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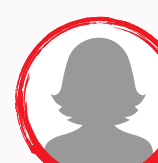
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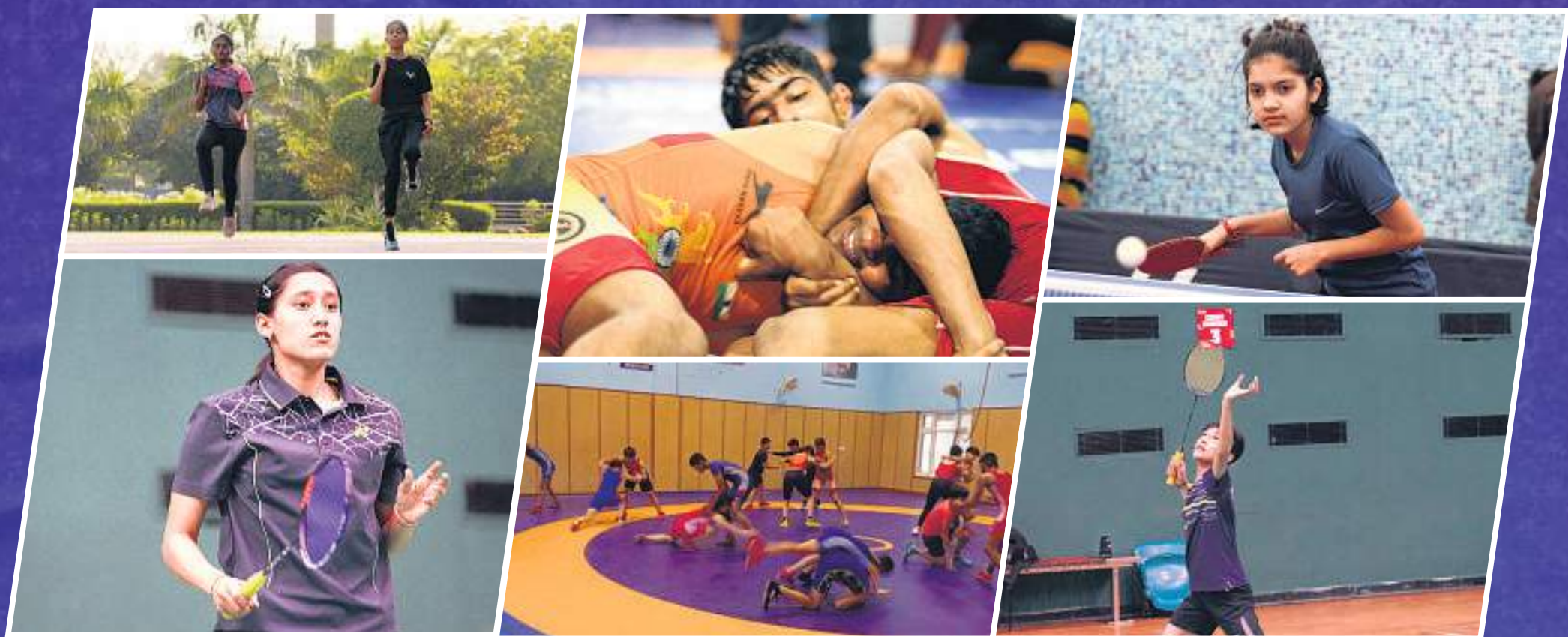


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## Four killed as chopper goes down in sea, five rescued



Rescue operations off the Mumbai coast. Coast Guard

**YOGESH NAIK**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 28

FOUR PERSONS died when a Pawan Hans helicopter with nine people on board went down in the Arabian Sea, about 60 nautical miles from the Mumbai coast, on Tuesday.

The remaining five were rescued in a quick response operation that involved the Coast Guard, Navy and the shipping ministry.

Three of the dead have been identified as employees of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), which had hired the helicopter service from Pawan Hans: Mukesh Patel, 54, Vijay Mandloi, 32, (both executive engineers) and Satyambhat Patra, 27, (geologist). The fourth person, Sanju Francis, 37, was employed with a contractor working for ONGC.

According to officials, the Sikorsky S-76D was about four-five minutes away from its destination, ONGC's Sagar Kiran rig, when it went down. It managed to stay afloat with the help of the attached floaters; this helped

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## PROHIBITORY ORDERS IN RAJASTHAN FOR A MONTH

# Citing Prophet 'insult', 2 kill man on video, threaten PM

Mohammad Riyaz, Ghouse Mohammad held; NIA to probe

**HAMZA KHAN**  
JAIPUR, JUNE 28

PROHIBITORY ORDERS have been imposed in Rajasthan for a month, and Internet services cut for 24 hours across the state, after two men hacked a tailor to death inside his shop in Udaipur on Tuesday — and posted a video online of the incident claiming it was in retaliation for the victim sharing remarks made by BJP's



Mohammad Riyaz, Ghouse Mohammad from Udaipur

Nupur Sharma on the Prophet. The police identified the vic-

tim as Kanhaiya Lal, whose body was removed from the spot only late at night after protesters stalled the authorities while demanding action and compensation for his family.

The assailants, who were arrested from Bhim in Rajsamand district, identified themselves in another video as Mohammad Riyaz and Ghouse Mohammad, boasted about the "beheading" — and issued death

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## AAP to Cong, BJP to AIMIM: CMs, leaders condemn act, demand action

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

THE KILLING of a tailor in Udaipur by two men Tuesday for allegedly sharing remarks made by BJP's Nupur Sharma on the Prophet drew condemnation from across the political spectrum, with leaders demanding exemplary punishment for the accused.

This is what they said:  
**Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal:** "It is horrifying and gruesome. Such dastardly acts have no place in a civilized society. We condemn this in the strongest terms. The perpetrators of this crime should be punished severely."

**Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav:** "The brutal murder of an

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## Victim sought police cover, pointed to threats after his arrest and bail

**HAMZA KHAN**  
JAIPUR, JUNE 28

NEARLY THREE weeks before he was hacked to death inside his tailoring shop, Kanhaiya Lal was arrested on an FIR lodged against him for allegedly hurting religious feelings — and, following



Kanhaiya Lal was held for "hurting religious sentiments"

his release on bail, had sought police protection citing death

threats. ADG (Law and Order) Hawa Singh Ghumaria told *The Indian Express* that Lal "was arrested on June 10 and released on bail by the court the next day".

"Then, on June 15, he submitted a written complaint that he is getting death threats and sought

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## After Prophet row, PM meets UAE President, both underline ties

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

WEEKS AFTER the United Arab Emirates (UAE), counted among India's closest partners, joined criticism from the Islamic world against remarks on the Prophet by the now suspended and expelled BJP leaders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, popularly known as MBZ, and conveyed condolences on the death of the former president of the Gulf na-

tion, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The two leaders also reviewed bilateral ties.

In a special gesture, Mohamed bin Zayed, accompanied by senior members of the Royal family, received Modi at the Abu Dhabi presidential airport. "I am touched by the special gesture of my brother, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, of coming to welcome me at Abu Dhabi airport. My gratitude to him," Modi tweeted in Arabic and English languages.

This is their first interaction

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Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, greets Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his arrival in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday. ANI

## Zubair sent to four-day custody, lawyer says image was from film

**ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

A DAY after he was arrested by Delhi Police on the charge of hurting religious sentiments following a complaint over a tweet from 2018, Mohammad Zubair, co-founder of fact-checking

website Alt News, was sent to police custody for four days by a Delhi court Tuesday.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Snigdha Savaria granted the police remand after police said Zubair was "non-cooperative" and had to be taken to his residence in Bengaluru for the recovery of the phone/lap-

top used for posting the tweet that led to a complaint from a Twitter user.

Appearing for Zubair, advocate Vrinda Grover said he did not edit any image but used a still image from a Hindi film in his tweet, and his arrest over this Monday night bordered on absurdity.

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## BJP asks Governor to direct Uddhav to take floor test

BJP leader and former CM Devendra Fadnavis with Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. Express

Fadnavis meets Koshyari after talks in Delhi with Shah, Nadda

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE & LIZ MATHEW**  
MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

HOURS AFTER he held extensive talks in New Delhi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president J P Nadda, former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, hoping to return to power in Maharashtra with the help of Shiv Sena rebel MLAs, met Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari Tuesday night, urging him to direct Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to prove his majority on the floor of the House.

Emerging from a meeting with the Governor at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, Fadnavis told reporters, "We have submit-

ted a letter, through e-mail and physically, to the Governor. We have mentioned the current political situation in Maharashtra and told him that 39 MLAs of Shiv Sena are out. They no longer wish to be with the Congress and NCP in the government. This means that 39 MLAs are not with the government or do not wish to support MVA. And therefore, we have asked the Governor that since the government seems to be in minority, he should immediately instruct the government and the CM to conduct a floor test and prove his majority."

Fadnavis was accompanied by state BJP president Chandrakant Patil, senior MLAs Ashish Shelar, Girish Mahajan and Sudhir Mungantiwar, and

Pravin Darekar, Leader of Opposition in the State Legislative Council.

Sources in the Sena rebel camp of Eknath Shinde, stationed in Guwahati, said Bacchu Kadu, president of Prahar Janshakti Paksh, is likely to reach Mumbai Wednesday morning and submit to the Governor a letter of withdrawal of support -- with signatures of 51 MLAs -- to the ruling MVA government.

All Sena rebels and independent MLAs and those belonging to the BJP are likely to reach Mumbai either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. The BJP has instructed all its MLAs to be in Mumbai.

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## Pre-packaged food under GST, 12% tax on hotels with tariff up to Rs 1,000

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE**  
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 28

BRINGING PRE-PACKAGED and labelled food items such as wheat flour, puffed rice, curd/lassi/buttermilk and paneer under the GST net, withdrawing exemption for hotels with rent below Rs 1,000 a day and correction of inverted duty structure for host of items such as edible oils, coal, LED lamps, printing ink, knives and solar water heaters are learnt to have been approved by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on the first day of its 47th meeting on Tuesday.

The discussion on the contentious issue of extension of compensation for states beyond June 2022 and 28 per cent GST rate on casinos, online gaming, and horse racing, are to be taken

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**E** GST, looking ahead

ON DAY 1, there was a general consensus on rate rationalisation. Day 2 is set to take up the more contentious issue of extending compensation to states beyond June.

up for deliberations on Wednesday.

According to sources, the GST Council has also approved compliance measures for high-risk taxpayers including mandatory biometric authentication, inclusion of electricity bill data, real-time validation of all bank

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## PAGE 1 ANCHOR

**COOMI KAPOOR**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

THE LAST years of construction and real estate magnate, Pallonji Mistry, 93, were indeed unfortunate. Ill health rendered him incommunicado, and his sons, Shapoor and Cyrus, who rashly dared to take on a behemoth like the Tatas, could not benefit from his usually sage and considered advice.

Like his legendary father, Shapoorji Pallonji Mistry, Pallonji, beneath his soft spoken, unassuming exterior, was a hard-nosed businessman and a

very shrewd investor.

His father was an inspiring rags-to-riches story, whose construction firm, Shapoorji Pallonji Construction Private Limited, founded in 1865, played a major role in shaping Mumbai's skyline. The landmark buildings executed by SPCL include the RBI building, Bombay Central Station, The Taj Hotel extension, Shanmukhananda Hall, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Homi Bhabha Auditorium, Breach Candy Hospital etc.

In the early 1970s, when India was still a closed economy, Pallonji looked overseas to ex-

pand. He built the ceremonial palace in Muscat for the Sultan of Oman and later executed many large projects in Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Dubai.

At a young age, Pallonji also advised his father to branch out beyond the construction business. Pallonji's diversification of the construction firm included purchasing shares in major Mumbai business houses including Associated Cement Companies, Nowrosjee Wadia and Sons, the Brady Group, Special Steels and United Motors, all of which were later disinvested.

The most prized asset in the



PALLONJI MISTRY  
1929-2022

Mistry share portfolio was, of course, its 18.37 per cent in Tata Sons, the controlling company of the mighty Tata Group. The shares were purchased in three different lots from JRD Tata's two siblings and the Sir Ratan Tata Trust in the 1960s and the early 1970s.

The Tatas, always a mite suspicious of the Mistrys' motives, kept Pallonji at a distance for many years. It was only in 1980 that JRD Tata grudgingly agreed to make Pallonji a director on the Tata Sons board. As a director, Pallonji made it clear that he would abide by the decisions of the Tata management.

Pallonji never interfered, never challenged, never sought any power and was nicknamed the "Phantom of Bombay House" for his silent presence. (Bombay House is the headquarters of the Tatas.) In 2003, he took Irish citizenship and automatically became the richest man in Ireland.

When Pallonji retired from the Tata Sons board in 2005, his younger son Cyrus was invited to join the board. When Ratan Tata retired in 2012 as chairman of the board, Cyrus was appointed in his place, though many in the media had speculated that Ratan's half brother,

Noel Tata, who also happens to be Pallonji's son-in-law, would be selected for the top position.

Unfortunately, once Cyrus took over the chairmanship of the group, the relationship between Ratan Tata and him slowly deteriorated and, on October 24, 2016, Cyrus was unceremoniously removed as chairman without any notice. The Mistrys appealed to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on the grounds of unlawful termination and suppression of minority shareholder rights. The ding-dong legal battle stretched over several years.

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## Tailor killed

threats to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sharma.

The incident triggered arson and protests in Udaipur, prompted the Union Home Ministry to send a team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to the city to “explore” if there was a “terror angle”, and led to security concerns in other states such as Maharashtra.

The video of the incident posted by the assailants shows Lal, who ran Supreme Tailors in Udaipur’s Hathni Pole locality, taking measurements of one of them who later identified himself as Riyaz. Moments later, it shows the man attacking the tailor on his neck with a cleaver even as the vic-

tim asks: “Kya hua? Batao toh sahi (What happened? Tell me)”. According to the police, Lal had claimed earlier that his son had “mistakenly” posted an “objectionable comment” on Facebook while playing a game on his phone. He also claimed that he had no knowledge of the post until some local residents questioned him.

“This murder has been committed for ideological reasons, in the name of religion. The NIA will explore if there is any angle of terrorism and provide whatever assistance required to the state police,” a senior Central Government official said. The NIA can take over such cases only after laws related to terrorism, or other offences as

mentioned in its schedule, are invoked.

Rajasthan ADG (Law and Order) Hawa Singh Ghumaria said an additional 600 police personnel were being rushed to the spot, including Additional ADGs Janga Srinivas and M N Dinesh, apart from 30 Rajasthan Police Service officers.

State officials said that an SIT has also been constituted with top officers, including ADG (ATS, SOG) Ashok Rathore and IG (ATS) Prafulla Kumar, an SP and an Additional SP, to probe the incident.

ADG Ghumaria said that a “statewide alert has been issued, and we have asked all SPs and IGs to increase the mobility of forces in their respective areas and deploy officers in the field, too”. Apart from prohibitory orders under CrPc 144, a curfew has been im-

posed in seven police station limits of Udaipur district.

Taking to Twitter, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot condemned the “heinous murder”, and said “strict action will be taken against all the criminals involved in this incident” and that “the police will go to the bottom of the crime”.

Later, speaking to reporters in Jodhpur, Gehlot said the incident was “beyond imagination”. “It is not a small incident, the manner in which it has been committed, it is beyond imagination, beyond imagination that a person can commit such an act. No condemnation is enough,” he said.

Calling on the Prime Minister to issue an appeal for peace, he said: “I believe there is a need to improve the atmosphere, there is an atmosphere of tension all over the country.”

BJP state president Satish Poonia said Riyaz’s “terrorist links should be investigated”. “What kind of government is this Ashok ji, where Kanhaiya Lal does not have the freedom to support anyone but Mohammad Riyaz has the freedom to kill? Riyaz has also shown violent feelings towards the Prime Minister,” Poonia tweeted.

The BJP had suspended Nupur Sharma, who was a party spokesperson at the time, for her comments and expelled another party member Naveen Kumar Jindal following widespread condemnation from a host of countries, including those from the Gulf.

(WITH DEEPTI MANTIWARY)

## Victim

police protection. The concerned SHO called the persons who were allegedly giving the threats. And then, 5-7 responsible persons from both communities sat down and reached an agreement. In a handwritten note, Kanhaiya Lal said he doesn’t need any more action against anyone. Hence, the police did not proceed on the security threat,” the ADG said.

The FIR against Lal, which led to his arrest, was lodged at the Dhanmandi police station in Udaipur under IPC sections 295 A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings) and 153 A (promoting enmity between groups and disrupting harmony), based on a complaint by Nazim Ahmad, an Udaipur resident.

The complaint accused Lal of making an “indecent remark” against the Prophet, and sought action against him.

In his letter to the police on June 15, Lal said Ahmad had allegedly been conducting a recce of his shop for the past three days. “I have heard that they will try to kill me as soon as I open my shop,” he said.

“They have made my name and photo viral in their community’s group and said that if anyone spots me anywhere, I should be killed since I have made an objectionable post,” the letter stated.

Govind Singh, Station House Officer of Dhanmandi station, confirmed that Lal was arrested in the case and released on bail.

## Leaders

innocent man in Rajasthan’s Udaipur shows that the Ashok Gehlot government is running a jungle raj. This is what happens when a dispensation makes appeasement its governance model. Reprehensible acts of affairs.”

**Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan:** “Strongly condemn the barbaric murder in Udaipur. Request the authorities to take stern action against those responsible. Such heinous acts would only serve to upset our harmonious living. Appeal to everyone to maintain peace and calm and let the law take its course.”

**Congress MP Rahul Gandhi:** “I am deeply shocked by the heinous killing in Udaipur. Brutality in the name of religion cannot be tolerated. Those spreading terror through such brutality should be punished immediately. All of us have to defeat hatred together. I appeal to every-

one to please maintain peace and brotherhood.”

**Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra:** “The culprits should get the harshest punishment. Spreading hatred and violence in the name of religion is fatal for our country and society. We have to together strengthen the efforts for peace and non-violence.”

**AJIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi:** “I condemn the gruesome murder in Udaipur, Rajasthan. There can be no justification for it. Our party’s consistent stand is to oppose such violence. No one can take law into their own hands. We demand that the state govt takes strictest possible action. Rule of law must be upheld.”

**Goa CM Pramod Sawant:** in a post addressed to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, said, “Mr CM, Police & Public Order is a State Subject and comes under your Government. The shocking incident of beheading of Shopkeeper Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur is highly condemnable and proves the total failure of Law and Order in Rajasthan. Stop appeasement policies!”

**Congress MP Shashi Tharoor:** “Unreservedly condemn the horrific beheading of shopkeeper Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur by two Muslim youth, who then posted a gruesome video of the murder on social media. Bigotry & violence have no place in our society. The killers must receive exemplary punishment.”

**Former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje:** “The criminals are emboldened due to the appeasement policies of the state government. The government should unmask the individuals and organisations behind the incident and arrest them.”

**Maharashtra**

Sources said the BJP has booked over 125 rooms in a hotel and the MLAs are likely to stay there once they reach Mumbai.

Responding to the remarks by Fadnavis, Vinayak Raut, Shiv Sena MP and party secretary, said, “If the Governor asks the Chief Minister to go for a floor test to prove his majority, we will move court against it.”

Former Chief Minister and Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said, “I don’t think the Governor has the discretion to go against the SC directive that status quo should be maintained. If he wants to take a different stand, he must take legal advice.”

NCP spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said, “Today Devendra Fadnavis claimed that the government is in minority. He has claimed 39 MLAs have withdrawn from Sena. Till date, they are a part of the Sena. Fadnavis has asked for a floor test, we want to wait for what the Governor says.”

Earlier in the day, Fadnavis, accompanied by Rajya Sabha MP and senior lawyer Mahesh Jethmalani, met Shah and Nadda in New Delhi.

“Both Fadnavis and Jethmalani had a 90-minute discussion with Amit Shah. The three discussed the legal and political options,” a source said. The leaders then drove to Nadda’s residence for talks.

The BJP, the source said, has been working to “plug the legal loopholes and ensure numbers in the event of the fall of the Uddhav Thackeray government.”

In Guwahati, Shinde told reporters that he and his group will soon be in Mumbai.

“We are coming to Mumbai soon and all the MLAs are with us. We are taking forward Balasaheb’s Hindutva. Those who are challenging us, I dare them to reveal the names of MLAs they say they are in touch with.”

The Shinde camp claims the support of 51 MLAs, thereby reducing the MVA strength in the House way below the halfway mark of 144. The current total strength of the House is 287 — Sena MLA Ramesh Latke passed away last month.

