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APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS



VISIT- INDIANOIL

Dr SSV Ramakumar (Dir. R&D) welcomed Rameswar Teli, MoS Petroleum & Natural Gas and Labour & Employment, on his maiden visit to IOCL R&D. Teli took keen interest in various advanced research initiatives at IOCL R&D.



EIL has been engaged as Project Management Consultant by NLC. EIL's rich experience in Mega Project Execution in Energy sector amalgamated with NLCIL's zeal shall ensure that this landmark project will be successfull



MEETING - PSB

PSB organized two Town Hall meetings at Amritsar & Chandigarh. Staff from Punjab, Himachal, Haryana & Chandigarh attended the function. SK Saha, MD & CEO, PSB, P Mongia, Field GM presided over the meetings.



YOGA DAY - DFCCIL

The 8th International Day of Yoga was observed at the DFCCIL CO & Field Units with RK Jain (MD), Directors, officials & family members participating in a rejuvenating



CLEANLINESS DRIVE-MCD

Public representatives of Delhi actively participated in cleanliness drive; cleans roads/streets in their respective areas. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been carrying out special cleanliness drive in all its zones.



INAUGURATION-RITES

RITES inaugurated its first office in Guwahati, Assam. At the inauguration, ED (Buildings & Airports), RITES, P Chowdhry addressed the gathering & assured RITES' continuous excellent infrastructure & consultancy services.

CRWC During FY 2021-22, Central Railside Warehouse Company Limited has achieved best ever performance in its history with record breaking Income and Profitability. CRWC has achieved PBT Rs 42.54 Cr (in FY 21-22) against Rs 25.91 Cr (in FY 20-21) an increase of 64.18% and PAT Rs 31.65 Cr (in FY 21-22) against Rs 19.37 Cr (in FY 20-21) an increase of 63.40%. Final dividend proposed to shareholders is 9.50.

GAIL plans to enter into distributed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) production with the vision to cater the demand from off-grid locations and transport sector. GAIL has placed order for two small-scale liquefaction skids capable of producing LNG on a pilot basis. Liquefaction will be achieved through proprietary technology-based mobile liquefaction skids. These plants will help in distribution of natural gas through liquefaction in new CGD areas, liquefaction of gas at isolated fields and will support setting-up of LNG fueling stations and in bunkering.

TPDDL supplying electricity to a populace of 7 million in North and Northwest Delhi, in association with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) will be organising a 'Special Lok Adalat' for amicable resolution and on-the-spot settlement of Direct Thefts and Disconnection Cases. The session will be held at District Electricity Office Ishwar Colony Bawana, opposite Aditi Girls College, Delhi on Sunday, 26 June. 2022 from 10AM to 4PM, strictly in adherence with the Covid-19 safety guidelines.



PLANTATION DRIVE - EdCIL

EdCIL had organised plantation activity at Nithari Govt. School & Corporate Office, Noida. M. Kumar, CMD EdCIL, began planting of saplings & addressed the school children on the importance & significance of plantation drive.

OIL signed a MoU with homi Hydrogen Private Ltd recently, in order to boost India's efforts towards energy transition for achieving net zero by 2070 & support development of indigenous technology & manufacturing under Atmanirbhar Bharat in the field of hydrogen & green energy technology.

BIS has developed an Indian Standard, IS 17693 2022 for 'Non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay' Mansukh Bhai Prajapati from Gujarat is the grassroot innovator behind the refrigerator made using clay, popularly called 'Mitticool Refrigerator' In this era, where the world is dominated by technology and advancement, there are people in our country who still bank on traditional cooling.

VIETNAM AIRLINES has officially launched nonstop flights connecting Vietnam & India since June 15, 2022. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam Bui Thanh Son attended and performed the opening ceremony of this flight. The new route of Vietnam Airlines will make an important contribution to strengthening trade, cultural and social connections between Vietnam and India

MP Power Generating Company Ltd. Jabalpur Shree Singaji Thermal Power Project of MP Power Generating Company has created a new record of generating power for 200 days continuously. This unit is generating electricity continuously since Nov. 19, 2021. The unit, which became operational on Feb. 1, 2014, achieved 71.8 per cent Plant Load Factor & 5.7 per cent Auxiliary Consumption (PAF) during 200 days of continuous power generation, while the unit's specific oil consumption stood at 0.2 ml per unit.

PERFORMANCE- NR

A Gangal, General Manager Northern Railway informed that despite the various constraints and challenges faced due to Covid-19, Northern Railway has successfully captured new areas of freight business and increased its earnings.



APPOINTMENTS

NFL Hira Nand has taken over as Director (Finance) of NFL. Prior to this. Nand was Executive Director (F&A) in the company. Nand is also on the board of NFL's JV Ramagundam Fertil-



izers & Chemicals Ltd. (RFCL). A Cost and Management Accountant professional with degrees of M.Com, LL.B. Nand has a rich professional experience of more than 30 yrs in Accounts and Financial Management. He started his career with NFL in 1986 & gained rich experience in various aspects of Financial Management in the Company. He has also worked with ONGC Petro additions Ltd. (OPaL), KRIBHCO & Model Economic Township Ltd. in various capacities.

SAIL Anil Kumar Tulsiani has taken charge as Director (Finance) of SAIL on 20th June, 2022. A Cost & Management Accountant (CMA) & MBA (Finance), Tulsiani joined SAIL in



1988 in the company's Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) as Junior Manager (Finance). Rising through the ranks, Tulsiani became the ED, (F&A) in SAIL. He carries an experience of almost 34 yrs in various areas of Finance & Accounting in different Plants/Units of SAIL viz., Raw Materials Division (RMD), Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP), Central Marketing Organization (CMO) and Corporate Office (CO).

NSIC P. Udayakumar, Director (Planning & Marketing), NSIC assumes as additional charge of CMD NSIC with effect from 20-06-2022. He is a Mechanical engineer from College of Engg, Gu-

indy with post graduation from IIM Bangalore with 12 yrs of Board experience. He is an expert in MSME domain. He was part of many initiatives of ministry of MSME & NSIC's growth story over 12 yrs. He is also Investment Committee member of PF growth fund namely SRI Fund, the Fund of Fund of Ministry of MSME. He will also be Chairman of NSIC Venture capital fund Ltd. He writes on MSME development issues.

SPECIAL SPEECH

NHPC AK Singh, CMD, NHPC delivered a Special Speech in the ET Energy Leadership Summit 2022 held at New Delhi recently. The event was inaugurated by RK Singh, MoP, New & Renewable Energy.



SALUTE THE SOLDIER

141 FIELD REGIMENT (KARGIL) 31 Aug 99 - 23 Jun 22



GNR (GNR)

On the occasion of Martyrdom of Gnr (Gnr) Shelke Suraj Pratap of 141 Field Regiment (KARGIL) on 23 Jun 2022, the Commanding Officer, all ranks, their families and the Buzurgs of the Paltan express their deep condolence to the family of martyr who made the supreme sacrifice for the Nation while on guard duties during op SNOW LEOPARD in Eastern Ladakh. His valour & heroism continues to inspire all of us.

SHELKE

SURAJ PRATAP CO & All Ranks 141 Field Regiment (KARGIL)

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Read, Office,: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001 CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Dated: 24.06.2022 Tender Enquiry No.: 259/SSD-140/Cell-1 SE/Substation Design/TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala nvites E-tender for design, manufacture, testing, supply and delivery of 2200 nos 150 watt LED type flood lighting fixture complete with required accessories fo installation at various grid substations. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 28.03.2022 (11.00 AM onwards). Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online



Warehousing for Everyone

क्रमांकः के.म.नि. /क्षे.का.—भोपाल /व्यापार / 2022–23 / Expression of Interest Expression of Interest

CWC, Regional Office, Bhopal invites Expression of Interest from interested and eligible parties who are willing and interested in utilizing the warehouse(s) space/open space of CWC through setting up Cold Storage/Controlled Atmosphere & Temperature/Pack-Houses/Food processing/Packaging units/MMLP/Retrofitting/keeping Industrial Goods/Foodgrains etc. or any other model as required by the party, on dedicated or general basis. Details for the same may be seen in the EOI document, which can be downloaded from CWC Website www.cewacor.nic.in. Last date for submission of EOI is revised as 22.07.2022. For further details please contact CWC Regional Office, 75 Arera Hills, Bhopal – 462011 (M.P.), Email: bhopal.business@cewacor.nic.in. or visit our website www.cewacor.nic.in.

Dudhsagar Dairy India's Largest Co-operative Dairy Mehsana District Co-operative Nilk Producers' Post Box No.1, Highway, Mehsana-384002 Phone::02762-253201: Fax

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Tender ID	Work Description					
64	Supply and installation of new security PUF cabin and PUF shade at Dudhmansagar Dairy, Manesar.	02/07/2022				

Dudhsagar Dairy, Mehsana invites tender (in hard copy) for above Works/Materials/Services.Tender can be downloaded from http://www.dudhsagardairy.coop/tenders/ from 25/06/2022. Last date of tender aubmission is mentioned as above. For details refer tender document. We regularly publish tender on above website. Date: 25/06/2022 I/C Managing Director

e-Tender Notice IISER Berhampur invites e-Tenders for the below-m Detail of Goods/ Services Last Date of Submission

IISERBpr/S&P/2022-23/11 dt. 25/05/2022 IISERBpr/S&P/GTE/2022 Gas Chromatograph with quadrupole mass Spectrometer Impendence Analyze June 30, 2022 -23/15 dt. 10/06/2022 IISERBpr/S&P/GTE/2022 -23/16 dt. 16/06/2022 (15:00 Hrs) Quadrupole Inductively coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer July 04, 2022 (15:00 Hrs) IISERBpr/S&P/GTE/2022 Cryogenics set up with accessories for existing modular Fluorescence set up July 05, 2022 (15:00 Hrs) SERBpr/S&P/2022-23/2 Live cell imaging dt. 23/06/2022

For participation, please visit the website i.e. https://www.tenderwizard.com/IISERBP Complete details of specification of goods and services, and tender documents are available on the Institute website i.e. http://www.iiserbpr.ac.in/tender.php and https://eprocure.gov.in.Any.corrigendum.etc.will be notified on the above websites only. क्रय एवं भण्डार अधिकारी / Stores and Purchase Officer

झारखण्ड सरकार

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice Chief Engineer/TMC, Northern Railway. Headquarters office, Baroda House, Nev Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites 01 No. tenders through E-Procurement system for supply of the following items:

Sr. No. E-Tender No. Description of item Qty. Due date Time 01 TM225035 RAIL DRILLING MACHINE 01 Item 19.07.2022 at 14:30 hours Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement tenders are available o website "www.ireps.gov.in". The firms, who desire to participate against E-Tender are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which the would be required to have a class-III digital certificate from certifying agencie authorized under IT Act 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-Tenders wi



Tender Notice No. 219-S/1/TMC/21/2022-23 Date: 23.06.2022



N.I.T. No.

Name of work with its

2 Approx. Cost of work

3 Earnest Money Deposit

4 Completion period of Work

details of tender can be

seen and address of the

office from where the tender

form can be purchased etc.

opening of tender

Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre

(An autonomous Body of Planning Department, Govt. of Maharashtra) VNIT Campus, S.A. Road, Nagpur-440 010. Tele: 0712-2220086 / 2238576

email: admn-mrsac@mrsac.gov.in, Website www.mrsac.gov.in **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (E0I)**

(Extension of last date of submission)

All the prospective bidders may please note that, the last date for submission of document for Expression of Interest (EOI) published under reference No. MRSAC/VENDOR-EMP-GIS/03/2022-23 on 6.6.2022, has been extended till 5.00 p.m. of 1st July, 2022.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

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

ADFN/HNZM

in running track.

A Rs. 39.99.984.64

B Rs. 1,49,99,347.73

C Rs. 2,60,65,621.56

CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)

A Rs. 80,000.00

B Rs. 2,25,000.00

C Rs. 2,80,300.00

A 6 Months

B 6 Months

C 8 Months

5 Date and time for Upto 15.00 hrs. on 19.07.2022. Opening of

o.: 128-W/280/OET/2021-22/W-V/NIT-07-A, B & C-2022-23-W-V Date: 24.06.2022 1558/2022

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submission of tender and tender at 15.00 hrs. On 19.07,2022

board location complete www.ireps.gov.in

Website particulars notice Above tender available on IREPS site i.e.

track work.

S.N. 07-A, B & C-2022-23-W-V

of SSE/P.Way/FDB under ADEN/TKD.

A) Rag picking and muck removal work in section

B) Rag picking and removal of muck malba etween NDLS-JNC, Ring Railways and GAL Lines in the section of SSE/P.Way/HNZM under

Similar nature of work: Any civil work other than

C) Construction and Extension of Foot Over

Bridge 6.10m wide for two-wheeler movement at

Similar nature of work: Fabrication, supply,

girders, through girders, plate girders, FOBs etc.

(It should be in the form of net banking o

ayment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be

accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS

as per Railway Boards letter no. 201025//CE-I/

ssembly, erection and launching/regirdering of

Inderpuri Halt under Sr.DEN/V/DLI.

Director MRSAC, Nagpur

1553/2022

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

<u>ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना</u>

ई-अल्पकालीन पनर्निविदा संख्या:- 13/RI/2022-23/RWD/GARHWA दिनांक :- 24.06.2022 मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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	RWD/	रनपुरा मुख्य पथ से रंका रोड होते		एक करोड़ एकानवे लाख	25		
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्र नेत्रपार्टर में निविदा एकाणन की निर्णः 20.06.2022							

साइट म निवदा प्रकाशन का तिथि:– 29.06.2022

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** अथवा (ग) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, गढ़वा में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड . केये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:— **12.07.2022** पूर्वाहन 10.00 बजे से अपराहन 3.30 बजे

निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 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 प्रकोष्ठ का दुरभाष 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, **गढ़वा** के पक्ष में एवं **गढ़वा** में भुगतेय होग जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

PR 272397 Rural Work Department(22-23)#D

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है I नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल

NORTHERN RAILWAY

(E-Auction Notice)

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi invites e Auction through IREPS (https://ireps.gov.in) for allotment of contracts of parking sites/lots for a period of three (03) years on "As is where is basis" at following railway stations/locations: E Catalogua Na Darking 11 2022

	E-Catalogue No.	Parking-11-2022		
Railway Stations/ Location		1. Faridabad (FDB), 2. Delhi Sarai Rohilla (DEE), 3. Panipat (PNP), 4. Sonipat (SNP), 5. Ghaziabad (GZB) 6. Khatauli (KAT), 7. Sarojini Nagar (SOJ), 8. Delhi cantt (DEC), 9. Meerut City		
		(MTC), 10. Sampla (SPZ), 11. Delhi Shahdara (KM5/9-15 between DSA-DLI line)		
	Date & Time for e-auction	Start: 11.07.2022 at 11:00 hrs		

Close: 11.07.2022 at 15:20 hrs

Website particulars where https://ireps.gov.in

complete details of

E-Auction can be seen

All contractors who intend to participate in the e-auctions conducted through E-Auction Leasing module of IREPS should fulfil following mandatory requirements before they can submit their bids: Registration on IREPS for E-Auction Leasing module -Active IREPS User Account for E-Auction Leasing Module

Payment of One Time Registration Fee

Current Account in State Bank of India

Integration of SBI Bank Account with IREPS Account

Lien Marking of Funds Updation of Turnover Details

Contractors who do not have IREPS account for any module of IREPS can submit their online request for registration by clicking on New Vendors / Contractors (E-Tender /E-Auction Leasing) link on IREPS Home page.

Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Commercial Branch,

Email:pkg.delhidivision@gmail.com Tel: 011-23743084

contact, in case of any query

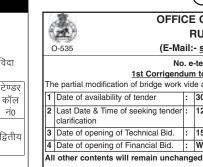
Railway Authority to

No.: 23AC/393/E Auction/2022 Dated: 24.06.2022

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1561/2022



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR** (E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com Tel/Fax:-0680-2404287) No. e-tender// 2523 // RWC//BAM// Dated, 24.6.2022

12.07.2022 at 2.00 PM instead of 06..07.2022 at 2.00 PM

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Online Tender/19-2022-23/BPR he partial modification of bridge work vide above identification has been made as follows. 30.06.2022 to 14.07.2022 upto 3.00 PM instead of 24.06.2022 to 08.07.2022

: 15.07.2022 at 11.00 AM instead of 11.07.202 4 Date of opening of Financial Bid. : Will be intimated later on.

Chief Construction Engine R.W.Circle, Berhampu OIPR 25071/11/0034/222

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)

3rd floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand. Ph No.: +91-651-2225878; e-mail Id-; <u>pdt.juidco@gmail.com</u> CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

NIT No: - JUIDCO/NIT/RWWSS/JUWSP/2022/480 Date: 24/06/2022

Tender ID.: 2022_JUADB_58591_1 PR No.: 269890

Corrigendum 1

All bidders are hereby announced that Corrigendum 3 is released for tender having NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/RWWSS/JUWSP/2022/480 and Tender ID.: 2022_JUADB_58591_1 for "Construction and five years of Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Intake works in Ranchi.". The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids against the tender. Note: Corrigendum 1 can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e., (http://jharkhand tenders.gov.in)

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Project Director (Technical) JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consultancy Services Urban Mapping and Geo data base generation for Lemmi, Tato & Basar district headquarters of

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar proposes to undertake Urban Mapping and Geo database generation for Lemmi, Tato & Basar district headquarters of Arunachal Pradesh, under the provisions of Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act, 2007 (Act. No. 3 of

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Proposals are invited to conduct the assignment and submit the deliverables from Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies/ISO certified Organizations and consulting firms/ consortium that have requisite experience and infrastructure.

The interested consultants/consortiums can download/purchase the RFP/application forms online from the E-Tendering website: https://arunachaltenders.gov.in. The completed application, as per instructions in the RFP document, should be submitted latest by 15th July 2022 upto 1500 hours. For further details may contact Shri Siyang Rebe, Assistant Town Planner at +91 8837484019.

The Department reserves the sole right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Pawar meets Uddhay who calls meet today; BIP's Darekar writes to Governor

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 24

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray, battling to save the ruling MVA and regain control of the Shiv Sena, and rebel leader Eknath Shinde, who now has the support of majority MLAs of the party, took their battle to the state legislature secretariat in Vidhan Bhavan and the Raj Bhavan Friday, each claiming his faction was the "real" Shiv Sena. In the evening, NCP chief

Sharad Pawar held a lengthy CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

India takes up

with Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, New

Zealand, Poland, UK & USA had constructive discussions with corresponding heads of mis-

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Affairs' official spokesperson, Arindam Bagchi, tweeted. "They agreed to remain engaged on further easing & fast-tracking the process, since the flow of stu-

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THE DEMONSTRATION of strength will ultimately have to be on the floor of the House. This was made clear by the SC in its 1994 ruling in the SR Bommai case. It ruled that the majority should be tested on the floor of the House, not Raj Bhavan



NCP's Sharad Pawar and Praful Patel arrive at CM Uddhav Thackeray's residence in Mumbai, Friday. Express REPORTS, P7 BJP, it went after my family

VALLABH OZARKAR MUMBAI, JUNE 24

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray shot down suggestions Friday of any rapprochement with the BIP, saying there was no chance of him sit-

ting "shoulder-to-shoulder" with

those who had made "personal

attacks" on him and his family. Addressing Shiv Sena district presidents via videolink in an attempt to consolidate his hold the party machinery,

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26/11 planner Sajid Mir

is in Pak custody, years

after it claimed he died

2002 GUJARAT RIOTS

SC dismisses Zakia plea: No larger plot, process abused to Uddhav: Will never sit with keep the pot boiling

> 3-judge bench upholds SIT clean chit to then CM Modi and others



Zakia Jafri appeal devoid of merits: SC

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AGREEING WITH the findings of the Special Investigation Team appointed by it that there was no "larger conspiracy" behind the 2002 Gujarat riots, the Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the appeal filed by Zakia Jafri challenging the SIT's clean chit to Narendra Modi, who was then the state's chief minister, and others in cases related to the riots.

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar said "the SIT has not found any conspiracy, linking separate and disparate acts of arson and looting or outrageous claims made in sting operations or individual utterances/publications of purported hate speech, to any singular **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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ON ZAKIA

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■(Arguments) border on undermining integrity, sincerity of SIT; question wisdom of this court

ON PANDYA, BHATT, **SREEKUMAR**

■ Coalesced effort by the disgruntled officials along with others to sensationalise, politicise

■ SIT said Sreekumar, Pandya and Bhatt not present in meeting. Sreekumar is a disgruntled officer

ON STATE

■ Would be beyond comprehension to bear suspicion of conspiracy

In Bangladesh, bridge of dreams opens today



The Padma Multipurpose Road-Rail Bridge. Monojit Majumdar

MONOJIT MAJUMDAR MAWA (BANGLADESH),

ALL ALONG the six-lane expressway from Dhaka to Mawa, signs with pictures of Sheikh Hasina congratulate her and the people of Bangladesh on "amader swapner Padda Setu" - the Bridge of Our Dreams Across the Padma.

The signs are sponsored by local leaders of the ruling Awami League and compete with each other to lavish praise and gratitude on the leader - and they invariably refer to the "dream".

Twenty-one years after the Prime Minister, in the last days of her previous tenure, laid the foundation stone in Mawa, a decade after the World Bank cancelled its **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

SAJID MIR, a senior Lashkar-e-Toiba operative and the alleged mastermind of the 26/11 With Asia gold, daily wager's son puts Mumbai attacks, who was once presumed dead, is in the custody of authorities in Pakistan. Sources familiar with the matter said

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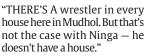
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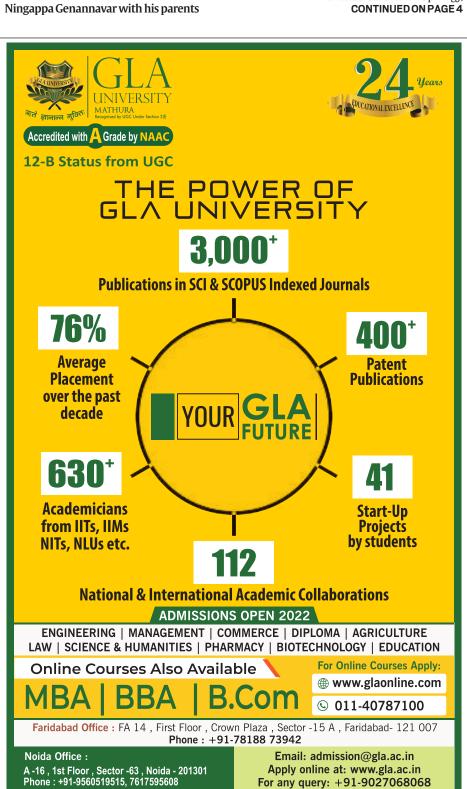
delay in student Karnataka wrestling hub in spotlight visas with US, UK, Canada, other countries **SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, JUNE 24 WITH MANY Indian students complaining of delays in the visa process, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday called the ambassadors/deputy chiefs of missions of eight countries, in-Ningappa Genannavar with his parents cluding the US, UK, Canada, asked them to "streamline" and "fast-track" the process. "Senior MEA officials dealing

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, JUNE 24

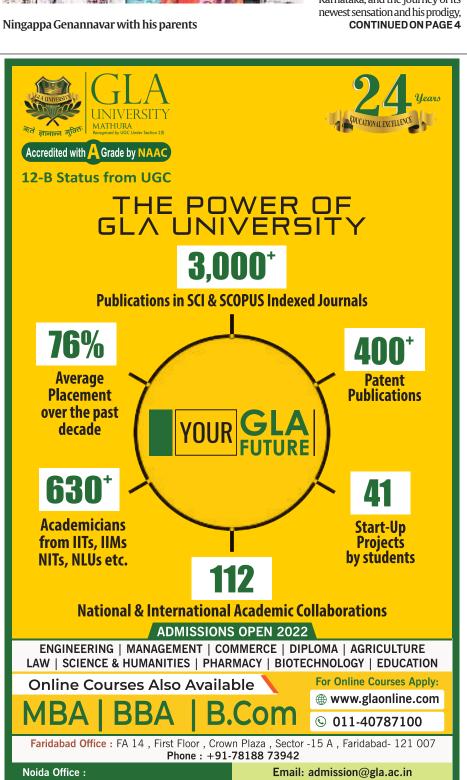
In these two sentences, Arun Kumakale, a local wrestling coach, captures the history of the wrestling-mad town in North Karnataka, and the journey of its

Delhi was made aware of Mir's arrest a couple of months ago.









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school textbooks

J&K forms panel for G20 meetings in 2023

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JUNE 24

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration has constituted an overall coordination committee for meetings to be held in 2023, as India assumes the presidency of the G20.

The committee will be chaired by the UTs Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department with Commissioner/Secretary, Transport Department, Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department, Administrative Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department, and Administrative Secretary, Culture Department, as its members.

The Principal Secretary to the government, Housing & UD, will also be the UT-level nodal officer to coordinate the arrangements for G20 meetings next year.

With the cancellation of the GST council meetings that were scheduled to be held in Kashmir, this month being moved to Chandigarh, last minute, the G20 meetings are likely to be J&K's first major event since the revocation of the former state's special status in 2019.

As a Troika-member, India is working closely with Indonesia and Italy to ensure consistency and further strengthening the G20 agenda. India will assume the G20 Presidency on December 1, 2022, from Indonesia, and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in India in 2023, as per the Ministry of External Affairs.

In September 2021, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20.

Court orders FIR against RLD MLA for 'insulting' Tricolour

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

A SPECIAL court in Muzaffarnagar has ordered that an FIR should be filed against Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) MLA Anil Kumar for allegedly insulting the Tricolour during a flag-hoisting ceremony last year.

The court ordered that the FIR should be filed within seven days at the New Mandi police station of the district. The case is likely to be filed under the Prevention of Insult to National Honours Act, 1971, officials said.

"We are yet to receive the order. Once we get it in writing, necessary action will be taken. The video of the incident will be analysed and the case will proceed accordingly," said a police official. On Independence Day last year, videos had surfaced in which the MLA from the Purqazi constituency was hoisting a flag upside down at a petrol pump in the area. Kumar later called it a mistake.

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Battle for Maharashtra

meeting with Uddhav at Matoshree, the Thackeray family home. Details of the discussion were not made public.

Sources in the NCP, however, said, "We are not very hopeful about the continuation of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government. With 40-plus members of the Shiv Sena crossing over to the camp of rebel Eknath Shinde, our (MVA) numbers have come down drastically. Proving majority on the floor of the House seems difficult."

Later, Uddhav, in an address to Sena MPs, said the rebel MLAs "will have to merge with the BJP and their drama will not last long". He said the Sena was prepared for the civic body elections. He has called a meeting of the Sena national executive at the Sena Bhavan Saturday and is expected to address it via virtual mode.

Earlier in the day, while the Uddhav faction sought the disqualification of 16 party MLAs – 4 more joined the rebel camp Friday — including Shinde, the rebels hit back, questioning the right of Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal, who is from the NCP, to continue in office.

Independent MLAs Mahesh Baldi (Uran) and Vinod Santosh Agrawal (Gondia) wrote a letter to Zirwal, asking him not to take any action against rebels who are camping in Guwahati. They said any action by the Deputy Speaker against the rebel MLAs would amount to violation of constitutional norms since a resolution for his own removal is pending.

Meanwhile, BJP's Pravin Darekar, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council, wrote a letter to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, saying "in the last 48 hours, Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders have passed 160 resolutions. They are ad hoc clearing the files which is unethical. The CM has already expressed his willingness to resign following the rebellion within the Sena which has brought the government into a minority." An official at Raj Bhavan said, "Until now, we have received just two letters. One letter was from Eknath Shinde on Thursday in which it was conveyed that they had passed a resolution making Shinde the group leader and appointing Bharat Gogawale as chief whip. On Friday, we received a letter from Opposition leader in the state Council Pravin Darekar who raised objections over clearing of files and resolutions by leaders of the MVA government. There is no letter from the ruling parties including Shiv Sena or the CM.

In their letter to Zirwal, MLAs Baldi and Agrawal said, "We state that a notice to move a resolution for removal of Narhari Zirwal as Deputy Speaker of the state Legislative Assembly, under Article 179 of the Constitution of India... read with Rule 11 of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rules, has already been submitted, a copy of which has already been submitted to you."

Referring to the Supreme Court ruling in 2016 on Nabam Rebia & Bamang Felix v. Deputy Speaker, Arunachal Legislative Assembly, they said, 'The constitutional purpose and constitutional harmony would be maintained and preserved if a Speaker refrains from adjudication of a petition for disqualifica-

tion under the Tenth Schedule whilst his own position as the Speaker is under challenge."

According to the MLAs, a member whose disqualification has been sought shall have seven days or more to submit a reply to the disqualification petition. "Looking at the political situation in Maharashtra, we apprehend that the prescribed seven days may be given a go-by and orders on the disqualification petitions may be passed in haste," they said.

"We therefore state that the Dy Speaker is under constitutional prohibition as interpreted and held by the SC of India to decide disqualification petitions whilst a motion for his own removal is pending. We further state that any action taken by the Dy Speaker shall amount to contempt of the SC," they said.

Meanwhile, Shinde said he has the support of more than 40 MLAs and has already crossed the required figure of 37 (out of 55 Sena MLAs) to enable him to lead the party. He stepped out of the Guwahati hotel and offered prayers at the Kamakhya temple there.

One of the rebel MLAs said, "Our numbers are intact. We are meeting regularly. All is well here. Once technical glitches are resolved, we will unveil our next plan of action."

Uddhav

Uddhav said, "I was under pressure from some MLAs to join hands with the BJP.I can never sit again with those who attacked Matoshree and my family. I may be calm, but I am not weak."

The rebel Sena MLAs, led by Eknath Shinde, have said the party needs to revive its relationship with the BJP and break away from the "ideologically opposed" Congress and NCP.

Uddhav attacked the rebel MLAs: "Those whom we raised, their ambitions have grown manifold. I can't fulfill their ambitions anymore. Let them go." He said they had sworn loyalty to the party but had deserted it in its time of need. He rejected claims that he did not ensure allocation of development funds for their constituencies.

"Some MLAs said that even if their tickets are cancelled, they will not leave the Sena. But now they are gone, let them go. Many complained about lack of funding. I have been working on allocating funds equitably. After the (previous) revolt, Shiv Sena came to power twice, and both times I gave these people important posts," he said.

He said he was the inheritor of the real Shiv Sena and the party was still under his control. 'Take as many MLAs as you want. But as long as these roots of Balasaheb remain, the Shiv Sena will not end. Those who left were never mine. The original Shiv Sena is with

mine. The original Sniv Sena is with me," he said. Without naming Shinde, Uddhav said he ensured that MLAs were given charge of important ministries. "I always gave them important ministries. The Urban Development Department is always held by the CM but I gave it to him (Shinde). I kept unimportant ministries with me," he said.

On the charge that he was trying to foist his son Aaditya as the next leader of the Shiv Sena, Uddhav said even Shinde's son Shrikant is an MP. "Earlier, they would criticise Balasaheb in similar fashion, saying he is surrounded by a coterie. They are doing the same now, targeting Aaditya. Your (Shinde's) own son is an MP, but my son should not become anything. When did I stop any Shiv Sainik's son from becoming anything?" he said.

Zakia plea

larger conspiracy or planned event".

The bench ruled: "The materials gathered during the investigation in no way link any 'meeting of the minds' in any of the nine cases investigated by the SIT or for that matter, other incidents alleged in the complaint or the protest petition. The riots across the state had taken place spontaneously, immediately after the Godhra train carnage."

It said that "no material was discovered pointing towards any meeting of minds/ conspiracy in the higher echelons of the administration or the political establishment conspired with other persons to cause such riots or turned a Nelson's eye when the riots had triggered and continued".

The court upheld the decision of the Ahmedabad Metropolitan Magistrate to accept "as it is" the final SIT report dated February 8, 2012, and reject the protest petition filed by Jafri. It said the appeal by Jafri against the October 5, 2017 Gujarat High Court order upholding the lower court's decision was "devoid of merits". Jafri's husband Ehsan Jafri, a Congress MP, was killed during the riots.

In its ruling, the apex court said that "no fault can be found with the approach of the SIT in submitting the final report...which is backed by firm logic, expositing analytical mind and dealing with all aspects objectively for discarding the allegations regarding larger criminal conspiracy (at the highest level) for causing and precipitating mass violence across the state against the minority community during the relevant period".

The court praised the SIT for doing its work "with sincerity, objectivity and dispassionately" and conveyed strong displeasure at Jafri's arguments which, it said, "was bordering on undermining the integrity and sincerity of the members of the SIT" and "questioning the wisdom of this court".

The court also pointed to a "coalesced effort of the disgruntled officials of the state of Gujarat along with others... to create sensation by making revelations which were false to their own knowledge. The falsity of their claims had been fully exposed by the SIT after a thorough investigation".

It noted that "intriguingly, the present proceedings have been pursued for the last 16 years...to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design...all those involved in such abuse of process, need to be in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law".

