swimming, the sport's American governing body.

Fuentes was hailed for her quick thinking, but she knew what to do because she had done it before. At an Olympic qualifying event last year in Spain, Alvarez similarly lost consciousness at the end of a routine with her pairs partner, Lindi Schroeder. As she did on Wednesday, Fuentes dove into the pool fully clothed and, with Schroeder's help, pulled Alvarez back above the water.

On Wednesday, Fuentes, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, saved Alvarez again. After returning Alvarez to the pool deck, where she received medical treatment and was placed on a stretcher, Fuentes told reporters that Alvarez was "fine" and would be re-evaluated after some rest. She did not rule out having her returning for the team event later this week

Alvarez, a two-time Olympian, finished seventh in the solo free event on Wednesday. At the 2016 Rio Games, she finished ninth in the duet event, and she placed 13th in the competition at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Games last summer in Japan. She is competing in the world championships for the fourth time. "We sometimes forget that this happens in other high-endurance sports," Fuentes said in the U.S.A. Artistic Swimming statement. "Marathon, cycling, cross country ... we all have seen images where some athletes don't make it to the finish line and

New Delhi

others help them to get there. Our sport is no different than others, just in a pool, we push through limits and sometimes we find

Fuentes reported that "Anita feels good

now and the doctors also say she is OK." "Tomorrow she will rest all day and will decide with the doctor if she can swim free

team finals or not," Fuentes said. Alvarez had done the same at the Olympic event last year in Spain, returning to the pool only hours after fainting to perform her next routine.

She said at the time that she had previously fainted during strenuous training sessions, but not in a competition. Alvarez told WIVB-TV, a local television station in Buffalo, that she thought the demanding schedule and emotional toll of the events had caused her to faint. "The way the schedule was set up, I was the only athlete competing in both events that day and again the next morning," Alvarez said. "Besides the physical and emotional aspect, we're in this tight, closed pool that's very hot. The chlorine is very strong." NYT

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Mitchell and Blundell rescue Kiwis again

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LEEDS, JUNE 23

DARYL MITCHELL and Tom Blundell came to New Zealand's rescue once again as the visitors recovered to be 225/5 at stumps on the first day of the third Test against England at Headingley on Thursday.

The two have been the shining light on a disappointing tour for the Kiwis and they put on another century partnership to take them out of a perilous situation.

Mitchell (78) and Blundell (45) will hope to carry on when play resumes on the second day as New Zealand hope to get a competitive score on the board against the hosts, who are full of confidence having already pocketed the threematch series. Mitchell and Blundell came together in the final session after Henry Nicholls was dismissed in the most bizarre fashion off the final ball before the interval to leave New Zealand struggling on 123-5.

A straight drive by Nicholls struck the outstretched bat of partner Mitchell, looking to take evasive action at the non-striker's end, and deflected toward mid-off where Alex Lees took

Spinner Jack Leach celebrated taking his second wicket of the day with a look of bewilderment on his face as Nicholls trudged off, out for 19 off 99 balls. The Kiwis were precariously placed at 65/3 at lunch, and lost Devon Conway soon after, when he played on to the stumps for 26 to give Jamie Overton, in the side in place of the injured James Anderson, a first Test wicket on debut. Nicholls had been given a life on 10 after being trapped in front of his stumps off a delivery from Matthew Potts. Not out was the on-field call by the umpire and England captain Ben Stokes chose to not review, only for replays to show the ball would have hit middle and leg. New Zealand lost Tom Latham for a duck on the sixth ball of the match, with Joe Root taking a catch off the impressive Stuart Broad at slip. Broad also removed Kane Williamson for 31 just before lunch after opener Will Young was trapped in front by

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 225/5 (Mitchell 78 batting, Blundell 45 batting; Broad 2/45) vs **England**

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First day of English lessons FIFA issues ultimatum to AIFF Mumbai: 38 days to avoid a ban from international finalising its

Indian top order flatters to deceive in practice game against Leicestershire ahead of **Edgbaston Test**

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IUST BEFORE the second rain break during the warm-up game between Leicestershire and Indians, Virat Kohli hooked Prasidh Krishna into the stands. Kohli hooks rarely, but this one was emphatic, a statement that he has shed the inhibitions and was looking to impose himself on the bowlers. An over earlier, he had regally punched Abidine Sakande through extra cover and struck an imperious high-elbowed pose in his follow-through.

The stage and every other prop seemed set for Kohli. He had soaked the early perils, resisted the cover drive till the 47th ball, left balls judiciously outside the off-stump, paid homage to the blustery conditions where the ball at times swung lavishly, conceded the first hour to the bowlers, even if, barring Jasprit Bumrah and Prasidh Krishna, they turned out for a club in the second English tier and without a reputation preceding them. He rode his luck too, as the umpire deemed that an edge to second slip was a bump ball. Now, though, was the time to shine brightly and gain morale and momentum into the Edgbaston Test.

