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Bhagwant Mann Government's Path-breaking Initiatives during its Maiden Budget for 2022-23

- No new taxes
- 24% hike in budgetary allocation of Health and Family Welfare
- 48% increase in Technical Education and 57% in Medical Education & Research
- 'Janta Budget' based on the suggestions of people of Punjab
- 16.27% hike in Education Budget
- 52% increase in the allocation of Sport and Youth Services
- 100 government schools to be upgraded as "School of Eminence"
- 16 new Medical Colleges to be set up over next five years
- 'Farishtey' scheme: free treatment to victims of road accidents
- 117 Mohalla Clinics to be set up
- Rs.11,560 crore set aside for welfare of farmers
- 300 units of domestic power supply per month free to all Punjab residents w.e.f July 1, 2022
- "Shaheed Bhagat Singh Hariawal Lehar", plantation of 60 lacs trees
- Ex-gratia assistance for defence and police personnel doubled from Rs.50 lakh to Rs.1 crore
- 48% increase in allocation of Industry and Commerce
- Rs.714 crore for fresh recruitment of 26,454 employees. Rs.540 crore for regularization of 36,000 contractual employees
- 45 new modern bus stands to be set up
- 'One MLA One Pension' introduced with annual saving of Rs.19.53 crore
- Rs.9449 crore allocated for strengthening Law and Order
- "Anti-Corruption Action Line" launched



MAHARASHTRA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.

01, The Orion, Opposite Don Bosco Youth Centre, Koregaon Park,

PUNE METRO RAIL PROJECT

Name of the Work: Licensing of Exclusive Outdoor Advertisement Rights

between the Piers of Reach-1 and Reach-2 of Pune Metro Rail Project for a

Cost of Documents: INR 47,200/- (INR Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred

Bid Security: INR 8,00,000/- only for Bid submitted for Reach-1 and INR

Interested bidders may visit Pune Metro Rail website www.punemetrorail.org or

download the bidding documents and obtain further details regarding the tender

from our e-tender portal https://mahametrorail.etenders in from 15:00 Hrs. on

Executive Director

rocurement & Contracts) PMRP MAHA-METRO

period of 05 years.

28 Jun 2022.

only) inclusive of GST.

17,00,000/- only for Bid submitted for Reach-2.

Maha Metro, Greenest Metro

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Dipali

General Public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Dipali D/o Satender R/o House No. 399, Village Bankner, Narela, Delhi has been missing since 19.04.2022 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 6A dated 21.04.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Narela, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 19 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Blue and White Colour Suit & Black Colour Salwar and Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Narela, Delhi at E-mail Id-cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in SHO

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1928/ON/2022

P.S. Narela, Delhi Outer North Distt. Delhi Ph. No. 011-27787592, 27787593

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown. Age about 60 years, Height about 5'3", Complexion wheatish, Face oval, Built thin, wearing Brown colour lower was found unconscious condition near gate no. 3, GTB hospital, Delhi. Who was admitted to GTB hospital and patient was declared

brought dead vide MLC No. BD/836/5/22 on 20.06.2022. In this regard a DD No. 56-A dated 20.06.2022 has been lodged at PS GTB Enclave, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

SHO PS GTB Enclave, Delhi Ph. 011-22580947, 22580946 DP/897/SHD/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this Person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: Approx. 30-35 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Strong, Wearing: Black T-shirt & Blue jeans, was found dead at floating in Yamuna River, Near Gau Shala, Ghat No. 18, on dated 24.06.2022.

In this regard a DD No. 53-A U/s 174 Cr.PC, dated 24.06.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.

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

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

SHO P.S. Kotwali, Delhi ZIP NET No. UND22KT00061 DP/2493/N/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121

ID U.P.RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION, **KASIMPUR (ALIGARH)**

E-Tender Notice

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-II, 'D'TPS KASIMPUR

1. ET-05/0&MC-II/BMD-I/22-23, Online e-bids are invited for the "Daily round the clock routine maintenance of both boiler. Routine maintenance of HP/LP Valves & safety valves and break downmaintenance of Pressure Parts, HP/LP Valves & safety valves of Unit # 8 & 9 'D' TPS, Kasimpur" E-Tender has been uploaded on 13.06.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated Cost of work Rs. 33,53,000.00. Time period 12 Months, E.M.D. cost Rs. 67,100.00 Last date of Tender 13.07.2022 at 14:00Hrs.

2. ET-06/O&MC-II/BMD-1/22-23, Online e-bids are invited for the "Preventive and Breakdown maintenance of main boiler Maintenance of Pulverized Fuel pipe and De-scaling of pressure parts & removal of soot from heating surfaces of Boiler by steam blowing through wall blowers / long retractable soot blowers (LRSB) and Air Pre Heater of Unit # 8 & 9 'D' TPS, Kasimpur' E-Tender has been uploaded on 13,06,2022 or http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated Cost of work Rs 18,02,000.00 Only Time period 12 Months, E.M.D. cost Rs. 36,100.00 Last date of Tender 13.07.2022 at 14:00Hrs.

3. ET-07/O&MC-II/BMD-I/22-23, Online e-bids are invited for the "Deployment of Radiography Team with remote operated Gamma Radiography Shots, Processing of the films and interpretation of H.P. Joints of Pressure parts including deployment of skilled technician along with necessary equipment for Unit # 8 & 9, HTPS, Kasimpur" E-Tender has been uploaded on 13.06.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated Cost of work Rs. 4,05,000.00 Only. Time period 12 Months, E.M.D. cost Rs. 8,100.00. Last date of Tender 13.07.2022 at 14:00Hrs.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-III, HTPS, Kasimpur.

4. E-TENDER NO ET-01/O&MC-III/C&IMD-II/DTPS/HTPS/ 2022-23 Online e-Bids are invited for the "Preventive & Breakdown maintenance of various Split/Central/Duct able type Air Conditioners, installed at various PLC rooms/SWAS/UPS rooms/RIO Panel rooms etc of 2x250MW Units, DTPS and at MCR, Extended MCR, UPS room, ESP control room, Air compressor room, SWAS room, DM plant PLC room etc of 1X120MW, U#7, CTPS, HTPS, Kasimpur" E-tender has been uploaded on 18,06,2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in Estimated cost: Rs. 16,16,551.00, E.M.D. is Rs 32330.00. Time Period: 365 days Last date of Tender 02.08.2022 at 14:00Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh).

5. E-Tender No: ET-31/MMC/PD/ETPS/1X660MW/HTPS/2022 online bids are invited for "different type of oil & water gasket neoprene rubber sheet, viton cord und gland packing for 1X660MW HTPS, Kasimpur. Tender will be uploaded or 20.06.2022 on 17.00 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs 4,98,704.00 only EMD Rs 9,974.00, Last date of Tender 19.07.2022 at 14:00Hrs.

6. E-Tender No: ET-32/MMC/PD/ETPS/1X660MW/HTPS/2022 online bids are invited for "procurement of different type of consumables items (SS Shims, Fasteners & Nut Bolt) for 1X660MW, HTPS, Kasimpur Tender will be uploaded on 20.06.2022 on 17.00 on etender up nic in Estimated cost is Rs 3.19.270.00. EMD Rs 6.385.00. Last date of Tender 19.07.2022

7. E-Tender No: ET-33/MMC/PD/ETPS/1X660MW/HTPS/2022 online bids are invited for "Procurement of V belt for ventilation systems, gizzly feeder of cool handling plant, 1X660MW, HTPS and ash handling plant of 1X660M, Extn-II, HTPS Kasimpur. Tender will be uploaded on 20,06,2022 on 17,00 or etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs 5,08,523.00, EMD Rs

10,170.00. Last date of Tender 19.07.2022 at 14:00Hrs. 8. E Tender No ET-34/MMC/PD/ETPS/1X660MW/HTPS/2022 online bids are invited for "various type of hose pipe assem 8blies for Coal handling plant & flexible hydraulic hose pipe for ash handling plant of 1X660MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Tender will be uploaded on 20.06.2022 on 17.00 on etender.up.nic.in Estimated cost is Rs 4,68,000.00. EMD Rs 9360.00. Last date of

Tender 19.07.2022 at 14:00 Hrs Note- Tender ET-31/ET-32/ET-33/ET-34 Eligibility Conditions Only reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer car

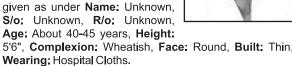
participate in this tender. Note-Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal.

Corrigendum Addendum Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website <u>www.uprvunl.org</u>. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.) पत्रांक : 25/अधी०अभि०(मु०)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प-1(22)/22 दिनांक 20.06.202 'Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity"

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found at Bankhandi Mandir Chandni Chowk. Delhi dated 13.06.2022. In this regard a DD No. 50A dated 13.06.2022 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown,



Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

P.S. Kotwali, Delhi Ph.: 011-23977100, 23953442, 8750870120

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE **OF A PERSON ACCUSED**

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Raja S/o Giri Raj R/o H. No. C-375, Balbir Nagar, Aman Vihar, Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 14/2014 U/s 380/411/34 IPC PS Mangol Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Raja can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Raja has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Raja of FIR No. 14/2014 U/s 380/411/34 IPC PS Mangol Puri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.08.2022

> By Order Sh. Ajay Singh Parihar, M.M. (North-West), Room No. 105, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this Person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: Approx. 65 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Hair: Small and greyish, Other Details: Beard Grevish, was found in lying on Service Road, Near Sunhari Pulla Bus Depot, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi on dated 13.06.2022.

He was admitted AIIMS Hospital, Delhi and during the treatment doctor declared him dead on dated 06.06.2022.

In this regard a DD No. 40-A dated 13.06.2022 U/s 174 Cr.PC. has been lodged at P.S. Lodhi Colony, Delhi.

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

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

P.S. Lodhi Colony, Delhi

DP/291/SD/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-24620283, 8750870829

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Rakhi Kumari, D/o Rajkumar Matho, R/o B-238, Chandan Vihar, Nihal Vihar, Delhi is missing/kidnapped since 19.05.2022 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 633/22 dated 22.05.2022 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light



Rakhi Kumari

The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under: Name: Rakhi Kumari, Gender: Female, Age: 14 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Sallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Sky colour

Suit and Salwar. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped girl, kindly inform to the following:

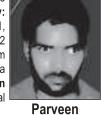
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/1876/OD/2022

DP/2487/N/2022

SHO P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-25946700, 25946710

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo), Namely: Parveen, S/o: Maha Singh, R/o: H.No. 1501, Pana Mamur Pur, Narela, Delhi Aged: 22 years (now 30 years) has been missing from his house since 08.07.2014. In this Regard a DD No.: 124-A, Dated 10.07.2014, has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi. His physical



Height: 5'4" feet, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Whose Left Eye Croocked, Wearing: Blue Colour Printed Shirt, Khaki Pant and Red Colour Leather Chappal.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing male. may inform to the following at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O

DP/1938/ON/2022

description is as under:

DP/1957/OD/2022

P.S. Narela, Delhi Ph.: 011-27280435, 27282350

Sarik S/o: Sahzad R/o: H. No. X-323, Gali No. 1, Masjid Wali Gali, Camp No. 2,



SARIK

Nangloi, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 08.01.2022 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 101A dated 22.02.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Nangloi, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

General public is hereby informed that a

boy (depicted in the photo), Namely

Age: 26 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: Red colour jacket and Black colour pant.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this Missing/ Kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Nangloi, Delhi at E-mail Id cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in

SHO P.S. Nangloi, Delhi Phone: 011-24368638 24368641 Outer Distt., Delhi 🖺 Ph. No. 011- 25947225, 25949470 음 Fax No. 011-24368639

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



t is submitted that the complainant Krishanpal S/o Bhopal Singh **R/o** H.No. 440, Baldhari Colony, Bakhtawarpur, Delhi has reported at Police Station that his Wife Namely: Sunita, W/o: Krishanpal, R/o: H.No. 440, Baldhari Colony, Bakhtawarpur, Delhi Age: 30 Years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Matvali colour suit & salwar and sandal in feet, has

been missing since 14.04.2022 at 07:30 A.M. from her house the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 98-A dated 14.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S.

Alipur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so far. If any person having

any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following. E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Alipur, Delhi Ph. 011-27708515, 7065036325 DP/1926/ON/2022

APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

Shaurabh Kumar Yadav S/o Sh. Saudagar Yadav R/o H.No. 704. First Floor, Shivaii Road, Azad Market, Delhi and Village Saidpur, P.S. Mansi, District Khagariya, Bihar has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 114/22 U/S 302/308/341/34 IPC, P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Shaurabh Kumar Yadav cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shaurabh Kumar Yadav has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shaurabh Kumar Yadav of FIR No. 114/22 U/S 302/308/341/34 IPC, P.S Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi is required to appear before this Cour to answer the said complaint on or before 05.08.2022.

By Order Sh. Anurag Dass Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Room No. 296A, 2nd Floor, DP/2415/N/2022(Court Matter) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused Sunil Kumar, S/o Bharat Ram, R/o H. No. 270, Pitam Pura, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 139/14 U/s 325 IPC registered at P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sunil Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sunil Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sunil Kumar, of case FIR No. 139/14 U/s 325 IPC P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.08.2022.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

By order Sh. Babru Bhan, A. C. M. M. (North-West), Room No. 101, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/1946/OD/2022

E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT TO LEASE OUT PARCEL SLR IN TRAINS PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

DP/1900/ON/2022

Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana

(Court Notice)

With reference to the above, e auction for the contract to lease out parcel SLR in trains originating from Mumbai Division has been invited. The catalogue has already been published on IREPS website, the details are furnished as under :

WESTERN RAILWAY

Auction Catalogue no	Type of contract	Category	Contract period	Date & Time of e-Auction
MMCT-PLS- 22-2	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	e-Auction for lot will start at 11.00 hrs on 08.07.2022.
				Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.
MMCT-PLS- 22-3	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	e-Auction for lot will start at 12.00 hrs on 11.07.2022.
				Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.
MMCT-PLS- 22-4	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	e-Auction for lot will start at 12.00 hrs on 12.07.2022.
				Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.

Note: Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in) The lot wise details are available there in

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely: Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: about 45-50 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue colour shorts, White colour Baniyan has been found dead at under bridge Hanuman Mandir, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 20.06.2022. In this regard a case vide DD No. 51-A dated 20.06.2022 has been

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours.

SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi

North Distt., Delhi Tel. No. 011-23967889, 23968730 DP/2482/N/2022

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

person Firoj Khan S/o Gayur Ali R/o Khasra No. 680, Duliya Colony, Alipur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 89/2022, U/s 4 Muslim Women Protection of Rights Marriage Act registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Firoj Khan could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Firoj Khan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Firoj Khan is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.07.2022. By Order

Ms. Deepika Singh

Rohini Courts, Delhi

Room No. 115, 1st Floor,

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North)

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Manju, D/o Sunil, R/o F-36, Sector-5 DSIIDC Bawana, Delhi. Age 19 yrs., Height 5', Fair Complexion, Round face, Thin Build, wearing black colour forck & black colour pajami and hawai chappal in feet has been missing since 18.04.2022 from her factory at F-36,

Sec-5, DSIIDC, Bawana, Delhi. Manju In this regard a DD No. 58-A Dated. 19.04.2022 has been lodged at PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Since efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph.: 011-23014046 011-23015218 DP/1932/ON/2022

girl may kindly inform to the following.

S.H.O. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Ph.: 011-27787591, 27787592

THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-13

nder is hereby invited for the purchas	is hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -						
Name of the Work	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ downloading of e-tenders	Last Date & Time for Submission of e-tenders	Date & Time for opening of e-tenders
Appointing Producer responsibility Organization (PRO) for collection and Recycling of HDPE, PPCP, LDPE, HIPS, PAIPE/EVCH along with MLP in Delhi, Chandingsh, Himschal		Verka Mohali Dairy Ph. 0172-2271020-21	500/-	50,000/-	29.06.2022 From 1.00PM	07.07.2022 bil 3.00 PM	Technical bid 08.07-2022 at 12:30 PM Financial bid 11.07.2022 at 12:30 PM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/oredit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970265, 2970264 immediately so that process of Smely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

New Delhi

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No.: REPL-7STN Dated: 21-06-2022 The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders fo the following work. Name of the Work Approx. Value Rs. 26,05,16,346.23 Replacement of over

aged signalling gears at Sagarakatte, Krishanrajanagar, Hosa Agrahara, Akkihebbalu, Mandagere, Hole Narsipur, and Mavinkere Stations over Mysuru Division in Mysuru - Hassan Section. Last date for submission of bids: Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 14-07-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in eputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ f S.W.Railways 🕑 SWRRLY 🝙 SWRRL

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Highlights



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3) Ms. Renu Solanki W/o Late

Brigadier Anand Solanki all of

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Classifieds

In my 10th-class Document, my name is written as Sheelu Panday & my father Name is written as Dinesh Chandra Panday which is incorrect. Whereas, our Correct name is Sheelu Pandey & Dinesh Chandra Pandey. 0070792220-1

I,ZORINE NATHAN,W/o RAVI NATHAN, R/o, E-296, Thirdfloor, Tagore-Garden. West-Delhi, Delhi-110027, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as ZORANE NATHAN in my minor son's SHAWN BRYAN NATHAN aged-17-years in his School-Records. The actual-name of mine is ZORINE NATHAN, which may be amended accordingly.

0040620257-9

I,YOGESH SHANDILIYA,S/O **DINESH CHANDER** SHARMA, ADD-598-F, KHAJOORI KHAS EXTN, GALI. NO-17, DELHI-NORTH EAST-DELHI-110094. Changed my name to YOGESH KUMAR SHANDILIYA, 0040620256-7 permanently.

I,Vikas Dabas s/o Baljeet R/o:H.NO-75, Village Rasool Pur Delhi-110081,have changed my name to Vikas Permanently.

0040620256-9

I.Veena W/o-Manieet Kumar Gambhir, R/o 91 Ground Floor State-Bank Colony, Gujranwala Colony Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Veena 0040620257-3

I,Surabhi Khera,W/o Rohit Khera, R/o-216, Ground-Floor,Tagore-Park,G.T.B-Nagar, Delhi, Have Changed My Name to Surabhi Sachdev Khera, for All, Future Purposes.

0040620256-5

I,SUNIL,S/o PUSHKAR DUTTADD.FLAT.NO.GBG 054, NEW TOWN HEIGHTS, SECTOR-91, GURGAON, HARYANA-122505. Changed my name to SUNIL KUMAR,

0040620288-7

I,SUNIL KUMAR.ADD.FLAT.NO.GBG-054, NEW TOWN HEIGHTS, SECTOR-91, GURGAON, HARYANA-122505, changed my MINOR son name YANKIT to YANKIT SHARMA. 0040620288-5

I,SUNIL KUMAR, ADD.FLAT.NO.GBG-054.NEW TOWN HEIGHTS, SECTOR-91, GURGAON, HARYANA-122505, changed my Minor daughter name SRISHTI to SRISHTI SHARMA. 0040620288-6

I,SULEKHA KUSHWAH,W/O SURENDRA SINGH KUSHWAH, R/o FLAT.NO.FF8, TOWER-4, PALAM-VALLEY, SECTOR-1, GREATER-NOIDA WEST, BISHRAKH, GAUTAM-BUDH NAGAR, U.P 201306, changed my name to LAXMI. 0040620276-2

I,Rpiti Gupta,W/o Rajan Gupta, Add, Flat.no.35, Pocket.B-8, Sector-4, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, changed my name to Priti Gunta. 0040620288-8

I.Reena Kumari.W/o Shravan Kumar,R/o-Flat No.303,SF, Plot.No.7, Gyan Khand-2.Indirapuram, Gzb.have changed my name to Riva Singh, forever. 0040620276-3

I,Ranjan Maurya W/o,No 14622806N HAV Abhilash Maurva H.No .1061.KH 105/5/1, Gali. No-9 B-Block Baba Colony,Burari Delhi-84.have changed my name.to Ranjana Maurya vide affidavit.27/6/2022 0040620288-2 before.Delhi

I,Rakhi w/o Vikas R/O -H.NO -75 Village Rasool Pur Delhi-110081 have changed my name to Rakhi Rana Permanently.

I,RIZWANA KHATOON,W/O Md,FIROZ R/O.178/A,J-**EXTENSION LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI, HAVE CHANGED MY** NAME FROM R AIZWANA KHATOON TO RIZWANA KHATOON, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES, 0040620288-9

I.RAJ KUMAR.S/O MADAN LAL AGARWAL, R/o.16/332, KALI BARI ROAD, SHEETLA GALI, AGRA, U.P-282003 changed my name to RAJ KUMAR AGARWAL.

0040620276-1

I,Priti Chawla,D/o Krishan Kumar Chawla W/o-Tarun Kukreja R/o-H-42, Gali No.40, New Gobindpura, Chander Nagar, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Preety Kukreja,for all purposes 0040620257-6

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

0040620218-3 **I.PARMEET SINGH PURI**

S/o.Sh.ARVINDER SINGH, R/o.14/40, Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to PARMEET SINGH.

0040620256-1

I,No 14622806N HAV Abhilash Maurva H.No.1061.KH-105/5/1,Gali.No-9 B-Block,Baba Colony, Burari Delhi-84, have changed my minor son name, from Amit Kumar Maurya to Amit Kumar Maury vide-affidavit. 27/6/2022 before.Delhi

0040620288-3

I Sujeet Yadva S/o Sriram Yadva S/O, Sriram Yadav R/o Vill-Raipur Baghpur Post-Kelhi Ps-Mardah Dist - Ghazipur- 233226 have changed my name to Sujeet Yadav S/o Sriram Yadav for all purposes.

0040620251-1

I.No 14622806N HAV Abhilash Maurya H.No.1061, KH-105/5/1, Gali.No-9,B-Block,Baba Colony Burari, Delhi-84, have changed my minor daughter name, from Amruta Maurya to Amrita Maurya vide-affidavit 27/6/2022 before.Delhi

0040620288-4

I,Neelam,W/o Raju Sabbarwal, R/o-H.No.12-A,DDA-Flat, Community Center, Mansarover Park, Shahdara North East Delhi-110032, have

changed my name to Neelam Sabbarwal, for all purposes 0040620257-8 I.Nameet Vaid S/o Jugal Kishor Vaid R/o B-710, PMO Society,

Sector-62, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Namit Vaid for all future purposes. 0040620218-1

I,NAKUL KUMAR,S/O NARINDER KUMAR R/O.A-308 NAVIN APARTMENT SECTOR 5,PLOT.NO.13,DWARKA,DELHI-

110075, Have changed my name to NAKUL KAILEY. 0040620256-4 I,Manjeet Kumar,S/o Desh Raj Gambhir R/o-91 Ground-Floor State-Bank Colony, Gujranwala Colony, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Manjeet Kumar Gambhir 0040620257-2

LKHUSHANT S/O-MUKESH R/O-C-909.SANGAM VIHAR.SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110062, have changed my name KHUSHAL for all future purpose. Both name are same persons.

0040620276-6

I,Inderpreet Kaur Bajaj W/o Gurvinder Singh Baiai R/o WZ-622A, First Floor, Street-No.19,Shiv Nagar,New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Inderpreet. 0040620276-5 to Inderpreet.

I,Chirjeev Singh Gujral, S/o.Satinder Singh, R/o.1/59, First-floor, Jangoura-Extn. Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Chirjeev Singh,for all purposes. 0040620256-3

I.Chavanika Arora Thareia.W/O Sukrit Thareja, born on 17 Jan 1986,R/O C-32, Bhagwan Das Nagar, East Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Chayanika Arora.

0040620276-4 I,Bhavaya Vaid S/o Jugal Kishor Vaid R/o B-710, PMO Society, Sector-62, Noida(U.P) have

changed my name to Bhayya

Vaid for all future purposes.

0040620218-2 I,Amita Rani W/o Suresh Kumar Sapra R/o B-56, Sector-33, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Amita Sapra for all purposes. 0040620218-4

LANKIT PRAMODKUMAR MALIK,S/o-PRAMODKUMAR SOMNATH MALIK R/o-A-2204.ATS-HACIENDAS AHINSA-KHAND-1, INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD UP-201014, Changed my name to ANKIT MALIK. 0040620257-1

I, Vikas Sharma, R/o 452, Ground Floor, Shakti Khand-4, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have changed my minor son's name from RUDRA SHARMA to DHAIRVA SHHARMA for all future

purposes. I, V. PREM PYARI, W/o Randhir Tiwary, R/o Flat G4, Plot A3, Rampuri, Ghaziabad-201011. have changed my name to PREM PYARI TIWARY.

0070792221-1

L Sushma Chaukival, D/o Ramesh Prasad Chaukiyal, R/o RZ-26P/66, Gali No.10, Indra Park, Palam Colony, South West Delhi-110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sushma Maithani. 0070792156-1

I, Sonia, W/o Tirlok Singh, R/o Pocket-1, Gurdwara Sri Guru Kalgidhar Sabha, Paschim Puri, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi-110063, have changed my name to MANPREET KAUR for all future purposes. 0070792209-1

I, Savinder Nischal S/o Shri Madan Lal Nischal R/o 7/228, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 have Changed my name to Savinder Kumar Nischal for all Purposes. 0040620294-1

L Satish Kumar Bagai S/o Shyam Sunder Bagai R/o-H.No.2407, First-Floor, Basti-Punjabian, Subzi-Mandi, Ghanta-Ghar, Malka-Ganj, Delhi-110007, have changed my-name to Satish 0040620288-10 Bagai.

I. Reeta, D/o Karan Singh and W/o Manuj Prakash, R/o Kusum Vihar Colony, Kotwali Road, Najibabad, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh- 246763, have changed my name to Reeta Bhuiyar.

0070792183-1 I, Rajneesh Kumawat, S/o MS Kumawat R/o M 684 GF, M2K Symphony, Sec.-51 Gurugram HR-122018, have changed my name to Rajnish Kumawat for 0040620222-1 all purpose

I, RS Yadav, S/o Balbir Singh Yadav, R/o 408/5 A O, Gali N-30, Nai Basti Anand Parwat, Anand Parwat, Central Delhi-110005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as 0070792132-1

I, Pankhuri Vohra W/o Mr. Vishal Vohra R/o B1A/84-C, DDA Flats, Janakpuri, New Delhi-85, After marriage I have changed my name from Pankhuri Yadav to Pankhuri Vohra for all future 0040620257-10 porposes.

I,SIDDARTH SHANDILIYA, S/O. YOGESH KUMAR SHANDILIYA ADD-598-F, KHAJOORI KHAS EXTN. GALI.NO-17,DELHI-NORTH EAST, DELHI-110094, changed my name to SIDDHARTH SHANDILIYA, 0040620256-8 permanently.

I, Aryan Goel S/o Rajni Goel, R/o-P-12, 3rd-Floor Vijay Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059. have changed my name to Aryan Permanently.

0040620249-1

I. Mohammad Anas. S/o Late Imtiaz Ahmad, R/o-404, Doctors Aparment, Jasola Vihar, N.Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Mohd Anas. 0070792214-1

I, Manish, S/o Deviram Tanwar, R/o DB-192, Shiv Colony, Near Sweet Angel School, Palwal, Haryana-121102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mandev Singh Tanwar. 0070792126-1

I, Kanta Bhatia, W/o Chandra Prakash Bhatia, R/o 120/500 D. Lajpat Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Chandra Kanta Bhatia.

0070792133-1 I, Kajal Rousha, D/o Sarwan

Rousha, R/o SarakPur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Bilaspur, Uttar Pradesh - 203131, that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Kajal, Sarvan Kumar and Sarla respectively in my 10th Class School Certificate and Marksheet. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother is Kajal Rousha, Sarwan Rousha and Sunita Devi 0070792178-1 respectively.

I, sakir, S/o nawab, Addresstehsil nuh dist mewat ferozepur namak (156) gurgaon haryana-122107, changed my name to sakir 0040620298-2

I.ASISH KUMAR GHOSH, S/O.MANORANJAN GHOSH. R/O.H.NO-281, UNITED APTS,PLOT-34,SEC-4,DWARKA ,NEW-DELHI-110078,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHISH GHOSH,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040620257-4

I, KM Nameera alias Nameera, D/o Mohd Ateek, R/o Dr. Jumma Ki Gali, Asalatpura, Near Badi Masjid, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh-244001, have changed my name to Avesha. 0070792188-1

I, Harsha Tulsani, D/o Gopal Das and W/o Hemant Tulsani, R/o A-5/4, Ground Floor, Rohini Sec-16, North West Delhi-110089, have changed my name to 0070792185-1 Harsha Setiya.

I, Harsha Tulsani, D/o Gopal Das and W/o Hemant Tulsani, R/o A-5/4, Ground Floor, Rohini Sec-16, North West Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Harsha Setiya. 0070792185-1

L Chandramohan Singh, S/o Girish Nandan Singh, R/o A-715, Jalvayu Towers, Sector-47, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201304. I have changed the name of my minor Daughter Shreya Chandramoahn Singh aged

hereafter be known as Shreya 0070792153-1 Singh. I, Chander Prabha W/O Shri Ajay Verma H.No 197/B-87, Guru Nanak Pura, Laxmi Nagar,

about 15 years and She shall

Delhi-110092, have changed my

0040620258-1 I. Brii bala chadha. W/o-kawal kishor chadha, Address-8, paschim enclave pachim-vihar sunder-vihar delhi-110087 Changed my name to bala 0040620298-1 chadha.

I, Anil Kumar, R/O E-86, Ground Floor, Saket, New Delhi-110017 have changed the name of my minor daughter Myra to Myra Chaudhary vide affidavit dated 23rd June 2022 sworn before notary Sushma Gupta, Delhi.

I, Ajay Gangwani S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o F-171, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Ajay Kumar, for all future purposes.

0040620209-1 I, Aastha Narula Lochab, W/o Neeraj Kumar,R/o-248-249, 1st Floor, Pocket-26, sector-24. Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Aastha

Narula

0040620288-1 I hitherto known as Narinder Kumar alias Narender Kumar alias Narender Kumar Verma S/o Mulkh Raj residing at D-6/8 3rd floor Rana Pratap Bagh Delhi-110007 employed as Pharmacist in Health and Family Welfare Department GOVT of NCT of Delhi have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Narender Kumar Verma. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this Connection.

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I hitherto known as Hari Chand S/o Shri Nanda, R/o Vishunpur, Ghaghasara, Sahjanwa, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273209, presently at Delhi have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARISH CHANDRA. 0040620238-1

I Veena Rani W/o Shri Diwan Chand Narang R/o E-16/386-374-375, Sector-8, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Veena Kumari for all future purposes. 0040620220-1

I Surander Kumar Bhardwaj S/O, Sh. Jai Narayan Bhardwaj R/o Wz- 347 C Nangal Raya Jail Road New Delhi 110046 have changed my name to Surender Kumar Bhardwaj for all purposes.

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I Sangeeta Sharma W/O. Sh. Surender Kumar Bhardwaj R/o Wz-347 C Nangal Raya Jail Road New Delhi 110046 have changed my name to Anuradha Bhardwaj for all purposes. 0040620281-1

I.KAMERA ALAM S/O.MUJI BUL REHMAN ADD-17B/268,PATHAR WALA BAGH WAZIRPUR J.J.COLONY ASHOK-VIHAR NORTH-WEST DELHI-110052. Changed my name to KAMARE ALAM. Permanently.

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1a/17-c, Janakpuri West Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Anil Sarup Bammi for all 0040620280-1 purposes. I,Shashank S/o-Parveen R/o

I Sairo Bano W/o Zafiruddin R/o

Pinjara, Delhi-110006 have

changed my name to Saira

Sarup Bammi R/o H No-c-

Bano for all purposes.

H.No.T-257, Idgah Road, Sher Ka

I Anil Saroop Bammi S/O, Baldev

Ward.no.8, Punjabi-Colony, Julana, Jind, Haryana-126101, have changed my name to Shashank Bansal.

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I.KARAMBIR CHAHAL. S/O.RAHISH SINGH CHAHAL ADD-D-46B,2ND-FLOOR SINGLE STOREY VIJAY-NAGAR.DELHI-110009, Changed my name to KARAMVIR CHAHAL, for all, future Purposes.

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I,Firoja D/o-Mohammad Farukh, R/o B-128, Sahegal Building Ring-Road,Near Masjid, Kilokari, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Firoza 0040620256-2

LOST & FOUND

I Nikhil Khurana S/o Sh. Ramesh Khurana R/o 14/72, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 have lost my Original Agreement to Sell & Purchase and GPA etc. executed on 05.11.2018 by Parmod Kumar in favour of Nikhil Khurana W.R.T Second $Floor\,of\,Property\,No.13/307,$ Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031. Finders may contact at above address. 0040620213-2

I, Achint Goyal have lost my Form-38 bearing No.-1205949, issued by Commercial Tax Department UP, and records of sale purchase of FY 16-17 of Tin. No 09288829437, Add:-62/2/8 Site-4 Industrial Area, Sahibabad Ghaziabad, Finder Contact-9873006037.

0070792217-1

I, Chanchal Rani D/o Late Sh. Chiman Lal Narang R/o 244, 3rd Floor, Hakikat Nagar, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009 have lost my property document no. 13188 in addl. Book No-I Volume No-2069 regd on 15.11.2008 in the office of Sub-registrar VI-A, Pitam Pura, Delhi. If found contact-9711969919 0040620213-3

I.Prem Lata Bammi W/o-Late Baldev Bammi, Have Lost Power Of Attorney & All Originals Property Papers Of Property No:A4C/31, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58, Finder Contact:9811088672.

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My original document relinquishment deed, document registration no.11735 in book.no.1 vol.no.4655 on page 139 to 141 on this date-26/11/2012 of property no.313/105 G,TULSI NAGAR, NEAR INDERLOK, DELHI-110035, has

been lost.Finder contact:Murti Devi Sharma W/o,late Sh.Ramiilal Sharma Mobile-No.9911961171. 0040620288-13

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE The public at large is hereby informed that my client Sh. Dharampal S/o Sh. Dulichand R/o H.No.535, Bankner Lam Pur, Narela, North-West-Delhi, Delhi-110040 has debar his son namely Rahul Khatri and his wife Partiksha from his life, movable and immovable properties due to his bad conduct/quarrel and disobedient towards my client and my client has no control of any manner over them, If anyone deals with them will be at his/her own risk then my client will not responsible in then my client will not responsible i any manner and my client ha snapped his relation with them in a manner for all purposes.

DEVIKA GUPTA -Advocate
Ch. No. 433, Rohini Courts, Delhi

Tit is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Bhushan Dutta acquired Plot No. Bhushan Dutta acquired Plot No. Bhushan Dutta acquired Plot No. Bhushan Bhush PUBLIC NOTICE Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 11002-

TILE NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Uganti. Devi acquired Property No. J-4768-J.4/T7-B. (Old Property No. J-4768-J.4/T8-J. CIIENT. Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Viha Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 11002

PUBLIC NOTICE

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It is for the information of general publi-that my clients Sh. Satya Prakash, S/o Je Prakash and his wife Sunita Gupta botl R/o H. No. D/1090, Gali No. 8, Asho Nagar, Nand Nagri Delhi 110093 ha debar and disowned his son name! Rahul Gupta and his wife, from all his moveable and immoveable properties their misconduct and misbehavior. My ents shall not be responsible in future any acts and deeds of his disowned and his wife.

(ANAND MOHAN ADVOCAT Enrol. No. D-3629/201 Ch. No. K-1C, Opp. Police Lock-U Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed tha my client Sh. Ravi Gakhar, S/o Sh Ramesh Lal Gakhar, R/o C-27, Rajour Garden, New Delhi-110027, Isa lost his documents i.e., Cheques, Per notes, Bil Books, Aadhar Card, PAN Card. Il anyone finds these documents and attempts to misuse these documents, than the person shall be liable for criminal action. iminal action.