The bench said the "allegations regarding larger conspiracy at the highest level...is founded on the alleged utterances made by the then Chief Minister in an official meeting (on February 27, 2002 in Gandhinagar) while addressing the DGP, the then Chief Secretary and other senior officials of the state to allow to vent...Hindu anger on the minority in the wake of Godhra incident".

In her plea, the petitioner had relied on the statements of police officers Sanjiv Bhatt, who claimed to have attended the meeting, and R B Sreekumar, and former Minister Haren Pandya, but the SIT concluded "that the claim of concerned persons is false and figment of imagination", the court said.

"The SIT after thorough investigation has recorded its opinion that neither Mr Sanjiv Bhatt nor Mr Haren Pandya was present in the stated meeting. Similarly, even Mr R B Sreekumar had no personal knowledge as he did not attend the said meeting. Besides, Mr R B Sreekumar was a disgruntled officer," said the top court.

The apex court said that "we find force in the argument of the respondent-state that the testimony of Mr Sanjiv Bhatt, Mr Haren Pandya and also of Mr R B Sreekumar was only to sensationalise and politicize the matters in issue, although, replete with falsehood".

It said: "On such false claim, the structure of larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level has been erected. The same stands collapsed like a house of cards, (in the) aftermath (of the) thorough investigation by the SIT."

On charges of inaction by the state, the court pointed out that the SIT had collected "materials indicative of the amount of hard work and planning of the concerned state functionaries in their attempt to control the spontaneous evolving situation of mass violence across the state".

The judgment said "to make out a case of larger criminal conspiracy, it is essential to establish a link indicative of meeting of minds of the concerned persons for commission of the crime(s), committed during the relevant period across the state including the heart-rending episode unfolded at Godhra on 27.2.2002, in which large number of Kar-sevaks were burnt alive in train bogies".

But, it said, "no such link is forthcoming". The court said there was no material "to even create a suspicion... indicative of the meeting of the minds of all concerned at some level; and in particular, the bureaucrats, politicians, public prosecutors, VHP, RSS, Bajrang Dal or the members of the state political establishment — for hatching a larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level to cause and precipitate mass violence against the minority community..."

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Bangladesh bridge

\$1.2 billion funding saying it "cannot, should not, and will not turn a blind eye to evidence of corruption" in the project, and seven years after Bangladesh began construction with its own money, the Padma Multipurpose Road-Rail Bridge is ready to be inaugurated on Saturday. The dream is about to come true.

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The Padma Bridge is the biggest and most

challenging infrastructure asset ever created

in Bangladesh. By joining the southwest –

home to 30 million people — with the capital

across the mighty river that cleaves through

the country, the bridge is expected to give an

unprecedented boost to communications,

trade, and the economy of Bangladesh as a

whole. The government estimates GDP to in-

crease by 1.23 per cent — and the southwest-

ern regional GDP by 2.3 per cent – as the

between Dhaka and cities to its west such as

Khulna, Jessore, and Barisal. And once the rail-

way line on the bridge is opened — perhaps by

March 2024 – Dhaka could come within

three-and-a-half hours of Kolkata, potentially

revolutionising trade and communication

\$3.6-billion, more than 6-km-long bridge over

an expanse of swirling water so massive it

could be the sea itself, is above all an object of

immense national pride - the symbol of a

confident nation marching towards a tri-

umphant destiny it believes is within its reach.

Bangladesh's national determination", and

with its inauguration, the country "will turn a

decisive corner in its economic story, which

has defied the gloom-and-doom prophesies

of early neoliberal and rightwing sceptics", said

Dr Ashikur Rahman, Senior Economist at the

Mongla Port (in Khulna) to Dhaka by more

than 100 km to only 170 km," Rahman said.

"24,000 vehicles will ply on it every day on av-

erage in 2024, and 67,000 by 2050... According

to ADB and other independent estimations,

the bridge is likely to boost our GDP growth by

the public policy think tank Policy Exchange

of Bangladesh, said with "targeted supportive

economic planning", the bridge will "help de-

velop new manufacturing, agribusiness, serv-

ices and logistics businesses that are expected

to deliver benefits to the tune of \$25 billion

upper middle-income, and thereafter a high-

income country by 2041," he said.

"It will help propel Bangladesh closer to an

Dr Atiur Rahman, who was Governor of

Bangladesh Bank from 2009 to 2016, said the

central bank stood with the government when

the World Bank pulled out of the project, and

assured regulatory comfort to the banking sec-

any amount from its reserves, which were then

growing substantially. It also agreed to ease

regulatory requirements like allowing banks to

provide letters of comfort to international and

national consultants for import of machines,

materials, etc.," the former Governor told The

to get more remittances from abroad...

Remittances increased from \$9 billion to about

\$15 billion between 2009 and 2015. Reserves

too increased from \$7 billion to \$30 billion dur-

The Padma Bridge has been built by the

China Major Bridge Engineering Company

which, Bangladeshi officials repeatedly under-

line, got the contract in May 2014 only because

it presented the lowest bid of \$1.55 billion.

Work began at the end of November that year.

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spoke of the engineering challenges of the

project. The Ganga-Padma-Brahmaputra sys-

tem carries one of the largest volumes of wa-

ter in the world, the sandbanks in the braided

river rise, fall, and move continuously, and

powerful underwater currents present diffi-

including the road and rail viaducts at the two

ends – and 21.65 m wide. It is high enough for

the largest vessels to pass, and has 42 piers. The

longest pile has been driven to a depth of 122

metres — a record according to the govern-

ment. On the upper deck is a four-lane high-

way and on the lower deck, dual gauge rail-

cross the Padma," Majumder said. "It is un-

thinkable... The ferry crossing alone takes an

hour now, and adding the wait for a boat or the

time spent stuck in traffic at either end, the

Cab driver Mohammad Shiblu Hawladar

of Piroipur district in Barisal division said his

home is barely 170 km from Dhaka, "but peo-

ple think that's really far because it takes so

by chaand raat (the night before Eid) but failed

to cross the river in time," he said, "Inshallah

that will never happen again. This bridge al-

On Thursday, Ningappa, whose strong de-

fence and powerful leg-attacks are gaining in

Daily wager's son

Ningappa Genannavar, 17.

lows me to dream."

"I have in the past tried to get to my family

journey can take up to three hours," he said.

"After June 25, it might take 10 minutes to

The main bridge is $6.15 \, \mathrm{km} \, \mathrm{long} - 9.83 \, \mathrm{km}$

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Ahamed Ahasan Ullah Majumder, an en-

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"The central bank also started a campaign

"Bangladesh Bank was ready to provide

tor to provide the required foreign exchange.

Economist Dr M Masrur Reaz, chairman of

"The bridge will cut the distance from

Policy Research Institute in Dhaka.

at least 1%," he said.

The bridge symbolises "the strength of

But as of now, for most Bangladeshis, the

It will dramatically cut the road distance

bridge begins to provide returns.

with India.

reputation, defeated Iran's Amirmohammad Saleh in the final of the 45-kg freestyle category at the Asian Under-17 Championship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. His medal contributed to India's top-of-the-table finish at the junior continental event, and also put the spotlight on a wrestling hub that has remained in the shadow of the traditional hotbeds in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab.

"The place is most famous for the Mudhol Hound, the dogs are known all over India," says Ram Budaki, wrestling coach, Sports Authority of India (SAI). "The city's next best produce is its wrestlers," he adds.

"It's a quaint little place. The Krishna River flows through the city, most of the people are farmers, and almost every household has a wrestler. It's a matter of pride. Every morning, you'll see dozens of young boys and girls at the garadis (akhadas)," says N R Narasimha, secretary of the Karnataka Wrestling Federation.

It's rare that wrestlers from outside the three Northern states — led by Haryana — and Maharashtra make it to the Indian team; even rarer for them to win medals. But gradually, wrestlers from Karnataka — in particular from the northern part of the state, from Bagalkot district where Mudhol is located to Dharwad and Belgaum — are trying to break the hegemony. In 2016, Sandeep Kate won a silver medal in the Commonwealth Championship. Three years later, Arjun Halakurki became the first wrestler from the state since 1995 to win the national championship gold. Earlier this year, the Greco-Roman wrestler won a bronze medal at the Asian Championship.

On Thursday, Narsingh Patil won the bronze at the U-17 Asian Championship but Ningappa's gold medal, according to Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) assistant secretary Vinod Tomar, was the first time a Karnataka wrestler finished on top of the podium at the continental championship.

"Earlier, we selected our teams, especially age-group teams, on the basis of their performance in the national championship. This time, we tweaked the criteria and conducted multiple events so that we could select a wrestler who performs consistently, rather than doing well in just one tournament. Ningappa showed his strength and skills all through," says Tomar.

He's been doing that from the time he first walked into a garadi. Ningappa's father, Ramesh, a daily wager, hoped his son would become a wrestler. The family did not have their own house and struggled to make ends meet, but Ramesh had seen the respect bestowed upon wrestlers.

However, when he first took Ningappa to a vyayamshala (gymnasium), the boy was sent back for being too frail, under-developed and underweight. Ningappa then started training at a garadi run by former wrestlers, before Kumakale, a former national-level grappler, spotted the then 10-year-old and enrolled him in his academy.

Every morning, Ningappa travelled 4 km on a cycle to Kumakale's Jai Hanuman Vyayamshala, which has grown into a feeder centre for bigger akhadas in the rest of the country. It is said that over the last few years, about 50 wrestlers from this centre have moved to advanced academies across India, including two at the National Centre of Excellence in Sonepat -- Ningappa being one of them. "Sir did not take any fees from Ninga. In fact, if his family was in need of money, Sir would help them," says 18-year-old Datta Tarpade, Ningappa's one-time sparring partner. "Ninga repaid the trust by working incredibly hard -- I haven't seen anyone train harder than him. He never got tired and never took a day off," he recalls.

Ningappa says there were times when Kumakale even paid the expenses incurred while participating in a tournament. At other times, his father would take a loan to fund his trips — like he did when Ningappa was called to the National Centre of Excellence in Sonepat three years ago.

"In 2019, Ningappa won the bronze medal at the under-15 national championship in Kota and was subsequently called to join the NCoE in Sonepat," said Ram Budaki, the coach at the SAI Centre in Dharwad. "His family had two concerns — they were anxious that Ningappa would have to travel to a state where Hindi is the main language because he couldn't understand Hindi. But they were more worried that they did not have enough money to send him."

So, Ningappa's father, whose annual income is approximately Rs 90,000, took a loan of Rs 8,000 to send him to Sonepat. "He's getting a proper diet and has a good place to stay, so the family is a little relieved," says Budaki.

Not Ningappa, though. He hopes that wrestling will help wipe off his family's debts. "My father had to borrow money to support my career," he says, adding that he also hopes to "build a house someday."

Delay in student visas

deputy chiefs of missions of these eight countries. According to sources, the Indian officials asked them to do "three things" to streamline the process: "ensure predictability, fast-track the visa process, and communicate to the student visa applicants on the timelines".

New Delhi

Sources said the Indian side, which usually doesn't intervene in visa issues of foreign countries since granting of visa is considered to be

a sovereign decision, was forced to step in as the number of pleas from Indian students was

The students, who have already paid their fees for the academic programmes, have been reaching out to these embassies/ high commissions as visa slots are not available or they have been waiting for their visas, and many have complained about the lack of response from these foreign missions.

A western diplomat told The Indian Express that the missions are facing an unprecedented volume of applicants, due to post-pandemic tourism as well as student, employment and business travel. "We have limited resources, and there is an issue of capacity in our mission. It's not due to the lack of will, but lack of capacity that we are not able to process as many applications as we are getting in tight timelines," said the diplomat.

The pressure on the US, UK, Australia, Canada and Germany missions is more, since these countries are sought-after education destinations.

While the number of student visa applicants is not available, data shared by the MEA in Parliament in July 2021 showed that there were 2,11,930 Indian students in the US; 55,465 in the UK; 92,383 in Australia; 2,15,720 in Canada; and 20,810 in Germany.

While the Bureau of Immigration, Government of India, has the data of all the students who go abroad on student visas, there is no database on the number of students who are currently awaiting visas.

26/11 planner Sajid Mir confirm the arrest independently.

Nikkei Asia reported Friday that Pakistan had arrested Mirto get off the "grey list" of the Financial Action Task Force, the international anti-terror finance watchdog. Indian agencies have held Mir to be more dangerous than Lashkar chief Hafiz Saeed.

The news report quoted an unnamed FBI official saying Mir had been arrested, tried and sentenced. However, it is not clear in which court he was tried, as there is no public record of such a prosecution. Pakistan's anti-terror courts have tried, convicted and sentenced other Laskhar members including Saeed.

It also quoted Hammad Azhar, Pakistan's former finance minister who was in charge of negotiations with FATF, that Pakistan had taken steps against Mir and other terrorists which were "satisfactory" to the international body.

An unnamed Pakistani official is also quoted in the report saying Pakistanis have "acknowledged" to both the US and India that Mir, who had earlier been pronounced untraceable or dead by Pakistani authorities, had been found.

If Mir is in custody, one of India's longstanding demands of Pakistan that it must trace and bring him to book for the 26/11 attacks, would be ticked off the list of India's most wanted. There are others on that list including Major Abdur Rehman alias Pasha, Brigadier Riaz, Abu Qahafa, Abu al Qama and Abu Hamza who are still at large.

David Headley, the Pakistani-American Lashkar operative who lived in Mumbai to finalise targets for the 26/11 attack, and was arrested by the FBI in late 2008 in Chicago on a drug charge, had named Mir and a Major Iqbal, who he described as an ISI officer, during his testimony in a US court in 2011, and in his testimony to a court in Mumbai in 2016.

Mir is also on the FBI list of most wanted terrorists, with a \$5-million reward for information about him. The FBI describes him as the "chief planner" of the Mumbai attacks. He was indicted by a US court in 2011 for his role in the Mumbai attacks along with Headley, his accomplice in the US and Tahawwur Rana, and others including Major Iqbal. Until December 2021, US authorities had assessed that Mir remained a free man in Pakistan.

Mir joined the LeT in the early 1990s and is said to have talent-spotted Headley, who was by then a FBI/Drug Enforcement Authority informer, recruited him into Lashkar in 2005, and with the help of Pakistan Army officers named in FIRs and court documents, planned the Mumbai attacks from as early as 2006.

Mir deployed Headley in Mumbai to reconnaissance targets as early as 2006, took part in training the 10 terrorists who arrived on the Mumbai coast from Thatha in Sindh, as well as gave them real-time instructions over the phone as the attack unfolded.

Investigators have determined that it was Mir's voice that instructed one of the gunmen at Chabad House during the attack to kill a Jewish hostage after talks for a prisoner swap failed. Three years before the Mumbai attack, Mir had once crossed into India via Wagah, according to Headley's testimony, with hordes of Pakistani cricket fans to watch an India-Pakistan match. Indian officials believe that was also a reconnaissance trip.

organisation abilities make him "the most dangerous man in Pakistan", "more dangerous than all the rest put together".

Indian intelligence agencies consider his

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FOR PEOPLE TO CHECK OUT MURALS

Pragati Maidan tunnel to be shut on Sunday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

FOLLOWING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's suggestions, the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) has decided to close the newly inaugurated Pragati Maidan tunnel for vehicles every Sunday and keep it open for pedestrians to enjoy the artwork inside, said officials. For this week alone, officials said, the tunnel will be closed for both traffic and pedestrians.

The 1.3km-long tunnel, constructed at a cost of Rs 920 crore, was thrown open to commuters last week.

After inaugurating the stretch, the PM suggested that the tunnel be closed for four to five hours every Sunday and directed officials to organise a pedestrian visit for the public and school children. "My eyes were drawn to the mesmerising beauty of the artwork. I walked for 10-15 minutes and enioved the murals which depict the culture, festivals and six seasons of India," said the PM. "The tunnel should not only be treated as a stretch for the commute but also as an education centre and art gallery," he said.



The 1.3km-long tunnel has murals that change every 250 metres. For this week alone, officials said, the tunnel will be closed for both traffic and pedestrians. Abhinav Saha

Starting from Purana Qila near the Sports Club of India to Ring Road near Pragati power station, the country's widest and first-ofits-kind tunnel has murals that change every 250 metres.

"The tunnel was constructed to ease traffic as well as an alternative road to the Bhairon Marg. So, our plan is to keep it closed for vehicular movement every Sunday from 8 am to 8 pm for pedestrians to enjoy the artwork," said LC Goyal, ITPO director.

Goyal said traffic volume remains low on Sundays as it is a holiday. "This week, however, it will be closed for both pedestrians and commuters as we will first take stock of the situation, monitor signages and if the lights are working, and will make arrangements for pedestrians like parking, road crossing, and ensure seating and water facility," he said.

Officials said, "To avoid pedestrian traffic on the main stretch and guarantee safety, the ITPO may outsource management of the public visit to an agency."

Since the tunnel will be closed, all five underpasses on Mathura Road will remain open for commuters to avoid any hassle, and they can also take the traditional route on Mathura Road in Bhairon Marg to reach their destination," said officials.



Land Ports Authority of India

(A statutory body under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

Extension of last date for receiving Applications Group - 'A', 'B', 'C' posts

Reference vacancy circular No. 13012/3/2020 (rectt.)/(3511273)/3625-39 dt. 11 May, 2022 published in Newspapers and Employment Newspaper regarding filling up various posts of Group - 'A', 'B', 'C' at its Headquarter in New Delhi and ICPs at Attari (Punjab), Agartala (Tripura), Petrapole (W.B), Raxaul (Bihar), Jogbani (Bihar), Moreh (Manipur) and Dawki (Meghalya) on deputation (Foreign Service).

2. Complete information of posts, eligibility criteria, application format and other details are available on the website at http://mha.nic.in/vacancies, http://lpai.gov.in, www.ncs.gov.in. 3. Last date for receiving of applications has been extended from 24.06.2022 to 08.07.2022.

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Gandhinagar Date: 24/06/2022

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File to allow Kejriwal to travel to Singapore 'stuck with L-G'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE OFFICE of Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena has not yet cleared a file that would allow Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to go to Singapore to attend the World Cities Summit, said sources in the Delhi government on Friday. The summit is scheduled for August 2-3.

'Several files have been stuck with the L-G because of lack of administrative experience. Even files related to small matters are stuck. Among these is the file for the CM to go to Singapore to attend the World Cities Summit. That file has been pending for three weeks, claimed the source.

The L-G's office did not respond to the allegations.

Kejriwal had said on June 2 that High Commissioner of Singapore Simon Wong had in-

vited him and he had accepted



Kejriwal had said on June 2 that High Commissioner of Singapore Simon Wong had invited him for the summit. Sources said that the file was sent to L-G Saxena on June 7

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This is not the first time that Kejriwal's attendance at an international summit has been in the news. In 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had denied him permission to attend the Copenhagen C40 World

In a statement, the MEA had said the "participation of Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi as a Speaker at a panel discussion was not commensurate with the level of participation from other countries". Then Union Minister

Prakash Javadekar had said it

was a "mayor-level conference"

and a West Bengal minister was

conferencing.

Former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit had attended the same summit in 2007 in

The AAP government has had several run-ins with L-G Saxena since his appointment

AAP MLAs had accused the -G of interfering in areas that fall under the jurisdiction of the government. Saxena had held a meeting with Delhi Jal Board officials, which had prompted AAP MLA Atishi to accuse him of giving orders to officials instead of sticking to his areas of gover-

Last week, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia wrote to the L-G saying his nod to the Anti-Corruption Branch to probe corruption allegations against PWD officials for construction of seven temporary hospitals was not in accordance

AAP sharpens attack over suspension of five officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, JUNE 24

FOLLOWING THE suspension of five revenue department officials, including a deputy secretary of the CMO, AAP MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj Friday alleged that L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena is hiding facts.

Saxena on Wednesday had suspended three officials – two sub-divisional magistrates and a deputy secretary posted at the CM's office — in an alleged case of "financial irregularities". On June 21, the L-G had suspended two more government officials from the revenue department in connection with a property and land registry matter, said sources.

Bharadwai said: Privileges Committee investigated the matter, but the L-G Office tried to hide this fact... The L-G Office did not tell the media the full reason for suspending the four SDMs and officer... Officers of the L-G office are either misleading the L-G or the L-G is voluntarily being misled."

Consumer forum halts tower construction at Gurgaon project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, JUNE 24

THE NATIONAL Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has ordered real estate developer M3M to halt construction of an 11th tower in its residential project in Sector 67, M3M Merlin, deeming it "illegal".

Hearing a complaint filed by 300 homebuyers of M3M Merlin, the commission held that the developers, M3M India Private Limited and Consolidate Realtors Private Limited, did not take consent of residents of the already built 10 towers of the project before taking approval of the Directorate of Town and Country Planning for changing the layout and constructing a new tower, and that the tower was not included in the original layout plan.

The commission said. "Thus. going for a new tower is a clear deficiency of service in terms of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, and Haryana Apartment Ownership Act, 1983. It is another matter that if the builder had obtained the consent and then applied for change in the site plan



The NCDRC deemed Tower 11 at M3M Merlin in Sector 67 'illegal'

tower, it would have been in order as per the statutory provision. Having not obtained this consent, we take the construction as violation of the aforementioned statutes... We deem the construction of tower 11 as illegal and direct the opposite parties not to proceed with its construction."

"In our considered opinion, obtaining the consent of flat owners becomes essential when a new tower is being constructed and which is in deviation to the certain approval, site plan, num-

allottees and as per Haryana Apartment Ownership Act, 1983," the order added

The complainants stated that in April-May 2019, it came to their knowledge that the opposite parties are planning constructing a new tower without their prior consent and they raised objections with opposite parties and DTCP, Haryana.

A spokesperson for M3M said, "M3M has high regard for NCDRC, however, we believe the facts have been falsely presented against M3M by the complainants. We now propose to take this matter further for justice.'

A homebuver who booked a flat in the 11th tower, requesting anonymity, said, "We have been left in the lurch. I had booked a 3 BHK and paid Rs 15 lakh as the booking amount in this new tower. But now there is uncertainty after the order. I had invested in this project, assuming that it's a reputed builder. I was aware of the complaint being filed by other residents regarding the construction of the new tower, but I was hoping for a judgment in my favour.'

BRIEFLY —

Sports varsity degrees will help sportspersons looking for jobs, says Kejriwal

New Delhi: Degrees from Delhi Sports University will help sportspersons looking for jobs get employment, said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at an event on Friday. He was felicitating 60 sportspersons who have received financial assistance collectively amounting to Rs 9.5 crore under its Mission Excellence scheme. "... A big problem is if a sportsperson's studies get neglected because of sports, and if sports doesn't work out for them, they don't get jobs. They won't have to worry about that. In the university, you will get a BA degree in your sport and will have a degree to show when employers ask 'Do you have a BA or an MA'. You will get jobs," he said.

CM reviews **Delhi shopping** festival project

New Delhi: After holding a high-level meeting to review and discuss the Delhi shopping festival project, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Friday said the government is planning to give huge discounts and present awards to highlight the festival.

Cop booked for trying to extort businessman

New Delhi: The Delhi Police's vigilance department has registered a case against a sub-inspector and his associates for allegedly trying to extort money from a businessman. The matter came to light when the businessman, who is in judicial custody, wrote to the Police Commissioner alleging that he was receiving threat calls from the subinspector and his officers demanding Rs 15 lakh.

Auto driver shot dead

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly shooting dead an auto driver in Northeast Delhi Tuesday. The victim has been identified as Shahjad Alam (32). The accused were identified as Sahil (28) and his cousin Saif Ali (26). Police said during questioning, they allegedly confessed that they had meant to shoot another person but mistakenly hit the auto driver. **ENS**

At centre of L-G and AAP govt war, seven semi-permanent hospitals marred by delays

Visit to 7 sites shows construction work underway at 6; outer steel framework completed in most

ANONNA DUTT

AT SIX of Delhi government's seven upcoming semi-permanent hospitals that are at the centre of a row between L-GVK Saxena and the AAP government, construction work has started, with the outer steel framework completed in most, The Indian Express found during a spot check on Thursday and Friday. The only hospital where the ground hadn't been broken

While the BJP has accused the Delhi government of indulging in "corruption" in commissioning the projects, Saxena recently gave permission to the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) to probe allegations of "irregularities" against the Public Works Department (PWD). Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia hit back, saying on Tuesday that the L-G was trying to stop construction of the hospitals and inconvenience the people of Delhi.

On Wednesday, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari had visited the proposed 458-bed Kirari hospital site and alleged that there was a "barren plot" and "not a brick

When The Indian Express visited the spot on Thursday, it found a boundary of blue metal sheets around the earmarked area at present. The ground is yet to be prepared for setting up the foundation of the semi-permanent structures, with a section of the plot still being flooded. The land is surrounded on all sides with similarly flooded plots.

AAP's Kirari MLA Rituraj Jha, in response, said the water within the grounds was the reason for a delay in construction. "The work in Kirari has been delayed because there is water all around, there is water in the ground. The raft foundation was unsuccessful, now a pile-formation will be used for laying the foundation," he said.

An engineer associated with the company constructing the seven hospitals said, "The ground had been dug up and the water drained to set up the foundation. However, because there was so much water in the ground, the foundation would not have been stable. So, we need to do piling just like we do for the Metro multiple columns 10 to 15 metres deep are constructed and then bound together to form one pillar of the foundation. The foundations that we made for the others are just about 3-4 metres deep."

Another official confirmed this, and added that it was better to build the hospital at another location as it would increase the cost of the foundation

The BJP had also alleged that construction was to be completed in June 2020. However, the tender for the construction of the hospital was first floated in July 2021.









The other six In addition to the hospital site

in Kirari, The Indian Express over two days visited all hospital sites at the centre of the controversy. Although at an advanced stage, all the hospitals have missed the ambitious six-month deadline set by the government, with the last of the hospitals targeted to be delivered by June this year.

A senior official from the health minister's office said that the delays were because of the Covid-19 surge: "Still, we are trying to keep pace and complete the projects at the earliest."

Construction is at the most advanced stages at the 336-bed hospital in Sarita Vihar, where not only has the framework been set up, but work on putting up the dry walls inside has also begun. Work on the yellow and brown facade, ventilation system, and wiring was also going on. Construction work at

the 596-bed set-up opposite the government's paediatric hospital, Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalaya, was also at a similar stage, but with less progress on the facade and HVAC system. At the Shalimar Bagh site,

the basic framework was almost complete, with some work on wiring also having started at the hospital situated right next to Max hospital in the area. Though at an advanced stage, the hospital has missed its target date of May 2022.

The semi-permanent hospitals are quicker to make, with









THE SEVEN HOSPITALS

527 (Ground + 3)

1,430 (Ground + 3)

458 (Ground + 4)

1,577 (Ground + 3)

336(Ground+4)

596(G+4)

1,912 (G+4)

Sultanpuri

Kirari

Shalimar Bagh

Raghubir Nagar

Sarita Vihar

Chacha Nehru

GTB Hospital

*date of completion

most reaching an advanced stage

with six to eight months of con-

struction starting. Once the foun-

dation is laid, the hospital

framework is constructed using

ready-made steel columns that

are attached together. There is no

use of bricks or concrete in the

main framework. Once the

framework is completed, floor-

ing using selected material needs

to be laid and wiring and piping

needs to be done. A glass facade

set up - everything is pre-man-

ufactured, we only need to as-

semble it here. It takes very little

time as compared to concrete

structures. If you see, the com-

pany building these hospitals is

also constructing some of the

"These buildings are easier to

completes the construction.

Bal Chikitsalaya





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Just after the devastating sec-

ond wave of the pandemic, the

Delhi government had decided

to set up seven semi-permanent

hospitals that would add just un-

der 7,000 ICU beds to the city.

The government said that after

the pandemic, the structures

could be used for emergency,

OPD, and ward services. The

buildings are supposed to last for

25-30 years, according to the

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plete but no work had started in-

side. The construction, as per

personnel on site and those liv-

ing around, started last October.

Dussehra celebrations here.

Soon after the Dussehra mela

last year, construction of the hos-

pital began," said a shop owner

Earlier, we used to have

At Sultanpuri, the outer

government.

After the 2nd wave, the govt had decided to set up 7 semipermanent hospitals that would add just under 7,000 ICU beds. Abhinav Saha/Amit Mehra

by the Delhi government in its

economic survey One of the engineers quoted above said that the pace of the work slowed down after Health Minister Satyendar Jain was taken into custody, and since then release of payments and various decisions were tak-

The outer framework was still under construction at the 1,577bed facility at Raghubir Nagar in two 'L' shaped block set-ups. It is located right opposite Delhi government's 100-bed Guru Gobind Singh hospital, which is currently being remodelled to increase the bed strength to 572.

The structure at GTB hospital has three sections, with one each meant for emergency, ward, and diagnostics. The block will add 1,912 beds to the hospital However, the upcoming building is likely to accommodate all services of the hospital while the years-old main block is demolished and reconstructed, likely as a super-speciality centre.

Of the seven hospitals, at least three are either inside or just outside an existing Delhi government hospital. And, the semi-permanent hospitals at Kirari and Sultanpuri are quite close. With the government's existing Sanjay Gandhi Memorial hospital in Mangolpuri, there will be three government hospitals in a 5-km radius.

The seven hospitals are being constructed at a cost of over Rs 1,200 crore.

After namaz protest, same group writes to Khattar over new meat shop licences

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA

THE SANYUKT Hindu Sangharsh Samiti, a conglomerate of 22 Hindu outfits which had spearheaded protests against namaz at open spaces in Gurgaon, submitted a memorandum to district authorities Friday demanding that new licences to set up meat shops in Gurgaon not be issued.

In the memorandum addressed to Harvana Chief Minister M L Khattar, the group members said, "We demand that no new licence for meat shops is given in Gurgaon. All shops within a radius of 10 km of Sheetla Mata temple complex in the city should also be shut."

Mahavir Bhardwaj, state present, Sanyukt Hindu Sangharsh Samiti, said, "In 2017, the CM had announced no licences will be issued for new meat shops in residential areas of Gurgaon and only old ones shall be renewed. We are merely reiterating the demand... in light of a recent notification regarding licences for meat shops... We also request that all meat shops in the vicinity of Sheetla Mata temple be closed since lakhs of devotees from across the world visit the temple and their sentiments are hurt by the proliferation of these illegal meat shops."

Samiti members said a notification from the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram had appeared in a newspaper Thursday, stating that it had received 126 applications for meat shop licences. "It mentioned that people could record their objections,

An old issue AHEAD OF Navratri in

2021, the Samiti had written to the deputy commissioner requesting that all meat shops in Gurgaon be closed during the period. In October 2017, in response to a complaint on meat shops at a meeting of the district grievances committee, Harvana CM M L Khattar had said new licences to set up meat shops in residential areas will no longer be issued in Gurgaon, In March 2021. the MCG, in a house meeting, unanimously voted in favour of closing meat shops every Tuesday, citing Hindu sentiments.

if any, in 7 days of publication. We handed over a memorandum to a magistrate recording our objection. At present, Gurgaon has over 119 licenced meat shops and 2,500 meat shops are operating illegally. All illegally run meat shops should be shut immediately," claimed Samiti spokesper-

son Rajeev Mittal. Vijaypal Yadav, deputy municipal commissioner, said, "We received applications for renewal of licences and we issued the notification in public domain for any comments or objections as per the standard procedure. Authorities will take cognizance of any objections."

Delhi govt moves to bring back detention policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DELHI government has moved to bring back provisions to detain students in their grades, doing away with the no-detention policy which has been in place for children up to class VIII.

The Directorate of Education Friday notified that the Delhi Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2011 have been amended to this effect. "In exercise of powers conferred by Section 38, read with sub-section 3 of Section 16 of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009, the Lt-Governor, hereby, makes the rule to amend the Delhi Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2011. The rule may be called the Delhi Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Rules, 2020. In the Delhi Right of Children to Free and Compulsory

Education Rules 2011... the follow-

ing rule shall be inserted namely:

21A. The manner and conditions subject to which a child can be held back under sub-section (3) of section, will be notified by the Government," states the circular.

It will come into force after it's notified in the gazette. The government will release the manner and conditions in which a child can be held back in his or her class.

The Right to Education Act in-

troduced the no-detention policy up to class VIII in 2009. As per this, children were to be automatically promoted, with detentions not

being permitted. In 2019, the nodetention policy of the RTE Act, amended through a parliamentary bill, stated that a child who fails a regular examination at the end of classes V and VIII will take a re-examination. The relevant central or state governments were asked to decide if they will allow schools to detain children who fail the re-examination. Amendments in Delhi's policy were cleared that year by the state government. However, the implementation of this rollback has been stalled so far.









nearby. The hospital was supposed to be completed in May this year, according to targets set

GOVT & POLITICS

the attack on Rahul Gandhi's of-

fice. In our country, everyone has

the right to air their opinion and

protest democratically. However,

that should not result in excess. It

is a wrong tendency. Strict action

will be taken against the cul-

to probe the incident and sus-

pend the Kalpetta Deputy

Superintendent of Police. The

CM also directed the Home

Secretary to submit a report

CPI(M) general secretary

Murmu files nomination,

reaches out to Opp parties

Droupadi Murmu files nomination papers in the presence of

PM Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit

o Z category security

for Yashwant Sinha

New Delhi: The Centre has ex-

tended Z category cover of

armed CRPF commandos to the

Opposition's presidential candi-

date Yashwant Sinha, officials

8-10 working in shifts, will escort

Sinha whenever he moves

across the country, they said.