Before the revolt in the Sena, the MVA tally was 152 — Sena (55), NCP (53), Congress (44), BJP MLAs number 106 while Others account for the remaining 29.

## Helicopter

rescuers pull out all the nine, including two pilots.

Four of the nine who were pulled out were unconscious and airlifted in a Navy chopper to a hospital in Mumbai, where they were declared dead, an official said.

Juhu Airport director A K Verma said the helicopter had taken off at about 11 am. “The pilots, Anil Janu and Vivek Joshi, are receiving treatment at Nanavati Hospital,” he said. Among the others who were rescued are Pradeep Hindalkar and M Samsunder.

“We presently have five helicopter crash survivors admitted in the hospital. The patients are clinically stable and are being evaluated for internal injuries. They are being monitored by a multi-disciplinary team of specialists at our hospital,” said a statement released by Nanavati Hospital.

“The helicopter made an emergency landing one nautical mile away from the ONGC offshore rig, Sagar Kiran. The regional contingency plan was immediately activated. ONGC is reaching out to the affected families and extending all possible support,” said an ONGC spokesperson.

A high-speed boat from Sagar Kiran rig was the first to reach the spot. While Malviya 16, an ocean support vessel diverted by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, rescued four persons, one person was pulled out by the rescue boat from Sagar Kiran rig, and Navy choppers airlifted the four unconscious persons, said an official.

The helicopter, which was leased by Pawan Hans in May this year, sank soon after.

The Navy had deployed the Seaking helicopter, Advanced Light Helicopter and INS Teag for rescue operations. The Coast Guard also diverted a ship to reach the spot, while another ship sailed out from Mumbai to join the rescue operations.

“Our Dornier aircraft from Daman airbase reached the spot for search and rescue. The ONGC had also sent a helicopter and a vessel,” said Coast Guard Director General Virender Pathania.

“We sent a Seaking helicopter, an ALH with harness and divers. They threw life rafts from helicopters for survivors,” said a top Navy officer.

The circumstances that led to the incident were not immediately known but western offshore had inclement weather and there was a swell in the sea.

Officials said ONGC has instituted an inquiry into the incident. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is also likely to order a separate inquiry.

### WITH PTI

## PM in UAE

after Mohamed bin Zayed’s election as the new President last month. During their meeting, Modi conveyed his condolences on the death of Sheikh Khalifa, who died on May 13, at the age of 73, after a long illness. He also congratulated Mohamed bin Zayed on his election as President.

“Both leaders reviewed various aspects of India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership which they have carefully nurtured over the past few years,” said a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

“During their virtual summit on February 18, both countries signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, which has since entered into force on May 1. CEPA is expected to further boost trade and investment between both countries,” said the statement.

Bilateral trade in FY 2021-22 was about US\$ 72 billion. UAE is India’s third largest trade partner and second largest export destination. UAE’s FDI in India has increased over the past few years and currently stands at over \$12 billion.

During the virtual summit, the MEA said, both countries had also released a vision statement which laid the roadmap for bilateral cooperation in diverse areas including trade, investment, energy, food security, health, defence, skills, education, culture and people-to-people ties.

“Both leaders expressed satisfaction that India and UAE continue to forge closer partnership in these areas, building on their close and friendly relations and historical people-to-people connect. India-UAE have a strong energy partnership which is

now acquiring new focus on renewable energy,” it said.

Modi thanked Mohamed bin Zayed for “taking great care of the 3.5 million Indian community in UAE, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic,” the MEA said. He also invited him to visit India at an early date, it said.

Earlier this month, UAE had joined criticism from the Islamic world against remarks on the Prophet by the now suspended and expelled BJP leaders Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar Jindal.

**Zubair**

The court, however, said this argument was of no assistance to Zubair at this stage.

Police had moved a five-day police custody application, stating they needed to get access to his laptop to investigate the case. According to police, Zubair had edited the image used in the tweet.

The complainant in the case goes by the Twitter name Hanuman Bhakt.

Grover told the court that the still image that Zubair tweeted was from the Hindi film, ‘Kisi Se Na Kehna’.

“IFSO (Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations), looking at cybercrime, would have professional (understanding) of cyber cases which is better than mine. This image is from a film by Hrishikesh Mukherjee... The video is available on the Internet. In 1983, this film was made. This image is from the film. There is no editing that the accused or anyone else has done,” she said.

She explained the scene from which the still image was used. She told the court that in this scene, the actress had remarked on seeing the board outside a hotel that it is “not Honeymoon hotel, this is Hanuman hotel”.

“This image, shown as a reason for arresting someone, comes from a Hindi cinema image. This is an image of a Hrishikesh Mukherjee film, not a place of worship. This is a joke on honeymooners. Where is the damage? Prima facie, where is the case? Yes, I am a journalist, have a Twitter following and speak my mind in an independent country. See the anonymous Twitter handle. That opens only in 2021. He says this is offensive to Hindus. The entire case borders on absurdity,” she said.

“Many have tweeted the same, the only difference between those handles and mine is my faith, my name and my profession,” she told the court.

She said the same tweet has been retweeted by multiple people.

“Where does my tweet insult any religion? (From) 2018 to 2022, these tweets have not created a flutter. The people of this country have gone on with their life. There is nothing in my tweet... Not a single ingredient of the offences invoked in this case is satisfied. Which are the two groups where enmity is created? Who does it incite, what are the groups? Honeymooners and brahmacharis are not two groups creating unrest in this country,” she told the court.

According to her, police are seeking Zubair’s laptop because he has been “challenging many things that are happening”.

The police, she said, are abusing their power. “Today, my laptop and phone are a storehouse of my personal information. They want my laptop because I am a journalist. Our laptops contain sensitive information. A fishing enquiry begins when the laptop is seized. That tweet cannot withstand any legal scrutiny. I have been challenging people who are speaking certain things. Will that deprive me of my liberty?” she said.

Grover said Zubair had a different phone in 2018, later lost.

She said Zubair was called for questioning in a separate case but was arrested in the present FIR in “unseemly haste”.

The public prosecutor said Zubair had made at least four more posts insulting religious sentiments. As an example, he mentioned a post about the Mahabharata character Sanjay using a laptop.

“Accused is a journalist and a fact-checker, still using these tweets and posting them on Twitter. This is a trend to make themselves famous, tweeting material which outrages religious feelings,” the prosecutor said.

“His deliberate act is there on record which is outraging religious sentiment... We have to recover the laptop and instruments by which he posted these posts. There is a requirement of his police remand,” the prosecutor said, adding that all apps were deleted from Zubair’s mobile phone.

## GST

accounts against a particular PAN and geo-tagging.

Mandatory generation of e-way bills by states for intra-state transportation of gold and precious stones has also been approved by the Council but the decision on the threshold has been left to the states.

The correction of inverted duty structure and withdrawal of exemptions were part of the interim report of the Group of Ministers on rate rationalisation, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai, which has been given an extension for submission of the final report. It has recommended 12 per cent tax on hotel rooms costing less than Rs 1,000 a day which are presently exempt, increasing the rate on manufacturing services of leather goods, clay bricks from 5 per cent to 12 per cent, and hiking GST on LED lamps, ink, knives, blades, power driven pumps, spoons, forks, dairy machinery from 12 per cent to 18 per cent.

It has also sought to bring pre-packaged food items including puffed rice, wheat flour, curd, lassi, at par with branded food items with a tax rate of 5 per cent. Currently, 5 per cent GST is levied on branded and packaged food items, while unpacked and unlabelled are tax exempt. Further, the panel has suggested withdrawal of input tax credit refund for inverted duty structure for edible oil and coal.

More measures for compliance to plug revenue leakages are in the offing with a greater scrutiny to be over high-risk taxpayers. 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.

Rate rationalisation measures under GST are being considered as the compensation regime — under which states were offered compensation for revenue loss below the guaranteed compounded 14 per cent rate — comes to an end in June after five years of the rollout of the indirect tax regime and GST weighted average growth rate being around 11.6 per cent as against 14.4 per cent revenue neutral rate at the time of its 2017 rollout.

In 2021-22, only five out of 31 states/UTs — Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim — registered a revenue growth higher than the protected revenue rate for states under GST. Puducherry, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh have recorded the highest revenue gap between the protected revenue and post-settlement gross state GST revenue in 2021-22. States were guaranteed compensation at the compounded rate of 14 per cent from the base year 2015-16 for losses arising due to implementation of GST, as per the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017.


**Pallonji Mistry**

Finally, the Supreme Court, in 2021, ruled decisively in favour of the Tatas. The court held that a private company is not subject to the same norms of good governance as public and listed companies.

The Mistrys were badly affected by the confrontation with the Tatas. The family lost huge revenues that they traditionally enjoyed through their dealings with the group. The complicated litigation was expensive and time consuming. The economic downturn affected the construction and real estate market and the SP Group, like others in this business, took a big financial hit during Covid.

Nevertheless, by 2022, the Shapoorji Pallonji Group had cleared a major portion of its outstanding debts by selling its entire stake in Eureka Forbes and Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy companies. The family also put some Rs 5,100 crore of its own money into the holding company. However, a question mark remains over the worth of the family’s proudest possession, its 18.37 per cent stake in Tata Sons. It is still unclear if it is possible for the Mistry family to monetise its shares without the permission of the Tata Sons board.

In 2022, for the first time in decades, Shapoorji Pallonji Mistry was no longer listed by Forbes magazine as one of the ten richest men in the country. (The writer is the author of *The Tatas, Freddie Mercury and Other Bavvas*.)



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(A)	1.	<b>11/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Sewerage (Replacement of Old Chocked and damaged Sewer line in various places in Village-Nithari), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 68.46 Lacs</b>
	2.	<b>04/GM/SM-M(WC-5)/2022-2023</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Road (P/L B.C. Work and C.C. Paver Blocks in Back side road of Kanchanjunga Apartment in Sector-53), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 66.81 Lacs</b>
	3.	<b>11/SM-Ja-II/ET/22-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Annual Repairing of PVC C.I./D.I. Water line, C/o Chamber, Sluice Valve and Reflex Valve in Network Sector-82, 92, 93, 93A & 93B, Village-Gejha) Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 65.34 Lacs</b>
	4.	<b>13/SM-Ja-II/ET/22-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Annual Cleaning & Repairing & Painting of OHT & UGR at various T.W. in Network Sector- 47, 80, 81 & Phase-II), Noida. (For Two Years) <b>Cost- Rs. 42.01 Lacs</b>
	5.	<b>08/GM/SM(WC-4)/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Road (Renovation of Underpass of Sector-61 at Road No.-06), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 81.40 Lacs</b>
	6.	<b>04/GM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Road (Repair of Brick work, plaster punning & tiles between Sector-19 & 20 road from DM Crossing to MP-1 road telephone Exchange) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 31.04 Lacs</b>
	7.	<b>06/GM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Drain (Repair & Raising of drain in Ward No.-1, 2 & 2A, Sector-28) Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 82.70 Lacs</b>
	8.	<b>12/GM/SM-WC-5/2022-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Road (P/L Cement Concrete Pavement, R/o Drain, P/F M.S. Jaal & SFRC Cover in I-Block, Sector-22), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 54.99 Lacs</b>
	9.	<b>13/GM/SM-WC-5/2022-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Road (P/L C.C. Pavement & Raising of Drain, Culvert P/F M.S. Jaal along Boundary Wall in B-14 (Himgiri Apartment), Sector-34), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 69.18 Lacs</b>
	10.	<b>11/GM/SM-WC-5/2022-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Building (Renovation of Market in Block-A, B & C-Block, Sector-23), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 37.86 Lacs</b>
	11.	<b>07/GM/SM(WC-8)/E.T./2022-23</b> , Name of Work: C/o Boundary wall (C/o Boundary wall wetland park in Sector-91) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 94.33 Lacs</b>
	12.	<b>10/GM/SM(WC-8)/E.T./2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Building (Annual Maintenance of Staff Houses in Type of LIG, MIG, HIG and EWS in Sec-82 and 93) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 33.89 Lacs</b>
	13.	<b>03/GM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Drain (M/o Internal Drain 5 percent Abadi Plot in Sector-144) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 88.06 Lacs</b>
	14.	<b>11/GM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Village (C/o Baranda and Kitchen Shed in Community Center at Village Hazipur, Sector-104) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 53.12 Lacs</b>
	15.	<b>07/GM/SM-M-WC-6/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Sector-118 (Covering of Drain internal and outer of Samajwadi Awasi in Sector-118) Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 52.22 Lacs</b>
	16.	<b>07/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Sector-124 (C/o both side drain cover of 45.00m wide road between Sector-124 & 125) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 17.36 Lacs</b>
	17.	<b>09/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Village (M/o c.c. road and drain in village Yakutpur) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 89.27 Lacs</b>
	18.	<b>11/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Village (M/o c.c. road and drain in village Mohiyapur) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 60.90 Lacs</b>
	19.	<b>13/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: Strengthening of water supply (Special repair for O.H.T. Sector-35) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 88.55 Lacs</b>
	20.	<b>05/GM/SM(WC-1)/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Road (Annual Maintenance of road, central verge and footpath in Work Circle-1 Area) Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 85.00 Lacs</b>
	21.	<b>09/GM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Road (Raising of Drain Wall & Repair of Footpath in front of Sector-21A, Noida Stadium, above xing to Sector-24 Police Chowki on Raghunathpur Road), Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 42.86 Lacs</b>
	22.	<b>12/GM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Stadium (P/L Kota Stone Flooring & other Misc. work in Skatting court in Sector-21), Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 38.67 Lacs</b>
	23.	<b>13/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Village (M/o C.C. Road in Village Ghari Shahpur), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 76.02 Lacs</b>
	24.	<b>14/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Village (M/o C.C. Road in Village Sultanpur), Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 49.00 Lacs</b>
	25.	<b>16/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: Strengthening of Road (Strengthening of Service Road and Drain along Plot No. 3ca Sector-129 on 45.00m wide Road between Sector-132&129), Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 86.80 Lacs</b>
	26.	<b>06/NOIDA/GM/SM-WC-09/ET/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: D/o Sector-126 (C/o both side drain cover of 30.00m wide Road between Sector-125 & 126), Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 47.96 Lacs</b>
	27.	<b>09/SM (Jal)-I/2022-23</b> , Name of Work: M/o Water Supply (Shifting of PSC Water line of Sector-121 due to construction of Signature Bridge near Parthla Chowk), Noida. <b>Cost - Rs. 31.63 Lacs</b>

Which can be uploaded by date 12.07.2022 upto 5.00 pm. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 13.07.2022 at 11.00 am.

(B)	1.	<b>17/SM-Ja-II/ET/21-22</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (R/o Water line in Sector-155, 156, 157 & R/o Sluice Valve & Reflex Valve Sector-96 & Making Internal Connection for Animal Shelter SPCA Sector-94) Noida. (AMC for Two Year) <b>Cost-Rs. 35.33 Lacs</b>
	2.	<b>27/GM/SM(WC-4)/ET/2021-22</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Drain (P/F M.S. Jaal at Main Drains in Work Circle-4 Area), Noida. <b>Cost-Rs. 32.07 Lacs</b>
	3.	<b>02/SM-Jal-I/22-23</b> , Name of Work:- Strengthening of Sewerage (Shifting of 600mm dia Sewer Rising Main of SPS-115 due to Construction of Slip Road for BisraKh Road ) Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 78.92 Lacs</b>
	4.	<b>91/SM-(Jal)-I/21-22</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Sewerage (Cleaning of Sewer Line by Super Sucker Machine in different Network Sector-17, 18, 19, 27, 104 and Village-Hazipur, Atta) Noida <b>Cost- Rs. 52.03 Lacs</b>
	5.	<b>95/SM-(Jal)-I/21-22</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Two year Repairing of PVC/C.I./D.I./M.S Water Line, R/o Sluice Valve and Reflex Valve and S/F flusing sluice valve in Network Sector-130, 162 and Village-Gulavali, Mohiyapur, Yakootpur, Nagla Nagli, Nagli Sakhpur, Rohillapur) Noida <b>Cost- Rs. 44.96 Lacs</b>
	6.	<b>29/SM-(Jal)-II/ET/21-22</b> , Name of Work:- Development of Stadium (Electrical work and pumping plant at UGR stadium sector-21A), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 57.12 Lacs</b>
	7.	<b>33/SM-(Jal)-II/ET/21-22</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (S/F of line Shaft for UGR and TWs in Sector-33, 34, 35, 116, 117), Noida,(For Two Year), <b>Cost- Rs. 76.51 Lacs</b>
	8.	<b>08/SM-(Jal)-I/ET/22-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Cleaning of UGR/OHT, Painting and Renovation work, R/o fire fighting, Motor Guage filling of pea-gravel and P/L interlocking tiles in Network Sector-1 to 7) Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 43.83 Lacs</b>
	9.	<b>15/SM-(Jal)-II/ET/22-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Repair of Water line, S/F Sluice Valve, Reflex Valve making flushing point, MS Allied work in Sector-30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 116, 117 & Village Morna) Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 91.00 Lacs</b>
	10.	<b>06/SM-(Jal)-I/2022-23</b> , Name of Work:- M/o Sewerage (Two year Cleaning, Repairing of Sewer Manhole, P/F Manhole Cover Frame and Cleaning of Sewer Line by Potabel Re-cycle jetting Cum Section Machine in Village Harola and Network Sector-1 to 7), Noida. <b>Cost- Rs. 31.77 Lacs</b>

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**2nd Corrigendum**

This corrigendum has been made for the NIT-15 invited online vide this office letter No. 3482/ Dated. 09.05.2022 with date for selling, closing, clarification and opening which was on dt. 23.06.2022 (selling date), 11.07.2022 (closing date), 27.06.2022 (clarification date) 12.07.2022 (opening date) as per 1st corrigendum has been modified and to be read as 28.06.2022, 12.07.2022, 30.06.2022 and 13.07.2022 respectively and estimated cost along with name of PWS Scheme also modified. All the terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Revised Estimated Cost (Apprx.) Rs. in Lakhs	Class of Bidder	Cost of Tender Paper	Period of completion
1	Execution of 70 LPCD RPWS Scheme to Brindol of Marshaghai Sanapanhuri of Kendrapara and Alabaha of Derabish on clubbed up mode in the District of Kendrapara. (JUM Funds)	₹ 311.89	"A" and "Special"	₹ 10000	360 days

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# L-G replies to Sisodia's letter on hospitals probe, says 'misleading public'

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

DELHI LIEUTENANT Governor V K Saxena Tuesday said that Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was trying to "mislead the public" regarding the enquiry initiated against Public Works Department (PWD) officers in the case relating to the construction of seven hospitals in city.

Saxena had granted ACB permission to investigate the case, a complaint for which was filed by BJP MP Manoj Tiwari. Sisodia has called the complaint frivolous, and had said the L-G did not have authority to give sanction for the investigation. "You are bulldozing the law only to favour the BJP," Sisodia had said in his letter.

In response to the letter, the L-G Tuesday wrote, "It is both sad

and surprising to note that... Deputy Chief Minister has made factually and legally incorrect statements... while unnecessarily politicising a desirable administrative action... High Court of Delhi in its judgement has held 'Services' falls outside purview of Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi... the permission for conducting enquiry into the complaint of corruption against officials of PWD has been granted after careful examination and strictly in accordance with the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the provisions of law."

In response, Delhi government officials said granting permissions for enquiries did not fall under the purview of 'Services' and are the jurisdiction of the elected government. In his letter, Sisodia had claimed that former L-G Anil Bajjal did not consider it

worth a detailed investigation and the new L-G had reopened the complaint.

Saxena also said in his letter that contrary to what Sisodia had said, the case had not been closed. "The notings in the file bear out the fact that the case was never closed... such unverified claims and assertions are unwarranted and appear to be an attempt to mislead the general public on this issue... I would further urge you to advise your hon'ble ministers to refrain from such unproductive and poorly evidenced assertions, which are both misleading and obstructive in nature," he wrote.

Sources in the government said, "The L-G office receives thousands of frivolous complaints... The fact that former L-G did not act on it within prescribed time limit of four months shows he did not find it serious enough to act."

Telangana. The number of sequences of these sub-variants has started increasing; the BA.2 sub-variant that led to the surge in cases in January continues to be dominant. However, researchers from the country's Covid genome sequencing consortium said that these sub-variants, although found to be spreading faster as per data from other countries, did


not have any clinical significance.

Though there has been an increase in Covid cases in Delhi and the country, there hasn't been a proportional increase in hospitalisations or deaths. City doctors say that they have been seeing people with symptoms similar to what was seen during the January wave – fever, cough and cold, sore throat, and lethargy,

with more people reporting gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea, nausea, and vomiting this time around.