SANJAY AGARWA

SANJAY AGARWAI ADVOCATE E.No D/867/90 CH. No 575, V WING DISTT. & SESSIONS COURTS TIS HAZARI, DELHI-54 (INDIA) VESTERN

> PUBLIC NOTICE Amit Gosain s/o Hargovind Gos wife Shivani Gosain B/o H.No.1 and his wife Shivani Gosain Rich H No. 148 Street no 5, new Lahore colony, shastin aggar, Gandhi nagar S.O., East Dehi, 10031 have cut of their famule relations and have disowned their elder son named Raghav Gosain sgot Hogosain aged 16 years from their movable / immovable properties due to his disobedelent, Bad Society and bad social activities and my clients were not / are not / shall not be responsible for any act of Sh Raghav Gosain in any manner in future. Also not liable for any financial, Civil and Criminal activity done by Raghav Gosain.
>
> SHWETA GARG, ADVOCATE

D/898/2007 Chamber: B-101, B.G.S. Block, Tis Hazari, Delhi-110052 248 CIVIL WING, Tis Hazari, Delhi

SHWETA GARG. ADVOCAT

LOST & FOUND Original property documents No.A-213, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi-110020 of M/s Shekhar Industries proprietor Smt. Murti Devi Sharma has been lost finder contact: Smt. Murti Devi Sharma W/o Late Sh. Ramjilal Sharma Mobile

PUBLIC NOTICE

No:9911961171.

ne General Public is hereby informed that nder instructions from and on behalf of my client, Smt, Bhupinder Kaur, W/o Sh Jasbir Singh and D/o Late Raghbir Kaur & Late Joginder Singh, R/o WZ-5C, First Floor, Left Side, Gail No.1, New Sahibpura. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi — 110018, has become one of the legal heirs & co-owner of ½ undivided share alongwith her elder sister Smt. Jagbir Kaur, R/o 48/1, Ashok Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, in respect of Property No. 27/16, Ashok Nagar, Tihar-II, New Delhi-110018, preserviting 46, pay varif after the death of Jasbir Singh and D/o Late Raghbir Kaur & neasuring 40 sq. yard, after the death of er mother Late Raghbir Kaur, father Late

Joginder Singh and younger brother Late Daljeet Singh.
The public in general therefore, CAUTIONED not to enter into any transaction/s, agreement/s, transfer. assignment, lease, understanding assignment, lease, understanding whatsoever of nature in respect of the above said property as the settlement of division of share is pending with her above mentioned elder sister who is the other legal heirs and inspite of it if any persons cere into any agreement of del its consol nter into any agreement or deal in respec of the above said property, he/she/they will be doing so entirely at his/her/their own o and risks. J. C. Trikha (Advocate) Ch.No

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is nereby given to gener public that Mr. Ashok Kumar who claims to be owners and in possession of Fir For (right Possession of Piliston (Piliston) of Piliston (Piliston) area measuring 7 q. yrds. "said floor" part of Property Ni VZ-508F, situated in the residentiolony known as Basai Darapur, Ne belhi; by virtue of Relinquishment Dee lated 08.06.2018, now Mr. Ashok Kumi s selling said property to Mrs. Samin Begum and Mrs. Samina Begum ha ached Shubham Housing Finance approached Shubham Housing Finance Lid. of financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank We give this public notice that if any person having any claim/objectior regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property or any part of the said property or any part of the said property in favour or Shubham Housing Finance Lid. Is/are hereby requested to notify the same in withing to undersined with supporting withing to undersined with supporting vriting to undersigned with supporting locumentary evidence at the address pandoned and our client shall proce ith the disbursement of loan again e said property and subseque creation of Mortgage in respect thereof. For Juris NextGen Law Offices E-56,LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-1 New Delhi-110048

PUBLIC NOTICE ly Cleint St. Jittender Kumar Slo Late Jaran Lal Rlo H, No 622. Gali No. 24, 1272.8. C-Block, Inder Prastha Colony, Burari. Delhi-110034 as severed all his relations with his son kohir Upadhyaya and his wife Shin and debarred and discomed them from property bearing No. B-156. West Nathy Colony, Gali No. 3, Mandoli Road Shandara. Delhi-110093 and H. No.622. Gali No.21, KIn No.43/1228. C-Block, Inder Prastha Colony, Burari. Delhi-110084 and myst bear C-Block, Inder Prastha Colony, Burari. C-Block Inder Prasth

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Rani Devi Jain Wio late Mangal Sain Jain R/o 118 Arihant Nagar Punjabi Bagh West New Delhi-110026, do hereby informs that on 20.06.2022 she has lost the original Relinquishment Deed dated 16/07/2012 in respect o dated 16/07/2012 in respect of House bearing No.118, Arihant Nagar, Punjabi Bagh, West New Delhi-110026, duly registered with the concerned Sub Registrar with Registration No. 3846, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 2001 Pages No. 194 to 196 and that the same may not be misused by anyone and NCR being S.O. No. 430/2014, Delhi police, L.R. No.-5256633/2022 dated 23.06.2022 in respect of same has 23.06.2022 in respect of same has

285, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts Delhi-110054, Mob. 9811254260 **PUBLIC NOTICE** My Client Manju Sharma W/o Late Sh. Nand Kishor Sharma R/o H.No

VIKRANT ARORA (ADVOCATE

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Chamber No. X-15, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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which is fake and forged. The

office of Sub-Registrar has confirmed through RTI that no

such registration took in their

office. Also, on alleged day o

execution of alleged forge

GPA, my clients Brigadier Ra

Anand Solanki were not eve

present at Delhi as they were

at active Duty at Bangalore which fact is even confirmed through Indian Army

Certification. Hence the

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stated persons is an act of forgery for which my clients

has even launched Crimina

and No. 31100/2018 before

the Ld. MM, Dwarka Courts

Delhi. The Ld. M.M. has pleased to pass directions for

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Sessions Judge, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi. In these

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ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

SHIV SENA rebel MLAs, who had been asked by Maharashtra Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal to reply by Monday evening to notices on pleas seeking their disqualification from the Assembly, got interim relief when the Supreme Court said they had time until 5.30 pm on July 12 to send their replies.

The vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and Justice J B Pardiwala which issued notice on two petitions — one by Sena rebel leader Eknath Shinde and another by 15 MLAs of his faction who had been served disqualification notices — fixed July 11 as the next date of hearing.

"In the meanwhile, as an interim measure, the time granted by Deputy Speaker to petitioners or other similarly placed CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 Next steps

WHILE THE SC has granted interim relief to the Sena rebel MLAs, it is not clear what happens next on the ground. If a floor test is called before the next court hearing, it could trigger another chain of events.

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ED summons Sanjay Raut, he calls it 'conspiracy'

SAGAR RAJPUT & VALLABH OZARKAR MUMBAI, JUNE 27

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has summoned Shiv Sena MP and spokesperson Sanjay Raut on Tuesday in connection with a case of alleged money laundering linked to a redevelopment project in Mumbai's suburbs.

The call comes at a time when

Raut is trying to rally the Sena's

MLAs and workers behind Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray in a bid to overcome an internal revolt led by rebel leader Eknath Shinde who has claimed the support of 39 of the party's 55 MLAs. CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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Moving key riot trials out to indicting state: What Supreme Court once said and did

At one stage, top court even expunged Gujarat HC remarks against Teesta

LEENA MISRA

& SOHINI GHOSH AHMEDABAD, JUNE 27

DISMISSING THE appeal by Zakia Jafri, wife of former Congress MP Ahsan Jafri who was killed during the 2002 Gujarat riots, against the Special Investigation Team clean chit to then Chief Minister Narendra Modi and others over allegations of conspiracy in the riots, the Supreme Court, in its judgment three days ago, referred to proceedings being pursued to "keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design" and said "all those involved in such abuse of process, need to be in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law".

The bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari

and CT Ravikumar underlined that "materials collected during the investigation do not give rise to strong or grave suspicion regarding hatching of larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level for causing mass violence across the State against the minority community and more so, indicating involvement of the named offenders and their meeting of minds at some level in that regard".

Yet it was the Supreme Court which, through hearings and orders over the years, called for "fair and impartial investigation" into the riots cases Two cases of the Best Bakery and Bilkis Bano - were moved out of Gujarat to Maharashtra.

At one point, the top court even expunged remarks of the

AltNews' Mohammed Zubair held by Delhi Police for 2018 tweet

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

NATO TO BOOST RAPID

REACTION FORCE.

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UKRAINE MILITARY

A CYBER unit of Delhi Police on Monday arrested Mohammed Zubair, the co-founder of factchecking website AltNews, on charges of allegedly hurting religious sentiments following a complaint by a social media user who referred to a tweet from

The police said they filed an FIR against Zubair in connection with the complaint under IPC sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 295-A (malicious acts, in-



Held on charge of hurting religious sentiments

tended to outrage religious feelings). They said he has been remanded in police custody for a day and will be produced in court for bail hearing after

Police sources said the complainant in the case uses the Twitter name Hanuman Bhakt. with an image of Lord Hanuman as the profile photo. On Monday **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

India joins G7, 4 others to protect free speech, 'online and offline'

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

INDIA, ALONG with G7 countries and four invited countries, Monday signed the '2022 Democracies Statement' in which they committed to "guarding the freedom, independence and diversity of civil society actors" and "protecting the freedom of expression and opinion online and offline".

A four-page statement, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the G-7 summit in Germany, said, "We, the Leaders of Germany, Argentina, Canada, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Senegal, South Africa, CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



PM Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Canada's PM Justin Trudeau at the G7 meeting at Schloss Elmau Castle, RELATED REPORT, PAGE 13

GOVT & POLITICS

SANGRUR LOSS: SGPC **WANTS AKALIDAL LEADERS TO RESIGN** PAGE 12

Clampdown & unclear policy, crypto exchange founders leaving India

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

 $MULTIPLE\,INDIAN\,ent repreneurs$ and developers in the Web 3.0 space are moving out of the country in a bid to shift base to more crypto-friendly destinations.

The co-founders of India's largest cryptocurrency exchange WazirX, Nischal Shetty and Siddharth Menon, have moved

to Dubai with their families. Polygon co-founder Sandeep Nailwal is also among those who have relocated to Dubai over the last two years. This is in addition to an earlier round of departures. ZebPay and Vauld shifted to Singapore; CoinDCX now has a Singapore arm.

This comes amid a progressive clamping down on cryptocurrencies, including action by enforcement agencies against

some platforms, new rules and regulatory tweaks being issued every few weeks even as there is lack of clarity on policy in the longer run.

Meanwhile, the UAE and Singapore are among those actively promoting the ecosystem, offering policy certainty to investors and incentives to attract foster talent pools. According to industry insiders, CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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FROM PAGE ONE

Sena rebels

MLAs to submit their written submissions today by 5.30 pm be extended till July 12,2022, 5.30 pm,"

Taking note of the rebel MLAs' submission that their life and property were under threat, the bench recorded the statement of the Maharashtra standing counsel that "adequate steps have already been taken and the state government shall further ensure that no harm is caused to the life, liberty and property of the 39 MLAs or their family members".

It directed that a counter-affidavit be filed by the respondents within five days and that the MLAs could file rejoinder affidavits, if any, within the next three fidavit after the MLAs and the Deputy Speaker sought to contradict each other on the notice claimed to have been served by the dissident MLAs, seeking disqualification of the Deputy

The Deputy Speaker contended that the notice was sent from an unregistered email and was not taken on record as its genuineness was in doubt. The bench wondered what steps had been taken to check its genuineness and directed that the developments in this be explained in an

Senior Advocates AM Singhvi and Devdutt Kamat, appearing for the Deputy Speaker and other re $spondents, opposed \, the \, prayer \, for \,$ interim orders, saying disqualifiproceedings by Speaker/Deputy Speaker were proceedings of the House and courts cannot intervene.

But the bench referred to a Supreme Court ruling which said a judicial review is not barred.

At one point, the bench wondered if the Deputy Speaker himself could decide on the notice for his removal.

Appearing for the rebel MLAs,

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Senior Advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul referred to the 2016 Constitution Bench ruling in Nabam Rebia vs Deputy Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Assembly to argue that Speaker/Deputy Speaker of an Assembly cannot decide on disqualification of MLAs while a motion for his or her

removal is pending.

It "categorically says that till the issue of removal of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker is decided, till then the Speaker will not proceed with the disqualification or consideration of the disqualification of any of the members." Pointing out that the rebel MLAs had served notice for removal of the Deputy Speaker on June 25, even before the disqualification notices were issued to them on June 25, Kaul asked "How can the Deputy Speaker at all proceed with the matter when a Constitution Bench of the SC says that when his own issue of removal is not decided, till then he cannot proceed with disqual-

When the bench asked why can't these questions be raised before the Deputy Speaker himself, Kaul said the Supreme Court says he cannot deal with it at all.

To a specific query from the bench on why they had not approached the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution. Kaul referred the bench to statements by Shiv Sena leaders like Sanjay Raut and said the atmosphere in Mumbai is not conducive to their pursuing legal remedies there. Pointing out that the Shinde camp with 39 MLAs was the majority Shiv Sena, Kaul said "a minority of a legislature party today... is actually subverting the entire state machinery. Our houses are being burnt, we are being physically threatened... a party spokesperson says 40 bodies will arrive from Gauhati, they will be slaughtered like bulls and you wait and see what will happen in days to come, how they

"The atmosphere and the environment is not at all conducive for us to legitimately pursue our legal and constitutional rights in Bombay at the moment because that is the kind of atmosphere which has been vilified..." he said.

Singhvi, appearing for Shiv Sena legislature party leader Ajay Chaudhari and chief whip Sunil Prabhu, said the Nabam Rebia judgment is "inapplicable" to the Maharashtra situation and has been "wrongly interpreted to the court" by the petitioners.

 $He \, said \, the \, issues \, raised \, in \, the \,$ petition could very well be decided by the High Court too. Leapfrogging, he said, is allowed by the Supreme Court but only in rare cases, and just because something has been coming in the press or just because it has some amount of public life in it, it is not a reason to leapfrog. The petitioners, he said, had given no reason why they should not be asked to move the High Court.

"Not one single case in India, barring the Rajasthan High Court interim order, which is pending in the SC, in no case has your Lordships interdicted or acted while the Speaker is seized of the matter," Singhvi said. He pointed to the SC's February 1992 ruling in Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu and Others to contend that no proceedings would lie before any court on the actions of the Speaker until he or she decides an issue before them finally.

Justice Surya Kant sought to know if Kihoto was also a case where the Speaker's very continuation or removal was in question. No, replied Singhvi, adding that there was no judgment which had that issue until Nabam Rebia which however "is consistent with Kihoto Hollohan that let the Speaker decide even wrongly" and the SC "will then interfere on a final order".

The court wondered if the Deputy Speaker himself could decide on the notice for his removal. "Absolutely, he can decide the validity of the notice," replied Singhvi. The bench said if the Deputy Speaker is claiming that no notice for his removal was served, it will have to call for an affidavit of the prescribed authority.

Sanjay Raut

Taking to Twitter and speaking to reporters later, Raut described the ED's move as a "conspiracy", said he would not be able to reach its office on Tuesday, and dared the agency to arrest him.

The case pertains to alleged irregularities in the redevelopment of Patra Chawl by Guru Ashish Construction Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Housing Development and Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL), which has been under the scanner of investigating agencies in connection with the Rs 4.300-crore fraud at PMC Bank. In February, the ED had arrested businessman Pravin Raut, who is a former director in Guru Ashish Construction and an alleged aide of the Sena leader. In April, the agency attached properties worth Rs 11.15 crore belonging to Sanjay Raut's wife Varsha Raut, Pravin Raut and Swapna Patkar, wife of the Sena MP's close associate Sujit Patkar, in the redevelopment project case.

While top ED officials confirmed that Sanjay Raut has been instructed to appear before them on Tuesday, the MP tweeted: "I just came to know that the ED has summoned me. Good! There are big political developments in Maharashtra. We, Balasaheb's Shivsainiks, are fighting a big battle. This is a conspiracy to stop me. Even if you behead me, I won't take the Guwahati route. Arrest me! Iai Hind!" He was referring to Shinde and the rebel Sena MLAs who are holed up in Guwahati. Later, Raut said he is not linked to any of the companies on the ED's scanner. "I will not be able to go to the ED office on Tuesday as there is a rally that was already scheduled in Alibaug and I have to address the people there. It's a legal battle. Arrest me if you have orders from BJP to arrest me," he said.

"I will not be scared by such bogus cases. I will prefer to be jailed than go to Guwahati. I am Balasaheb's Shiv Sainik, I have worked with him for 30 years and I am the editor of 'Saamana' (the Sena mouthpiece). I will fight for Shiv Sena from wherever I am," he said. Incidentally, while addressing Sena workers in Dahisar on Sunday, Raut had referred to the ED case. "The Shinde camp MLAs are under pressure from the agency and hence they decided to rebel. I am also under the scanner of the ED and my wife's properties have been attached, but I am still here standing with the

Thackerays," he had said. Patra Chawl, also known as Siddharth Nagar, is located in the Goregaon area. In 2008, it had a total of 672 houses spread over 47 acres when the Maharashtra

Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) took up the redevelopment and rehabilitation project, and gave the contract to Guru Ashish Construction.

According to the ED, Guru Ashish Construction signed a tripartite agreement with MHADA to provide flats to 672 tenants, develop flats for the Authority and sell the remaining area to private developers. The tenants' society was also part of the agreement. However, the ED claims, Pravin Raut and other directors of Guru Ashish Construction allegedly misled MHADA and sold the floor space index (FSI) to nine private developers, collecting Rs 901.79 crore -- without constructing the portions earmarked for the displaced tenants and MHADA.

According to the ED, Guru Ashish Construction also launched a project called Meadows and allegedly took booking amounts totalling around Rs 138 crore from flat buyers. The ED alleged that the proceeds of the crime generated by the firm through these "illegal activities" totalled Rs 1.039.79 crore.

The agency has claimed that Pravin Raut allegedly received Rs 100 crore from HDIL and "diverted" it to various accounts of "close associates, family members, his business entities", including the family of Sanjay Raut.

The ED has also alleged that in 2010, a part of the proceeds of Rs 83 lakh was transferred to Varsha Raut, who used it to buy a flat in Dadar, Apart from this, at least eight plots of land were allegedly purchased at Kihim beach at Alibaug in Maharashtra in the name of Varsha Raut and Swapna Patkar, according to the ED.

As per the original tripartite agreement, Guru Ashish Construction also had to pay rent to all 672 tenants every month till the completion of the project. However, the rent was paid only till 2014-15, following which the tenants complained against the developer. On January 12, 2018, MHADA issued a termination notice to Guru Ashish Construction. Against this notice, the nine private developers who had bought the FSI filed a suit in the Bombay High Court, stalling the project.

The ED initiated investigation under provisions of PMLA 2002 against Guru Ashish Construction, HDIL promoters Rakesh Kumar Wadhwan and Sarang Kumar Wadhwan, and others based on a complaint filed by MHADA's Executive Engineer.

Riot trials

Gujarat High Court against activist Teesta Setalvad and others -Setalvad was arrested last Saturday by the Gujarat police, a day after Zakia Jafri's petition was

Consider these:

On April 12, 2004, while ordering retrial in the Vadodara Best Bakery case after 21 accused were acquitted, the bench of Justices Doraiswamy Raju and Arijit Pasayat said, "Those who are responsible for protecting life and properties and ensuring that investigation is fair and proper seem to have shown no real anxiety. Large number of people had lost their lives. Whether the accused persons were really assailants or not could have been established by a fair and impartial investigation. The modern day 'Neros' were looking elsewhere when Best Bakery and innocent children and helpless women were burning, and were probably deliberating how the perpetrators of the crime can be saved or protected. Law and justice become flies in the hands of these 'wanton boys'."

On the investigation and the trial court that ordered the acquittals, the judges said, "One gets a feeling that the justice delivery system was being taken for a ride and literally allowed to be abused, misused and mutilated by subterfuge. The investigation appears to be perfunctory and anything but impartial without any definite object of finding out the truth and bringing to book those who were responsible for the crime. The public prosecutor appears to have acted more as a defence counsel than one whose duty was to present the truth before the Court. The Court in turn appeared to be a silent spectator, mute to the manipulations and preferred to be indifferent to sacrilege being committed to justice. The role of the State Government also leaves much to be desired."

Hearing another petition the same day by Teesta Setalvad and others, the two judges expunged remarks made by the Gujarat High Court against her and the others: "Observations should not be made by Courts against persons and authorities, unless they are essential or necessary for decision of the case... There is no need or justification for any unwarranted besmirching of either the parties or their causes, as a matter of routine. Courts are not



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■ Earlier, on September 19, 2003, when the then Chief Secretary PK Laheri and DGP K Chakravarthi were summoned, the bench of Chief Justice of India VN Khare, Justices Brijesh Kumar and SB Sinha asked Chakravarthi what steps he took when he learnt that witnesses were turning hostile. Chakravarthi said, "I did ask the Police Commissioner why they turned hostile. Answer is they appear to have been won over. I have made enquiry from the Police Commissioner who told me that these witnesses appear to have been won over by the

Asked why he had not taken steps for their re-examination, Chakravarthi said, "I came to know at a much later date."

accused.'

At this, Justice Sinha asked: "Do you mean to say that you asked the Police Commissioner only after the judgment of acquittal was passed?". Chakravarthi said, "I do not remember the exact date. I did not take any steps even after coming to know that witnesses have been won over by the

Chakravarthi died in 2020. On November 21, 2003, the bench of CJI V N Khare, Justices S B Sinha and A R Lakshmanan stayed trial in 10 major riot cases on petitions seeking an independent investigation into the cases besides shifting of trials outside Gujarat.

■ On August 17, 2004, the bench of Justices Ruma Pal, S B Sinha and S H Kapadia directed that a riot cell be formed under the DGP to reopen cases closed by local police stations, and file quar-

Stating that it would not proceed on the basis "that the entire investigating machinery in the State has failed", the bench said "there should be further/more extensive and in-depth investigation into cases, numbering 2000, in which 'A' Summary Reports have been filed resulting in closure of cases at the threshold and that the State should consider further/extended investigations through its own high ranking officers to which none of the concerned parties (including State of Gujarat) had any objection".

In its order, the bench said Non-Governmental Organizations which have been participating in this entire process, will be at liberty to draw the attention of the Range Inspector General to any particular case within the District of a particular Range Inspector General and the Range Inspector General will consider the same before deciding whether further/fresh investigation or what action, if any, needs to be taken in connection with the FIRs filed, The Range Inspector General shall see whether the FIRs already filed are defective/deficient or faulty in any manner."

On March 26, 2008, the bench of Justices Arijit Pasayat, P Sathasivam and Aftab Alam said, "Communal harmony is the hallmark of a democracy. No religion teaches hatred. If in the name of religion, people are killed, that is essentially a slur and blot on the society governed by rule of law... Religious fanatics really do not belong to any religion. They are no better than terrorists... These are cases where there is an element of communal disharmony, which is not to be countenanced. The State of Gujarat has stated that it has no objection if further investigation is done so that peoples' faith on the transparency of action taken by the State is fortified".

The Court called for a report in three months on investigations into the cases of the Godhra train burning, the killings in Naroda Patiya, Naroda Gam and Gulberg Society in Ahmedabad, Sardarpura and Dipda Darwaja in Mehsana district, two cases in Ode of Anand district and the killing of British nationals in Prantij, Sabarkantha district.

The Court asked the Gujarat government to issue a notification to appoint the SIT headed by RK Raghavan, retired Director of CBI.

Crypto

several developers and engineers working in this space have already moved or are considering relocating to Dubai and Singapore.

"We are in a bear market right now, and this is the time when products and solutions are built. Some of the biggest companies in the Web 2.0 space like Google and Facebook were also built during a slowdown phase. This is why many people who are building crypto and Web 3.0 products are moving to jurisdictions with more policy clarity," said a top executive at one of India's biggest crypto trading platforms who did not want to be named. Another person building a

blockchain platform said that in addition to seeking an amicable environment, there is also lack of clarity on the government's future stance from a law enforcement perspective. Speaking to The Indian Express, Ashish Singhal, co-founder and CEO of CoinSwitch, said: "India has battled brain drain for decades. This is a generational opportunity to reset the odds in our favour -crypto has moved away from Silk Road to Main Street. The examples from the US and other mature economies show institutional investors are ready to put capital in crypto markets if there is more regulatory clarity. Indian investors and innovators can benefit from crypto capital if there is more regulatory clarity.'

India's official recognition of cryptocurrency began in 2018, when the RBI directed banks to cut money supply to crypto trading platforms -- a move that was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2020. Last year, the government listed the introduction of a Bill in Parliament to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies, but the Bill did

During the Union Budget for 2022-23, a 30% tax on virtual digital assets was introduced with provisions dissimilar to other asset classes. Later, the government also introduced a 1% tax deducted at source (TDS) - effective July 1 on cryptocurrency transfers with an intention of maintaining a trail of money, Meanwhile, Dubai has emerged as a hotspot for crypto investments on the back of its favourable policies. Responding to a query from

The Indian Express on Shetty and Menon relocating to Dubai, WazirX said: "We are a remotefirst organisation with employees from over 70+ locations. This gives all the company employees the option to work from anywhere... WazirX is headquartered in Mumbai, and there is no change in any of our operating procedures". WazirX, which is owned by the world's biggest crypto exchange Binance, said the current regulations on crypto could reduce participation and increase inefficiencies instead of encouraging more people to join the bandwagon.

In June 2021, the Enforcement Directorate had said that it had issued a showcause notice to WazirX and its directors Shetty and Sameer Mhatre under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, for transactions involving cryptocurrencies worth Rs 2,790.74 crore. According to the ED statement, it had initiated FEMA investigation on the basis of an ongoing money-laundering investigation into Chinese-owned illegal online betting applications. At the time, WazirX had said it was in compliance with all the applicable laws. Earlier this year. Shetty an-

nounced a new crypto project, Shardeum, with a US-based crypto investor Omar Sayed.

Multiple queries sent to Nailwal and Polygon remained unanswered. An e-mail query sent to the Ministry of Finance did not elicit any response.

G7 meeting

the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union, affirm our com-

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mitment to strengthening the resilience of our democracies." "We hail all courageous de-

fenders of democratic systems that stand against oppression and violence, and will step up international cooperation to improve the resilience of democratic societies globally," it stated. The signatories said that democracies enable 'open public debate, independent and pluralistic media" and the "free flow of information online and offline", fostering legitimacy, transparency, responsibility and accountability for citizens and elected representatives alike.

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- Increasing the cyber resilience of digital infrastructure, including by improving and sharing awareness of cyber threats and expanding cyber response cooperation.
- Countering hybrid threats, in particular information manipulation and interference, including disinformation. ■ Cooperating to counter in-
- formation manipulation, promote accurate information, and advocate for our shared democratic values worldwide. ■ Promoting affordable access

to diverse sources of reliable and trustworthy information and data online and offline, including through a multi-stakeholder approach, and by strengthening digital skills and digital literacy. ■ Enhancing transparency

about the actions of online platforms to combat violent, extremist and inciting content online.

The statement said that democracies lay and protect the foundations for free and vibrant civic spaces, enabling and encouraging civic engagement and political participation, which in turn stimulate meaningful legitimacy, creativity, innovation, social accountability, and responsibility. It said, "We commit to:

■ Guarding the freedom, independence and diversity of civil society actors, speaking out against threats to civic space, and respecting freedom of association and peaceful assembly.

■ Building resilience against malign foreign interference and acts of transnational repression that seek to undermine trust in government, society and media, reduce civic space and silence critical voices.

Advancing programmes for the protection of human rights defenders and all those exposing corruption. The countries also committed

to "protecting freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief and promoting inter-faith dialogue" and "promoting social cohesion, solidarity and the inclusion of all members of society online and offline, while denouncing all forms of discrimination and violence".

Zubair held

night, the handle had over 400 followers. Earlier this month, Zubair had highlighted comments made by the then BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on the Prophet, which triggered condemnation from a host of countries, including those from the Gulf. The outrage prompted the Centre to distance itself from Sharma's comments, and the ruling BJP to suspend her and sack another party spokesperson Naveen Kumar Jindal.

Zubair's arrest was slammed by the Opposition, including Congress, TMC, RJD, AIMIM and the Left parties, which accused the BIP-led NDA government of cracking down on those who "expose its hate speech and fake propaganda".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted that "arresting one voice of truth will only give rise to a

thousand more". Several other Opposition leaders expressed "shock" at the arrest, described it as a "violation of due process", and demanded that Zubair be "released immediately".

Zubair was arrested by Delhi Police's IFSO (Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations) unit, which comes under the Special Cell and handles cases of cyber crime and cyber forensics.

DCP (IFSO) K P S Malhotra said: "Delhi Police has registered a case after getting a complaint from a Twitter handle, wherein it was alleged that Mohammed Zubair had tweeted a questionable image with a purpose to deliberately insult the god of a particular religion. Such tweets were getting retweeted and it appeared that there is a brigade of social media entities, who indulge in insult mongering thereby leading to a possible ramification on communal harmony and is overall against the maintenance of public tranquility."

A senior police officer said the tweet purportedly showed an image of a hotel, with its board reading "Honeymoon Hotel" repainted to "Hanuman Hotel". The complainant posted a screenshot, tagged Delhi Police, and alleged that the tweet was "a direct insult of Hindus". "Kindly take action against this guy@delhipolice," the complainant tweeted.

"We came across the tweet last week. Zubair had posted this tweet in 2018 but people have been raising the issue recently. We took action and registered an FIR," the officer said.

Soon after the arrest, Alt-News

co-founder Prateek Sinha tweeted: "Zubair was called today by Special cell, Delhi, for investigation in a 2020 case for which he already had protection against arrest from the High Court. However, today at around 6.45 pm, we were told he has been arrested in some other FIR for which no notice was given which is mandatory under law for the Sections under which he has been arrested. Nor FIR copy is being given to us despite repeated requests." The case Sinha was referring to dates back to September 2020, when police had booked Zubair under the POCSO Act after he responded to an abusive message from a Twitter user. The Delhi High Court had, however, restrained the police from taking coercive action against him in connection with that case.

Police sources said Bengalurubased Zubair and his advocates reached IFSO's office in Dwarka around 2 pm. "Police started questioning him, and around 3.15 pm, another investigation officer served him a notice under section 41 CrPC (in the present case) and asked him to join the investigation. At around 5.30 pm, he was arrested," said a source.

In another tweet. Sinha wrote: "After the medical examination. Zubair is being taken to an undisclosed location. Neither Zubair's lawyers or I are being told where. We are in the police van with him. No police person is wearing any name tag.' DCP Malhotra said in a state-

ment: "In the month of June 2022, when Delhi Police was alerted by Twitter handle that Mohammad Zubair had earlier made an objectionable tweet and his followers/social media entities had amplified and created a series of debates/hate mongering in the tread, he was examined in this case and his role was found objectionable. He was evasive on the questions and neither provided the necessary technical equipment for the purpose of the

"During investigation, the conduct of Mohammed Zubair was found questionable, which warranted his custodial interrogation to unravel the conspiracy in this matter." he stated.

investigation nor cooperated in

the investigation."

The police move was also slammed by DIGIPUB, an organisation of digital news media organisations.

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BJP's Rajesh Bhatia polled 28,851 votes in the Rajinder Nagar bypoll, which AAP's Durgesh Pathak won.

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ANTI-INCUMBENCY AGAINST municipal councillors was one of the factors that led to the BJP's defeat in Rajinder Nagar by-

poll, along with supporters not coming out in big numbers, said senior leaders during a meeting in Nariana, after the results on Sunday, to introspect on the loss. AAP's Durgesh Pathak won the bypoll, beating BJP's Rajesh Bhatia by a margin of 11,468 votes. Pathak polled

40,319 votes as opposed to Bhatia's 28,851, while

Congress's Prem Lata was a distant third with 2.014 votes.

The BJP has two councillors in the assembly constituency, Chhail Bihari Goswami from Naraina and Sunita Kaushik from Inderpuri, along with Shiromani Akali Dal's Paramjeet Singh Rana from Rajinder Nagar who contested in alliance with the party. "We saw during the campaign that there was anti-incumbency against our own councillors as well as AAP former MLA Raghav Chadha. However, it cost us more as there were other factors also which didn't work in our favour," said

a senior leader present in the meeting. BJP MLA Ajay Mahvar, who was also the in-charge of the constituency, said the election basically came down to two slogans. "Our slogan 'Sthaniya voter chunega sthaniya vidhayak (local voter will choose local MLA)' initially worked. But later AAP's slogan of 'Kejriwal ki sarkar, Kejriwal ka vidhayak (Kejriwal's government, Kejriwal's MLA)' worked for them."

Another aspect that seems to have worked in AAP's favour was trouble in the BJP unit. The BJP had many ticket seekers from the area and many of them did not participate in poll campaign, said a BJP leader. "This is a problem with every party but not like we have in Delhi. Here people do it openly, there is no fear," the leader said.

legedly cheating people on the pretext of getting them admission to government medical colleges, said police. The matter came to light after a Delhi government school teacher alleged he was cheated of Rs 20 lakh by the accused who promised to get his son admitted to a college.

his associates allegedly made fake documents and IDs to get bank accounts to cheat the teacher and his son, police added.

DCP (Crime Branch) Rajesh Deo said, "During investigation, we found the calls and emails (from the college's numbers and ID) were done using spoofing software..." ENS

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By Order of the Tribuna

davp 17102/11/0022/2223 Appendix IV (Rule-8(1)] Corporate Office: 254-260, Avvai Shanmuga

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) and 13(12) read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer issued a Demand Notice on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted Borrower nd the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred or im/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the Account. The Borrower in articular and the public in general is hereby cautioned to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be the subject to charge to Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) for the amounts and Interest thereon mentioned against the account herein below.

Name	Name of the Borrower /	
of	Mortgagor/Guarantor	
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Place: Patna Date : 23.06.2022

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Salai Roy Pattah, Chennai-600014 Zonal Office: 1st Floor, Indian Bank Premises

Description of the Charged/Mortgaged	Date of	Amount outstanding	Date of
Property (All the part & parcel of	Demand	as on the date of	Possessi-
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Authorised Officer Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

L-G writes to NDMC. MCD on monsoon prep

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

WITH THE monsoon round the corner, L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena has directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) to identify dangerous buildings under their jurisdiction that are prone to collapse or damage, and to ensure measures to prevent any kind of untoward incident.

The civic agencies have been directed to take action and submit a report in two weeks.

According to sources, the L-G, invoking section 348 of the DMC Act, 1957, and section 258 of the NDMC Act. 1994, that mandates the MCD and NDMC to identify such buildings and take remedial measures, has issued written directions to MCD's special officer and commissioner and NDMC chairman to undertake the exercise.

"The L-G has directed the MCD and NDMC to make sure such dangerous buildings do not cause any mishap or loss of life and property or any inconvenience to the people at large. For this, the civic agencies have been directed to take appropriate action to demolish or repair such vulnerable buildings," said official sources.

FORM NO.53 Company Petition No. 93 of 2013

M/s Venus Petro Chemicals (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. 27, 1° floor, Minerva Compound, Sewree Bunderoad, Sewree (E) Mumbai-400015

-Petitioner Versus

M/s. Vaanix Industries Pvt. Ltd., having its Registered office at 20, Akashganga Apartment, fourth loor, GH-3, Sushant Lok-II, Sector 56, Gurgaon, - 122003, Haryana. (Wound up)

-- Respondent Notice of winding-up order By an order made by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigam in the above matter, dated the 5 day of May 2022 it was ordered that the above-named company be wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

Sd/ TARURAG GAUR Advocate Counsel for the Petitioner Company, Plot No. 14, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Panchkula 134112

Dated 18:06:2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Registered office: Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara 390 007 Corporate office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Mumbai 400 051.