The armed personnel, about

A higher Z-plus cover of CRPF

Sinha is expected to file his

commandos has been accorded

to the NDA presidential candi-

date Droupadi Murmu.

nomination on June 27.

said on Friday.

Shah, and other leaders, in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

and

Panneerselvam were also present.

were submitted with secretary

general of the Rajya Sabha P C

Modi, who is acting as the

Returning Officer as per the no-

tification by the Election

Commission of India. Murmu

will be contesting the election

against former finance minister

Yashwant Sinha, whose name

was proposed by a grouping of

first proposer in the Murmu's

nomination papers. Four sets of

nomination papers were filed by

Prime Minister Modi was the

The nomination papers

within a week.

Vijayan also ordered police

prits," he said in a statement.

Attack on Rahul's Wayanad office triggers protests

SFI workers taken into custody; Kerala CM orders suspension of DSP, seeks report within a week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 24

 $THE\,MP\,office\,of\,Congress\,leader$ Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad was vandalised allegedly by activists of the SFI, the students' wing of the ruling CPI(M).

The attack sparked protests across Kerala, with Congress workers taking to streets in all districts clashing with police and damaging CPI(M) campaign boards.

More than 100 SFI workers had marched to Rahul's office at Kalpetta, capital of Wayanad district, demanding that the Congress MP should intervene to allay the anxiety of people in his



A videograb of the vandalised office

constituency in the wake of a recent Supreme Court directive that made it mandatory for every protected forest tract and wildlife sanctuary to have an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of one kilometre from its boundaries.

If such a buffer zone is implemented, a large tract of Wayanad district would fall within that zone.

When the march reached Gandhi's office, a group of SFI activists allegedly stormed into it, assaulted office staff and damaged the office furniture. Police were present, but reportedly did not prevent the march before the protesters vandalised the office. Later, police took a few SFI

Sitaram Yechury also denounced workers into custody. CPI(M) distanced itself from the attack. "Strongly denounce the incident with Chief Minister and condemn what happened in Pinarayi Vijayan condemning Wayanad, Kerala today. Kerala the attack. "I strongly condemn state CM has already con-

PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

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RULING COALITION NDA's

Presidential candidate Droupadi

Murmu, who is in a comfortable

position to win the July 18 elec-

tion to succeed Ram Nath

Kovind in the Rashtrapati

Bhavan, filed her nomination pa-

pers on Friday in the presence of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Presidential electoral college

favouring her, Murmu spoke to

Opposition leaders, including

Congress President Sonia Gandhi,

West Bengal CM Mamata

Banerjee and NCP chief Sharad

Pawar, seeking support to her can-

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none of them made a commit-

ment to Murmu but wished her

Murmu filed her nomination pa-

pers in the presence of Modi,

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh,

BIP president J P Nadda, Home

Minister Amit Shah, chief minis-

ters of all BJP-ruled states,

Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma,

Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio as well

as two ministers of the Biju Janata

Dal government. Members of

other BJP allies, including Anupriya

Patel of Apna Dal, Rajiv Ranjan

Singh of Janata Dal (U), YSRCP's

Vijay Sai Reddy, and AIADMK's

Former Jharkhand Governor

all the best for the election.

With arithmetic in the

and top BJP leaders.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

demned it. Police has initiated measures against those responsible," he tweeted.

Opposition leader V D Satheesan of the Congress, however said the CCT. however, said the SFI men vandalised Rahul's office in connivance with Vijayan.

The Congress central leadership has conveyed its unhappiness and concern to Yechury.

AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal said the "Kerala CPI(M) has become so vile in pleasing the vicious BIP that where the BJP is misusing the ED against him, CPI (M) in Kerala unleashes violence on his office. Their nasty deal has been revealed.'

MAHARASHTRA POLITICAL CRISIS

Depts under NCP, Cong ministers rush to release funds; BJP complains

ENS&PTI MUMBAI, JUNE 24

EVEN AS the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government is currently facing a survival crisis due to a rebellion by Shiv Sena Minister Eknath Shinde, the state departments - mostly controlled by allies NCP and Congress - have issued government orders for the release of funds worth thousands of crores in the last four days for development works.

This has prompted Leader of Opposition in the state Legislative Council, Pravin Darekar, to write to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. The BJP has sought the Governor's intervention to curb the "rush of GRs (government resolutions)" seen over the past few days, which it termed as "suspicious".

Between June 20 and 23, the departments have issued 182 GRs. while on June 17, 107 such GRs were passed. These orders can be found on the government's official website.

Although Shinde's rebellion became public on June 21 morning, his growing discomfort had been sensed by the Sena's allies NCP and Congress. Since the ruling partners had sensed what was coming, the departments controlled by these parties went on a spree to issue the GRs. sources said.

The water supply and sanitation department, headed by Sena's Gulabrao Patil, issued over 84 GRs on June 17. Most of the orders were pertaining to sanction of funds, administrative approvals and for salaries of staff working on various water supply schemes. Patil was among the last Sena legislators who joined the rebel camp headed by Shinde by reaching in Guwahati. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Prohibitory orders enforced in Thane rural till June 30

Mumbai: The Thane Rural police on Friday issued prohibitory orders applicable till June 30, banfive persons, to ensure the law and order situation does not deteriorate keeping in mind the political situation across the state. The areas under prohibitory orders are where rebel Shiv Sena MLA Eknath Shinde is said to wield influence. Making pronouncements inciting violence and storing weapons are also prohibited. **ENS** one day," the sarpanch said. Significantly, there is neither

Dare, however, has seen two helipads come up, as Shinde always arrives by a chopper. "The first helipad was developed by the minister alongside Koyna river. The second helipad is also ready on a hill, a few metre away from his house and would soon be in use," said Ashok Shinde. Shinde's cousin, who supervises the development work in the minister's private property there.

from Thane's

November 2017 in the village. The family is building a pala-



Eknath Shinde's old house in Satara district's Dare. Pavan Khengn

No school or hospital but Shinde's village in Satara has 2 helipads

AJAY JADHAV SATARA, JUNE 24

HAVING STAKED his claim to be the "real" Shiv Sena, rebel leader Eknath Shinde might have incurred the wrath of the Uddhav Thackeray camp of the Sena, but his moves have got ringing support from the residents of his native village Dare in Satara district, who hope fervently that he is going to

take over as the chief minister. Dare, which has only about 30 houses, is situated on the banks of the Koyna river in a remote and backward belt, about 70 km from the hill town Mahableshwar. The village is skirted by the forest reserve on one side and Kovna on the other. Most of its houses are locked as their inhabitants are migrant labourers who work in Mumbai and Pune in the absence of any regular source of income in the village

For the past few years, Shinde has started paying attention to Dare, which his father had left to shift to Thane when he was a child. "He (Shinde) and his family never missed the annual religious fair of the village earlier, but it was only for the past few years that he really started taking interest in the village," said Laxman

Dare falls in the Wai-Mahableshwar Assembly segment of the Satara Lok Sabha consituency, both of which are currently represented by the Shara Pawar-led NCP. "The area has been an NCP stronghold and Shinde has never tried to influence the village to follow his party... although he has initiated some development works. We villagers stand by whatever decision he takes but we have been praying that he becomes the CM

a school nor a hospital in Dare. The villagers have to travel 50 km by road or 10 km to Tapola – situated on the other side of the Koyna river - to access any educational or health facilities.

According to the affidavit that Shinde, a four-time MLA Kopri-Pachpakhadi, filed with the Election Commission (EC) before the 2019 Assembly polls, he bought 12.45 acre of agricultural land in Dare in December 2018 for Rs 21.21 lakh. His son and Sena MP Shrikant Shinde bought 22.68 acre at Rs 26.51 lakh in

will see Dera's first concrete road linking it to the village road. "We are here all the time, our sahib (Shinde) visits the farmhouse once in a month," said a labourer. Shinde's longest stay in his farmhouse was for eight days last year, when he had tested positive for Covid-19 and came to the village to recover.

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CHANGE & CHURN

JAIRAM RAMESH, the newly appointed AICC general secretary in-charge of the Congress's communication department, is said to be planning to bring in many new faces as spokespersons. Many of the fresh faces would be domain experts and charismatic young faces. And efforts are said to be on to ensure gender balance as well. The first signs of change with continuity came on Friday when the party elevated Vineet Punia, who was a secretary in the department, as AICC secretary in-charge of internal communication. Ramesh has also brought in Amitabh Dubey, the son of Suman Dubey, as in-charge of research and monitoring in the department. Amitabh, who was president of the Delhi chapter of the Shashi Tharoor-headed All India Professionals' Congress, is a close friend of Rahul Gandhi. Ramesh has also brought in a youngster, Vaibhav Walia, who was heading the social media wing of the Youth Congress, as a secretary in the department attached to him. Clearly, the winds of change is blowing in the communication department.

Wellness Centre

BEFORE DEMITTING office, one of President Ram Nath Kovind's last commitments has been the inauguration of an upgraded Ayush wellness centre on the President's Estate. Set up in 2015, the centre has been catering to the medical needs of the President, officials of his Secretariat and its residents. It offers treatment facilities in the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathic treatment. President Kovind centre, in which he wrote how it benefited a large number of people, especially during the pandemic.

RIGHT TO SAFE WATER

DURING THE ongoing 50th regular session of the Human Rights Council, the Permanent Mission of India, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and other International Organisations in Geneva co-organised a side event on 'Realising gender equality in the realisation of the rights to safe drinking water and sanitation' on June 24. The side event received "crossregional support" from the Permanent Missions of several countries, including Germany, Spain, Bolivia, Mexico, Gabon, Namibia, the Gambia, Republic of Korea, Fiji, and the UAE. On the occasion, Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, Indra Mani Pandey, said that the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation are "some of the most crucial of the economic, social and cultural rights".

RAJASTHAN 'HORSE-TRADING' CASE

ACB serves court notice on Shekhawat

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR. JUNE 24

THE RAIASTHAN Anti-Corruption Bureau has served a court notice to Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in connection with the alleged horse-trading during the attempt to topple the Ashok Gehlot government in mid-2020.

The court notice was issued to the Union Minister last week, on June 16, following a revision petition filed by the ACB." an official said. He added: "Since the ACB had filed a revision petition regarding seeking his voice samples, the court has issued a notice to the minister to file his reply. This notice was served by the ACB."

The next hearing in the case is on July 14.

BJP state chief Satish Poonia questioned the notice and its timing. He said "the court notice cannot be justified" and termed it "vendetta politics".

Poonia said the notice is the Congress government's attempt at "threatening" Shekhawat.



Singh Shekhawat

Congress Chief Whip and Minister Mahesh Joshi said: "It is the court's order. The Union Minister has to take the next step. I believe that as a law-abiding person, he will come forward. Like he has said on several occasions, he has no aversion but that the voice sample is not being sought from him. So he has to decide if he wants to give voice samples or not. The ACB and the courts will do their job..." As for the timing coinciding with Rahul Gandhi's questioning by the ED in the National Herald case, Joshi said: "This means BJP believes that this should have happened earlier. Despite the case going on for two years, they are saying we have chosen this time. We have not. It is BJP's guilt speak-

ing... www.indianexpress.com

minister Gajendra

for the first time.

FULL REPORT ON District Magistrates.

Tapan Deka is new head of IB; **R&AW** chief gets 1-yr extension The new IB chief, Deka, will **DEEPTIMANTIWARY** have a fixed tenure of two years.

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the Opposition.

Murmu.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

TAPAN DEKA, special director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), was on Friday appointed the new IB chief. He will replace incumbent Arvind Kumar, whose tenure comes to an end on June 30. The central government has also given a one-year extension to chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) Samant Goel, whose tenure was also set to come to an end at the end of this month.

On Thursday, the government had appointed former Punjab police chief Dinkar Gupta as the new head of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), and had also named special director in IB, Swagat Das, as special secretary in the Union Home Ministry.

He has superseded his senior special director, A Sema Rajan, a 1987 batch IPS officer of the Bihar cadre, in the appointment. Deka is a 1988 batch IPS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre.

Deka has been handling the

operations division of the IB, and has decades of experience in counter-terrorism. He was the joint director of operations when the Indian Mujahideen terror group was at the peak of its activities in the country. Under Deka, the IB tracked down Indian Mujahideen operatives over the years, and the group had been practically incapacitated since the 2012 arrest of its leader Yasin Bhatkal from Nepal and the 2014 arrest of operative Tehsin Akhtar. Deka was also handling operations during the 2015-16 Pathankot air base attack and the 2019 Pulwama attack.

He follows in the footsteps of former IB chiefs such as Aiit Doval and Nehchal Sandhu who had been handling operations before heading the agency.

Recently. Deka has been particularly focused on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, where civilians have been increasingly targeted in the past several months.

R&AW chief Goel's tenure extension indicates that he continues to enjoy the trust of the government. Sources said that under Goel, the agency has been generating quality intelligence on cross-border infiltration from Pakistan, resulting in effective operations by security forces against militants in Kashmir.

of co-op sugar mill linked to Sena leader **SAGAR RAJPUT** MUMBAI, JUNE 24

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday attached assets worth Rs 78.38 crore of Jalna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana (SSK) Limited, linked former Shiv Sena MLA Arjun Khotkar, under of Prevention Money Laundering Act (PMLA), in a matter related to the illegal sale of the cooperative sugar mill in

the Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank (MSCB) case.

ED attaches properties worth Rs 78.38 cr

The ED said the Jalna SSK is currently held in the name of Ariun Sugar Industries Private Limited, which was incorporated by Khotkar and his associates to purchase the SSK.

According to sources, the central agency initiated investigation under PMLA based upon an FIR registered by the Economic Offence Wing of the Mumbai Police on August 26, 2019.

shows, serials, news and inform-

ative media, movies, content on

OTT platforms, content on social

media, performing arts, advertis-

ing and any other kind of involve-

ment of children in commercial

sual media production or any

commercial event involving the

participation of a child will now

need to obtain the permission of

Any producer of any audio-vi-

entertainment activities.

The FIR stated that Jalna SSK was fraudulently sold by then officials and directors of MSCB at throw away prices to their relatives or private persons without following due procedure under the SARFAESI Act. The probe revealed that Jalna SSK was established in 1984-85 on around 235 acre, including 100 acre received from the Maharashtra government without any monetary consideration. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Norms to protect rights of kids working on OTT platforms

ESHAROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE NATIONAL Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Friday published draft guidelines to regulate child protection within the entertainment industry. While the "Guidelines to Regulate Child Participation in the Entertainment Industry" were issued by the Commission in 2011, the draft increases the scope of the guidelines to cover social media and OTT platforms

The commission has further included stringent penal provisions for violating the guidelines. including imprisonment, and has mandated that child artists need to be registered with

"Children are now being fea-

and this increasing influence and scope of the internet needed to be covered. Parents need to be held accountable," said NCPCR Chairperson Priyank Kannongo. Provisions under the Iuvenile Justice Act, 2015, Child Labour Amendment Act, 2016, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences

dia and in content on OTT plat-

forms which had not been cov-

ered by the existing guidelines

2012, Information (Intermediary Technology Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, etc., have been included in the guidelines. "In the absence of any moni-

toring mechanism, the children in the industry are at grave risk of exploitation because they lack the dren are often exposed to unsuitlegal right to the earnings they able, anxiety inducing, and at generate, or safe working conditimes, dangerous operational haztions and adequate protections via ards and situations... Apart from

DRAFT GUIDELINES: THE PRODUCER MUST... is present during shoot

■ Seek permission of District Magistrate where the activity is to be performed

■ Run a disclaimer saying measures taken to ensure there has been no abuse, neglect or exploitation of children during shooting

■ Ensure at least one parent or legal guardian (a nurse in case of an infant)

labour laws, etc. Participating in an adult-oriented industry, chil-

the industry-specific risks, the children are also susceptible to a plethora of other crimes against

■ Ensure the child's

education under the RTE

■ Allow participation in one

shift per day, with a break

income in a fixed deposit

account in a nationalised

bank in name of the child

after every three hours

■ Deposit at least 20%

children," says the draft. The scope of the new guidelines will cover TV programmes

of the shooting.

New Delhi

the District Magistrate where the activity is to be performed. Producers will also have to run a disclaimer saying measures were taken to ensure there has been no abuse, neglect or exploitation of children during the entire process

At least one parent or legal guardian or a known person has to be present during a shoot, and for infants a registered nurse

"Aminor, especially below the age of six years, shall not be exposed to harmful lighting, irritating or contaminated cosmetics,'

parent or legal guardian.

says the draft. The producer also needs to ensure the child's education under the RTE to ensure no discontinuity from school or lessons as well as adequate and nutritious food, water to the children during the process of production and med-

ical facilities A child shall only participate in one shift per day, with a break after every three hours.

At least 20 per cent of the income earned by the child shall be directly deposited in a fixed deposit account in a nationalised bank in the name of the child, which may be credited to the child on attaining majority.

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JAMMU & KASHMIR

Administration sacks 9 govt employees

Srinagar: J&K administration on Friday ordered the premature retirement of nine government employees from various government departments under Article 226(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil services Regulations. In July 2021, the J&K administration asked all administrative secretaries to identify"non-performing employees" who have completed 22 years of service or above the age of 48 years in their respective departments and place such cases before the review committee.

ODISHA

Actor found dead, police suspect suicide

Bhubaneswar: Veteran Odia film and theatre actor Raimohan Parida was found hanging in his residence in Prachi Vihar area of Bhubaneswar on Friday, police said.He was 58. Parida is survived by his wife and two daughters. His family members found him hanging from the ceiling of his room in the morning. Prima facie, it seems to be a suicide case but further investigation is underway, a police officer said, adding the body will be sent for post-mortem examination.

JHARKHAND

HC seeks report from state govt over violence

Ranchi: The High Court of Jharkhand on Friday directed the state government to furnish a report on the investigation done into the violence which gripped Ranchi on June 10 leading to the death of two persons and injury to several others. The court also wanted to know from the government how many rounds of bullets were fired by the police on that day to control the situation as protests by a group of people against controversial comments on the Prophet turned violent.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Man shoots self after killing wife's friend

Shimla: A man allegedly shot himself dead after killing his wife's male friend at a hotel in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district on Friday, a police officer said. SP (Kullu) Gurdev Sharma said that two women from Delhi, one of whom is married, were staying at a hotel in Manali. They called their friend Sunny to the room on Thursday night. The husband reached the hotel the next morning and upon seeing his wife with Sunny, he shot him dead, he said. According to the woman, her husband died by suicide by shooting himself, the SP said. PTI

SC UPHOLDS CLEAN CHIT TO MODI

'Satyamev Jayate': BJP hails rejection of Zakia plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GANDHINAGAR, NEW DELHI, PATNA, JUNE 24

THE BJP hailed the Supreme Court's Friday verdict that upheld the Special Investigation Team's (SIT's) clean chit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi (then Gujarat's Chief Minister) and 63 others in the Gujarat riots of 2002, and dismissed a plea by slain Congress leader Ehsan Jafri's wife Zakia alleging a larger con-

An official press release of Gujarat BJP quoting state party president CR Paatil said, "One more attempt to link Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the 2002 riots with malafide political intentions has failed."

'Notwithstanding the fact that the entire legal process went on for 20 years and the Supreme Court giving a clean chit to Narendrabhai Modi in 2012, the petition was filed to keep the the subject alive. In the process, the entire country has seen to what extent Congress can go for power. We hope this will be the permanent end to the case," the release

At a press conference, general secretary of Gujarat BJP Rajni Patel said, "Anti-Gujarat people, anti-India people and those against Narendrabhai Modi continuously did such activities so that he (Modi) is pushed to the margins and Gujarat's progress is hindered. They did not spare any opportunity...but, truth always triumph.'

Speaking to reporters in Patna, senior BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said: "The verdict proves how a besmirching campaign had been launched against Narendra Modi, who defied odds

years and has been country's PM for eight years. Congress not only lost in court of law in its nefarious bid to malign Modi but was also rejected by the people in 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elec-

Union minister Anurag Thakur said, "Satyamev Jayate (Truth alone triumphs)! Supreme Court of India gives a clean chit and has dismissed the plea filed by Zakia Jafri challenging the SC-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) report on post-Godhra violence in Gujarat. The Supreme Court says the petition is without merit."

"Satyamev Jayate" was how another Union minister Smriti Irani put it while party spokesperson Sambit Patra also tweeted the same expression.

BJP secretary Y Satya Kumar claimed that Congress' last attempt to malign Modi has fallen flat and justice prevailed as he cited the apex court's observation that Jafri's appeal was devoid of merits and deserved to be dis-

Bringing the curtains down on the bid to reopen the probe, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said the material collected during the investigation does not "give rise to strong or grave suspicion regarding hatching of larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level" for causing mass violence against Muslims.

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar, termed Zakia Jafri's plea devoid of merit. It spoke of "the devious stratagem to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design" and noted that all those involved in "such abuse of process need to be in the dock and proceeded with in ac-

Zakia Jafri's long legal battle

FEB 28, 2002: During the post-Godhra riots, a mob attacks residents of Gulberg Society in Meghaninagar locality of Ahmedabad, killing 69 people, including Ehsan Jafri, the husband of appellant Zakia Jafri

MAR 6, 2002: Gujarat government appoints a commission to probe the Godhra incident and post-Godhra riots

OCT 9, 2003: The NHRC files a writ petition before the Supeme Court seeking a fair probe. SC appoints advocate Harish Salve as Amicus

JUN 8, 2006: Zakia Jafri files complaint against Narendra Modi and others, alleging a larger conspiracy behind

a special investigation team (SIT), headed by former CBI director R K Raghavan

MAR 26, 2008: SC appoints

MAY 6, 2010: SC directs that the trial court shall not pronounce a final judgment till further orders by it

FEB 8, 2012: SIT files closure report giving a clean





Ehsan Jafri (bottom, right) was killed by a mob in Gulberg Society (top). His wife, Zakia Jafri (bottom, left), waged a long legal battle. File

chit to Modi and 63 others

APR 15, 2013: Zakia files a

petition in a local court seeking rejection of the SIT

DEC 26, 2013: That petition is rejected by the Metropolitan Magistrate

OCT 5, 2017: The HC also rejects Zakia's plea against the SIT decision.

SEP 12. 2018: Zakia moves SC challenging the Gujarat HC's order

OCT 26, 2021: SC begins hearing Zakia's plea on regular basis

JUN 24, 2022: SC dismisses Zakia's plea and upholds SIT

Lakshadweep MP, his nephew under **CBI** scanner

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

LAKSHADWEEPMPMohammed Faizal has come under the CBI scanner in connection with alleged irregularities in the export of tuna fish to Sri Lanka. The central agency is also investigating Faizal's nephew Abdul Razzak and a Colombo-based company identified as SRT General Merchants Importer and Exporter.

ACBI team of about 25 officials and the Lakshadweep administration's vigilance officials have been engaged in conducting a 'joint surprise check' exercise on different departments of the Lakshadweep administration. These departments include the Lakshadweep Co-operative Marketing Federation (LCMF), the Fisheries Department, the Public Works Department, the Khadi Board and the Cooperative Society and Animal Husbandry Department.

According to the CBI, some public servants of the LCMF, in collusion with some public representatives and government servants, caused loss to the LCMF in the matter of the export of tuna fish to SRT General Merchants without following the requisite tender process and other formalities



Lakshadweep lawmaker Mohammed

The CBI alleged that the LCMF procured a large amount of tuna fish from local fishermen using MP Faizal's influence. The tuna fish procured in this manner was exported by the LCMF to SRT General Merchants, but the company did not make payments, the CBI said. According CBI sources, Faizal's nephew Razzak is an office bearer of SRT.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Faizal said: "I don't know, really (about the CBI probe)... The fish was sold to SRT as the buyers had offered very good price... The (cooperative marketing) federation identified a buyer in Lanka and he offered very good raters. But the buyer backed out later due to intervention by some Thoothukudi middlemen, As a result, 250 MT fish was left with the federation to dispose of. Then, there was a local auction and Thoothukudi middlemen bought it. There is no corruption in it. Let them enquire it, the truth will

FULL REPORT ON

Zakia son: 'Disappointed... will decide on future course after coming from Mecca'

KAMAAL SAIYED

TANVEER JAFRI, the son of the Gulberg society massacre survivor Zakia Jafri, expressed disappointment Friday with the Supreme Court verdict that upheld the clean chit to the then Guiarat chief minister Narendra Modi and 63 others in the 2002 riots. A bench presided over by

Justice A M Khanwilkar upheld the decision of the Ahmedabad Metropolitan Magistrate to accept the closure report of the Special Investigation Team — which was appointed by the top court - rejecting the protest petition filed by

Tanveer, who is in Mecca for the Haj pilgrimage, told *The Indian* Express: "I am disappointed with the top court's order... I also had a talk with her (his mother) about the order and she said she had full faith in the Almighty..." Tanveer, who resides in Surat, said he was handling the legal battle as his 82year old mother had a hearing problem and could not stand or walk for extended periods. Zakia was at a relative's place "outside Gujarat", he added.

"I was praying at Haram-sharif (near Kabatulla), when my friend called and informed me about the order... I will need time to go through it," said Tanveer, adding that he said he would decide on a course of action after returning.

Zakia's husband Ahsan Jafri, a Congress MP, was among the 69 people killed in the massacre on February 28, 2002. The SIT had submitted a clo-

sure report in 2012 giving a clean chit to then CM Narendra Modi after a preliminary investigation into the complaint filed by Zakia against Modi and 63 others including bureaucrats and policemen. It said there was no prosecutable evidence against them.

The Metropolitan Magistrate's court, where the complaint had been filed, endorsed the clean chit. Zakia filed a petition before the

Gujarat HC against the SIT report. The HC in 2017 dismissed the plea. She then moved the Supreme Court.

HYDERPORA ENCOUNTER

SC to hear plea of man for exhumation of son's body

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE SUPREME Court will on June 27 hear a plea by a man seeking directions to exhume the body of his son who was killed in an encounter with police in Hyderpora in Kashmir in November 2021.

The plea by Mohammad Latief Magrey challenges the June 3 order of a division bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. Appearing for Magrey, senior

advovate Anand Grover told a va-

cation bench of justices CT Ravi Kumar and Sudhanshu Dhulia that a single judge bench of the HC had allowed exhuming the remains of Amir Magrey but this was stayed by the division bench. The counsel submitted that the family wanted to perform the last rites of the deceased.

Four people killed in the encounter on November 15, 2021, were buried quickly by police in Handwara. Families of three of them contested police claims that they were either militants or had militant links.

Missing easterly winds leave Northwest rain deficient, Northeast deluged: IMD

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NEW DELHI, PUNE, JUNE 24

EASTERLY WINDS that bring monsoon to Northwest India have been absent, resulting in the dry spell in North India in June, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday. In absence of easterly winds, southwesterly winds took the monsoon clouds to Northeast, resulting in excessive rainfall and floods there. While the all-India rainfall was

4% deficient, Assam and experienced 1,000mm last week. Other parts of the Northeast, including Manipur, Tripura; sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim also received heavy rainfall.

"All India rainfall shows little change, and that's a very good sign. But the number of dry spells are increasing as well as the pockets of extremely heavy rainfall are also increasing. The variability is high and this is worrying. We are not expecting easterly winds for the next 4-5 days as well." said Dr R K Jenamani, Senior Scientist, Weather Forecast



Kolkata witnessed heavy rainfall on Friday. PTI

Division, IMD.

Although, in the last three years (2019-2021), India has recorded normal to above normal rainfall but variability in dispersal of monsoon rain has been ever Abinash Mohanty, Programme Lead, Risks and Adaptation, Council for Energy Environment and Water, said that 75% of the country now falls under extreme weather hotspots, with six climatic zones, 27 states. 463 districts and over 638 million

Indians vulnerable to extreme weather events. "As much as 45% landscape disruption has taken place resulting in micro-climatic events. So, areas that were earlier drought prone are now becoming flood prone as well and vice versa. India is currently going through dry epoch rainfall with the number of dry days increasing. A 1% change in monsoon rainfall will result in 0.34% change in India's agriculture-driven GDP that year," said Mohanty

Rainfall variability

THE ALL-INDIA rainfall was

18% deficient, while highest regional rainfall deficiency of minus 31 per cent (June 1 - 24) was reported from the central India region covering Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha, affecting agricultural activities in this core monsoon zone. The IMD said 61% of the country has received normal to excess monsoon rainfall, while 39% area has

Meanwhile, the Met Department has warned of thunderstorms with moderate intensity rainfall over Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand during June 27 and 28. Rainfall will continue along the west coast during the next five days.

'NO PROBABILITY OF REFORMATION'

Rape-murder of minor: SC upholds death penalty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

SUPREME COURT on Friday upheld the death sentence awarded to a man convicted of raping and murdering a seven-year-old mentally and physically challenged girl in Rajasthan in 2013, saying "there appears no probability of his reformation and rehabilitation".

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar said, "The crime had been of extreme depravity, which shocks the conscience, particularly looking to the target(a seven-year-old mentally and physically challenged girl) and then, looking to the manner of committing murder, where the hapless victim's head was literally smashed...."

"This is apart from the facts that the innocent victim was kidnapped on a stolen motorcycle by misusing the trust gained by offer of confectionery items and also, apart from the fact that she was brutally and inhumanly raped."

The court said the convict, Manoj Pratap Singh, "has a family with wife and minor daughter and aged father and the crime was committed when he was only 28 years of age" "However, these mitigating

factors are pitted against several other factors pertaining to the appellant himself. One, being of his activities and actions before the present crime where he was found involved in at least four cases.... Second, being the fact that the present crime itself was carried out with the aid of a stolen motorcycle. Third, and crucial one being his conduct post-conviction where he not only earned 7 days' punishment in jail for quarreling with a co-inmate but he has been convicted of the offence of murder of another iail inmate," it said.

"Read as a whole, the factsheet concerning the appellant leads only the logical deduction that there is no possibility that he would not relapse again in this crime if given any indulgence... there appears no probability of his reformation and rehabilitation," the bench said, as it upheld the death penalty. FULL REPORT ON

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Air-to-Air missile. Two key fea-

tures of the VL-SRSAM are cruci-

form wings and thrust vectoring.

from G-7 to stop buying oil from Russia: **Foreign Secy**

No pressure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AHEAD OF Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Germany for the G-7 summit starting June 26, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra on Friday said there was no pressure from the G-7 countries on stopping buying of oil from Russia as India's "consideration is very well understood".

Responding to a question at a briefing, Kwatra said, "Whatever the trading arrangements that India puts in place with regard to the purchase of crude oil all over the world are determined purely from the consideration of energy security of India and there is no other consideration. I think that consideration is very well understood. I would even say appreciated across the countries. I do not see any point of assuming any pressure on that issue. India has continued its oil trade and purchases from wherever we need

Kwatra said it is purely determined, governed and motivated by India's energy security considerations, noting that it is one of the key aspects in terms of the country's national economic interests.

When asked about the issue of food security due to the Ukraine crisis. Kwatra said India has taken a very "proactive" stance to ensure food security of the vulnerable countries. Ukraine is a major producer of wheat and the halt in its exports of the staple food has triggered its shortage.

"I think the Russia-Ukraine situation has generated a certain

amount of food security crisis all over the world and as a responsible nation, India has taken a very and proactive stance to ensure that the food security of the vulnerable countries are addressed in a manner that their needs are addressed," Kwatra said.

Rajasthan clears mining of pink sandstone for Ayodhya temple Additional Chief Secretary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, JUNE 24

THE CONGRESS government in Rajasthan has issued environmental clearances to 37 Letter of Intent holders for restarting mining in Bharatpur district's Bansi Paharpur region, whose pink sandstone will be used to construct the Ayodhya Ram Temple, a state official said Friday.

The Centre had earlier granted in-principle approval for the diversion of 398 hectares of forest land in Bharatpur for mining.

(Mines) Subodh Agarwal said in a statement Friday that the legal mining of pink and red stone has already begun this month in three mines in the region. Agarwal said the state's Environment Impact Assessment Committee had issued clearance to 37 Letter of Intent holders, paving for legal mining of sandstone in Bansi The official said Chief Minister

Paharpur after nearly 26 years. Ashok Gehlot was serious about the "sensitive" issue of supplying stones for the Ram Temple, and added that he had made "tireless efforts" to take Bansi Paharpur, Sukhasila and Kot areas out of the region under Bandh Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary.

Legal mining in the area had stopped from December 1996 after a Supreme Court order prohibiting non-forestry activities without diversion.