"A couple of BA.5 sequences have been reported from labs at AIIMS and NCDC, but again these did not form any clusters," said a researcher with the genomic sequencing consortium INSACOG. The two sub-variants have two

mutations of significance – F486V, which lab studies have associated with the ability of the virus to evade some of the existing immunity, and I452R, which was found in the Delta variant associated with the ability to infect the lungs. However, there was no significant increase in hospitalisations even in South Africa when BA.4 and BA.5 were circulating.



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2	Arrah Branch, Arra Mob.: <b>8210998301</b>	<b>M/s. Sakaldeep Cold Storage, Director- Sri Rajeshwar Ray, Plot No. A4(P), Biada Industrial Area, Judge Bazar, Main Road, Bihiya- 802152</b> <b>Guarantor:</b> (1) Sri Bhuneshwar Ray, (2) Sri Vinodheshwar Ray, (3) Ramesh Rai, all S/o Late Sakaldeep Ray, (4) Manisha Devi W/o Nand Kishore Ray.	₹ <b>6,12,00,000/-</b> as on 05.04.2021 + Interest & Other Cost thereon	<b>Immovable:-</b> EMT of lease deed property consisting of Survey No. 2064 (P) and 2069(P), Khata No. 375, Thana No. 147, Deed No. 8235 Dated 23.07.2014 to the extent of 87120 sqft. in the name of <b>M/s. Sakaldeep Cold Storage</b> its Director- Sri Rajeshwar Ray, S/o Late Sakaldeep Ray at Mauza- Bihiya, Ward No. 12, Biada Judge Bazar, Bihiya, Boundary - North- Plot No. 2064 (P), 2069(P) & Industrial Plot No. A-4(p), South- Plot No. 2064 (P), 2069(P) & Industrial Plot No. A-3, East- Plot No. 2069 (P) & Industrial Road 40'-00", West- Industrial Area Boundary.  <b>Movable:-</b> Plant & Machinery- Condenser, Cooling Units STR-36, Compressors etc.	₹ 5,36,00,000/- <b>EMD- ₹ 53,60,000/-</b> 10,000/- A/c. No.209272434 <b>IFSC Code-CNRB0000376</b>  ₹ 25,15,000/- <b>EMD- ₹ 2,60,000/-</b> 10,000/- A/c. No.209272434 <b>IFSC Code-CNRB0000376</b>

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VACCINATIONS IN  
LAST 24 HOURS  
**32,188**



PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: **292**  
OXYGEN SUPPORT **66**  
VENTILATOR SUPPORT **17**

DELHI TOTAL  
CASES  
**19,32,900**

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
June 27	628	1,011	3	7,791
June 28	874	941	4	16,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,482*</b>	<b>19,02,158</b>	<b>26,260</b>	<b>3,90,30,167</b>

*\*Total active cases in Delhi*

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	June 27	June 28
Cases	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Deaths	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	June 27	June 28
Cases	<b>220</b>	<b>218</b>
Deaths	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## BRIEFLY

### BJP MLA gets extortion text

**Gurgaon:** Police have registered an FIR against an unidentified person for allegedly threatening and attempting to extort Rs 5 lakh from BJP MLA from Sohna constituency Sanjay Singh. Police said the accused claimed to be an aide of gangster Neeraj Bawana. According to the police, Sanjay Singh received a WhatsApp message on June 25 and the sender demanded extortion money to the tune of Rs 5 lakh. No arrest has been made, police said.

### After 7 yrs on run, man accused of cheating held

**New Delhi:** Two men were arrested for allegedly cheating an investor of Rs 20 crore in 2014 by the Economic Offences Wing from Shahdara on Monday, said police. One of them, Vasant Vihar resident Pradeep Paliwal (70), had been evading arrest for seven years, police said. He was involved in four different cases, including this, swindling people to the tune of almost Rs 100 crore when interest and other dues were taken into account, police said.

### MCD to make services IT-enabled from July 31

**New Delhi:** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has fixed July 31 as the date to launch its services that require a public interface online. The process is being expedited on the instructions of L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena who has directed the corporation to make all its services IT-enabled and online, including registration of birth and death, property tax, e-mutation, building plan sanction, layout approval, licences, among others. **ENS**

### Justice Satish Chandra Sharma sworn in as CJ of HC

**New Delhi:** Justice Satish Chandra Sharma on Tuesday took oath as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena administered the oath to the 60-year-old Justice Sharma at a ceremony in the Raj Niwas. The ceremony was attended by CM Arvind Kejriwal, AAP MLAs Somnath Bharti, and Madan Lal. Justice Sharma was previously serving as the Chief Justice of the Telangana HC and his transfer was notified by the Central government on June 19. **PTI**



## WOMEN AT WORK

Labourers head for lunch break at the Central Vista in New Delhi, Tuesday. *Renuka Puri*

## Gujarat BJP team in Delhi to 'check' schools, Sisodia says let us help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

WITH ELECTIONS in Gujarat scheduled towards the end of this year, politics from the state has reached the national capital. A 17-member BJP delegation from Gujarat is in Delhi on a two-day visit to assess the ground reality of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's "so-class world model", said the party's Gujarat vice-president Virender Sachdeva.

Gujarat BJP media convener Yagnesh Dave said the team visited a few schools and a mohalla clinic and claimed they were in a dilapidated state. "The fans and window panes were broken and bathroom and classroom walls were in a bad condition...", he claimed. He said there are three MLAs, some former ministers and office bearers in the team.

Sachdeva said the team has visited South and New Delhi areas, and will visit other areas on Wednesday.

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who also holds the education portfolio, meanwhile tweeted that he had learnt from the news that a Gujarat BJP team plans to visit Delhi's schools and mohalla clinics. "We have made a team of



The delegation visited a few schools and a mohalla clinic, said Gujarat BJP media convener

five MLAs to welcome this team from Gujarat and show them schools and mohalla clinics," he said.

AAP MLA Atishi also tweeted: "A BJP delegation from Gujarat has come to Delhi to visit our government schools and mohalla clinics. We are at the AAP office to welcome (them); those who want to visit school, hospital or mohalla clinic, we will take them there."

She added: "Gujarat's government schools have turned into ruins; walls are shattered, toilets are filthy, students are scared to come to schools; perhaps this is why the BJP delegation has felt the need to come to Delhi."

BJP spokesperson Praveen Shanker responded to Sisodia's tweet, asking why the AAP wants to decide which school BJP members will visit. "Let us

visit wherever we want, you want to do a conducted tour in a sanitised environment because you fear it will expose your reality, that you have built only a few schools which you keep on advertising while others are in a dilapidated state," he alleged.

After its landslide victory in the recently held Punjab assembly elections, AAP is seeking to expand its footprint in other states, including Gujarat. While Kejriwal has held rallies in the state, Sisodia recently said that the AAP will contest all 182 seats there.

The party had also contested the Gujarat assembly polls in 2017, but could not open its account at the time. The BJP's win in 2017 was its sixth straight victory in the state.

The entry of AAP has made the contest a four-way fight in Gujarat, with the BJP and

### EXPLAINED Focus areas

WITH AAP keeping education and healthcare in focus wherever it contests, the Gujarat BJP will try to challenge the party on those turfs as it prepares for Assembly polls in the state. Its visit to Delhi appears to be part of that strategy

Congress already in the fray and the AIMIM also trying to strengthen its presence in this year's elections.

In April this year, Sisodia had visited government schools in Gujarat education minister Jitu Vaghani's constituency, Bhavnagar. He had visited primary school number 62 run by the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Sidsar Primary School number 1 run by the district panchayat, both in Vaghani's constituency, as part of his "inspection visit". He had attacked the ruling BJP government for its alleged failure to improve the state's education system.

The quote-tweets and further amplification of his tweet were creating disharmony and unrest. We are investigating the matter and will question him. On Monday, he didn't cooperate during questioning. This is something even the court observed and granted police remand."

Kaur said: "Zubair had told the police that his father-in-law wasn't well. But police pushed him to come from Bangalore to Delhi citing 'urgency' in the (POCSO) case... During questioning, another notice was served.... We had no time to process it..."

### DEEMED 'ILLEGAL'

## Homebuyers panic as tower at Gurgaon's M3M project is halted

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA  
GURGAON, JUNE 28

DAYS AFTER the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) ordered real estate developer M3M to halt construction of an eleventh tower in its residential project M3M Merlin in Gurgaon's sector 67, many who have invested in the tower and booked properties said they had been left in the lurch. Homebuyers who had invested in the under-construction tower, now deemed "illegal", said they were anxious and in a state of panic.

"I was looking for a ready-to-move apartment last year and got in touch with a property dealer, who suggested this project. I was told it's a standalone tower and would be built quickly. I paid a token amount and booked a flat in February 2021. Later with an assurance that approvals from RERA had come, I paid more than Rs 1 crore, which is about 50 percent of the total amount. It was not disclosed to me that the matter is under litigation... now I am stuck," said a home buyer, requesting anonymity.

"I have suffered a big loss... It is a fraudulent sale considering that complete information was not disclosed," he added.

Hearing a complaint filed by 300 home buyers of M3M Merlin, the NCDRC on June 23 had ruled that the developers of the project, M3M India Private Limited and Consolidate Realtors Private Limited, did not take con-



The NCDRC on June 23 had ruled that 11th tower was not included in the original layout plan

sent of the residents of the already built 10 towers of the project before taking the approval of the Directorate of Town and Country Planning for changing the layout and constructing a new tower, and that 11th tower was not included in the original layout plan.

The project M3M Merlin was announced in 2011 and the brochure mentioned that the project area would be 13.344 acres with 10 towers to be constructed with world-class amenities. The initial plan also included a low-rise Economically Weaker Section (EWS) building on one corner. The layout was revised and approved in January 2014 and the area, which was earlier shown as EWS housing, was changed to an area for future development. The

## Monsoon expected to hit Delhi by June 30, says Met dept

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

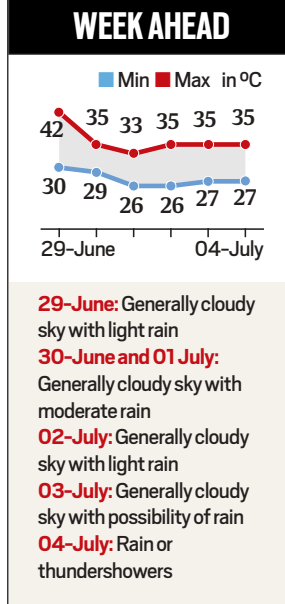
THE SOUTHWEST monsoon is likely to hit Delhi between June 30 and July 1, the India Meteorological Department said Tuesday.

Cloudy skies, moderate rainfall, and strong winds of around 30 to 40 kmph are on the forecast for June 30. An 'orange' alert, which is a warning to stay prepared, has been issued for that date. Light rainfall is likely on July 1. IMD senior scientist R K Jenamani said rainfall is likely to reduce on July 2.

The 'normal' onset date of the southwest monsoon in Delhi was June 27. Last year, the onset was delayed with the monsoon hitting the city on July 13.

Conditions are favourable for the further advance of the monsoon into the remaining parts of Bihar, some more parts of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours, the IMD said Tuesday.

"Conditions would continue to become favourable for further advance of monsoon into remaining parts of the Arabian Sea and Gujarat, some parts of Rajasthan, remaining parts of Madhya Pradesh, entire Uttar



Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, some parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi during the subsequent 48 hours (that is between June 30 to July 1)," the IMD said.

The IMD had declared the onset of the southwest monsoon over Kerala on May 29. After its onset over Kerala, it advances northwards. The northern limit of the southwest monsoon, which is the northernmost limit

developer obtained the occupation certificate (OC) in March 2017 and in the OC issued by DTCP, the number of towers was limited to 10 towers. The developer filed the deed of declaration in June 2017 and the number of towers was mentioned as 10. In 2020, the developers managed to get approval for a revised building plan for tower 11 in the EWS block of the project.

Another homebuyer said he had paid Rs 1.25 crore for a property in the 11th tower. He said, "I am reaching out to the developer for some clarity. I was not aware of any legal issues and was told that all clearances had been taken. I borrowed some money to make the payment."

Another homebuyer, requesting anonymity, said that he had booked a 3 BHK in the 11th tower and paid Rs 10 lakh as the booking amount. "I have only paid a partial amount for the booking. Since the order was pronounced, there has been uncertainty. We do not know if the construction will go ahead. I put money into this project for investment purposes, but I am now thinking of asking for a refund. I have reached out to other people who had invested in the tower and the developer to seek clarity," said the homebuyer.

On Friday, a spokesperson for M3M had told *The Indian Express*, "M3M has high regards for NCDRC, however we believe that the facts have been falsely presented against M3M by the complainants. We now propose to take this matter further for justice."

up to which it has advanced on a given day, passed through Ratlam, Shivpuri, Rewa, and Churk on Tuesday.

The IMD had said the monsoon rainfall over northwest India is likely to be 'normal' this year, which is 92% to 108% of the long period average.

On Tuesday, the Safdarjung weather observatory recorded a maximum temperature of 41.5 degrees Celsius, four degrees above the normal for this time of the year. The maximum temperature is likely to fall to around 33 degrees Celsius on July 1. The minimum temperature recorded on Tuesday was 30.8 degrees, which is three degrees above the normal. Maximum humidity recorded over the past 24 hours was 74%.

The maximum temperature hit 44.2 degrees at Najafgarh on Tuesday, the highest recorded in the city on the day. Cloudy skies, moderate rainfall and a maximum temperature of 42 degrees are on the forecast Wednesday.

Delhi has a rainfall deficit of 62% for this month till June 28. The city has recorded 24.5 mm so far against a normal of 64.1 mm till June 28. The city was parched in March and April with a deficit of 100% and 98% respectively. The month of May recorded an excess of 142% with western disturbances bringing rainfall.

### CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC

## At Delhi's libraries, leisure reading gives way to competitive exam prep

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ON A sunny weekday afternoon, the Dyal Singh public library in Central Delhi looked oddly deserted from the outside, but a glimpse of the rooms inside proved otherwise. The tables were lined with readers, while the reading rooms were bursting at the seams. This library, like many of Delhi's public libraries, has found itself host to students preparing for competitive exams.

The librarian, Pankaj, says, "Before Covid, about 70% of our

visitors were students. But now that the situation has gone back to normal somewhat, the number has increased."

He adds that the library, which houses thousands of books in various languages, is open to and hosts people from all age groups and parts of society. The reading rooms, though, were teeming with students poring over textbooks. At the Dyal Singh library, these rooms are free to use, through the payment of a nominal security deposit.

Civil Services aspirant Sunil says it is easy to study in a quiet library environment. "It's also

very useful for me when I need new reference material," he adds.

Delhi's oldest public library is home to more than just books: kittens play around near a shelf of ageing Urdu manuscripts, in a building that houses books dating back to the 1600s.

The modern-day competitive exam culture has left a mark on the Hardayal Municipal Public Library, which too has been seeing its fair share of CA and UPSC aspirants.

"Earlier, you would see more people coming to borrow books and read. These days, you see mostly students coming to



study," says acting librarian Rajender Singh. He adds that while the library, which has been in operation since 1862, is primarily a heritage library, they have also stocked up on study materials for various competitive exams to cater to the new generation of readers.

A cheap and quiet reading space is a draw for students here as well. The fees only add up to Rs 1,000 a year, with a refundable deposit of Rs 200.

A Chandni Chowk staple, the

Dyal Singh library in Central Delhi. *Amit Mehra*

Delhi Public Library is one that seems to have embraced the rising number of students, and with branches all over the city, its effects are not limited to Chandni Chowk alone.

According to Delhi Library board chairman Subhash Kankheria, "Education is something we cannot ignore if we have to progress as a society. That is why we are focusing on the students who come to the library and provide all facilities for them. We have reading rooms and study material, and if any textbooks are not available students can apply to get them purchased." The chairman says that the

fees charged are nominal, compared to private reading rooms and study halls across the city.

He adds, "These places may charge Rs 1,000 for their facilities or even more, but we only charge Rs 100 a month. Even this charge is only to show that the service has value."

On the whole, it seems the library as a quiet place to read for the average person is giving way to the library that caters to those facing India's competitive exams. But that's not necessarily a bad thing, as librarian Pankaj says, "In a way, everyone who enters a library becomes a student."





# Brand Kalra Hospitals Saga of Achievements in Healthcare as India turns 75!



**India has reached the landmark of 75 years of independence. In these years how has healthcare evolved in the country?**

Indeed there has been a lot of medical improvements and advancements in healthcare in the past few decades. When I started practicing in 1981, there was hardly any facility in Delhi where angioplasty could be done and patients had to be sent to Chennai and even London. I have sent many patients to London for angioplasty. Today, India has become self-sufficient in healthcare and in my speciality angiography, angioplasty, by-pass, replacement of the valves, and a lot more other interventions is a possibility and are happening. There is a lot of progressive change in the country and we as a nation are definitely going ahead.

**India was a poor country when it got independence and then grew to become a developing country where funds and infrastructure were still severe constraint. How did medical care improve despite hurdles?**

India has progressed 360 degrees with a lot of industries being, generating employment and people are more well-off than what they used to be some 4-5 decades ago when India was still struggling to stand on its feet as a young nation. Medical field, however, is always in a state of evolution and so advancements takes place which is a continuous process. Every day there is new medical literature, treatment modalities and technology, so we keep on going ahead. And with advancements, we keep on investing in new technologies and equipment. Medical equipment was expensive, but it is less comparatively to what it was earlier. This was triggered by a lot of competition in the market which has helped in reduction of equipment costs. Also, we have more choices. Earlier, we were dependent on the very few companies for purchase of our hospital requirements as there were no options available to us. After the global market has opened up in a big way, we can today get a good equipment at a good price without compromising on its quality. The competition is so tough that it has worked to the advantage of buyers and investors in the medical sector. It has resulted in many patients coming to India for treatment as medical care is very affordable and at par with services being provided by world –class hospitals.

**Whom have you idolized in your life from the speciality that you belong to?**

In RML, I worked with Dr R.K. Karoli. He used to see OPD patient right from morning 9 am to 9pm in the night. While rest of my colleagues used to leave early, I used to stay back till the last patient was examined and in this manner I used spend all my time with Dr Karoli. This is how I got inspired to work for the people, patients and the society at large and the country.

I had a dream that I should have my own hospital. And I started Kalra Hospital with 25 beds and as the demand increased I kept on increasing the beds. Now it's a 350 bedded hospital. The brand Kalra Hospitals has three branches now, each with 50 beds and 150 beds in the main Kalra Hospital. In total Kalra hospital has 300 beds now.

**What are the things that need to change to progress in the medical profession?**

I personally believe only those people should join the medical profession who have more compassion and are more dedicated towards the patients. They should not make their personal and social life a priority, something that one has to sacrifice in this profession where doctors do not see day and night when it comes to attending to patients needing emergency support. Time is a very big factor that the doctors have to sacrifice for their profession. Many times we work throughout the day and night. But the next morning we have to be back to work with the same level of enthusiasm, alertness and attention.

**Today, at 75 years, the voice is getting strong for Atmanirbhar Bharat. How are you contributing to this collective vision of a nation?**

We are always ready to cooperate with the government in all their schemes and programmes meant for healthcare to take better care of our countrymen even though the fee is nominal. Our aim is that the patient should be treated and cured so that he is alright and goes back happy. During the Covid pandemic we worked day and night and hardly slept for 2-3 hours at the most. We provided the patients with medicines though there were many unscrupulous people selling it at exorbitant rate. We provided beds and other facilities going out of our way to do much more for the patients. All of this for very nominal fee and even free when people could not afford it. For us it was like going to the border when we stepped out of our homes to go to the hospital be-

***Dr R.N. Kalra**, Medical Director CEO R&D of Kalra Hospital, has seen over seven decades of evolution of healthcare sector. As an eminent professional and progressive social person, he has invested all his knowledge for the betterment of society serving patients with unflinching dedication. Passionate about his profession and the role it can play in transforming the society into a healthy one, he treats all with the same respect and attends his work with the same discipline that he has inculcated. Today, he heads the brand Kalra Hospitals, which is a trusted name for over 32 years for its medical excellence. On the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence, he shares the journey he has traversed so far and the vision forward.*



cause it was a war-like situation. I must say we fought bravely despite being on the backfoot as there was hardly any support to back us. We were as exposed to the virus like anyone else and could succumb not knowing what would happen. Our lives were at stake.