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments. ("Facility") availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold ornaments on Jul 08, 2022 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online -https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please loging to given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal hiers.

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43105000906 Anuj Singh Branch Name: Darbhanga 992405002274 Payal Devi Branch Name: Darbhanga

and would not bind us.

Rajpath 238505001252 Bikky Kumar

Date: 28.06.2022 Place: Muzaffarpur, Paschimi Champaran, Patna, Purbi Champaran, Purnia, Buxar, Saran, Sitamarhi, Aurangabad, Siwan, Gaya, Gopalganj, Darbhanga, Jamui, Jehanabad, Kishanganj Nawada, Samastipur, Sheohar

S/d Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Limited



CENTRE FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES AND TRAINING (CCRT) MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA 15 A, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075



SCHEME FOR THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG ARTISTES IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL FIELDS

Online Applications are invited by CCRT, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India for the award of scholarships from young artistes of outstanding promise in the fields of Indian Classical Music, Indian Classical Dances, Light Classical Music, Theatre, Visual Arts and Folk Traditional and Indigenous Arts.

Please note Applications are invited for the year 2020-21 & 2021-22 with effect from 28th June, 2022. There are 400 scholarships available for each year. Details of the schemes, instructions for applicants, eligibility conditions/criteria and Application Module are available on the following websites of the Ministry of Culture Government of India and CCRT.

www.indiaculture.nic.in, www.ccrtindia.gov.in

27th August, 2022 is the last date for submission of applications. ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Davp-09127/12/0004/2223

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया **Bank of India** **ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE** 1st Floor, Chanakya Place, R-Block, Patna-800001 APPENDIX - IV, Rule 8(1)

Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the BANK OF INDIA under the Securitisation and Reconstruction o Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sectior 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued u/s 13(2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the aforementioned borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property/ies (Secured Assets) described in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date(s) mentioned against the respective property.

The aforesaid borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies mentioned in the table hereunder written and any dealings with the said property/ies will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA for the amount shown in the respective column of the table and interest thereon. Name of i. Branch, ii. Date

Borrower/ Guarantor	& Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)	Details of pro
M/s Vaishali Poultry Farm	(i) Patna City Branch.	All that piece and parcel of Land and Property No. 1: - Name of Property or
Prop Mrs. Rakhee Devi	(ii) Demand Notice	Property: At+Po: Rajasan, PS: Bidup 307, Khasra No. 558 (Part), Area: 4.5 [
Guarantor:	₹ 23,36,808.91 and	Deed No. 4005 dated 08.05.2013
Mr. Sunil Kumar	9.25% p.a. with	Boundary of property as per Sale De Triloki Singh etc., South: Sudha De
	monthly rests.	Gramin, West: Hari Prasad Singh etc.

Details of property and parcel of Land and building as mentioned under: 22.06.2022 1:- Name of Property owner: Sunil Kumar, Location of Po: Rajasan, PS: Bidupur, Distt.: Vaishali, Khata No. lo. 558 (Part), Area: 4.5 Decimal, Thana/Halka: 335/03 005 dated 08.05.2013, Mauza: Rajasan Bidupu roperty as per Sale Deed:- North: Tribhuyan Singh & etc., South: Sudha Devi & Sarita Devi, East: Road

Propertiy No. 2:- Name of Property owner: Sunil Kumar, Location of Property: At+Po: Rajasan, PS: Bidupur, Distt vaishali, Khata No. 307, Khasra No. 558 (Part), Area: 4.5 Decimal, Thana/Halka: 335/03, Deed No. 5411 dated 24.06.2013 Mauza: Rajasan Bidupur, Boundary of property as per Sale Deed:- North: Late Harihar Singh etc., South: Purchaser, Eas Road Gramin, West: Hari Prasad Singh etc. **Propertiy No. 3:-**Name of Property owner: Sunil Kumar, Location of Property: At+Po: Rajasan, PS: Bidupur, Distt.: Vaishali, Khata No. 307, Khasra No. 558 (Part), Area: 4.5 Decimal, Thana/Halka: 335/03, Deed No. 9455 dated 03.12.2013, Mauza: Rajasan Bidupur, Boundary of property as per Sale Deed:- North: Niz Purchaser Sunil Kumar, South: Sarita Kumari, East: Road Gramin, West: Late Hari Prasad Singh etc With further interest at applicable rate till repay

Date: 22.06.2022

Authorized Officer



INDIAN PORT RAIL & ROPEWAY CORPORATION LIMITED (A JV Company Under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India) loor, Nirman Bhavan, Mumbai Port Trust Building, M.P. Road, Mazgaon (E), Mumbai-400010.

ADVERTISEMENT NO: IPRCL/MUM/HR/REC.04/2022 Applications for the following posts are invited from experienced and result oriented persons: (1) CGM(Operations & BD)/E8-01 at Mumbai, (2) CGM(Projects)/E8-01 at Ahmedabad-NHMC(Lothal), (3) GM (Architect)E7/ AGM(Architect)E6// JGM(Architect)E5-01 at Ahmedabad-NHMC(Lothal), (4) JGM (Planning & Corporate Coordination)/E5-01 at Mumbai, (5) JGM (Projects)E5/ DGM(Projects)E4/Sr, M(Projects)E3-01 at Plusro & 01 at Piparwar/ Sanghamitra Oct (6) JGM (Accounts & Taxation)E5/ DGM(Accounts & Taxation)E4-01 at Mumbai, (7) Sr, M(Finance & Accounts)E3/ Manager (Finance & Accounts)E2-01 at Mumbai, (8) Asst. Company Secretary/E2-01 at Mumbai, (9) Manager (PWay)/E2-01 at Singrauli.

For eligibility criteria and format of application etc. please visit on website www.ipa.nic.in then click for Whats New/Ports/Other Organization Advertisement / Indian Port Rail Corporation Ltd. or www.iprel.in then click on HR/Vacancy. Last date of receiving applications in IPRCL Office is 16th July, 2022. The neglection is necessibled for each department and the provider of the The application in prescribed format alongwith copies of requisite certificates/documents and detailed CV should be sent only by post or courier within due date addressed to "General Manager (HR), Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Limited, 4th Floor, Nirman Bhavan, M.P. Road, Mazgaon



Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening) (University of Delhi) Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002

Advt. No. ZHDCE/TS/01/2022 APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Online applications are invited in the prescribed Application Form available at http://colrec.du.ac.in/index.php from eligible candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professors, in the Academic Pay Level 10, in the College. The last date for receipt of applications is within two weeks from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News. For details, please visit the College website http://zhdce.ac.in

Aay addendum/ corrigendum shall be posted only on the College website.

(ii) IDBI BANK

Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005

IDBI Bank Ltd. Advertisement No. 02 / 2022-23

Advertisement for Recruitment of Specialist Officers

IDBI Bank Ltd invites online applications for the post of Deputy General Manager (DGM) – Grade D, Assistant General Manager (AGM) - Grade C & Manager (Grade B) as per below mentioned details:

51	Post		,		
No		Gr B	Gr C	Gr D	
1	Infrastructure Management Department (IMD) - Premises	-	10	_	
2	Infrastructure Management Department (IMD) - Security	5	-	_	
3	Administration - Rajbhasha	-	1	2	
4	Fraud Risk Management (FRMG)	4	4	1	
5	Digital Banking & Emerging Payments (DB&EP)	8	7	1	
6	Finance & Accounts (FAD)	4	-	-	
7	Information Technology & MIS (IT & MIS)	41	74	24	
8	Legal	10	13	5	
9	Risk Management – Information Security Group (ISG)	4	2	_	
10	Treasury	6	-	-	
	Total	82	111	33	

Registration for online application starts from June 25, 2022 to July 10, 2022.

NOTE: IDBI Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any/ all application(s)

IDBI BANK

Advertisement for Appointment of Chief Risk Officer

IDBI Bank Ltd Regd. Office: IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005.

Tel. (022) 6655 3355

Invites applications for the following post on Contract Basis. Sr. No No of Vacancies **Post Name Chief Risk Officer**

For details with regard to eligibility criteria i.e. age, qualifications

work experience etc. and to apply, please visit the Careers Page or Bank's website www.idbibank.in. Applications received on or before 06.07.2022

will be considered. **NOTE:** IDBI Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any/all application(s) withou assigning any reason(s) thereof. Candidates who have applied earlier may not e-apply and such applications are liable to be out rightly & summarily be rejected.





Professor for Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology (MAIT) & Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies (MAIMS) in the following Specializations: INSTITUTE DEPARTMENT SPECIALIZATION IPR, Corporate Law, Quantitative Techniques, Law Financial Accounting Electronic Media MAIMS Journalism MAIMS Commerce

Organizational Behaviour /Human Resource Managemen MAIT Management/Operations & Supply Chain /Information (MBA & BBA) Systems & Analytics Computer Science | Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning & Data Science & Related Branches Applications are also invited for Demonstrators/Laboratory Assistants (preferably MCA/

Diploma -CSE) in MAIT Department of Computer Science Interested Candidates to apply in MAIT and MAIMS may send their CV on email:director@mait.ac.in, hr@maims.ac.in respectively within 15 days of this Advertisement. For more details pls visit the Institute www.mait.ac.in; www.maims.ac.in Chairman

> **OSB** State Bank of India Central Recruitment & Promotion Department Corporate Centre, Mumbai

Phone: 022-22820427; Fax: 022-22820411 Recruitment of Specialist Cadre Officers on Contractual Basis Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the following posts

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the following posts.					
Sr. No.	Post	Contractual Equivalent Grade/ Scale	Vacancy	Advertisement No.	
1	Defence Banking Advisor Navy		01		
2	Advisor Central Armed Police Forces		01		
3	Circle Advisor Central Armed Police Forces		01	CRPD/SCO/ 2022-23/11	
4	Circle Defence Banking Advisor		03		
5	Research Analyst	MMGS-III	02		
6	Research Analyst-Equity	MMGS-III	01		
7	Research Analyst Private Equity	MMGS-III	01		
8	Internal Ombudsman	TEGS-VI Deputy General Manager	01		
For eligibility criteria (age, experience, job profile etc.), requisite fees and					

For eligibility criteria (age, experience, job profile etc.), requisite fees an other details, log on to Bank's website https://bank.sbi/web/careers with link for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fee. Refer detailed advertisement to ensure eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees.

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 23.06.2022 TO 13.07.2022.

For any query, please write to us through link **"CONTACT US"** ightarrow "Post Your Query" which is available on Bank's website

General Manager

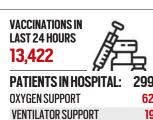
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PRINCIPAL Regd. Office: IDBI Tower, WTC Complex

Place: Mumbai





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	Deaths	N/A	N/A
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BRIEFLY —

Retired Army man shot dead

Gurgaon: A 37-year-old man, who had retired as a havaldar from the Army, was allegedly shot dead at his house in Basai Enclave, Sector 10, late on Sunday night, said police. Police have booked the victim's brother-inlaw on charges of murder after the victim's nephew filed a police complaint.

Two held for duping woman of lakhs

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly duping a woman of several lakhs via an SMS link related to a job offer at a leading e-commerce company. DCP (Southeast) Esha Pandey said: "The accused disclosed during questioning that they used to generate links and send them to random people, promising employment in a major ecommerce company. As soon as the victim clicked on the link, they would hack the victim's mobile and view an OTP sent to the victim to initiate a transaction." ENS

Delhi govt to launch 15-day plantation drive: Rai

New Delhi: The Delhi government will launch a 15day mega plantation drive on July 11 to further inthe capital, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said Monday. 'Van Mahotsav' will start from the Central Ridge and culminate with the plantation of 1 lakh saplings at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary on July 25, he said. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Delhi government ministers, and Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel will participate in the drive. MLAs will lead the drive in their respective constituencies

RAIN EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Monsoon yet to reach Delhi, IMD to confirm onset date

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE SOUTHWEST monsoon has not yet reached Delhi, and has missed its 'normal' onset date in the city — June 27. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is yet to confirm when the monsoon might reach the national capital.

Asked if there were any updates on when the monsoon might hit Delhi, IMD senior scientist R K Jenamani said there were none, but the department is monitoring the conditions and an update is likely to come on Tuesday. On Monday, the IMD said the southwest monsoon had advanced into most parts of the Arabian Sea and Gujarat.

It has also issued a forecast for when the monsoon might reach other parts of northwest India. "Conditions are favourable for further advance of the monsoon into remaining parts of the Arabian Sea, Gujarat, some parts of Rajasthan, remaining parts of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, some more parts of Uttar

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Pradesh and some parts of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir during the next three to four days," it

said in a release issued Monday.

city - June 27. Amit Mehra

Though the monsoon has missed its date, an east-west trough over North India and moisture-laden winds from the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea are likely to bring light to moderate rainfall or thundershowers to Delhi on June 29 and 30.

With rainfall on the forecast, the maximum temperature could fall to around 35 degrees Celsius on June 30. Cloudy skies

July 7 June 16 2014 July 3 2015 June 25 2016 July 2 2017 July 2 2018 June 28 2019 July 5 'Normal' onset date in the 2020 June 25 July 13

> and light rainfall are also on the forecast for July 1, while very light rainfall is likely on July 2 and 3.

The city currently has a rainfall deficit of 59% for the month -24.5 mm recorded against a normal of 59.5 mm till June 27.

The city witnessed another sultry day on Monday, when the maximum temperature was 40.9 degrees Celsius at the Safdarjung weather observatory, four degrees above the normal for this time of the year. Humidity remained high reaching a maximum of 72% over the past 24 hours, going by an IMD



THE ONSET of the Southwest monsoon in the national capital was delayed last year, when the IMD declared that it had reached the city on July 13, two weeks past the 'normal' date. In 2020, it hit the city a little earlier, on June 25. The monsoon hit Delhi in the first week of July in 2019, 2017 and 2016 as well.

bulletin issued Monday evening. The highest maximum temperature recorded on Monday in the city was 42.1 degrees at

Najafgarh. There has not been much respite from the heat at night, with the minimum temperature settling at 29.4 degrees Celsius early on Monday – two degrees above normal for this time of the year.

Police book personal secy of Sonia Gandhi on rape charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE DELHI Police has registered a case against the personal secretary of senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for allegedly raping and threatening a woman. The accused has been identified as 71-year-old P P Madhavan, said police, adding that no arrest has been made so far.

DCP (Dwarka) Vardhan said, "Allegations are levelled against a 71-year-old person. He is working as PS to a senior political leader. A complaint was received... on June 25. A case under IPC section 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) has been registered. We are investigating the matter."

Madhavan told The Indian Express: "It is a baseless allegation just to defame the Congress party. There is no truth in it. It is a complete conspiracy."

According to police, the woman, aged 26, lodged a complaint accusing Madhavan of allegedly raping and harassing her on several occasions on the pretext of offering her a job and marrying her. The woman said she met the accused soon after she lost her husband during the Covid lockdown in 2020. Her husband used to work as a helper at the party office. She said she would often go to the Congress office in search of a job.

'My financial condition wasn't good and I went to the Madhavan told The Indian Express: "It is a baseless allegation just to defame the Congress party. There is no truth in it. It is a complete conspiracy"

Congress office where I got Sonia Gandhi's PA P P Madhavan's number. I told him I was in need of a job and he promised to help me... On January 21 (this year), he called me for an interview. He asked me many questions and viewed all my documents... He then told me that he wanted to marry me. I said yes... One day, he called me to meet him... He came to pick me up in a car... he asked his driver to leave the car. He sexually assaulted me and tried to rape me. When I objected to this, he got angry and left me on the road alone," the

woman alleged, as per the FIR. The complainant alleged the accused later apologised to her and they started talking again. After a few days, he again called her to meet him.

"In February, he called me to meet him... (and) raped me. Later, he told me that his wife had seen my mobile number... I was shocked to hear all this. I asked him about his wife, but he kept ignoring me... he then forced me to have sex with someone else. I refused... He

(party) have been ruling for 70 years and that he would get me kidnapped. I was scared," al-

leges the FIR. Police said the woman lodged a complaint on June 25 and was sent to DDU hospital for a medical examination. Based on her statement and examination, a case was registered against

In a statement, Madhavan said: "As per media reports, the allegations against me referred to an event which occurred in February 2022, which is to say more than four months prior to the registration of an FIR. This itself shows the FIR is solely intended to vilify me and to cast aspersions on my long and sincere career. I reserve my rights to lawfully contest the alleged FIR against me and to take recourse to the available legal remedies against the false and malicious complaint which has been filed against me.'

"I have evidence to demonstrate and establish that the alleged complaint has been made in a pre-concerted manner in order to settle a political vendetta and the present complaint is devoid of merits. I condemn the smear campaign run against me by the complainant and the people behind her and the same appears to be propelled by sick minds in order to vilify the image of a reputed 71-year-old man known for his service to society," he further said.

Court extends Jain's judicial custody for 2 weeks in 'money laundering' case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A DELHI court extended the judicial custody of AAP minister Satyendar Jain for two weeks in a case of alleged money laundering registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Jain had appeared through video conferencing before Special Judge Geetanjli Goel, who initially refused to extend his judicial remand when neither Jain nor his lawvers were present in court. The ED had informed the court that Jain was hospitalised following which the court asked the agency to produce Jain through video conferencing. He was earlier admitted to Lok Nayak hospital after a dip in his oxygen level.

Jain has been in custody since May 30. He was arrested by the central agency in connection with an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) registered by it on the basis of a case lodged by the CBI in August 2017 under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Jain is accused of having laundered money through four companies allegedly linked to him. He was sent to judicial custody on June 13

on completion of his ED custody. His bail application was recently rejected by the court which said that the accused enjoys an influential position and it cannot be ruled out that he could influence the witnesses. The court had also said that no specific ground has been taken in the bail application regarding the medical condition of the accused and no documents have been produced to show the extent of the medical condition.

According to the ED, Jain, be-



AAP minister Satyendar since May 30

tween February 2015 and May 2017, when he was a minister, allegedly acquired assets that were disproportionate to his known sources of income. It is alleged by the ED and CBI that Iain and his family members had active control over at least four companies that laundered money to the tune of Rs 11.78 crore during the years 2010 to 2012 and Rs 4.63 crore during the check period. The ED alleges that accommodation entries were layered and received from Kolkata-based shell companies into the companies "owned by" Jain and agricultural lands ere purchased from those funds.

Senior AAP leader Gopal Rai Monday alleged the Centre is 'shamelessly" misusing the ED against opposition parties that dare to raise their voice against the BJP, and said it seems the nation is heading towards one-party rule. "It's not a secret anymore and it's not about one or two opposition parties. The central government is now misusing the ED against all parties that dare to speak against the BJP," Rai told reporters while responding to a query on Jain's judicial custody. (with PTI inputs)

DUSIB to set up creches, libraries at slum clusters

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE DELHI Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) is planning to set up libraries in JJ clusters situated on Delhi government land for use of school and college students. It is also planning to set up creches in slums to provide a safe space for working parents to leave their children.

The DUSIB will first carry out a detailed survey of all JJ clusters on its land. For this, about 50 college students will be hired for a month-long internship, which may be extended depending upon the work, and they will be

guided by officials. "Young scholars who will be hired for an internship at DUSIB will be tasked with surveying [] bastis on DUSIB land to gather information about school-going children and to find suitable places where public libraries can be set up. They will also survev the number of parents/ guardians who are working and the locations where creches are

needed," said a senior official. "We have also issued an advertisement announcing that DUSIB is hiring young scholars during the summer vacation. This will be a great opportunity for them and will also add to their resume. They will first undergo a two-day training session. Selected candidates will be paid Rs 15,000 a month and will get a certificate," said an official.

It has also requested vicechancellors and principals of universities and colleges in Delhi to inform students of the opportunity and encourage them to apply.

The interns will also survey all 195 night shelters managed by DUSIB to know about the needs, challenges and issues faced by its occupants.

500 mohalla clinics will soon provide Covid shots

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OVER 500 mohalla clinics in Delhi will soon function as Covid-19 vaccination centres to make the drive more accessible after the on-going door-to-door campaign. At present, the shots are pro-

vided at all government hospitals, dispensaries, and polyclinics. The vaccination centres at schools, where a large chunk of the population was immunised last year, were closed in April when children returned for physical classes.

The decision is significant because with most clinics being run with only one doctor, one pharmacist, and a multi-purpose worker, routine immunisation for children wasn't a part of the services offered. This was barring a few clinics such as the first one inaugurated in Peeragarhi run by staff from the National



Rush Hour

This will help us achieve the higher vaccination target soon, said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia

Health Mission.

"Currently, vaccination is being provided in a mission mode, but still a cohort is due for the second dose and a significantly higher cohort is due for the newly added precaution dose. Addition of vaccination centres at mohalla clinics will help us achieve the higher vaccination target soon," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia

Withdraw termination notices, demand anganwadi workers

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Traffic inside the newly inaugurated Pragati Maidan underpass, Monday. Abhinav Saha

MORE THAN two months after their services were terminated, more than a hundred anganwadi workers and helpers held a protest outside the Women and Child Development department office in Kashmere Gate on Monday afternoon demanding withdrawal of the termination notices.

Anganwadi workers and helpers across the city had begun a strike on January 31 with the primary demand of a substantial increase in pay. Along with this, they have also been demanding that they be given the status of government employees — currently they are considered honorary workers along with the benefits that accompany it.

Many of them had continued protesting even after the then WCD minister Rajendra Pal Gautam on February 24 announced an increase in honorarium in response to the strike. However, the Delhi State Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Union, which has been leading this strike, said it had not called for a meeting with the minister. The strike was finally suspended after the Lieutenant Governor's office issued a notification on March 9 declaring the services provided by anganwadi workers and helpers as 'essential services' and prohibiting their strike for a period of six months by invoking the Haryana Essential Services

Maintenance Act. In the days that followed, 884 anganwadi workers and helpers were issued termination notices, according to estimates by the union. The matter is in the Delhi High Court after the union approached it and the Delhi government had told the court that it would not terminate any more

On Monday afternoon, a delegation submitted a memorandum to the department demanding withdrawal of their termination notices. Another demand is that all pending dues be paid to the terminated workers and helpers "Our strike had begun on the

last day of January and we had done our duty for the whole of that month before that. There are also pending payments for other things like our work for PMMVY and community programmes. We also haven't yet received the arrears for an increase in honorarium announced by the central government in 2018," said a 35-year-old who had been working as an anganwadi worker since 2011.

Officials in the WCD department did not respond to calls seeking comment.

SCHEDULED TO BE UNVEILED ON AUGUST 15

Hologram removed, grand canopy at India Gate readies for Bose statue

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE HOLOGRAM of Netaii Subhas Chandra Bose has been removed from the Grand Canopy at India Gate, while the fittings for the actual stone statue have started.

Sources told The Indian Express that the hologram was switched off late last week, and for the next month and a half, fittings for the actual statue will be carried out, which is scheduled to be unveiled on August 15 this year.

Mysuru-based sculptor Arun Yogiraj – who had created the 12-feet statue of Adi Shankaracharya at Kedarnath – was roped in for the 30-feet statue of Bose to be installed at the India Gate. A huge block of black granite stone was selected for the statue, which has been transported to Delhi, where the carving is underway presently. Work on the Bose statue is slated to be completed before the August 15 deadline, sources say, adding that the statue will weigh around 90 tonnes.

It was in January when the Prime Minister had announced that a "grand statue" of Netaji will be installed beneath the canopy at India Gate

Officials in the Ministry of Culture had said that Netaji's hologram will be in place at the



spot, powered by a 30,000 lumens 4K projector, until the granite statue is completed. The dimensions of the hologram statue – which was unveiled by the PM on January 23 to mark Bose's 125th birth anniversary celebrations – were the same as

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the actual one being sculpted. The sandstone canopy where Netaji's statue will be installed was built in 1936, and housed the statue of King George V. After the Independence, there was opposition to the statue's central location, but it stood at the site for another two decades, until it was moved to Coronation Park in 1968.

There have been deliberations during successive governments of installing a Mahatma

Gandhi statue where King George V's statue stood, or that of the first PM Jawaharlal Nehru. Several historians were of the view that the canopy should remain empty as a reminder of the country's past. So, for more than five decades, the canopy remained empty, earning the name 'Empty Canopy'.

Located at a junction of six roads, the 73-foot canopy is inspired by a sixth-century pavilion from Mahabalipuram.



BRICS: Writing a New Chapter of Human Development and Progress

Ambassador's Message

BRICS Countries: Create A Better Future for Mankind

THE OCEAN is vast when it can be inclusive for hundreds of rivers. Over the past 16 years, the BRICS cooperation mechanism has grasped the historic trend of openness and development, and embarked on a righteous course of mutual support and win-win cooperation. From June 22 to 24, President Xi Jinping virtually hosted the 14th BRICS Summit and the High-Level Dialogue on Global Development in Beijing, and delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum. President Xi Jinping tapped the gavel, marking the adoption of the Beijing Declaration at the BRICS Summit. And China released the Chair's Statement of the Highlevel Dialogue on Global Development. The BRICS cooperation has reached a new milestone and made new contributions to a better future for mankind.

Today, peace and development remain the theme of our times. However, various security challenges keep emerging, world economic recovery is losing momentum and global governance faces difficult choices. President Xi Jinping, with his deep reflection on and a strong sense of responsibility for the destiny of mankind, put forward the Global Security Initiative, advocating a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security. At the BRICS Summit, President Xi Jinping shared thoughts with leaders of BRICS partners including India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa, drawing a new grand blueprint for BRICS cooperation, and sending out a powerful message to the world calling for peace not war, development not regression, openness not isolation, solidarity not division, and cooperation not confrontation.

President Xi Jinping pointed out that development is a timeless theme for humanity. Eighteen emerging markets and developing countries actively participated in the High-level Dialogue on Global Development and were committed to jointly building a high-quality



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nership, which demonstrated the strong vitality and attractiveness of the BRICS mechanism. BRICS countries should work together with emerging markets and developing countries to support the early implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all,

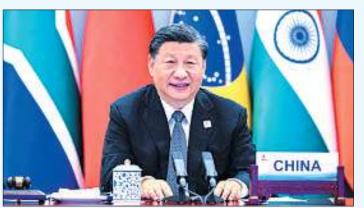
balance, coordination, inclusiveness, a win-win cooperation and common prosperity.

China and India are both large developing countries and important emerging markets, and have maintained close coordination and cooperation in a wide range of multilateral institutions and international fora, including BRICS. Last year, India played an important role as the rotating Chair of BRICS. This year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 14th BRICS Summit, the High-level Dialogue on Global Development, the BRICS Business Forum and delivered remarks respectively, showing that India attaches great importance to BRICS cooperation and lends firm support to China's Chairship. China highly appreciates India's commitment and endeavor. Within the BRICS framework, China and India have conducted cooperation in multiple areas. The New Development Bank has established a regional office in India, which will provide financial support and cooperation opportunities for infrastructure development and sustainable development for India and regional countries. China, India, Russia and other BRICS countries strengthened cooperation in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and launched the BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre, which demonstrated BRICS countries' friendly bonds to come to each other's assistance and pull together in these trying times. China and India are also working with other BRICS partners to advance practical cooperation in science and technological innovation, digital economy, people-to-people exchanges and sustainable development.

As the tide of the millennium surges, it is time to set sail amid the rising wind. BRICS countries should follow the trend of the times of peace and development, take bold action, and be a positive, stabilising and constructive force in the world. Let us make united efforts to uphold fairness and justice, strengthen solidarity and cooperation, practise multilateralism and promote global development. We should further burnish BRICS' credentials and work together with the emerging markets and developing countries towards the goal of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Safeguard Fairness and Justice and Uphold Justice to Maintain World Peace

rom June 23 to 24, 2022, President Xi Jinping chaired the 14th BRICS Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Global Development via video link and delivered important remarks. On June 22, President Xi Jinping also delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum. Following the summits in Sanya and Xiamen, China hosted the BRICS Summit for the third time. It is of great importance to uphold international fairness and justice, revitalise global development, and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. President Xi Jinping led the BRICS summits to produce a series of pioneering, leading and institutional outcomes and demonstrated the



historical responsibility and global vision of a major country's leader and shared China's new contribution to world peace and development.

During this BRICS Summit, President Xi Jinping further elaborated on the connotation and practical significance of the Global Security Initiative.



President Xi said:

■ As important emerging markets and major developing countries, the BRICS countries should have the courage to assume our responsibilities and act boldly to inject positive, stable and constructive forces into the world.

■ China will work with all peace-

loving countries to uphold justice, safeguard peace and promote the building of a global community of security for all.

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Under the theme of "Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for

Develop-

ment", leaders of the five countries held an in-depth exchange of views on BRICS cooperation in various sectors and major issues of common concern and reached important consensus. The XIV BRICS Summit Beijing Declaration was adopted and released at

Global

Focus on Development and Set the Direction for Global Development Cooperation

Global Development Initiative(GDI) has been warmly received by more than 100 countries and international organisations, and more than 50 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative.

At this High-Level Dialogue on Global Development, President Xi Jinping further proposed to foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, a win-win cooperation and common prosperity, and put forth a four-point proposal. He said, we need to jointly:

- Put development at the front and centre of international agenda, and deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Build an open-world economy, and shape a global governance system and institutional environment that are more just and equitable.
- Promote scientific, technologi-



cal and institutional innovation, with a view to achieving stronger, greener and healthier global development.

 Forge a global development partnership. President Xi Jinping also an-

nounced China's important measures to implement the

- Set up the Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund.
- Enhance support for the China-UN Peace and Development

 Issue a Global Development Report. Establish a Global Development Promotion Center.

 Establish a Global Knowledge Network for Development.

China looks forward to working with the international community to inject strong impetus into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition to leaders of the BRICS countries, the political dignitaries who attended the dialogue include leaders of major emerging markets and de-



veloping countries:

- Indonesia, the rotating presidency of the Group of 20
- Thailand, the host of APEC; Kazakhstan, the rotating chair
- of the Commonwealth of Independent States Cambodia, the rotating chair of
- **ASEAN** Fiji, the host country of the
- **Pacific Islands Forum**
- Argentina, the rotating presidency of CELAC
- Senegal, the rotating chairmanship of the African Union
- Uzbekistan, the rotating chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- Algeria, the incoming rotating chairmanship of the League of Arab States
- Egypt Ethiopia Malaysia Iran

The high-level dialogue has wide representation and international influence to work for common development and prosperity.

A list of deliverables composed of 32 measures was also released at the

Promote Win-win Cooperation and Help Improve the Global Governance System

HE global economic recovery is at a critical juncture, and the reform of global governance faces a choice of direction. President Xi Jinping's speech answers the common call of the developing countries, and has charted the course for the reform of the global governance system and pooled strength to boost the global economic recovery.

President Xi noted in his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum. We should:

- Embrace solidarity and coordination and jointly maintain world peace and stability.
- Reach out to each other and jointly promote sustainable global development.



- Tide over difficulties together and jointly pursue win-win cooperation.
- Be inclusive and jointly expand

openness and integration.

China will work with emerging markets and developing countries to stay on the right path of economic

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globalization and build a more fair,

four-point proposal for the future development of BRICS: • First, we need to uphold soli-

darity and safeguard world peace and tranquility.

Second, we need to uphold co-

operation to boost development and jointly tackle risks and challenges. Third, we need to uphold the

- pioneering spirit and innovation and unleash the potential and vitality of cooperation. Fourth, we need to uphold
- openness and inclusiveness and pool collective wisdom and strength. In response to the recent expecta-

tion of many countries to join the BRICS mechanism, President Xi Jinping pointed out that BRICS is a big family of mutual support and a partnership for win-win cooperation. Under the new circumstances, it is all the more important for BRICS countries to pursue development with open doors and boost cooperation with open arms.

Remarks by President Xi Jinping At the 14th BRICS Summit



















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Ten Highlights of the BRICS' China Year

Under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, the BRICS' China Year is full of fruitful results and highlights. China will host over 170 BRICS events in various fields throughout the year. In the first half of this year alone, more than 20 ministerial meetings were held, and each of the BRICS Plus events attracted more than 50 non-BRICS countries. This year, BRICS activities will deliver 37 major outcomes, it can be preliminarily summarised as 'Ten Highlights'

- First, send BRICS' strong message of safeguarding international fairness and justice. Release the Beijing Declaration, express the common position on supporting multilateralism and improving the global governance system, and put forward BRICS proposals for safeguarding world peace.
- Second, consolidate the BRICS line of defense against the pandemic. Launch the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center and build a comprehensive platform for joint research, development and production that reaches out to developing countries to help build a community of health for all.
- Third, play BRICS' part to keep the global economy open. Release the Joint Statement on Supporting Multilateral Trading System and WTO Reform of the BRICS countries, put forward the BRICS Initiative on Enhancing Cooperation on Supply Chains, and build BRICS consensus on upholding the multilateral trading system and improving the formulation of international trade rules.
- Fourth, highlight BRICS actions to win the fight against corruption. Adopt the BRICS Initiative on Denial of Safe Haven to Corruption, and deepen practical cooperation among BRICS countries on cross-border corruption governance and pursuit of economic and corrupt offenders to build a new global anti-corruption governance system.
- Fifth, lay a solid foundation for building a big market for BRICS integration. Sign the Agreement Between the Governments of BRICS Countries on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, and release the BRICS Initiative on Trade and Investment for Sustainable Development, to provide new growth drivers for promoting trade facilitation and achieving economic recovery.
- Sixth, inject BRICS impetus into global food security. Reach the first Strategy on Food Security Cooperation of the BRICS Countries, and establish the Forum on Agricultural and Rural Development, to showcase the five BRICS countries' practical actions to stabilize global food production and the positive contributions to global food security governance.
- Seventh, tap the potential of BRICS for innovation-driven development. Establish the BRICS network of technology transfer centers, and host the Forum on Big Data for Sustainable Development, to contribute to economic transformation, upgrading and high-quality development in the five BRICS
- Eighth, expand BRICS cooperation in new domains of frontier science and technology. Establish the BRICS aerospace cooperation mechanism, and promote exchanges and innovation in space science and technology, to set a BRICS model for the peaceful use of outer space and aerospace technology for sustainable development.

- Ninth, seize the opportunity of the times for the development of the digital economy. Endorse the BRICS Digital Economy Partnership Framework, and release the BRICS Initiative for Cooperation on Digitalization of Manufacturing, to achieve leapfrog development together.
- Tenth, build a future-oriented pool of high-quality technical talent. Establish the BRICS Technical and Vocational Education and Training Cooperation Alliance, and hold the Skills Competition, SDG Solutions Competition, and Women's Innovation Contest, to promote connectivity between the talent, industrial and innovation chains of the five **BRICS** countries.

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DEATH, TAXES AND CHILDBIRTH! THERE'S NEVER ANY CONVENIENT TIME FOR ANY OF THEM.

— MARGARET MITCHELL

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

FIVE YEAR ITCH

GST faces challenges. There is need to bridge trust deficit between Centre and states, uphold cooperative federalism

IVE YEARS AFTER the shift to the Goods and Services Tax, the 47th meeting of the GST Council, scheduled to be held in Chandigarh on June 28-29, is expected to take up proposals aimed at plugging leakages and shoring up compliance. It is also likely to consider measures for stricter scrutiny and verification of high risk tax payers, and take a call on the recommendation by the ministerial panel headed by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma to levy 28 per cent tax on online gaming, casino and horse racing. In addition to these, the Council will address several contentious issues. It will not be easy, given that this meeting comes amidst growing tensions between the Centre and the states over the country's fiscal architecture, and after a recent Supreme Court judgment which emphasised that decisions of the GST Council are not binding on states.