The Indian Express had reported that the Rajasthan Mining Department had decided to apply for denotifying 5.56-sq km in Bansi Paharpur on the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change portal as a matter of "highest priority" in October 2020.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, JUNE 24

THE INDIGENOUSLY developed shipborne weapon system, Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SR-SAM), was successfully flight tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy off the coast of Chandipur in Odisha on

been designed to strike at the high-speed airborne targets at the range of 40km to 50km and at an altitude of around 15km. Defence Minister Rajnath

The VL-SRSAM system has



Surface to Air Missile being flight tested, off the coast of Chandipur on Friday. PTI

the Indian Navy on the success of the mission. "Congratulations to DRDO, Indian Navy & the industry for the successful flight test of Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile off the coast of Chandipur, Odisha. This success will further enhance the defence capability of Indian Naval Ships against the aerial threats," he tweeted. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R

Singh congratulated DRDO and

VL-SRSAM missile system successfully test-fired

Hari Kumar and DRDO Chairman Dr G Satheesh Reddy complimented the teams involved in the successful flight test. DRDO officials have said its

design is based on Astra missile which is a Beyond Visual Range

New Delhi

The key DRDO facilities that contributed to the development of the system are Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) and Research Centre Imarat (RCI), both from

Hvderabad, and Research & Development Establishment (Engineers) based in Pune. VL-SRSAM is a canisterised system, which means it is stored and operated from specially designed compartments. In the canister, the inside environment is controlled, thus making its transport and storage easier and improving the shelf life of weapons.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Tight supply at some pumps

Why have petrol and diesel retail outlets in some states been rationing supply this month?

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Study finds potential in using non-humanoid robots for teaching children with autism

ROBOTICS HAS been used as teaching aids for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), but these interventions have often been expensive humanoids. A research paper examines whether non-humanoid robots can act as teaching aids, and whether they can reduce the workload of human special educators.

Experiments by researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Academy for Severe Handicaps and Autism (ASHA), Bengaluru, indicated that non-humanoid toy robots indeed may have significant potential in aiding

special educators in autism education. The paper was presented IEEE at International Conference

on Robotics and Automation in Xi'an, China in 2021. It has now won the IISc's Murthy Govindaraju 'Women in Computer Science' Research Endowment Award for one of its lead authors, Nabanita Paul.

ASD is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain; people with ASD may behave, communi-

cate, interact, and learn in ways that are different from most other people. In the paper, the interventions focused on ASD children's communication and gross motor skills. The paper details three studies: a toy robot called Cozmo assists special edu-

cators in verbal lessons on school premises: a mini drone Tello helps especial educators in exercise lessons, again on school premises; and Cozmo, special educators and ASD children connect remotely for verbal lessons. The 'Talk With Cozmo' sessions (20 children) included storytelling followed by

questions related to the story; 'Exercise With Tello' (55 children) included rudimentary lessons such as raising arms and squatting; and 'Learn With Cozmo Online' (7 children) included various aspects including spelling three-letter words and phonetic learning.

researchers measured and compared learning outcomes with these interventions and without them.

"All three studies showed improvement in learning outcomes and reduction in prompts from the Ses (special educators), denoting reduced workload," the paper said.

"Our results show that children spent more time on lessons in online intervention with Cozmo, suggesting that using robots should also be

considered when designing online interventions. Furthermore, the roles of Cozmo were analysed, and we found children showed increased spontaneous interaction when Cozmo acts as a co-instructor." it said.

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industry sources, on Friday, over 409 petrol pumps were closed due to fuel shortage. which included 225 pumps of HPCL, 132 of IOCL, and 52 of BPCL.

According to

When is the scarcity likely to ease, and under what circumstances?

MIHIR MISHRA NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

FOR MUCH of June, several cities across the country have witnessed petrol pumps rationing supplies or shutting due to non-availability of fuel, leading to concerns about shortages and triggering panic buying among some consumers.

The situation peaked around the middle of the month, and the government intervened by asking pumps to stay open and directing oil marketing companies (OMCs) to ensure the availability of fuel. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas also assured there was enough fuel in the country.

The situation has eased since then, and the fuel availability situation is likely to start returning to normal next month.

Why is there a shortage of fuel?

As global crude prices increased and the value of the rupee fell simultaneously, OMCs such as state-owned IOCL, HPCL, and BPCL, and private companies Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy and Reliance Industries, started to report losses on retail sales.

As the losses mounted, downstream oil companies tried to reduce supply to petrol pump vendors, which resulted in fuel shortage at pumps in multiple states. In a statement issued on June 15, the government acknowledged the problem - and said that shortages had been noticed in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka.

The government blamed the scarcity of fuel on the surge in demand — the increase being as high as 50% in the first half of June 2022 over the corresponding period last year. It also said that the states that were seeing shortages were those in which large quantities were supplied by retail outlets belonging to private marketing companies, and where the distances from supply locations terminals and depots — are larger.

The Centre, however, assured that the production of petrol and diesel in the country "is more than sufficient" to take care of any demand surge

There are about 81,700 retail fuel stations in the country, some 7,200 of which are owned by private companies. Some dealers said the situation at IOCL retail pumps was better than in those owned by other companies -- a situation linked primarily to the downstream retail major accessing cheaper crude. Others, however, claimed that the situation at IOCL pumps was as bad as the others.

According to industry sources, on Friday,

over 409 petrol pumps were closed due to fuel shortage, which included 225 pumps of HPCL, 132 of IOCL, and 52 of BPCL. To put things in perspective, IOCL has the largest

around 20,000 pumps each. Why is the problem more acute in areas where larger numbers of retail outlets are owned by private oil marketing

companies?

network of petrol pumps in the country at

34,000 plus; the other two OMCs have

While prices of petrol and diesel are decontrolled - meaning, theoretically, that their rates are decided by the market — there is an invisible hand of the government in the way rates move. The price of petrol in the past three months in Delhi is a case in point it rose 3.54 per cent in April, fell 8.24 per cent in May on account of the cut in excise duty, and has remained unchanged in June.

Rise in crude prices and the depreciating rupee during the period have led to losses to OMCs. Industry estimates suggest that at current levels, oil companies are losing Rs 25 per litre on diesel and Rs 10 on petrol, when sold through retail outlets. Many private OMCs therefore stopped sales through their retail outlets, leading to shortage

Some public sector oil companies also reduced supply to dealers to cut their losses by discontinuing the fuel on credit offered to pump owners, thus impacting their fuel lift. However, Indian Oil has continued with the

Industry players blame the current situation on the freeze in oil prices. "It is due to the repeated intervention of the Petroleum Ministry in the working of OMCs and the freeze on the petroleum price for more than 150 days due to elections that has resulted in under recoveries," Hemant Sirohi, a member of the Empowering Petroleum Dealers Foundation and the owner of a petrol pump in Meerut, said.

When will the situation ease?

The solution lies in raising retail petrol and diesel prices to ensure oil companies do not lose money, but that may not happen soon. High fuel prices could have a cascading impact on inflation. Oil companies have raised jet fuel prices and rates for bulk purchasers, but that may not offset all their

Industry experts say invoking the Universal Service Obligation (USO) may also not be enough. "Simply invoking USO will not help in availability of the product at retail outlets, since private companies have increased prices at their outlets. It will be interesting to see how BPCL/ HPCL proceed during the weekly holidays, since in the past supplies without advance payments were not released leading to a dry-out situation across states," a dealer said. The situation may start to ease from next month, as the monsoon reduces fuel requirement for sectors like agriculture.

BPCL shut half the crude processing capacity at 240,000 barrels per day (bpd) at its refinery in Mumbai from June 10 for routine maintenance. This, however, is unlikely to impact fuel availability significantly, as these maintenance runs are planned and any shortages are made up by other refiners.

An email sent to the Petroleum Ministry, and gueries sent to IOCL, HPCL, and BPCL did not get a response until press time.

How much crude is India buying from Russia?

The Petroleum Ministry said last month that "energy purchases from Russia remain minuscule in comparison to India's total consumption". While Iraq remained the top supplier to India in May, Russia rose to second place, pushing Saudi Arabia down to third that month.

India has taken advantage of discounted prices offered by Moscow to ramp up crude imports from Russia at a time of surging global energy prices. Russian imports have jumped by over 50 times since April, and now make up 10 per cent of all crude bought overseas, a PTI report said on Thursday, quoting a senior government official. Prior to the Ukraine war, Russian oil was just 0.2 per cent of India's oil imports.

As much as 40 per cent of the Russian oil has been bought by private Indian refiners Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy

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ECO-SENSITIVE ZONES: WHY KERALA FARMERS ARE PROTESTING AN SCORDER

FARMERS IN parts of Kerala have been protesting against the Supreme Court's recent order to establish 1-km Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) around all protected areas, wildlife sanctuaries and national parks. Farmers fear losing their livelihood, and their protests have found support from the state government, opposition parties and the Catholic Church. This week, the Centre said it would hold discussions with the Kerala government and file an affidavit in the Supreme Court.

Purpose of ESZs

As per the National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-16) of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, land within 10 km of the boundaries of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is to be notified as eco-fragile zones or ESZs. Areas beyond 10 km can also be notified as ESZs, if they hold larger ecologically important "sensitive corridors". According to guidelines issued on February 9, 2011, ESZs are created as "shock absorbers" for protected areas, to minimise the negative impact on the "fragile ecosystems" by human activities taking place nearby. At the same time, the guidelines state that the ESZs are not meant to hamper the

daily activities of people living in the vicinity. The activities prohibited include commercial mining, saw mills, commercial use of wood etc; permitted activities include ongoing agricultural or horticultural practices, rainwater harvesting, and organic farming.

Judgment & protests

On June 3, ruling on a PIL that sought to protect forest land, the Supreme Court referring to the 2011 guidelines and directed all states to have a mandatory 1-km ESZ from the demarcated boundaries of every protected forest land, national park and wildlife sanctuary, Live Law reported. If the existing ESZ goes beyond 1 km or if any statutory instrument prescribes a higher limit, the extended boundary shall prevail, the court said.

This led to protests across high ranges of Kerala, with farmer groups and political parties demanding that human settlements be exempt from the ruling. Kerala Independent Farmers' Association (KIFA) has claimed that the ruling would severely impact the livelihoods of farmers. The ruling LDF and the opposition UDF have called for strikes in Idukki and Wayanad districts to oppose the judgment.

RAGHU MALHOTRA



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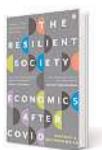
Prescription for post-Covid world: resilience

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"THE COVID-19 pandemic has worked like an X-ray machine, revealing the hidden challenges under the surface of many societies," Markus K Brunnermeier says in the introduction to his book. Indeed, the pandemic has hit every country — the adverse health impact was just the starting point; the virus ended up dis-

Complex supply chains built and refined over decades had to be abruptly shut down or broken to prevent or slow the infection's spread. Jobs and livelihoods were lost, inequalities of all kinds widened, governments were pushed to pile on millions of dollars of debt to extend relief, and central banks had to resort to every possible way to stimulate the economy even as health systems collapsed and

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countries and societies turned more insular and protectionist.

The Covid-19 shock pushed back most countries by several years, possibly decades. And just as it appeared that the world was starting to break free from the seemingly unending cycles of lockdowns, Russia invaded Ukraine unleashing consequences that reverberated around the world — from costlier fuel prices to scarcity of food items to dramatically heightened geopolitical tensions.

Within just a couple of years, the world economy has swung from trying to avoid a prolonged deflation to desperately fighting inflation. The post-Cold War consensus around globalisation, already under strain from the time of the global financial crisis of 2008-09, has now developed into a militant desire to reduce dependence on other countries.

Was the world prepared to survive these shocks in 2020? Is it prepared in 2022? More importantly, will it be prepared in the future?

In The Resilient Society, Princeton University economist Brunnermeier details the global economic fallout of the Covid disruption. Many of the book's key insights are distilled from a Princeton webinar series called Markus Academy, which featured influential economists, including more than a dozen Nobel laureates.

In the end, for the author, the touchstone for any society, economy, or indeed the world is "resilience", or the ability to rebound. It is resilience that sets the reed apart from the robust oak, which has the ability to resist. "I bend but do not break" — that is the essence of resilience.

After explaining the concept and how societies could be redesigned to become resilient in part 1 of the book, Brunnermeier uses Covid to explain the core elements of resilience management in part 2. In parts 3 and 4, he looks at macroeconomic and global challenges that

The book was released last year, but the Ukraine crisis shows, even though the world has moved to the next shock, Brunnermeier was spot on in underscoring the need to be resilient. The main lesson for societies is to give up the "just in time" production approach that accords primacy to efficiency, and instead move towards a "just in case" approach that allows for safety buffers.

Hunt for Alzheimer's breakthrough continues, drug fails in clinical trials

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AN EXPERIMENTAL Alzheimer's drug aimed at slowing or preventing cognitive decline in people at risk of developing the disease early has failed in clinical trials, landing a blow to efforts aimed at finding a trailblazing treatment to the disease.

What is Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's is a degenerative brain disorder that slowly robs people of their memory and thinking abilities. Worldwide, it is the most common form of dementia or loss of cognitive functioning, contributing 60%-70% cases, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Progressive and irreversible, it usually begins with mild memory loss, and as symptoms grow severe, patients lose the ability to perform even simple tasks.

"Pathology of the disease is deposition of an abnormal protein called beta-amyloid in the brain... The disease starts much before the symptoms show up. The symptoms may come at a certain age, but the pathology changes almost a decade earlier," said Dr Manjari Tripathi, professor of neurology at AIIMS, New Delhi.

What was the latest trial that failed?

The decade-long effort used crenezumab, a drug designed to block beta-amyloid, and involved people with a specific genetic mutation that leads to the early onset of Alzheimer's at an age around their mid-40s. The trial was backed by drugmaker Roche, the US National Institute on Aging and the Arizona-based nonprofit Banner Alzheimer's Foundation. It targeted the less-prevalent autosomal-dominant Alzheimer's disease

In 2019, Roche had stopped crenezumab phase 3 trials for sporadic Alzheimer's, which accounts for over 90% cases, after results fell short of expectations.

Roche announced last week that the results for its latest trial too were disappointing

and did not show "significant clinical benefits". ADAD and sporadic AD, according to researchers, have similar neuropathological and

Why is the failure seen as a major

A drug to prevent and treat Alzheimer's has been elusive for years. According to the WHO, dementia is currently the seventh leading cause of death among all diseases and one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people.

In 2020, there were 121 unique therapies being tested in 136 trials to find a cure for AD, according to research published in the journal of the Alzheimer's Association (of the US). This drug development pipeline, scooped from a review of the US FDA's clinical trials registry, looks impressive - until juxtaposed with another statistic.

Prior to this, a similar review of the AD drugs pipeline by researchers had looked at 244 compounds in 413 clinical trials between 2002 and 2012, and found a staggering 99.6% failure rate - against 81% for cancer. By the time a drug pipeline review was published in 2020, no drug had made it past the finish line.

In 2021, however, the USFDA approved Biogen's beta-amyloid targeting drug aduhelm, making it the first new Alzheimer's drug to receive approval in the US in almost 20 years. But the fast-track approval was followed by a fierce debate among scientists over its trial data.

While that controversy continues to rage, crenezumab's failure has called into question the very approach of relying too much on neutralising beta-amyloid to fight the disease, the approach of most Alzheimer's studies. 'You cannot say that just hitting beta-

amyloid is going to take care of everything... You cannot hit such a complex disease with just one stone," Dr Tripathi said. The latest drug pipeline review published

in May this year says there were 143 agents in 172 clinical trials for AD as on January 25,

What else does the search involve?

Another approach targets, instead of the toxic beta-amyloid plaque, the tau protein that misfolds and deposits in brain cells in the form of twisted fibres called neurofibrillary tangles. But drugs targeting these proteins individually - the 'one drug, one target' model have not achieved a breakthrough yet.

Some scientists are also focusing on a drug strategy that targets multiple enzymes and pathways that contribute to the progress of

Another approach is aimed at modifiable lifestyle factors to slow cognitive decline. This is the basis of the World-Wide FINGERS study, which expanded out of encouraging results of the two-year FINGERS (Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability) randomised clinical trial. The study showed a 40% improvement in memory function, and 25% in overall cognition in the 1,260 participants aged 60-77 years.

Dr Tripathi said: "Genetics and aging are non-modifiable, irreversible factors in Alzheimer's. Genetics is a loaded gun, the trig-

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ger for which are the modifiable factors. The strongest modifiable factors linked to the disease are hypertension, diabetes, smoking, alcohol consumption, and sedentary lifestyle."

What is the India scenario?

In India, only 1 in 10 people with dementia receive any diagnosis, treatment or care for the disease, according to the World Alzheimer's Report, 2021. Lack of awareness is a major problem. "Most of our population accepts it as normal aging, which is incorrect. Only when it reaches an unmanageable stage - like when patients start wetting their clothes and are not aware of it, is when medical help is sought. Unfortunately, most patients come to us very late," Dr Tripathi said.

An increasing prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, and obesity is expected to drive up the incidence of dementia in India in the coming decades. According to the Global Burden of Disease study in The Lancet this year, India could see a 197% jump in dementia, including Alzheimer's, from 3.84 million cases in 2019 to 11.44 million cases by 2050.

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THE GUNS AND THE BOMBS, THE ROCKETS AND THE WARSHIPS, ARE ALL SYMBOLS OF HUMAN FAILURE.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

LET THERE BE DATA

New consumer expenditure survey is long overdue. Government should move to doing surveys on a more regular basis

HE NARENDRA MODI government is set to launch a new household consumer expenditure survey (CES) from July. The exercise is welcome — in fact, long overdue. The CES, covering some 1.2 lakh rural and 84,000 urban households, is supposed to be conducted every five years. The last two such nationwide sample surveys were carried out in 2011-12 and 2017-18. Unfortunately, the results of the 2017-18 survey were not released on grounds of unexplained "data quality issues". Effectively, it means there is no official data after 2011-12 for estimating poverty lines and ratios, based on consumption spending below a certain level and the percentage of households falling within that deprivation threshold. Many would rightly argue that high growth rates and government welfare programmes have little meaning, especially in a country like India, if these do not result in reducing poverty. Without data, it's difficult to gauge whether this is happening at all, leave alone at an accelerated pace.

The current data vacuum is in contrast to 2011-2, when there was a surfeit of information from the decennial Census and the Rural Development Ministry's Socio Economic and Caste Census. The latter data was, in fact, key to the identification of beneficiaries under the Modi government's own successful schemes — be it rural housing and toilets or providing free LPG and electricity connections. Data-driven policy-making is vital to other areas as well: For instance, is consumption of foods rich in proteins (milk, pulses, eggs and meat) and micro-nutrients (fruits and vegetables) growing at the same rate as in the previous decade? Only the CES can give satisfactory answers to this question, which also matters for making future demand projections, crop planning and dietary diversification interventions. With Covid's shadow falling behind, the next one-and-a-half years or so should hopefully yield a wealth of information from both the CES and the Census to guide policymakers and researchers, currently reliant on private data providers such as the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) and NielsenIQ.

While the CES's launch is timely, the government should move to doing surveys on a more regular basis. The existing quinquennial framework and waiting for "normal" years makes no sense. Such years have become increasingly rare in India, where the recent period has seen disruptions owing to demonetisation, GST, Covid and the Ukraine war-induced commodity price shock. Since government decision-making has to be dynamic and responsive to changing ground situations, the data has to keep flowing. If a CMIE can survey over 2,36,000 households thrice every year, there is no reason why the National Statistical Office cannot do a CES, which is based on a more comprehensive questionnaire, at least annually, even with a smaller sample size.

NO SILVER BULLET

Bipartisan support for gun control legislation is a historic moment in US politics. But the issue remains a divisive one

HE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT in the US Senate for the passage of the most significant gun control legislation in three decades is historic by any measure. As many as 15 Republican senators voted to override the filibuster and pass the law in the 100-member Senate. The bill is likely to sail through Congress, where the Democrats currently have a majority. Just a month after 19 students and two teachers were killed in a shooting in Uvalde, Texas, the law provides for stricter background and mental health checks and encourages states to prevent people considered as threats from possessing firearms. Given how polarising an issue the right to bear arms is in the US, the law represents a win for the Biden Administration. Yet, on the same day as the deadlock was overcome in the Senate, a verdict by the US Supreme Court and political responses to the law show that the issue is far from being laid to rest.

By a majority of 6-3, the Supreme Court struck down New York's "proper cause" requirement. Proper cause rules limit who can carry a gun in public spaces — in essence, to obtain a licence, one must demonstrate an actual need of a gun for self-defence. Versions of "proper cause", in fact, are part of gun laws in many countries, including India. The court's decision was split along political lines, with liberal judges forming the minority, dissenting opinion and conservatives upholding the absolute right to bear arms. On the other hand, the bill passed by the Senate is being called out as weak by many Democrats for failing to ban assault rifles and other military-grade weapons. That many on the right are still wary of being seen as "anti-Second Amendment" is illustrated by the fact that of the 15 Republicans that voted for the law, only three are up for re-election in November.

One of Joe Biden's assets, when he was a presidential candidate, was his record of having built bipartisan consensus in his long years as a senior legislator. The passage of the gun control law will certainly strengthen that reputation. Yet, the debate around the unqualified right to bear arms has once again underlined the divides in the US political system, including in the judiciary. Over three-fourths of all homicides in the US are a result of gun violence. The public outcry after Uvalde may have forced some concessions and compromise from the Republicans. But whether this is a political success that can be built on will likely be guided by the results of the mid-term elections, more than the compelling imperative of public safety.

THE NEW WORKPLACE

Co-working manifesto places the interest of workers at the heart of the enterprise, provides them a space they are in control of

HE WEST BENGAL Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (HIDCO) has introduced Happy Works, a co-working space in Kolkata's growing commercial hub, New Town. At affordable rates of Rs 30 for 90 minutes and Rs 20 for each additional hour thereafter, these seven-days-a-week 9am-to-8pm work-pod clusters are witnessing a surge in the number of working mothers, young entrepreneurs and freelance workers looking to nurture a professional space distinct from the blurriness of working from home, steep-on-the-pocket office rentals or the HR-controlled regimes of traditional workspaces.

While co-working spaces in urban metropolises are no novelty, these are mostly private sector initiatives looking to break the ennui of standard office experiences. They often come at a restrictive cost, limiting the experience to those who can afford it rather than those who may be in need of it. HIDCO's venture indicates both a welcome change in the state government's attitude to commerce and an acknowledgement that, in the post-Covid era, the future of work includes flexibility, especially when the workers are juggling many roles.

The co-working manifesto is built on the premise of sustainability. It places the interest of the worker at the heart of the enterprise — an idea increasingly lost on corporations chasing profits. In unshackling workers from their many roles — primary caregiver, family breadwinner or young entrepreneur-in-need-of-a-breakthrough — it provides them with a space they are in control of. In much the same way as a city allows people a chance to reimagine their identities without the cloying intimacy of familiar spaces, these co-working spaces let users choose their degrees of interaction with other occupants while working at their own pace. The result can be greater productivity, unlikely collaborations and a spontaneous sense of community. Democratising these spaces through affordable pricing is, therefore, a pragmatic step towards a happy, healthy and more inclusive workforce.

Old Sena vs new Sena



At the root of Eknath Shinde's rebellion lies the weakening of the idea of Shiv Sena

SANJAY PATIL

WITH EACH PASSING day, Shiv Sena leader and cabinet minister Eknath Shinde's rebellion, with a large number of MLAs from Maharashtra's ruling party, seems to be growing in magnitude. What seemed like an internal skirmish at first has now become high-voltage political drama, pointing towards a deep-rooted crisis in the state government led by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), and more significantly in the internal working of the Shiv Sena.

The crisis is neither a complete surprise nor a recent phenomenon in the Shiv Sena. It is an outcome of some of the key challenges that the party has been facing over the last decade in general and during its tenure as part of the MVA in particular. I want to look at three such key challenges here: The fizzling out of the "idea of Sena", BJP's aggressive attempts to reclaim power in the state, and the disagreements between the alliance partners in the MVA.

When Uddhav Thackeray took over the reins of the Shiv Sena during the 1990s, he brought about a substantial transformation in the party's working. Despite being Bal Thackeray's son and heir, Uddhav's style of leadership is distinctly different from his late father's. A large part of the success the Shiv Sena got as a movement and party in the initial years stemmed from Bal Thackeray's charismatic leadership, his aggressive stance and his emphasis on actionism. Uddhav's ways were more systematic and moderate and, unlike Bal Thackeray, he did not manage to project himself as a mass leader.

The very idea of the Sena, which relied heavily on violence, street politics and espousal of aggressive nativism and Hindutva through the party's grassroot network of shakhas began fizzling out with Uddhav stepping in. Old Shiv Sainiks, who were trained to do things on the ground rather than think and deliberate, struggled to find relevance in the Sena's changing avatar. The conflict between the old and new Sena that stems from this confrontation of ideas, ideologies and leadership traits only grew with time. It became a key reason for the likes of Shinde to publicly express their discontent with the party they once identified with.

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The induction of Aaditya Thackeray and the young and elite men and women who entered with him ruffled some old feathers and underlined the sentiment that the Sena was changing. Sena's internal demography has changed substantially since then as Englishspeaking, affluent people gain prominence in day-to-day decision-making, as opposed to the ordinary Sainiks working at the shakha level in Mumbai and elsewhere. This has two ramifications. One, senior leaders find their position weakened within the organisation and two, at the grassroots, with the decreasing autonomy and power to shakhas, local networks of brokerage and patronage are affected, causing distress among party workers. Even as Aaditya attempted to put governance first while tackling fundamental issues of health, education and environment, his failure to convey his ideas at the grassroots seems to have led to a further disconnect between the old and new Sena.

The Sena's decision to become a part of the MVA government in 2019, parting ways with saffron partner BJP, created further resentment among its senior leaders. Even with Uddhav Thackeray at the helm as chief minister, there has been growing anger among Sena leaders as they allege that the NCP and the Congress got a larger share of the pie. There was a feeling that power-sharing was unfair, with the NCP getting to keep some of the prominent portfolios such as Home and Finance. Eknath Shinde, in particular, faced a big blow after Uddhav Thackeray decided to take up the chief ministerial role while retaining his post as Sena Pramukh, thus closing all doors for Shinde's further elevation within the party and government.

Uddhav's elevation as CM also made him even more inaccessible for Sena leaders and grassroot Shiv Sainiks, mainly because he was engaged in handling the catastrophic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic for a substantial period of his tenure. The disconnect has been particularly felt by leaders from rural and mofussil areas of Maharashtra who now claim that they were supported by Shinde as they could not reach the Thackerays when they needed them most. Shinde seems to have systematically tapped into this anxiety and

strengthened his own support base by combining street politics and optics. His espousal of late Anand Dighe, a popular Sena leader from Thane and the recent release of *Dharmaveer*, a film that glorifies the life and politics of Dighe, seem like conscious attempts to create this narrative of old vs new Sena. His rebellion seems to be an attempt to challenge the dominance of the Thackeray brand and appropriate the symbols of Shiv Sena, with the BJP's strong support.

In the last two years, the BJP has made conscious attempts to tap into the insecurities of Sena leaders and aid its aggressive attempts to reclaim power in Maharashtra, Like in many other parts of the country, its alleged use of central agencies to further this agenda seems to play a key role even in the case of the recent Sena rebellion. Among those who have joined the rebel camp are Pratap Sarnaik, who was recently under the ED scanner in connection with a money laundering case and Yamini Jadhav, the wife of Yashwant Jadhav, former Sena corporator and four-time chairman of the Standing Committee of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, who was summoned by the ED earlier this year in a Foreign Exchange Management Act violation case. Even as most MLAs claim that they want the Sena to go with the BJP because of the Hindutva factor, the security that comes along with such a deal seems to be a key determinant in their decision to join the Shinde fold.

Very soon, we will know whether Shinde's rebellion is powerful enough to topple the government and snatch power from the Uddhav-led Sena. For now, it is crucial to see whether the Sena can revive its very idea and ideology and garner support from its grassroot Sainiks to keep itself relevant in the state's political canvas. The scenes outside Matoshree when Uddhav Thackeray moved his base there from his official residence on Wednesday, sent a clear message: Whether the government stays in power or not, the idea of the Sena is too strong to be uprooted overnight.

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Notes From A Binge-Watcher

As 'Suzhal' shows, web series are designed more to hook viewers, less to tell stories

Rajesh Rajamani

FILMMAKER DUO PUSHKAR-GAYATHRI'S Tamil web series *Suzhal: The Vortex* was released recently on Prime Video. The problem with this small-town crime thriller is that all its ideas, characterisation, plot points and drama seem like the bullet points on a series pitch PPT. They are not fleshed out enough to make for an engaging series. Yet, I found myself binge-watching the show to witness how it unravels. This made me wonder about how web series are constructed and designed for consumption.

Suzhal: The Vortex has good actors, but it never really extracts great performances from them. It is set in an interesting mountain terrain, but it hardly exploits the location to add drama to its narrative. The nine-day-long Mayana Kollai, the local temple festival, offers interesting visual imagery, but its use as a metaphor gets repetitive after a point. Dramatic points are continuously thrown at us but the characters behave the same way as before and after, as if they have absolutely no stake in the story.

Yet, the series kept me hooked for its entire running time. Even when I was sure that it was lacking heavily in several departments, I couldn't help wanting to know what happened next. After a few episodes, to escape the tediousness of the narrative, I decided to run the series at 2X or 3X speed just to find out who has done it in this whodunit.

Unlike feature films that attempt to tell a story within 90-150 minutes, each season of a web series is forced to keep you engaged for

hours or even more. And OTT platforms are clear that they want their audience to bingewatch, for they fear that the viewer who logs out after an episode or two might not return to the series again. So the only way to make sure the viewer watches an entire season is to make it binge-worthy.

This is unlike how series were consumed

8-10 episodes that cumulatively last for 6-8

This is unlike how series were consumed a decade or so earlier on television. Most series then released one episode per week. The episodes would leave you at a cliffhanger moment but only to make sure you return to watch the next week as well. This weekly viewing format didn't allow for binge-watching unless the whole of an already finished series was made available online. Binge-watching was usually the resort of those who were in some form of pain. When they were grieving the loss of a loved one or nursing a broken heart or when they had to insulate themselves from any other devastating event, binge-watching served as a potent distraction. But today, binge-watching has become the norm

come the norm.

However, the average viewer can't watch anything for eight hours without feeling very fatigued. The job of a web series then becomes about fighting this mental and physical fatigue of the audience and keeping them hooked rather than fully engaged. So it is not surprising that in 2017, Netflix chairman and CEO Reed Hastings declared that the streamer's biggest competitor was, in fact, sleep. "You get a show or a movie you're really dying to watch,

and you end up staying up late at night, so we actually compete with sleep," Hastings said. "And we're winning."

This is what *Suzhal: The Vortex* succeeds in. Even though you are never truly engaged with its narrative, it compensates by adding several twists and turns to keep you curious. By deliberately misleading you and changing the narrative goal post, it keeps you hooked, even if some of these come across as contrived.

This seems to be the very nature of how web series are formulated today. A disproportionate amount of effort is put into keeping the viewer hooked, rather than being invested in good storytelling. As a result, even when viewers feel cheated and exhausted, they crave for more. It's almost as if watching a series is an unhealthy addiction that can only offer a momentary high and not a fulfilling experience.

This is in contrast to how the feature film format is able to make the audience feel, think or even reflect on various issues, apart from entertaining them. Feature films have, of course, had a much longer history and have taken plenty of time to evolve to their current form. And it is quite possible that web series, too, might break away from their current addictive techniques and move on to better storytelling methods. Until then, however, watching a series will resemble a heavy drinking session that can be fun while it lasts but is sure to give a bad hangover the next morning.

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THE BHAJAN LAL Government established its majority on the floor of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha when the Congress-I nominees, Tara Singh and Ved Pal, were elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, on the first day of its session. The Government won in the double trial of strength by 48 votes to 40. The Pro-tem Speaker, Ishwar Singh, a Congress-I member who conducted the Speaker's election, did not cast his vote. A similar neutrality was observed by Tara Singh who had occupied the Speaker's chair when the election of deputy speaker was held.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

A TEXTILE MILL worker, Digambar Ramachandra Kumthekar, 23, tried to shoot the Chief Minister, Babasaheb Bhosale, at Dadar in the heart of Bombay but did not succeed in his bid as his country-made pistol failed to go off. The police security staff immediately overpowered him and seized his weapon which was hidden in a polythene bag. Briefing newsmen at the Mantralaya, Shrikant Jichkar, Minister of State for Home said the accused had been on strike but had resumed work on May 3. The worker has told the police that he has no links with any union.