**Could you share something about the needs for skilled medical fraternity such as para medical staff and Kalra Hospital's**

**contribution in this direction?**

If you keep your para medical staff happy and they are fully satisfied with the remunerations that match their expectations along with assurance that their welfare is a priority for us they work and we have to make them to work dedicatedly. There are staff members who have worked with me for the last 30-40 years. To keep them updated as professionals, we have a quality manager who takes daily classes batch-wise on different aspects of

healthcare. This keeps our staff in top shape and adept in their work.

**How is Kalra Hospital going to leverage itself to the next level?**

Kalra Hospitals apart from this corporate office in Kriti Nagar has three other branches. One, at Dabri Mor, the other at Dwarkamor and another in Najafgarh. We do wish to open a hospital somewhere in the north of Delhi but it's still just a

thought. All these hospitals are equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and we have never compromised in quality. All the doctors are well-qualified and have to have a minimum of five years of experience to join us and in the ICU's only postgraduate doctors with experience are appointed. Now my sons are taking the hospital forward. Dr Ankur Kalra, who is MD and is also associated with academics in the US and Dr Ankit Kalra, who is MD & DNB cardiology takes care of the hospitals. There is no limit to growth and expansion. I believe God's grace and our dedication will take us forward if we keep on working.

**Sustainable development is the mantra across industry sectors. How are you ensuring eco-friendly environment at Kalra Hospital?**

Strict infection control is observed in at Kalra hospitals. Every week samples/culture is taken from the beds, floors to check if there is any infection and its source. Also, its mandatory to wear masks, gloves and other protective cover as per protocol. Sanitizers are placed all over the hospital premises and thorough cleanliness is maintained by chemical fumigation to keep the place sanitized. We also have a waste water treatment plant where the water is treated and reused.

**As a senior Cardiologist of Delhi, and someone who belongs to the pre-independence era, what makes you proud as a person and as a professional?**

My only concern and singular desire is that the patient gets cured. It gives me immense happiness when critical patients who are on the verge of death make a U-turn to come out of danger and get cured and goes back happy to his family. That evokes in us more desire to work better and boosts our enthusiasm to work more.

**You message to young doctors aspiring to be the future legacy of healthcare?**

My message to them is to work hard with complete dedication and they will keep on growing with time. Success and money will eventually follow if one remains focused on work and does it sincerely. There is no short cut to success and even if there is, it is short-lived. It is not a one day's job but requires investing years of unwavering passion and dedication. Doctors have to go through the test of fire to reach high levels of accomplishment, name and fame.

**What is your message to your fraternity and people in general on this momentous 75 years of India's independence?**

Health is wealth, so develop the habit of doing daily yoga, exercise or go for walk amidst nature. Be mindful of what you eat, and get your lipid profile checked atleast once a year after turning 20 years, because young heart attacks are getting common. Quit smoking and drink alcohol in moderation under the advice of a doctor. If the young generation remain healthy, our country will be healthy because a healthy body and mind is more productive, more positive in attitude and the outcome too is very positive and encouraging. Everybody should work hard and lend a helping hand to others wanting to progress in life which augurs well for a happy society and a prosperous nation.







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## IN UKRAINE’S SHADOW

G7 meet framed a West preparing for a prolonged conflict. Global community must find ways to mitigate its fallout

IN GERMANY, AS in much of the world in recent months, Ukraine cast a long shadow. At the summit of the G7, which was also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leaders of South Africa and Indonesia, among others, the message was clear: The US and its allies foresee a prolonged conflict in Ukraine and they will continue to support Volodymyr Zelenskyy (who made an in-camera appeal to the leaders at the summit via video) and the people of Ukraine in their fight against a militarily superior neighbour. For now, the differences within the G7 with regard to their reliance on Russian commodity exports, especially the dependence on Russian natural gas, have been put aside, and the grouping has vowed to “align and expand targeted sanctions to further restrict Russia’s access to key industrial inputs, services and technologies”. With the NATO summit following the G7 meet, the contours of the strategic conversation around Ukraine were laid out.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated New Delhi’s position in unequivocal terms — there must be an immediate cessation of hostilities in Ukraine, and dialogue and diplomacy are the way forward. While the resolve to sideline Russia and support Ukraine “for as long as it takes” appears to hold firm at the moment, popular support to act against Moscow may wane as the war drags on and economies continue to suffer the pain. The fact is that as the conflict has progressed, its effects have been felt far beyond Europe. Food and fuel inflation continue to be on the rise and have hit the poorest people and nations the hardest. If — as Zelenskyy reportedly said in his address to the leaders gathered in Bavaria — the conflict gains new momentum in the winter, the global community must find ways to offset the economic and humanitarian crisis that will likely ensue, in Europe and beyond.

On the economic front, the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) announced by US President Joe Biden holds promise. Under it, the G7 has committed to invest \$600 billion by 2027 in a host of countries, including India, “in critical infrastructure that improves lives and delivers real gains for all of our people”. The PGII aims to act as both an alternative and foil to China’s Belt and Road Initiative, which has lately been seen as imposing an untenable debt burden on developing economies such as Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Along with the reasonable request by India for greater investment by the developing world in clean technologies to mitigate climate change, the PGII could help build a more resilient global economy.

## SIGNAL FROM SANGRUR

Simranjit Singh Mann’s win in Punjab bypoll carries a message that the state’s mainstream cannot afford to ignore

THE SURPRISE WIN in Punjab of Simranjit Singh Mann in the recent by-poll from the Sangrur parliamentary seat, the pocket borough of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has touched off questions — and anxieties. Even though the margin of his victory is slender, it’s a jolt to the reigning Aam Aadmi Party government that had swept to power with an overwhelming mandate a little more than 100 days ago. More than that, Mann, an IPS officer who resigned from service in protest against Operation Bluestar in 1984, has for long been looked upon as an anachronism as the state tried to move past the dark decade of militancy. He clung on to his demand for sovereignty, reiterating his reverence for the controversial figure of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. This is why his triumph, after over 23 years of his party Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) drawing a blank at the hustings, calls for introspection by Punjab’s political mainstream.

Simranjit Singh Mann’s victory comes at a time when the Shiromani Akali Dal, the oldest party of the state, seems to be at its weakest. It is facing an existential crisis after incidents of Guru Granth Sahib’s desecration in 2015 and its handling of the aftermath dealt a body blow to its credibility. Mann could be said to have began his comeback by calling a gathering of community leaders on the issue of sacrilege. Of late, he has been championing the cause of minorities against what he calls the ultra-right — in a probable bid to move into the space once occupied by the Akali Dal. The AAP government may have won a grand victory but its sweep should not paper over the fact that many unresolved issues require deft handling in the state. There are elements that are numerically insignificant, but with a potential to cause mischief disproportionate to their numbers and which draw support from sections of the diaspora in search of a mythical homeland. This minuscule section can also be exploited by inimical forces across the border.

The Bhagwant Singh Mann government has its task cut out. As it tries to inject new life into the economy and address issues like the state of education, it will do well to keep an ear to the ground. Be it inter-state sharing of river waters or the joint capital, there are issues that can snowball if not dealt with sensitively, and electorally marginalised elements that nurse a feeling of dispossession. The new government owes it to its mandate to keep its focus on an agenda of development and inclusion, which alone can help the state to step up to the challenges of the future.

## THE RETICENT BILLIONAIRE

The phantom of Bombay House has passed on. The Tata question remains in search of a resolution

BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST AND chairman of the Shapoorji Pallonji group, Pallonji Mistry, who died on Tuesday in Mumbai at 93, was nicknamed the “Phantom of Bombay House”. His presence was felt in the Tata Group’s head-offices even though he was rarely heard or seen — the family holds a 18.4 per cent stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata group. Pallonji took over the reins of the SP group in 1975 after his father’s passing and shepherded the group’s foray into West Asia, showcasing its abilities by building the Sultan’s palace in Muscat. This also served as a launchpad for the group’s successful operations in the wider region.

The SP group, founded in 1865, operates across several verticals but it is widely known for having constructed some of Mumbai’s most iconic landmarks, among which are the headquarters of the Reserve Bank of India, the buildings of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and the Standard Chartered Bank, and the Taj Mahal Palace hotel. The family which has tended to avoid the spotlight — incidentally, it produced Mughal-e-Azam, one of the biggest blockbusters in Hindi cinema — was thrust into the public eye following the high-profile clash between Pallonji’s son Cyrus Mistry and Ratan Tata. Cyrus had been appointed as chairman of Tata Sons in 2012. But after a falling out with Tata, he was forced out of the group in 2016 in one of the most high-profile corporate battles in recent times. In May this year, the Supreme Court dismissed the SP Group’s petition that sought a review of the verdict that upheld the removal of Cyrus Mistry as head of Tata Sons.

Despite his immense wealth and influence, Pallonji was an intensely private man who kept a low profile. His death comes at a time when the group has been attempting to firm up its financial position by paring down its debt burden.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE ARREST OF journalist Mohammed Zubair in Delhi is pettiness, vengeance and repression let loose on a society once aspiring to be free. It is also a distillation of the way in which the Narendra Modi government draws energy from a thorough contempt for liberty, decency, constitutional values, and the opinion of the international community. The arrest comes just as the PM was singing paeans to Indian democracy in Munich, milking the Emergency way past its political expiry date and signing protocols on free speech. It is a reminder to the world that with this regime, you have to vigilantly watch what it does and not be duped by what it says.

Let us look at the larger political and institutional context of this story. The outfit that Mohammed Zubair helped run, *Alt News*, did sterling service for India’s democracy, holding on to the now elusive idea that facts might matter. His courage has been an inspiration. He brought to our attention the fact that Nupur Sharma, a high office-bearer of the ruling BJP, had engaged in a speech about Prophet Mohammed that could only be considered vile. There were communal riots in the wake of that speech and international condemnation of India. This column had argued that what made Nupur Sharma’s speech dangerous was that it expressed the sentiments of the ruling party (‘Beware of half victories’, IE, June 8). She should have been politically punished. But liberals should have resisted calling for her arrest and using FIRs because, in the long run, such moves only serve to weaken the free speech regime, and it makes the protection of free speech open to competitive communal mobilisation.

Zubair’s arrest sends several messages. First, it is pure revenge, through and through. It was a matter of time before the Modi government unleashed a politics of revenge in the wake of its international humiliation. Second, the purpose is to keep the free speech debate hostage to communal politics. That he has been allegedly arrested for a 2018 tweet, which used a trope about a hotel from an old Hindi film, might make this case seem farcical. Surely, you might say, this case cannot be serious? But the purpose is to create a

The Court may have had its reasons to decide the Zakia Jafri case the way it did. But to unleash the might of the state on the petitioners who have been fighting an almost lone legal battle to get justice to the victims of the Gujarat riots; to convict them without a trial is a new and chilling precedent.

narrative of victimhood that our free speech regime allows Hindu gods to be mocked but not the Prophet. The farcical nature of the charge is designed to play on that card.

It might be pointed out that many purveyors of hate speech in the ruling party, even those who have directly incited violence, roam free. The government is selective in who it targets using Section 153 of the IPC. But this selectivity has its political functions. It underscores the point that the majority can act with impunity. Ministers can incite violence without consequence, but how dare a Zubair raise his voice? These arrests give wind to the fantasy of majoritarian impunity and privilege. Finally, it is common knowledge that Zubair’s crime was not mocking Hindu gods. It was to stand steadfast on one thing that makes this government tremble with fear and rage — facts. Perhaps Zubair will be lucky and a judge with an iota of professional competence will see through the farce of his arrest. But the signal is clear.

This arrest has to be seen as part of the larger pattern of arbitrariness and repression: ED and CBI raids, whenever politically convenient, the use of UAPA charges against innocent students, the communally targeted bulldozing of properties, the control over the media, the use of vigilante violence, and the complete decimation of all independent institutions. PM Modi rightly and vehemently objects to the Emergency. But it almost seems as if his charge is that, as bad as the Emergency was, it was not done right: It did not have the kind of insidiousness, communal charge, slow torture that this regime aspires to.

But this repression of liberty is aided by wider complicity. This column had once used the phrase judicial barbarism (‘Lordships and masters’, IE November 18, 2020) to describe the conduct of India’s highest court. Now, in retrospect, the term judicial was superfluous in that description. It still suggested some deference to judicial form, some procedure, some fig leaf of a rule by law, if not rule of law. But the conduct of the Supreme Court over the last few years has only underscored the fact that in many cases, calling its proceedings judicial is to cut it too much slack. The Court may have had its reasons to decide the

Zakia Jafri case the way it did. But to unleash the might of the state on the petitioners who have been fighting an almost lone legal battle to get justice to the victims of the Gujarat riots; to convict them without a trial is a new and chilling precedent. Even if one grants, for argument’s sake, mistakes on the petitioner’s part, what the Court is licensing is nothing but revenge against those seeking justice.

Then there is the farce being played out over the Maharashtra Assembly, where the Court has just committed full-blown murder of the Tenth Schedule and the anti-defection law. It has muddled the Speaker’s powers; it has in effect given the BJP what it wanted — more time to horse trade. But what links the cases — Zubair, the Gujarat petitioners, and the Maharashtra Assembly episode — is a complete inversion of justice. Facts are crimes, seeking justice is a sin and democracy is best served by judicial arbitrariness.

But these cases are not likely to evoke much public response. Amongst the well-meaning people, there is still a tendency to see these cases as exceptional, the deviations that scar but do not challenge the basic constitutional scheme. We will go through the motions as if our institutions still provide a conduit for constitutional argument and justice. If we are lucky, an occasional brave judge might give a Zubair relief and we can all go through our lives with a clean conscience, even as the system collapses around us.

But more ominously, there will be celebrations of this state impunity, there will be cheering for communalism, and triumphal assertions that liberals are worse than tyrants. The Emergency in 1975 was repressive, but it did not dull our intellects, eviscerate our conscience, or extinguish our fighting spirit. The Supreme Court accused activists of keeping the pot boiling. For once, the Court, like the government, knows what it is talking about: boiling. Between them, they have burnt democracy, liberty and secular political values to death. All that remains is the burnt embers, emitting the stench of tyranny. Zubair is the latest victim. There will be countless more.

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INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IS critical for making the Digital India project inclusive, and widespread use of optical fibre in the remotest corners of the country is vital to ensure that no one is left behind in this endeavour. With over 117 crore telecom users and more than 82 crore internet subscribers, India is one of the fastest-growing markets for digital consumers. A 2019 McKinsey study rated India as the second-fastest digitising economy. Digital infrastructure, which seamlessly integrates with physical and traditional infrastructure, is critical to India’s growth story and the country’s thrust towards self-reliance.

5G technology is going to make inroads into the country very soon. Top smartphone manufacturers in India have already released phones with 5G capability. Networking equipment that relies on optical fibre and other semiconductor-based device ecosystems are at the heart of building the infrastructure that will be needed when the country takes the next step in its digital journey. The government has taken several measures to build the next generation of digital infrastructure. But the success of initiatives such as Bharatnet Phase III and the world’s largest rural broadband project — which aim to provide broadband connectivity to all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats across the country — hinge

## PREPARING FOR 5G

India needs to invest in optical fibre, guard against unfair practices of other countries

on the deployment of high-quality fibres. A basic requirement of 5G will be data transmission networks. Optical fibre is the backbone of the digital infrastructure required for this purpose — the data is transmitted by light pulses travelling through long strands of thin fibre.

Indian manufacturers have a strong presence across the value chain of this industry. In the last 10 years, domestic manufacturers invested more than Rs 5,000 crore in this industry, which has generated direct and indirect employment for around 4 lakh individuals. India exported optical fibre worth \$138 million to over 132 countries between April 2020 and November 2021. India’s annual optical fibre manufacturing capacity is around 100 million fibre km (fkm) and the domestic consumption is around 46 million fkm. Indian optical fibre cable consumption is predicted to increase to 33 million fkm by 2026 from 17 million fkm in 2021. A little more than 30 per cent of mobile towers have fibre connectivity; this needs to be scaled up to at least 80 per cent.

In anticipation of this demand, domestic manufacturers have been ramping up their capacities over the last few years. However, India’s optical fibre industry has also seen unfair competition from cheap imports from China, Indonesia and South Korea. These countries have been dumping their products in India at rates lower than the market price.

Korea. These countries have been dumping their products in India at rates lower than the market price. The World Trade Organisation defines dumping as “an international price discrimination situation in which the price of a product offered in the importing country is less than the price of that product in the exporting country’s market”. Imposing anti-dumping duties is one way of protecting the domestic industry. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies has recently begun investigations against optical fibre imports. One hopes that the probe will also catalyse other efforts to encourage local manufacturing.

India needs to invest in R&D, offer production-linked incentive schemes to support indigenous high-tech manufacturing and develop intellectual property in critical aspects of digital connectivity. The digital infrastructure created in the process could serve as a springboard for our growth in the next 20 years. We are at a crossroads now. The need of the hour is to unlock the full potential of India’s optical fibre industry and enable India to emerge as a major manufacturing and technology hub while achieving *atmanirbharta* in its 5G journey.

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## JUNE 29, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### V P SINGH RESIGNS

UTTAR PRADESH CHIEF Minister V P Singh resigned following the murder of 17 persons by dacoits in two central districts within 24 hours. Governor C P N Singh accepted the resignation but told him to continue until a new CM was installed. Singh announced his resignation at a hurriedly called press conference at 4 PM. He said he had not consulted the party high command before sending in his resignation to the Governor since he believed, “in the matter of conscience, there is no scope for any consultation or discussion.” The press had no inkling of the dramatic development.

### THE ISRAELI INVASION

BOTH THE PALESTINIAN Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Syria have rejected the conditions dictated by Israel for not attacking West Beirut and for imposing a settlement on Lebanon. A PLO spokesman in Beirut said that his organisation would neither lay down their arms nor accept a safe conduct to Syria, promised by the Israelis surrounding the city, through designated exit routes. He said the PLO, whose 6,000 armed were said to be inside West Beirut, would defend the Lebanese capital if it was attacked by Israeli forces. Syria has neither agreed to provide asylum to the PLO fighters from

Lebanon nor withdraw its forces.

### PROPOSAL TO PAKISTAN

INDIA’S PROPOSAL ON a joint commission has been formally sent to Pakistan, according to an official announcement by the External Affairs Ministry in New Delhi. A ministry spokesperson said the proposal was handed over by Foreign Secretary M K Rasgotra to the charge d’affaires of Pakistan in New Delhi, SK Dehlvi. The spokesman said that India hoped the joint commission would contribute to relations between the two countries in all fields including commercial and cultural.



# Inevitability of Agnipath

Recruitment reform must be seen alongside other defence reforms that include appointment of CDS and reorganisation of armed forces into theatre commands



MANISH TEWARI

FROM THE PEACE of Westphalia in 1648 till the end of the First World War in 1918, military strategists had convinced themselves that once a general mobilisation for war was ordered it must culminate in a full-scale conflict. For, rolling back a fully marshalled army from going into battle had grave internal consequences including and not limited to regime change.

In May 1892, in a memorandum to the Russian Foreign Minister Nikolay Girs, the Adjutant General of the Russian Army Nikolai Orbuhev explained why the traditional method of determining *casus belli* of war had been overtaken by modern technology. What mattered most now was who mobilised first and not who fired the first shot. “The undertaking of mobilisation cannot be considered as a peaceful act. On the contrary, it represents the most decisive act of war,” he opined.

Within a month of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, on June 28, 1914, the doomsday machine of general mobilisation unleashed itself. Once Austria-Hungary and Germany started to mobilise, other European powers followed suit and World War I commenced. By 1918, this Armageddon had left 17 million people dead.