To begin with, the five-year GST compensation period — the framework designed to provide certainty to state finances as part of the grand bargain struck between the Centre and the states to push through GST — is coming to an end. Fearing a collapse in their revenues, states have repeatedly asked for an extension of this mechanism. Their concerns appear legitimate. $As \ reported in this paper, the \ all-India \ average \ shortfall \ between \ the \ protected \ revenues \ and$ the post-settlement gross state GST was 27.2 per cent in 2021-22, with only five states registering a revenue growth higher than the protected GST revenues. However, so far, the Centre has shown no inclination to accede to the states request. While a few days ago, it did extend the compensation levy till March 2026, it is only to repay the loans taken over the past few years to compensate states for the shortfall in revenue during the Covid period — borrowings stood at Rs 1.1 lakh crore in 2020-21 and Rs 1.59 lakh crore in 2021-22. Alongside, the Council will also need to deliberate on the issue of raising tax rates, considering that GST collections have fallen well short of expectations. As per a study by the Reserve Bank of India, the weighted average GST tax rate has declined from 14.4 per cent at the time of inception to 11.6 per cent in September 2019. In comparison, the revenue neutral rate was estimated at 15.5 per cent by the Subramanian Committee report. There are several options that the Council can explore, ranging from increasing the lower tax slabs to merging others. Reportedly, it is expected to take up an interim report on the issue of rate rationalisation submitted by the GoM headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

The consultative and consensual nature of decision-making that has helped guide the Council's decisions so far must be adhered to. Addressing the contentious issues will, first and foremost, require bridging the trust deficit between the Centre and states. The spirit of cooperative federalism, often advocated by the ruling dispensation, must be upheld.

LONG STEP BACK

Upending of Roe v Wade reverses progress made on women's rights in America, and possibly elsewhere

N JUNE 24, the US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) struck a blow against American women's rights over their bodies by overturning the 1973 *Roe v Wade* judgment, which ensured the nationwide right to abortion. The judgment in the case of *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organisation* upheld the controversial Mississippi Gestational Age Act which bans abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, while overruling *Roe*, as well as the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v Casey* judgment, both of which had given American women the right to safe and legal abortions.

The court held Roe as "egregiously wrong" and said it will "return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives", clearing the path for bans in 26 states. In doing so, however, it may have gone against what a majority of the American people want. A recent Gallup poll found that 55 per cent of Americans identified as "pro choice", with 52 per cent saying they found abortion "morally acceptable" — the highest ever number to say so. Popular majorities may sometimes prove transient, but Dobbs has irreversibly damaged the edifice of individual rights built, piece by piece, over two centuries, dealing a body blow to the evolving 21st century American understanding of what liberty and self-determination is, the freedoms it entails. The court's argument that the right to abortion was neither upheld by the constitution nor "deeply rooted in this nation's history and tradition" fails to take into account how much the American rights landscape has changed since 1789, when the constitution took effect. Where the American woman was once invisible to those who drafted the document, she is now an equal citizen. The denial of bodily autonomy can take an incalculable toll on women's ability to fully participate in the nation's social and economic life — not to mention the risk to their own health and lives, as many will be forced to seek illegal, unsafe abortions. Even as the Biden administration moves to ensure that abortion pills are accessible in states that ban the medical procedure, the future of other rights also seems to be in question. Alarm bells are ringing over Justice Clarence Thomas's concurring note urging the "reconsideration" of all cases which guaranteed rights to contraception and same-sex relationships and marriage.

By taking away a right, the court has set a dangerous precedent and the ripples will be felt beyond US borders. Around the world, the US has been seen to lead the march towards greater individual rights. The struggle to keep the individual at the heart of an expansive rights-based framework could now get tougher.

A PALER WIMBLEDON

The celebrated tennis tournament will sorely miss star players – including and especially Federer

IMBLEDON 2022 ISNT like its previous editions. As the most eagerly awaited tennis major opened to a diluted draw and several low-key first-round matches, the impact of its vulnerability to geopolitics hit home. In April, in what was seen as an over-reaction in many quarters, the most celebrated tennis tournament banned Russian and Belarusian players because of the war in Ukraine. The move did not go down well with the tennis fraternity, creating further divisions in an already fractured sport. The All England Club's decision — not followed by any other event around the globe — has kept out men's No 1 Daniil Medvedev, No 8 Andrey Rublev, and three of the women's top 20 — Aryna Sabalenka, Daria Kasatkina and Victoria Azarenka from the well-manicured grass courts.

Global tennis bodies — ATP and WTA — haven't remained silent. They have stripped Wimbledon of ranking points in the strongest rebuke of an event in recent history. The biggest victim of these unfortunate circumstances is one of the game's superstars, Serbian Novak Djokovic, in line to become only the fourth men's player (after Bjorn Borg, Pete Sampras and Roger Federer) to win a fourth consecutive Wimbledon title. Because of the complex ranking calculations, and the ATP decision, Djokovic is sure to lose his place in the Top 5 even if he wins here. Joining Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer in the GOAT race, Djokovic wouldn't mind exchanging points for the trophy but not everyone is on the same page as him. Multiple Grand Slam winner Naomi Osaka considers the oldest Grand Slam tournament "more like an exhibition" minus ranking points.

The other regular feature missing at Wimbledon this year will be Federer, whose blend of elegant and powerful tennis came to define the tournament for the better part of two decades. The junior singles champion in 1998, Federer has played in every main draw event in the 22 years since. He misses out due to an injury. It's too much of a change for this ancient venue steeped in customs to take.

Sena in search of moorings



Recent events have framed a question: Can there be a Shiv Sena without the Thackerays at the helm?

JULIO RIBEIRO

BEFORE HE BREATHED his last, the pater familias of the Shiv Sena, Balasaheb Thackeray, addressed a mammoth meeting at the iconic Shivaji Park in Dadar. He appealed to the multitude of his followers to look after his son, Uddhav, and grandson Aaditya, after his death. It was an emotional appeal that palpably moved the mass of humanity stretched out on the open ground before him.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind that the Supreme Leader wanted Uddhav to be his successor, followed by Aditya. But Uddhav is not Balasaheb. His style of functioning is different: He relies on a coterie of close confidants for advice and execution. But in one core issue, he has been a carbon copy of his father: Uddhav made no bones about his resolve to see his young son, Aaditya, succeed him as the Supreme Leader of the Sena and, of course, chief minister of Maharashtra

That was his Achilles' heel. When the Sena abandoned its decades-old alliance with the BJP to achieve its dream of leading the government in Maharashtra, it joined hands with Sharad Pawar's NCP and its old bête noire, the Congress, so that Uddhav could become the CM. I am not very sure that Uddhav wanted the job. He would have been happy to install his then 28-year-old son as CM but better counsel prevailed, besides the urgings of his new bedfellows, to assume command himself.

Aaditya is a young man with ideas and the right inclinations. But he was in a hurry. If he had started from somewhere near the bottom of the ladder and worked his way up, he would have climbed to the very top in quick time. He had it in him to do so. But he started virtually as the number two in the party and that was bound to upset other leaders. An aspirant for the "gaddi", Eknath Shinde, was particularly mortified. He bided his time and that time coincided with the plans of the BJP's master strategist in the state, former CM Devendra Fadnavis, who felt robbed of his rightful entitlement. His party had fought the elections jointly with the Sena. The alliance won, but only, it seemed, to be tricked into subservience by The foot soldiers of the Sena even after Shinde's revolt are still with the Thackerays. They are currently, reeling from the shock. It is to be seen how they react when the full import of what will happen if the Thackerays cease to head the Sena kicks in. A Sena without a Thackeray at the helm will not be the same. The process of disintegration will begin. The street vendors and a lot of those who operate Mumbai's underbelly are known to have the blessings of the Thackerays. Many of these young men, hailing from what the Marxists term the 'lumpen proletariat', will be forced to find new moorings.

Sharad Pawar. Fadnavis was out for revenge from day one, but his initial attempts failed.

The ED allegedly became the main instrument to bring Sainiks in line. The very mention of its name was enough to strike fear into the hearts and the minds of the great Shivaji Maharaj's 21st-century soldiers. Many (or perhaps most) had a skeleton or two to hide from the ED's gaze. They implored their leader to sever ties with the NCP and Congress and realign with the BJP to avoid the attention of the central investigation agencies. The cognoscenti feel that this is the real reason for the present en masse desertion. That's possible, even probable.

Another reason is being advanced for the revolt of the Sena legislators. They feel that the NCP and Congress have got all the lucrative portfolios in the cabinet, leaving the crumbs for the Sena. They say Uddhav has compromised on this to occupy the CM's chair. They also complain that NCP and Congress MLAs get their MLA funds, as well as access to the CM, much quicker than they do. The CM is not easily accessible to them and that affects their standing in their constituencies.

The Sena MLAs are thinking of the next elections to the state assembly. They feel that the NCP and Congress will have stolen a march over them because of the preferential treatment they have enjoyed. All these peeves have been highlighted during their revolt.

The BJP virtually rode on the Sena's back to first become relevant in Maharashtra and then to gain ascendancy over the party. When its tally of legislators overtook the Sena's, the chief minister's mantle passed on to the saffron party. When Fadnavis was the CM there seemed to be less corruption and better governance. But the dominant Marathas were not happy.

The Shiv Sena's founding family belongs to the forward Kayastha caste but its followers, almost to a man, belong to the OBC category and are largely from the Konkan region. There is no doubt that Balasaheb's methods "coaxed" central government agencies like the nationalised banks, the Railways,

Air India, and the Airports Authority to employ more Maharashtrians in their offices. That was the secret of the rise of the Sena, mainly in Mumbai.

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to find new moorings.

Eknath Shinde may not last long as the Sena's head. There are bound to be other claimants with the same ambition and equal talent. For instance, Narayan Rane, who has joined the BJP, would surely aspire for individual recognition. In short, the churn within the Sena's rank-and-file is going to be short, but sharp and eventful.

Many of the Sena's karyakartas could join the BJP, especially if they anticipate the ED proceeding against them. Many more will join the NCP, whose ethos is similar. Ideology is unlikely to be a significant factor in taking sides. They were never guided by Hindutva, as is now being propagated by Eknath Shinde. It is self-interest and the good life that matters to them. They will balance the pros and cons and decide what is best for them. But the Sena, as Balasaheb envisaged it — a medium to channelise the aspirations of lower-middle-class Maharashtrians to middle-class status -- may have to be buried if the Thackeray clan

is not around.
I grieve for Aaditya Thackeray. He is probably the reason why this revolt is happening. He could have been a good influence on the ordinary Sainiks as his thinking was modern – something most readers and I can relate to.

The writer, a retired IPS officer, was Mumbai police commissioner

THE UNDERDOG TOURNAMENT

Despite the rise of more glamorous fixtures, Ranji Trophy endures

SANDIP G

THE NUMBER of cricketers from Madhya Pradesh who have played for India — though the list includes luminaries like CK Nayudu and Syed Mushtaq Ali — cannot comprise a full team. It falls one short of 11. So Madhya Pradesh upstaging Mumbai — record Ranji Trophy winners and the team that can field multiple international elevens — for the maiden Ranji Trophy title is a heart-warming underdog story, scripted without star talent, or years of accumulated knowhow, but starring a genial old coach from Mumbai and his motley gang of rejects, unknowns and neverweres.

It's a story of hope and optimism, an ex-

ample of how hard work, planning and courage could overcome a dearth of twinkling talent. Yet, it's a story that you could soon forget, as you had forgotten the fairytale narratives of Vidarbha, Gujarat and Saurashtra in the last six years. It's no fault of yours - there is a deluge of cricketing fixtures around the world, far more glamorous and exciting than what unfurled in Bengaluru. There was Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kolhi duelling, perhaps for the first time in a red-ball game in a warm-up game in Leicester; there are Brendon McCullum's red-ball radicals engaged in a seesaw tussle with Trent Boult's swing and seam heavymetal chords; a closely-fought white-ball series just ended in Sri Lanka. Not to forget, it's not even a month since the IPL final. And before you have the time to catch your breath, the T20 World Cup would blast through the

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windows of your drawing room.

You consume more than you could remember. It's normal for the brain to eliminate what is more forgettable. Let's strip that veneer of pretence— Ranji Trophy, the premier domestic tournament in name, doesn't occupy as much space in our cricketing consciousness as other tournaments. It's not on your list of unmissables — you don't bunk classes or skip office hours so that you could watch Madhya Pradesh take on Mumbai. You watch if you have time — if there is nothing

It is not part of the national conversation or debates, unless you're a red-ball cricket fanatic, it does not create any buzz. The year before, when the edition was scrapped altogether due to the pandemic, Star Sports did not bang down the doors of the Board, demanding it is played at all costs. Unlike the invincible IPL— not the pandemic, not polls, not a recession, perhaps not even war, has powers to stop it.

But the Ranji Trophy exists, providing a background hum to a busy season, quietly developing the next generation of international players, sometimes acting as a retreat for out-of-form international players and providing a vast canvas to players from every corner of the country. The net the Ranji Trophy casts is three times wider than the IPL or any other tournament, now that the Northeastern states are also involved. A total of 38 teams competed in the tournament this year, and almost 750 different players.

For the national team, it's a more robust and enduring supply chain than the IPL.

Yet, in a painful irony, the road to stardom is easier through the IPL. To tweak that old Vinod Kambli quote, "IPL stars take the elevator while domestic cricketers take the stairs." Whereas Umran Malik became a household name overnight, Mayank Agarwal had to rack up more than 2,000 runs a season to become half as famous. Only a few would remember Shams Mulani or Kumar Kartikeya, the highest and second-highest wicket-tak-

ers this season.

The IPL is not to blame for the unglamorousness of the Ranji Trophy. It is a reflection of the altered cricketing milieu and its values. It's the same in England and Australia, where the 100 and BBL have pushed the County championship and Shield to the background. Domestic tournaments have become truly domestic in that international players barely feature in them. That Bumrah and Kohli have never encountered each other in a red-ball, first class game tells the story.

None of this, though, will threaten the existence of the Ranji Trophy. It is the ultimate survivor that might live as long as Indian cricket itself. But it might be remembered only when a truly spectacular event occurs, or when there is an underdog story to be told. Such stories befit the tournament — underdog tales from an underdog tournament.

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JUNE 28, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

THE ISRAELI INVASION

ISRAEL'S INVASION ARMY warned the people of Beirut to use the two-day-old cease-fire to get out of the city. In leaflets dropped over the encircled capital, the Israeli army said its war against the Palestinians was not yet over. "The Israeli defence forces are continuing their war against the terrorists and have not yet used all their might," the leaflets said. "Use the cease-fire to save your life," the Arabic-language leaflets told Beirut residents. In response, the PLO vowed in a broadcast over its Voice of Palestine radio station to "fight to defend Beirut... and exact a heavy, very heavy price from the enemy for any at-

tempt to storm the city."

PAKISTAN BUYS ARMS

PAKISTAN HAS SENT high-power military teams to the United States, Britain, West Germany and Italy to acquire sophisticated electronic countermeasures equipment to further increase the offensive capabilities of its armed forces. Under a recently signed contract, Pakistan has started receiving highly sophisticated low-level mobile radars and other communication equipment from a West European country. Pakistan has also concluded an agreement with the United States for the supply of automatic data handling

equipment. A major portion of this new ware equipment is now being flown into Pakistan. According to military experts in New Delhi, Pakistan has also drawn up a very ambitious programme for modification of its air force.

MIZO GUERRILLAS

INA MOST baffling turn of events, Mizo guerrillas have decided to stay clear of the security forces in their renewed campaign of terror. Instructions to their cadres are clear: "Security forces should in no way be touched unless it's unavoidable". Observers interpret this as a sign of both the insurgents' weakness and cunning.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

A skewed playing field

Small businesses are suffering from unethical practices and unequal bargaining power of online aggregator platforms. It is time that a set of comprehensive rules and regulations is put together



Sushil Kumar Modi

AS TECHNOLOGY FLATTENS the world, the way we operate our daily lives - travel, entertain, educate, shop, communicate and even obtain food — is undergoing a radical change. This has impacted a variety of stakeholders in the country differently – there are obvious winners and losers. The nature of our success in dealing with this change will lie in the ways in which we deal with the concerns of all players.

The proliferation of a wide range of ecommerce platforms has created convenience and increased consumer choice. But in hindsight, the initial cashback and deep discounts have turned out to be a forerunner to addiction. The online aggregator platforms have also damaged large segments of small and medium businesses through their dominant position and the malpractices this position allows them to indulge in. There is a clear pattern that shows the domination of a few big platforms.

These companies resort to predatory pricing to acquire customers even as they suffer persistent financial losses - SEBI is rightly revisiting the valuation norms of such companies looking to list on the stock exchange. They take away choice from suppliers and consumers. This, in the long run, can be viewed as an exclusionary practice that eliminates other players from the market. The ultimate loss bearer is the consumer who will have a reduced bargaining position due to less competition and will be subject to the arbitrariness of monopolistic conduct.

Be it e-marketplaces like Amazon and Flipkart or food service aggregators like Zomato or Swiggy or travel aggregators like MakeMyTrip and OYO, all have been accused of distorting the market. The story of big technology companies like Google, Facebook, and Apple is different, and best left for another time.

While neutrality is the fundamental basis of a marketplace and a level playing field is in the fitness of things, claims of outfits such as Flipkart or Amazon to be a marketplace for a wide variety of sellers can be questioned. A few select sellers, who are generally affiliated with the platform, reap the benefits of greater visibility and better terms of trade - reduced commissions and platform-funded discounts. Zomato, like other food aggregators, is said to run cloud kitchens. Many of them run private-labelled products in categories where other sellers have been successful. The associate companies are prominent sellers on their platform. It is alleged that undue advantage is given while recommending or listing these

Online travel aggregators are often accused of cartelisation. The Competition Commission of India's investigation in the OYO-MakeMyTrip collusion case resulted in MakeMyTrip being ordered to relist properties of Treebo and FabHotels. Other such arbitrary removals or suppressions of listing of competing products and services have also been heard of.



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Unreasonable and one-sided contracts allow travel aggregators to have a disparity clause (in the rates) which allows them to offer rooms at a much cheaper rate but bars the hotels from doing so. Restaurants are many a time forced to accept orders at prices much lower than their agreement. Hotels are denied delisting from platforms; other exit clauses are restrictive. Taxis attached with aggregators like Ola and Uber are pressured to use the company's payment system and are often at the receiving end of arbitrary

Across the world, small businesses are suffering from the unethical practices and unequal bargaining power of these large platforms. It is time that a set of comprehensive rules and regulations is put together. These regulations need to be inclusive, should eliminate the conflicts of interest inherent in current market practices, and prevent any anti-competitive practices. A model agreement that is fair and allows a level playing field between the aggregators and their business partners should be implemented. There is a lot to learn from the Digital Markets Act of the EU that seeks to address unfair practices by these gatekeepers. Strong and quick grievance redressal and dispute resolution mechanisms should be established. The rules should allow for punitive penalties for unfair practices. Market dominance and subsequent invoking of fair competition rules should be triggered at the level of micro-markets and for product segments.

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On startups, a gravity check

"The US is exceptional in its lack of federal maternity provisions; children as well as parents will suffer the consequences of unwanted additions to their

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

families, with poor and black people the worst affected."

There aren't that many consumers with significant discretionary spending capacity, and those with capacity aren't increasing their spending



ISHAN BAKSHI

THE CYCLE, however long, eventually turns. And turned it has, in India. The startup ecosystem which has been in overdrive for the past few years -- propelled by a combination of factors, but largely, by the era of cheap money-is now showing signs of weakness.And with this turn comes the realisation that many of the assumptions that underpinned the stratospheric valuations were unhinged It was hard not to be swept by the allure

and promise of the new age tech companies. Built on a compelling narrative — the combination of accelerated financial inclusion (bank accounts), ease of identification (Aadhaar) and connectivity (mobile phones) – it is ultimately a bet on the Indian consumer, and the economy, not on government regulations/policies. In the era of cheap money and negative real interest rates, uncomfortable questions over the true market size and profitability were swept under the rug. High cash burn rates were the norm as both startups and investors sought growth by subsidising the customer.

But profitability is not just an arcane concept that belongs to another century. Among the startups that have gone public in recent times, Paytm's losses stood at Rs 2,396 crore in 2021-22, while for Zomato and PB Fintech (PolicyBazaar) losses were Rs 1,222 crore and Rs 832 crore respectively. The seemingly inexhaustible source of cash that funds such losses is now being squeezed. Sure, investors will continue to pour money. Some early age start-ups will continue to be funded, as will some of the more mature ones. But investors are likely to be more circumspect in their dealings. This will include the entire range - from early stage venture capitalists to institutional and retail investors — all of whom have made money, but have also burnt their

Recently, Alibaba and Ant Financial exited their entire holdings in Paytm Mall for Rs 42 crore, valuing the venture at a mere Rs 100 crore — a far cry from the \$3 billion valuation ascribed to the company in its last fund-raising round. There are also reports of startups in diverse markets, ranging from Ola to OYO, planning to raise funds at lower valuations. Among those who have gone public in recent times, most are trading much below their listing price.

During the heady days, many numbers, indicators of the size of the market or TAM (the total addressable market), were bandied about. One such number thrown around is the smartphone users in the country – some have pegged this at 500 million. Or the transactions routed through the UPI platform in May there were almost six billion transactions worth Rs 10 trillion. Or the near universality of bank accounts. But in reality, for most of these startups, the market or even the potential market is just a fraction of this. Whichever way one slices the data, the reality is, there aren't that many consumers with significant discretionary spending capacity,

and those with the capacity aren't increasing their spending as these companies would hope. This seems to be the case across startups for a range for products/services.

Take Zomato, for instance. In 2021-22, 535 million orders for food delivery were placed on the platform. Considering that the company has 50 million annual transacting consumers, this translates to just under 11 orders per customer for the entire year or less than one order per customer per month. Of these 50 million customers, only 15 million transacted at least once a month, while 1.8 million did so once a week. In the case of Nykaa, the average monthly unique visitors range from around 16 million for the fashion vertical to 21 million for the beauty and personal care products. However, the number of transacting customers is only 1.8 million and 8.4 million respectively. Similarly, while Policy Bazaar has around 59 million registered customers, only 11.8 million are unique purchasing customers.

 $What is \, equally \, worrying \, is \, the \, complete$ absence of any increase in spending by even these consumers who would have the capacity to spend more. In 2020-21, the average order value on Zomato was Rs 397. In 2021-22. it was Rs 398. In the case of Nvkaa, the average order value in the beauty and personal care vertical was Rs 1,732 during January-March 2022 — the lowest it has been in the last eight quarters. In the fashion category, it was almost flat compared to the same period last year. In the case of PolicyBazaar, the situation isn't any different.

While more consumers are on-board digital payment platforms - Paytm has about 70 million monthly transacting users - these numbers suggest that when it comes to consumers with considerable discretionary spending, the size of the market shrivels considerably. While these companies have seen an increase in the number of transacting customers, to what extent the overall customer base for these startups can expand further is constrained by the number of households in the cohort that has significant spending power. And if sales of small cars, a marker of an increase in discretionary spending, a sign of ascendancy to the ranks to the middle class, aren't growing — sales of Maruti Suzuki's mini and compact segments, which account for roughly two-thirds of the car makers domestic sales, actually contracted in 2021-22 — then it is perhaps the clearest indication that the market just isn't expanding. The macro reality is catching up.

Tighter financial conditions, a re-rating of the market, will impact both fundraising efforts and valuations. Several questions arise. To what extent will investors continue to subsidise consumers? Will startups still command the same valuations they have received in previous fundraising rounds? Or will we see down rounds? Some startups will survive this period. Many may not. And changes in the dynamics of private markets will also have a bearing on public markets.

Intriguingly, though, even as questions over the prospects of startups, consumers, and the economy are being raised, valuations of some companies in sectors more tightly regulated, more directly influenced by government policies, seem to defy gravity. For some of these companies, the price-to-earnings ratio is even higher than the astronomical price-to-rent ratios of residential real estate in Delhi

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Don't look at America

All of us, wherever we live, must push back on the criminalisation of abortion

FOR HALF a century, women and pregnant people in the US have relied on the right to abortion to make decisions about their lives, health, and well-being. In 1973, the US Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade estab $lished\ critical\ protections\ against\ violations\ of$ individuals' rights to bodily autonomy, health, and equality. Roe's legacy was not only felt in America, Around the world, national courts relied upon Roe to articulate their own constitutional recognition of reproductive rights and bodily autonomy, including in India.

On June 24, the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in a 6-3 vote, eliminating the constitutional right to abortion in the country and sending the decision to state legislatures. Within mere hours of this momentous decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Center, nine states have already banned abortion. Overall, 26 states are certain or likely to ban abortions in the coming weeks.

In many parts of the US, pregnant individuals and health workers seeking to provide abortion will be increasingly subject to criminal penalties. The impacts of these criminal laws will be felt most acutely by marginalised individuals who have limited means to seek safe and legal services and are already subject to greater criminalisation, including low-income women and women of colour. Some may be able to travel or access medication abortion, but that will not be an option for

Under international human rights law, countries must repeal discriminatory criminal laws. As United Nations Special Rapporteurs stated in their amicus curiae brief submitted to the Supreme Court in this case, 'the United States would contradict international human rights law by overturning its established constitutional protections for abortion access — both by failing to recognise abortion access as necessary for women's autonomy, equality and non-discrimination and by retrogressing on human rights contrary to international law.'

share their data voluntarily and involuntar-

ily. The aggregators gather shopping habits,

consumer preferences, and other personal

data. The platforms are accused of using this

data – data that is neither created by them (it

is created by customers) nor for them (it is

created for sellers of the product/service) —

to create and improve their own products

and services, taking away business from

other sellers on their platform. They capi-

talise on this data and information about

other brands to launch competing products

on their marketplace. This information

asymmetry is exploited by the aggregators

to devour organisations they promise to sup-

port. They provide more prominent listings

for their private labels and as they have com-

plete control over customer reviews and rat-

ings on the platform; manipulation and arbi-

a fair and transparent dispute resolution

mechanism for sellers on these platforms.

Delayed payments, unreasonable charges,

and hidden fees are common occurrences.

The power of these platforms is at the cost of

small hardworking businesses. Small restau-

rants complain that food-service aggrega-

tors' inability to service a customer request is

attributed to the restaurant's inability.

Similarly, hotels listed on these platforms are

blamed for customer grievances arising from

 $over\text{-}committing. In some \, cases, restaurants \\$

and hotels are arbitrarily shown as closed.

Large restaurants with their own delivery

networks are forced to use the aggregator's

delivery services.

Another issue often noticed is the lack of

trary removal have also been reported.

These rights have now been stripped from people in the US, as the dissenting opinion of three justices in the Dobbs decision emphasises: "The Court today says that from the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of. A State can force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs... The majority's refusal even to consider the life-altering consequences of reversing Roe and Casey is a stunning indictment of its decision.

At my organisation, Physicians for Human Rights, we are alarmed that health workers in the US will soon be placed in the difficult position of having to decide between adhering to new anti-abortion laws or fulfilling their medical ethics to provide comprehensive, evidence-based healthcare to their patients. Violence and threats against health workers who provide reproductive health services were already rising. The death threats, violence, and obstruction will likely increase as abortion is

outlawed in states across the country. A statement by UN human rights experts emphasises the link between the Court's attack on gender equality and broader struggles for democracy: "What has happened in the United States today is a profound setback for the rule of law and gender equality. The excessive use of the legislative process, executive power, and judicial authority over the years to restrict and criminalise abortion rather than to expand it and ensure equitable access to safe abortion services, signals a deeply troubling erosion of democratic values and process." By allowing states to effectively force individuals to carry pregnancies to term, the Court has placed the US amongst a small set of countries that in recent years have backtracked on abortion rights: El Salvador, Honduras, Iran, Nicaragua, and Poland.

The Court's decision stands in stark contrast to the global trend toward the liberalisation of abortion laws and is out of step with other democracies. In countries from Colombia to Argentina to Ireland to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, critical law reform has occurred to remove barriers to abortion.

Similarly, India just last year amended its 50-year-old abortion law — passed just two years before Roe — to further expand access. While decisions are not uniform, in cases spanning issues such as maternal health, access to contraception, forced and involuntary sterilisation, abortion, sexual and reproductive health rights of adolescents, employment discrimination on grounds of pregnancy or childcare, among others, Indian courts have developed robust jurisprudence that not only

reflects but also advances global human rights

standards. In the months and years to come, the reversal of *Roe* may be cited as grounds for retrogression in the jurisprudence of other countries. We must not let that happen. We must recognise abortion jurisprudence in the US as the anti-democratic, idiosyncratic, and antihealth development it is and instead, hold its lawmakers accountable for the cruelty, violence, and devastating health impacts that this court decision will cause.

Further, all of us, wherever we live, must push back on the criminalisation of abortion. Even in countries like India where there has been recent progress, the continued inclusion of abortion in the penal code - albeit with exceptions - has been documented to have a harmful impact, including on marginalised populations. We must call upon our governments to treat abortion as an essential health service. In the face of such an egregious setback on human rights, we cannot be silent. We must act in solidarity with pregnant people and health workers under threat, wherever

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GAP IN BRICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Balancing BRICS' (IE, June 27). BRICS has not lived upto the expectations it set a decade ago. Initiatives like New Development Bank and the BRICS programme on vaccines are commendable. Having said that, there are many complexities in this grouping. First, internal imbalance, which largely favours China. Second, strained ties between India and China marr the group's ability to deliver. Third, though Brazil's president raised the issue of UN reforms, and India was also supportive of the same, it has not seen much headway in the last decade. Finally, internal trade as a grouping has remained dismal. Considering all of these aspects, it seems that BRICS has a lot to deliver on in times to come.

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

SEEKING JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In SC's name' (IE, June 27). Without going into the merits of the case attributed to activist Teesta Setalvad and former IPS officer and whistle-blower R B Sreekumar, one cannot help observing what is perceived to be an overeager haste with which an FIR was filed against them, accusing them of criminal conspiracy and other offences under the IPC. Acting against those who

sought justice for the riot victims might have a chilling effect on the defenders of human rights and leave the victims with no one to take up the baton on

SS Paul, Nadia

Way forward

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Backsliding in America' (IE, June 27). Any democracy must work in details of the way forward before rolling back a constitutional right. The US, today, stands at that critical juncture after its Supreme Court reversed the 1973 ruling in Roe vs Wade, taking away the constitutional right to abortion. The decision was imminent with the court having a conservative supermajority. People with unwanted pregnancies may,in parts of the country, have to opt for medical assistance. There is also a fear that miscarriages could be subject to criminal investigations. Although President Biden and his Democratic Party have declared that they will push for abortion to made into a federally protected right in November's mid-term elections, the effort to protect reproductive rights will likely have to be carried out in stages with legal challenges at multiple levels, along with civil and political support to those seeking it in Red States and through grass-root level campaigns.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

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MAHARASHTRA POLITICAL CRISIS

Shinde faction plans to approach Governor

In 'wait and watch' mode, BJP holds core committee meeting

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE MUMBAI, JUNE 27

WITH THE Supreme Court extending the deadline for them to file a response to disqualification notices, the Shiv Sena's rebel group led by Eknath Shinde is learnt to be strategising to approach the Governor, informing him of their decision to withdraw support from the MVA, and thereby, prompting a floor test.

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

WITH THE digital push targeting the youth ahead of Uttar

Pradesh elections finding success, Prime Minister Narendra

Modi wanted his ministers to make the initiatives of his govern-

ment for start-ups familiar with the youth. The new mission —

New India For Young India — is already launched in poll-bound

Gujarat, with Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar visiting

universities to tell students about the government's pro-

grammes and schemes. Chandrasekhar is on a two-day visit to

the state to meet students and is scheduled to visit four univer-

sities during the trip. The programme is to create a buzz among

students about new opportunities such as space and start-ups,

and Chandrasekhar, a former chip designer, is expected to cre-

HEARING A PLEA for anticipatory bail, Justice Surva Kant, pre-

siding over a two-judge Supreme Court bench, remarked how

some accused go back to committing offences after getting

bail. Recalling a "personal experience", the judge said he has

some agricultural land and there is a tubewell in it. One day, he

said, the caretaker called and informed that some copper wires

extending to the tubewell had been stolen. "I told him nothing

can be done – you go and lodge a report with the local police.

I went to court and he went to lodge the complaint. And he

told [the police] it's the land of so-and-so and theft has taken

place. The first remark the SHO made, he said, 'what to do?

Yeh jo chor hai, isko parson court ne release kiya thha. Isliye

karli chori isne aate hi (he was released by court only the day

before, so he committed theft as soon as he came out)." The

bench had a hearty laugh before denying the relief sought for.

Govt requests for

blocking tweets of

Twitter document

New Delhi: The government

asked Twitter to block multiple

accounts and some tweets from

advocacy group Freedom

House, journalists, politicians,

and supporters of farmers'

protest last year, according to a

document filed by the platform

ernment were sent between January 5, 2021 and December

29, 2021, according to the docu-

ment filed with Lumen database.

like Google, Facebook and

Twitter file information with

Tumen database about weblinks

or accounts that they have been

asked to block by any entity un-

whether the request to block a

link or account was fulfilled are

not available on the database.

However, details about

An e-mail query sent to the

der applicable laws.

Leading internet companies

The requests from the gov-

ate interest among the youth to take up entrepreneurship.

HABITUAL OFFENCE

MISSION MODE

Highly placed sources said, "The Shinde faction is likely to approach Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhawan, informing its decision to distance itself from Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government."

Claiming to have 50 plus MLAs in its fold, Shinde camp's decision to step out of MVA would raise a question on the numbers with Uddhav Thackeray led MVA government, which could find it difficult to prove its majority on the floor of the house if the rebel MLAs were to stick together, the sources added.

The development has also sparked worries in the Sena with a senior leader pointing out: "While the SC has given two weeks' time to the rebels to respond to disqualification notices served by deputy speaker Narhari Zirwal, our plea for disallowing floor test till July 11 was not considered."

Shinde camp's confidence stems from its belief that it holds two-third majority in the Shiv Sena. At present, it is claiming support of 39 MLAs out of total 55 MLAs of the Sena. Besides, there are over 10 MLAs from smaller parties/independents with them. Their total support base has risen to over 50, the Shinde camp has claimed.

The total strength of the state legislative assembly is 288 members, which has gone down to 287 with the death of Sena MLA Ramesh Latke last month. The halfway mark to form the government is 144. With Congress's 44, NCP's 53 and Sena's 16 legislators, the aggregate strength of the allies stands at 111 -- 33 short of the halfway mark. The number of independents/smaller parties adds up to 29 members, of which around 11 are with Shinde camp. Sources say that even if all the remaining

figure still won't cross 130. "Minus Shinde faction MVA finds itself confronting the battle for survival in Maharashtra," the

19 were to align with MVA, the

Expressing his happiness, Shinde said, "It is a victory for Balasaheb's Hindutya. We have always maintained that we have not walked out of Sena. Our fight is for the self respect of Sena." Sources in the Shinde faction

derway on the next course of action. We are still fighting for the rights to lead the Sena... We always wanted Sena to walk away from the Congress and the NCP."

said, "A lot of deliberations are un-

Supporters of rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde

celebrate in Thane after SC decision on Monday. Deepak Joshi

Shinde's son Shrikant alleged that the disqualification notice to his father and 15 MLAs were sent under pressure.

meeting at the residence of oppohas decided to adopt "wait and monitoring the developments."