Except that, in England, one is never settled at the crease, never in utter control of the conditions or in command over the bowlers. The scorecard reflects it — three of India's top four got starts, but the highest was Kohli's 33. In the end, it took KS Bharat's unbeaten 70 to take Indians to 246/8 before rain prematurely ended the day's proceedings. A burst of rain would come from nowhere, an odd ball would suddenly swing like a drunk cobra, an unassuming bowler would transform into a cold-eyed sniper. India's destroyer was a disarming 21-year-old Welshman still waiting for his first-class debut. But given the verve Roman Walker demonstrated, it would not be too long before he is handed the cap.

The first outing in England is all about internalising these challenges — not only quelling the swinging Dukes ball and making other technical adjustments, but also about getting attuned to the peculiar mental challenges that England poses.

The fickle weather, the rain, as a consequence the start-stop nature of the game,



Virat Kohli could not capitalise on the fine start. BCCI

cold winds and long days, all these could get into the head of batsmen used to sunshine and heat.

But Kohli, with his wealth of experience and with three Test Test tours to these shores behind him, sniffs and snuffs out those dangers. Yet, upon resumption, he looked jumpy and restless. And off the ninth ball he faced, he missed a flick and was adjudged LBW. Whether the ball, after angling in and then seaming away, would have trimmed the off-stump was doubtful, but Kohli had played all over the ball, missing a routine stroke of his. So in the space of nine balls, Kohli was made to look banal from the sublime. This is what England can do to batsmen — there is no cruise even if the sea seems calm.

Unique challenges

Some of his colleagues too would agree. Rohit Sharma thought he had gauged the pace and bounce of the surface -more tennis-ball than trampoline bounce – yet was twice hurried into the pull, a productive stroke of his. The second instance turned out to be fatal, ending his 47-ball stay that yielded 25 runs, most accrued with a degree of fortune, barring a brace of back-foot punches. In contrast, Shubman Gill drove, cut and defended gorgeously, racing to 21 off 28 balls before a familiar error induced an edge. He reached out to defend a ball in the fifth-sixth stump trajectory and edged behind. There was enough room to cut, and he would have likely cut the ball, had he not been overconscious of the ball moving late, as it happens in England. Hanuma Vihari tried to jail-break with an uncharacteristically expansive drive; Shreyas Iyer did not account for the late outswing as looked to drive a full ball, after looking resolute in defence. A peach of a ball, from Walker, devoured Ravindra Jadeja. The left-hander's nightmare, the ball that ducks back in from over the stumps.

But then, after 50 overs, the Dukes ball begins to lose its fangs - though the dry outfield could conspire reverse swing. However, none of Leicestershire's seamers could harness it, as Bharat began to chop and hack boundaries with some help from heave-happy Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami, who would rather be content bowling under the gloomy skies than throwing their bat around.

There, though, are challenges, for bowlers too. The prodigious slope at Grace Road would take some getting used to, as Bumrah and Prasidh discovered. Up the slope, from the Pavilion End, Bumrah struggled with the direction of his nip-backers, which often landed on middle-stump and whistled past both the out-stretched hands of the wicketkeeper down the legside. But from the Bennett End, those same deliveries stung. One of them had Sharma clutching his groin in pain. Prasidh's first spell from the Bennett End was hostile. Purchasing sharp lift, he would often move the ball away or hold its line. On more than one occasion, he had Sharma groping outside the off-stump. But from the Pavilion End, he struggled to control his swing, and there was an odd instance wherein the ball swung so wildly that it went straight to first

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tional football. They have to finalise the new constitution by July 31. That's the biggest takeaway after a series of meetings that took place in New Delhi through the course of this week.

Following a meeting with the Supreme Courtappointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) and state football associations on Thursday, the seven-member FIFA and AFC joint delegation have said the new constitution of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) must be finalised by July 31. Subsequently, the organisation's Special General Body Meeting must be called by August 5, when the date of the elections should be finalised. The elections for the new president must be held by September 15, the world and continental bodies have said. Any deviation from these timelines could lead to India's suspension from world football. The saga began after the AIFF did not hold elections to appoint a new president within its set timeframe, owing to a logjam in finalising its constitution. This led to the Supreme Court appointing a three-member CoA, comprising ex-Chief Election Commissioner SY Ouraishi, former Supreme Court judge Anil Dave, and former India captain Bhaskar Ganguly, to run the day-to-day affairs of the AIFF after finding them in violation of

As a consequence, India risked facing action from FIFA, which saw this as a violation of their statutes, but instead of imposing an immediate ban, they decided to dispatch a delegation to the country. Sources said that ahead of the meetings, the first of which took place on Tuesday, FIFA and AFC were convinced that the appointment of CoA amounted to external interference and were close to imposing a ban on India. "However, after the meetings, they realised that the state associations were all on the same page and happy with the MIHIR VASAVDA CoA," the source said.



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