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THE ISRAELI INVASION

ISRAELI TANK COLUMNS overran a major Syrian strong-point on the Beirut-Damascus highway in Lebanon's central mountains and cut off Syrian garrisons dug in east of the beleaguered Lebanese capital, Lebanese state television reported. Israeli fighter-bombers teamed with naval gunboats in a day-long bombardment of Palestinian guerrilla fortifications on west Beirut's sea-front boulevard near the just-evacuated American and British embassies and around the paralysed Beirut airport. The police said at least 17 persons were killed and 39 wounded.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

Powering our future

To weather the new electric era that could be dotted with territorial wars and national security concerns, India would do well to preempt shortages. We need to be more self-reliant, build in-house energy sources



OPENING ARGUMENT

By Menaka Guruswamy

THE COLD REALITY of modern life is that more than love, crude oil makes the world go round. Crude is the raw natural resource extracted from the earth, subsequently refined into widely used products like petroleum, jet fuel and heating oils. The price of crude impacts the cost of essential goods like food and clothing - since every good that we access daily has been transported long distances.

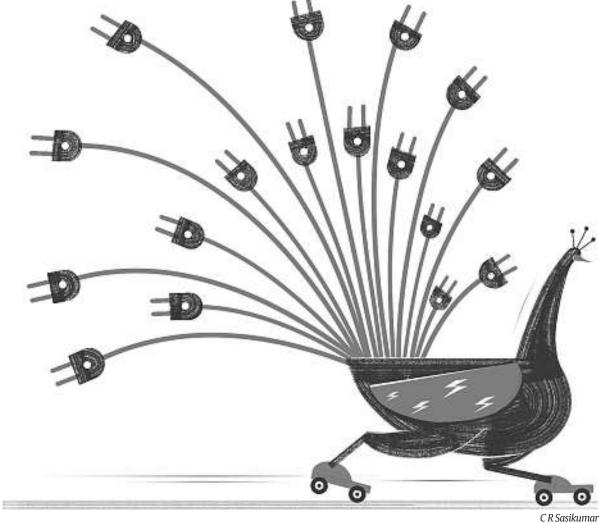
A significant fallout of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been the rising cost of petroleum. Russia is the world's largest exporter of oil products to global markets, and the second largest exporter of crude oil behind Saudi Arabia. About 60 per cent of Russia's oil exports go to Europe and another 20 per cent to China.

In response to the invasion, Western countries, including the United States and Europe, have imposed an array of sanctions against Russia. Europe and the United States have seen the price of oil steadily rise after they reduced their purchases from Russia. Today, gasoline costs a historic high of almost \$5 a gallon in the US, up almost 50 per cent since last year. President Joe Biden has been forced to consider a gas tax holiday in light of the rising discontent amongst the American public, even though taxes constitute about a third of the price of gas.

India on the other hand has chosen a different route. We are the third-largest importer and consumer of oil in the world and have increased our purchase of Russian oil to cope with rising oil prices elsewhere. This week the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times both reported on India emerging as a major buyer of Russian oil. According to the Wall Street Journal, India has increased imports of Russian crude more than 25-fold since the start of the invasion on February 24, 2022. As of June 1, 2022, India is importing an average of a million barrels a day. We are also refining crude oil or turning it into products like jet fuel and diesel and selling it to Europe and other nations. Importing Russian crude also helps us curb inflation that has been made worse by rising fuel prices. Procuring discounted Russian oil is an effort by the government to bring down prices and halt the decline in the value of the Indian rupee which has now crossed Rs 78 to the dollar – up from an average of Rs 73.93 last year.

India's behaviour is governed by our best interest, which is the most important element of any astute foreign and economic policy. We have historically imported oil and crude from Iran, Iraq and Russia, countries that have been precariously placed either due to war and/or sanctions.

For now, Russia has been able to take the sting out of the sanctions by selling crude, oil and coal at reasonable prices in greater volumes to newer bulk buyers like India, to combat Europe trying to wean it-



self off Russian crude. In May, China's imports of Russian oil rose 28 per cent. While Europe's Russian crude purchases fell by 5,54,000 barrels a day, Asia's consumption rose by 5,03,000 barrels. Hence Russia has not suffered a significant loss in terms of crude oil sales.

At present, the European Union has imposed a partial embargo on the purchase and import of Russian oil. However, the West plans to introduce more comprehensive sanctions. The sanctions announced include a ban on seaborne import of Russian crude oil by December 5, 2022, and a ban on petroleum product imports as of February 5, 2023. The European Union has also announced a ban against insuring ships carrying Russian oil, to commence this December, Countries like India, China and Turkey that are increasing their oil purchases from Russia have six months to find a work-around to the insurance ban by using non-European insurance companies. As the Wall Street Journal reports, European companies own most of the ships carrying Russian oil to India. These insurance sanctions will impact the companies that own these ships as well. It remains to be seen what impact all of this will have on both the global economy in general and the Russian economy in particular.

While we await the full impact of the sanctions on Russian crude, one must consider the changed global realpolitik. China has risen as a superpower, while the two Cold War powerhouses, Russia and the United States, have been dramatically altered. Some might say they are in decline.

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Importing Russian crude

rising fuel prices.

also helps us curb inflation

that has been made worse by

The United States faces deep social divisions within the country and may be entering a recession. While Russia has been able to absorb the impact of these sanctions for now, it is unclear how it will weather the full force of the response package planned by the West.

However, this ability to buy cheap Russian crude may only be a temporary solution to our long-term fuel needs. Apart from geopolitical changes in the world indicating the rise of China, there is a major change: Electric vehicles and electric batteries substituting for non-renewable resources like petroleum and diesel.

As I have written in a previous column ('Driving a new world order', IE, October 31, 2021), there is a concentration of battery factories /suppliers in China and South Korea. We may have been able to buy cheaper crude from Russia and tide through this "crude storm". India cannot afford to be dependent on an unhindered supply of electric batteries from China, given geopolitical considerations and border disputes between the two nations. To weather the new electric era that will no doubt be dotted with territorial wars and national security concerns, India would do well to preempt shortages in the arena – by putting in place factories which will build the electric batteries that will power our futures. What the invasion of Ukraine has taught us is that we need to be more selfreliant and have in-house energy sources.

> The writer is a Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India

New rules for a new game

"Constantly increasing fuel prices have a direct effect on the cost of essentials. The current global crisis may be part of the problem, but the major reason is the pitiful state of our foreign exchange reserves and the rife unemployment caused

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

by a callous handling of the Nepalese economy."

We need a structured gaming law that allows players to enjoy the thrills of online gaming responsibly, safely, transparently



SAMEER BARDE

ONLINE GAMING HAS swiftly emerged as the most engaging form of entertainment in India owing to younger demographics, increased internet penetration, and affordable smartphones. Evolving technologies resulting in immersive experiences have led more people to adopt this new form of entertainment instead of the passive ones.

The popularity of online gaming including e-sports, online casual games and real money gaming can be gauged readily with the industry growing at a rate of about 35 per cent in 2019-20, outpacing OTT, television, and social media platforms. Propelled by the mobile-first phenomenon and around 420 million gamers already active, online gaming is disrupting conventional forms of entertainment.

Like any social change and most new technologies, the industry has been functioning under the weight of societal ramifications and perceptual ambiguity - online real money gaming is often confused with gambling. Whilst games of skill (fantasy chess, bridge, rummy, and poker) are legal and protected under the Constitution, games of chance (roulette, teen patti, and dice) are essentially about gambling and hence deemedillegal.

As per the Indian Constitution, gambling is classified under the State List. States have the power to regulate or prohibit such activity. Failing to distinguish between online skill-based gaming and gambling, some states have either placed restrictions or buried the sunrise sector under regulatory

This is unfortunate given that "games of skill" are legitimate business activities protected under Article 19(1)(g) of the Indian Constitution as per the rulings of the Supreme Court and several High Courts till date. These rulings have also emphasised a clear distinction between "games of skill" and "games of chance."

Last year, the Tamil Nadu government amended the Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws, 1930 banning online games. The ordinance banned all forms of online gaming and stated that "games of mere skill if played for wager, bet, money or other stakes" cannot be allowed in the state. The Madras High Court, however, struck down the law in August 2021 observing that a complete ban was unconstitutional. The Court also acknowledged that a game involving substantial skill would not amount to gambling. It also protected online gaming and the nuances surrounding it, thus, clearing the ambiguity between gaming and gambling as well as the legal status of online skill games in India.

The government recently constituted a four-member committee to examine issues related to online gaming and make recommendations for the promulgation of an ordinance to regulate the sector. Constituted against the backdrop of reports on unfortunate instances of people indulging in irresponsible gaming, the committee will examine the ways to identify the online games which are addictive and suggest whether these games really involve skills or mere tricks. It will also study the algorithms of online games to ascertain whether they can be tweaked to the benefit of online gaming companies

This initiative is certainly a welcome one and demonstrates the government's progressive intent to protect the interests of the players. However, to really protect players, the regulatory muddle needs a comprehensive review. The way forward is to formulate a structured gaming law that allows players to enjoy the thrills of online gaming responsibly, safely, transparently and securely.

For the players, the industry and government, the need of the hour is to acknowledge the significance of responsible gaming and develop a regulatory framework defined by progressive policies to monitor and mitigate the possibility of irresponsible gaming. Attempts to solve the potential issues with bans will only result in players migrating from legitimate online skill-based operators to fly-by-night operators and lead to uncontrolled illegal activities, inadvertently compounding the problem the government is seeking to address.

Regulation and responsible gaming will provide players with a secure and trustworthy environment. Combining responsible gaming elements with effective policies and recommendation services would aid in defining a strategy centred on ensuring player protection and increasing stakeholders' awareness and education. While keeping responsible gaming and self-regulation at its core, EGF has already designed and implemented our own code of conduct that requires operators to have features like KYC, SSL level encryption, risk-flagging mechanisms, daily and monthly restrictions, selfexclusion, and so on, to provide a secure user with an experience that cultivates healthy gaming habits and encourages appropriate gaming behaviour.

Globally, gaming is a well-regulated industry, and many countries, including the UK, US, and EU, have regulations in place to ensure that players enjoy this form of entertainment responsibly. Studying these global best practices would help in creating a gaming law that protects players, encourages responsible gaming, and assists legitimate operators while weeding out those who break the law.

The online gaming industry is committed to providing expertise and cooperation to the government in developing an effective regulatory framework for the sector. In view of this, a dialogue between the government and the industry is urgently needed to discuss the ground realities such as how the industry operates, available safety measures, and how it can be enhanced to develop a standard system that will establish a regulated industry while encouraging responsi-

The writer is CEO, E-Gaming Federation



Don't cry for Agniveers

They will be helped to start next phase of their lives. They won't be left in lurch

Bhupender Yadav

IN JULY, THE armed forces will begin the allimportant task of recruiting India's Agniveers, who have been envisaged as the backbone of our combat units. We, however, live in times where the nature of combat has transformed beyond recognition. The nation faces threats not just from land, water and the sky but also from cybertech, the internet of military things and artificial intelligence. There is, therefore, a need for a better equipped and more prepared military.

To that end, one of the purposes of the Agnipath Yojana is to lower the median age of our personnel. The need for it was felt after the 1962 war with China. Decades later, the Kargil Review Committee also highlighted the same. The issue, however, remained unaddressed until a reform-oriented and reform-committed government assumed office.

In the Indian Army today, only 19 per cent of the personnel are below 25 years of age and a whopping 19 per cent are in the age group of 36-40. Since both China and Pakistan have mountainous terrain, units with a lower age profile will perform better in such areas.

The scheme aims to enrol Agniveers, between the ages of 17.5 years and 23 years, for four years. After the completion of these four years, 25 per cent of them will be retained or re-enlisted in the regular cadre while the remaining 75 per cent will be demobilised with an exit package of nearly Rs

It is agonising to notice that the

Opposition wants to spread misinformation about a scheme aimed at increasing India's defence preparedness. In the backdrop of this concerted effort to oppose for the sake of opposing, it is important to clear the air.

On June 14, when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced the scheme, he added that a lot of announcements with regards to the Agnipath Yojana would follow in the days ahead. But the Opposition fuelled

Meanwhile, the Centre and many BJPruled states have announced schemes that will address the concerns of our youth aspiring to join the forces. The government will also help the disbanded Agniveers to start the next phase with bank loans, which will be extended to them on priority. A proposal to reserve 10 per cent of the job vacancies in the Union Ministry of Defence for Agniveers meeting the eligibility criterion has also been approved. This reservation will be implemented in the Indian Coast Guard, defence civilian posts and all 16 Defence Public Sector Undertakings. This is in addition to the existing reservation for ex-servicemen. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also announced schemes to ensure that the Agniveers get opportunities to remain in the nation's service beyond the four years they serve under the Agnipath Scheme. It has announced a 10 per cent reservation as well as an upper age limit relaxation for Agniveers for recruitment in the Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles. The upper age limit for the CAPFs —

Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), and the National Security Guard (NSG), Special Protection Group (SPG) — will be 26 years. The first batch of Agniveers will avail relaxation of five years beyond the upper age limit of 23 - in other words, this limit would be 28 years for them. This has been done to factor in the two years lost by the youth when recruitments were stopped due to the Covid pandemic.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has announced six service avenues for a smooth transition of the Agniveers in various roles of the Merchant Navy after their stint in the Indian Navy.

The concerns being raised over young men being left jobless and education-less are also unfounded because the National Institute of Open Schooling has announced it will institute a special programme in consultation with defence authorities to enable Agniveers to further their education and obtain a Class XII pass certificate. Customised courses will be developed for this purpose. The Ministry of Education has decided to launch a three-year skill-based bachelor's degree programme for serving defence personnel that will recognise the training they have received during stint time in the armed forces. Several states, including Assam, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, have announced preferential recruitment of Agniveers in their police forces.

An increasing number of corporate houses have expressed willingness to hire decommissioned Agniveers believing in the fact that the discipline and skills they gain in the four years will make them eminently

The Agnipath Yojana will help us nurture disciplined and dedicated youth with the potential to serve the paramilitary forces, security establishments, private sector organisations or other civilian establishments with distinction. Many among them will, of course, go on to serve the country's defence forces beyond their four years as Agniveers. The scheme will help in the skill enhancement of many of the youth in rural areas. After their four-year stint in the Army, the Agniveers would have a world of opportunities awaiting them.

Those serving in the defence forces are the real heroes of Maa Bharti. Leaving them in the lurch is out of the question. The Narendra Modi government remains committed to fulfilling its reform agenda for all sectors including defence. As the PM said, reforms may appear unpleasant temporarily but they are beneficial over time. The path of reforms takes us towards new targets. It is time to dispel myths and clear rumours and welcome the new dawn in the country's defence forces.

Yadav is Union Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change; and of The Rise of the BJP

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TENNIS'S CHARM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Spoonfeeding the game' (IE, June 24). The charm of tennis lies in the players rising to the occasion when the situation demands it, relying as much on their mental agility as they do on their physical prowess to outwit their opponents. Permitting the coaches to offer advice to the players in between games/sets, will not only take away the tempo of the match, but also shift the focus from the players to the coaches Vipul Pande, Nainita

END OF AN ERA

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The Meltdown' (IE, June 24). As more and more MLAs turn their backs on Uddhav, the Thackeray era appears to be coming to an end. While grudges and grievances against the chief minister may be one part of the story being peddled by the deserted lot, it is the BJP, a master in the game of toppling ruling regimes, which is behind the confidence the rebels are enjoying right now. How the revolt against Uddhav eventually plays out will affect the political landscape of the nation in the not-so-distant future. Kamna Chhabra, Gurgaon

INTERNAL CONFLICT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The meltdown' (IE, June 24). The meltdown in Maharashtra politics nowadays is not only threatening to shake the stability of the coalition government but is also

posing a potential danger for a massive vertical implosion in the Sena cadres. It is the result of the pent up frustration of the Sena party lawmakers and the subaltern cadres who felt grossly neglected owing to the inaccessibility of their impervious leader Uddhav Thackery — the Chief Minister. In their assessment, the coalition government served the interests of the allies, that is, Congress and the NCP, only to the utter disregard and detriment of the interests of the Sena party workers. The allies exploited the coalition to shine their own political fortunes only at the cost of the Sena's glowing prospects.

Ravi Mathur. Noida

TIME FOR REFORM

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Afghanistan: aid trickles into area devastated by quake, officials say rescue almost complete' (IE, June 24). Afghanistan is already in the throes of perpetual suffering and the recent earthquake is salt in the wound. India, being a major player in the region, has more responsibility to extend support in terms of material resources like food and medical aid. Other major powers ought to come forward too. However, the stumbling block is the spate of terrorists attacks, which shall deter any aid workers from visiting the country. This unfortunate earthquake is an eye opener for the Taliban run government that according undue priority to religion in governance alone cannot be the way for-

Deepak Singhal, Noida

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'2023 COULD BE WORSE'

WORLD FACES HUNGER CRISIS: UN CHIEF

There is a "real risk" of multiple famines this year, UN chief Antonio Guterres said Friday. "We face an unprecedented global hunger crisis," Guterres told ministers meeting in Berlin to discuss food security and stabilisation.

Charles. File

RWANDA Prince Charles voices sorrow over slavery

BRITAIN'S PRINCE Charles expressed deep sorrow over slavery in a speech to Commonwealth leaders in Rwanda Friday and acknowledged the roots of the organisation lay in a painful period of history. "I want to acknowledge that the roots of our contemporary association run deep into the most painful period of our history," Charles told leaders at the opening ceremony of a two-day summit in Kigali. "I cannot describe the depths of my personal sorrow at the suffering of so many as I continue to deepen my own understanding of slavery's enduring impact."

REUTERS

were going.

KYIV, JUNE 24

UKRAINE SIGNALLED on Friday

its troops were withdrawing from the city of Sievierodonetsk,

the scene of weeks of intense

bombardments and street fight-

ing, in a move that would be a

significant setback in its struggle

Gaidai said troops in the city in

the Luhansk region had already

received the order to move to

new positions, but he did not in-

dicate whether they had already

done so or where exactly they

smashed to pieces over many

months just for the sake of stay-

ing there does not make sense,'

Gaidai said on Ukrainian televi-

sion. The troops will "have to be

The announcement came as

Ukraine said Russian forces had

"fully occupied" the Hirske town,

south of the strategically impor-

tant city of Lysychansk in east-

ern Luhansk region as of Friday,

and Moscow claimed it had en-

circled about 2,000 Ukrainian

other settlements around it

leaves Lysychansk, the last ma-

jor Ukrainian-controlled city in

The loss of Hirske and several

Luhansk, in danger of

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withdrawn", he said.

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"Remaining in positions

Provincial governor Serhiy

to defeat Russian forces

AFGHANISTAN Afghan man in Gitmo freed after 15 years

An Afghan prisoner who held in US custody for nearly 15 years has finally been released from the Guantanamo Bay detention center, Afghanistan's Taliban government and an international human rights group said on Friday. Asadullah Haroon Gul's release was announced by Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's deputy culture and information minister, who wrote on Twitter that Gul was one of the last two Afghan prisoners held at Guantanamo Mujahid shared no further details. In pictures shared by Mujahid, Gul was seen smiling and being greeted by Suhail Shaheen, a senior Taliban official who is based in Doha, Qatar. AP

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About half of states are now expected to ban or restrict access to abortion

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WASHINGTON, JUNE 24

THE US Supreme Court on Friday ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years in a decision by its $conservative\, majority\, to\, overturn$ Roe v. Wade. Friday's outcome is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The decision, unthinkable just a few years ago, was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court that has been fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

The ruling came more than a month after the stunning leak of a draft opinion by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court was prepared to take this momen-

Joining Alito were Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett, the latter three being Trump appointees.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — the diminished liberal wing of the court - were in dis-

"With sorrow—for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection-we dissent," they wrote

The case

HIRSKE TOWN 'FULLY OCCUPIED' BY MOSCOW

The case, Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health Organization, No. 19-1392, concerned a law enacted in 2018 by the Republican-

Ukraine troops to leave city in

Luhansk as Russians advance

Fall of Sievierodonetsk would leave only Lysychansk

remaining in Ukrainian hands. Reuters

nicipal head Oleksiy Babchenko

cant, local battles going on at the

outskirts, but the enemy has en-

tered. "There is a red flag flying

over the municipal administra-

tion(in Hirske)," a spokesperson

for the regional administration

Some of the heaviest fighting

of the war has taken place in

Sievierodonetsk, where street-

by-street combat has raged for a

month with Russia painstak-

establish control over the last re-

maining Ukrainian-held sliver of

Luhansk province, which along

with Donetsk makes up the

Donbas region, Ukraine's indus-

drawal from Sievierodonetsk

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The battle is key for Russia to

told Reuters by telephone.

ingly taking more ground.

"There are some insignifi-

said in a television broadcast.

LOGY

It puts the court at odds with a majority of Americans who favored preserving Roe, according to opinion polls. AP

dominated Mississippi Legislature that banned abortions if "the probable gestational age of the unborn human" was determined to be over 15 weeks

would mark the biggest reversal

for Ukraine since the loss of the

southern port of Mariupol in May.

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"Our forces had to withdraw

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to be encircled," said Oleksander

Musiyenko, a Kyiv-based mili-

pressed for more arms, with its

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telling his US counterpart in a

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the situation in Luhansk.

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Ukrainian forces had held out

Mississippi's sole abortion

US top court overturns Roe v. Wade, ends abortion right

Lower courts ruled for the clinic, saving the law was plainly unconstitutional under Roe.

Biden's policy, politics on test

THE WHITE HOUSE had been preparing for this moment since a draft of the decision leaked in May. Now that it is out, the ruling will test both Biden's politics and his policy. And Democrats will also hope to use the outrage to rally voters in the midterm elections.

which prohibited states from banning abortions before fetal viability - the point at which fetuses can sustain life outside the womb, currently about 23 weeks.

A sad day for the court and the country: Biden

REUTERS WASHINGTON, JUNE 24

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Friday criticized the US Supreme Court ruling overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion, saying the health and life of American women are now at risk

"It's a sad day for the court and for the country," Biden said in a White House address after the ruling, which he said was taking the country back 150

Biden promised to go on fighting for reproductive rights but said no executive order can guarantee a woman's right to

He urged voters to send law-



US President Joe Biden

makers to Congress who will work to codify abortion rights as the law of the land.

"This fall, Roe is on the ballot. Personal freedoms are on the ballot," Biden said, referring to the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision making abortion legal nationally.

President Biden made a point of calling for any protests to remain peaceful.

'No intimidation. Violence is never acceptable," President

Biden added Poliovirus found

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, JUNE 24

in UK after 4

decades, Pak

under scrutiny

PAKISTAN'S VACCINATION programme has come under suspicion after the detection of poliovirus in sewage samples in London for the first time in four decades, according to a media report on Friday.

The UK Health Security Agency has noted that the virus detected on Thursday was probably imported from some country, and has asked parents to ensure their children were fully immunised.

Health authorities in Islamabad claim the "vaccine-derived virus" found in the UK exists in 22 countries and the type found locally was the wild poliovirus.

Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme National Coordinator Dr Shahzad Baig told the Dawn newspaper it was too early to say the virus had travelled from Pakistan, as UK authorities were yet to announce the results of

Breach At Spain-Morocco Fence

Five persons were killed as scores of migrants breached a high fence between Spain's Melilla enclave and Morocco, the first such incident since the two countries mended their relations

UK: Tories lose two bypolls, party chief quits, Boris under pressure

ALISTAIR SMOUT, **ELIZABETH PIPER &** ANDREW MACASKILL

lost two parliamentary seats on resignation of its chairman and

In Rwanda for a meeting of nations, Johnson was defiant, pledging to listen to voters' concerns and do more to tackle a cost-of-living crisis after what he described as "tough" results in the two so-



Boris Johnson at the meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Rwanda. Reuters

called by-elections.

"I think as a government I've got to listen to what people are saying," Johnson told broadcasters in Kigali after the results.

the north, Conservative Party Chairman Oliver Dowden resigned in a carefully worded letter that hinted he might believe Johnson should take responsibility. "We cannot carry on with business as usual," he said.

bility...," added Dowden, a longtime ally of Johnson. Johnson responded by saying he understood Dowden's disappointment but "this government was elected with an historic mandate just..." and he would continue

to work to that end. **REUTERS**

"Somebody must take responsi-

Following the losses in

Tiverton and Honiton in south-

west England, and Wakefield in

Shireen Abu Akleh killed by Israeli shots: UN

London: Information reviewed by the UN human rights office suggests Israeli security forces fired the shots that killed Palestinian-American reporter Shireen Abu Akleh in May, a spokesperson said on Friday. "It is deeply disturbing that Israeli authorities have not conducted a criminal investigation," Ravina Shamdasani told a briefing in Geneva.

Israeli said on Friday called on the Palestinian authorities to share access to the bullet that killed her. The PA has refused to do so, saying it doesn't trust Israel.

US'S WORST BUILDING DISASTER

How one button could have 'saved more lives'

PATRICIA MAZZEI & MIKE BAKER

THE THUNDEROUS bang that jolted Jonah Handler and his mother in the middle of the night last June was followed by silence. Jonah, 15, and his mother, Stacie Fang, went out to their terrace and looked up, thinking the ominous sound had come from the roof of the 13story Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside, Florida. But standing on the 10th floor, they could not see anything wrong, so they settled back down for the night.

All was quiet. No alarm blared. No evacuation order came. But the condo tower was on the precipice of collapse.

at Champlain Towers, with the cause of the collapse still under federal investigation, new documents, interviews and deposition records have shed fresh light on a critical seven-minute period between the roaring initial failure of



New Delhi

At a memorial for the victims. NYT

a pool deck and the eventual cascading collapse of a portion of the building, leaving 98 people dead in one of the deadliest structural failures in US history. The security guard in the

lobby of Champlain Towers hurriedly dialed 911 to report the initial failure. An alarm may have sounded at that point in a limited part of the building, though it was clearly inaudible to many of those who still slept.

The building also had a sophisticated audio warning system designed to broadcast an alert into the bedrooms of every unit. But it was never triggered.

"If I had known about it, I would have pressed it," the security guard, Shamoka Furman, said in an interview.

The performance of the building's automated fire alarm system remains one of the many questions still unanswered. With and the catastrophic fall, could some of the residents who slept through the initial boom have been able to move out? In the lobby of Champlain Towers, with its gleaming floors,

seven minutes elapsing between

the time of the pool deck failure

recessed lighting and potted plants, a security desk contained the controls to a network of speakers that had been installed in every bedroom in 2017 to ensure that residents could be roused if an evacuation were needed. "All call" commands could be issued through a microphone at the lobby control panel.

"You press one button, it would power up every speaker throughout the building,' Matthew Haiman, who led the company that installed the system at Champlain Towers, said in a deposition. "You grab the microphone, you say: 'Hey, guys, there's an emergency, get the heck out of the building."

Had the system been used properly, he added, "then it probably would have saved more lives to be honest with you."

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LONDON/KIGALI, JUNE 24

BORIS JOHNSON'S Conservatives Friday, a crushing blow to the governing party that prompted the intensified doubts about the future of Britain's prime minister.

Commonwealth

"We've got to recognise there is

SURFSIDE (FLORIDA), JUNE 24

One year since the catastrophe





⊙ 78.34/USD Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 23

SENSEX: 52,727.98 ▲ 462.26 (0.88%) NIFTY: 15,699.25 ▲ 142.60 (0.92%) NIKKEI: 26,491.97 ▲ 320.72 HANG SENG: 21,719.06 ▲ 445.19 FTSE: 7,129.69 ▲ 109.24 DAX: 13,043.97 ▲ 131.38

TO REPLACE AMITABH KANT, WHO WILL LEAVE AFTER 6-YEAR STINT

ANY DATA STORED PREVIOUSLY TO BE PURGED POST SEPTEMBER 30

To avoid 'disruption', RBI extends card tokenisation deadline by 3 mths

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 24

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Friday extended the timeline for tokenisation of debit and credit cards by 3 months till September 30, 2022 "to avoid disruption and inconvenience to cardholders".

After September 30, no entity in the card transaction or payment chain, other than the card issuers and card networks, should store the CoF(Card-on-File data or storage of actual card data) and any such data stored previously will be purged, it said. The central bank had earlier fixed the due date for card tokenisation on June 30, 2022. "On a review of the issues involved

all stakeholders, it is observed that considerable progress has been made in terms of token creation. Transaction processing based on these tokens has also commenced, though it is yet to gain traction across all categories of merchants," the RBI said in a circular to payment system providers, "Further, an alternate system in respect of transactions where cardholders decide to enter the card details manually at the time of undertaking the transaction (commonly referred to as 'guest checkout transactions') has not been implemented by the industry stakeholders, so far," the RBI said.

Under this framework, cardholders can create "tokens" (a

How will it work

> CARDHOLDERS CAN create "tokens" (a unique alternate code) in lieu of card details. These tokens can then be stored by the merchants for processing transactions in future.

unique alternate code) in lieu of card details. These tokens can then be stored by the merchants for processing transactions in future. Currently, many entities, in-

cluding merchants, involved in an

card data like card number and expiry date - Card-on-File (CoF) citing cardholder convenience and comfort for undertaking transactions in future. While this practice does render convenience, availability of card details with multiple entities increases the risk of card data being stolen or misused, the RBI said. "There have been instances where such data stored by merchants have been compromised. Given the fact that many jurisdictions do not mandate Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) for authenticating card transactions, stolen data in the hands of fraudsters may result in

unauthorised transactions and re-

sultant monetary loss to cardhold-

STIPULATING THAT energy tran-

The RBI had earlier mandated December 31, 2021 as the deadline, which was subsequently extended to June 30, 2022.

As of now, about 19.5 crore tokens have been created. Opting for CoFT(creating tokens) is voluntary for the cardholders. According to the RBI, the industry stakeholders have highlighted some issues related to implementation of the framework in respect of guest checkout transactions. Also, the number of transactions processed using tokens is yet to gain traction across all categories of merchants. These issues are being dealt with in consultation with the stakeholders, the RBI said. Full report on

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Iyer set to be NITI CEO **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**

NEW DELHI. JUNE 24

AFTER A six-year-long stint, NITI Aavog CEO Amitabh Kant is set to leave the government policy think tank at the end of June. He will be replaced by former Secretary of the Ministry of **Drinking Water and Sanitation** Parameswaran Iyer, who spearheaded the government's Swachh Bharat Mission.

Iyer's initial tenure will be for two years, according to a notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training.

A 1980-batch retired IAS officer (Kerala cadre), Kant took over as the NITI Aayog CEO in 2016 – he last got an extension, by a year, in June 2021. During his time at the organisation, Kant drove the policy push in areas related to industrial development, technology and investment. He is seen as having played a key



role in the government's flagship 'Make in India' scheme and was also behind the Aspirational Districts Programme, which was targetted at improving the socioeconomic outcomes in some of the most backward districts.

He was also the chairman of Empowered Group-3, one of the 11 groups set up by the Centre to tackle the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. The group worked with the private sector, NGOs, and international organisations for pandemic management activities, including the manage-

ment of international aid Earlier, in his capacity as the Secretary of the erstwhile Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Kant pushed the Ease of Doing Business initiative, which led to the emergence of state-specific rankings.

Iyer, 63, meanwhile, took voluntary retirement from the IAS in 2009, after 17 years in service. In 2016, he returned to helm the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation as Secretary. He spearheaded the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, a campaign to eradicate open defecation by constructing over 90 million toilets in rural India. He resigned from the post in July 2020, and later went on to work with the World

Iver earlier worked as Senior

'Gold, FCA fall pulls forex reserves down by \$5.87 bn'

The country's forex reserves declined by \$5.87 billion to \$590.58 billion in the week ended on June 17, according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data



\$18.15 bn

Special drawing rights with IMF, which fell by \$233 million

\$4.96 bn Reserve position with IMF, which dipped by

week, which recorded a fall of

Fall in FCA and gold reserves was the primary reason for the fall in reserves. Expressed in dollar

5G: All spectrum may not get

May mop up ₹80,000 cr-1 lakh cr against ₹4-lakh-cr target

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK

DEPARTMENT Telecommunications (DoT) is expecting to mop up between Rs 80,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore senior government official has said. All the spectrum up for auction, worth around Rs 4 lakh crore, may not be sold, including in the premium 700 MHz spectrum band, the official said.

BRIEFLY —

DishTV MD

Mumbai: DishTV said in a filing its shareholders rejected reappointment of Jawahar Goel as MD. ENS

Zomato, Blinkit

New Delhi: Zomato will buy Blink Commerce, which runs Blinkit, for a total purchase consideration of ₹4,447.48 crore in a share swap deal. PTI

PMGKAY data

New Delhi: The Expenditure Department said it is not advisable to continue Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beyond its present extension (till September) on "food security and fiscal grounds".

MSME loans

Mumbai: Loan portfolio outstanding of MSMEs rose to ₹22.7 lakh crore, 36% above pre-Covid March 2020 level and 18% over March 2021, CRIF High Mark said. ENS

in the previous week ended June 10, having fallen by \$4.599 billion

\$526.88 bn

having fallen by \$5.362 billion

\$40.58 bn

terms, the FCA includes effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units

sold; govt stares at shortfall

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

The auction, to be held on July 26, will be held for spectrum in the frequencies of 600 MHz, 700 MHz. 800 MHz. 900 MHz. 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,300 MHz, 3,300 MHz and 26 GHz bands. "While we have put up all the spectrum for auction, we do not expect telcos to bid for all of it. We are expecting to receive bids worth Rs 80,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore. For example, the 700 MHz band may not have as much demand," the official said. The government's estimates

are in line with predictions made by analysts.