Meanwhile, the BJP, which convened its core committee sition leader Devendra Fadnavis, watch" strategy. State BJP president Chandrakant Patil said, "What is happening is an internal matter of Sena. We are also closely

Rajendra Yadravkar (independent) will also be divided among different leaders. While health will be given to Kadam, medical education and textiles will go to Prajakt Tanpure of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). Similarly, rural development will go to Congress's Patil while cultural affairs will be helmed by Aditi Tatkare of the

pendent) has also found himself divested of portfolio with school education going to Tatkare, irrigation to Patil, women and child welfare to Bansode and OBC ministry to



Maharashtra CM strips all rebel ministers of portfolios

YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, JUNE 27

CHIEF MINISTER Uddhav Thackeray, who is facing a rebellion in his party led by Eknath Shinde, has stripped all the rebel ministers of their portfolios. Thackeray said the move was taken to ensure that work of people did not suffer. The ministries of Urban

Development and Public Works undertakings, held by Shiv Sena's Shinde, have been given to industries minister Subhash

Notably, Desai, whose term as an MLC will soon be over, will have to resign in the next six months.

Water supply minister Gulabrao Patil's ministry has been given to Transport minister Anil Parab, who is facing an Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe and is repeatedly called by the Central agency for ques-



Thackeray says work of people shouldn't

Ministries of Agriculture and Sainik Welfare held by Dada Bhuse, Employment Guarantee services and horticulture ministries held by Sandipan Bhumre, and higher and technical education ministries held by Uday Samant will go to the CM's son and environment minister Aaditya Thackeray. All three rebels belong to the Shiv

Minister Shamburaje Desai's Home ministry has been given to Sanjay Bansode while Desai's Finance ministry and Skill Development ministry will be given to Vishwajeet Kadam of the

Congress. The Excise ministry will go to Satej Patil of the Congress. The ministries held by MoS

Ministries held by MoS Abdul Sattar of Shiv Sena have also been snatched away with revenue portfolio being given to Tanpure, rural development to Patil and ports to Tatkare.

MoS Bachchu Kadu (inde-Datta Bharne of the NCP.

Raj Bhavan seeks details of files cleared

from June 22

YOGESH NAIK

to June 24

MUMBAI, JUNE 27

THE RAJ Bhavan secretariat has asked the state government to give details of the files and proposals cleared on June 22, 23 and 24. The direction comes amid allegations that following the rebellion of the Shiv Sena MLAs, a number of files were cleared and government resolutions (GRs) issued in a hurry in Mantralaya.

Last week. Santosh Kumar. principal secretary to Governor B S Koshyari, had written to chief secretary Manukumar Srivastava directing for details of decisions, deliberations, GRs and circulars to be sent to the Governor. On receiving the letter on Monday, the chief secretary has asked the additional chief secretary (organisation and management) to collate the data.

According to the letter issued to the Chief Secretary, the information has to be placed before the Governor as mandated by the Article 167 of the constitution of India.

Last week, leader of Opposition Pravin Darekar had written to the Governor on the spate of decisions "being taken in a hurry" and had sought the Governor's intervention in the

PIL in HC seeks immediate return of Shinde, rebel ministers

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, JUNE 27

RESIDENTS Maharashtra have moved a PIL in the Bombay High Court to "consider their fundamental rights" and direct Shiv Sena rebel leader Eknath Shinde, who is on "official leave" with other ministers, to immediately return to the state and assume duties.

The PIL was mentioned before bench led by Chief Justi Dipankar Datta Monday. The bench said it will decide on granting date of hearing after perusing the praecipe or a written request for urgent hearing moved by the petitioners seeking an urgent hearing. It says "willful absence" by said ministers is conduct that affects the rights of citizens, especially related to farmers and urban issues during the rainy season.

SANGRUR BYPOLL LOSS

SGPC leader wants top SAD leaders to 'admit mistakes', quit

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR AMRITSAR, JUNE 27

AFTER FINISHING a distant fifth in the Sangrur Lok Sabha bypoll, Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) is facing calls from within the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the organisation in which it wields almost absolute control, for the party's top leadership to "admit its mistakes" and "hand over its resignation".

SGPC general secretary Karnail Singh Panjoli told The Indian Express on Monday that the "Akali leadership has failed". He also hit out at the AAP, describing the party in Punjab as a "slave to the (Arvind) Kejriwal government in Delhi".

Panjoli was reiterating the remarks he had first made in a Facebook post on Sunday evening.

The election in Sangrur was won by SAD (Amritsar) president Simranjit Singh Mann, a 77-yearold pro-Khalistan leader, who beat the AAP candidate by a narrow margin of 5,822 votes. SAD (Badal) fielded Kamaldeep Kaur Rajoana who ended fifth. Congratulating Simranjit

Singh Mann, Panjoli described the win in his Facebook post as "a victory of Panthic principles and Sikh ideology" and said the "fall" of SAD (Badal) was a "result of the people's distrust in the present Akali adership".

On Monday, he said: "This election has proved that the Akali leadership has completely failed to lead the Panth and the people of Punjab. Now the Akali leadership should admit its mistakes and hand over its resignation to the Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib Giani Harpreet Singh." He said the Jathedar should give leadership of the party to those who can "look after the interests of the Panth and Punjab". The SGPC office-bearer also slammed the



SAD(Amritsar) president Simranjit Singh Mann won the Sangrur bypolls.

AAP's Punjab government.

"I think the biggest reason (for AAP's defeat in Sangrur) is because they tried to lie and deceive Punjabis. The Aam Aadmi Party has ensnared Puniab in double slavery. The Kejriwal government is a slave to the BJP government at the Centre and AAP in Punjab is a slave to the Kejriwal government of Delhi...," he said, repeating portions of his Facebook post.

Panjoli became the SGPC general secretary in November 2021, and holds the second most powerful position in the organisation after the president.

Late on Monday, SAD (Badal) said in a statement: "No one has demanded the resignation of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal who has been elected to his chair through a democratic process. Victories and defeats happen. Shiromani Akali Dal will continue to uphold its principles and Panthic values at all costs. It appeals to the party rank and file not to be swayed by rumours & display unity to strengthen the party at this juncture."

Leaders of AAP in Punjab did not respond to Panjoli's remarks.

The Sangrur bypoll was necessitated after the incumbent MP Bhagwant Mann resigned from the seat after becoming Chief Minister in March following the AAP's landslide victory in the Assembly elections.

AAP'S FIRST 'JANTA BUDGET'

Punjab Budget: No new taxes, 300 units of free power

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, JUNE 27

WITH NO new taxes imposed.

Puniab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Monday presented the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's maiden budget for 2022-23 fiscal, with a total outlay of Rs 1,55,859.78 crore and a revenue deficit of Rs 12,553.80 crore.

Putting emphasis on education, health and agriculture, the government's focus to mop up resources would be from excise revenue pegged at Rs 9,648 crore and fiscal prudence. "We will cut corners and exercise fiscal prudence. Previous governments were known for their profligacy and we would ensure not a paisa is wasted... We have saved Rs 20 crore of the state exchequer by doing away with multiple pensions of state legislators. This way we will exercise austerity measures to ensure that people's money went back to people."

While the government has not been able to fulfill its pre-poll promise of giving away Rs 1,000 per month to women in its maiden budget for want of funds, it has announced 75 Mohalla Clinics to be functional from August 15 and has set aside Rs 1,800 crore for 300 units of free power to be rolled out to people from July 1 onwards.

The budget has a stamp of Delhi model of AAP, and Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia was a witness to the presentation as he sat in the visitor's gallery of the Punjab assembly. On the fiscal health front, the state finances are in a mess. Cheema blamed the previous governments for the mess as he said that the debt on the state was burgeoning and it was projected to go up to Rs 2.84

crore by the end of this fiscal. This was for the first time that Punjab presented a paperless budget. However, as the MLAs were not able to access the budget on their phones, Congress's Sukhpal Khaira protested that they were not able to read it as the FM delivered his speech, Speaker Kultar Sandhwan later made the printed copies of the budget available.

Cheema said it was 'Janta's budget' as the government consulted the stakeholders and people of the state before preparing

Shinde camp views SC order as victory; disqualification inevitable, says Sena the inevitable disqualification of **VALLABHOZARKAR** the rebel MLAs. MLAs and we have to go with who has been spearheading the

GOA

Opp MLAs say groups, politicians: no to training event in hotel

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI. JUNE 27

OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS in Goa refused to attend a training workshop organised by the Assembly at a five-star hotel in Panaji on Monday.

While the Congress said the stitute an RSS-affiliate.

Leader of the Opposition ference and catering.

Ministry of Electronics and IT did not elicit any reply. The document showed that the government requested to block tweets belonging to members of the Congress and the AAP, including MLA Jarnail Singh. PTI are first-time MLAs.

same two-day training workshop could have been held in the Assembly without burdening the finances, the AAP said MLAs need not receive training from the Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini in-

Micheal Lobo said they had attended the opening ceremony in respect of the Speaker's chair but they were of the view that the session could have been held on the Assembly premises in Porvorim that has all the facilities for a con-

The session was aimed at training and educating MLAs about the procedures and processes of the Assembly. Nineteen of Goa's 40 legislators

MUMBAI. JUNE 27

THE SUPREME Court's order on Monday, extending the time for Eknath Shinde and 15 other rebel MLAs in the Maharashtra State Legislative Assembly to file written response to the Deputy Speaker's disqualification notice till July 12, was deemed as a victory by the rebel camp. On the other hand, the Shiv Sena also put up a brave front stating that the interim order had only postponed

ARUN JANARDHANAN

ATA meeting called by the dom-

inant Edappadi K Palaniswami

(EPS) faction here on Monday

the AIADMK came down hard

on O Panneerselvam (OPS) call-

ing him an "epitome of betrayal"

and appointed EPS as in-charge

of party's administrative affairs

until the next general council

meeting, scheduled for July 11.

ganisational secretary and

spokesman, said the positions of

OPS and EPS --as coordinator

and joint coordinator respec-

tively -- who led the dual lead-

ership, are no longer valid.

D Jayakumar, the party's or-

"We have won this major bat-

tle as the court has given us a major relief and we have time to contemplate on how to take the next step, whether we have to come to Mumbai for floor test or not. We have given all the authority of decision to Shinde saheb who will decide on the further course of action," rebel MLA Bharat Gogawale, the chief whip of the Shinde camp, said.

When asked if there is any plan on joining hands with the BJP,

"Of the 75 district secretaries,

65 of them agreed with the deci-

sion to appoint EPS in-charge of

party administration. Four of

them were not there because

they were sick. Now, only six

people are left in the OPS camp,'

Jayakumar said, when asked if

headquarters was chaired by

Presidium Chairman Tamil

Magan Hussain, EPS and senior

leader K P Munusamy. OPS was

not present at the meeting as he

was away in his hometwon,

sion about the top post would be

made at the general council. "But

it is confidential, can't be talked

Jayakumar said that a deci-

The meeting held at party

the move was legally valid.

someone to form an alliance. We cannot go with the Congress or the NCP and there is only one option, which is the BJP."

Deepak Kesarkar, the spokesperson of the Shinde camp, said that the Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) and Shiv Sena will form the government in the state, adding that their leader will be Uddhav Thackeray and that the Congress and the NCP should walk out of the government "instead of asking Thackeray saheb

Edappadi K Palaniswami

about right now," he said.

Asked about OPS and his role

in the party system, Jayakumar

said, "Section 20(7) of the bylaw

explains why the administrative

control was given to EPS in ab-

MVA, however, called the interim order as "postponement of the inevitable disqualification". "They have only got time...that doesn't mean it is a setback to MVA (Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi). The process has just been postponed. Now we are in a wait-and-watch position and we will decide on our further course of action depending upon what they (the rebel

Arvind Sawant, Shiv Sena MP,

battle for disqualification for the

AIADMK names EPS in-charge, calls OPS an 'epitome of betrayal' sence of coordinators. These are some of the most basic rules of the party. I'm not sure if OPS doesn't know about it or is just pretending to be ignorant." He called OPS the "most bla-

camp) are doing," Sawant said.

tant example of betrayal". "Since the beginning, everyone has known about several instances in which he betrayed the party...," he said.

Jayakumar also slammed OPS's son O P Raveendranath, who is the only MP for AIADMK, referring to the latter's recent meeting with Chief Minister M K Stalin and his comments praising the DMK government's "hard

Jayakumar also made it clear that OPS's name was taken out of the founders' column on the masthead of AIADMK's mouthpiece Namadhu Amma for "betraying the party's interests".

After OPS reached Theni on Sunday night, the majority faction decided to call a meeting for Monday.

"It was a quick answer to

OPS, who tried to get BJP involved in our party (affairs/crisis) again...," a senior AIADMK leader said, referring to OPS's Delhi trip last week that reportedly aimed at seeking help from BIP, which is an ally of the AIADMK in the state, to resolve the crisis in the party. The BJP, however, is seemingly distancing itself from OPS as the majority is rallying behind EPS.



WHILE OPS may move the

court and contend against arguments such as expiry of coordinator posts and EPS's new role, the faction of the former CM believes Monday's action will ensure OPS does not have any support left in the party. This faction believes 69 of 75 district secretaries of AIADMK support EPS, and OPS is now only the party

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G-7 SUMMIT IN GERMANY

Poor need same energy rights, access as rich: PM

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

AT A time when India is facing criticism from the West for its purchase of discounted oil from Russia amid the war in Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday invoked the need for the poor to be able to access energy -- as much as the rich.

Speaking at the G-7 summit in Germany, during a session on 'Investing in a better Future: Climate, Energy, Health', Modi said: "All of you will also agree with this that energy access should not be the privilege of the rich only -- a poor family also has the same rights on energy. And today when energy costs are sky-high due to geopolitical tensions, it is more important to remember this thing."

"By taking inspiration from this principle", Modi reminded the G-7 countries -- the world's seven richest economies -- about India's commitments on climate change. "We delivered LED bulbs and clean cooking gas door-todoor in India and showed that millions of tons of carbon emissions can be saved while ensuring energy for the poor," he said.

The Prime Minister's comments were in sync with India's position that it is buying oil from Russia, which invaded Ukraine in February, to meet its domestic energy demand and control inflation, which affects the poor the most.

Later, while addressing a session on food security, Modi referred indirectly to the Ukraine crisis and said: "We are meeting amid an atmosphere of global tension. India has always been in favour of peace. Even in the present situation, we have constantly urged for the path of dialogue and diplomacy."

He said: "The impact of this geopolitical tension is not just limited to Europe. The rising prices of energy and food grains are affecting all the countries. The energy and security of developing countries is particularly at risk. In this challenging time, India has supplied food grains to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa, in Germany, Monday. PTI

many countries in need."

Modi then put forward a series of suggestions, "First, we must focus on the availability of fertilizers, and keep the value chains of fertilizers smooth at a global scale. We are trying to increase the production of fertilizers in India and seek cooperation from G7-countries in this regard," he said.

"Second, India has immense agricultural manpower compared to the countries of the G7. Indian agricultural skills have helped give new life to traditional agricultural products like cheese and olive in some of the countries of the G7. Can the G7 create a structured system for the widespread use of Indian agricultural talent in its member countries? With the help of traditional talent of India's farmers, food security will be ensured to G7 countries," he said.

At the session on climate, energy and health, Modi asked the G-7 countries to invest in research and manufacturing in "green energy technologies" and said that they can help India to take innovations in "digital technology in the health sector" to "other developing countries".

"Unfortunately, it is believed that there is a fundamental collision between the developmental goals of the world and environmental protection. There is also another misconception that poor countries and poor people cause more damage to the environment. But India's history of over thousands of years completely refutes this view," he said.

"Ancient India has seen a time of immense prosperity; then we have also tolerated centuries of slavery, and now independent India is the fastest-growing big economy in the whole world. But during this whole period, India did not let its commitment to the environment get diluted even a single bit. Seventeen per cent of the world's population resides in India. But our contribution to global carbon emissions is only five per cent. The main reason behind this is our lifestyle, which is based on the theory of coexis-

tence with nature," he said. "When a large country like India shows such ambition, other developing countries also get inspiration. We hope that the rich countries of G-7 will support India's efforts. Today, a huge market for clean energy technologies is emerging in India," he said.

Asking G-7 countries to invest in research, innovation and manufacturing in green energy technologies, he said: "The scale that India can provide for every new technology can make that technology affordable for the whole world. The core theories of the circular economy have been an integral part of Indian culture and lifestyle."

The Prime Minister also said that G-7 countries can help India to take innovations in digital technology in the health sector to other developing countries. "During the pandemic, India found many creative ways to use digital technology in the health

Sinha files nomination, calls it a battle of ideologies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

YASHWANT SINHA, the Opposition's candidate for the July 18 Presidential elections against NDA's Draupadi Murmu, filed his nomination papers on Monday in the presence of senior Opposition leaders from 16 parties, including former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, and said he is contesting to save the country and its Constitution.

Sinha and Opposition leaders framed the contest as a fight between two ideologies.

"This election is not about two people," Sinha said after filing his nomination. "I have great personal regard for Draupadi Murmu. It is not about where we come from, or the people that we represent. This is an election between two ideologies - their (BJP's) ideology is absolute power with destruction of democracy; our ideology is freedom for every Indian citizen."

The Opposition got a boost with the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) officially announcing its support to Sinha. Senior TRS leader and Telangana minister K T Rama Rao was present during filing of the nomination. Congress ally Jharkhand

Mukti Morcha (JMM) is yet to decide on its support. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, meanwhile, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi.

Many senior Opposition leaders accompanied Sinha when he filed the nomination.

Yashwant Sinha with Opposition leaders outside Parliament on Monday. Abhinav Saha

Besides Rao, Pawar and Rahul Gandhi, among others present were Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, TMC leaders Abhishek Banerjee and Saugata Roy, Sitaram Yechury of CPI(M) and CPI's D Raja, DMK's A Raja and Tiruchi Siva, National Conference's Farooq Abdullah, Misa Bharti of RJD, RSP's N K Premachandran, VCK's Thol Tirumavalavan, Rashtriya Lok Dal's Jayant Chaudhary, and Mohammed Basheer from the

The BSP has announced its support for Murmu, while Aam Aadmi Party and JD(S) are yet to announce their decision.

Muslim League.

Sinha handed over four sets of nomination papers to Rajya Sabha Secretary-General PCMody, who is the Returning Officer for the Presidential election. He is likely to begin the first leg of his campaign this week from Chennai. He will subsequently travel to Kerala and Karnataka.

The opposition parties announced the formation of a 11member committee to steer Sinha's campaign. Among its members are Congress's Jairam Ramesh, DMK's Siva, TMC's Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, Left's Yechury and Raja, SP's Ram Gopal Yadav, NCP's Praful Patel, TRS's Ranjit Reddy, RJD's Manoj Iha, Sudheendra Kulkarni and a nominee of the Shiv Sena.

"All opposition parties are unitedly supporting Yashwant Sinha," Rahul Gandhi said. "Of course, we are supporting the individual, but the real fight is between two ideologies. One ideology (is) of the RSS....anger, hatred; and the other of compassion — of all the opposition parties, which are standing to-

Other Opposition leaders echoed the sentiments. Roy said the fight is between communalism and secularism, and authoritarianism versus democracy.

Calling NDA's projection of Draupadi Murmu as a "tribal face" mere "tokenism", Rao, TRS's working president, said, "This will not change the world for tribals in the country."

Addressing the media, Sinha launched a scathing attack on BJP, of which he was a front-line leader for more than two decades. "Their ideology wants to crush us Indians and our democracy. Our ideology wants to free us and strengthen our democracy. The ruling party is contemptuous of our Constitution, which limits executive power to its proper place; their (NDA's) goal is to exercise absolute, unchecked power," he said.

TRS backs Sinha; opposed to BJP's politics, says KTR

SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD JUNE 27

THE TELANGANA Rashtra Samithi (TRS), which earlier stayed away from the Opposition parties' meeting on June 15 and also criticised the manner in which presidential nominees were considered, declared its support to Opposition's joint presidential nominee Yashwant Sinha Monday.

The party had not declared its intentions for the polls until today. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee's letter to 22 political parties inviting them for a meeting to discuss the Presidential elections upset party supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao or KCR's plans of leading a third front of like-minded parties apart from the Congress and the BJP, an idea he has been floating since 2018. Neither KCR nor his party ministers attended the meeting.

Since the party is also trying to distance itself from the Congress, one of the reasons why the party stayed away from the meeting is said to be because the Congress attended them. Announcing the decision in New Delhi, TRS working president and State IT and Industries Minister K TRama Rao said the party has decided to back the nominee as the "TRS is opposed to the politics of BJP", adding: "Leaders like Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee spoke to us. To protect democracy

My tribal vs your tribal: Cong tries to find way around Murmu conundrum "The BJP ignored (Anusuiya) candidature, and that they are un-

GARGI VERMA RAIPUR, JUNE 27

DROUPADI MURMU'S nomination as the first tribal Presidential candidate has put the Congress government in tribal-dominated Chhattisgarh in a spot. While it does not want to alienate tribal groups, it also cannot openly declare its support to a BJP nominee. Meanwhile, the state BJP is expected to put its full weight behind the decision.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s choice of fielding Murmu, who is a Santhal tribal woman from Odisha, was hailed by the state BJP, which has been highlighting that a tribal woman was chosen for the highest position in the country. In a statement to the press, Dharamlal Kaushik, the state's BJP's leader, congratulated the national leadership for picking an able tribal leader like Murmu.

On June 22, the state's Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (Jogi) leader Amit Jogi also extended his support to Murmu, recounting the "respect" his deceased father and ex-chief minister Ajit Jogi held for



Droupadi

her. "Chhattisgarh is a tribal-dominated state, hence I request all MLAs in Chhattisgarh to vote for Murmu despite party lines to up-

hold tribal honour," Jogi tweeted. With virtually no elbow room, CM Bhupesh Baghel has been trying to counter the BIP by raising

the case of another tribal leader.

Uikey who is also a tribal leader and has worked extensively, just because of her background with the Congress," Baghel said on June 22 in reference to senior tribal leader and Chhattisgarh governor Anusuiya Uikey, who was earlier in the Congress.

Sources in the state BJP denied this, saying Uikey's name was only one among the many names in consideration. While Baghel might be hoping to brazen it out, state Congress leaders, particularly its tribal MLAs, admit it is not easy for them to ignore Murmu's

tribal community in the state, especially the organisation Sarva Adiwasi Samaj, which has already opened multiple fronts against the government. On March 14, the Samaj had 'gheraoed" the CM's house with

der mounting pressure from the

a 20-point charter. It has in the past rallied behind implementation of PESA or Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, and protested against mining in Hasdeo, police excesses in Bijapur, and alleged Hindu-centric policies of the government.

Pinarayi questions Cong 'silence' on 3 days on, Cong calls SC verdict Gujarat arrests: 'Not even a protest?'

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

KERALA CHIEF Minister and CPM Politburo member Pinarayi Viiavan Monday mounted an attack on the Congress over the 2002 Gujarat riots, questioning its "silence" over the arrest of retired DGPRB Sreekumar and activist Teesta Setalvad by the Gujarat Police a day after the Supreme Court upheld the clean chit by the SIT to the state government, then led by Narendra Modi, in the violence.

"The Congress could have organised at least a nominal protest. No massive protest is needed. Why could they not think so? They (Sreekumar and Setalvad) were arrested on the day Emergency was declared (in 1975). These arrests should be seen as a bid to frighten anti-BJP forces in the country. (That) If you speak against the Parivar. this will be the result. The Congress is maintaining silence before the Sangh Parivar's threat. The Congress is crawling on its knees fearing the BJP. All those parties, including the Indian



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

Union Muslim League, which stand with the Congress, should consider this seriously," he said.

On the day of the arrests, while the Left questioned the Gujarat Police's move, hours after Home Minister Amit Shah had questioned the role of Sreekumar and Setalvad in the allegations against the Modi government for 2002, the Congress reaction had been cautious.

"We have heard of the arrests. It appears to be in relation to alleged offences of forgery and fabrication arising out of events that took place between the years immediately following 2002, even though the FIR registered appears to be dated June 25th, 2022. We hope and trust that proper and full due process of law will be followed meticulously," senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhyi had told The Indian Express, adding: "Furthermore, it stands to reason that the Congress as a political party cannot comment on the merits of a case with which it has no connection."

Vijayan compared this statement to the reaction by the CPM, which strongly condemned Setalvad's arrest and called her "an indefatigable defender of human rights". It also said that her arrest was on "dubious grounds" and demanded her release.

Vijayan also accused that the Congress wanted to "forget" the Gujarat riots issue. "Did the Congress ever support the legal battle of Zakia Jafri, the widow of former (Congress) MP Ahsan Jafri who was killed in the 2002 riots? Did Congress president Sonia Gandhi or any other Congress leader visit her and comfort her after the death of Ahsan? After the riot, Sonia had visited Gujarat, Then, Congress brains advised Sonia that she should not visit Zakia. The reason was that Congress would lose the Hindu votes. That was the stand of the Congress. During the last Gujarat Assembly elections, Rahul Gandhi conducted did not speak about Jafri or the riots," said the Kerala CM.

Countering Vijayan's charge senior Congress legislator V D Satheesan said the CM was "spreading lies" without an understanding of the facts. Quoting what Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala had said, Satheesan said Supreme Court verdicts should not be politicised.

At the same time, the Congress leader went further than the Delhi leadership's response and asked if only a collector or police officers were to be held responsible for any riot in their jurisdictions, and not their political masters. "Will the Chief Minister. Cabinet and the state government never be held accountable, even if the state is thrown into a circle of premeditated violence and riots?... What then is the Constitutional and moral responsibility of the Chief Minister and the state government?" he said

Satheesan also stressed that the Congress had "always stood with Setalvad", pointing out that she conferred Padma Shri in 2007 when the Congress was in power at the Centre, and in 2002, the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award was given to her.

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THREE DAYS after Supreme Court dismissed allegations of a larger conspiracy leveled by Zakia Jafri. widow of Congress leader and former MP Ahsan Jafri who was killed in 2002 Gujarat riots, against then Gujarat CM Narendra Modi and others in cases related to the 2002 riots, the Congress on Monday said the judgment was "disappointing", and that the

party stands by Jafri family. The Congress had reacted cautiously to the Supreme Court's judgment on Friday, agreeing with the findings of the SIT appointed by it that there was no "larger conspiracy" behind the riots. There was no official statement from the party expressing solidarity with Zakia either. The party's first official reaction came on Saturday, after Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the verdict and accused a triad of political parties opposed to the BIP, some journalists, and some NGOs of having given pub-

licity to "these allegations". The Congress then countered, with party spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi saying that the Supreme Court judgment should



Iairam Ramesh: Party stands by Jafri family

not be politicised, and that "everybody should bow down to a Supreme Court judgment".

On Monday, Jairam Ramesh AICC general secretary in charge of communication, put out a statement saying that the "Supreme Court judgment in Zakia Jafri case is "deeply disappointing" and that many fundamental questions still remain unanswered.

"What is the Constitutional and moral responsibility of the Chief Minister and State Government in cases of largescale communal riots? Is the responsibility in such cases, only ever that of the Collector and Dv Commissioner of Police and not of the political executive? Will the Chief Minister, Cabinet and State Government never be held accountable.even if a State is thrown

our colleague, the late Ahsan Jafri

he said.

and his family in this hour. What happened to him in a most tragic manner was the result of a fundamental lapse on the part of the state government." He said there are some questions that will continue to haunt the Prime Minister. "...Why was PM Vajpayee so af-

into a circle of violence & riots?

Ramesh stated, "We stand by

fected by his [then Guiarat CM's] lack of action that he had to publicly remind him of his duty, to follow his 'Rajdharma'? Was it not the Supreme Court who called out the conduct of the Modi Government in Guiarat as that of "Modern day Nero's (who) were looking elsewhere when... innocent children and helpless women were burning, and were probably deliberating how the perpetrators of the crime can be saved or protected? Why did sections of BIP, including now member of the Modi Cabinet, Smriti Irani, protest and call for his dismissal as CM if he was not guilty of any wrongdoing?"

Although the Congress had reacted cautiously to the arrest of Mumbai-based activist Teesta Setalvad, Ramesh and AICC general secretary Ajay Maken attended a protest meeting in Delhi.



Suvendu Adhikari

Suvendu hints at toppling Bengal govt, draws flak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, JUNE 27

LEADER OF Opposition in West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari on Monday hinted at toppling of the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in the state in 2024 after doing the same in Maharashtra.

Rajasthan and Jharkhand. The BJP leader's controversial statement came in the backdrop of a political turmoil in Maharashtra where the alliance party government is struggling stay afloat following withdrawal

of support from a section of MLAs. Addressing party workers in Cooch Behar district on Monday, Adhikari said. "It won't have to be in 2026 (next state Assembly polls). The ouster will take place in 2024. Just wait a little more. We will oust this government in 2024. This has just begun in Maharashtra. Next it will take place in Jharkhand and Rajasthan. After Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Rajasthan, we will reach West Bengal."

His remarks did not go down well with the ruling dispensation in West Bengal with the Trinamool Congress slamming the BJP for its attempt to topple elected government in Opposition-ruled states.

"This shows the BJP's mindset when it comes to respecting democratic norms in the country. They want to grab power by any means and that's what they have planned for all oppositionruled states. But Suvendu Adhikari is living in a fool's paradise. In 2024, the BJP will go out of power," said TMC state gen-

Keep momentum intact, prevent Muslims from being misled in 2024 LS polls: Mayawati bearers and party candidate Shah Samajwadi Party won 111 seats,

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, JUNE 27

A DAY after the Samajwadi Party (SP) lost Azamgarh and Rampur Lok Sabha seats to the ruling BIP, BSP president Mayawati on Monday asked party workers to keep the momentum intact and "prevent a particular community", in an apparent reference to Muslim voters, from being misled in the 2024 general election.

In a tweet, Mayawati said, "The determination and courage with which all the BSP workers, office Alam alias Guddu Jamali have fought the Azamgarh Lok Sabha bypoll need to be maintained till 2024 Lok Sabha general elections as part of the resolve while maintaining election readiness." In another tweet, Mayawati

said that not only Azamgarh but BSP's struggle and efforts to convert the ground preparations into votes have to be continued in the across UP till 2024 general polls. "In this sequence, it is also important to protect a particular community from being misled in all the upcoming elections,"

Mayawati said, in an apparent reference to Muslim voters

temple tours in that state. But he

BSP has also planned to contest urban local body polls later this year before Lok Sabha general elections in 2024.

Mayawati had on Sunday said that the outcome of the bypoll has proved that only BSP has the 'ground force" to defeat the BJP in

In Azamgarh bypoll, BSP nominee Shah Alam alias Guddu Jamali got 29.27 per cent (2.66 lakh) votes and finished third after the BJP and SP. In a major setback for the SP, the BJP wrested



BSP president Mayawati

both the Lok Sabha segments from the Akhilesh Yadav-led party. While BJP candidate Ghanshayam Singh Lodhi won the Rampur Lok Sabha by election defeating SP nominee Asim Raja with a margin of over 42,000 votes, the party's Dinesh Lal Yadav "Nirahua" bagged the Azamgarh segment by over 8,000 votes.

According to a local BSP leader, Jamali got the votes of Muslims because of his personal connect with the community and also because Muslims saw in recent state Assembly elections that SP failed to dislodge BJP from power.

Samajwadi Party's Azamgarh district president Hawaldar Yadav, however, said Muslims votes go to BSP but not in large numbers. "In the recently held bypolls, BJP misled Muslims by creating a propa-

ganda among voters that its candidate Dinesh Lal Yaday "Nirahua" was going to lose and hence, they prefer to vote for BSP. Misled by that propaganda, Muslims got divided. If Muslim votes had not gone to BSP, SP had won the seat with big margin," said Yadav.

In the first party meeting after the announcement of assembly elections results in March this vear. Mavawati had blamed the Muslim community for the political loss of her party. In the UP polls, out of the 403

assembly seats, the BJP had won 255 seats, while its rival

New Delhi

according to the Election Commission (EC) website. The Congress, showcasing a dismal performance, won two seats while the BSP of Mayawati was all but obliterated with just one seat despite polling 12.88 per cent votes. BSP had fielded 88 Muslim candidates whereas SP-alliance had fielded only 61 candidates from the community. There were at least 28 seats where both BSP and SP-alliance had fielded Muslims candidates. However, all of BSP's Muslim candidates had

lost in the elections.

eral secretary Kunal Ghosh.

SC to hear Centre's plea against HC order on security cover to Ambanis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE SUPREME Court has agreed to hear on Tuesday a plea by the Centre against the Tripura High Court direction summoning Union Home Ministry officials in a PIL challenging the security cover provided to industrialist Mukesh Ambani and family.

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A bench of Justices Surya

Kant and JB Pardiwala agreed to the Centre's request urgently after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed it the HC had directed an official from the Home Ministry to be present on Tuesday and that no further adjournment will be given.

"One PIL is filed before the Tripura HC. The prayer is that you decide that the threat perception based security given to one industrial family in Bombay is wrong and withdraw the security," Mehta submitted and contended that "first, (there is) no territorial jurisdiction and second, one family being given security can never be public interest".

"We pointed out to the Tripura HC that similar petition was filed before the Bombay HC and rejected. But the HC has directed that Home Ministry official be deputed tomorrow with record of threat perception etc," he added.

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ई–ऑक्शन सूचना

मंडल रेल प्रबंधक (वाणिज्य) उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, बीकानेर भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से बीकानेर मण्डल के नौ एस.एल.आर की लीजिंग व एक वी.पी की लीजिग व पाँच स्टेशनों के आउट ऑफ होम ठेका एवं पांच स्टेशनों के पार्किंग के ठेकों के लिए ई-ऑक्शन प्रारम्भ किये गये है जिनका विवरण निम्न प्रकार है:**– (1) केटलॉग संख्या:** लीज एफएसएलआर 15910 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** गाडी संख्या 15910 के फ्रंट एस.एल.आर की लीजिंग बाबत **ई–ऑक्शन की दिनांक व समय: संख्या:** वीपी 15910 एस.एल.आर 14724 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** गाडी संख्या 15910/09 मे राउन्ड ट्रिप बेसीस पर वीपी व गाड़ी सं.14724 के क्रंट एस.एल.आर–2 की लीजीग बाबत**। ई–ऑक्शन** की दिनांक व समय: 11.07.2022 समय 11.00 बजे। (3) केटलॉग संख्या: पब्लिसिटी ओ ओ एच **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** हनुमानगढ, सिरसा, रामपुरा बेरी, लालगढ़ व सादुलपुर स्टेशनों के आउट ऑफ होम पब्लिसिटी ठेके के बाबत। **ई-ऑक्शन की दिनांक व समय:** 11.07.2022 समय 15:00 बजे। (4) केटलॉग संख्या: लीजिंग एस.एल.आर.एस **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** गाडी संख्या 22475.

22473, 16311, 14724, 20471, 16588, 12489 के फ्रंट एस.एल.आर की लीजिंग बाबत**। ई-ऑक्शन की दिनांक व समय:** 12.07.2022 समय 10:30 बजे**। (5) केटलॉग संख्या:** पार्किंग 01 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** श्रीगंगानगर रेलवे स्टेशनों पर कार पार्किंग स्टेण्ड, भिवानी, बीकानेर (प्रथम प्रवेश द्वार रटीएम के पास), चरखीदादरी, रेलवे स्टेशन पर . प्राईकल, स्कूटर, मोटर साईकल पार्किंग स्टेण्ड

हिसार (द्वितीय प्रवेश द्वार), रेलवे स्टेशनों पर

सार्दकल स्कटर मोटर सार्दकल कार पार्किंग स्टेपड

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. नमय 15:00 बजे। अन्य सूचना एवं नियम व शर्तों के

लिये IREPS की वेबसाइटwww.ireps.gov.in पर

Sexual assault case: Vijay Babu arrested, to be released on bail

Thiruvananthapuram: Kochi city police on Monday arrested actor Vijay Babu for allegedly raping an actress.