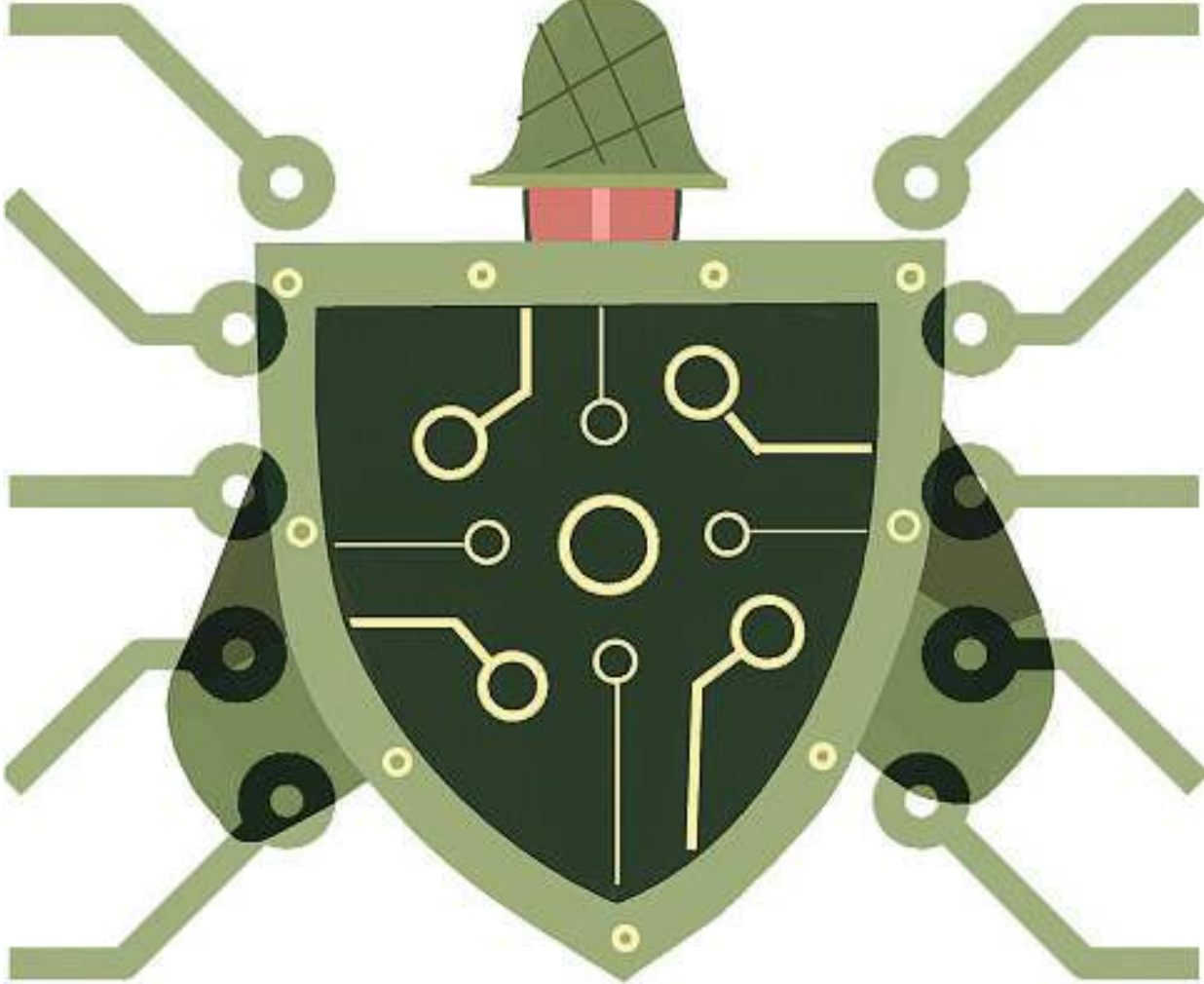
The Second World War was triggered by the imperatives of the alliance system. In 1938, German troops annexed Austria before occupying Sudetenland, a part of German-speaking Czechoslovakia. However when the Nazis marched into Poland on September 1, 1939, Great Britain, according to the terms of the Anglo-Polish Pact, declared war on Germany on September 3. France followed suit and the war dominos were in full play. By the time it was all over in 1945, 85 million people were dead and large parts of the world lay in ruins.

The alliance and mobilisation templates were carried forward into the Cold War till the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. In the calculation of war planners on both sides, the principal land battle in Europe would be fought on the northern German plains fit for attacks by mass concentrations of heavy armour. This again necessitated the deployment of large conventional armies. Added to this was the MAD doctrine – mutually assured destruction – inserted into the dynamic of war by nuclear weapons.

However, by 1975, US defence experts chastened by the checkmate in the Korean War and defeat in Vietnam, seriously started rethinking the structure and contours of a future armed force because they correctly anticipated that the landscape of warfare would rapidly transform itself given the swift technological advances taking place.

Moreover, nimble and mobile North Korean and Vietcong forces had effectively repulsed a conventionally superior US military power over long standoffs. The long-serving director of the office of Net Assessments in the Pentagon Andrew Marshall provided the intellectual heft to this process of restructuring.

By the time Donald Rumsfeld assumed the mantle of US Defence Secretary again in the George W Bush administration, there had



C R Sasikumar

been a veritable revolution in military affairs encompassing a multitude of technological progressions in computing, communications, space know-how, and transformative changes that were unfolding even in the manufacturing domain. Coupled with the rise of transnational non-state actors, the nature of conflict and warfare was also evolving rapidly.

The US was the only country that saw the coming revolution in military affairs. Even Soviet military theorists, way back in the early 1970s, had started applying themselves to military-technical revolutions. By the mid-1990s, even China, fuelled by a decade of economic growth, had commenced a fundamental restructuring of both its force and command structures.

The trigger for the reforms in China were the twin projections of power by the US, namely the Gulf War of 1990 and the Taiwan Strait Crisis of 1995. The Chinese Communist Party leadership recognised that it lacked the technological prowess to wage a modern war that could proscribe foreign powers from intervening in the region. They adopted a three-pronged approach by exponentially ramping up defence spending. It involved investing in new weaponry, enhancing anti-access area denial tactics, and establishing programmes to boost the Chinese defence industry.

However one of the fundamental changes they initiated was to develop an integrated fighting force with first-rate naval and air capabilities. As the other services expanded, the army was shrunk to around 9,75,000 from an approximate three million in the mid-70s and the higher defence management paradigm was reorganised into theatre commands by February 2016.

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In 2000, a Group of Ministers (GOM) endorsed the KRC’s recommendation stating that, “in order to ensure that the armed forces are at their fighting best at all times, there is a need to ensure a younger profile of the services. However, this is a highly complex matter. While the army desires a younger age profile, so do the central paramilitary forces (CPMFs)”. The Nareish Chandra Task Force on National Security set up by the UPA government in 2011 also addressed this issue. Its report, however, is not public so far.

Thus the Agniveer recruitment reform must be contextualised in the backdrop of the larger canvas of defence reforms that include the appointment of a CDS, a reorganisation of the armed forces into theatre commands to promote jointness and synergy.

The future of warfare entails a lighter human footprint, but soldiers equipped with state-of-the-art weaponry, supported by cutting-edge technology to fight a war in a highly informationised environment. This recruitment reform would help in right sizing the armed forces provided it gets dovetailed into the imperatives of fifth generation warfare.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“If the US was not so narrow-minded, there might be a possibility and a need for the US to cooperate with China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, or at least approach it in a benign way.” — GLOBAL TIMES

# Not yesterday’s club

G7 has declined but is still powerful. India’s participation in the meeting as an observer serves to advance its foreign and security policy



MOHAN KUMAR

THE MEETING OF G7 leaders that concluded in Bavaria in Germany on Monday was an important one since it took place against the backdrop of a triple crisis: The war in Ukraine, the challenge of post-pandemic economic recovery and the eternal issue of climate change. In the circumstances, the G7 countries managed to present a united front which was noteworthy.

A standalone G7 Statement on Support for Ukraine was issued — an unmistakable indication of what was foremost in the minds of the leaders of these countries. There was an unconditional commitment that the grouping will provide financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support and stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes. Predictably, the statement comes down very hard on Russia and comes close to accusing it of war crimes. Russia was also warned that any use of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons would be met with severe consequences. Further intensification of sanctions against Russia was contemplated, including tariffs on Russian products, targeting gold exports, capping oil prices and restricting access to technology.

Despite the toughly-worded statement, it is unlikely the war in Ukraine will come to a quick halt. Indeed, the G7 statement may have the opposite effect of increasing Russia’s intransigence. Worse, increasing military assistance by the West to Ukraine, evidenced by the impending supply of the Norwegian Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS, used by the Americans to protect the White House) by the US to Ukraine, could lead to an arms race. Russia too, by relentlessly pursuing hostilities in the Donbas region, is not helping matters. As if all this were not enough, NATO, ahead of its summit meeting in Madrid following the G7 Summit, has already let it be known that its rapid reaction force, meant to protect the alliance’s Eastern flank, will be increased from its present strength of 40,000 to a whopping 300,000. NATO’s Secretary-General minced no words when he termed Russia as the most immediate threat to NATO’s security and hinted that the alliance’s deployments will now be much closer to Russian borders. More fundamentally, the NATO concept of deterrence when it comes to the Baltic states appears to have undergone a paradigm shift. The alliance has made its resolve clear to protect every inch of its territory. Whichever way one looks at it, the war in Ukraine is not going to end anytime soon.

Significantly, the G7 final communique has tough language on China as well. It says there is no legal basis for China’s expansive maritime claims in the South China Sea, it calls on China to press Russia to withdraw troops from Ukraine and expresses grave concern about the country’s human rights situation. It calls on China to respect universal human rights and fundamental freedoms in both Tibet and Xinjiang, highlighting the issue

of forced labour in the latter. If Russia has reason to be dissatisfied with the G7 final communique, then China has reason to be absolutely livid with it.

For India, G7 summits have always been an invaluable opportunity to exchange views not just in a plurilateral format but also in the bilateral meetings on the margins of the main meetings. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s meetings with President Joe Biden of the US and President Emmanuel Macron of France, as also with the leaders of the UK and Japan, were extremely timely. The meeting with the Canadian PM was useful, too, given the recent ups and downs in the relationship between the two countries. The meetings with Indonesian, South African and Argentinian leaders may be seen against the impending assumption of the G20 presidency by India. India will be consulting closely with Indonesia to see how the Ukraine issue plays out at the G20 meeting.

The fact is that even the G7 knows its clout has declined compared to, say, 20 years ago. That explains the move to invite key G20 countries as observers to its summits. As for India, its importance lies in the undeniable truth that no global problem can be seriously tackled without New Delhi’s involvement. The question is whether India can use this to make the full transition from being a rule-taker to becoming a rule-shaper in at least some crucial areas.

India has lent its name to two statements issued by the G7. One is titled “Resilient Democracies Statement” and the other is “Joining Forces to Accelerate Clean and Just Transition towards Climate Neutrality”. The first statement talks of democracies as reliable partners seeking to promote a rules-based international order and supporting democracy worldwide including through electoral assistance. It is interesting to note that these democracies have also recommitted to fighting climate change, improving food security, pursuing concerted efforts to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic, fighting corruption, protecting freedom of expression, both online and offline, and ensuring an open and secure internet. This is a tall order for even perfect democracies. But it is an excellent message to send to countries like China and arguably, Russia.

The other statement to which India is a signatory is the one on clean and just transition towards carbon neutrality. PM Modi made a forceful intervention on how India, without being responsible for the problem of climate change, is doing everything in its power to be part of the solution. He also made a fervent plea to the Western countries to invest heavily in India’s renewable energy market.

The G7 is trying hard not to be yesterday’s club. It is still a powerful grouping, with seven of its members in the top 10 economies of the world, three of them permanent members of the UNSC and if you count the EU, it is still home to some of the best emerging technologies. India’s participation in this meeting as an observer serves to advance its foreign and security policy objectives and will keep it in good stead when it assumes the G20 presidency in December.

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BALBIR PUNJ

THE ARTICLE ‘MEDIA In The Dock’ by John Brittas (IE, June 9) is in part laced with innuendo and partly a veiled account of his exasperation with the common people’s temerity to think for themselves and deviate from the roadmap drawn by an intellectual oligarchy that has been in power since Independence.

Being in power doesn’t necessarily mean being in office, and vice versa. Though it has been out of office for almost eight years, the left-liberal pack is still in power. It continues to control public discourse in India. The Nupur Sharma-Naveen Jindal controversy is the latest example underlining the power of this nexus that cuts across continents, ideologies and creeds. Blind hatred of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and angst against a rising India, are its glue. The Nupur-Naveen duo is accused of blasphemy and hate speech. Within hours of the alleged blasphemy, video clips of their statements were resonating across continents, unilateral trials conducted and guilt pronounced, followed by a clamour to punish them. Isn’t this real global networking?

One question in this context begs an answer. Has anyone explained what was “hateful” or “blasphemous” in what was said? Worse, there is a cowering silence over the death and rape threats to Sharma.

And these aren’t empty threats. In the recent past in India, several innocents, such as Kamlesh Tiwari, accused of blasphemy, have met violent death at the hands of zealots.

Brittas, however, is right when he says “the Ramjanmabhoomi movement led by the Sangh Parivar changed the mediascape drastically”. This movement, no doubt, triggered a cerebral revolution in the country. The national debate that followed the years-long struggle for a Ram Temple in Ayodhya helped explode many myths, raised questions about ideologically constructed paradigms, reconnected common people with their hoary past, and unshackled large sections of society from narrow doctrinal confines and encouraged them to look for facts about their history and identity.

Why is there any confusion about national identity or history in the first place? A little recap: After Independence, with help from a complicit, acquiescing establishment, the Left managed to become the sole arbiter on values like secularism, pluralism, human rights and individual liberty in the Indian public discourse. And there couldn’t have been a bigger joke.

The Left — along with the British and the Muslim League — was the prime mover for the creation of a theocratic

Pakistan. It is now a high priest of secularism in India. Communism believes in the supremacy of the proletariat and has contempt for human rights. Violence is central to Communist working, and the system is notorious for quashing dissent ruthlessly.

The brand of “secularism” we usually see in practice in India has germinated in a Communist petri dish and is flavoured by a Pakistani mindset. Pakistan isn’t only a country, it’s an idea that transcends borders. An Indian passport holder too can have a Pakistani mindset.

The debate kickstarted by the Ramjanmabhoomi movement brought out these contradictions in the “secular” construct of India’s history and culture. Brittas accuses the media (especially TV) of “raking up issues that have created schisms in society” post-2014. The media hasn’t created the Hindu-Muslim problem; it merely mirrors it. Shooting the messenger doesn’t help.

Yasin Malik, accused of killing four Indian Air force officers in Srinagar in 1990, was “a youth icon and a poster boy of Kashmiri aspirations” for a section of the media prior to 2014. He is now behind bars. This is the change unacceptable to many. With the mushrooming of competitive television channels and the emer-

gence of a vibrant social media, the stranglehold of vested interests on the flow of information is loosening. Their capacity to set a facts-free narrative tailored to fit their ideological straitjacket is getting compromised. Opposition to, and massive public support for, a movie like *The Kashmir Files* underlines the changing Indian media scene. Contrast this with the conspiratorial silence of the media on the targeting of Hindus in the Kashmir Valley during the period of 1980-90.

I agree with Brittas when he says, “the Sangh Parivar organisations don’t participate in the democratic process only for power”. Pursuit of power has never been the Sangh’s motive. However, I differ with his interpretation of the Sangh Parivar’s “core agenda”. The Sangh draws inspiration from India’s rich past and ceaselessly works for a strong, inclusive, plural, democratic India, wedded to social justice and gender equality. Obviously, creeds and ideologies having extra-territorial loyalties and fissiparous tendencies and lacking faith in democracy and the right to dissent, find the Sangh irksome. The reasons are obvious.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WHAT COMES NEXT

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Sena in search of moorings’ (IE, June 28). The Gandhis, Badals, Yadavs and now, Thackerays, are losing their hold on voters and party men. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has tried every trick in the book to bring back these rebel MLAs into their fold but has not succeeded yet. That he is going to lose his office seems to be a foregone conclusion. Yet, it seems, he will be fighting tooth and nail till the very end. A lot of legal tussle and some violence on the streets are on the cards, before things settle finally in Maharashtra.

Bal Govind, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Sena in search of moorings’ (IE, June 28). The rise and decline of the Sena is akin to that of the Congress. The latter had risen under Indira Gandhi, post-emergency, and she was its supreme leader. The same is true of Bal Thackeray and the Shiv Sena. Both parties faced rebellion more than once, with the difference that Shiv Sena is faced with a more powerful number of dissenters. Even committed Shiv Sainiks may not be able to save it.

YG Choulsey, Pune

### GIVE AND TAKE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Five

year itch’ (IE, June 28). Though GST has become a contentious issue between the Centre and States, its inherent merit in simplifying the indirect tax structure cannot be denied. Therefore, we must persist to make it work. The Centre, on its part, must be more accommodative towards States in extending compensation guarantees, speedier release of GST revenues etcetera. The States, on their part, must keep an open mind on any proposals to streamline GST. Unless there is a mutual give and take, GST runs the risk of unravelling.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

### CARDINAL RULE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘A paler Wimbledon’ (IE, June 28). The cardinal rule of sports is to not mix it with politics. The same has been brushed aside by England while punishing Belarus and Russian tennis stars for their countries’ aggressive actions in Ukraine. How these players are responsible for the decisions taken by their ruling regimes back home begs an answer. Moreover, with no points being earned by the participants, the credibility of this year’s Wimbledon has gone for a toss. It is sad that the oldest tennis tournament in the world finds itself in such a vortex.

Vijai Pant, Hempur



# 10 GOVT & POLITICS

## MAHARASHTRA POLITICAL CRISIS: UDDHAV'S EMOTIONAL CALL TO REBELS

# Amid CM's appeal, Sena flip flops on Shinde camp

VALLABH OZARKAR  
MUMBAI, JUNE 28

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday made an emotional appeal to rebel MLAs of Shiv Sena, who are camping in Guwahati, to return to the party and have a dialogue with him to sort out issues. He also said that he was "worried" about them. This came on a day when Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde said that the rebel MLAs will soon return to Mumbai and BJP leader Devendra Fadnis visited Delhi to meet party president JPN Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah.

In his appeal to the rebels, Thackeray said, "You have been stuck in Guwahati for the last few days. Every day, new information is coming forth about you and many of you are in touch with us. You are still in Shiv Sena in your heart. The family members of some of you have also contacted me and conveyed their feelings to me. I respect your feelings as the head of Shiv Sena family. As the head of the family, I tell you from the bottom of my heart, there is still time."

The appeal came a day after the Supreme Court issued an interim order giving relief to the rebel camp after 16 of its MLAs were issued disqualification notices by the deputy Speaker of the



Rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde in Guwahati on Tuesday. *Dasartha Deka*

Maharashtra Assembly.

Addressing the rebels, Thackeray asked them to come and sit in front of him. "...Don't fall prey to anyone's missteps and false assurances."

After Thackeray's appeal, Shinde took to Twitter and said, "On one hand, your son and spokesperson are calling Balasaheb's Shiv Sainiks as pigs, dirt, buffalo, dogs, illiterate and corpses, abusing our fathers, and on the other hand you are calling the same MLAs to save the anti-Hindu MVA government. What is the meaning of this?"

Thackeray's appeal did not

seem to have any impact on the rebel MLAs. Deepak Kesarkar, a rebel MLA told *The Indian Express* that the appeal does not make any sense now. "We have already presented our side to the CM and today also, we are firm on our demand that first they should come out of the MVA... after that we will come for discussion. We respect them (Thackeray) but first they should come out of MVA, then call us for discussion and we will come."

Bharat Gogawale, another MLA and the chief whip appointed by the Shinde camp, added, "It is very late now... not-

ing can happen." He further said that Sena MP and party spokesperson Sanjay Raut's statements have ruined everything. "He should know what to say in such a situation," Gogawale said.

The rebel MLAs also said that the Thackeray camp has not been consistent in its stand and approach towards them.

In fact, contradictions can be seen in the statements issued by various Sena leaders in Mumbai over the last week. On June 24, Thackeray, while addressing party workers, had said that "those who have gone were never his and had betrayed him".

Over the last week, Aaditya and Raut had made several objectionable statements against the rebel MLAs. While Aaditya had referred to them as "dirt" and "traitors" in his address to Yuva Sena cadres on June 25, while addressing a rally on Sunday, Raut had called the rebels "dogs", "buffaloes", "thief" and "living corpse".

Also on June 26, Aaditya had said that the door of the party is closed for the rebel MLAs. A day before, hinting that the MLAs will have to face Mumbai's and the Shiv Sainiks on their arrival.

The MLAs in Guwahati, meanwhile, said that the leadership in Mumbai is not clear of what it wants and should take a clear stand. "You cannot have it both ways," said a senior rebel MLA.

## PMLA case: Raut doesn't appear before ED, gets second summons

SAGAR RAJPUT  
MUMBAI, JUNE 28

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Tuesday summoned Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut for questioning on Friday in connection with a case of alleged money laundering linked to the redevelopment of a chawl in Mumbai's suburbs.