A report by IIFL Securities said that the auction may see bids worth Rs 71,000 crore. "While supply is abundant, the government has not cut TRAI's proposed reserve prices despite telcos' assertion that these were still high. We see telcos bidding only for 4 of the 10 bands and spectrum should be sold at the base price. We estimate spectrum outlay of Rs 37,500 crore, Rs 25,000 crore and Rs 8,500

Govt advertises

regulator, 2nd in

New Delhi: The Centre has for a

second time in as many years re-

advertised the post of chairman

of oil and gas regulator Petroleum

and Natural Gas Regulatory Board

(PNGRB), which has been lying va-

21 from those who fulfill the qual-

ifications and are not more than

62 years of age, according to an ad-

vertisement. The post has been ly-

ing vacant since December 4,

2020, when Dinesh K Sarraf com-

mittee headed by V K Saraswat.

Member (S&T), NITI Aayog in June

2021 picked former power secre-

tary Sanjeev Nandan Sahai. But

that appointment was not con-

firmed by the Centre and so it was

re-advertised in November 2021.

The panel, in February, picked for-

mer Oil Secretary Tarun Kapoor.

But whilst his name was sent to

the Appointments Committee of

the Cabinet for approval, the 1987-

batch IAS officer was named as an

advisor to the PM in May. PTI

A search-cum-selection com-

pleted his three-year term.

It sought applications by July

cant since December 2020.

top post of oil

as many years

AUCTION ON JULY 26 IIFL in its report.



File

■The 5G auction will be held on July 26

crore for Jio, Bharti and Vi," said

The government has kept the reserve price of 5G airwaves unchanged, according to the Notice Inviting Application (NIA) issued

Telecom operators had asked cent in the reserve price of airwaves from the 2018 levels. But the Cabinet's final approval includes a price reduction of around 35-40 per cent, in line with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (Trai) recom-

mendations. Specifically, the regulatory body had suggested that the base price for prime 5G band of 3,300-3,670 MHz be kept at Rs 317 crore per MHz – 35 per cent lower than the base price of Rs 492 crore per MHz announced in 2018. Similarly, for the 700 MHz, the price recommended by Trai comes out to Rs 3,297 crore, which is almost 40 per cent lower than prices recommended in 2018.

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WITH THE global economic out-

look overcast amid the economic

costs of the war and retaliatory

sanctions, emerging markets are

bearing the brunt of this and

geopolitical conflict may snuff

out the recovery process,

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Deputy Governor Michael

is likely to breach the RBI's target

of 2-6 per cent for three consec-

utive quarters, in the instance of

which the RBI's will send out a

report to the government citing

the reasons for failing to keep the

signs that inflation is peaking,

and the central bank is defend-

ing the rupee against volatility

and won't allow any "disorderly

movements", though it is not

looking at any particular level for

Patra, however, said there are

inflation within the target.

He said India's retail inflation

Debabrata Patra said Friday.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

Patra: Inflation likely

level for 3 straight qtrs

to breach tolerance

\$596.45 bn

Foreign exchange (forex) reserves

Foreign current assets (FCA) during the week ended June 17,

Gold reserves during the reporting

ing the initiative for other sectors.



Amitabh Kant

water and many other areas. We broadened the spirit of cooperative and competitive federalism. Then I was able to drive the

electric mobility movement that was very cutting edge, which had a number of new players, it's picked up a lot of pace, of late. We recently did a tender for 5,500 electric buses, where the price of an electric bus was cheaper than the combustion engine bus. I have

per the 2021 EdelGive Hurun

Philanthropists of the Century,

Jamsetji Tata - with an esti-

mated current value of donation

of \$102.4 billion — is the top phil-

anthropist in the last century.

Other Indian corporate houses

to make big donations include

Wipro founder chairman Azim

Premii's foundation, which had

donated \$22 billion as of 2021.

Adani, Premji said: "Gautam

Adani and his family's commit-

ment towards philanthropy

should set an example that we

can all try to live Mahatma

Gandhi's principle of Trusteeship

of Wealth at the peak of our busi-

ness success and need not wait

for our sunset years."

As per the statement by

comes etc. I got a rare opportunity to work for this government and real support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It's been a very enriching and a very rewarding experience. What are some areas for which

sectors, asset monetisation

pipeline, circular economy, im-

proving learning and health out-

you would have liked to make a further push? I think one area which we re-

ally need to push is green hydrogen. Whatever you do, energy transition will be at the heart of India's growth story. We need to accelerate the pace of reforms, we need to accelerate energy transition. Both these are very dear to my heart.

Would you recommend PLI schemes for other sectors as well?

I think we should first wait and see the response to the existing ongoing schemes, how successful

chain, and enhancing investments and outputs because for the \$27 billion that you are putting in, you need a product output of worth \$540 billion. So, we should wait for some more time and see how the current 14 PLI schemes perform. We have seen Centre-state

they are. The PLI scheme is about

bringing in scale to manufacturing

in the country, making India an in-

tegral part of the global value

relations going through friction. How do vou view that trend? We should work in partner-

ship with the states, we are very strong believers of that - it's about partnership, cooperation and creating competition. The recent Chief Secretaries' conference in Dharamshala emphasised all these aspects.

What's next for you?

I will take a break for some time and then take a call. But I will work in my areas of interest.

Adani family to donate ₹60Kcr; focus on health, education, skill

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

IN WHAT is among the biggest charitable donations by an Indian corporate family, Gautam Adani and his family have pledged to donate Rs 60,000 crore that will be utilised in healthcare, education, and skill development, his logistics-to-energy conglomerate said in a statement. The donation will be managed by the Adani Foundation.

"To utilize the potential of India's demographic advantage, there is an ever-growing need to focus on the areas of healthcare, education, and skill development," the statement said.

"The Adani Foundation has

MICHAEL DEBABRATA PATRA

the rupee against the US dollar.

tethered to the war in Ukraine

but will we sit on our hands and

do nothing in fatalistic acquies-

cence? No way ... the fact that in-

flation remains elevated and

broadening indicates there is

some demand in the economy

that is able to afford these high

prices, perhaps due to revenge

spending in the pandemic-

stressed response ..." he said,

speaking at an event organised

by PHD Chamber of Commerce

www.indianexpres.com

Full report on

and Industry.

"The outlook on inflation is

Deputy Governor, RBI

group said, will help "enhance the competence and competitiveness of our future workforce"

gained rich experience in work-

Adani will join the list of Indian corporate houses that undertake

ing with communities focused on integrated development efforts across all these areas ... addressing these challenges can significantly enhance the competence and competitiveness of our future workforce," it added.

Toyota, Suzuki

Toyota and Suzuki on Friday said they will deepen their collaboration in the fields of development and production in India.

companies will start production of a new SUV developed by Suzuki at Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) from August this year, they said in a joint statement. Suzuki's Indian arm. Maruti Suzuki India Ltd and TKM will market the new model in India as Suzuki and Toyota models, respectively, it added.

Toyota president Akio Toyoda the new SUV with Suzuki, a com-

RailTel TENDER No. Railtel/Tender/OT/CO/NTI 2022-23/COD/004 Date: 21.06.2022

RailTel invites E-Tender from eligible bidders for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of

Digital Entertainment Service Provider (DESF for Delivering Content on Demand (COD) Services On Build Own Operate (BOO) model for Indian Railways. Tender Notice is available on RailTel's website **www.railtelindia.com.** Tender Notice and Tender Documents are available at RailTel's E-Nivida portalhttps://railtel.enivida.com and https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app for downloading. The Online bid-submission is to pe done at RailTel's E-Nivida portal only. An modification/corrigendum will be published in RailTel/E-Nivida/CPP websites.

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Tender No.: T No.40 &41/2022-23/SE/Q. JJM - CWSS to Kunnathoor, Poruvazh Sooranad North Panchayaths in Kunnathoor Taluk and Thazhava, Thodiyoor, Kula sekharapuram Panchayaths in Karunagappally Taluk - Construction of OHSR Supplying and laying transmission Main, Providing FHTCs and distribution network in Neduvathoo anchayath. EMD: ₹5,00,000, ₹2,00,000 each. Tender fee: ₹5,000 + ₹2,700, ₹10,000 ₹1,800. 18% GST-It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns. Last date for submitting tender: 18-07-2022, 02:00 pm.

Ph: 0474 2745293. Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kollar KWA-JB-GL-6-412-2022-23

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STOP CORONA

Sd/- (Naresh Kumar Kardam EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T)M-11 "WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

Bank in the US.

Rural Water Sanitation Specialist at the United Nations. He also worked with the erstwhile Mayawati government in Uttar Pradesh in the field of education.

INTERVIEW WITH CEO, NITI AAYOG 'Need to accelerate reform pace in energy transition'

sition will be a key driver of India's growth in the coming years, NITI Aayog CEO AMITABH KANT said the country should make a strong push for green hydrogen and accelerate the pace of reforms in the energy sector, Kant, who will leave the government think tank at the end of June, after having led the organisation for over six years, also told SOUMYARENDRA BARIK in an interview that the government should first assess the success of current production-linked incen-

How do you view your six-year long stint heading NITI Aayog?

tive (PLI) schemes before launch-

I've had a very satisfying tenure here. I have had a great amount of job content, which you cannot get anywhere else because NITI Aavog cuts across many sectors. I got the opportunity to execute the aspirational districts programme that covers 112 districts

to make India move up 79 positions in the World Bank Ease of Doing Business rankings. We started making states compete with each other, which led to

The donation, Adani

With this commitment,

to join hands for new SUV

New Delhi: Japanese auto majors

Under the initiative, the two

said, "We are pleased to announce pany that has a long history of loduction of the new SUV at TKM is growth of India through provid-

production

ing eco-friendly mobility. **PTI**

cal involvement in the Indian business." He said the auto industry today faces various challenges such as electrification and carbon neutrality. Similarly, Suzuki president Toshihiro Suzuki said, proa project that can contribute to the

Losing Track

SHERDIL: THE PILIBHIT **SAGA**

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Director: Srijit Mukherji Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Neeraj Kabi, Sayani Gupta

BASED ON a true story, Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga features an idealistic village 'sarpanch' who hits upon a bizarre plan to save his village from utter destitution. It involves him going into the dense jungle in search of a mighty predator armed with nothing but his disarming conviction that there will, in fact, be such an encounter, and that it will be lethal.

There is a patent sincerity of purpose to this Srijit Mukherji film, which borrows its central idea from real life: when humans are so desperate that they are at the point of throwing away their lives, and callous government officials will do nothing to help, what is the way forward? But it doesn't help that saying something so important is so stretched in a two-hour film, which is essentially not even a twohander but a near solo act.

The foolhardy Gangaram (Tripathi) bids inconsolable wife Lajo (Gupta), two children and an old mother a final farewell before taking off to the forest. Soon, he bumps into a poacher (Kabi), sporting long dreadlocks, who goes by the name of Jim Ahmed, channelling Corbett, who else. And they go roaming in the gloaming, coming face to face with the striped four-legged majestic beast, the lord of the jungle. Will Gangaram's plan succeed?

Only someone like Pankaj Tripathi could have pulled off this role, with an earnestness which doesn't feel practised. His Gangaram is the soul of the film, which relies far too much on its lead character. Everyone else looks as if they are playing a part. Done well, this could have been a strong satire, but it turns into a listless saga, which lifts only a little by its lovely music, scored by Shantanu Moitra. The songs, one sung by KK, whom we sadly lost recently, deserved a better film.

SHALINI LANGER

"BEFORE ELVIS," said John Lennon, "there was nothing." This flashy, frenetic, typically flamboyant film by Luhrmann gives you a good glimpse of why. When the wondrous Butler takes to the stage as one of the greatest rock 'n roll stars of all time, you can't turn away – either your ears or your eyes – as the man intended.

Elvis has your fill, and he wants you to have his — from that moody, sultry voice to those hooded, shaded eyes and those perfectly kissable lips. And that's before we get to the parts which drove girls into ecstasy at his concerts. Butler breathes the life, intensity and passion needed to pull that whole lotta shakin' goin on.

However, music is just a part of what Luhrmann is interested in here. He also has his eyes trained on Colonel Tom Parker, Elvis's much-discredited manager accused by some of piling him with pills and working him to death. The film is unfortunately told from Parker's point of view and Hanks, like Hanks, is the centre of the universe he inhabits. His Parker not just lurks like a shadow on Elvis the singer's story, he also lies like a wet rag on Elvis the film's best parts. In his prosthetics, paunch, accent and an exaggerated walking stick, Hanks is neither interesting enough to watch nor un-interesting enough to ignore.

Parker isn't the only distraction keeping Luhrmann unnecessarily occupied. There is also his own filming style, which, with its gimmicks, lighting and gaudiness, seems unsure of its own star's unmistakable luminescence.

The consequence is you don't really come away knowing more about Elvis than you knew going in, with the film touching upon all the Wikipedia generics. His church background and Black gospel music influence? Check. His deep attachment to his mother? Check, Graceland? Check, His tryst with immorality charges? Check. His time in the military? Check. The changing politics of the times? Check. The tragic love story with Priscilla? Check. The pills? Check. The end? Check.

There is at least some stillness in the film before Elvis hits his big time, with the film's warmest, most un-staged moments being when Elvis is on Beale Street in Memphis, the sensuous filming of 'Negro' music, the reference to the unique blend of religiouscum-sexual arousal of music that he drew on, and a suggestion of how one entwined with the other.

It's in this part that the film also allows Elvis or Butler his strongest relationship, that with his mother Gladys (Thomson), a deeply religious woman who saw long and deep into the future as things changed like a hurricane around them, and worried about it. Thomson and Blake portray the transition

ELVIS ***

Director: Baz Luhrmann **Cast:** Austin Butler, Tom Hanks, Olivia DeJonge, Helen Thomson

Can't Help Falling in Love With You



from mama's boy to the adult who must leave home rather well.

But once Elvis has hit his stride, whether touring the South or more problematically the North, has come to the notice of the vice squad seeking to draw the lines of morality or of segregation between the Whites and Blacks, the film slips more and more away from Elvis the person to Elvis the persona. And more and more. Elvis the persona as brought to you by Luhrmann, via Parker's eyes

Priscilla is just a cipher, Lisa Marie a girl seen in passing, Elvis's dad a black-andwhite bad figure, Parker a buffoon who should not have fooled anybody, with Elvis, the film, hoping you get the message by repeatedly strumming up We're caught in a trap... Suspicious Minds. Elvis himself leaves the building, so to speak, spared of the bingeing and fattening that marked his latter years.

However, still, every time Elvis is up there doing his thing, working an audience, and Butler channelling into him, the film refuses to die. Luhrmann may have chosen to portray an airbrushed, digestible artiste who grieved over

Martin Luther

King and Robert F

Kennedy, and not

the other Elvis

who fantasised

about Communist

conspiracies and

went to President

Richard Nixon

with his Beatles

fears, but it is an

Elvis who is a true

product

Every time Elvis is up there doing his thing, working an audience, and Butler channelling into him, the film refuses to die

his times. Times where a booming economy and receding World War shadows allowed a certain sexual liberation, times where America was confronted with tensions of other kinds, and times where Elvis represented the forbidden fruit one could take a bite of - one that suggested both racial and gender fluidity,

At one place, trying to justify his taming by the ever-calculating Parker for family TV, Elvis complains to his mother: "It was either I play or I get cancelled."

within largely acceptable limits.

Could "Elvis the Pelvis", the one of "the grunt and the groin", make it to a family TV show today? How many textbooks, on both sides of the aisle, would rush to erase him?

The irony is, Elvis wasn't a rebel in the traditional sense of the world, only in his music. He hoped only to return home. And in what's the saddest bit in the film, all the girls and the flings apart, he promises Priscilla, as she is leaving him: "When you're 40, and I'm 50, we will be together again."

He died at 42. Yes, you will be a little lonesome tonight.

thetic of the film, very similar to Mehta's Good Newwz, sweeps these uncomfortable granular emotions under the carpet, giving them just enough time to peek out from under The background music and melodrama does the rest. And it goes right back to trotting out one familiar dictum after another: 'shaadi' is 'barbaadi', wives become boring after marriage, long-time relationships are equal part compromise and more compromise, haww divorce, 'chhee' 'chhee'. A quick tap on the wrist is handed out to an independent woman (Chopra) for daring to like her own company the most. You wish the ladies were given more to do. You wish Neetu Kapoor's Geeta had been made a little braver: we are left in no doubt that her break from home and hearth is temporary. New entrant Koli leaves a mark, and I'm waiting for Advani in a breakout role of her own.

The film, like Mehta's previous one. which stuck faithfully to its far-out premise, works best when it is totally committed to being randy and bawdy. Maniesh Paul's local stud Gurpreet, wearer of coordinated sets, owner of a gym, keeper of beer in the locker and money in the drawer, talking up 'tharak' (lust), is a hoot. The famous Patiala peg-andleg finds an entry in a father-son confessional between Kapoor and Dhawan, the latter being surprisingly effective as a low-grade moocher. This is Anil Kapoor's show all the way, as he zig-zags between being lovingdad-and-husband to a timorous-manabout-town.

Baaki tay, it's your Bollywood family drama, and all needs to end well. Why so serious? 'Giddha shiddha paao, mauj manao'.

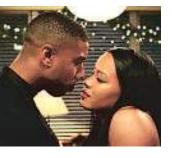
QUEEN NETFLIX

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After being absent for decades, a renowned Parisian tailor and drag queen returns to his hometown in Poland to make amends with his estranged daughter after he receives a letter from his granddaughter saying that her mother is in need of a kidney transplant and he is the only one who can help. This Polish drama is directed by Lukasz Kosmicki and it is Netflix's latest addition to queer-themed content.



A JOURNAL FOR JORDAN

NETFLIX

This drama, directed by Denzel Washington, is based on the true story of First Sergeant Charles Monroe King (Michael B Jordan), a soldier deployed in Iraq. Away from home, King keeps a journal of love and advice for his infant son. Back at home, senior New York Times editor Dana Canedy (Chanté Adams) revisits the story of her unlikely, life-altering relationship with King, and his enduring devotion to their child.

THE AFRICAN QUEEN

The African Queen (1951), a screen adaptation of CS Forester's 1935 novel of the same name, features two acting stalwarts, Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn, in lead roles. The film, directed by John Huston, fetched Bogart his only Academy Award. Set in East Africa at the outbreak of World War I, it follows the setbacks that a Canadian riverboat captain (Bogart) and psalm-singing British missionary (Hepburn) encounter.

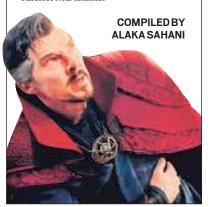


THE GIRL FROM **PLAINVILLE**

LIONSGATE PLAY The series is based on the true story of Michelle Carter facing trial for the death of her boyfriend and being convicted for involuntary manslaughter. It explores her relationship with Conrad Roy III and the events leading up to his death. The eight-part series, which shone a light on Munchausen syndrome by proxy (MSbP), features Elle Fanning and Chloë Sevigny.

DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS

DISNEY+HOTSTAR With this movie, the Marvel Cinematic Universe unlocks the multiverse and pushes its boundaries further. Dr Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) casts a forbidden spell that opens a portal to the multiverse. This starts off the journey into the unknown. Directed by Sam Raimi, the film features Elizabeth Olsen, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Benedict Wong and Rachel McAdams.



One Step Forward, One Back



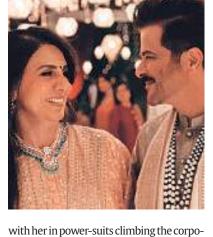
SHUBHRA GUPTA

LOVERS LOOKING at each other through rose-tinted glasses turning into loveless partners is still quite a novel idea in mainstream Bollywood. When school sweethearts Kuldeep aka Kukoo Saini (Dhawan) and Naina Sharma (Advani) find themselves snarling more than smiling, Jug Jugg Jeeyo feels like a set-up for a modern-day dive into post-marriage shenanigans.

The film goes further, when the muchmarried senior Sainis, Bhim (Anil Kapoor) and Geeta (Neetu Kapoor), find themselves on the brink. For a Hindi film to even entertain the idea that Papaji, the provider, and Mummyji, the place-holder, can think of a happy-never-after is radical, and it feels like stepping into a brave new space.

But we've reckoned without the deep desire for conservatism at the heart of this Raj Mehta movie from the Dharma banner, which takes one step forward, and one step back, keeping all those wild ideas in check, and turning everything into a joke that lands with a thunk. Please don't take us seriously, even when we are toying with these serious ideas, because all we want is to make you laugh: that's the guiding principle of the film, as it goes about diluting its big ideas.

You wonder what it would have turned into if it had stayed a little more with Kukoo and Naina, in their cold apartment in Toronto,



of living in a low-paying job, both doing a good job of being nasty to each other. But Jug Jugg Jeeyo is in a tearing hurry to return to its roots in Patiala, where the marriage of 'chhoti behen' Ginny (Koli) is under way, and everyone needs to be on their best behaviour till it is safely over. Then it is all the same old. Falling back on the familiar Big Fat Punjabi Wedding with opulent sets, wedding clothes, naach-gaana,

rate ladder, and him trying to hack some kind

shor-sharaaba, every time the film threatens to get real and spiky. Which it does, in one or two quite impressive sequences: in one, Kukoo and Naina go at each other, and the slanging-match has weight; in another cheesy-but-felt set-piece, Naina and Geeta share their innermost feelings, creating a sorority.

But the loud, determinedly cheerful aes-

Grabber (Hawke). So pointless is the room that you almost pity Grabber's pretensions of being a mythical serial killer. Part of the scares lie in who is at the other end when that phone, with no connection, rings.

There are so many subplots left hanging loose throughout that you wonder what all got cut out at the editing table. And you wonder at the filmmaker who thought it made sense to leave out the one actor with the most arresting presence in the film, Gwen, for the most part. And to focus instead on Hawke's Grabber, whose efforts to be scary with all those twisted hand movements are almost painfully embarrassing.

In that brief prelude where it's the brother and sister against the world, two spare beings who have to tip-toe around their house to not provoke their father, two children amazingly resilient and bright in the face of this darkness, a girl sobbing and screaming unabashedly when faced with her father's belt, and later watching TV quietly resting her head on her brother's shoulder, you feel more scared about their lives, than when the dead come crawling out.

Weak Connection

THE BLACK PHONE

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Director: Scott Derrickson Cast: Ethan Hawke, Mason Thames, Madeleine McGraw, Jeremy Davies

NOTHING AMOUNTS to much in The Black Phone. Not a beautiful sibling relationship with so much promise at the start. Not the cloud that hangs over them on account of an abusive, alcoholic father. Not the special powers held by the sister. Not the cruel intentions of the man who abducts young boys. Not the black balloons that seem to be there just to draw attention to writer Joe Hill's association to father Stephen King, and the red balloons in the latter's IT. Not even the phone from which the film derives its title.

A strangely arranged film by director Scott Derrickson, The Black Phone is almost graphic in the violence that children unleash on each other, while being timid about the danger posed by the scary clown figure who has been killing them. No, there is no message there either.

The year is 1978. The place is North Denver. Texas Chain Massacre Nightmare is playing in cinemas, and kids are getting into deadly scraps unnoticed by parents or school authorities. Such are the times that a girl's belting by her father (Davies) doesn't even get social workers to their doorstep.

Here, in a small neighbourhood, five boys of approximately the same teen age have gone missing. Despite the community being obviously close-knit, no one has seen anything, nor is anyone bothered enough to keep their children under supervision as a precaution. Police have nothing to go by, till Gwen (an outstanding McGraw) reveals a dream about a black van and balloons — and admits



to the police that her dreams often are true. Police take her seriously enough to question her twice, but not seriously enough to even search for black vans.

Gwen, who has inherited "the gift" from her mother, is very close to her brother Finney (Thames), who has eyes only for one

other person besides her — a girl at school, who, too, means nothing, ultimately. It's when Finney also goes missing, that

Or, so one thinks. Because all you get is a big, boring, strangely structured room where

things start getting intense. Finney is locked by the man identified as

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I,Om Prakash,S/o-Chet Ram Singh,residing at, H.No. 425/14. Gali. No. 5. Bhola nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Om Parkash in my Arms

No.EDKN/2/1986/45.The actual-name of mine is Om Prakash, which may be amended accordingly

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I,Suman W/o Anil Mehra R/o,C/5 **Double Story Motiya Khan Pahar** Ganj New.Delhi-55,have changed my name to Suman Mehra for all.Purposes. 0040619976-6

It is for general information that I.Aastha MalKania.D/o Ved Prakash Malkania, residing at,A-156/Upper Ground, Shalimar Garden, Main, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad UP -201005, declare that name of my father has been wronglywritten as V.P. Malkania in my 12th-class marksheet. The $actual\,name\,of\,my\,father\,is\,Ved$ Prakash Malkania respectively, which may be amended according.

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I.sarbila sinha.w/o Anil Kumar Sinha,r/o flat no.sf1 plot no.410 niti khand-1,shipra suncity, ghaziabad, up-201014, have changed my name to sharbila sinha

0040619973-2

I.Vinod Kumar Munda.S/o Shankar Munda, R/o. House.No.133,BegumPur, New-Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Vinod Munda, for all 0040620007-6

I,Subham S/o Ajay Kumar R/o,B-4/1-2. Second Floor, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Happy Bansal for-all-purposes

0040620014-1

I,Shradhanjali W/o Hari Chand Prajapati R/o-3768, Sarai Phoose, Tis Hazari, Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Shradhanjali Prajapati.

0040619973-6 I,Shakshi Gupta,W/o Anuj Gandhi R/o.W-65, Regency

Park-2, DLF-Phase-4, Gurgaon, Haryana-122009, have changed my name to Sakshi Gandhi, after-marriage. 0040619976-2

I.Sarika Gupta W/o Sachet Gupta, R/o-A-14/2, Ground-Floor, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007, have changed my minor Son name Ridhiman Gupta to Shree Gupta 0040619984-1 permanently.

I.SRISHTI TOMAR W/O AMAN DAHIYA R/O HNO.183,CABLE WALI GALI, PANA SIKHANA, NAHRI.SONIPAT-131103. CHANGED MY NAME TO SRISHTI DAHIYA. 0040620002-

I,SHAHID ALI S/O.SHEIKH NOOR FLAHLR/O.1133 RAKAR-GANI **NEAR-DELITE CINEMA DELHI-**2, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS SHAHID ALI QURESHI, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040620007-7

I,Rohit S/o Hari Chand Prajapati R/o 3768, Sarai Phoose, Tis Hazari, Delhi-110054.have changed my name to Rohit

Prajapati I,Rishabh Singh,S/o-Ajay Kumar Singh,R/o H.No.B-59,Ashoka Enclave Part-2. Sector-37, Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Rishabh Singh for all purposes. 0040620007-2

I,Rajender Kumar Mehta,S/o-Sham Lal Mehta,R/o-S-4,Gali No.2. Param Puri. Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Rajender 0040620007-4

I.Poonam Chand Gunta D/o Lok Ram,R/o B-2/37,Ground Floor, Sector -11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Poonam Chand, for all 0040619976-7

I,pallavi W/o Lovleesh Kumar, R/o Flat No.404 S.F.site-1 Vikas Puri Delhi-110018, changed my name to pallavi Joshi.

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I.Pankai Kumar Mishra.S/O-Shri Virendra Kumar Mishra,R/O-A-2/59, Ground Floor, Sector-11.Rohini.Delhi-110085.have Changed my name to Panka 0040620007-3 Mishra.

I.PUNEET SINGH BATRA,S/O ARVINDER SINGH BATRA R/O-1855 OUTRAM LINES GTB NAGAR DELHI-10009, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PUNEET SINGH. 0040619976-3

I,PARDEEP S/O CHHOTE LAL,R/O BAHAMNOLI(35),BAMNAULI,JH AIJAR. HARYANA-124507, have changed my minor son's name, from MAHESH to VISHAL, for all purpose.

0040619973-8

I,Neetu Goyal,D/o T.N.Goyal,W/o H.No.268, Ward.No.12, Sohna, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122103, have changed my name to Neetu Jindal,for all

0040619976-8 Purposes. It is for general information that I,Neelam Malkania,D/o Daya Block, House Number-59,Street.Number-02,Ganga Vihar, Delhi-110094, declare that my name has been wrongly-written as Neelam Kumari in my educational-

Chand Malkania, residing at, Adocuments and servicebook.The actual-name of mine is Neelam Malkania respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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I,Neeraj Thakur S/o Sudhir Pal R/O 61 Vashundra Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini Delhi-85,changed my name to Neeraj Raia Thakur 0040619976-5

LNARAYAN KAUR.W/o Sahib singh R/o h.no-65, villagekilokari,ashram,Delhi-14.declared that my name has been mentioned as Narayan kor and D.o.b is-26/05/1957 in my gun license. The actualname is Narayan kaur and D.o.b is-01/01/1965,for all the, future purposes

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I,MOHD TARIQ,S/o MARGHOOB KHAN R/o-A-14/210,AIR INDIA COLONY, VASANT VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110057,have changed my name to MOHAMMAD TARIQ, for all future purpose.

0040620002-3

I,MAHESH GUPTA,S/O RADHEY MOHAN GUPTA, ADD-A-405 PI ΙΙΔ ΔΡΔRTMENT 77 I.P, EXTENTION, EAST DELHI-110092, changed my name to MAHESH KUMAR GUPTA, for all, future Purposes.

0040620007-1 **I,Deepankar** Das S/o Shankar

Das,R/o R-2/40, 3rd Floor, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name to Deepanker Dass permanently 0040619976-4

I,Das Rai Bahadur Simranjeet Kapoor,S/o Devi Dass Kapoor, R/o-10-A, Sai-Dham Nangli, Sakrawati-Najafgarh,New Delhi-43 declare that my name has been written as Das R.B. Simranjeet Kapoor in my X-Classcertificate and all my educational-documents,my actual and correct name is Das Rai Bahadur Simranjeet 0040620002-7 Kapoor.

I,Das Rai Bahadur Gurbaksh Kapoor,S/o Devi Dass Kapoor, R/o-10-A, Sai-Dham Nangli Sakrawati-Najafgarh, New Delhi-43 declare that my name has been written as Das R.B.Gurbaksh Kapoor in my X-Class certificate and all my educational-documents, my actual and correct-name is Das Rai Bahadur Gurbaksh Kapoor.

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I.Dabbu Sharma S/o.Hariom Sharma R/o,H/no.2601, Trithankar Nagar, Jain Nagar.Karala.Delhi-81.have changed my name to Daksh Sharma all.Purposes.

0040619973-9

I,Bhawana Chandola W/o Nitin Khatri, R/o-CGU274, DLF-Capital Greens, 15-Shivaji Marg.Karam Pura.New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Bhawana Chandola Khatri. 0040619976-1

I, Anjali W/o Rajeev Chugh R/o BH-13 West Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Anjali Chugh.

0040620002-2 I,Aarti W/o Rohit Prajapati R/o 3768, Sarai Phoose, Tis Hazari,

Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Aarti Prajapati. 0040619973-5

I, pinkee devi, mother of, Sandeep Singh, presently residing at, village bhagwangarhi, post-aidalpur, tehsilkhair, dist-Aligarh, uttarpradesh-202135 have changed my name, from pinkee devi to Pinki, vide-affidavit, dated-23-06-2022. 0040620014-6

I, karm veer singh, father of,Sandeep Singh, presently,residing at,village bhagwan-garhi, postaidalpur, tehsil-khair, dist-Aligarh, uttar-pradesh-202135, have changed my name, from karm veer singh to karamvir Singh,vide-affidavit,dated-23-

I, Vikas Manocha, S/o Kamal Kumar Manocha, R/o B-159, Block-C, Sector-71, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my name to Vikas Kumar Manocha for all future purposes. 0070791872-1

0040620014-7

I, Tarkeshwari Kaushik alias Tarkeshwari Sharma D/O M P Kaushik, W/O Ravi Sharma R/o House No. 496/5C. Krishna Nagar, Hisar, Haryana-125001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Teena Sharma 0070791835-1

I. Saniav Kumar Singh Rathor. S/o Vijay Pal Singh Rathore, R/o B-66, Paramount Golf Foreste, Site-C. Opp. Zeta. Greater Noida, U.P., hereby inform that I am also known as Sanjay Singh Rathor/Saniay Rathor in children's Documents.

0070791875-1

I, Sandhya Ramachandran W/o, Mr. Girish Manan R/o. 673, opp Noida Golf Course, Sector-37, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida 201303 have changed my name Sandhya Ramchandran to Sandhya Ramachandran for all future purpose. 0040619944-1

I. SOURVA BIKASH KANJILAL, S/o GOVINDA CHANDRA KANJILAL, R/O- H. No-116, Gaur Galaxy, Plot No-5, Sector-5, Vaishali, I.E. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 Have Changed my name to SOURA BIKASH KANJILAL for all purposes.