As the Kerala High Court had granted him anticipatory bail in the case, he will be released on

Kochi deputy city police commissioner U V Kuriakose said Babu's arrest was recorded. He would be taken to various places in Kochi, where the al-

Actor Vijay Babu. File

leged rape had taken place, as part of evidence collection.

While granting anticipatory bail to Babu, the high court had permitted the police to question him from June 27 to July 3 from

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Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRIy. Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and on behalf of President of India, invites tenders through e- procurement system

ı	for the	supply of the fo	llowing items:-		
I	S.No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date
	01	Bid Number: GEM/2022/B		1 set	16.07.2022
		/2293217 DT-25/06/22	specification and quantity as per		

Note: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000. By Goyt, of India, Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. Tender Notice No. 14/2022-2023 Date: 25.06.2022

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WORKS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE e-mail: - seec_bls@rediffmail.com Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice

B-309 Bid Identification No.CCEEC-06/ 2022-23 No: 2835/ Dt: 21.6.22 Nature of work

:- Building Works :- 07 (Seven) No Buildings :- Rs. 309.10 Lakh to Rs. 317.53 Lakh Number of works
Amount put to Tender

Class of Contractor : - "A" Class / "Special"

Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal: - Dt.28.06.2022 at 10:00 AM

: - Dt.12.07.2022 up to 05:00 PM : - Dt.13.07.2022 at 11:00 AM Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal

Name & address of the Office inviting bid Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-pi

http://tendersodisha.gov.in." All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/- R.Rout Chief Construction Enginee Eastern Circle (R&B) Balason

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, SARAIKELA

ı	<u>very Snort E-Procurement Notice</u>						
l	1	Very Short Tender Notice No. DWSD/SKL/Cluster SVS/30/2021-22 (4th Call) Dated-18.06.2022					
1 Name of the Department Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkh		Name of the Department	Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand Ranchi				
l	2	Name of the Advertiser	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Saraikela				
3		Date of publication of Tender on Website	22.06.2022 / 5.00 PM				
l	4	Last date/Time for receipt of Bid	05.07.2022/ Upto 4:00 PM				
l	5	date/Time for receipt of Earnest	On. 06 07 2022/upto 2 00 PM				

5	date/Time for receipt of Earnest Money & Cost of B.O.Q.	On .06.07.2022/ upto 2.00 PM				
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7	Date of Opening of Tender	06.07.2022/ 5.00 PM				
8	Contact No. of Procurement office	+91 7903702010				
SI. No.	Particular	Group No.	Estimated Cost (in	Earnest money (in	Cost of BOQ (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
			Lakh Rs.)	Rs.)		
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	Implementation of Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply under Jal Jeevan	Block- Kharsawan Sub Cluster 5 SVS Scheme (Group No. 02)	820.47000	820500.00	10000.00	9 Month
	Mission for Clusters Saraikela District under D.W.&S. Division, Saraikela	Block- Kharsawan Sub Cluster 6 SVS Scheme (Group No. 03)	923.86000	923900.00	10000.00	9 Month
1	for theyear 2021-22.	Block- Kharsawan Sub Cluster 7 SVS Scheme (Group No. 04)	917.28000	917300.00	10000.00	9 Month
		Block- Kharsawan & Kuchai Sub Cluster 8 SVS Scheme (Group	829.76000.	829800.00	10000.00	9 Month

नोट— प्राक्कलित राशि एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट—बढ़ सकती है**।** विंस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाईट नं0 http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR.NO. 272505 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला।

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OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR **ASSAM STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION** PALTANBAZAR, PARIBAHAN BHAWAN, GUWAHATI-781008

Block- Kuchai Sub Cluster 9

SVS Scheme (Group No. 6)

Ph.0361-2730024, Fax 0361-2730726 Web.astc.assa.gov.in, E-mail:- astc2009@gmail.com

Notice. No. ASTC/HO/CE (A&T)/procurement of EV/024/Vol-2/2021-22/0835

Corrigendum-IV

Tender Title: Purchase of 100 Nos 9 meter AC Electric bus (High Range) from Original Equipment Manufacturer/Authorized Dealer by Assam State Transport Corporation RFB No: ASTC/HO/CE/Proc of EV/024/2021-22/0725

Tender Published Date: 21st May, 2022

This corrigendum is being issued for the following amendments to the RFB:

S. Tender Clause No. No. & Page No.	Existing C	lause	Modified C	Clause
1. Important Dates, Page No.3 & Corrigendum-I, Annexure-A,	for Bid Submission	27th June, 2022 upto 2:00 P.M. 27th June, 2022 upto 2:00 P.M.	for Bid Submission	7th July, 2022 upto 2:00 P.M. 7th July, 2022 2:30 P.M.

Notice. No. ASTC/HO/CE (A&T)/Procurement of EV/024/Vol-2/2021-22/0834

Corrigendum-IV

Tender Title: Purchase of 100 Nos 9 meter AC Electric bus (Low Range) from Original Equipment Manufacturer/Authorized Dealer by Assam State Transport Corporation

RFB No: ASTC/HO/CE/Proc of EV/024/2021-22/0726 Tender Published Date: 21st May, 2022

This corrigendum is being issued for the following amendments to the RFB:

S.	Tender Clause	Existing Clause		Modified Clause		
No.	No. & Page No.					
1.	Important Dates, Page No.3 & Corrigendum-I, Annexure-A, SI.No.1	for Bid Submission	27th June, 2022 upto 2:00 P.M. 27th June, 2022 upto 2:30 P.M.	for Bid Submission	7th July, 2022 upto 2:00 P.M. 7th July, 2022 2:30 P.M.	

Managing Director Janasanyog/CF/1146/22 A.S.T. Corporation, HO

Schools poor in digital learning, 180 districts score less than 10%

PERFORMANCE GRADING INDEX FOR DISTRICTS

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

AS INDIA entered the pandemic year, students in around 61 per cent districts of the country had very little exposure to digital learning due to limited availability of computers, Internet facilities and teachers trained to handle technological tools in schools, according to a Ministry of Education report released on Monday.

The Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for 2019-20 shows that schools across India performed poorly under the category of digital learning, which threw up the lowest scores compared to the other parameters which were considered while creating the index.

In the index, as many as 180 districts scored less than 10 per cent on digital learning, 146 districts scored 11 to 20 per cent, while 125 districts had scores between 21 and 30 per cent.

The report also underlines the clear rural-urban divide in the area of digital learning. For instance, while districts in cities like Chandigarh and Delhi scored between 25 and 35 out of 50. places like Bihar's Araria and Kishanganj scored as low as 2.

Backward districts like Assam's South Salmara-Mankachar and Tripura's Dhalai scored 1. The district-wise performance on digital learning was drawn up based on the number of schools with computers/laptops, Internet facility, student-tocomputer ratio and percentage of teachers trained to use and teach through computers.

In contrast, in terms of learning outcomes, no district scored below 10 per cent, 12 scored between 11 and 20 per cent, while as many as 309 scored between 51 and 60 per cent.

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Tender Notice: 04-Tele,02,04,01-SIG-SNT-2021-22

through E-Tendering system for the following works-

Sr. Divisional Signal and Telecom engineer/Moradabad

Tender No. & Description of work

Moradabad-Atrauli road-Improvement in quad cable in MB-CH-AUR section to suit RE

Provision of fire detection systems at left over

equipment rooms over Moradabad Division.

S&T work in c/w turn out renewal work Engineering in the section LKO-RAC Section

Provision of Signal and Telecom work in C/W LHS at LC-504 in LRJ yard of Moradabad division.

(Change 0 - Change 2500) Amount Rs. 235.60 Cr

(Change 2500 - Change 5000) Amount Rs. 229.92 Cr

(Change 5000 - Change 7600) Amount Rs. 241.34 Cr

(Change 7600 - Change 10050) Amount Rs. 231.87 Cr

(Change 10050 - Change 12750) Amount Rs. 253.75 Cr

Note:-Complete details of tender can be seen at www.ireps.gov.in

THE GRADING INDEX

PARAMETERS CONSIDERED

Learning outcomes, Effective classroom transaction. infrastructure facilities and student's entitlements, school safety and child protection, digital learning and governance process

OVERALL SCORE

Percentage	Districts
Over 90%	0
* 81-90%	3
71-80%	86
61-70%	276
51-60%	238
41-50%	87
31-40%	39
*21-30%	3
*11_20%	2

e	Districts	SCORE	
·	0	Percentage	Districts
	3	71-80%	8
	86	61-70%	41
	276	51-60%	71
	238	41-50%	79
	87	31-40%	83
	39	21-30%	125
	3	11-20%	146
	2	Below 10%	180

DISTRICT SCORES

11-20%

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21-30% Kra Daadi and Longding (Arunachal Pradesh), Mamit

81-90% Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Jaipur (all in Rajasthan)

The Centre had released the state-wise PGI index for the year 2019-20 in June 2021. Chandigarh learning in PGI-D, which is not and the states of Punjab, Tamil there in state PGI. Nadu and Kerala were the best

"The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the changes required in our existing system in terms of the adoption of digital learning as part of mainstream

for and on behalf of President of India invites Open tender

Cost of

Tender

form Rs

Date: - 06/07/2022 Upto: - 16.00 Hrs.

Date: - 28/07/2022 Upto: - 18.00 Hrs.

Date: - 29/07/2022 Upto: - 18.00 Hrs.

Date: - 30/07/2022 Upto: - 17.00 Hrs.

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SCORE		
Percentage	Districts	
71-80%	8	
61-70%	41	
51-60%	71	
41-50%	79	
31-40%	83	
21-30%	125	
11-20%	146	
Below 10%	180	

performers in the index.

learning to continue education

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Approx. Cost

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DRAINAGE PROJECT

E-Tender Notice: 2022-2023

Name of Work: Development of Kharicut Canal

(Between Naroda Samshan Gruh & Vinzol Vehla) in AMC Area.

Package - 1 :- Kharicut Canal Development Naroda Samshan Gruh to Navyug School Canal Crossing

Package - 2 :- Kharicut Canal Development Navyug School Canal Crossing To Nidhipark Society

Package - 3 :- Kharicut Canal Development Nidhipark Society to Odhav Fire Station

Package - 5 :- Kharicut Canal Development Thomas English School To Vinzol Vehla

Package - 4 :- Kharicut Canal Development Odhav Fire Station To Thomas English School

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(Mizoram) at home... This necessitated a need for a domain on digital

> "Under the digital learning category, 20 districts have shown over 20 per cent improvement in score and 43 districts showed improvement of over 10 per cent in score during 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19, resulting in grade-level progress," states the PGI-D report.

> > Date: 24.06.2022

Last date and time for

submission of tender

and opening of tender

22.07.2022

15:00 hrs.

22.07.2022

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VHP seeks laws to curb hate speech against Hindus

Asks state governments to enact laws to prevent illegal religious conversion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

ANNOUNCING ITS action plan for 2024, when the organisation completes 60 years of its foundation, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Monday said all state governments must enact laws to curb illegal religious conversion, put a stop to hate speeches against Hindu religion, and hand over control of temples to the Hindu society.

Addressing the media in Chennai following its two-day central governing council meet, the VHP expressed concerns over government control of temples and their alleged demolition by state governments, besides illegal religious conversions and growing hate speeches against Hindu belief and deities.

VHP joint general secretary Surendra Jain said, "All state governments should enact law to curb illegal conversions and love jihad (Hindutva organisations' term for inter-faith marriages involving Muslim men). The growing menace of acquisition and demolition of temples in a discreet manner and hate speeches against Hindu beliefs and deities must also be stopped forthwith."

VHP spokesperson Vinod Bansal said: "Apart from stopping conversions, we have to ensure reconversion to Hinduism through 'ghar wapasi' (homecoming). We will initiate a social movement on these issues. Wherever there is need to put pressure on the government, we will do that." Announcing the action plan

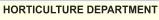
for its 60th anniversary in 2024, Jain said VHP will enroll more than 1 crore members and raise its units to 1 lakh, with 15 lakh karvakartas (workers) across the country

"The VHP is of the opinion that illegal religious conversion is the biggest crime and violence against humanity...(other faiths) are assuming it as their religious rights and using unconstitutional and unethical means (to convert Hindus)," according to a VHP statement, "Since Independence a demand has been raised by different sections of the society to stop this illegal criminal act. VHP welcomes state governments which have made a law to stop illegal conversions in their states."

Criticising the DMK government in Tamil Nadu, the VHP said that due to the state government's "insensitivity" there were instances of illegal conversions and attempts to convert Hindus to Christianity in Christian-run schools in the state. It pointed to a case in Thanjavur district, where a girl died, allegedly by suicide under pressure to convert to Christianity.

"There were also instances of Islamic fundamentalists targeting Hindu girls in the name of Love Jihad and finally the girls have been used as sexual objects," the VHP stated. "Some of the girls had to commit suicide as it happened in Ramanathapuram and Melur-Madurai. Tamil Nadu government should stop such activities by punishing these institutions and individuals stringently, so that these kinds of abuses on the Hindu Society may be stopped," it said.

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The Deputy Director (Hort.)/HQ-II on behalf of Commissioner MCD nvites NIT No. 02 dated 23.06.2022 Tender No. 2022_MCD_120028_1 for Development of park near Kala Niketan School, Gazipur through installation of Children Play Apparatus (CPA), Open Gym & Sitting arrangement etc. in ward No. 19E Shah, South Zone, MCD and **Estimate** Amount Rs. 74,79,474/-, Earnest Money Rs. 1,50,000/-. Head of account: XL-VII-V (MPLADS) & time of completion 2 Months. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from O/o Deputy Director (Hort.)/HQ-II or it can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.gov.in or www.mcdonline.nic.in The last date of sale tender will be 07.07.2022 at 3.00 PM. Other details/information can be seen on website www.etenders.gov.in. The press notice is also available on <u>www.mcdonline.nic.in</u>

RO No.: 9/DPI/MCD/2022-23

DY. DIRECTOR (HORT.)/HQ-II

PUBLIC NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA **EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE FOR INVITING & TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF FOUR (M) ZONES OF COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-14A) AND INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR (L-2) RETAIL VENDS OF THREE (3) DISTRICTS FOR THE

It is hereby notified for the information of general public that the department is inviting tenders for allotraent of remaining four (04) zones of Country Liquor (L-14A) and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) retail yends in Three (03) districts for the year 2022-23. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under;-

W14
K09
P02 Z5NF11

The Schedule for submission of e-tenders for these zones and evaluation thereof shall be

	Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 29th June, 2022 (09:00 AM)
į	Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 25th June, 2022 (04:00 PM)
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The reserve price of these 4 zones for the purpose of e-tendering has been reduced further in accordance with the provisions of clause 2.16 of the Haryana Excise Policy 2022-23. The annual basic liquor queta of these comes has also been reduced. The basic queta of liquor available to the successful allottoes of this round shall be in proportion to the number of days available for operation of yeads. Thus, the reduced quota shall be calculated as under-

Reduced Basic Quota - original basic quotas X 348 days/365days.

The zone-wise detail of reduced reserve price and reduced quota of these 04 zones shall

The excise arrangements of these Zones containing number of vends, liquor quota. location of words and command area as applicable and reserve price thereof as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be complexously displayed in the offices of DETCs (Escise and DETCs (ST) in the districts. These details shall also be available on the official website of

The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the department. The remaining terms and conditions for submission of e-tenders and allotment shall remain same, as given in the Public Notice published on 12th May, 2022 in the leading newspapers for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor Zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The said public notice is also available on the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatus.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allowners process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

All allotrorits and great of license(s) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act. 1914, rules framed there under and an per the provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2022-23. The Haryana Excise Policy for 2022-23 is available on the

All allotrents shall be further subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxasfor Commissioner (FC), Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be within 10 days of the date of allotment.

Excise and Tanation Commissioner, Haryana.

New Delhi

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Office Of The Executive Engineer **Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Latehar E Procurement Short Tender Notice**

Tender Referance No- DWSD/LTR/SVS-27/21-22(3rd Call)Dt 27.06.2022

:- 05.07.2022 at 05.00 P.M

:- 07.07.2022 at 04:30 P.M

Name of Department Date & Time of Tender

Detail of Work:-

Name of Work

Pre bid Meeting

Online Submission upto

Physical Submission

Technical Bid Opening

Detail and Tender available on

Uploading in Website Last Date of Receipt of Bid

Last date of Submission Cost of BoQ and Earnest Money

:- Drinking Water & Sanitation Department :- 28.06.2022 at 05.00 P.M

:- 06.07.2022 at 05.00 P.M 1. EE DW & S Div Latehar 2. SE DW& S Circle Medininagar

5 Date of Opening Tender Name & Address of Tender :- Executive Engineer D. W & S Division Latehar **Inviting Authority**

Group No

Contact No of Procurement Office :- Executive Engineer D. W & S Division Latehar

No of Time of Eastimated Earnest Cost of FHTC 229 7581066.00 152000.00 10000.00

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PR 272536 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D

2. Further Detail Can be seen on website http://:jharkhandtender.gov.in 3. Only Registered Contractor in this Department In (Appropriate Class) Participate In Said Tender.

Executive Engineer

D. W & S Division Latehar

BRIEFLY

JAMMU & KASHMIR Intruder from

Pakistan killed

Jammu: BSF troops on

Monday killed a Pakistani

intruder in Baquarpur area

of RS Pura sector. A BSF of-

ficial said troops had no-

ticed suspicious move-

ment across the fence in

general area of Baquarpur

Border Out Post in the wee

hours of morning. "Our

domination party noticed

a person coming aggres-

sively from Pakistan side

towards the fence with an

intention to cross it and

paid no attention when

asked to stop," he said,

adding that the troops

fired three rounds at him.

The body was found close

to the fence and nothing

was recovered from him.

PROPHET REMARK ROW

UP police claim to have fresh leads linking violence in Kanpur, Prayagraj



Demonsrators pelt stones and shout religious slogans in Pravagrai on June 10. Express file

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, JUNE 27

POLICE CLAIMED to have found fresh leads in the ongoing investigation, indicating that there is a link between the violence in Kanpur and Prayagraj that took place on June 3 and 10 over the remarks against Prophet Muhammad by a former BJP spokesperson.

It has been found in the probe that Prayagraj-based activist Javed Mohammad was in regular contact with a man from Kanpur's Yateemkhana area where violence had erupted first, police officials said.

The inquiry is on to ascertain if the alleged conspirators behind the violence in Kanpur and Prayagraj were the same. In Prayagraj, violence had erupted in the Kareli and Khuldabad areas on June 10.

"We scrutinised the call records of Javed's mobile phone and found that he was in a regular touch with a Kanpur-based man between June 3 and 10. The call durations of the two increased after June 3," said Prayagraj Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ajay Kumar.

The talked for 10-15 minutes regularly after June 3, he said, cit-

The SSP, however, refused to divulge details about the

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

JAILED GANGSTER Lawrence

Bishnoi's father on Monday moved the Supreme Court chal-

lenging various orders, including

the transit remand order of a Delhi

court, in the murder case of singer

Sidhu Moosewala and also com-

plained that lawyers in Punjab

have boycotted his son and are not

Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala was

told by advocate Sangram Singh

Saron that they have challenged

the orders of the Punjab and

Haryana High Court and of a

Delhi court granting transit re-

mand but since no lawyer in

Mansa court in Punjab is taking

up Bishnoi's case, he had ap-

solutely unjustified" and the peti-

tioner can approach the high

court to provide Bishnoi legal aid

not refuse the case or they would

be delisted from the panel," the

bench said, asking the counsel to

approach the Punjab and

Haryana High Court to provide

challenging the order of Delhi

Saron submitted that he is

them legal aid counsel.

"These legal aid counsels can-

The bench said this is "ab-

proached the top court.

A vacation bench of Justices

willing to represent him.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER

Lawrence Bishnoi's

father says lawyers

boycotting his son

Kanpur-based man, adding that lives around the Yateemkhana area where vio-

lence broke out on June 3. Action will be taken on the basis of the evidence, he added. Javed Mohammad was sent

back to jail after his two-day police remand ended on Sunday. Kanpur Joint Commissioner of Police (JCP) Anand Prakash Tiwari denied having any information about any probe by the Prayagraj po-

connection with the violence. Kanpur Police Commissioner Vijay Singh Meena could not be contacted.

lice into a city resident's role in

So far, the Prayagraj police have arrested 105 persons, including seven minors, in the June 10 violence. They are looking into the role of 21 persons whose role came up during the investigation.

Raids are being conducted to trace them.

The Prayagraj police have declared a reward of Rs 25,000 on the five absconding accused, including All India Maiilis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) leader Shah Alam, wanted in the case. Other four are Umar Khalid, corporator Fazal Khan, Ashish Mittal and Zeeshan Rehman.

Prayagraj SSP Kumar the Kanpur-based suspect has not been named as accused by the Kanpur police in the June 3 vio-

court for transit remand as it is

contrary to certain directions

passed by the top court on

Punjab Police is investigating the

case, it is at a very nascent stage. It

court to interfere at this stage".

Bishnoi's father on July 11.

resting him in the case.

Moosewala was shot dead on

May 29 by unidentified assailants

in Punjab's Mansa district, a day

after the state government cur-

tailed his security cover. His

cousin and a friend, who were travelling in a jeep with him, were

Bishnoi is facing trial for the of-

fence committed under stringent

MCOCA (Maharashtra Control of

Organised Crime Act) here and

also injured in the attack.

was lodged in the Tihar jail.

The bench said, "Since the

Bishnoi's petition.

THE DEATHS of nine members of a family in Mhaisal town of Maharashtra's Sangli district that earlier were being investigated as suicides are now being probed as murders by poisoning, after police arrested two people including a "mantrik" who had allegedly promised to help the family "unearth a hidden treasure" or guptadhan.

brothers Dr Manik Vanmore (49), a veterinarian; and Popat Vanmore (52), an arts teacher; their mother, wives, and four children of the two couples were found dead in their houses located a kilometre apart at Mhaisal in Miraj taluka.

rested Abbas Ahmedali Bagwan (48), a mantrik, and Dheeraj Suravase (30), his aide and driver-both residents of Solapur. The police are invoking murder charges against the duo after their alleged role in the nine deaths came to light.

Special inspector-general of (Kolhapur range) Manojkumar Lohiya told *The* Indian Express, "Earlier, we considered the possibilities of all members dying by suicide or the brothers committing suicide and poisoning others. But our probe now suggests that the nine familv members were in fact murdered and we have arrested two

mantrik who claimed he would help them unearth a hidden treasure. The suspect had taken a large sum of money from the family for this and he could have been worried that the Vanmores would report him to the authorities. Primary investigation suggests that the previous night, he went to their houses and, on the pretext of performing some rituals, gave the family something to consume, like a prasad laced with a poisonous substance."

cide notes recovered from the houses and who could have written them, Lohiya said, "The probe still suggests that notes were written by the two brothers. But what was suspicious about them was the sequence. We have observed in many cases that people first state the reasons and then name the persons responsible. In this case, it was exactly the opposite. Also, the notes do not categorically say they were going to end their lives. It now seems that the brothers were misled into writing those notes. We are still probing that

As for the 25 people booked earlier, Lohiya said, "The case is now taking a different direction. As the probe progresses, we may file an application to discharge these people who were charged

They are also trying to ascertain how the poisonous substance was administered to the

Assam flood: 8 more dead, 21.52 lakh affected

A damaged section of a bridge following floods in Assam's Nagaon district, PTI

ous day's 22.21 lakh in 28 dis-

Most of the rivers showed a

receding trend, though Kopili at Nagaon, Barak at Cachar and Karimganj and Kushiara in

Karimganj were flowing above the danger level, the officials

submerged for over a week, efforts are underway to provide relief in those areas where the administration is yet to reach, by air dropping packets with food, drinking water bottles and other essentials by Indian Air Force helicopters. **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**

In Silchar, which has been

(UAVs) are also engaged in preparing a flood map of Silchar town so as to identify the extent of damage, and help in taking measures to mitigate losses in Cachar Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli said.

Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), UNICEF and OXFAM have set up boat-mounted water treatment units to cater to the needy within Silchar and its peripheral areas, she added.

Meanwhile, Bollywood star Aamir Khan on Monday donated Rs 25 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund as assistance

KARNATAKA Disabledfriendly kids' park opens

Bengaluru: Karnataka got its first exclusive play park for disabled children. which was inaugurated by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot. It aims to benefit 2.4 lakh children with special needs because of cerebral palsy, autism and other disabilities. Built for Rs 3 crore, it is spread over one acre of land provided by the state government within Jawahar Bal Bhavan at Cubbon Park, Designed in the shape of a turtle, the park consists of different zones for a wide range of physical, mental, therapeutic, leisure, and touchand-feel activities. It will be open to public by July-end.

UTTAR PRADESH

Man strangles wife to death

Meerut: A 38-year-old man strangled his wife at Meerut's Mohanpuri locality Monday. The accused, Ajit Kumar, later surrendered to police. He has been arrested, while the body of his wife Seema (34) has been handed over to her family members after the post-mortem. They have two minor kids. The police said the couple doubted each other for having extra-marital relations, leading to frequent

NEW DELHI

Filmon ISRO exscientist

New Delhi: The Ministry of Information **Broadcasting on Monday** organised a special screening of movie based on former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' at the Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi. The screening was attended by former Director CBI D R Karthikevan, former IG CBI P M Nair and senior government officials, the IB ministry said in a statement. Apurva Chandra, Secretary, I&B, said the film is not only gripping, but also touches the hearts of the audience. He added that the film pays tribute to the thousands of scientists, including Nambi Narayanan, who have dedicated their entire life to the achievements of India's space pro-

WEST BENGAL

Mukul quits as **PAC** chairman Kolkata: Senior TMC leader

Mukul Roy on Monday re-

signed as the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, citing ill-health. In a letter to Speaker Biman Banerjee, Roy wrote, "I would humbly request you to accept my resignation from the post of chairman and as a member of the PAC, West Bengal, as I am unable to discharge my duties owing to ill-health. It has been an honour to serve as the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

Sangli deaths: Probe on into role of 'mantrik'

SUSHANT KULKARNI

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

EIGHT MORE persons lost their

lives in the devastating flood in

Assam on Monday, while over 21

lakh people continued to remain

in distress under the impact of

flood this year mounted to 134

with eight deaths reported dur-

ing the day, which include five

from Cachar district and one

each from Kamrup Metro,

Morigaon and Nagaon, they said.

ported missing in Cachar district,

according to a bulletin of the

State Management Authority (AS-

One person was also re-

There was, however, some improvement in the flood situa-

tion, with the total affected pop-

ulation declining to 21.52 lakh in

22 districts as against the previ-

Disaster

The death toll due to the

the deluge, officials said.

GUWAHATI, JUNE 27

On June 20 around 1pm,

On Sunday, the police ar-

brothers were in touch with this

When asked about the sui-

with abetment of suicide."

family in two houses even as persons for it. The Vanmore they have not revealed the sub-

Opp parties slam Centre for for murder as cops look Zubair arrest, seek his release

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

OPPOSITION PARTIES on Monday condemned the arrest of AltNews co-founder Mohammed Zubair and hit out at the BIP-led government, accusing it of clamping down on those who "expose" its hate speech and fake propaganda.

The Congress, Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, the Left parties, RJD, National Conference and the AIMIM slammed the Centre and accused it of not acting against those who make hate speeches and, instead, targeting those who report such hate campaigns.

The Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations unit of Delhi Police arrested Zubair on Monday, days after registering an FIR based on a complaint by a man who had tagged Delhi Police on social media, alleging that Zubair hurt his religious sentiments and legal action should be taken against him. "Every person exposing BIP's

hate, bigotry and lies is a threat to them. Arresting one voice of truth will only give rise to a thousand more. Truth always triumphs over tyranny. Daro Mat," senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi His party colleague Jairam

Ramesh said AltNews and Zubair have been in the "forefront of exposing the bogus claims of the . Vishguru, who has struck back with a vengeance characteristic of him." Ramesh added, "Delhi Police, reporting to the Union Home Minister, has long lost any pretensions of professionalism and independence."

Trinamool Congress leader



Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair sent to 1-day police remand. ANI

and Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien called Zubair "one of the world's finest journalists who exposes BJP's fake news factory" every day. Tagging PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, O'Brien tweeted, "for all the power you wield, you are essentially COWARDS". Samajwadi Party chief

Akhilesh Yadav tweeted (translated from Hindi), "Those who trade/deal in lies don't like the ones who investigate the truth... those who have nurtured people who spew poison of hate. Demanding immediate re-

lease of Zubair, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said that "the Modi government is insecure and threatened by anything that exposes the fake hate machine of misinformation." AIMIM leader and Lok Sabha

MP Asaduddin Owaisi said Zubair's arrest is highly condemnable. "He's been arrested with no notice and in some unknown FIR. Total violation of due process. Delhi Police does nothing about anti-Muslim genocidal slogans but acts swiftly against "crime" of reporting hate speech and countering misinformation," Owaisi posted on Twitter.

hate speech is no crime but reporting/exposing such speeches are criminal activities and that's why Zubair has been arrested. And Irony dies hundred deaths... The great LEADER invokes "Shocked to hear that Zubair

RJD leader and Rajya Sabha

MP Manoj Jha stated: "Making

has been taken into custody by the Delhi Police. Checking fact from fiction was probably his biggest crime?" Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi posted. Lok Sabha MP and Congress

leader Shashi Tharoor called the arrest an assault on truth. "India's few fact-checking services, especially AltNews, perform a vital service in our post-truth political environment, rife with disinformation. They debunk falsehoods whoever perpetrates them. To arrest Zubair is an assault on truth. He should be released immediately," Tharoor stated.

Posting screenshots of Zubair's tweet concerned and one by a BJF supporter, NC leader and former I&K CM Omar Abdullah tweeted. "Only one of these tweets will get you arrested for hurting religious sentiments & no prizes for guessing which one. There isn't even the pretense of equality under law any

DIGIPUB, an organisation of digital news media organisations, released a statement "strongly condemning the arrest". It stated ..Zubair had previously been booked by Uttar Pradesh Police for calling three Hindutva supremacists 'hatemongers' in a tweet. This is not the first time he is being subject to legal harassment. This is the sixth FIR filed against Zubair over the last two years...'

Dacoit on the run for two decades arrested in UP

ACUTE PAUCITY OF DOCTORS IN UNION TERRITORY

Ladakh makes it must for doctors who studied under its quota to serve for 5 yrs

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, JUNE 27

would not be appropriate for this FACED WITH an acute shortage It noted the murder has taken of doctors, the administration in Ladakh has modified its governplace in Mansa, Puniab and therement service policy and made it fore it is the jurisdiction of Punjab Police to investigate the case and mandatory for those who get adthey can very well take him mission in medical colleges in (Bishnoi) on remand. The bench Jammu Kashmir and elsewhere in the country against seats reagreed to hear the plea of served for Ladakh to compulso-On June 14, a Delhi court had rily serve in the UT for a minigranted Punjab Police the transit mum five years after completing the five-year MBBS course.

remand of Bishnoi to take him to Punjab in the Moosewala killing Otherwise, they are liable to pay a penalty of Rs 50 lakh, ac-The court had passed the orcording to an order issued last der as Punjab Police produced week by Ladakh's Health and Bishnoi before it after formally ar-

Medical Education Department. To meet the shortage of doctors in Ladakh, the J&K administration allots certain seats in MBBS/PG degree, DNB/PG diploma and paramedical in clinical and non-clinical courses across Jammu and Kashmir. Besides this, the UT is also allocated 6 to 7 MBBS seats out of the Central pool by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare every year.

Illustrating the shortage. Principal Secretary, Health, Dr Pawan Kotwal said that at present, 44 per cent positions of medical officers in Ladakh are vacant, and less than 100 out of 175 sanctioned medical officers are working in the UT. To address this shortfall, from

the ongoing academic session, every candidate who avails of the Central pool or J&K pool of MBBS seats meant for Ladakh will have to execute a compulsory service bond in favour of Ladakh administration that she/he will serve in the UT for a minimum of five years, failing which he/she will pay Rs 50 lakh, the order stated. The original bond will be submitted to the

Director, Health Services, Ladakh, it added. In the case of a PG course, the

compulsory service period is fixed at three years. However, in case of failure to serve the stipulated period mentioned in the bond, the candidate will have to pay Rs 50 lakh to the Ladakh administration, according to the order. On successful completion of a medical course other than MBBBS or PG, the candidate will have to serve in the UT for a minimum of two years, and if she/he fails to do so, will have to pay Rs 45 lakh to the administration, the order stated.

Kotwal said this compulsory government service bond is to be executed only by candidates who avail the Central and J&K pool seats that are filled on the basis of Ladakh-specific merit list, and not those who get admission on all-India or J&K medical entrance examinations.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LUCKNOW. JUNE 27

THE AURAIYA police in Uttar Pradesh have arrested a dacoit, who was absconding for over two decades and carried a reward of Rs 50,000 on his head. Chela Singh (68), a member

of the notorious Lalaram gang involved in several heinous crimes, including kidnapping, was nabbed when he came to his native place Bhason to meet his family members on Saturday. Ayana police station in-charge

Jitendra Singh said, "During the preliminary inquiry, it was found that Chela Singh was living in Chitrakoot with a fake identity. He was staying there as Brijmohan Das. We also recovered a fake PAN card, voter identity card and a ration card in the name of Brijmohan Das from him."

As per the police records, Chela has 21 cases against him, including that of kidnapping for ransom. The UP police had declared a reward of Rs 50,000 on him in 2015, said an official.

The police suspect that Chela could also be involved in the kidnapping of slain former MP and dacoit Phoolan Devi before the 1981 Behmai incident. Phoolan and her associates were booked for killing 21 Thakurs in the Behmai incident.

The police said after Lalaram and other gang members were killed, Chela fled from the ravines and started living at a ashram in Madhya Pradesh. Later, he shifted to another ashram in Chitrakoot.

Chela was not feeling well for the last few months and had requested others at the ashram to take him to his native place in Auraiya. When he reached Auraiya, his family and locals identified him only after he narrated everything to them.

After a tip, police rushed to the village and arrested him.

Mandal, the Bhavnagar-registered

ROW OVER DIKTAT IN GUJARAT

College principal issues notice asking students to join BJP, quits

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT. JUNE 27

TWO DAYS after she issued a no-

tice asking students to enroll themselves as members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), principal of a women's college in Bhavnagar resigned from her post on Monday even as she and the college administration were summoned by the vice-chancellor of Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University on Monday.

A purported notice issued by Rajnibala Gohil, incharge principal of Shreemati Narmadabai Chatrabhuj Gandhi Mahila College, in Bhavnagar city, popularly known as NC Gandhi college, was widely shared on social media on Monday, in which Gohil asked the students to bring their passport size photos and mobile phones to the college so that they could be enrolled as BJP members. "Every girl student of the col-

lege is hereby notified that: (1)

Every girl student of the college

shall bring a passport-size photo of hers for her registration as member of page committee of the BJP... (2) It is necessary for every girl student to carry her mobile phone to college for joining the (ongoing) member (enrolment) drive of the BJP," the notice issued on Friday stated. It added only students living in jurisdiction of the Bhavnagar

Municipal Corporation were eligible to become BIP members.