The second summons was issued after Raut failed to appear before the ED on Tuesday and instead sent his lawyer to seek an exemption for 14 days, which was rejected by the agency. Earlier, the agency had summoned Raut on Monday asking him to appear before it on Tuesday. Raut's advocate told mediapersons outside the ED office, "The ED served summons to Raut very late in the afternoon on Monday. So, accordingly (on Tuesday), we filed an application seeking 14 days of time because we need time to gather the documents that the ED has asked us to get."

Soon after being summoned, Raut had on Monday claimed that it was a conspiracy to stop him from fighting. He had said, "I will not be able to go to the ED office on Tuesday as there is a rally that is already scheduled in Alibaug and I have to address the people there. It's a legal battle. Arrest me if you have orders from the BJP." Raut had said that he is not linked to any of the companies on the ED's scanner.

The ED initiated probe under provisions of PMLA against Guru Ashish Construction, HDIL promoters Rakesh Wadhwan and Sarang Wadhwan, and others based on a complaint filed by MHADA's executive engineer.

key cases including the constitutional challenge to dilution of Article 370, the case challenging Section 124-A of the penal code that criminalises sedition among others. He has successfully defended the government in the Rafale case in 2018 and in the constitutional challenge to Aadhaar among other key cases. Born in 1931, Kottayam Katankot Venugopal is a doyen of the bar with 67-years of practice. His father MK Nambiar, too, was a veteran barrister. In 2002, KKV (as he is known in legal circles) was awarded the Padma Bhusan and in 2015, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan.

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## MOUNTING PRESSURE

WESTERN UTTAR Pradesh recently saw widespread protests against the Centre's new soldier recruitment scheme Agnipath. Sensing discontent over the scheme, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) has launched a series of 'yuva panchayats' in the region to engage with the youth. RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary, a Rajya Sabha member, addressed the first such gathering in Shamli on Tuesday, while 11 more are scheduled to be held across as many districts over the next fortnight. During the agitation against the farm laws, 'mahapanchayats' were held across the region to mobilise people. While the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) led by the Tikait brothers became the pole of the agitation, the RLD had also activated its cadre to back the movement, a strategy it wants to replicate in mounting pressure on the government to withdraw Agnipath.

## ALL SET, FINALLY

WITH JUSTICES Vipin Sanghi and Satish Chandra Sharma taking oath as Chief Justices of the Uttarakhand High Court and Delhi High Court, respectively, the process of appointment of six chief justices of high courts that began mid-May is complete. The appointments were first delayed by over a month by the Centre. But even when the appointments were notified on June 20, organising farewells for outgoing judges during the summer break took another week. Justice Sanghi was in Canada for the summer break when the notification came and his farewell was organised by the Delhi Bar on Monday.

## PLASTIC RISK

IMPRESSING UPON the need to ban single-use plastic, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Tuesday said that on a recent field trip to Sarsika Tiger Reserve, he saw a herd of deer trying to eat plastic bags which lay strewn around. Pointing out the danger plastic poses to wildlife, the minister said that the ministry was devising strategies to control the menace. Zoos across the country, on the other hand, are already plastic free.

# KK Venugopal likely to be reappointed as A-G for a year

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THE CENTRAL government is likely to reappoint Senior Advocate K K Venugopal as Attorney General for India for a period of one more year with effect from July 1.

The Attorney General for India, a constitutional post, is the top legal officer of the country. Venugopal took over as the 15th Attorney General for India on July 1, 2017, succeeding senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi who was A-G from 2014-2017.

When his three-year tenure



Venugopal took over as 15th A-G on July 1, 2017

came to an end in 2020, 91-year-old Venugopal had requested that he be relieved of his post citing his advancing age. However, the central government requested him to continue holding the top office for another term and Venugopal agreed but restricted extending his term by a year.

Venugopal is representing the central government in several

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

AFTER A dip in April, the demand for work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MG-NREGS) has again seen a rise. According to an analysis of official data, 39 lakh more families availed the rural job guarantee programme across the country in May this year as compared to the same month last year.

The data, obtained from the NREGA portal, shows that 2.61 crore households worked under the scheme in May 2022, which is 39 lakh – or 17.39 per cent – higher than 2.22 crore in the corresponding month of last year.

The number of households that availed the NREGS is lower than May 2020, when it sharply rose to 3.30 crore as migrants returned to their villages in wake of lockdown during the first wave of Covid-19. However, it is higher than the 2.10 crore figure recorded in May 2019 in the pre-pandemic times.

In April this year, 1.86 crore families availed the NREGS, which is 26 lakh – or 12.27 per cent – lower than the number recorded in April last year.

In all, out of 33 states and Union Territories, for which comparable data is available, 21 states and UTs – Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Gujarat, Telangana, Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim, Ladakh, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep – recorded a combined increase of

# Name MLAs in touch with you, Shinde camp tells Aaditya, Raut

VALLABH OZARKAR  
MUMBAI, JUNE 28

REFUTING THE claims of Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut and Minister Aaditya Thackeray that several rebel Shiv Sena MLAs lodged in a Guwahati hotel are in touch with them, the Eknath Shinde camp challenged them to disclose the names of such legislators.

Aaditya and Raut have been claiming that at least 21 MLAs or their family members are in touch with them and would return to the party once they reach Mumbai.

On Tuesday morning, Raut claimed, "...there are still a few MLAs whom we do not consider as rebels, as they are in touch with us. Their family is also in touch with us and we are hopeful that they will return to us." Aaditya too has been claiming the same since last week.

The spokesperson of the rebel camp, MLA Deepak Karsekar, challenged the Sena,

saying, "If they are with you, then ask them to come back."

Uday Samant, a rebel MLA and former minister, who joined Shinde faction camp on Sunday, said that the MLAs are not in touch with anyone except Shinde.

"We have voluntarily come to Guwahati with Eknath Shinde, who sincerely carried forward the idea of Hindutva of Shiv Sena chief Balasaheb Thackeray. At present, we are not in touch with any leader or party office-bearer except Eknathji Shinde. It is a request that the people and the general Shiv Sena workers should not fall prey to any misconceptions being spread in this regard," he told mediapersons.

Shinde said that wrong information is being spread.

"If it is so then tell us the names. Don't just mention numbers. All these 50 people who are here have come on their own and are happy. Will soon return Mumbai soon," he added.

## NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS UNDER NREGS

State/UTs	May 2021	May 2022	Absolute Increase	% Increase
<b>STATES WITH MAXIMUM INCREASE</b>				
Uttar Pradesh	8,89,849	2,628,416	1,738,567	195.38
Tamil Nadu	1,717,622	3,310,400	1,592,778	92.73
Rajasthan	1,141,332	2,500,200	1,358,868	119.06
Bihar	1,615,010	2,305,982	690,972	42.78
Kerala	87,077	659,872	572,795	657.80
<b>STATES WITH MOST DECLINE</b>				
Chhattisgarh	1,589,642	678,644	-910,998	-57.31
Jharkhand	957,992	295,608	-662,384	-69.14
West Bengal	1,103,183	705,009	-398,174	-36.09
Madhya Pradesh	2,209,462	1,854,538	-354,924	-16.06
Tripura	375,239	133,347	-241,892	-64.46
<b>ALL INDIA</b>	<b>22238482</b>	<b>26139395</b>	<b>3900913</b>	<b>17.54</b>



68 lakh in the number families availing the NREGS during May 2022 (1.73 crore families) over the same month of last year (1.05 crore families). The rest of the 12 states and UTs registered a combined decline of 29 lakh during May 2022 (88.19 lakh families) over the same month of last year (1.17 crore families).

UP saw the maximum increase in terms of the absolute increase in May with 26.28 lakh

families availing the NREGS. The maximum decline of 9.10 lakh was recorded in Chhattisgarh where 6.78 lakh households worked under the NREGS.

As on June 25, 2022, 3.62 crore families availed the NREGS during the current financial year 2022-23. In the financial year 2021-22, 7.26 crore families had worked under the scheme.

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# BJP: Setalvad, Zubair arrests' critics part of poisonous ecosystem

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

WITH OPPOSITION leaders criticising the BJP over the arrests in separate cases of activist Teesta Setalvad and AltNews co-founder Mohammed Zubair, the ruling party hit back on Tuesday and accused the leaders of working as part of a "poisonous ecosystem" in which one of-fender protects another who has been caught.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused the Congress of supporting and opposing judicial actions as per its convenience, and asked if the Opposition party has faith in the judiciary.

Bhatia said if the protests over Zubair's arrest are linked with similar criticism of action against Setalvad, "then it is clear that there is a poisonous ecosystem". "The world's strongest judicial system exists in the country, and it will do its work," he said.

Bhatia said the Gujarat Police's move to arrest Setalvad followed strong remarks from the Supreme Court for "keeping the pot boiling" over the 2002 riots and levelling false charges against leaders and bureaucrats. Bhatia alleged that Setalvad had been acting at the behest of the Congress to end the political career of Narendra Modi, who was then the state's chief minister.

"Setalvad was a small branch for fanning communal hate. But its main headquarters was in the Congress, and its president Sonia

Gandhi was the CEO," he said.

Bhatia also questioned the recent protests by Congress leaders against Rahul Gandhi being questioned by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald case. "For them, Rahul Gandhi is innocent until proven guilty. But their standard of judgement for Narendra Modi is that he is guilty even if proven innocent. This hypocrisy will not be tolerated," he said.

According to Bhatia, the law started taking its course in the last eight years and "everyone is treated equally".

Attacking Setalvad, Bhatia said she collected donations "in the name of fighting for justice" for riot victims but was interested "only in damaging Modi's image". He alleged several irregularities in funds collected by Setalvad's NGO, which is facing a probe for alleged violation of FCRA guidelines.

While the press conference was on the protests over the arrest of Setalvad, Bhatia also responded to questions about Zubair's arrest and said "one cannot become a fact-checker only by proclaiming himself to be one".

He described Zubair's past as "chequered" and accused him of posting tweets that have "hurt the religious feelings of a large section of Hindu society".

Criticising Zubair, Bhatia said that "if somebody is doing a fact-check, then he can't be selective".

"If he posts content which suits some political party or a community, then he is not objective," he claimed.

## INAUGURATION OF T-HUB 2.0

# Next big breakthrough in startup innovation to come from Hyderabad: KCR

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 28

INAUGURATING THE T-Hub 2.0 (Technology Hub), the second edition of the innovation and business incubator, at Raidurg here on Tuesday, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao said that the next big breakthrough in startup innovation will soon come from Hyderabad.

Principal Secretary, IT and Industries Jayesh Ranjan said that the idea of T-hub was first launched in 2015 when startups were facing challenges as they could not afford to hire big office spaces in the IT corridor and Cyberabad.

"At that time we had decided to set up a facility that offered office space at affordable rates and the first T-hub was established at IIIT," Ranjan said. "After seven years of creating T-Hub, there is a growing demand for more incubator spaces and we decided to build T-hub 2.0. It is five times bigger, and the building and facilities are state of the art and modern. We were encouraged by the fact that T-hub has already supported nearly 1,100 startups," he said.

The CM said that when



Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao at the T-Hub 2.0 inauguration event on Tuesday. *Express*

Telangana state was formed in 2014, the TRS government had taken a decision to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in a big way. "Today, I can proudly say we have created a world-class entity at T-Hub to promote entrepreneurship and innovation," he said.

The CM asked officials and his son K T Rama Rao who is IT, Industries, and Municipal Administration minister, to concentrate on developing infrastructure so that the city will be able to sustain the rapid growth in the near future. The CM assured CEOs of several IT companies who petitioned on several issues that they would be resolved soon.

## Assembly archives intact, somebody misguided CM: Goa Speaker

PANAJI: Speaker of the Goa legislative assembly Ramesh Tawadkar on Tuesday said that the archives of the Goa legislative assembly were intact and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant may have been "misguided" that records from 1963 to 2000 were destroyed.

On Monday, Sawant had said that records of the Goa legislative assembly's first session in 1963 to 2000 were destroyed when the assembly was relocated from the Adil Shah Palace in Panaji to Porvorim in 2000. "I wanted to preserve them. But they were destroyed. I am sorry, this should not have happened. Now since 2000, we are preserving the records and their digitisation is being done," Sawant had said on Monday.

On Tuesday, Tawadkar said, "The statement is incorrect. Somebody has misguided him (Sawant). All our documents are intact." **MAYURA JANWALKAR**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted lacquerware Ram Darbar to Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

Alberto Fernandez, and a hand-painted tea set from Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr was meant for British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

"The gifts celebrated India's diversity; what made the choice significant was that these were

not particularly expensive items but a celebration of the craft traditions of India," said a source privy to the selection.

Other leaders of the powerful grouping also got personalised and handpicked presents. French President Emmanuel Macron got a selection of ittar bottles from UP's Kannauj that were packed in a custom-made zardozi box, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi was gifted a marble inlay table top that had its origins in Agra, while Senegal President Macky Sall was presented a range of moonj baskets and cotton durries that were sourced from Prayagraj, Amethi and Sultanpur in UP. A handmade knotted silk carpet from Kashmir was gifted to Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, while German Chancellor Olaf Scholz was presented a metal marodi carving matka from Moradabad.

Behind the selection, there

was also an effort to find common links and celebrate shared traditions. For instance, to celebrate the shared Ramayana links between India and Indonesia, the PM gifted a lacquerware Ram Darbar to Indonesian President Joko Widodo. The GI-tagged lacquerware art-form has its roots in the temple town of Varanasi in UP. It is believed that the Indonesian version of Ramayana – known as Kakawin Ramayana – was written during the Medang Kingdom (8th-11th century) in Central Java. Similarly, marble inlay has its origins in Opus sectile – a form of pietra dura popularised in the ancient and medieval Roman world where materials were cut and inlaid into walls and floors to make a picture or pattern.

"The Prime Minister's Office indicates the idea or choice before an official visit. Items are then shortlisted accordingly and selected," the source added.







# 12 THE WORLD



SIZE OF A MICROWAVE OVEN

## NASA's CAPSTONE LAUNCHES INTO SPACE

With the launch of Capstone CubeSat satellite from New Zealand, NASA wants to experiment with a new orbit around the moon and use it to once again land astronauts on the lunar surface. If all goes well, the satellite will be the first to take the new path.

### TOPOF THE WORLD



Maxwell helped Jeffrey Epstein abuse girls sexually. *File*

#### UNITED STATES

### Maxwell gets 20 yrs in jail for helping Epstein

GHISLAINE MAXWELL, the former socialite who conspired with Jeffrey Epstein over a decade to sexually exploit and abuse underage girls, was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Tuesday, a punishment that means she could spend much of the rest of her life in prison. The sentence, while severe, was shorter than the government had recommended — 30 years. If the conviction is upheld, Maxwell, with time potentially deducted for good behavior and credit for the two years she has spent in jail, could leave prison in her late 70s. **NYT**

#### UNITED KINGDOM

### Scotlands plans another vote for Independence

SCOTLAND'S FIRST Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced plans on Tuesday for a second referendum to be held on Scottish independence in October next year, vowing to take legal action to ensure a vote if the British government tried to block it. Sturgeon said the Scottish government, which is led by her pro-independence Scottish National Party, would publish a referendum bill later. "What I am not willing to do, what I will never do, is allow Scottish democracy to be a prisoner of Boris Johnson or any prime minister," Sturgeon told lawmakers. **REUTERS**

#### PAKISTAN

### Minor Hindu boy abducted

A MINOR BOY from the minority Hindu community has been kidnapped by two unidentified bike-borne persons from outside his residence in Pakistan's southern Sindh province, police said Tuesday. Police said they have arrested to persons in connection with the kidnapping and were confident the boy would be recovered soon. "The boy's family is not from a rich background so we think it was a random kidnapping," a police officer said. Members of the Hindu community and social activists on Tuesday protested and staged a sit-in outside the police station and demanded the child be recovered. **PTI**

## 50 illegal migrants found dead in Texas truck, bodies scattered across blocks

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SAN ANTONIO, JUNE 28

THE DEATH toll from a human trafficking incident on Monday in which migrants suffered under extreme Texas heat inside a truck rose to 50, US and Mexican officials said on Tuesday, in one of the most fatal incidents of human smuggling along the US-Mexico border in recent history. The migrants died inside a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas, where temperatures swelled to a high of 39.4 degrees Celsius.

Local authorities responded on Monday afternoon to a remote area in the city's southern outskirts and found the truck parked next to railroad tracks. Bodies were strewn over a couple of blocks after it is believed that the back door of the trailer was opened, a local law enforcement official said on Tuesday.

Local and US authorities said there were no signs of water and no visible working air condition-



Police block the site in San Antonio on Tuesday. *AP*

ing inside the truck.

"It's unspeakable," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg said on MSNBC, noting that his community depends on migrants while there is a labor shortage. "It's a tragedy beyond explanation."

US President Joe Biden in a statement on Tuesday called the incident "horrific and heart-breaking."

Calling out the multibillion-

dollar criminal smuggling industry, Biden said that "exploiting vulnerable individuals for profit is shameful," and said that his administration was working to crack down on these networks. Biden has struggled with a record number of migrant crossings at the US-Mexico border since he took office in January 2021.

Some 22 Mexicans, seven Guatemalans and two Hondurans were identified

among the dead, Mexico Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said on Twitter on Tuesday. There was no information on the nationality of the other 19, Mexican officials said.

More than a dozen people were transported to hospitals for heat stroke and exhaustion, including four minors, but no children were among the dead, the San Antonio Fire Department said.

The migrants were sprinkled in a pungent substance, said the two sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. In past incidents, smugglers have used different substances to disguise the smell of human cargo and evade canine detection.

It appeared that the migrants had recently crossed the US-Mexico border and were picked up by the truck to be taken to where they would work, a Mexican official said.

The local law enforcement official said one suspect was arrested by the truck and two were found at a house after police tracked a vehicle that had left from the scene. **REUTERS**

### LEADERS SAY PUTIN WILL PAY



Leaders at a session on Tuesday, the last day of the G7 summit, at Castle Elmau, Germany. *AP*

## Meet ends, G-7 vow to crush Russia's income

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ELMAU (GERMANY), JUNE 28

LEADERS OF the world's wealthiest democracies struck a united stance to support Ukraine for "as long as it takes" as Russia's invasion grinds on, and said they would explore far-reaching steps to cap Kremlin income from oil sales that are financing the war. The final statement Tuesday underlined their intent to impose "severe and immediate economic costs" on Russia.

It left out key details on how the fossil fuel price caps would work in practice, setting up more discussions to "explore" measures to bar imports of Russian oil. That would hit a key Russian source of income and, in theory, help relieve the energy price spikes and inflation afflicting the global economy as a result of the war.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to our unprecedented coordination on sanctions for as long as necessary, acting in unison at every stage," leaders said.

Before the summit's close, leaders joined in condemning what they called the "abominable" Russian attack on a shopping mall in Ukraine, calling it a war crime and vowing that President Vladimir Putin "will be held to account."

The G-7 leaders — representing the US, Germany, France, Italy, the UK, Canada and Japan — on Monday pledged to support Ukraine "for as long as it takes" after conferring by video link with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Zelenskyy has openly worried the West has become fatigued by the cost of a war that is contributing to soaring energy costs and price hikes on essential goods around the globe. **AP**

### Dozens missing, war crimes team at mall attack site

**Kremenchuk:** War crimes investigators on Tuesday inspected the charred remains of a shopping mall devastated by a Russian missile strike as Ukraine mourned the victims of what the Ukrainian prosecutor general called "crimes against humanity".

Dozens of people are still missing, a day after the attack in which at least 18 people were killed, officials said.

A team of international legal experts gathered beside the mall and briefed Ukrainians wearing uniforms identifying them as "war crimes police".

Wayne Jordash, a British lawyer working with an international initiative to assist Ukraine's war crimes investigations, said the first indications were that the factory that was hit had "nothing to do with the military".

"On the face of this, this looks like a war crime. It looks like it's a deliberate attack on a civilian object," Jordash, speaking from Kremenchuk, said.

Russia said the incident was caused by a strike on a legitimate military target. **REUTERS**



## FOR FINNED FRIENDS

An activist with Ocean Rebellion walks to take part in a protest outside the UN Ocean Conference, in Lisbon, Portugal. Co-hosted by Kenya and Portugal, the conference which began Monday will end on July 1. *Reuters*

## Sri Lanka to end fuel duopoly to ease crisis

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COLOMBO, JUNE 28

SRI LANKA will allow companies from oil-producing countries to import and sell fuel, the power and energy minister said on Tuesday, ending a duopoly as it tries to overcome a shortage of petrol and diesel that is exacerbating an economic crisis.