0070791827-1

I, RUHIZUHAIB, C/o ZUHAIB AFZAL, R/O-H, No-759/21. Okhla Jamia Nagar, Zakii Nagar, South Delhi-110025 Have Changed my name to ROOHI BANO PRACHA for all 0070791828-1

I.RAVI KUMAR CHATURVEDI, S/O.ARUN KUMAR CHATURVEDI, ADD-G-64/B, GALI.NO-13.TISRA PUSTA, JAGJEET NAGAR, DELHI-110053, Changed My name to RAVI CHATURVEDI.

permanantly.

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I, RAHIM KHAN S/O SAYED KHAN, R/O 1519-1520, 2ND FLOOR, PLOT NO.3, FAIZ GANJ, DARYA GANJ, DELHI-110002, HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON'S (DOB-09.01.2011) NAME FROM MAHRAN KHAN TO MEHRAN KHAN FOR ALL PURPOSES 0040619940-1

I, Pradeep Singh S/O Rajkishan Malik, R/o Nidani (64), Nidani, Jind, Harvana- 126102 have changed the name of my minor daughter Anvi aged about 8 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Anvi Malik

0070791833-1

I, Meenakshi Atray, W/O Hemant Atray R/o House No-G-602.6th Floor, Sector-75 BPTP Resorts Ballabgarh Faridabad, Haryana-121004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Meenakshi Sharma. 0070791830-1

I. Maryam Abdulrahman Saadi D/O Abdulrahman Saadi, R/O H. No. 8/4843A Lane - 3, Madanpuri colony, Chilkana road, Saharanpur - Uttar Pradesh 247001 has changed my name to Maryam Saadi for

all future purposes.

0070791842-1 I, Kritika, D/o Virendra Srivastava, R/o 10/13/D-2, Raj Ashiyana, Rajendra Nagar, Sector-3, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005, have changed my name to KRITIKA SRIVASTAVA for all future purposes. 0070791874-1

I, Kailash Chand Agarwal, S/o Late Lal Chand Agarwal R/o B-5/66, Rohini, Sector-4, Delhi-110085, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kailash Chand to Kailash Chand Agarwal for all 0040619936-1 purposes.

I,Akshita D/o,Anil Mehra R/o,C/5 Double Story Motiya Khan Pahar Ganj New Delhi-55,have changed my name to Akshita Mehra, for all. Purposes.

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L HIMANSHU GUPTA S/O NARESH KUMAR GUPTA, R/O House No.D-23, Upper Ground Floor, Opposite Radha Krishna Mandir, Service Lane, Kamla Nagar, North Delhi, Delhi-110007, That I am decalare HIMANSHU GUPTA and HIMANSHU both name is the same person. 0040619987-1

I, Dilbag Rai Bakshi S/o Sh. Nathu Ram, R/o- H.No.-63, J-Block, Old Roshan Pura, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name from Dilbag Rai to Dilbag Rai Bakshi for all future purposes.

0040619945-1

I, Bhagwati Devi D/O D Singh, W/O Tribhuwan Singh R/o 83-A, Radhey Puri, Ext-2, Krishna Nagar h.O. East Delhi- 110051. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bhawana Mehra 0070791834-1

I have change my Daughter's name from Priya Kumari to Priya Mandal for all future purposes. Sant Kumar Mandal. S/o Shivji Mandal, R/o Flat No.15024, 2nd Floor, Tower No.15 ATS-Advantage, Ahinsa Khand Indirapuram,

0070791680-1 Ghaziabad. I USHA SIVASANKARAN MOTHER OF MAHALAKSHMI SIVASHANKARAN R/O D-50 SECOND FLOOR, D BLOCK, KALKAJI, DELHI-19 PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS USHA SIVASHANKARAN SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT MY NAME LISHA SIVASANKARAN WILL BE

PURPOSE. 0040619948-1 I Shahina Parvin W/o Shahnawaz Akhtar R/o-2706 Mohalla Niyariyan, Behind GB Road, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110006 declared that my correct name is Shabina 0040619943-1 Parveen

OFFICIALLY USED FOR ALL

I Raj Kumar, S/o-Harprasad R/o-C-2/245,Shri Niketan Kunj, Sec-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089, declare-that my-mother name has been written-incorrect in Air Force Service Record as-Chandra Bati instead of Chandrawati hence Chandra Bati and Chandrawati both are the same & one person.Mymother correct name is-Chandrawati as per-Aadhar Card for all purposes.

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I,pallavi Joshi,R/o Flat.No 404 S.F.site-1 Vikas Puri Delhi-110018, changed my minor daughter name Mannat to Mannat Joshi. 0040619973-3

I,Tenzin Choezom D/o,Tashi Tsering.R/o.TDL C-13.H-07. Bylakuppe Mysore, Karnataka-571104,India have changed my name to Tenzin Choezom Tsering all Purposes.

0040619976-10 I,Saket kumar r/o-B-7 3rd-floor, iangpura extension-south delhi,delhi-110014,have changed my Minor Son name sauriya kumar to shaurya kumar.

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I.Ankit Narula S/o-Sandeep Narula R/o,23,Krishna Market, Jhilmil Colony, Jhilmil, Delhi-95, have changed my name to Ankkit Narula all Purposes.

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LOST & FOUND

I,NAND KISHORE,S/O SHRI RAM LAL, have lost my Original Lease Deed of Property.No.23/39 AB, TILAK-NAGAR, NEW DELHI, duly Read, No. 408, Book, No. 1. Volume.No.1053 on dated-29.01.1969. If found Pls. Contact:-7011732128.

I, A. D. Pattra, S/o M. N. Pattra, R/o FP-2B, Pitampura, Delhi-34 have lost my documents (DDA Possession Letter, Site Possession Letter, Bank Challan, NOC letter for water & electricity connection). Anyone who finds these

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at 9990391009

PUBLIC NOTICE urchase the industrial property bearind dress as A-2/27, Site B, UPSIDC, Surajp, dustrial Area, Greater Noida, Distt Gautar uddh Nagar, UP, with its respective owner, Ms. Prasar Metal Engineering Pvt Ltro have declared the property to be freom all encumbrances, liens, charge, prior

(Advocate) Enrollment No. D/509A/2007 per No. T- 40 A, Tehsil Lane Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

"सार्वजनिक सूचना"भ राम गोपाल सिंह मेरे मुविक्कल श्री राम गोपाल सिंह उम्र 60 वर्ष पुत्र स्व0 श्री पन्नलाल एवं श्रीमती लोकेश्वरी पत्नी श्री राम गोपाल सिंह, निवासी — 9/838, वसुन्धरा, सैक्टर — 9, गाजियाबाद (उं0 प्र0)—201012 ने अपने पुत्र प्रशांत मोहन को गलत व्यवहार के चलते अपनी चल – अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर दिया है और यदि कोई भी व्यक्ति भविष्य में मेरे मुवक्किल के पुत्र प्रशांत मोहन र किसी भी तरह का लेन – देन / व्यवहार करता है तो वह उसका स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा। इसमें मेरे मुविक्कल व उसके परिवार की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

PUBLIC NOTICE Y CLIENT SUNITA W/o RAMDI TENDS TO RIGHT SIDE HALF POR' INTENDS TO RIGHT SIDE HALF PORTION
OF UPPER GROUND FIGOR WITHOUT
ROOF RIGHTS, (SAID FLOOR), PART OF
PROPERTY BEARING NO.W2-194,
(ADJOINING PROPERTY NO.W2-193,
AREA MEASURING 43 SQYDS, OUT OF
KHASRA NO.323, SITUATED IN THE AREA
OF VILLAGE KHAMPUR RAYA, IN THE
ABADI OF MANDIWALI GALI SHADIPUR
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OF CONTACT
AFORD SAID There is no death certificate of
GOJI Ram on this property and there is no
legal heir. ANYONE HAVING OBJECTION
OR CLAIM IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT
AT 9999656945. WITHIN O7 DAYS, WITH
OCUMENTED SUPPORT OF THEIR
OBJECTION OR CLAIM.

Kamal Singh (Advocate)
Enri.No.D/748/2014

जसवीर सिंह मान अधिवक्त

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public Notice is hereby given that Sh. Abdul Gafoor, S/o Late Sh. Bundu Khan, Rio RZ-164/1, Tughlakabad Extn., South East, Delhi-110019, expired on 11.07.2021, at Escort Hospital, Delhi. It is requested to M/s Supertech Realtors Pvt. Ltd. to transfer the flat it. excidential Juli No. (R203NWEST0505/Flat # 0505) in project SIJEED NOVA. (NOVA WEST) project SUPER NOVA (NOVA WEST project SUPER NOVA (NOVA WEST) situated at Plot No. 3, Sector-94, Noida-201301, in the name of his son namely Sh. Ashraf Ahmed, Sio Late Sh. Abdul Gafoor, Rio R.Z-164 Gail No. 1, Tughlakabad Extn., Kalkaji, South East, Delhi -110019, as a main applicant. If, anybody has any objection he/she may contact Mr. Vaibhav Mittal of Supertech Realtors Pvt. Ltd., E-Square, C-2, Sector-96, Noida-201301, within 15 days of this notice being published.

Amjad Khan (Advocate) Ch. No. 369, Civil Wings, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known that I, Vinay Varma S/o Late. Sh. D.P. Verma and Manika Varma Nair D/o Late. Sh. Hans Varma Joint owner of flat 91, Vasant Enclave. Vasant Vinar, New Delhi-110057 have lost Unisplaced to the shear of t

Sd/- B.B. N. Deo, Advocate, S.R II. B. Coumpus, Janak Puri, ND-58

PUBLIC NOTICE to Top with Terrace right upto Sky, Block-A, Measuring 300 Syd'ss, Ashok Vhra, New Delhi, presently owned & possessed by (1) Sh. Rajinder (Muran Wanchoo (2) Smt. Pran Kumani Wanchoo (3) Smt. Nancy Pandit (4) Dr. Maharaj Krishan Wanchoo (5) Sh. Man Mohan Wanchoo by virtue of Surviving Hember Certificate of Lais Smt. Gauri Wanchoo (also known as Smt.Gawn Wanchoo) and as per present owner(s) version the said property isfare free from all sorts of encumbrances. Smean is reported wide IR No. 152004A0220; dt. 24 06. 2022 with P.S. Crime Branch. Delhi Li is hereby notified that any person, Altomey Part of the Smt. Smt. Smt. Smt. Smt. Wanchoo Smt Ajeet Kumar (Advocate) No. 561, Saket Courts, N. Delhi (M) Email: legaloffice2006@gmai

PUBLIC NOTICE

hat my clients Rakesh Kumar & his W Bmt. Kiran Devi R/o H.No-7, Shiv Vihar, Vik Jagar, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, New Dell agar, Uttam Nagar, West Delni, New Delf 10059 has disowned/debarred her daught amely Manisha Kumari from their a lovable, immovable properties due to ha da conduct, behavior towards my clients ar he is not in my client's control and if any or eep relation with her it will be on their ow sk, cost and consequences and my clien ave no responsibility for her act, omiss c. in this regards.

RINKU MATHU AT NEW DELHI-11050

PUBLIC NOTICE The General Public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Sheela W/o Late Shri Kripal Singh R/o N-335, Gali No. 13, Amar Market, Saurabh Wínar, Jaitpur, New Delhi 110044 have disowned her real son Namely Vishal and Daughter-in-law Namely Sudha and her both Grand Sons Namely Aditya and Hiyansh from all her movable and immovable properties and have severed all her relations with them on account of their immoral conduct and intolerable physical and mental cruelties with her. Anyone dealing/transacting with them shall be fully responsible for their acts and my client shall not be responsible for and my client shall not be responsible fo any of their acts in future

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड

कार्यात्व विशासी विभिवता, विद्वत परीक्षण सन्द, बिजतीयर नं 6 के सभीप, रूड्की – 24766 निविदा तिथि विस्तार सूचना इस खंड द्वारा आमंत्रित निविद संख्या 05(W)22-23, 06(W) 22-

23, 07(W)22-23 एवं 08(W) 22-23 जोकि दिनांक 24.06.2022 मे खोली जानी थी किन्हीं अपरिहाय कारणों से दिनांक 29.06.2022 खोली जाएगी। अन्य नियम व शर्ते यथावत रहेगी। अधिशासी अभियन्ता

''राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें'' CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS CORRIGENDUM

No. PCMM/CLW/DKAE/E Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/15 Dated: 23.06.2022. The following Corrigendum of E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed instruction These are E-Tenders; only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. Sl. No.: [15]. Tender Dankuni/E-Procurement/22-23/39 Dated 13/05/2022. Tender No.: 34222543. Tender Opening Date: Tender Opening Date is to be read as "04/07/2022" in place of existing entry.

PCMM/CLW/DANKUNI Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

E.Tender No - CAO-DLF-MEW-AMC-SS-01-22-23 F-Tender invited on behalf of The Presiden of India for the under mentioned work. SI.No.: 1. Name of work: Annual Contract for Operation, schedule maintenance and breakdown attention of 132/33kV Main Receiving sub-station at DLF/MEW for three years from outsourcing. 2. Approx Cost of the work: Rs. 92,25,341.10, 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 1.84.500/-, 4. Date and time for closing of ender: 13.07.2022 at 12:00 hrs. 5. Web particular Notice board Location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office : The above E-Fender, E-Tendering document along with full information is available on website i.e http://www.ireps.gov.in or it can be seen in the office of CAO/GLP, Ground Floor Chamber Bhawan, Patna-800 001. Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in at least 15 days before date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc. response to this E-tender.

Dy. CEE/GELF/DMH PR/00464/GEL/ELEC/T/22-23/32

WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER In connection to Tender No. WR-TPI-1-2022 with closing date 12.07.2022 published on Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) website i.e. ww.ireps.gov.in on 14.06.2022 following amendment in Pre-Bid Conference date and Tender closing date is issued with mmediate effect. Tender No.: WR TPI-1-2022. Closing Date 19.07.2022. Pre-Bid Conference Date: 01.07.2022. Description Engagement of Third-Party Inspection Agencies for Goods Procurement in Indian Railways Estimated Cost: Rs. 1500 Cr Empanelment Period: 3 Years EMD: Rs. 1,00,00,000/-. Intereste eligible Third-Party inspection Agencies are advised to participate i the e-tender for Inspection of Goods in ndian railways. All tender relate details are available on website www.ireps.gov.in and only Digitally signed Online Submitted bids are sought for this. For any furthe information / clarification please contact Dy. Chief Materials Manage (Chg), Western Railway, Telephone

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THE NAKODAR COOP. SUGAR MILLS LTD. NAKODAR (JAL) PUNJAB Website: www.nakodarsugar.com e-Tender Notice

Regarding Sale of Sugar of all Coop. Sugar Mills, Punjab The Nakodar Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., nakodar is going to sale 70000 Ctts. of sugar out of Cuota July 2022 of 8 working Coop. Sugar Mills of Punjab from Production Year 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 through e-tender. Out of above quantity the 70% sugar will be sold from Production Year 2019-20 and 30% will be sold from Production Year 2020-21 & 2021-22 or according to the availability of stock with the Mills. Last date for submission of online e-tenders is 02.07.2022 upto 11:00 AM. Tender will be opened on same day i.e. on 02.07.2022 at 12:00 Noon. Interested parties! Sugar traders can participate in e-tender through website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Regarding Purchase of Sugar DNIT, terms & conditions and sugar sale policy can be downloaded from website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. any Comgendum/Addendum/Amendments etc. will be uploaded on Punjab Govt, website http://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

General Manager PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Dheeraj Singh** S/o Arun Singh R/o Vill. Prem Nagar, Ward No. 7, P.S. Runni, Said Pur Distt., Sitamadi, Bihar has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case FIR No. 11/20 U/s 380/454/411 IPC registered at P.S. South Rohini, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Dheeraj Singh could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Dheeraj Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Dheerai Singh** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.10.2022.

By Order Sh. Vivek Beniwal, **Metropolitan Magistrate-07 (North-West)** DP/1565/RD/2022 Room No. 208, 2nd Floor Rohini Courts, Delhi

झारखण्ड सरकार वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, झारखण्ड,राँची कार्यालय-वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन-वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड,राँची

सीसल रेशा बिक्री हेत् अतिअल्पकालिन निविदा सूचना

वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन-वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा सीसल रेशा के 50 मे0 टन की बिक्री हेतु निविदादाताओं / क्रेताओं से निविदा दिनांक–08.07.2022 को पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे तक मुहरबन्द लिफाफे में आमंत्रित की जाती है सीसल रेशा का उठाव लातेहार स्थित सीसल गोदाम से किया जायेगा। गोदाम की दूरी राँची मुख्यालय से लगभग 100 कि0 मी0 है।

इच्छुक क्रेता निविदा फार्म (Tender Form) बिक्री के नियम एवं शर्तों के साथ वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन-वृक्ष विज्ञानी झारखण्ड, राँची के कार्यालय, वन भवन, ब्लॉक—ई, डोरण्डा, राँची से कार्यालय अवधि में रु० 500 / — (पाँचसौ रूपये नगद) नगद देकर अथवा वन विभागीय वेबसाइट (http://forest.jharkhand.gov.in/) से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं। डाउनलोड किये जाने की स्थिति में क्रेता को रू० 500 / – (पाँच सौ रूपये नगद) का बैंक ड्राफ्ट, जो वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन–वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची के पक्ष में भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, डोरण्डा शाखा, राँची पर भुगतेय होगा, संलग्न करना होगा।

50 मे0 टन का निविदा के लिए अग्रधन (Earnest money) रू० 55000 / -(पचपन हजार रूपये) का बैंकड्राफ्ट वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन—वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची के पक्ष में भूगतेय भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, डोरण्डा शाखा, राँची पर भूगतेय बैंकड़ाफ्ट संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा। निविदा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय कक्ष में क्रेताओं अथवा उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष खोली

जाएगी । निविदा के नियम एवं शर्त की प्रति उपरोक्त वर्णित विभागीय वेबसाईट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा । निर्घारित तिथि एवं समय के पश्चात् कार्यालय में निविदा प्राप्त होने की स्थिति में समर्पित निविदा को अमान्य

क्रेता अधिक जानकारी के लिए किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यावधि (10 बजे पूर्वाहन से 5 बजे अपराहन तक) कार्यालय

आकर या दूरभाष संख्या–0651-2480735, मो० संख्या–8987790024 पर संपर्क कर प्राप्त कर सकते है। (स्मिता पंकज) वनसंरक्षक एवं राज्य वन–वृक्ष विज्ञानी.

झारखण्ड, राँची

PR 272322 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes(22-23).D

तक तथा निविदा खलने का दिनांक 19.07.2022

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, महासमुन्द (छ.ग.) Phone No. 07723-223731, Email:-eephe-mah-cg@nic.in क्र.3612/व.ले.लि./जि.ज.स्व.िम./का.अ./लो.स्वा.यां.खण्ड/2022/महासमुन्द दिनांक-20/06/22

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन (Online) की निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है **कार्य का नाम:**- महासमुन्द जिले के विभिन्न ग्रामों में जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत सिंगल विलेज नल जल प्रदाय योजनाओं के समस्त कार्य।

CAMAG	क्लोक क्लोक	8:	अनुमाणि ए जानत (स. जान्य में)
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247/20-06-2022	100017	प्राम क्रिमीलेना क्रियल फिलेज गत जल प्रमाम बीजना विकाससम्बद्ध स्थान (क्रम्म आयंत्रम)	39.27
240 / 25-06-2022	102218	धाम संवयपुरा दुक्तवा विभाग विजेज नात जान जान मोजना विकासकान्य महागाईकाम आमानाई	36.87
249/20-06-2022	102222	पाग कविमा विभाग मिलेल नत जल प्रयाम भीजना विकालकाच बताना देवसम आमेतन)	39.27
200/20-06-2022	102224	पाम मुख्यक्रम विभाग विदेश तदा प्रस्त्य भीजात विकासक्यम बसात (अभम अस्पत्रम)	39.03
251/25 06 2522	100228	पाम प्रसारकार पुरुषा विंगल क्रिकेन गाम जाम प्रयास भीजना विकासकार स्थान हुन्छ। असमानम्	31.63
250/25-06-3023	102009	पान टीमा विवास विसेच नस सम स्वाप बोजना विकासक्षक साता (१००० आर्थ)	38.57
200/20-06-2022	102910	पाम कुलरहा सिंदल विकेश गाव लाव प्रदान बीलन्य विकासकार बसना (काम आमंत्रन)	39.08
254/20-04-2022	102911	साम कुरावेगाच्या दुक्ता विनंत विक्रेज एक जल प्रधान भीजना विकासकार बहाना देशमा आरोकन्तु	45.95
256/20-06-2022	102812	पाम राखनगरी विंच्या मिलेज यस अस स्थाप श्रीताच विरुताखन्द सदमसारी (१९९५ क्षापंत्रक)	47.02
256/20-06-2022	102013	पाम अकाशकार शिमात विशेष गत परा प्रधान बीचना विकासकार्य सरावधारी (काम आर्थकार)	48.37
257 / 25-06-2022	100914	पाम मुरवादाती विरात विरोत नत जरा प्रधान भीजन विकासवाद सदयवारी (कान कार्यपर)	48.98
250 / 20-06-2022	102815	पाम बन्दिली सिमात विदेश गत जरा प्रथम भेजना विकासकाब महत्वपुर्य (काम अलंबन)	96.81
259/25-00-3022	102210	पाम कांग शिंगत जितित नात जात क्याम मीजान विकासकट महावपुरत (रूपम कार्गारू)	106,78
200/21-06-2023	100017	पाम बोरिय क्षित्रत मिलेल एक जल बनाए बोलाग विकासकारक महाप्रापुत्र (क्ष्मक कार्यक्रम)	64.94
361 / 30-06-3033	102010	पाच तरिकेश विरंश जिलेज गत जर प्रयाम भीजना विकासकार महावसुन्य (अनव असंत्रन)	55.74

NORTHERN RAILWAY

https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in से डाऊनलोड की जा सकती है। 3.निविदा डाऊनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 11.07.2022 सायं 5.30 बजे

E-TENDERING

हस्ता/-

कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, महासमुन्द (छ.ग.)

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-09/UMB-2022-23 DATED 24.06.2022

conf	contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.					
S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening	
1.	(i) Repairs to sink hole, balcony, parapet, door, window, plumbing system, PVC tank etc. in rail vihar colony in the section of SSE/W/RV/UMB (ii) Repair of water supply and sewerage line in rly colony under SSE/W/E/UMB and (iii) Clubbing of Type-I grs. Into Type-II qtrs. of block no 280/10 unit Type-I qtrs. converted into 5 unit Type-II qtrs. block no-281/10 unit Type-I converted into 5 unit Type-II qtrs. lo lock no 282/10 unit Type-I converted into 5 unit Type-II qtrs. In Old Railway colony, Ambala Cantt. in the section of SSE/W/E/UMB under ADEN/UMB.	3960452	79200	09 Months	19.07.2022	
2.	Supply of 100000 cum 65 mm gauge machine crushed stone ballast for B.G track duly stacked and loaded into rail borne trucks/ BOB's in the ballast depot at Barwala on Jakhal - Hisar section under DEN/Track/ Ambala.	87855000	589300	14 Months	19.07.2022	
3.	1) Construction of 1 Nos. LHS ($6m \times 4.5m$) by pushing method in lieu of manned LC no. C-20 at Km 20.932 on LDH-DUI section. 2) Construction of 1 Nos. LHS ($1 \times 5.5m \times 3.6m$) by pushing method in lieu of manned L-Xing no. C-30 at Km 30.963 between AHH-KUP stations on LDH-DUI section. 3) Construction of 1 Nos. LHS ($5m \times 5m$) by pushing method in lieu of manned LC no. C-48 at Km 55/1-2 on LDH-DUI section.	69770467	498900	09 Months	19.07.2022	
4.	Installation of submersible waste water pumps & MPS panel floor in sewerage treatment plant in railway colony at Jagadhary Workshop in the section of SSE/W-I/JUDW under ADEN/JUDW.	3444738	68900	02 Months	19.07.2022	
5.	Balance work of construction of all civil work i.e. conversion of existing rail level goods platform in to high level passenger platform, provision of 1st FOB/shelter, shifting of existing goods platform in c/with additional traffic facilities at Sunam yard on Dhuri - Jakhal section in the section of	4181480	83600	04 Months	19.07.2022	

SSE/W/Sangrur under ADEN/PTA

5 GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017

Name of Work

Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions

The required Earnest Money will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only wel before & upto 15:00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender.

Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) The Executive Engineer HPPWD Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, of from the eligible class of contractor registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in table.

Estimated Starting Farnest Deadline for Time

No	Name of Work	Cost	date for download ing Bid	Money Money	submission of Bid	Limit
1	C/o Health Sub-Centre building at ChokhnaTeshilGhumarwin Distt. Bilaspur HP	Rs. 27,49,980/-	4/7/2022	Rs. 48,800/-	21/7/2022	Eight Month
2	C/o L/R from Dadhol, Ladrour road Vill Kothi to Kaamli SamlahB hatwara Paplah Malot i/c bridge over Drug Khad (Tarring in Km 0/0 to 1/0)	Rs. 10,93,493/-	4/7/2022	Rs. 22,000/-	12/7/2022	Three Month
3	Annual Maintenance Plan for the year 2021-22 for rural road (PMGSY road) (SH:-Providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete on HATWAR BRAMLI road in km 0/0 to 2/500).	Rs. 21,10,328/-	4/7/2022	Rs. 39,600/-	12/7/2022	Three month
4	Annual Maintenance Plan for the year 2020-21 for rural road other then PMGSY road) (SH:-Providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete on TarounBarota road in km 3/0 to 4/0)	Rs. 6,10,285/-	4/7/2022	Rs. 12,300/-	12/7/2022	One month
5	Annual Maintenance Plan for the year 2021-22 for rural road (PMGSY road) (SH:-Providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete on DALOH TO MUNDAKHAR road in km 0/0 to 1/500)	Rs. 12,74,500/-	4/7/2022	Rs. 25,800/-	12/7/2022	Two month
6	C/o multipurpose hall badminton court and examination hall at GSSS (B) Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur HP	Rs. 3,15,67,600/-	4/7/2022	Rs. 6,08,000/-	21/7/2022	Two years

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Ghumarwin Division HPPWD Ghumarwin On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Executive Engineer

CALENDAR

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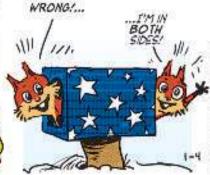
- Holding a belief about humanity(8)
- Car making a river crossing
- Hanging in a French town
- 10 Numbers take charge in stress 11 A ruler puts an amendment
- that's out of this world! (12)
- 13 They may be spotted laughing
- 14 The first city for capital investment (6)
- 17 No, it isn't all a new ceremony
- 20 Little mother no less
- 21 Speak out for zero taxation
- 22 Resort to being agreeable (4) 23 I left priests in churches (8)

- Set up a portion of gin
- Foster child? (7) Security man on board is a weapons expert
- (6-2-4)Observing it's a dumbbell?
- Odd, only one rose growing in
- a bed(5)
- Holding in suspense
- Orders for this month's disturbances?(12)
- 12 One who won't stand any nonsense at the meeting?
- 15 Rich fabric with an
- $out standing \, design \, (7)$ 16 Pupils of the past perhaps (6)
- 18 Sound of icons breaking (5) 19 Disorder in the dining room

Solutions Crossword 4776: Across: 1 Ember days, 8 Omega, 9 Proviso, 10 Cinema, 11 Stayer, 12 Apple pie, 15 Reappear, 18 Actone, 20 Cancan, 21 Pinnace, 22 Obese 23 Necessary. **Down:** 2 Merit, 3 Envoys, 4 Disgrace, 5 Social, 6 Receipt, 7 Bagatelle 11 Scarecrow, 13 Paradise, 14 Taunted, 16 Platen, 17 Stones, 19 Nicer.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 2s

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

must appear in each of the

each of the nine horizontal

every digit from 1 to 9

nine vertical columns, in

rows and in each of the

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;

3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

Instructions

nine boxes.

Difficulty Level



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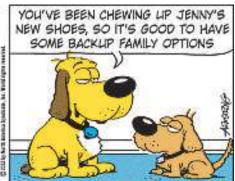
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 487

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LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Something just doesn't seem to be working out socially. It may be best to mix

with people with whom you feel genuinely close and not to labour the point with more distant acquaintances. After all you don't want to waste your time on those who you may never see again.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Although superficially you



anything, it takes a lot to deal with your secret fears. However, you can easily forget your woes by confessing all to family members or immersing yourself in a favourite hobby. A problem shared could turn out to be a problem halved.

General public is hereby informed

that an unidentified person whose

name: Suresh S/o Fulo Yadav, R/o

Shop No. 208, Kamla Market, Delhi

(Permanent address unknown) and

family is unknown, about 45 years of

age was found dead at footpath near

Hari Har Ashram, Kamla Market,

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You can't win alone so you may as well

team up with other

independent souls

reason to expect a

fulfilling, inspiring

You've a knack of

smiling and keeping

everyone happy, but

You may not be free

to act exactly as you

doesn't mean that

want, but that

perhaps at the cost

and enjoyable time,

and learn what you can. You

as you know, you don't really get anywhere without

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) There is every

but only if you take a leap into

questions, then the future may

unravel. Perhaps you should summon up the courage to ask

suitable people for support.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

of accepting that you won't get

what you want. If you push too hard then you may only

affection and support you need. That's why extra subtlety

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

you can't safeguard your own

work. It's a busy day, and one in

interests financially and at

which not to be distracted

from your goals. If you're not satisfied with social

engagements, then take the

lead and make your own arrangements

antagonise people whose

is called for today.

the dark. The moment you succumb to doubts and

are wrestling with tricky decisions, and the results could be exciting, if harsh. But then,



a sort of sharp and ready wit, perhaps a healthy burst of sarcasm. Short trips could prove surprisingly stimulating, and you may never know what lies around the next corner.

BY PETER VIDAL

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Some people just don't know when to

leave well alone. Others still imagine that they can run your life. How wrong they are. If they haven't learned that you are an independent soul, they never will, and you may have to consider changing your old friends for new ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) This is a special time of year, a time to

make wishes and shape your destiny for the coming period. In about another week or so you'll be flying high, and nobody will be able to stop you. Remember, the more you believe in yourself, then the better off

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) A development that touches you deep in

your heart will please you, but may cause you to think again. If you are moved to make a generous gesture, then don't let anyone hold you back. Don't be afraid of being thought to be flashy, either: sometimes you have a perfect right to show off.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Family influences are friendly, so get the most out of any

welcome

engagements and make up for any past rifts or misunderstandings. One friend or colleague will be happy to hear from you, so if you've been wondering whether to get in touch, then go right ahead.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

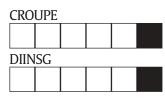


that all you need do is go with the flow, but you may rightly regard other people as slightly out of touch with reality. Those who intrude on your private space will not

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 the answer for the given quip. __is the problem. - Virginia Satir (6)





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General Public is hereby informed

that one person Namely: Ashish,

S/o Anil, R/o: A-830, Sangam Vihar,

New Delhi, Age: 23 Years, Height:

5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face:

Round, Built: Thin, Wearing:

Mehroon Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans

and Black Colour shoes has been

missing from the area of P.S. Tigri,

New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 73A, Dated 04.06.2022, has been

registered at **P.S. Tigri, New Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by

local police to trace out the missing

person but no clue has come to light

Closing Date

18.07.2022

22.07.2022

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Answer: Problems are not the problem; coping is the problem. - Virginia Satir SOLUTION: TOXIN, KNOCK, RECOUP, SIDING

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

07220106 Brake Beam, Complete 1625 Nos. 29.08.2022

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

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

so far. If anyone have any information about this missing

through e-procurement system for supply of the following item:-

Injection Moulded

SI.No. Tender No. Brief Description

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details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Silent Block

Tender Notice No.: 23/2022-2023 Dated: 24.06.2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Tender Notice No. Inj. Medicines
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and or ehalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for

up	upply of the following items:-							
). .	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	ClosIng Date				
	82221055A	Sacubitril 49mg and Valsartan 51 mg	107000 Nos.	20.07.2022				
	82221216A	Empagliflozin 25mg tablet	176700 Nos.	19.07.2022				
	82221208B	Empagliflozin 10mg tablet	153000 Nos.	19.07.2022				

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The Chief Electrical Engineer/Const-II, Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, Nev Delhi for & on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender under Two packet system for the under noted work:-1. e- Tender NIT No. 17-Elect/C/TRD/MB/132.