As the notices signed by Gohil went viral on social media on

Monday and local media outlets started reporting it, the college administration said she had resigned. "I came to know about the notice on Sunday evening. I went to the college this morning to discuss the issue with the incharge principal when she tendered her resignation. She told me that it was her moral duty to step down as principal after what had happened," Dhirendra Vaishnav, ex-

charitable trust which runs the college, told The Indian Express. Vaishnav defended Gohil saying she issued the notice inadvertently after a woman approached her informing the principal about

> the BIP's membership enrolment drive that began on June 16. "As far as we know, there was

no mal-intention. Her bona fides are very clear. She is in fact professor of political science and is a ecutive director of Smt Rukshamanibahen Dipchand straightforward lady," Vaishnav Gardi Bhavnagar Stree Kelavani

New Delhi

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PDPM Indian Institute of Information Technology,

Ph.D./Special Part Time programme (Ph.D.) for the session 2022-23. Last date for submission of online application is 11/07/2022(11:59 PM). Detailed information is available on the Institute website www.iiitdmj.ac.in.

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EVERYDAY GLOBAL

THE ISKANDER-M MISSILE SYSTEM RUSSIA HAS PROMISED TO ARM BELARUS WITH

SAURABHKAPOOR

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

RUSSIA HAS promised its ally Belarus delivery of nuclear-capable missiles to take on an "aggressive" West. In a televised broadcast, President Vladimir Putin said: "In the coming months, we will transfer to Belarus Iskander-M tactical missile systems, which can use ballistic or cruise missiles, in their conventional and nuclear versions.'

The missile system

Codenamed "SS-26 Stone" by NATO, Iskander-M is a term used by Russia to define both the transporter-erector launch system and the short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) it fires. The system can also fire ground-launched cruise missiles (GLCMs). The Iskander-M system is exclusively used by the Russian military, whereas Iskander-E is the one meant for export.

Firepower

The Iskander-M missile has a range of 500 km and it can carry a payload of up to 700 kg. It is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads. The conventional warheads can be equipped with cluster bombs, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) warheads and bunker-buster munitions, according to US-based Missile Defence Advocacy Alliance (MDAA). The export variant, Iskander-E, has a range of 280 km with a reduced 480 kg payload.

Development

While the Iskander system was inducted by Russia in 2006, its development picked pace in the late 1980s after the OTR-23 'Oka' ballistic missile was banned under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces

The Oka was Russia's first attempt to replace the Soviet Scud missiles. Iskander was the second. Russia first used the Iskander in

US-based think tank, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), says that the Iskander missiles are designed to confuse missile defences by flying at a low trajectory and manoeuvring in flight to strike targets within an accuracy of around two to

Projection of power

Russia has made the Belarus announcement at the time when the G-7 meets in Germany. It is also one more time that Putin has raised nuclear weapons as a sort of warning to the West against climbing the escalation ladder in the Ukraine war.

Iskander system to project power against Europe, more so because of its ability to be fitted with tactical nuclear warheads. In 2012, Moscow said that the weapon could be used to target Europe's missile defences. The Iskander system has already been deployed in Kaliningrad, a Russian exclave, from where it can be fired to target NATO forces in Poland. the Baltic States, and Sweden.

Moosewala's SYL music video removed from YouTube. Why?

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

GOOGLE-OWNED YouTube has removed a new song by deceased Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala from its platform in India citing a "legal complaint from the government". The song, SYL, is available in other countries on YouTube, and on audio streaming platforms such as Spotify, Gaana, JioSaavn within India.

WHY & HOW: The only reason cited by YouTube for removing the video is the legal complaint from the government. In a statement, a YouTube spokesperson said: "We have clear policies for removal requests from governments around the world. We...also review content for violations of our Community Guidelines. And, where appropriate, we restrict or remove content in keeping with local laws and our Terms of Service after a thorough review."

The government's requests are made either formally through webforms etc., or through informal channels such as Google's public policy team. Some requests may allege infringement of intellectual property rights; others may claim violation of laws that prohibit certain types of content on grounds such as defamation.

THE SONG: *SYL*, the song's title, stands for the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal. It was recorded weeks before the singer's murder, and was released on June 23. The



His song removed following a 'legal complaint from government'. File

canal lies at the heart of a 40-year-old dispute between Punjab and Haryana over sharing of the waters of the Ravi and Beas.

Moosewala's song mentioned the anti-Sikh violence of 1984, and the video showed the Sikh flag being hoisted on the Red Fort during the farmers' agitation.

The video got 27 million views and received 3.3 million likes on YouTube in less

HOW OFTEN? As per the Google Transparency Report, during 2021, there were 1,670 government requests to remove content from YouTube on a range of grounds including defamation, criticism of the government, violence, causing religious offence, national security, hate speech, copyright, privacy, security, etc. In 2020, 1,538 such requests were made.



combat in Georgia in 2008.

In the past too, Russia has used the

According to the rebel camp, since Zirwal's party (NCP) is supporting the "mi-

decide issues objectively, Shinde has said he "does not expect justice at all from Zirwal, who, it seems, is bent upon acting on the directions of the leaders opposed to the Petitioner (Shinde) and his colleagues".

'ILLEGAL' APPOINTMENT: The petition claimed that Choudhari's appointment as leader of the SSLP was made by a "minority faction" of Sena MLAs — and under the Members of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 1986, it was "illegal" and "unconstitutional" for Zirwal to ratify it.

Also, Shinde has said, despite being from the minority faction of the SSLP. Choudhari and Prabhu unlawfully made a petition to the Deputy Speaker under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, based on which

Senior advocate Devadatt Kamat representing the Maharashtra government, argued that while the notice sent by the Thackeray faction was on the official letterhead of the party, the letter from the Shinde group was "purported to be of Shiv Sena", claiming to be the majority faction.

SIMPLY PUT

Sena crisis: issues before SC

In petitions, the Maharashtra rebels have raised four key issues, involving provisions of the Constitution and Assembly Rules. Arguments on Monday referred to two major judgments, from 1992 and 2016.

OMKARGOKHALE

MUMBAI, JUNE 27

THE SUPREME Court on Monday passed an interim order extending until 5.30 pm on July 12 the time granted by the Deputy Speaker of the Maharashtra Assembly, Narhari Zirwal, to 16 rebel Shiv Sena MLAs to reply to the disqualification notices served on them.

The Maharashtra government undertook to protect the life and properties of 39 rebel MLAs and their families. The Supreme Court will now hear the petitions — filed by rebel leader Eknath Shinde, and Bharat Gogavale and 14 other MLAs of the Shinde camp - on

It, however, refused to restrain the holding of a floor test in the Assembly until it hears the pleas next.

Background of petitions

Shinde and Gogavale, whom the rebels have chosen Chief Whip of the Sena legislature party replacing Sunil Prabhu, sought a stay on the disqualification notices issued on June 25 to 16 Sena MLAs who did not attend a party meeting convened by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

They have also challenged the appointment, on June 21, of Ajay Choudhari as leader of the Shiv Sena Legislative Party (SSLP), replacing Shinde.

Zirwal gave the 16 MLAs 48 hours until Monday, June 27, to respond, failing which action would be initiated against them. In his petition, Shinde claimed that Zirwal, who is an NCP MLA, cannot act on the disqualification petition against the 16 MLAs while notice for a resolution seeking his own removal remains pending.

Key arguments before SC

ZIRWAL'S ALLEGED BIAS: The post of Speaker has been vacant since Nana Patole resigned in February 2021 to become president of the Maharashtra Congress. Shinde has argued that ordinarily, a member who has been elected as Speaker or Deputy Speaker resigns from the membership of his party — but Zirwal has not done so.

nority faction" of the Shiv Sena (that is still with Thackeray), his actions are "biased, based on mala fide and considerations totally against constitutional principles and to help his political party". While the Deputy Speaker is supposed to

However, Shinde did not press this arguent in court on Monday, and instead sought a stay on the disqualification proceedings as immediate relief.

the 16 MLAs were served notices.

THE 2/3rds RULE IN ANTI-DEFECTION LAW

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, JUNE 27

THE POLITICAL crisis in Maharashtra has given rise to the question whether the Shiv Sena rebels can avoid disqualification under the anti-defection law.

Law and exception

Under the anti-defection law, a member of a legislature can be disqualified if he or she has voluntarily given up membership of their political party; and if he/she votes or abstains from voting in the House contrary to any direction issued by their party (or by any person or authority authorised by the party).

There is a provision to protect such legislators from disqualification. If two-thirds of the members agree to a merger with another party, they will not be disqualified. Under the 91st Amendment to the Constitution in 2003, the exemption from disqualification if one-third of the members form a separate group (the rule prior to the amendment) was removed.

How courts have ruled

In February this year, the High Court of Bombay at Goa held that 10 Congress MLAs and two two MGP MLAs, who had defected to the BJP in 2019, are exempted from disqualification and held that a merger of this group of Congress MLAs is "deemed to be a merger" of the original political party with the BJP (Girish Chodankar v Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly).

In Rajendra Singh Rana v Swami Prasad Maurya (2007), a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court interpreted the term "voluntarily giving up membership of a political party", and held that "a person may be said to have voluntarily given up membership of an original party even though he or she has not tendered resignation from membership of the party" and that an inference can be drawn from conduct of the member.

The two-thirds rule

Some experts believe that even if twothirds of legislators have broken away, they will be protected from disqualification only if they merge with another party or be-



Guwahati hotel where they are staying. PTI

come a separate group in the legislature. Senior advocate Devdatt Kamat, rep-

resenting Shiv Sena, said that until the MLAs rebel camp merges with another party, disqualification under the anti-defection law will still apply to them. He said there are court judgements including in the Ravi Naik case (1994) in the Supreme Court which held this view. Senior advocate Shrihari Aney, a former

Advocate General of Maharashtra, said there are debatable positions about the anti-defection law. "Various courts have passed verdicts as per specific facts of the case and I am of the view that the Eknath Shinde faction has already crossed the two-thirds mark and thus they cannot be subjected under this law and they are protected from the antidefection law. They are entitled to be identified as a separate group or a 'gat' in the house and to participate in the proceedings."

Disqualification notices Another issue that has arisen is

whether the disqualification notices served on 16 rebel MLAs can stand the scrutiny of law. Experts said that as per the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on grounds of Defection) Rules and other stipulations, the Deputy Speaker's decision cannot be upheld. Aney said, "In my opinion, the notices

disqualifying some MLAs are void ab initio. The orders are premised on the ground that these MLAs did not attend the official meeting and did not adhere to the whip. But, a whip is limited only to the business of the legislature... Here it was for a meeting called by their president Uddhav

Zirwal had rightly recognised Choudhari's appointment based on the authentic party letterhead, Kamat said.

'UTTER DISREGARD' FOR SC 2016 RULING: Shinde has said that a notice to move a resolution for removal of Zirwal as Deputy Speaker under Article 179(c) of the Constitution and Rule 11 of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rules, was submitted on June 21, before the disqualification notices were served on the rebels.

The petition refers to the Supreme Court's judgment in Nabam Rebia & Bamang Felix v. Deputy Speaker, Arunachal Legislative Assembly (2016), in which the court had held that if the Speaker faces a motion for his own removal first, both the constitutional provisions under the Tenth Schedule and Article 179(c) would have their "independent operational space preserved".

The court had ruled that it would be "constitutionally impermissible for a Speaker to adjudicate upon disqualification petitions under the Tenth Schedule while a motion of resolution for his own removal from Office of Speaker is pending".

According to the rebel camp, the petition

for disqualification was submitted to Zirwal after the notice for moving a resolution for his own removal was given, and therefore, the Deputy Speaker's decision was in "utter disregard" of the 2016 SC ruling and, therefore, "non-maintainable". In response, Senior Advocate Abhishek

Manu Singhvi for Choudhari submitted that the 1992 Constitution Bench judgment in Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillhu had clearly laid down that courts cannot interfere until the Speaker makes a decision, and that the Speaker has sweeping discretion in deciding cases of disqualification of MLAs. Singhvi argued that courts can only aid

the procedure that the Speaker or Deputy speaker is supposed to follow, and that Nabam Rebia cannot be misused to restrain the Speaker. He said that Article 212 bars the courts from inquiring into the proceedings of the legislature, and asserted that the Speaker was competent to decide a disqualification plea under the Tenth schedule of the Constitution when notice of his removal is under consideration Singhvi also questioned the petitioners'

"leap frogging" to the Supreme Court without approaching the High Court first, and

challenged the maintainability of the plea. Senior advocate N K Kaul for the rebels argued that the apex court had the discretion to entertain the pleas. Senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan repre-

senting Zirwal informed that the no-confidence motion against him was rejected as the genuineness or veracity of the notice could not be ascertained. The court asked whether the Speaker could be a judge in his own case, and asked Zirwal's lawyer to place the new developments pertaining to rejection of the notice on record.

48 HOURRS TO RESPOND 'AGAINST RULES': Referring to Rule 7(3)(b) of the

Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Grounds of Defection) Rules, 1986, Shinde has said that persons who are sought to be disqualified are entitled to at least a 7-day period (further extendable) to submit their reply. But the June 25 notice gave the rebels only

48 hours, he has said. According to the rebels, Zirwal "com-

pletely bypassed" the Rules, and his action was "nothing but an eyewash to put a façade of compliance of the rules".

EXPLAINED HEALTH

Takeaways from Maharashtra Covid surge: more transmissible, not so virulent



From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

MAHARASHTRA HAS been witnessing a daily upward spiral of Covid-19 cases. On June 23, the state reported 5,218 cases—the highest single-day count since February. The active cases in the state stood at 25,570 on Monday -27% of India's total. The 51 deaths reported so far is the highest toll for y month since March, Although the severity of the infection is mild with 95% of the patients mostly asymptomatic, public health officials are anticipating a further rise in cases, indicative of

Is the fresh surge being fuelled by a new sub-variant of Omicron?

Altogether 99.6% of the samples uploaded from India to the GISAID registry over the past four weeks have been of the Omicron variant, including sub-lineages. BA.2. referred to as "stealth Omicron" (lacks the deletion at position 69/70 in the S protein) appeared to be replacing the existing strains, and INSACOG reported this to be the dominant strain across the country. The BA.2.38 sub-variant has now been reported from Mumbai and Pune as the dominant strain based on sampling and is hypothesised to be the strain driving the present surge. Newer sub-lineages and possible variants were always expected, based on our understanding of viral transmission and evolution dynamics, and this comes as no surprise. What is reassuring is that none of these newer

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epidemiologist and pulmonologist from Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai. He specialises in the treatment of sleep apnea, insomnia, and other sleep-related disorders, with the aim of preventing complications such as high blood pressure and heart disease that are often a consequence of such disorders. He also specialises in the management of COPD.

sub-variants appears to be more virulent.

What are the characteristics of BA.2.38? The sub-variant, similar to other Omicron strains, appears to evade immunity offered

by vaccinations and past infections. This is why we are witnessing a significant proportion of breakthrough infections and reinfections. There is data to suggest that the subvariant may be more transmissible, explaining the present surge. However, vaccination and prior infection do appear to continue to protect against moderate and severe disease, and this is reassuring.

Are the clinical symptoms any different?

Fever, sore throat (often severe), nasal congestion, body ache, loss of taste and a mild cough are the predominant symptoms that are being reported. Diarrhoea is also occasionally reported, but seems less common than the frequency with which it was reported with earlier Omicron strains. For most individuals, symptoms appear to get better in four days, with fatigue and a mild cough often persisting longer.

Do the cases of reinfection indicate that

the immunity offered by previous infection and vaccination is not strong enough? Immunity can be defined as the body's

ability to contain an infection and not allow it to cause major damage. If you use this definition, previous infections and vaccinations do appear to be offering individuals with a robust immunity against Covid-19. However, prior infection and/or vaccination may not always protect an individual from getting infected, as variants such as Omicron are known to be "escape variants" that can evade the first line of defence against infection.

Does lower hospitalisation indicate that the new variants are becoming more transmissible but less virulent?

This fortunately does appear to be the case. However, we must not ignore the role that vaccination has played, and the "less virulence" could be a combination of the virus being milder and the immune response be-

New Delhi

ing a lot stronger. In a high-risk, unvaccinated individual with no prior exposure to the virus, even mild strains could potentially cause severe disease and we must, therefore, strive to vaccinate everyone

People administered boosters too are getting reinfected. How robust is the protection offered by current vaccines?

We need to constantly remind ourselves that vaccines are designed to create an immune response that prevents severe disease, and the present vaccines and boosters appear to be doing an excellent job. We should revisit the role of boosters among individuals who have a normal immune system and do not have comorbidities, as frequent boosters in such individuals may not be necessary. Studies clearly show benefit among individuals who are immunocompromised, and all our future efforts should be targeted to this group.

Dr Pinto spoke to Rupsa Chakraborty

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK

IN AN attempt to increase partic-

ipation of women in the gig econ-

omy, the NITI Aayog has proposed

fiscal incentives like tax breaks or

startup grants for companies

with about one-third of their

workforce as women and people

breaks or startup grants may be

provided for businesses that pro-

vide livelihood opportunities

where women constitute a sub-

stantial portion (say, 30 per cent) of their workers. Likewise, a plat-

form with high accessibility or

high degree of participation of

PwDs too may be rewarded with

fiscal incentives," NITI Aayog said

in a report titled 'India's Booming

across urban centres of India, the

report also said that women are

more likely to take up platform

jobs after their education and

marriage. The report also said that

female labour force participation

in India has remained low, oscil-

lating between 16 per cent to 23

per cent in the last few years.

Similarly, persons with disabili-

ties, who make up for 2.11 to 10

per cent of India's population,

Based on a survey conducted

Gig and Platform Economy'.

"Fiscal incentives such as tax-

with disabilities (PwDs).

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

⊘ 78.35/USD

NITI Aayog pitches for

incentives to draw more

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 24

SENSEX: 53,161.28 ▲ 433.30 (0.82%) NIFTY: 15,832.05 ▲ 132.80 (0.85%) NIKKEI: 26,871.27 ▲ 379.30 HANG SENG: 22,229.52 ▲ 510.46 FTSE: 7,253.13 ▲ 44.32 DAX: 13,208.30 ▲ 90.17

OPPN STATES LIKELY TO RAISE DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION REGIME EXTENSION

Rationalisation, reforms may test **Centre-state relations at GST meet**

AANCHAL MAGAZINE CHANDIGARH, JUNE 27

AS THE Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime nears five years of

as they converge for the GST Council meeting on June 28-29. With high inflation rate, any major rejig of tax slabs will not find favour in near term, instead the Council is likely to rely heavilv on a series of other measures to boost revenues - correction of inverted duty structure for items such as LED lamps, printing/drawing ink, knives, spoons, power-driven pumps, so-

completion and ushers in the end of the compensation regime for states to cover revenue gap, measures to boost revenues such as rate rationalisation, review of exemptions and system reforms will turn out to be the key contentious

points between states and Centre

lar water heater, finished leather composite works and withdrawal of exemption for items such as pre-packaged and labelled food items such as wheat flour, puffed

ruled ones, are expected to raise demand for extension of the compensation regime to bridge revenue shortfall beyond June 2022. Under GST, as per the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act. 2017, the states were guaranteed compensation at the compounded rate of 14 per cent from the base year 2015-16 for losses arising due to implementation. Last week, the Finance Ministry notified the extension of the levy and collection of compensation cess till March 2026, in line with an earlier approval accorded by the GST Council last year for repayment of loans meant to compensate states for the five-year period since July 2017 rollout and not for any extension of compen-

sation to states beyond June 2022. "GST has been a good idea but badly implemented. Micro-level management in implementation did not happen. Because of that, states are in a very bad position. Extension of compensation scheme should happen," Delhi

MEETING TODAY States, especially Opposition-

> ■ With high inflation rate, any major rejig of tax slabs will not find favour in near term, instead the Council is likely to rely heavily on other measures to boost revenues. Finance Minister Manish Sisodia told The Indian Express.

"Centre is not being asked to pay from its resources. The compensation funds were supposed to come from levy of cess. Till effective implementation of GST happens, the way it was envisaged, the compensation regime should be continued. States surrendered most of their taxation rights, VAT was one of the biggest components for them. 14 per cent growth was promised, which is not being achieved and it's coming to an end. This is not done," he added.

The Council is also expected to discuss interim recommendarationalisation including levying tax of 12 per cent on hotel rooms costing below Rs 1,000/day which are presently exempt, increasing rate on manufacturing services of leather goods, clay bricks from 5 per cent to 12 per cent, hiking GST on LED lamps, ink, knives, blades, power driven pumps, spoons, forks, dairy machinery from 12 per cent to 18 per cent and bringing in pre-packaged food items including rice, atta, curd, lassi, puffed

tions of a ministerial panel on rate

rice at par with branded food items with a tax rate of 5 per cent. Additionally, it will discuss the Fitment Committee's proposal to levy tax on the margins made by tour operators at a suitable rate along with a suggestion to make e-way bill mandatory for intrastate movement of gold above a threshold of Rs 2 lakh.

The way forward

More measures for compliance to plug revenue leakages are in the offing with a greater scrutiny to be over high-risk taxpayers. At the time of registration, measures such as better verification through

use of mandatory biometric authentication for high-risk taxpayers, inclusion of electricity bill data, real time validation of all bank accounts against a particular PAN and geo-tagging have been suggested by a ministerial panel.

"Broadening the base is the only option, you cannot raise rates. Compliance has to be increased using technology to identify revenue leakage, bogus returns, which is not getting caught in the system at present,' Sisodia, who was a member of the GoM on system reforms, said.

Identifying risky behaviour of the new registrants/applicants using artificial intelligence and place the information on the back office for the field officer to carry out mandatory physical verification of these taxpayers along with real time validation of bank accounts through integration of GST system with NPCI and inclusion of electricity bill metadata (CA No.) as a data field during registration by new taxpayers are some of the measures going to be discussed in the Council meeting. Full report on

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have a labour force participation rate of 36 per cent. 'Structural barriers like access to education and lack of skilling have hindered participation of the two demographic groups in the country's labour force." the report said. The report estimates that

more than 7.5 million workers were engaged in the gig economy in 2020-21. This could grow to

women into gig economy benefits

GIG WORKERS are typically hired by companies on a contractual basis and are not considered employees. They do not re $ceive \, some \, of \, the \, benefits \,$ that an on-roll staff does.

23.5 million workers in the next eight years, making up for 4.1 per cent of total livelihood in India According to the report, at present about 47 per cent of the gig work is in medium skilled jobs, about 22 per cent in high skilled, and about 31 per cent in low skilled jobs. Gig workers can be broadly classified into platform and non-platform workers. Platform workers are those whose work is based on online software apps or digital platforms while non-platform gig workers are generally casual wage workers, working part-time or fulltime. While platform companies have created avenues of employment, it has often been marred by low wages, unequal gender participation, and a lack of possibility for upward mobility within an

organisation. The report also recommended that businesses have a higher share of women managers and supervisors in the organisation to ensure that communication to workers does not perpetuate gender stereotypes. "To encourage more women, platforms may develop better infra-

hance skill development, asset ownership, access to digital skills and technology, undertake gender sensitisation and accessibility awareness programmes for workers and their families, Sakshi Khurana, consultant at Niti Aayog's skill development, labour and employment vertical, and part of the research team for the report, told The Indian Express.

To encourage increased and equal participation in the gig economy, the report said social security benefits be extended to workers in a partnership mode, as envisaged in the Code on Social Security, 2020. It also said that businesses offer paid sick leave to their workers apart from insurance cover. Gig workers are typically hired by companies on a contractual basis and are not considered their employees. As a result, they do not receive some of the benefits that an on roll employee of the company may have this means that they often do not receive benefits like paid sick and casual leaves, travel and housing allowances, and provident fund savings, among other things. The report also recommended that firms adopt policies that offer old age or retirement plans and benefits and other insurance cover for contingencies such as injury arising from work that may lead to loss of employment and income. NITI Aayog added that access to institutional credit could be enhanced through financial products specifically designed for platform workers and those interested to set-up their own platforms. Full report on

Russia denies US claims of debt default

rice, curd/lassi/buttermilk, paneer

Tells investors to go to Western agents



City of Lysychansk, Ukraine, under Russian attack. Reuters

Moscow: Russia rejected claims on Monday that it had defaulted on its external debt for the first time in more than a century, telling investors to go to Western financial agents for the cash which was sent but bondholders

The White House said Russia has defaulted on its international bonds, "Statements of a default are absolutely unjustified,' Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said. "The fact that Euroclear withheld this money and did not bring it to the recipients is not our problem. There are absolutely no grounds to call such situation a default." Euroclear did not immediately respond to a request for comment, **REUTERS**

BRIEFLY —

New Delhi: Nitin Gupta, an

IRS officer of the 1986 batch,

has been named as the new

Central Board of Direct Taxes

(CBDT) Chairman and took

charge Monday. He is serv-

ing as the Member (investi-

gation) in the Board and set

to retire next September.

Bajaj buyback

New Delhi: Bajaj Auto's board

cleared buyback of fully paid

up equity shares with a face

value of ₹10 each from exist-

ing shareholders from open

market for ₹2,500 crore. PTI

Switzerland: Credit Suisse

Switzerland's Federal Criminal Court for failing to prevent money-laundering

by a Bulgarian cocaine traf-

ficking gang, in the country's

first criminal trial of one of

its major banks. **REUTERS**

convicted

Credit Suisse

CBDT chief

GST cuts 'not passed on': L'Oreal told to pay up

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE NATIONAL Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) has asked L'Oreal to pay Rs 186 crore along with 18 per cent interest to the Consumer Welfare Fund for not passing on GST rate cut benefits.

COMPANY TO PAY

₹186 cr

■ Amount that the NAA has asked L'Oreal to pay, along

VULNERABLE SECTORS

Transport operators, edible oil,

vulnerable to operating profit

input cost pass-through of

gems and jewellery are the most

losses owing to wafer thin margin

Survey details: MSMEs from 69 sectors and 147 clusters with revenue of ξ 47 lakh crore or a fourth

OFCD issuance: 2 Sahara group

Sebi said the fine needs

to be paid within 45 days

fines need to be paid jointly and

severally within 45 days. The pe-

nalised individuals are Ashok

Roy Choudhary, Ravi Shanker

Dubey and Vandana Bharrgava.

of OFCDs by Sahara India Real

Estate Corporation Limited

(SIRECL), now known as Sahara

Commodity Services Corporat-

ion Limited, and Sahara Housing

Investment Corporation Limited

(SHICL). The two companies had

The case relates to issuance

cos, Roy, 3 others fined ₹12 cr

of India's GDP analysed to arrive at details on how small businesses fared during the pandemic

n 3% and limited

'25% of MSMEs lost market

share to big corporations'

respective market share to big corporations during the

A fourth of Indian MSMEs lost 3% or more of their

Covid pandemic, a Crisil report said

50% Share of surveyed micro,

(MSMEs), that lost market share,

small & medium enterprises

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THE SECURITIES and Exchange

Board of India (Sebi) on Monday

imposed penalties totalling Rs 12

crore on two Sahara Group firms

Sahara Commodity Services

Corporation Ltd and Sahara Hou-

sing Investment Corporation Ltd

– as well as Subrata Roy and

three others for violating regula-

tory norms in the issuance of op-

tionally fully convertible deben-

tures (OFCDs) in 2008 and 2009.

Officer Suresh B Menon said the

In an order, Sebi Adjudicating

MUMBAI, JUNE 27

The authority directed the directorate general anti-profiteering to initiate further investigations to find out whether L'Oreal passed on tax reduction benefits in the period after December 31, 2018. Most products sold by L'Oreal attracted a 28 per cent GST between July 1, 2017 and November 14, 2017. The rates on these items were reduced

'Essential' segment MSMEs like

millers hardly lost any market share

SECTORS WHERE MSMEs

■ Steel pig iron, where only SMEs

issued the OFCDs in 2008 and

2009 and were allegedly done in

contravention of the provisions

of Sebi's ICDR (Issue of Capital

and Disclosure Requirements)

Regulations and PFUTP

(Prohibition of Fraudulent and

Unfair Trade Practices) rules.

Aurobindo Pharma warned

Meanwhile, Sebi issued a

warning letter to Aurobindo

Pharma for disclosing "very lim-

ited and restricted information"

to bourses about a US FDA audit

of its API manufacturing unit in

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Hyderabad.

Source: Crisil/PT

could capitalise on revival in

infrastructure demand, as large

plants consumed their output

pharmaceutical/agricultural

to 18 per cent from November 15, 2017. L'Oreal had said it reduced rates after the GST Council decision in November, 2017 by increasing quantity in the case of shampoos, conditioners and colour naturals. The company pointed out that the government had not given any guidelines or methodology to pass on benefits. FE

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'India, EU resume FTA talks' New Delhi: Senior officials from India and among India's key demands. The negotithe European Union (EU) resumed the ations restart at a time the US and the EU

much-awaited negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) here Monday, after a gap of about nine years. Both sides are set to focus on "deliverables'

first during the course of the negotiations, before moving on to contentious matters, sources said.

PIYUSH GOYAL

Commerce Minister PTI file

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met European Commission **Executive Vice President** Valdis Dombrovskis on June 17 and "discussed ways to fast track negotiations".

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Airlines canceled over 700 flights in the US on Monday, as adverse weather and a shortage of staff hurt their ability to keep up with a surge in summer travel demand.



Leonardo Del Vecchio

ITALY Ray-Ban owner Del Vecchio dies aged 87

LEONARDO DEL Vecchio, who rose from childhood poverty to build the eyewear empire that owns brands such as Ray-Ban and Oakley, has died at the age of 87, his company said on Monday. Fashion designer Giorgio Armani was among those to pay tribute to Del Vecchio with whom he had worked since the 1980s. "Together, we invented a phenomenon that did not exist: we immediately realised that glasses, from simple functional objects would become indispensable fashion accessories," Armani said. "His story, from orphanage to leadership of a business empire, seems like a story from another time. But it is an example for today and tomorrow. RIP," European Economy Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni said on Twitter.

Budget leak row: Minister says won't step down

REUTERS

MAOIST LEADER and **Nepal Finance Minister** Janardan Sharma, who has been accused of leaking the Budget document by allowing two outsiders during a preparatory meeting with high ranking officials, barely hours before its presentation in Parliament Monday, refused to step down. Speaking in the upper house of Parliament. Sharma said he had brought a pro-people Budget and that he will not be obliging "any one" demanding his resignation. Meanwhile, the Unified Socialist Party, a major constituent in Nepal's five-party ruling coalition replaced four of its members in Cabinet. YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

Two Indians among three tourists rescued

THREE STRANDED tourists, including two Indians, have been rescued from a forest in Nepal, a day after they went missing, police said on Monday. Police said the tourists were rescued from Chandragiri Forest, some 15 kilometres West of Kathmandu. The two Indian nationals were identified as Nawaprit Dhillion, 30, and Madhav

G7 COUNTRIES PREPARE NEW AID TO KYIV

NATO to increase rapid reaction force to 300,000, modernise Ukraine armament

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BRUSSELS, KYIV JUNE 27

NATO SECRETARY general Jens Stoltenberg said Monday the military alliance will increase the size of its rapid reaction forces nearly eightfold to 300,000 troops as part of its response to an "era of strategic competition".

The annoncement came as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy Monday urged G7 leaders meeting in Germany to supply anti-aircraft defence systems to his embattled nation as Russian forces assaulted Lysychansk, the last big city still held by Ukrainian troops in eastern Luhansk province.

The NATO response force currently has about 40,000 sol-

Coupled with other measures including the deployment of forces to defend specific allies. Stoltenberg said the move is part of the "biggest overhaul of collective defence and deterrence since the Cold War". He made the remarks at a press conference ahead of a NATO summit



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses G7 leaders via video link during their working session at Castle Elmau in Kruen, Germany, on Monday. AP

later this week in Madrid when the 30 allies are expected to also agree on further support to Ukraine in its war against Russia.

Stoltenberg said he expects allies to make clear they consider Russia "as the most significant and direct threat to our security."

Over the long term, he said allies aim to help Ukraine transition from Soviet-era armaments to modern NATO equipment.

Biggest policy overhaul

Strategic Concept, its most important document, is expected to address for the first time the security challenges posed by China.

Toxic gas leak

ber countries are also growing wary of the growing influence of the region's "southern neighborhood".

The Alliance's mem-

US to provide surface-to-air missile system to Ukraine

Elmau (Germany): President Joe Biden is set to announce that the US is providing advanced an surface-to-air missile system to Ukraine, as well as additional artillery support, according to a person familiar with the matter, in the latest assistance meant to help the country defend against Russia's invasion

The US is purchasing NASAMS, a Norwegian-developed anti-aircraft system, to provide mediumto long-range defence, according to the person, who spoke on the $condition \, of \, an onymity. \, NASAMS$ is the same system used by the US to protect the sensitive airspace around the White House and US Capitol in Washington.

Additional aid includes more ammunition for Ukrainian artillery, as well as counter-battery radars, to support its efforts against the Russian assault. AP

Qatar to host indirect Iran-US discussion on reviving nuclear deal

PARISA HAFEZI & ANDREW MILLS DUBAI, JUNE 27

QATAR WILL host indirect talks between Iran and the United States in coming days, Iranian media reported on Monday, amid a push by the European Union to break a months-long impasse in negotiations to reinstate a 2015 nuclear pact.

"Iran has chosen Qatar to host the talks because of Doha's friendly ties with Tehran," Mohammad Marandi, a media adviser to Iran's top nuclear negotiator, told the ISNA news agency.

A source briefed on the visit said that US Special Envoy for Iran, Robert Malley, was expected to arrive in Doha on Monday and meet with the Qatari foreign minister. An Iranian official told Reuters that Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Ali Bagheri Kani, would be in Doha for the talks on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Iran's foreign ministry was not immediately available for comment and the Qatari government didn't comment. Later, however, Iran's Tasnim news agency cited a source at Iran's foreign ministry



negotiator, Ali Bagheri

as saying that "Bagheri will travel

to Doha on Tuesday".

The pact appeared close to being secured in March when the EU invited foreign ministers representing the accord's parties to Vienna to finalise an agreement after 11 months of indirect talks between Tehran and the US.

But the talks have since been suspended, chiefly over Tehran's insistence that Washington remove the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), its elite security force, from the US Foreign Terrorist Organization list.

Last week, one Iranian and one European official said Iran had dropped its demand for the removal of the IRGC's FTO sanctions, but still two issues, including one on sanctions, remained to be resolved. "Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Saeed Khatibzadeh, said on Monday.

Seoul urges China, Russia to prevent North Korean nuclear test

KIM TONG-HYUNG SEOUL, JUNE 27

A TOP South Korean official said Monday that North Korea is increasingly targeting the South with its nuclear arms program, and urged China and Russia to persuade the North not to conduct a widely

expected nuclear test.

Unification Minster Kwon ments came af-North Korean leader Kim Jong Un reemphasized his

tions in a key military meeting last week and approved unspecified new operational duties for front-line army units.

Kwon, who oversees South Korea's relations with North Korea, said at a news conference the North is exploiting a favorable environment to push ahead with weapons development and overturn the regional status quo as the U.S.-led West remains distracted over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He said North Korea's nuclear ambitions pose a "very serious and

fundamental threat" to South

Korea and that Seoul is preparing

stern countermeasures in re-

sponse to a possible North Korean nuclear test. He didn't elaborate. "North Korea's transition in

"It seems clear that North Korea is simultaneously pursuing an ability to attack the US and to attack South Korea," he said. AP

An soldier tries to calm down people waiting to buy fuel in Colombo, Monday. The armed forces have been deployed to distribute tokens to people queueing for fuel. AP

Sri Lanka has fuel left only for days, to run only essential services

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO JUNE 27

THE SRI Lankan government on Monday announced only essential services will operate from midnight till July 10 and all other operations will be temporarily suspended as the crisis-hit nation faces acute fuel shortage.