The Cabinet decision came as the minister, Kanchana Wijesekera, headed to Qatar and a ministerial colleague was due to arrive in Russia on Sunday for talks on energy deals.

The government closed urban schools for about two weeks from Tuesday and allowed fuel supplies only to services deemed essential like health, trains and buses as stocks would only last only a week or so based on regular demand. "Cabinet approval was granted to open up the fuel import and retail sales market to companies from oil-producing nations," Wijesekera said on Twitter.

"They will be selected on the



Only essential services are being given fuel. *Reuters*

ability to import fuel and operate without forex requirements from the CBSL (central bank) and banks for the first few months of operations."

The state-run Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) controls about 80% of the fuel market and Lanka IOC, a unit of Indian Oil Corporation, the rest.

The Cabinet also allowed bunkering companies registered with the government to import jet fuel so that flights are not disrupted, the government said in a statement. **REUTERS**

#### COLOMBIA

### 51 dead in prison riot fire in Tulua, say officials

**Bogota:** At least 51 prisoners died after a fire started during a prison riot in the southwestern Colombian city of Tulua, the head of the national prisons agency said on Tuesday, one of the worst incidents of recent prison violence in the country.

"It is a tragic and disastrous event," General Tito Castellanos, director of the INPEC prison agency, told local Caracol Radio early on Tuesday. "There was a situation, apparently a riot, the prisoners lit some mattresses and a conflagration occurred."

Twenty-four people are being treated in hospital and the fire was put out by local firefighters, Castellanos added.

The prison has a total of 1,267 inmates and the cell block where the fire occurred houses 180.

In Colombia, as in many Latin American countries, prisons are highly overcrowded. Its jails have a capacity for 81,000 inmates but house about 97,000, according to official figures. **REUTERS**

#### POLLING NUMBERS AT NEW LOW AS ELECTION LOOMS

## A star abroad, New Zealand PM Ardern losing her shine at home

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WELLINGTON, JUNE 28

ABROAD, PRIME Minister Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand remains a leading liberal light. During a recent trip to the US, she delivered the commencement address at Harvard, cracked jokes with Stephen Colbert and met in the Oval Office with President Biden. At each stop, she highlighted her successes in passing gun restrictions and handling the pandemic.

At home, Ardern's star is fading. Rising prices for food, fuel and rent are making life increasingly difficult for many New Zealanders, and an explosion of gang violence has shocked suburbanites.

More fundamentally, there are deepening doubts that Ardern can deliver the "transformational" changes she promised on systemic problems, as housing prices reach stratospheric levels and child



Jacinda Ardern. *File*

poverty rates stay stubbornly high. Polls show her center-left Labour Party at its lowest level of support in five years, with an election looming in 2023.

"New Zealanders who see this day to day are getting frustrated by a lack of change," said Morgan Godfrey, a liberal writer and lecturer in marketing. "But if you look from overseas, you don't see the lack of policy, you see the personality... that's where the mismatch comes in."

In her first term, Ardern won widespread praise as she guided her country through the after-

math of the Christchurch mosque massacre. Within days of the mosque shootings, she announced a sweeping ban on military-style weapons. Her pandemic success helped lift her party to an outright majority in Parliament in October 2020 — the first time any party had won a majority since 1993.

But it may also be causing her current troubles. As New Zealand emerged from the pandemic with one of the world's lowest death rates, "there was a sense the government really can do the impossible by holding up a virus ravaging the rest of the world," said Ben Thomas, a conservative commentator.

Now, with most of its virus restrictions lifted, Ardern's government has lost its unifying fight against the pandemic. What remains is soaring inflation, increasing gang violence and issues that have bedeviled the country for decades. **NYT**

### Germany: Nazi camp guard, aged 101, given 5-year jail term

REUTERS  
NEURUPPIN, JUNE 28

A GERMAN court sentenced a former SS guard, now 101 years old, to five years in prison on Tuesday for assisting in the murder of some 3,500 people at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, bringing to an end one of the last Nazi trials in Germany.

Prosecutors had said that Josef S, a member of the Nazi party's paramilitary SS, helped to send 3,518 people to their deaths at the Sachsenhausen camp, north of Berlin, by regularly standing guard in the watchtower between 1942 and 1945.

The trial took nearly nine months as doctors had said the man, whose full name was not disclosed due to German trial reporting rules, was only partially fit to stand trial, and sessions were limited to two and a half hours a day.

Some people interned in Sachsenhausen were murdered with Zyklon-B, the poison gas also used in other extermination camps where millions of Jews were killed during the Holocaust. Sachsenhausen housed mainly political prisoners from across Europe, along with Soviet prisoners of war and some Jews.

There has been a spate of charges brought against former concentration camp guards in recent years for World War Two crimes against humanity. In September, a former camp secretary went on the run the day her trial was to begin, but was caught by police hours later.

A 2011 court ruling paved the way for these prosecutions, stating that even those who contributed indirectly to wartime murders, without pulling a trigger or giving an order, could bear criminal responsibility.

Defence lawyer Stefan Waterkamp said his client would appeal Tuesday's ruling. **REUTERS**

### RULINGS CHIP AWAY AT PROHIBITION ON GOVT ENDORSEMENT OF RELIGION

## In US, the Supreme Court has taken aim at separation of church and state

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THE CONSERVATIVE-MAJORITY US Supreme Court has chipped away at the wall separating church and state in a series of new rulings, eroding American legal traditions intended to prevent government officials from promoting any particular faith.

In three decisions in the past eight weeks, the court has ruled against government officials whose policies and actions were taken to avoid violating the US

Constitution's First Amendment prohibition on governmental endorsement of religion — known as the "establishment clause."

The court on Monday backed a Washington state public high school football coach who was suspended by a local school district for refusing to stop leading Christian prayers with players on the field after games.

On June 21, it endorsed taxpayer money paying for students to attend religious schools under a Maine tuition assistance program in rural areas.

On May 2, it ruled in favor of a Christian group that sought to



Actors perform outside the US Supreme Court. *Reuters file*

fly a flag emblazoned with a cross at Boston city hall under a program aimed at promoting di-

versity and tolerance.

The court's conservative justices, who hold a 6-3 majority, in

particular have taken a broad view of religious rights.

Cornell Law School professor Michael Dorf said the court's majority appears skeptical of government decision-making premised on secularism.

"They regard secularism, which for centuries has been the liberal world's understanding of what it means to be neutral, as itself a form of discrimination against religion," Dorf said of the conservative justices.

In Monday's ruling, conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote that the court's aim was to prevent public officials from being hostile

to religion as they navigate the establishment clause.

Opinions vary over to how much flexibility officials have in allowing religious expression, whether by public employees, on public land or by people during an official proceeding. Those who favor a strict separation of church and state are concerned that landmark Supreme Court precedents, including a 1962 ruling that prohibited prayer in public schools, could be imperiled.

"It's a whole new door that (the court) has opened to what teachers, coaches and government employees can do when it comes to

proselytising to children," said Nick Little, legal director for the Center for Inquiry, a group promoting secularism and science.

Lori Windham, a lawyer with the religious liberty legal group Becket, said the court's decisions will allow for greater religious expression by individuals without undermining the establishment clause. "Separation of church and state continues in a way that protects church and state. It stops the government from interfering with churches but it also protects diverse religious expression." Windham added. **REUTERS**







## EVERYDAY GLOBAL

## RUSSIA'S GOLD RESERVES, AND WHY G7 HAS MOVED TO BAN IMPORTS

ON TUESDAY, the Group of Seven (G7) nations agreed on a ban on Russian gold imports in the latest round of sanctions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Gold is Russia's second largest export industry after energy. The US says Russia has used gold to support its currency as a way to circumvent the impact of sanctions. One way to do that is by swapping gold for a more liquid foreign exchange that is not subject to current sanctions.

Some experts say since only a few countries are implementing the gold ban, the move is largely symbolic, while others say the move will target Russia's ability to interact with the global financial system.

### The gold reserves

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told CNN that since gold is Russia's second most lucrative export after energy and nearly 90% of the revenue comes from G7 countries, "cutting that off, denying access to about \$19 billion of revenues a year, that's significant".

Russia began increasing its gold purchases in 2014, after the US issued sanctions for the invasion of Crimea. Now Russia holds \$100 billion to \$140 billion in gold reserves, roughly 20% of the holdings in the Russian Central Bank, according to US officials.

### Why ban gold imports

While Russia will still be able to sell gold to other countries outside the G7 jurisdiction, it will "impact the ability of Russia to earn export revenue", said Chris Weafer, a Russian

economy analyst at consulting firm Macro-Advisory. "It's that high level of export receipts that is sustaining the country and sustaining the economy since sanctions were ratcheted up after February 24th."

In practice, it could result in penalties on people who come from countries that have agreed on a gold ban from Russia. Swiss customs officials on Friday said they are tracking roughly 3 tonnes of Russian gold that entered Switzerland from the UK last month as they monitor potential violations of economic sanctions against Russia.

### Other measures on gold trade

In March, the US and its allies moved to block financial transactions with Russia's Central Bank that involve gold. The US Treasury Department issued guidance that American individuals, including gold dealers, distributors, wholesalers and buyers, and financial institutions are generally banned from buying, selling or facilitating gold-related transactions involving Russia and the various parties that have been sanctioned.

### How it can hurt Russia

British PM Boris Johnson said at the G7 meetings in Elmau, Germany, that the ban will "directly hit Russian oligarchs and strike at the heart of Putin's war machine".

A White House official told reporters the ban is yet another way to block off paths between the Russian economy and the broader global financial system.

AP

## THIS WORD MEANS

## PARTNERS IN THE BLUE PACIFIC

An initiative by the US, Australia, NZ, Japan and the UK for cooperation with small island nations in the Pacific

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

AMID CHINA'S aggressive push to increase its Pacific sphere of influence, the US and its allies — Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the UK — have launched a new initiative called 'Partners in the Blue Pacific' for "effective and efficient cooperation" with the region's small island nations.

### The initiative

The PBP is a five-nation "informal mechanism" to support Pacific islands and to boost diplomatic, economic ties in the region. Announced on June 24, it speaks of enhancing "prosperity, resilience, and security" in the Pacific through closer cooperation. It simply means that through the PBP, these countries — together and individually — will direct more resources here to counter China's aggressive outreach. The initiative members have declared they will "elevate Pacific regionalism", forge stronger ties with the Pacific Islands Forum, and will be guided by the island nations on selection of flagship projects.

### Why now

The geostrategic competition in the region has intensified of late, particularly after China made the projected scope of its growing footprint clear in May by pushing for a sweeping, common cooperation agreement — the Common Development Vision — with 10 Pacific nations. Despite that deal running aground, China indicated that it would con-

tinue pursuing this goal.

In April, it signed a security pact with Solomon Islands. The deal, a step forward in Beijing's quest to dominate crucial shipping lanes crisscrossing the region, flagged serious concerns about the Chinese military getting a base in the southern Pacific, close to the US island territory of Guam, and right next to Australia and New Zealand.

It finally triggered urgent moves to counter China's growing Pacific ambition.

### Why this region matters

In its 2019 strategy report, the US Department of Defence called the Indo-Pacific the "single most consequential region for America's future". It said: "Spanning a vast stretch of the globe from the west coast of the United States to the western shores of India, the region is home to the world's most populous state (China), most populous democracy (India), and largest Muslim-majority state (Indonesia), and includes over half of the earth's population. Among the 10 largest standing armies in the world, 7 reside in the Indo-Pacific; and 6 countries in the region possess nuclear weapons. Nine of the world's 10 busiest seaports are in the region, and 60 percent of global maritime trade transits through Asia, with roughly one-third of global shipping passing through the South China Sea alone."

The US has long maintained a balance of power in the region with its hub-and-spokes system where America is the hub and its allies are spokes, with their security guaranteed by the US military power.

## Speaker's powers in a rebellion

In Monday's interim order on Sena rebels, the SC has sought a counter-affidavit from the Maharashtra Deputy Speaker. What are the Speaker's powers under law, and how has the SC interpreted these?

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

WHILE GRANTING interim relief to rebel MLAs of the Shiv Sena on Monday, the Supreme Court made a crucial but unusual judicial intervention that raises questions on the powers of the Speaker under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. The Speaker's powers under the Tenth Schedule have been previously upheld by the Supreme Court itself; the court has allowed judicial review only once the Speaker has made a decision, and has ruled out interference with the process.

The question of when a floor test will be held in the Maharashtra Assembly, meanwhile, remains unclear. BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis met Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari late on Tuesday.

### What does the interim order say?

The interim order grants more time to the rebel MLAs — until July 11 — to reply to the disqualification notice served on them. It seeks affidavits from them, and also a counter-affidavit from the Deputy Speaker on his removal as demanded by the rebels.

In granting more time, the Supreme Court has essentially delayed the disqualification proceedings, which would have a direct impact on a trust vote in the Assembly, whenever it takes place.

The issue of considering the removal of the Deputy Speaker himself is more complex and raises questions on the sanctity of the Tenth Schedule.

### What does the Tenth Schedule say?

The Tenth Schedule or the anti-defection law, introduced in 1985, gives the Speaker of the House the power to disqualify legislators who 'defect' from the party. In the landmark case Kihoto Hollohan versus Zachillhu in 1992, the Supreme Court upheld the power vested in the Speaker and said that only the final order of the Speaker will be subject to judicial review.

Courts have refrained from interfering with the process itself.

However, a 2016 ruling of a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has shifted the balance on the powers of the Speaker. In the landmark *Nabam Rebha v Bemang Felix* case,



Supporters of Shiv Sena rebel leader Eknath Shinde gather near Anand Ashram in Thane on Monday, the day the court granted his camp interim relief. Deepak Joshi

concerning a constitutional crisis in Arunachal Pradesh then, a five-judge Bench of the SC limited the Speaker's powers.

### What was the Nabam Rebha ruling?

While the larger legal issue in the Nabam Rebha ruling was on the contours of the powers and limitations of the Governor, the issue of anti-defection also came up. On that point, the Supreme Court held that it is "constitutionally impermissible" for a speaker to proceed with disqualification proceedings, if a no-confidence motion against him is pending.

"The action of the Speaker in continuing, with one or more disqualification petitions under the Tenth Schedule, whilst a notice of resolution for his own removal, from the office of Speaker is pending, would 'appear' to be unfair. If a Speaker truly and rightfully enjoys support of the majority of the MLAs, there would be no difficulty whatsoever, to demonstrate the confidence which the members of the State Legislature, repose in him," the Supreme Court ruled.

This ruling gave a window to defecting legislators to stall or circumvent the Tenth Schedule by seeking removal of the Speaker when disqualification proceedings are anticipated — effectively tying the hands of

the Speaker.

### Have legislators used this legal route?

Yes, since 2016, this legal route has been a familiar playbook for legislators cutting across states and political affiliations.

In 2016, rebel MLAs of the Congress including Vijay Bahuguna sought removal of Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker Govind Singh Kunjwal after shifting ranks to the BJP to stall anti-defection proceedings.

In 2018, AIADMK legislator S Karunas sent a notice to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretary K Srinivasan, seeking removal of Speaker P Dhanapal at a time when the AIADMK leadership was mulling action against Karunas and three other MLAs for having pledged their support to T T Dhinakaran.

In June 2020, the Congress in Manipur served a notice for the removal of Speaker Y Khemchand as nine of its MLAs defected to the BJP.

### How can the Speaker be removed?

Under Article 179 of the Constitution, a Speaker can be removed by a resolution of the Assembly passed by a majority of "all the then members of the Assembly". The process begins with notice of at least 14 days.

## NITI report on gig economy: the takeaways

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

IN AN effort to boost the participation of women in the gig economy, NITI Aayog has proposed that fiscal incentives should be offered to companies in which women and people with disabilities make up about a third of employees.

Gig workers are temporary workers who are engaged in livelihoods outside the traditional employer-employee arrangement. Delivery boys, app-based taxi drivers, service providers such as cleaners and technicians, and freelance workers are all part of the gig economy.

In a new report, India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy: Perspectives and Recommendations on the Future of Work, described as the first of its kind, NITI Aayog has said that social security measures such as income support, paid sick leave, insurance, and pensions should be extended to people working for platform companies such as Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, or Uber.

### Key observations

■ The report notes that female labour force participation in India has been between 16 and 23 per cent over the last few years. Persons with disabilities have a labour force participation rate of 36 per cent. "Structural



A Swiggy delivery man in Mumbai. File

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 says.

Based on a survey in urban centres, the report says that women are more likely to take up platform jobs after education and marriage.

■ "Fiscal incentives such as tax breaks or start-up grants may be provided for businesses that provide livelihood opportunities where women constitute a substantial portion (say, 30%) of their workers. Likewise, a platform with high accessibility or high degree of participation of PwDs too may be rewarded with fiscal incentives," says the report.

A larger share of women managers and supervisors will also ensure that communication to workers does not perpetuate gen-

der stereotypes, it says.

■ The report recommends that firms should adopt policies that offer old age or retirement plans, and insurance cover for contingencies such as injury arising from work that may lead to loss of employment and income.

"Such plans and policies may be uniquely designed by a firm, in partnership with insurance companies, or could be designed and offered in collaboration with the government, as envisaged under the Code on Social Security, 2020."

A social security cover out of a corpus fund can also help gig workers, it says. In addition to insurance cover, businesses should offer paid sick leave to their workers, it says.

### Size of gig economy

NITI Aayog estimates that more than 7.5

million workers were engaged in the gig economy in 2020-21, and this number could grow to 23.5 million in the next eight years, making up 4.1 per cent of all livelihoods 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 is in high skilled jobs, and about 31 per cent is 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 apps or digital platforms, while non-platform gig workers are generally casual wage workers working part- or full-time.

### Significance of report

While platform companies have created avenues of employment, wages are often low, gender participation is unequal, and there is limited scope for upward mobility within the organisation. This has triggered protests from workers at companies like Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, Uber, and Urban Company.

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 may have — this means that they often do not receive benefits like paid sick and casual leave, travel and housing allowances, and provident fund savings. The report addresses all these concerns.

## What is Hermit, the Pegasus-like spyware that's targeted Android, iOS devices?

### SHRUTI DHAPOLA

NEW DELHI, JUNE 28

ASOPHISTICATED spyware called Hermit is in the news for targeting iPhones and Android devices in Italy and Kazakhstan. Its deployment was first reported by researchers at the Lookout, a San Francisco-based cybersecurity firm. Then, Google's Threat Analysis Group (TAG) put out a detailed blog post last week explaining how they believed Hermit was being used to target devices.

### How does Hermit work?

Hermit is a spyware on the lines of Pegasus by the NSO Group. Once installed on a device, it can record audio on the device, and carry out unauthorised calls. According to Lookout, the spyware can steal stored account emails, contacts, browser bookmarks/searches, calendar events, etc. It can also take pictures on the device, steal de-

vice information such as details about applications, the kernel information, model, manufacturer, OS, security patch, phone number.

The spyware can also upload files from the device, read notifications, and take pictures of the screen. Further, it has the ability to download and install APK (the app software files on Android) on a compromised phone.

Because it can gain access to the root or 'privilege' access on an Android system, Lookout's research shows that Hermit can uninstall apps like Telegram and WhatsApp. According to the researchers, it can silently uninstall/reinstall Telegram, the only difference being that the reinstalled version is likely compromised. It can also steal data from the old app. For WhatsApp, it can prompt the user to reinstall WhatsApp via Play Store.

So, once Hermit has been deployed to a phone, it can control and track data from all key applications.

### How did Hermit get deployed on Android and iOS devices?

Sophisticated spyware such as Hermit and Pegasus costs millions of dollars in licensing fees. These are not like common malware targeting regular users. In the case of Hermit, it appears the operations used were complex. According to Google's TAG team, all campaigns started with a unique link sent to the victim's phone. When the user clicked it, the page installed the application on both Android and iOS.

### How did it get past Apple and Google's security measures?

According to Google, the actors targeting the victims possibly had to work with the target's Internet Service Provider (ISP). Google notes, "We believe the actors worked with the target's ISP to disable the target's mobile data connectivity. Once disabled, the attacker would send a malicious link via SMS asking the target to install an application to

recover their data connectivity. We believe this is the reason why most applications masquerade as mobile carrier applications."

When ISP involvement was not possible, the spyware would pretend to be a messaging app. As per Google's screenshot example, the link would pretend to be a recovery page for a Facebook account and ask users to download a version of WhatsApp, Instagram or Facebook on their Android devices. These were obviously compromised versions.