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2.	Name of work and location	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KVAC single phase OHE including OHE modification in c/w construction of new line between Mukerian-Talwara section with cord line between Patial -Bhangala yard over Firozpur division.
3.	Completion period of the work	15 Months.
4.	Approximate Cost of work	₹21,16,44,367.14
5.	Bid Security amount (to be deposited Online)	₹12,08.300/-
6	Date & Time for submission	Tenders may be unloaded unto 11.30 hrs on

Phone: 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229 & 23015218 extn. 210 SHO

Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 DP/246/SD/2022

person please inform to the following:-

ASHISH

P.S. Tigri, New Delhi Ph.: 8750870834



पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0

अल्पकालीन ई—निविदा संख्या:— 44 / 2022—23 / वि०वि०मं० / मेरठ, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुर्थ, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड प्रथम, मेडिकल के कार्य क्षेत्र में काँवड मार्ग में लम्बे स्पैन में पोल लगाना, गार्डिंग करना, एस0टी0 पोलो पर 7 फीट ऊँचाई तक इन्सुलेटिड शीट लगाना, सड़क किनारे परिवर्तको की बैरिकेटिंग करना एवं लाईनो का सुदृढ़ीकरण करना आदि कार्य कराये जाने हेतु अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 07 दिन है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 07.07.2022 (12:00 बजे तक) है। अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या:- 45/2022-23/वि0वि0मंo/मेरठ, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुर्थ, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड द्वितीय किठौर के कार्य क्षेत्र में काँवड मार्ग में लम्बे स्पैन में पोल लगाना, गार्डिंग करना, एस0टी0 पोलो पर 7 फीट ऊँचाई तक इन्सुलेटिड शीट लगाना, सड़क किनारे परिवर्तको की बैरिकेटिंग करना एवं लाईनो का सुदृढ़ीकरण करना आदि कार्य कराये जाने हेत् अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 07 दिन है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरो. हर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 07.07.2022 (12:00 बजे तक) है। **अल्पकालीन ई--निविदा संख्या:--46/2022-23/वि0वि0मं0/मेरठ,** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुर्थ, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड तृतीय, खरखौदा के कार्य क्षेत्र में काँवड मार्ग में लम्बे स्पैन में पोल लगाना. गार्डिंग करना, एस0टी0 पोलो पर 7 फीट ऊँचाई तक इन्सूलेटिड शीट लगाना, सड़क किनारे परिवर्तको की बैरिकेटिंग करना एवं लाईनो का सुदृढ़ीकरण करना आदि कार्य कराये जाने हेतु अल्पकालीन ई—निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 07 दिन है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 07.07.2022 (12:00 बजे तक) है। कार्य की मूल मात्रा, निविदा विशिष्टीकरण व अन्य नियम एवं शर्ते ई–निविदा पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताये अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से सम्बन्धित सूचना यदि कोई होगी, केवल वेबसाईट पर डाली जायेगी। अतः स्वंय को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाईट को नियमित देखे। 'राष्ट्र हित मे बिजली बचाये' अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल—मेरठ। विद्युत चोरी की सूचना 1800—180—3002 पर दें। पत्र संख्या ४६८३ वि०वि०मं० / मेरठ दिनांक २४.०६.२०२२

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3.	Completion period of the work	15 Months.
4.	Approximate Cost of work	₹21,16,44,367.14
5.	Bid Security amount (to be deposited Online)	₹12,08.300/-
6.	Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs or date 15.07.2022 on IREPS web site i.e. www.lreps.gov.ln. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 15.07.2022.
7.	Detailed Tender Notice & Tender documents	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender documen is available on www.ireps.gov.in.

Notice Board of the above office No.17-Elect/C/TRD/MB/132 Dated 21/22.06.2022 1550/2022 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Above tender document will be available for

submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e

www.ireps.gov.ln from 01.07.2022 to 15.07.2022 All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender are given in tender documents.

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावॉ

<u>अल्पकालीन पुर्ननिविदा ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना</u> (09th Call)

ई—टेंडर रेफरेन्स नं०—प०नि०वि० / सरायकेला / 05 दिनांक —24.06.2022						
1.	कार्य का नाम	आदित्यपुर—काण्ड्रा सेक्शन के चैनेज 14+850 कि०मी० में अवस्थित टॉल प्लाजा में User Fee का Collection ।				
2.	राशि (Annual Potential Collection)	रु० 11.8363 करोड़ (रुपये ग्यारह करोड़ तेरासी लाख तिरसट हजार) मात्र				
3.	User Fee Collection की अवधि	02 (दो) वर्ष				
4.	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि / समय	11.07.2022 12:00 बजे दोपहर तक				
5.	वेवसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	27.06.2022 10:30 बजे पूर्वाहन्न से				
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Centuries by Dubey and Shubham put Madhya Pradesh just seven runs away from lead and possibly from a Ranji Trophy title

ABHISHEK PUROHIT BENGALURU, JUNE 24

YASH DUBEY and Shubham Sharma had sailed through much of the morning session on the third day of the Ranji Trophy final in Bengaluru. Both were in the late 70s but Madhya Pradesh were yet to go past 200 and Mumbai's 374 was a considerable distance away yet. Mumbai had failed to create chances with the morning sun beating down for the first time in the game. However, the off-spinner Tanush Kotian was starting to create a bit of pressure with his angle from round the stumps. Two legbefore shouts off successive balls were turned down against Shubham, who responded with a charge for a lofted straight four in the same over. A couple of overs later, Dubey survived a close lbw shout as well from Kotian, and Mumbai's frustration came out in a volley of words. Dubey replied with a cover drive for two and a whipped four over midwicket.

That was a crucial feature of the mammoth 222-run second-wicket stand be-

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tween Shubham and Dubey. The pair, who came together at 47 for 1 on the second aftertogether at 47 for 1 on the noon, crushed Mumbai's second afternoon, fight gradually in a crushed Mumbai's fight nearly six-hour long partnership that gradually in a nearly sixstretched for 73.1 overs. hour long partnership On the rare occasion that stretched for 73.1 Mumbai managed to build some pressure, overs. On the rare Shubham or Dubey occasion Mumbai would instantly release it with a boundary or managed to build some two, and go back to their pressure, Shubham or largely risk-free accu-**Dubey would instantly** mulation. release it with a boundary

It was a remarkable display in concentration for such a long period from the MP duo in the biggest match of their lives. No matter how many words Sarfaraz

Khan or Hardik Tamore or the other Mumbai players threw at them, they never came even close to throwing their wicket away. Given how much banter Mumbai are capable of, especially when things are going against them, it was a marathon exercise in self-denial amid provocation.Under the sun, the wicket played the best it has in the three days so far. And when there is next to nothing happening off the wicket, this Mumbai attack does not have the teeth to force things to happen. At the start of the day. Tushar Deshpande tried bowling fuller, against his natural shorter length, and in the absence of swing, was taken for a few fours by a positive Shubham.

Shaw spread the field out somewhat for short while, and having set some early momentum, MP had no problems in motoring along. Another aspect of the stand was the running between the wickets.

They would go for a single at the smallest of opportunities, keeping the fielders busy. It also meant that Mumbai weren't able to string any meaningful sequence of

Dubey had looked compact right from the moment he leaned forward to defend the first ball of the MP innings from Dhawal Kulkarni on the second day. Early on, he

gave the impression that he was intent on batting long and showed unflappable temperament across an innings that lasted 336 deliveries. He has a peculiar way of getting behind the line wherein he appears to be late on the ball often but at the last instant, covers it pretty solidly. Throughout his innings, he kept stretching forward outside the line of off or going right back to defend, and also left deliveries without getting enticed. For someone who was made to open only in the third game of this season for the first time since his debut in 2018-19, Dubey seemed a natural fit for the role.

Shubham, meanwhile, went at a quicker rate and played more strokes, like he had on day two. His straight and cover driving was decisive and powerful. He got to his fourth hundred of the season - to go with a 92 against Gujarat as well - crunching a drive so hard off Deshpande that it burst through extra cover's hands and well all the way for four. When the second new ball was taken, he took some chances and went after full deliveries, thick-edging a couple over the cordon for fours. When Mohit Avasthi, the only one of the Mumbai

seamers who wasn't completely disappointing, straightened a couple of deliveries outside off, Shubham was given caught behind off the second appeal for 116 off 215. MP were just over a 100 runs away by then.

Out came another in-form batsman Rajat Patidar to chants of 'RCB, RCB' from the couple hundred fans at the Chinnaswamy, and proceeded to bash whatever he pleased out of sight. He stood and whipped length balls in the air past midwicket, he punched rising deliveries off the back foot past extra cover, and he straight-drove with au-

thority. His fifty arrived in just 44 balls as a deflated Mumbai had nothing left in the tank. There followed a reprieve as he was caught off a Shams Mulani no-ball, and switched to the other extreme thereafter, going as many as 26 deliveries without scoring a single run.

Dubey's stay finally ended after 111.5 overs of blunting Mumbai, as he was caught behind off Mulani for 133 off 336. Overall, Mulani couldn't find much turn or bounce, and while Kotian did get some lift, he was forced to bowl into the batsman with a leg-side field for a large part of his spell, and was given only 18 overs compared to Mulani's 40.

The conditions may have differed across the first two days and the third, but it is fair to say that MP's four-man attack thoroughly outbowled Mumbai's five-bowler unit. MP scored 245 for 2 on the third day in 82 overs, and are a mere seven runs away from taking what should likely be a decisive first-innings lead for their maiden title since the state's formation.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 374 (Sarfaraz Khan 134, Yashaswi Jaiswal 78; Gaurav Yadav 4/106) vs Madhya Pradesh 368/3 (Yash Dubey 133, Shubham Sharma 116; Mohit Avasthi 1/53)



Yash Dubey (L) celebrates his century during the third day of the Ranji Trophy final against Mumbai. 🎮

Dubey, an old-school batsman with compact technique and calm head

ABHISHEK PUROHIT BENGALURU, JUNE 24

IN 28 first-class innings since his debut in 2018-19, 23-year-old Yash Dubey had never opened until midway into this Ranji Trophy season. Right before he was promoted to open by coach Chandrakant Pandit in a crucial game against Kerala, Dubey had, in fact, stroked an unbeaten 85 off 92 balls against Meghalaya down at No 7.

But Pandit saw something in his compact technique and calm temperament, and Dubey delivered instantly, scoring a massive 289 off 591 balls against Kerala and forming a third-wicket partnership of 277 with Rajat Patidar, who made 142. He couldn't do much in the quarters and semis but has squeezed Mumbai almost out of the final with 133 off 336 deliveries, spending 111.5 overs in the middle after fielding for 127.4 overs.

Despite the Mumbai fielders ch constantly, Dubey hardly played a false stroke in his knock, retaining his concentration throughout and making Mumbai earn his wicket. "He has always had that patience, and that is his strength. He had scored heavily in Under-19 cricket too. The ability was evident even then, which is why we had promoted him to the senior team then," says Devendra Bundela, the former MP captain.

"We gave him some confidence early on that you have the ability and you will do well in the Ranji Trophy. He has the ability to bat

He has always had that patience, and that is his strength. He had scored heavily in Under-19 cricket too. The ability was evident even then, which is why we had promoted him to the senior team then."

DEVENDRA BUNDELA FORMER MP CAPTAIN, ON YASH DUBEY

at any position. And someone who really wants to play will play at any position."

Dubey is a rare young batsman who actually wants to bat long, Bundela feels. "He thinks in the old-school fashion. He really desires to be successful in four-day cricket. First and foremost, it is very important that you feel that way. He is the sort of batsman who you will have to get out, he will not throw away his wicket. Chandu bhai has guided him well. And I have also been talking to him before every match from his U-19 days.'

He was highly rated in state cricket circles, but Dubey had only one first-class hundred going into the season, before the promotion to open worked wonders. "See that is the beauty of Chandu bhai's thinking," says former MP coach Mukesh Sahni, whose son Parth made his first-class debut in the Ranji final.

"He has obviously seen something in Dubey's temperament that convinced him he had it in him to open the innings. Dubey learnt his cricket in Bhopal but moved to play for the neighbouring Hoshangabad division as he was not getting enough chances for Bhopal division. He has been making runs at every level since then with that compact technique.' Dubey's partner during the marathon sec-

ond-wicket partnership of 222 against Mumbai was former MP captain Shubham Sharma, who is in the form of his life. The 28-year old made his debut back in 2013, but has scored four of his seven first-class centuries this season. Hailing from Indore, Shubham plays for the Indore Sports Club at the ITI Maidan in the city, where his mother is a school teacher.

"The atmosphere is very upbeat today at our club. Everyone is so proud of what Shubham has done. It is a massive achievement for him and our club," says the club owner Raju Chouhan. "(Former MP cricketer) Rishi Yengde had brought him to me when he was only 14. So he has been playing for the club from a very young age.'

Ahead of the final, Chouhan said that he nd asked Shubham to treat it as just another game and not be overawed by the occasion. "I just told him to try and not take the pressure that this is a final, and keep doing what he had been doing in match after match this season," Chouhan said. "It is just that this match has been designated a final, but they have already beaten several big teams this season, such as Gujarat, Punjab and Bengal. If all goes well over the next two days, it will be recorded in history that Madhya Pradesh won the Ranji Trophy because of these centuries from Shubham and Yash."

BRIEFLY —

Archers assured of second medal

Berlin: Indian archers assured themselves of a second medal in the World Cup Stage 3 with the duo of Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam reaching the compound mixed team final in Paris on Friday. A day after Deepika Kumari and Co. cruised into the final of recurve women's team event to confirm their first medal of the meet, the compound mixed pair of Verma and Jyothi followed suit, defeating Estonia's Robin Jaatma and Lisell Jaatma 156-151 in a lopsided semi-final. They will face fifth seed France in the compound mixed team final on Saturday.

U-17 WC: India grouped with Brazil

New Delhi: Hosts India have been clubbed alongside football powerhouse Brazil, Morocco and the USA in a tough group for the U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup, the draw for which took place in Zurich on Friday. The country is slated to host the tournament from October 11 to 30. India, being the host nation, are an automatic selection and are placed in Group A. India will begin their campaign against the USA on October 11 (Tuesday) at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Senthivel remains in lead in Chennai Open

Chennai: Indian International Master Nitin Senthilvel's winning run was halted as he drew his eighth round game against top-seed Boris Savchenko on Friday but remained on top of the standings in 13th Chennai Open International Grandmaster Chess tournament 2022 with 7.5 points. Nitin, who held the Russian to a 68-move draw, is a full point ahead of his nearest rivals.

Srihari, Aneesh continue to sparkle

Singapore: Srihari Nataraj and Aneesh Gowda continued to dazzle at the Singapore National Swimming Championships, grabbing gold medals in their respective events on the second day of the meet here on Friday. Srihari clocked 25.69 to bag the top honours in the 50m backstroke event. Aneesh won the gold in the 200m freestyle event with a time of 1:52.47 and the silver in the individual medley event, where he stopped the clock at 4:37.18.

Manu Bhaker strikes double gold

Bhopal: Pistol ace Manu Bhaker shot a double gold, claiming both the women' and junior women's 10m air pistol titles at the 20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting event. The 20-yearold shot 263.9 to outclass her opponents in the eight-women semi-final event. Arshdeep Kaur had a neck-and-neck fight with Manu and even followed her to the gold medal contest. However, Manu outshot Kaur 16-14 in a closely fought final contest.

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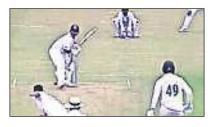
Against the Indians, Pant mixes caution with aggression to send a reminder of his batting talent

SANDIPG JUNE 24

TO HIS lengthening reel of mind-spinning strokes, those that inhabit a space between the glorious and ridiculous, Rishabh Pant added another in the warm-up game between Indians and Leicestershire. Umesh Yadav had just about veered a full ball onto Pant's leg-stump. Pant was already on bended knees, premeditating a sweep, or perhaps a scoop. But instead, he flicked the ball for a six over deep square leg from a sweeping posture, his back-knee on the ground and front knee bent, the body swaving a fraction towards his left, leaving both Yadav and the audience agape.

These are the strokes that embellish the legend of Pant. Instantly flickers and flashes through your mind the reverse-lapped four over the slip cordon off James Anderson, or the reverse-swept four off Jofra Archer over the gully, or his trademark pulls, wherein his body is arching so much backwards that he looks as imbalanced as a child who is learning to balance his cycle, or the charge down the track to tearaways, or the paddle-sweeps. In mood, he could hit any ball through any part of the ground with any stroke he likes.

These, though, are the same strokes that disembellish him too, in that he is hastily judged on the outrageousness of these strokes. As if every stroke he unleashes is of this unreal nature. As if he's all about just unfurling unusual shots and fetching the ball to unusual corners of the ground, as if he is just about blind daring and



Rishabh Pant scored 76 (87 balls) during the tour match on Friday.

derring-do. But such a perception is gloriously understating the genius of Pant's batting, and deflecting away from his real qualities. Often the part is misconstrued as the whole.

For, he is much more than an adrenalinefuelled see-ball-hit-ball destroyer of a cricket ball. There are deeper layers and different shades to his batting. Dissect any of his top Test knocks, a distinctly obvious pattern emerges. He bides his time, shrewdly gauges the pitch, bowlers and the mood of the match, before processes his plans, where to hit, when to hit and how to hit. For instance, during his hundred against England in Ahmedabad, he soaked 82 balls to reach his half-century but needed just 33 more to reach his century. One can't be scoring hundreds in Australia, England and South Africa relying solely on attacking guts.

The 87-ball 76 against Indians was forged in a characteristically Pant fashion. He began carefully, much like orthodox batsmen do, respecting conditions and playing the ball to its

sketches the faintest of an accurate picture. He struck a four of the fifth ball, but only when Shardul Thakur had erred on the shorter side. He would hit a bad ball at any time of his innings. But the good balls were left alone, if those were beyond his reach, or resolutely defended.

There were times when both Siraj and Mohammed Shami tested his discretion outside the off-stump. But apart from a stray attempt to hammer Shami down the ground, skipping down the track, he was restrained in the early exchanges. Instead, he managed to rattle Shami, as he pulled his length back immediately. Pant duly cut him behind point, taking the ball from almost his body, a tell-tale sign that he was playing the ball late. He eventually plundered 26 runs off 30 balls from the day's

Interestingly, his most productive shot was the extra cover drive, but only when the ball was full enough to be driven. He didn't stretch out but leant into the drives. Pant is a happy driver of the ball, but his classical side is often overshadowed by his daring side.

There were quiet periods too. There were two separate phases wherein he eked out a single off 10 balls. Off the first 72 balls, he scored 45. Of the next 15, he reeled out 31. That was classical Pant, and a plan of action forced by the fall of wickets around him. At one juncture, the Indians were 71/4, Siraj and Shami sharing two wickets apiece. They soon slipped to 129/5. It was then that Pant began to produce his adventurous side – the six off Yadav was followed by a slap through point and a short-arm front-foot

an intelligently constructed innings for both the conditions and the situation. And he alone ferried Leicestershire within two runs of the Indians' total.

Just as he seemed hurtling towards a hundred, he mistimed a slog to mid-on off Ravindra Jadeja. An infuriating fashion to get out, but that's in the Pant package, even the ungainliness of the shot would have the same audience tearing their hair in anger. Just as a stone-waller could get out defending, an attacking batsman could perish playing an attacking stroke. But those have been strokes that have condemned him to a pool of criticism. He might not yet be a complete player, there are flaws to be pressed out, his white-ball cricket is a study in progress, but there's little doubt that he is India's best wicket-keeper batsman in red-ball cricket. Bharat, in Indians' second innings total of eighty one, contributed 31 runs, taking his match tally to 101 runs without getting out. But he seems eons from displacing Pant

There is a subtext of paradox too-the second-most famous product of the IPL (after Jasprit Bumrah) is more attuned to the riffs of Test cricket than T20s or even ODIs. And to completely understand his game or to measure the depth of his genius, you need to watch (and read) him between those strokes of an unreal nature and those dismissals that slip you down a stream of rage.

BRIEF SCORES: Indians 246/8 dec (Bharat 70; Walker 5/24) & 80/1 (Gill 38, Bharat 31* lead Leicestershire 244 (Pant 76; Jadeja 3/28, Shami 3/42) by 82 runs

Brilliant Bairstow and unlikely hero Overton rescue England

REUTERS LEEDS, JUNE 25

ENGLAND CENTURION Johnny Bairstow and debutant Jamie Overton blazed a thrilling unbeaten seventh wicket stand of 209 in 223 balls to guide their teetering side to 264 for six at the close of the second day of the third test with New Zealand on Friday.

The imperious Bairstow has now blasted back-to-back centuries as he finished unbeaten on 130 from 126 balls, while number eight Overton showed his genuine all-round qualities with an equally eye-catching 89 not out from only 106 deliveries.

England trail the tourists' first innings score of 329 by 65 runs at Headingley, but will be delighted with their fightback after

they slipped to 55 for six in their reply. It is the highest seventh-wicket partnership for England against New Zealand and Overton's score is the most by an England player on debut batting at number eight or lower. The pair did it in some style too, with a mix of aggressive hitting and deft strokemaking as New Zealand were simply unable to slow the flow of runs.

The momentum in the test is now back with England but in the middle session of the day they were floundering. After Daryl Mitchell's third century of the series helped New Zealand to 329 just after lunch, seamer Trent Boult clean bowled England's opening three batsman as the hosts' top order wilted.

Horror show

England captain Ben Stokes said before

New Delhi

The imperious Bairstow has now blasted back-to-back centuries as he finished unbeaten on 130 from 126 balls

the test that his side were in the "entertainment business", but their innings was initially a horror show as Boult (3-73) ripped through their top order.

Alex Lees (4) fell to an unplayable Boult thunderbolt. Ollie Pope made five before having his off stump flattened. Tim Southee got in on the act to have Joe Root (5) caught

Stokes and Bairstow fought fire with fire, blazing away to briefly halt New Zealand's momentum but Stokes, who looked to recklessly attack every delivery, threw his wicket away, chipping a Neil Wagner delivery to Kane Williamson at mid-off having scored

18 from 13 balls. In the same over Wagner then trapped Ben Foakes for a duck to leave England six wickets down after 11.5 overs -- the quickest they had ever lost their first six wickets in a home test. But Overton and Bairstow, whose 136 in 92 balls at Trent Bridge in the second test won the game for England, took up the mantle and scored runs at pace as they grasped the initiative back.

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 329 (Mitchell 109, Blundell 55, Leach 5-100) vs England 264/6 (Bairstow 130*, Overton 89*; Boult 3/73, Wagner 2/53). England trail

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HIGH IUMPER Teiaswin Shankar's writ petition in the Delhi High Court has led to four more athletes being named by the national federation, though their participation depends on the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) agreeing to increase the allotted

During a hearing on a plea by Shankar, a national record holder, challenging his exclusion from the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games (July 28 to August 8) squad, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) informed the court that its selection committee has added five more athletes, subject to IOA agreeing to increase the quota from the current 36.

Besides Shankar, the other four athletes are Asian Games gold medallist heptathlete Swapna Barman, marathon runners Srinu Bugatha and Anish Thapa, and Jilna MV for 4x100m relay event.

Jilna was originally named in the 37member team announced on June 16 as a 4x100m relay runner but her name was later withdrawn to stick to the allotted quota of 36.

It remains to be seen what the IOA tells the High Court on July 4 regarding AFI's request for an increase in the quota of the athletics team. It could be a tricky situation for the IOA to increase the quota of athletics team with just little over a month to go for the CWG, as it must have already sorted out the number of Indian participants in each sport.

The deadline for the IOA to submit the Indian team to the CWG organisers is June 30. In this scenario, the IOA may have to make a last-minute request to the Birmingham CWG organisers to increase India's quota if the additional athletes are to be accommodated.

"Fingers crossed, we will have to wait and watch what the IOA tells the court in the next hearing," one official said.

The High Court on Friday expressed hope that the IOA would increase the athletics team quota in the Indian contingent for the Birmingham CWG. But at the same time, the court also made it clear that if the quota is not increased, it cannot direct the IOA to increase it.

Advocate Parth Goswami, who represented the AFI, said if the IOA agrees to increase the quota from the existing 36 athletes, the additional five would also be included in the contingent.

He said in case the quota is not increased, the list of previously selected 36



Besides Shankar four other athletes have been included in India's updated track and field squad for CWG. FILE

athletes will be final.

Shankar has sought to direct the AFI not to disqualify him from participating at the CWG 2022 based on non-attendance at the Interstate Senior Athletics Championships, and be allowed to compete for meeting the qualifying standard at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships in the USA.

He had won gold in the NCAA Championships with an effort of 2.27m on June 10, which is the exact qualifying standard prescribed by the AFI.

Barman, Bugatha and Thapa have also crossed the CWG qualifying standards of the AFI. Barman did not take part in the National Inter-State Championships but had collected 5800 total points in the seven events while winning gold at the Federation Cup in April. The CWG qualifying standard is 5650 points.

Bugatha clocked 2:16:26 during the Dhaka Marathon in January while Thapa ran 2:16.41 while finishing second in New Delhi Marathon in March.

The AFI qualifying standard for CWG

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marathon event is 2:18:40. Nitender Singh Rawat, who won the New Delhi Marathon. was already named in the athletics team

Jilna was part of the Kerala quartet that finished third in the women's 4x100m relay. She ran 11.90s to finish fourth in one of the semifinal heats in 100m dash and could not make it to the final.

Shankar's name was in the long list submitted by the AFI to the IOA a few months back. But Barman, Thapa and Jilna were not included in the long list.

The AFI had asked the state units to send names and details of their respective athletes to be included in the list, which is required for accreditation purposes.

HC asks Batra to step down

Delhi HC orders Batra to stop functioning as IOA chief New Delhi, Jun 24 (PTI) Veteran sports administrator Narinder Batra was on Friday ordered to stop functioning as Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president by the Delhi High Court "in a contempt proceeding", a month after it asked him to relinquish the top job.

A vacation bench of Justice Dinesh Sharma passed the order on a contempt petition filed by Olympian and hockey World Cup winner Aslam Sher Khan.

"The court ordered that Mr. Narinder Batra should stop from functioning as IOA president with immediate effect," advocate Vanshdeep Dalmia, who appeared on behalf of Khan, told PTI.

"It was a contempt proceeding as Mr. Batra was continuing to attend meeting as IOA president despite an earlier order of this court.

"The court also said Mr. Anil Khanna, senior vice-president, will be the acting president of the IOA," he added. On May 25 Batra was removed as IOA chief after the Delhi High Court struck down the post of 'life member' in Hockey India, courtesy which he had contested and won the apex body elections back in 2017.

At that time also, the IOA had installed Khanna as its acting chief.

Batra had filed his nomination for the IOA president's post as a representative (life member) of Hockey India.

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47th Independence Day Anniversary

MESSAGE



H.E. MR ERMINDO AUGUSTO FERREIRA High Commissioner of the Republic of Mozambique to India

Dear Readers,

Today, we celebrate the Mozambique national holiday – Independence Day. It commemorates Mozambique's independence from Portugal on June 25, 1975.

India's support for Mozambique's development has become an important priority within the bilateral relationship. Throughout these years, we succeeded in building true friendship and mutual trust, which is exemplified in our unparalleled cooperation. Mozambique and India have signed several bilateral agreements and a Memoranda of Cooperation for collaborating in different areas. These agreements cover sectors like agriculture, rural development, scientific and technical research, protection of investments, avoidance of double taxation of each other's nationals, small and medium enterprises, mineral resources, oil and natural gas and defence cooperation, among others.

Mozambique is blessed with vast natural resources, which offer myriad opportunities to enterprises based in India. It is also a country with great tourist sites and welcomes Indian citizens to explore their beauty. The Indian community in Mozambique and Mozambican students studying in India, both on scholarships and through private means, have made possible vibrant people-to-people exchanges between the two nations.

Mozambique deeply cherishes its strategic partnership with India for the benefit of the people of our two friendly nations. It is my sincere hope that the strong ties of friendship between our countries will be further fortified in the years to come.

Always a friend of India

Independence Day, also known in Portuguese as Dia da Independência Nacional, is a national holiday celebrated to commemorate Mozambique's independence from Portugal on June 25, 1975.

Nestled in the south-eastern region of Africa along the Indian Ocean coastline, Mozambique is famous for its beaches and warm climate, which makes it a top-notch tourist attraction. But beyond its sun-kissed landscape is a rich history that not many people know about. From its European colonialism to its revolution against Portugal, Mozambique is a country that has fought hard for order, peace, and independence.

INDIA-MOZAMBIQUE BILATERAL RELATIONS

Trading links between Mozambique and the western states of India go back several centuries and pre-date the colonial era. These ancient people-to-people links have been built upon in modern times, to forge a strong bilateral relationship based on regular political contacts, ever-deepening economic engagement, and a well-integrated Indian community in Mozambique.

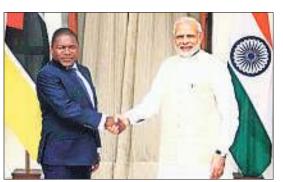
POLITICAL RELATIONS

After 1947, independent India's support for the Mozambican freedom struggle established the basis for warm political ties between both countries. Diplomatic relations between India and Mozambique were established as soon as Mozambique became independent in 1975, and India was among the first countries to set up a diplomatic mission in Mozambique. On its part, Mozambique opened its mission in New Delhi in 2001.

Mozambique and India have signed a number of bilateral agreements and a Memoranda of Cooperation for structuring collaboration in different areas. These agreements cover sectors like agriculture, rural development, scientific and technical research, protection of investments, avoidance of double taxation of each other's nationals, small and medium enterprises, mineral resources, oil and natural gas and defence cooperation.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

In recent years, India's support for Mozambique's development agenda has become an important priority within the bilateral relationship. Most of this assistance has been provided through concessional Lines of Credit (LOC) implemented through the EXIM Bank of India. Until 2010, India had carried out LOCfunded projects worth about \$140 million in Mozambique. During President Guebuza's visit to India in 2010, further LOC support of \$500 million was announced. Through these projects, India has supported Mozambique in diverse areas — provision of drinking water, improving power generation and distribution and agricultural productivity, rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure, creation of an Information Technology park, construction of an assembly plant for solar cells, rehabilitation of road networks, construction of housing units, railway equipment.



PM Narendra Modi and the President of the Republic of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi

The number of Indian scholarships available for Mozambican students to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies in India has increased in recent years. The Government of India also sponsors several short-term training courses for public functionaries of the Mozambique Government. These scholarships helped improve human resources within Mozambique and strengthened people-to-people links.

Some recent examples of Indian development and humanitarian assistance to Mozambique include the \$250-million LOC, which was re-offered to Mozambique in 2019 for different power projects in Maputo and adjoining areas and the LOC agreement was signed in August 2020. In September 2020, the High Commissioner handed over 13 essential medicines worth 22 million meticais to Mozambique to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. In March 2021, the Government of India donated 1,00,000 doses and supplied 3,84,000 doses of the Covishield vaccine to Mozambique under the COVAX programme.

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Indian companies have invested heavily in the energy resources of Mozambique and by some estimates, these investments amount to almost a quarter of India's total FDI in Africa. The most important investments have been in the natural gas and coal industries. In 2014, two Indian Public Sector Companies, ONGC Videsh Ltd and Oil India Ltd, completed the acquisition of a 20 per cent stake in Area 1 of the huge Rovuma gas block of Mozambique, at a cost of over \$5 billion. This was in addition to the 10 per cent already held by another PSU (BPCL) since 2008. India is the biggest investor in Rovuma Area-1 gas project.

In July 2014, the International Coal Ventures Private Ltd, a consortium of five Indian PSUs (SAIL, NMDC, RISL, CIL and NTPC) purchased a 65 per cent stake in the coal assets sold by Rio Tinto. Other Indian companies with a presence in the coal mining sector include JSPL, JSW, Coal India Ltd, Tata Steel, Essar, Midwest Africa and Sunflag Group, among others.

From the Desk of Sunil Reddy Y S, Hon. Consul of the Republic of Mozambique in Tamil Nadu & Telangana

How do you see the business ties developing in the future between India and Mozambique?

India shares a strong bilateral relationship with many countries in the African continent and Mozambique is an important one among them. India's bilateral relations with Mozambique goes back to the early 1980s and have strengthened over the years. Over the last two decades, Indian enterprises have invested over US\$ 8 billion, mostly in the energy, mining and agriculture sectors of Mozambique.

Recent bilateral agreements between both countries ensure a longterm understanding to improve the production of pulses to meet India's demand. Data reveals that India is Africa's fourth-

largest trading partner. Export from India to Mozambique includes petroleum, pharmaceutical products, rice, machinery, metal and plastics, transport equipment, paper, wood and fabrics.

What investment opportunities exist for Indian investors in Mozambique?

Indian businesses have huge investment opportunities in sectors like agricultural infrastructure development, mining, energy and healthcare. The bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement signed between the two countries ensures the creation of favourable conditions for investment for business on both sides.

The countries have signed a dou-



ble taxation avoidance agreement to promote economic cooperation between the two countries.

Major imports from Mozambique to India are pulses, cashew, minerals ore, coal and scrap

What are the products that you export and how do you plan to increase your global presence? We export raw materials and ma-

chinery for the food, beverage and mining industries. With growing demand and a pan-African presence, we are looking to establish a larger footprint across the continent.

What are the future plans of your company?

Our group, which was established two decades ago, has a sizeable presence across Africa in various fields. We have a perfect understanding of the African market and culture and are open to exploring business opportunities across the