The move came days after Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday said the debt-laden economy of the island nation has "collapsed" after months of shortages of food. fuel and electricity, and cannot even purchase imported oil.

Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers decided only essential services will operate from Monday midnight to July 10.

'Fuel will be issued only to health, defence, power and export sectors from midnight today until July 10," Cabinet spokesperson Bandula Gunawardena told reporters. The state-run Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) will issue diesel and petrol only for essential services with effect from midnight, it said.

These services include ports. airports, health, food distribution and agriculture, a report said, quoting transport minister

Gunawardena. "All other sectors must prepare from work from home programme," he said, urging the public to support the government's move to limit the consumption of fuel.

While the government said talks were held with India for a fresh credit line, a ministerial delegation is to visit Russia for talks to buy discounted oil, the government said.

US team meets President Rajapaksa

A high-level US delegation on Monday met President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and discussed measures to help the island nation cope with an unprecedented economic crisis and severe shortages of essential supplies.

US Ambassador Kelly Keiderling, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Department of State, and Robert Kaproth, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury accompanied by Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie J Chung met the President to discuss Sri Lanka's economic crisis. "It's a challenging time, but we continue to deliver assistance and long-term partnership to help Sri Lanka achieve a prosperous, secure & democratic future,"

tweeted the US Ambassador.

251 hurt, rescue planes rushed **REUTERS** JUNE 27

in Jordan: 10 dead,

TEN PEOPLE died and 251 were injured in a toxic gas leak from a storage tank at Jordan's Aqaba port, state television reported on Monday, as authorities called on residents to shut windows and stay indoors.

The leak came after a tank filled with toxic gas fell while being transported, news agency Petra said, citing the spokesperson of public security directorate.

A video posted on state television's Twitter page showed a storage tank falling from a winch and slamming into the deck of a ship, followed by yellowcoloured gas rising into the air.

Specialised teams are still dealing with the leak, the Civil Defence service said on its Facebook page. Evacuation planes were being sent into Agaba, state television said.

Prime Minister Bisher al-Khasawneh was headed to Aqaba, state TV reported. He also formed an investigation team chaired by the interior minister, state TV cited the information minister as saying.



Crashing Down

Four people were killed and hundreds were injured after the wooden stands of a stadium in El Espinal city in central Colombia collapsed on Sunday. Spectators had gathered at the stadium to watch a bull fighting match, officials said. AP

26 killed in Cameroon attack: official

Yaounde: At least 26 villagers North-West regions in 2017 af- with Nigeria were killed in an attack on Saturday in the Akwaya district of Cameroon's South-West region, where separatist insurgencies have added fuel to long-running inter-ethnic conflicts over land, local sources said Monday.

Anglophone insurgents began fighting the Cameroonian military in the South-West and ter civilian protests calling for greater representation for the country's English-speaking minority were violently repressed. The Akwaya district medical

officer, Enow Daniel Kewong, said 26 bodies had been found so far and people were still missing after Saturday's attack on Ballin village, near the border The member of parliament

for the district, Aka Martin Tyoga, said he had been told 32 people had been buried in a mass grave, including six Nigerians. Two local sources said the at-

tack was linked to a festering land dispute between Ballin's Ugare ethnic group and the Olitis from the village of Mavass, **REUTERS**

UK pushes for Brexit rules rewrite, EU fumes

JILL LAWLESS LONDON, JUNE 27

BRITAIN IS ramping up a feud with the European Union by pressing on with a plan to rip up parts of the post-Brexit trade deal it signed with the bloc.

Legislation that rewrites trade rules for Northern Ireland is scheduled to get its first major House of Commons debate on Monday, the first step on what could be a rocky journey through The legislation, if approved

by lawmakers, would remove



The Bill is being debated in House of Commons. AP file

checks on goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK, thereby scrapping parts

of a trade treaty that Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed before Britain left the EU in 2020. Johnson said he thought the plan could be approved "fairly

rapidly" if Parliament cooperates, and that the measures could become law by the end of the year. "What we are trying to do is fix something that I think is very important to our country, which is the balance of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement,' Iohnson told reporters at the G7 summit in Germany.

The British government says the rules are burdening businesses and undermining peace in Northern Ireland. It argues the unilateral move is justified under international law because of the "genuinely exceptional situation,"

Johnson's opponents, however, say the move is illegal and will shred Britain's international reputation. The EU has threatened to retaliate, raising the specter of a trade war between the two major economic part-

The bloc's ambassador to Britain, Joao Vale de Almeida, said Britain's plan was "illega because it is a breach of international law, a breach of EU law, UK law and international law." AP

weapons development from long-range ballistic missiles to short-range ballistic missiles. from strategic nuclear weapons to tactical nuclear weapons, is obviously targeted toward South Korea." Kwon said.

CENTER OF CASE THAT SAW RULING OVERTURNED

With Roe v. Wade upended, the final days of Mississippi's last abortion clinic

RICHARD FAUSSET JACKSON, JUNE 27

A YOUNG woman entered the parking lot of the only abortion clinic in Mississippi, her shoulders hunched. She was accompanied by an older woman and a stone-faced young man with a handgun on his hip. She appeared terrified.

All around them, the noise was deafening. It was early Saturday morning, and a man with a powerful PA system was preaching about Jezebel being eaten by dogs. Dozens of evangelical Christians had come to pray. Volunteer clinic escorts, sweating in the summer heat, directed patients' cars through the throng and blasted music they thought the evangelicals would hate. Posters of aborted fetuses lined the street.

A pastor named Doug Lane huddled with the older woman and encouraged her to persuade the younger woman not to go through with the procedure. "I wanted her to have the baby," the woman said, her voice unsteady.

Soon all of this — the preaching, the frightened patients, the rock music, the bloody posters – will disappear. But before it does, there are guaranteed to be a few more days of roaring, passionate crescendo, as the Jackson Women's Health Organization, the pink-painted clinic at the heart of the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade. tries to see as many patients as possible before it is forced to close.

There is already much talk about what will come next. Outside the clinic, abortion opponents discussed how their churches might do a better job spreading the message of abstinence in a state with the nation's highest teen pregnancy rate.



The clinic, known as the Pink House, will keep performing abortions until the ban takes effect in a few days. NYT

Supporters of abortion access, meanwhile, are working to create a network of donors, volunteers, educators and even pilots to help women in the nation's poorest state travel to places where the procedure will remain legal. Similar efforts are underway across much of the country, in states where abortion will now be forbidden and in places hoping to accommodate out-of-state women in need.

"Abortion is our business. and that's what we're going to do — to make sure women have access," said Diane Derzis, the owner of the Jackson clinic. "We're not going away."

Abortion bans have already gone into effect in nine states since Friday's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, with at least 12 more bans or restrictions, including in Mississippi, expected to take effect soon. That law cannot go into effect until 10 days after the state's attorney general, Lynn Fitch, certifies the Supreme Court decision.

On Saturday, the battle outside the pink clinic continued, much as it has for years. As the temperature soared, the frustration of the clinic escorts was palpable.At cursing at a protester named Zach Boyd, who had been holding a small rubber fetus doll aloft every time a patient drove in. As the last of the patients

one point, Dale Gibson, 53, a vol-

unteer, began screaming and

rolled in, Gibson, who stood in the entrance to the parking lot, was sweat-drenched and exhausted. An anti-abortion protester, Madison Gass, 21, asked if she wanted a bottle of water. "All I want," Gibson said, "is

for y'all to vamoose. Boyd overheard her. "We will

in nine days," he said. "Praise the

Djokovic makes more history with win at Wimbledon

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JUNE 27

THESE DAYS, Novak Djokovic makes history just about every time he wins another match. On Monday, the top-ranked Serb did just that at Wimbledon. Djokovic, a six-time champion at the All England Club, beat Kwon Soonwoo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court, his 80th victory at the grass-court major. With it, he became the first man or woman to win that many matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments. Djokovic was playing for the first time since losing to Rafael Nadal last month in the French Open quar-

It didn't all go his way on Monday, however. With the roof closed because of sporadic rain, Kwon was able to pick his spots with his booming forehand in the match. It all came together in the second set, and even continued into the third, but Djokovic stepped it up and played like he usually plays in southwest London – unbeatable.

Djokovic has won the last three Wimbledon titles and is going for his seventh overall. That would put him in a tie for the second most with Pete Sampras and William Renshaw. Only Roger Federer, with eight, has more. Another major title would also give him 21 for his career. Nadal has 22, and Federer has 20. Most of Djokovic's Grand Slam singles championships have come at the Australian Open, where he is a nine-time champion. But he was unable to defend his title in Melbourne this year after being deported because of Australia's vaccination protocols. "At this stage of my career, I try to play my best tennis at the Grand Slams and really deliver on the most significant courts in history. Now that we have gotten to 80 (wins at Wimbledon), let's get to a 100," Djokovic said.

"This sport has given me everything. I owe a lot to this sport and I love it still with all my heart. I have a lot of passion for it and I am as dedicated as anybody out there. I am not one of the youngsters anymore and a lot of things have changed but the love and flame for this sport still burns in me. I've said this a few times before, but this court has always been special for me. It's always been the court where I dreamed of playing and winning and all my childhood dreams came true on this court," he said. "It's an absolute honor and pleasure to come back (here).'

The first player to reach the second round was Alison Riske. The 28th-seeded American defeated Ylena In-Albon of Switzerland 6-2, 6-4. Other seeded women who advanced were No. 3 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia and No. 29 Anhelina Kalinina of Ukraine, Kalinina will face another Ukrainian, Lesia Tsurenko, in the second round later in the week.

SHIVANI NAIK

IT HAD felt awkward when boys at her academy didn't know why Aditi Mutatkar came for badminton training, wearing dark shorts a few days of the month. And doubly embarrassing when they finally figured out why. Because they giggled. And it grated on her already

The former international shuttler remembers that feeling of annovance, and thinks back to the times she wanted to shoot back and say, "Chup baitho, period pe hoo (keep quiet, I am on my period)", hoping those five words will someday be normalised in a sports setting and prevent life-long scarring.
As Wimbledon awakens from its long pris-

tine-white slumber with myriad voices raising questions about SW 19's pedantic whiteonly clothing rule, unrelenting even for women players on their periods, sport is in for a serious sartorial reckoning of its age-old traditions. Chinese Quinwen Zhang kickstarted the discussion speaking of how menstrual cramps affected her in her loss to Iga Swiatek at the French Open. Over a summer of discontent, heading into the white-clothing Slam quaintly dressed up as 'tradition', tennis broadcaster Catherine Whitaker has been quoted in *The* Telegraph asking "if a tradition that affected men the same way as women going into their biggest day on a period, forced to wear white, would last."

Whitaker also raised flags on policing of women's toilet break durations, while Rio Olympic champion Monica Puig was quoted in the same publication speaking of the 'mental stress' of wearing white at Wimbledon and having prayed previously that she wouldn't get her period at that time. British hope Heather Watson told The Sunday Times she'd had to come off the court once in the past, while worrying, "Oh my God. I hope you can't see that in any pictures," while Australian Rennae Stubbs spoke of how it was something players did talk about in the locker room, while hoping extralarge tampons, and additional padding, did the job. Visions in white, gliding for exquisite serveand-volleying on idyllic green grass, Wimbledon might well be. But the uniform can be a 'whitemare' for women. The Sunday Times quoted Canadian Rebecca Marino, prepping for her first Wimbledon outing, as saying, "It's everyone's worst fear that you get your period at Wimbledon and you don't know that it is coming. It shouldn't be embarrassing, but white makes it so." Mutatkar says even training days used to be something young girls wanted to get over with.

Lack of understanding

While badminton let go of the white shorts rule midway through her teens, Mutatkar recalls her first instance of falling in line with the diktat. "This must be U10 and we would dutifully follow the coach's instructions of turning up in ironed, crisp white shirts and shorts even in training to set the discipline. Then at one point, coaches pulled the girls aside, asked the boys to leave and told us on "those days" you can wear coloured shorts because there can be staining and embarrass-

'Whitemare' for women

Wimbledon's age-old tradition of strict white-only dress code, something Indian badminton players of an earlier era had to deal with, is tough to follow for the women during their periods





ADITI MUTATKAR FORMER INTERNATIONAL SHUTTLER

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about according to The Sunday Times piece, to

minimise sweat stains on coloured clothes

back in the 1800s. "Look, no one wants to stain.

But blood will come. And as it is, sweat and

The Wimbledon rules, ironically, had come

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blood is icky to deal with when you are playing sport, without having to additionally wear white," Mutatkar says.

According to The Telegraph's Women's Sports, Russian Tatiana Golovin faced a barrage of downright idiotic headlines like "Cheeky Golovin refuses to drop her red knickers" when she turned up in coloured underpants to which organisers had responded in 2014 by clamping down on coloured undergarments.

"It's something always on the mind. No one's spoken because women have just dealt with it," ST quoted her. Whites have been viewed as classy and sticking to tradition, and the All England Club, which is otherwise committed to "prioritising women's health and

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providing with anything they require" - installing sanitary product dispensers in changing rooms, has surprisingly not shown the alacrity to offer leniency in cases of women getting their periods. Mutatkar wonders how many women are actually part of the decision-making. "Because

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Cricket has its own issues

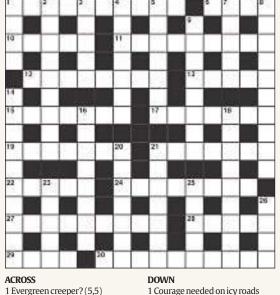
Former Australian cricket international and current USA coach, Julia Price, 50, told The Indian Express that cricket poses challenges of its own like long batting hours in Test matches, and women needing longer "drinks breaks" to scamper to the washroom to check if all was fine. "Sure, in our times, we'd just deal with it though whites weren't always comfortable. And even when we wore yellow, it would be an absolute concern so we made sure we took extra protection with additional layers," she says.

Women's cricket inherited the men's all whites, but the sport is in an additional cul de sac because the red/pink ball mandates lighter clothing for visibility, and much like Wimbledon and its charming traditions, Test match 'whites' are much aspired to. Price is blunt when she says women cricketers are relieved they aren't expected to play in white culottes like in the 1970s – "were little more exposed than long pants" – and cricketers routinely wear 'skins' under long pants with sports tech rapidly advancing to accommodate those needs. Cricket faced another problem of 'see-through whites' in earlier times, which was resolved with denser fabric, and a couple of other reasons why there's not much of a kerfuffle in the sport. "Australian heat and sun can be uncomfortable, so white made practical sense. But we can continue to improve and have the conversation with players if they want change. Of course, women are still just fighting to play more Test cricket to start with," she says.

Price reckons the Wimbledon tradition of all-white clothing is fantastic, but recalls the resistance Martina Navratilova faced when wanting to wear shorts instead of skirts, and avers that professional teams will always prioritise performance and comfort of athletes, going past taboos.

SHIVANI NAIK

CROSSWORD 4779



2 Reptile giving a girl a lot of

3 Take vain steps to provide

4 Garment shortened - after dark

5 Relatively gentle colour? (7)

7 For centuries it was the language

8 Eight hours, but not on the night

9 A child will be if his parents are

14 Appears wet perhaps but may

18 He knows nothing amusing or

16 Nuts? You'll need these (8)

20 Product of a fruitful harem?

23 Superior kind of cut (5)

25 Gymnastic animal (5)

26 Permit to go by (4)

trouble(9)

support(5)

that is (7)

shift (7.3)

of the masses (5)

be salvaged (5,5)

out of place (9)

(7) 21 Light basket (7)

1 Evergreen creeper? (5,5) 6 Whistle a hit? (4) 10 One comparatively unused to

work(5) 11 Source of power that made Nero great (9) 12 He causes trouble in a washing machine perhaps (8) 13 Foreign tongue somewhat rich in dialects (5) 15 Cheat at falsely presenting a

case (7) 17 Taking steps in time (7) 19 Mad Hatter's menaces (7) 21 A conclusive flourish of notes 22 Pick for courage (5)

24 Land on the sheltered side (3,5) 27 Apt phrase to describe party wear (5,4) 28 Music played with spirit by half the band (5)

29 It's not well done. Some extra rehearsal required (4) $30\,They\,will\,take\,orders\,from$ anybody (10)

Solutions Crossword 4778: Across: 1 Recants, 5 Nears, 8 Andromeda, 9 Lam, 10 Taps, 12 Celerity, 14 Airing, 15 Issued, 17 Adhesion, 18 Bell, 21 Nun, 22 Diplomacy, 24 Tuned, 25 Speaker. Down: 1 React, 2 Cod, 3 Noon, 4 Scenes, 5 Near East, 6 At leisure, 7 Samoyed, 11 Parthenon, 13 One-sided, 14 Against, 16 Coupes, 19 Layer, 20 Nose, 23 Ask,

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Mutatkar says.



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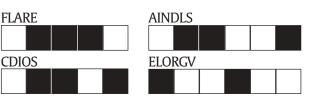






JUMBLED WORDS

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. _just as surely as it can be pushed by____. - Viktor E. Frankl (5,.,6)



Answer: Life can be pulled by **goals** just as surely as it can be pushed by **drives.** SOLUTION: FERAL, DISCO, ISLAND, GROVEL

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

BY PETER VIDAL

There is very little change in your stars from yesterday, which means quite simply that you may extend and develop all existing plans. In particular, you should take travel arrangements or foreign contacts to their conclusion You can also take advantage of a new romantic offer. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

to be sympathetic to your interests so gather what support you can and press on. A long-term strategy is necessary in matters of the heart, so don't lay your cards on the table

until you're ready. Patience

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) the next two months is very much in favour of domestic improvements, decorations and the like. But do plan ahead and don't be fazed by temporary setbacks, it's all part of the cosmic plan. Even a temporary diversion

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The Sun adjusts its position and planetary

may carry you into new

areas of opportunity.

relationships, so this is an appropriate time to pause for thought, reflect on the past and meditate on the future. On the material is on the way. That's why you'd better check up on your

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) It is becoming increasingly

important that you get your point across, but how? You can charm people if necessary and, if you are so minded, you may bully them just a little. But there's still something missing, so you might wish to delay important announcements a little longer.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Astrologers all agree that you tend to keep

within reason, of course

your feelings to yourself, yet there are times when you can hang loose and be every bit as wild and emotional as anyone else. This is a great time for unrestrained passion, so let rip,

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Just to turn our

romantic sphere for a moment, it looks very much as if you are keeping certain feelings to yourself. This may be a wise move. However, full and free discussion is absolutely vital in all ordinary domestic arrangements.

The intuitive Scorpio will be thinking ahead and formulating longrange plans. But don't be too concerned by details, and do make a point of

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

broadening your horizons. Late afternoon is best for an important professional choice, perhaps because it will take you that long to wake up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Unexpected



tensions are rarely far below the surface and you can never tell when a partner will explode. It's best to tread carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You may have had a financial

shock recently, but don't panic. The relevant planetary symbolism indicates the necessity of a brief crisis before you can abandon the habits of a lifetime and embark on a new prosperous cycle. It could well be a loved one who comes forward with the

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) It's a fine time to consider new financial

partnerships, even if only over some rather small joint purchase. If you're considering investments, how about something artistic or just plain selfindulgent? And if you're pursuing romantic dreams, don't count the cost.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Your confidence

comes and goes, but now you must be prepared to promote yourself and insist that everyone pays you the respect you deserve. People in all walks of life will be impressed if you

show that you are perfectly happy to take control.

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Chamari denies India clean sweep as SL win



India won the series 2-1. BCCI/Twitter

Dambulla: Skipper Chamari Athapaththu struck a counter-attacking 48-ball 80 as Sri Lanka outplayed India by seven wickets in the third and final T20I to avoid a whitewash here on Monday. The 32-year-old Chamari smashed 14 boundaries and one six and in the process became the only cricketer from the island nation to get to the 2000-run mark in T20Is. Tillakaratne Dilshan (1889) is the highest run-scorer among the male cricketers from Sri Lanka. Chasing a modest 139 to avoid a clean sweep by the Indians, Sri Lankan batting finally came good as the hosts hunt down the target with three overs to spare to claim a consolation win. The three-match T20I series thus ended 2-1 in favour of India **BRIEF SCORES:** India 138/5 (Harmanpreet 39*, Rodrigues 33, Ranasinghe 1/13) lost to Sri Lanka 141/3 (Athapaththu 80*, de Silva 30) by seven wickets

Sindhu, Prannoy lead India's challenge

Kuala Lumpur: PV Sindhu will look to quickly recover from her first-round exit at Indonesia, while HS Prannoy will eye another consistent show as the duo spearhead the Indian challenge at the Malaysia Open Super 750 tournament starting here on Tuesday. Sindhu will face Pornpawee Chochuwong in the opening round. Saina Nehwal also stars in the same half of the draw and will open against USA's Iris Wang. Prannoy will be pitted against Malaysian veteran Daren Liew, who had defeated him at the Thailand Open in May. Among others, Tokyo Olympian B Sai Praneeth will be up against sixth seeded Anthony Sinisuka Ginting, while Sameer Verma takes on another Indonesian Jonata Christie, seeded seventh.

Two judokas, coach called back from tour

New Delhi: Two Indian judokas, including a former junior Asian Championships medallist, and their Aonday called ba from an exposure trip in Spain after it came to light that they were involved in an unsavoury and "severe incident" that involved women athletes from the host country. A national coach, attached to the Sports Authority of India (SAI), claimed that one judoka was involved in a "brawl with a women group and later one female was found inside his hotel room", A 30-member Indian contingent, including CWG-bound judokas, is currently in Alicante.

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India face 'Bazball' challenge

England are riding a crest under new management, as whitewash of NZ shows, and are a different proposition

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

THAT WAS the only time Jamie Overton looked nervy, after moving into the 90s in his debut Test. Eventually he fell for 97, got a bear hug from Jonny Bairstow and left to a standing ovation from the Headingley crowd. The newcomer was allowed to be nervous as he approached the moment of his cricketing life. Ninety-seven per cent of his innings, though, oozed boldness that 'Bazball' demands.

To paraphrase The Beatles, Brendon 'Baz' McCullum took a sad song and made it better very quickly.

It has been a June to savour for the England cricket team and its band of long-suffering supporters. Coming into the three-Test series with one win in their last 17 attempts, one could argue that the only way left was up. And up they certainly went, in the space of a few weeks as the new dispensation got to work. Chasing fourth-innings targets between 275 and 300 are stiff asks in Test cricket, but the hosts devoured them in a manner that would have done many white-ball teams proud. It was a complete contrast to the dour and insipid style prevalent previously.

The mantra seems to be 'foot to the floor', even in the direst of situations, as the following examples will show.

Exhibit 1: A year ago at Lord's, New Zealand had declared their second innings and set England a target of 273 in 75 overs on the final day. The hosts, with skipper Joe Root and head coach Chris Silverwood in charge, opted to play out for a boring draw instead.

At Trent Bridge, England's fourth innings target against New Zealand was 299 in 72 overs on the final day of the second Test. With Ben Stokes and McCullum in the saddle, they romped home in 50 overs, winning by five wickets, as Bairstow got in the 'zone'.

Exhibit 2: In the third Test at Headingley, England's top order was at sea against Trent Boult's swing-bowling masterclass. That first spell from the left-arm paceman would have rattled any top order and the hosts

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slumped to 17/3 and then, 21/4, when Tim Southee removed Root with a beauty. Bairstow and Stokes counter-attacked the New Zealand fast bowlers and even though the England captain perished trying to force the pace, his team didn't shed its attacking intent. At 55/6, Overton paired up with Bairstow and a 241-run partnership followed, off just 274 balls. It was

exhilarating cricket. And forget Bairstow's back-to-back hundreds scored with a seemingly devil-may-care attitude, when a debutant can play in such fearless manner unculture shift.

It resulted in a 3-0 series whitewash of the reigning World Test champions as England chased down 296 in under 55 overs in a display of supreme confidence and gungho aggression.

Tougher assignment

India will face a new England at Edgbaston starting Friday. This England team doesn't get bundled out in one session; doesn't retreat in the face of opponents' aggression. And India will carry their own problems to the pending fifth Test of the series that started last year and stood at 2-1 in favour of



England's Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow celebrate after beating New Zealand in the third Test on Monday. Reuters

the tourists when it suffered a Covid-forced

Virat Kohli hasn't scored an international century for two-and-a-half years now, averaging a shade over 30 in Tests during this period. For the first time in nearly five years, his career average has dropped below 50. Last year, when India toured England, Kohli was the team's undisputed leader across formats. Much has changed since.

England, too, have a new captain in Stokes but his predecessor, Root, hasn't lost his runscoring mojo. He is the No. 1 Test batsman in

the world, with a match-winning hundred in the first Test at Lord's followed by another world-class offering at Trent Bridge. The Yorkshireman then anchored the fourth-innings chase as Bairstow went berserk again to seal a seven-wicket win on their home ground.

Billing the fifth Test as Kohli versus Root is fraught with risk, for the latter is operating

on a different run-scoring stratosphere, while, Kohli, 33, is seemingly heading towards the twilight zone unless there's a second wind.

Covid and may miss the Test. And more than the captaincy issue - Jasprit Bumrah is likely to stand in – it creates a serious batting void. Rohit was immense for India in England last year and although he had a poor IPL, he, along with Kohli, is the team's batting royalty. Also, now India have lost both their first-choice openers. Shubman Gill is a very good replacement for KLRahul, but Rohit's absence could have an adverse effect even though Mayank

Agarwal has been called up as cover. Cheteshwar Pujara has returned to the Test fold by dint of his 720 runs in eight innings for Sussex, including four centuries. But he would still walk a tightrope, knowing

Root, Bairstow power England home

Leeds: A dominant England swept New Zealand 3-0 in the test series with an aggressive seven-wicket victory in the third and final test on Monday.

After the first session was washed out due to rain on the final day, England motored to 296-3 in the middle session after resuming on 183-2. "A 3-0 win against the best team in the world, it's absolutely phenomenal," Ben Stokes said after his team beat the world test champions in his debut test series as captain. "It's about the change of the mindset of the lads towards test cricket. To say that we have done it so quickly is unbelievable. Huge credit to (coach) Brendon (McCullum) and the backroom staff.'

Joe Root (86 not out) and Jonny Bairstow (71 not out) flayed New Zealand bowlers at Headingley, hitting boundaries at will in a blistering 111-run stand as England cruised to the target in just over an hour on the fifth day.

Bairstow, whose masterful 162 lifted

that a failure at Edgbaston could be curtains for him. And nobody knows which Rishabh Pant would turn up. His sublimity is India's

Bowling hasn't been India's problem. Bumrah and company are guaranteed performers irrespective of conditions. But the team's batting, especially the middle order when Kohli is not in form, doesn't inspire confidence. Batting failures cost India the series in South Africa in the winter and in England this time, their challenge is steeper.

Transformation

Last year, England looked defeatists, a batting line-up that got bullied by Bumrah, and when they went Down Under for the Ashes, they were battered by Pat Cummins's troops. England have risen from the ashes, under England from a precarious 55-6 in the first innings, played yet another aggressive knock as he registered England's second fastest-ever test half century off just 30 balls. Bairstow finished off the game in style when he belted off-spinner Michael Bracewell for a four and a six in a superb 44-ball unbeaten knock.

"It was like some of the 50-over stuff," Root said while describing Bairstow as a "phenomenal player" after England knocked off the remaining 113 runs in 15.2 overs on the last day. "He (Bairstow) has been hitting the ball really well ... it's great to see him do that, to bat with the confidence and freedom."

The complete transformation will give England confidence going into the test match against India. "India are a different opposition, but we will come out with the same (aggressive) mindset," Stokes said. BRIEF SCORES: NZ 392 & 326 lost to England 360 & 296/3 (Root 86*, Pope 82 Bairstow 71*) by 7 wickets

Rob Key, the managing director of the country's men's cricket team, who showed the nous to hand over the Test team reins to taking charge from Root was a formality and it has liberated the former captain.

England will take the confidence of their series win against the Kiwis to Edgbaston. Their bowlers are in form and James Anderson would be fresh after a well-earned rest in the third Test. Their batsmen are revelling in their new-found resolve and enterprise, though it remains to be seen whether the all-out attack gospel works against the Indians.

England are in the middle of their Test season. India are short of red-ball game time. The Indian broadcaster's 'ab hogi poori dhulai (time to complete the hammering)' tagline sounds a little over-the-top.

Important to give such talent time: Pandya on Umran's debut

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JUNE 27

AS INDIA faced Ireland in the first T20I on Sunday, all eyes were on India's fast-bowling sensation Umran Malik, who made his debut. However, he had a rather nervous start to his international career.

The speedster gave away 14 runs in the only over he bowled. He, though, got the backing of Hardik Pandya, who captained India in the first T20I against Ireland. Pandya said he is hopeful of Umran getting another opportunity in the second T20I to prove himself. "Umran was kept back after I had a chat with him, he's more comfortable with the older ball and they batted fantastically. So, hope he gets an opportunity. When you play for India for the first time, and the journey he has taken, it's important to give such a bowler and such a talent time." the skipper said in the post-match presentation ceremony after India won the match by seven wickets.

Harry Tector, whom Pandya gifted his bat, slammed a 33-ball 64 laced with six boundaries and three sixes to single-handedly lift Ireland from 22 for three to past the 100mark after rain reduced the match to a 12over a side contest.

India then returned to overhaul the target in 9.2 overs, scoring 111 for three, riding on Deepak Hooda's unbeaten 29-ball 47. Ishan Kishan (26 off 11 balls) and Hardik Pandya (24 off 12 balls) also chipped in with useful contributions. For India, Bhuvneshwar Kumar 1/16 in 3 overs) and Yuzvendra Chahal (1/11 in 3 overs) were the stand out bowlers. "Great to start the series with a win, for-

tunate we got a game. It is important for our team to start with a win. Umran was kept back after I had a chat with him, he's more comfortable with the older ball and they batted fantastically," Hardik said. **BRIEF SCORES:** Ireland 108/4 in 12 overs

(Tector 64; Chahal 1/11, Bhuvneshwar 1/16) lost to India 111/3 (Hooda 47*, Kishan 26; Young 2/18) by seven wickets

Agarwal to join India squad

PTI: Opener Mayank Agarwal has been called up to join the Indian squad in the UK as cover for skipper Rohit Sharma, who has been rendered doubtful for the Edgbaston Test against England after testing positive for Covid-19. Rohit competed on the first day of the drawn warm-up game against Leicestershire before being placed under isolation. Agarwal had missed out on making the 15-man squad for the game but an opportunity has come his way as KL Rahul got injured just ahead of the South Africa series and now Rohit has contracted infection.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has added Mayank Agarwal to India's Test squad for the rescheduled fifth Test as cover for captain Rohit Sharma, who tested positive for COVID-19. Mayank has left for the LIK and will link up with the squad in Birmingham," said the BCCI in a statement.

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HARDIK PANDYA ON UMRAN MALIK

CHANGING STYLE

Sathiyan 2.0: More aggression, quicker points, power, maturity

ANIL DIAS MUMBAL JUNE 27

SO STUNG was G Sathiyan by his secondround exit at the Tokyo Olympics that he went into a deep introspection mode, watching the videos of his defeat 'endless times' with his coach Subramaniam Raman, "Maybe, the occasion and the nerves got to me," India's topranked men's singles table tennis player says. "I've only learnt lessons from it."

Almost a year on, Sathiyan is a changed player. "We're going into a 2.0 version of Sathiyan," he declares.

Sathiyan 2.0, he says, is a culmination of a myriad of small changes, including a more aggressive mindset and curbing his natural conservative instincts. But in essence, the player who never tired of indulging in a long rally now targets a quick end to the point, even if it means doing

something risky and audacious. The outcome is visible. Last November, when he was still introducing the changes to his game, Sathiyan had lost rather timidly to Slovenia's Jorgic Darko in a World Table Tennis Contender match. In a re-match between the two last week, the Indian stunned the world number 6 and reigning European champion to record one of the biggest wins

Sathiyan, in his Twitter post after the win, called it a 'huge upset'. But he was barely surprised by the result. "He (Darko) has one of the best backhands in the world so we were focusing on the forehand. I had to start aggressively to put him under pressure," Sathiyan tells The Indian Express. "I went for the shots taking some risks. That is the only way out when you play a top player. When I won the second game, I could see the momentum shift. I started to hit the balls much better. I felt I was a much better player than when I played him in Slovenia (last November).

When Raman and Sathiyan, following their post-mortem of the Tokyo defeat, realised that the 29-year-old had to get more aggressive and take risks, they faced a small hurdle: aggression, Sathiyan says, didn't come naturally to him.

"Being from a South Indian family, I come from a safe setup," he laughs. "It was a very personal trait to be more consistent, to not miss the ball. That's how I've been groomed. My childhood coach used to say if the opponent plays 100 balls, you play 101 balls. It was good at that point in time, of course."

The approach is different now – Sathiyan is training to keep rallies short, be more counter-attacking and not be scared of go-



Sathiyan G changed his style after an early exit from the Tokyo Olympics.

ing for a winner. The focus, he adds, is to kill the rally in the first three or four shots. "We're training in such a way that I have to play only 3 balls and make sure the 4th doesn't come

Delhi HC quashes plea by TT players

New Delhi: Selecting sportspersons to represent the country cannot be as simple as comparing individual performance scores and litigations arising from the selection exercise may disrupt and impact the preparation and performance of the players, the Delhi High Court has said. The court, while dismissing petitions by table tennis players Manush Shah and Swastika Ghosh against their exclusion from the country's Commonwealth Games squad, emphasised that a player must possess physical as well as great mental and emotional strength and agility to represent a nation and to participate and excel and it is thus pivotal that there should be no uncertainty in their minds.

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back," he says. "I've become a more counterattacking aggressive player now.'

It's one of the 'biggest changes' Sathiyan is trying to make to his style; a realisation that dawned upon him post-Olympics. Sathiyan had always been good in long rallies, a style he adopted for a long time and one that also yielded results as testified by his rapid growth in the last five or so years.

"But to get to the next level, the top-20, top-10, I need to crack that serve and receive," the world number 35 says. "It's about being aggressive there. You need to have better quality aggression with consistency. That's the key."

To be more aggressive, one needs the physical strength to back it up too, something Sathiyan was lacking. The pandemic, however, changed that.

"In general, we've worked a lot on physical stability and improved my strength and power. I've been very good with speed and agility but packing it up with power in my strokes was needed and I was able to do that thanks to the pandemic," he says.

Strong support team

Back in 2012 when he was ranked in the 400s and had begun coaching under Raman, Sathiyan says he would laugh when his new coach told him his target was to be in the top 50. He achieved that in the next six years and Sathiyan says it's only because his team has catered to all aspects of his game.

"While Raman sir is brilliant, I have an ex-

New Delhi

cellent fitness coach in Ramji Srinivasan. We've also worked tremendously on mental conditioning thanks to coach Vaibhav Agashe. We also have a dietician apart from the physios."

Yoga is also something he's added to his training regimen that he says has helped him a lot, "I do about 1.5 hours of strength training, then an hour of yoga and five hours of skill training on a daily basis. Yoga is something I added during the pandemic and it has given my game a massive boost," he says.

Focus on Birmingham CWG

There's been a lot of negative publicity for India's table tennis team ahead of next month's Commonwealth Games with players going to court, challenging their exclusion from the squad.

Sathiyan says he's unperturbed. "My performance in Zagreb shows that I don't let what's going on around affect my focus on the table. I'm only focusing on the controllable," he says.

Does the negativity affect the team in any way, though? "We have pressure and that's because everyone expects us to perform well. This pressure is a privilege. Frankly, as a team, we're more mature. Playing England at home is going to be interesting and we're ready for the challenge.

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