According to Lookout, some attacks in Kazakhstan masqueraded as pages for the phone brands Oppo, Samsung and Vivo. Further, its research shows that RCS Labs — the Italian vendor that has developed the spyware — also worked with Tykelab Srl, a telecommunications solutions company. Lookout believes that this is likely a "front company" for RCS Labs.

In Apple's case, Google's research points out that the spyware exploited Apple's en-

terprise certificate, which is given to apps by select enterprises. This certification allows companies to distribute their own in-house apps for direct downloads on iOS devices, bypassing the App Store. The Hermit spyware apps had managed to get these certifications — which have since been revoked by Apple.

Google said a company — 3-1 Mobile SRL — had the necessary certificate, as it was enrolled in the Apple Developer Enterprise Program. Google stressed they "do not believe the apps were ever available on the App Store".

### How can users keep themselves safe?

Hermit is not common spyware. Lookout's analysis showed that in Kazakhstan, "an entity of the national government is likely behind the campaign". Google noted that it had alerted all Android victims in Italy and Kazakhstan. It said it had implemented changes in Google Play Protect and disabled all Firebase projects used to

command and control the campaign.

According to Lookout, the spyware had also been deployed in Syria. In Italy, it was misused in an anti-corruption operation.

So, while not all users will be targeted, they still must follow some basic tips. This includes regularly updating phones, as each update includes a patch for vulnerabilities. They should avoid clicking on unknown links, even out of curiosity. It is also recommended that users periodically review apps on their device to keep track of whether something unknown was added.

Google's blog post also condemned surveillance tools being used by the state, and noted that in many instances, these were being "used by governments for purposes antithetical to democratic values".

Meanwhile, RCS Labs has denied any wrongdoing, saying its products and services comply with European rules and help law enforcement investigate crimes, as per a Reuters report.





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**Tender Call Notice issued for Procurement of 56,984 Nos. of Smartphones with MDM for the Director of Women Development & Child Welfare Department, GoAP (2<sup>nd</sup> Call).**

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The captioned RFP is available on Bank's Corporate Website [www.bankofindia.co.in](http://www.bankofindia.co.in) under "Tender" section.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Ranjeet Yadav S/o Sh. Jagmohan Yadav R/o RZF-28, Devkunj, Rajnagar, Part-II, Sector-7 Dawkara, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from above said address since dated **08.05.2022 at 7:30 PM**. In this regard DD No. 48A dated 11.05.2022 has been registered at **PS. Palam Village, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 27 years, **Height:** 5'8" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow **Face :** Oval, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing:** T-Shirt white Pajam green light.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:- **SHO**  
**Website:**<http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Palam Village, Delhi**  
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02	38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 / 20.05.2022	100504, 100545, 100581, 100585, 100588, 100591, 100595, 100508, 100510, 100511, 100512, 100513, 100514	कुटनचंदीवा, चोडगांव, बडुडरनगर, केरागांव, चेरंग, हसकली, पाता, पेडाइन, मोहाल, चोदबेड़ा, मैमपुर, बन्चमई, करमेटा	06.07.2022
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**कार्यालय प्राचार्य**

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**द्वितीय निविदा सूचना**

शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रायपुर के लिये 2022-2023 में लगने वाले डेंटल इंस्ट्रुमेंट/इक्विपमेंट (Permanent Articles) सामग्री के क्रय हेतु मोहब्बत निविदाये, निर्माताओं तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं (Manufacturer, Dealers or sub-dealers) से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र महाविद्यालय की वेबसाइट [www.govtdentalcollegeiraipur.in](http://www.govtdentalcollegeiraipur.in) से डाउनलोड किये जायेंगे। इसके लिये राशि रुपये 500/- का बैंक ड्राफ्ट जो प्राचार्य शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रायपुर के नाम से देय हो संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है अथवा दिनांक 08/07/2022, सयं. 5:30 बजे तक राशि रु. 500/- नगद अथवा बैंक ड्राफ्ट जमा कर महाविद्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं, जो वापसी योग्य नहीं होगी। विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

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**Notice Inviting Short Tender**  
**National Competitive Bidding**

1.	Name of the Work	Construction of Foot Over Bridge and installation of Escalators near Kishoreganj Chow k in Ranchi City.
2.	Mode of bid submission	Online Tender
3.	Estimated Cost	Rs.392.645 Lakhs
4.	Tender Fee & Bid Security	Cost of Tender Document: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) (Non-Refundable) Bid Security: Rs.3.93 Lakhs (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Three Thousand only)
5.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on website	29/06/2022- Time 15:00 Hrs.
6.	Last Date & Time for Submission of pre bid queries	05/07/2022- Time 17:00 Hrs.
7.	Date & Time for Pre-bid Meeting	06/07/2022- Time 15:00 Hrs.
8.	Last Date & Time for Submission of Online Bids	13/07/2022- Time 17:00 Hrs.
9.	Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD and Tender fee (Hard Copies)	14/07/2022- Time 17:00 Hrs.
10.	Date & Time of technical bid opening	14/07/2022- Time 17:30 Hrs.
11.	Bid Submission Address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001 +91651- 2225878/ +91-9835165931/ +91-9097114840
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**Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted.**  
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**Project Director (Tech)**  
**JUIDCO Ltd. Ranchi.**  
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**Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system**

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	82205756D	4K ultra high definition arthroscopy system	01 No	25.07.2022

**Note:-** 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS websites i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

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The Bid document is available/published online on dt.30.06.2022 upto 04:00PM. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate(DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders should visit websites in <https://hptenders.gov.in> & <https://hpmilkfed.org> for complete details. Bidders should visit the website from time to time to note the corrigendum, if any.

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**Managing Director**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**

General public is hereby informed that this Girl Namely: Urvashi, D/o: Late Sh. Mukesh Kumar, R/o: H. No. 72, 3rd Floor, Khasra No. 33/1, Gurunanak Vihar, Nilothi Extn., Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 20 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black & Brown colour shirt, Black colour jeans and Black colour slipper in her feet, has been missing since 22.06.2022 from the area of P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 29-A, dated 23.06.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi.

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

Any person having any information or clue about this Girl kindly inform to the following:- **SHO**  
**E-Mail:** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi**  
**Website:** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Ph.: 011-23210414, 8750870425**  
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**GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
**Irrigation Division, Dumka**

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**

Tender Reference No. :- WRD/Irr.Div.Dumka/SBD-IFB-05/2022-23  
 Dt : 28.06.2022

1.	Name of the work	ERM, Lining work of South Hama, North Hama & Maheshpur distributory and Renovation work of structures of Hama weir scheme under Godda dist.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 124.98.48.573.71 (Rupees One hundred twenty four crore ninety eight lakh forty eight thousand five hundred seventy three and paise seventy one ) only
3.	Time of Completion	30 Months
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	11.07.2022, 05:00 P.M.
5.	Period of availability of bid document on website	11.07.2022, 05:00 P.M to 01.08.2022, upto 5:00 PM
6.	Last date and time for receipt of bid	01.08.2022, upto 05:00 PM
7.	Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference (physical as well as online )	18.07.2022 at 01:00 PM, At:- Chief Engineer Office, WRD, Deoghar.
8.	Period of online submission of bid	11.07.2022, 05:00 P.M to 01.08.2022, upto 5:00 PM
9.	Last date and time for receipt of EMD and cost of BOQ of bids in the office of EE, Irrigation Division, Dumka	03.08.2022, upto 05:00PM
10.	Time and date of opening of pre-Qualification bid	04.08.2022, 02.00PM
11.	Time and Date of opening of Technical bid	To be announced Later
12.	Time and Date of opening of Financial bid	To be announced Later
13.	Place of opening of bids	Chief Engineer office, WRD, Deoghar
14.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division, Dumka Mob. No- +919801476699 Email ID- <a href="mailto:eedmkirr@gmail.com">eedmkirr@gmail.com</a>
15.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	+919155826458, +918789068351 Email ID- <a href="mailto:wrddceo@gmail.com">wrddceo@gmail.com</a>

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 Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>  
**Executive Engineer**  
 Irrigation Division, Dumka

PR 272566 Irrigation(22-23)D

**PRESS NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEWS PAPERS FOR E-TENDERING**

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Rampur invited tenders on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works(s) through e-tendering process:-

Job No	Name of Work	Estd. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time
1	Providing WSS Sobli Devnagar in GP Devnagar Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla HP (S1/- C/O 1 No. Head Weir, C/O 2 Nos RCC Intake chamber, C/O R/Wall to protect civil structure, Barbed wire & panel fencing, Sedimentation Tank 35000 ltr cap, C/O Filter Bed 84.10 Sqm 2 unit, C/O Raw Water Tank 160000 ltr. cap, C/O RCC S/Tank 100000 ltr cap, C/O 1 No. RCC S/Tank 15000 ltr cap, C/O 4 Nos RCC Storage Tank 10000 ltr cap, Laying , Jointing and testing of GI pipe at various RDs).	21320920/-	245709/-	2500/-	One Year

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 01.07.2022 upto 5.00 PM and the same will be opened on 02.07.2022 at 10.00 AM. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org).

Executive Engineer  
 Jal Shakti Division Rampur

**Jharkhand Tribal Development Society**  
 (A unit of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department, Government of Jharkhand)  
 1st Floor, Kalyan Complex, Balihar Road, Morabadi, Ranchi 834008,  
 Phone: 0651-3501513,  
 E-mail : [spd.jtde@gmail.com](mailto:spd.jtde@gmail.com) Website: [www.jtdejharkhand.com](http://www.jtdejharkhand.com)

**Advertisement No:JTDS/46/2022-23**

**Advertisement for Request For Quotation for supply of Barbatti Seed (LOBIA) For Barbatti Cultivation for PVTGs under CCD Schemes**

Jharkhand Tribal Development Society (JTDS) is mandated and actively involved for the development of Tribal (ST) and indigenous specially PVTG people in the state of Jharkhand through various income generation activities. The society is implementing Barbatti Cultivation for PVTG under CCD Scheme with support of Govt. of Jharkhand in 4 Tribal Sub Plan Districts of Santhal Pargana Areas of Jharkhand.

The State Project Management Unit (SPMU), JTDS invites sealed RFO for the supply of Barbatti Seed (LOBIA) for Barbatti Cultivation for PVTGs in 4 Santhal Pargana Districts (Godda, Pakur, Sahibganj & Dumka)

The details can be seen and downloaded from websites i.e [www.jtdejharkhand.com](http://www.jtdejharkhand.com) from 29th June 2022

Last Date of Receipt of Application by Hand/Speed Post/Courier only by 17:00 hrs on 08th July 2022 in above mentioned address.

Sd/-  
 State Project Director  
 Jharkhand Tribal Development Society

**दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड,**  
 जना भवन, वाईपास रोड,  
 चिन्मया, आगरा

**ई-निविदा सूचना**

अवोहस्तारक्षकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित सामग्री की आपूर्ति कार्य करने हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत नियम व शर्तें निविदा अभिलेखों में उल्लिखित हैं जो ई-प्रोक्वायरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etenderup.nic.in> एवं दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड की वेबसाइट [www.dvnl.org](http://www.dvnl.org) पर उपलब्ध कराया जा रही है। क्रम संख्या, निविदा संख्या, सामग्री/कार्य का विवरण, निविदा खुलने का दिनांक, निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि (रुपये में) क्रमांसारूप। 1. ईएएससीए/ए/0/-03 (2022-23), विद्युत मण्डार खण्ड, कानपुर के अंतर्गत विद्युत मण्डार सामग्री की लदाई, दुलाई एवं चट्टा लगावाई आदि कार्य, 27.07.2022, रुं 3,540,00, रुं 1.00 लाख। 2. ईएएससीए/ए/0/-04 (2022-23), विद्युत मण्डार खण्ड, अलीगढ़ के अंतर्गत विद्युत मण्डार सामग्री की लदाई, दुलाई एवं चट्टा लगावाई आदि कार्य, 28.07.2022, रुं 3,540,00, रुं 50,000.00 3. ईएएससीए/ए/0/-05 (2022-23), विद्युत मण्डार खण्ड, झांसी के अंतर्गत विद्युत मण्डार सामग्री की लदाई, दुलाई एवं चट्टा लगावाई आदि कार्य, 29.07.2022, रुं 3,540,00, रुं 50,000.00 4. ईएएससीए/ए/0/-06 (2022-23), दार्जिलिगिरी अंतर्गत एक विद्युत विद्युत उपकेंद्र से दूसरे विद्युत उप केंद्रों तक पावर परितर्क की लदाई, दुलाई एवं स्थापना आदि कार्य, 30.07.2022, रुं 3,540,रुं 30,00,000। निविदा में यदि कोई संशोधन अथवा निविदा खुलने की तिथि में विस्तार होता है तो इसकी सूचना सम्बंधित ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट [etenderup.nic.in](http://etenderup.nic.in) पर तथा निगम की वेबसाइट [www.dvnl.org](http://www.dvnl.org) पर उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी।

अधीक्षक अभियन्ता  
 विद्युत मण्डार मण्डल, आगरा

पत्रांक: 2381 आगरा(विद्युत)/आ/निविदा दिनांक: 23/06/2022  
 राज्य हित में विद्युती बचाई

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**Tender Notice NO. RSCB /ADMIN / Manpower/2022-23/02**

Sealed tenders are invited from eligible bidders for following:-

1. Bid NO. RSCB/ADMIN/Manpower/ 2022-23/02-RFP for selection of agency for supply of manpower. Details and schedules are available at <https://rscb.org.in>, <https://sppp.rajalsthan.nic.in> <https://eproc.rajalsthan.gov.in>

Managing Director

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**e - Tender Notice**

tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-

**SN. 1. Name of the work with its location:**  
 11 KV Power supply arrangement at Baharakothi & Bihariganj stations and other balance work in Banmankhi - Bihariganj Section. e-Tender No. EL/C/N/MHX/ ETEN/06/22-23, Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 2.10,26,308/- Earnest money and tender Document cost to be deposited: Rs. 2,55,100/- and Rs. Nil-respectively.

**Date and time for closing of tender :**  
 18.07.2022 up to 12:00 Hrs. **Website particular and notice board Location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.:** Tender can be down loaded from IREPS website- [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and detailed can be seen from the notice board at CEE/CON/Mahendraghat office, CAO/ CON/ECR office Complex, Patna-04.

**Dy. CEE/CON/North/Samastipur PR/0200/CONN/Elect/T/12-23/36**

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पत्रांक- 420/पीसीएल/बी.एम./जोन-2/बरेली/प्रवर्धन दिनांक- 27/06/2022

**अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना**

इस कार्यालय के निविदा सूचना संख्या 08/पीसीएल/जीएम/जोन-2/बरेली-2022-23 दिनांक 23.05.2022 की निविदा पुनः सूचना संख्या ...../पीसीएल/जीएम/जोन-2/बरेली-2022-23 दिनांक 28.06.2022 के माध्यम से रजकोय आई.टी.आई. जलालाबाद जनपद शाहजोपुर में टाइप-3 एवं टाइप-1 आवासों का निर्माण कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त ई-निविदा <http://etenderup.nic.in> की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 29.06.2022 से 06.07.2022 के अग्रराह्न 12:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है।

ई-निविदा से सम्पन्नित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्तें कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट [website-www.upprojects.org](http://website-www.upprojects.org) पर भी उपलब्ध 29.06.2022 से देखी जा सकती है।

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**NOTICE INVITING E - TENDER**

**FHEL invites E-Tender in single Packet System of tendering for the following work:-**  
**Description:** Converting 13 chiller chambers to Controlled Atmosphere (CA) Chambers alongwith repairing and commissioning of ICA panel, CO2 scrubber, Nitrogen Plant, Pneumatic Valves, replacement of cooling coil of evaporating/AHU units including sealing of chamber etc. complete as required for CA Chamber operation at CA Stores at FHEL, HSIDC Industrial Area, Rai, Sonapat Pin-131029, Haryana.

**Contract Period: 45 Days**  
**Date of submission of Tender – 15-07-2022 up to 17.00 hrs.** (e-tender mode only).  
**Date of opening of tender – 18-07-2022 at 11.30 hrs.**  
**Estimated Cost:** Rs.1,66,37,528/-(Inclusive of GST).  
**EMD:** Rs.2,33,200/- through e-payment.

For brief of NIT, detailed E-Tender document and on line submission, log on to [www.tenderwizard.com/FHEL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/FHEL) only. The tender document can also be viewed at [www.concorindia.com](http://www.concorindia.com) and on Central Procurement Portal (CPP) and Corrigendum/ Addendum to this Tender, If any, will be published on [www.concorindia.com](http://www.concorindia.com) & [www.tenderwizard.com/FHEL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/FHEL) and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall be issued for the same.

**MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, RANCHI.**

**e-Tender e-Procurement Notice**

**e-Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/RANCHI F - 03/2022-23**

		Under Minor Irrigation Division, Ranchi.
1.	Name of the work	Construction of Single Check Dam on Ghaghari Nala-2 Block:- Bero Dist- Ranchi, Estimated Cost- Rs. 115.147 Lakh
2.	Time of Completion	(11 months)
3.	Date of Publication of E - Tender on website	13.07.2022 at 2:00 pm
4.	Last date/Time for submission of E-Tender BID's	20.07.2022 up to 5:00 pm
5.	Last Date for receipt for bid's	
5.	fee, security and other document's	21.07.2022 up to 5:00 pm
6.	Date of Opining Tender	22.07.2022 at 2:00 pm
7.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, M.I. Division, Ranchi, Room No. 302, Abhiyantran Bhawan, Kutchery Chowak, Ranchi
a.	Contact no. of e-Procurement officer	9431190681
b.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-3512781/E-mail ID- <a href="mailto:ceemdran-cemr-jhr@mic.in">ceemdran-cemr-jhr@mic.in</a>

**Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted.**  
 Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>  
**Executive Engineer,**  
 Minor Irrigation Division, Ranchi.

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE TIME	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM RAMPUR ROAD TO HAILYMANDI ROAD, WARD No. 01, MC PATAUDI	28.06.2022 08.07.2022	EMD 5.96 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrynic.in">https://etenders.hrynic.in</a>	0124-2672869

10669/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hrynic.in](http://www.etenders.hrynic.in)

**कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद् पीथमपुर, जिला धार (म.प्र.)**

क्रमांक/3584/न.पा./22 पीथमपुर दिनांक :- 24/06/2022

**:- ई - निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-**

नगर पालिका पीथमपुर क्षेत्रान्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य की निविदा सूचना ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धति से ई



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PERSONAL

**I,VIRESH DEVI,W/O HARI SINGH RAGHAV,R/O RC.492, GALI NO.5, PRAGATI-VIHAR, KHORA**  
CHAZIABAD, U.P.-201001, have changed my name to VIRESH RAGHAV. 0040620408-9

**I,Sneha Nancy,W/O Sunny Singh Bindra R/O-1040,second floor,Gali.no.32,DDA flats,Madangir,New Delhi-110062**,have changed my name to Sneha Kaur, permanently. 0040620407-3

**I,Shilpa Bose Sharma,W/O Vishal Sharma R/O,D-186, Sector-61, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201301**, have changed my name to Shilpa Bose. 0040620409-2

**I,Shakuntala Devi,W/O Mahender Pal Sahu,R/O,Village Vlaiya Post Purgawan Distt Budaun,Uttar Pradesh-243639**, have changed my name to Shakuntala Devi Sahu. 0040620352-6

**I,Sarita W/O Naveen Mehra,R/O A-10-B, DDA Flats,Tagore Garden Extn., New Delhi-110027**, have changed my name to Sarita Mehra. 0040620428-6

**I, Sanjay S/o Ram Rup Mittal R/O-272 Pocket-D-16, Sector-3, Rohini Delhi-110085** have changed my name to Sanjay Mittal. 0040620408-2

**I, SANJAY,S/O RATAN LAL, ADD- RZF-636/3, SECOND-FLOOR, SANJAY GANDHI MARG-PALAM EXTENSION SOUTH WEST DELHI-110077**, Changed my name to SANJAY KUMAR, for all, future Purposes. 0040620428-1

**I,Rojeda Begum w/o Mohd Shahid,R/O D-216/7, Saurabh Vihar, Jaitpur, Badarpur, Delhi-110044**, have changed my name to Rozaidda Begum, for all future purposes. 0040620408-6

**I,Ramesh S/o Late Rajbir Singh Sejwal R/O F-344, Old M.B. Road, Lado Sarai, New Delhi-110030**, my father's name mentioned as Rajbir in my Passport (No. J6705163) and my father correct name is Rajbir Singh Sejwal in my all documents. 0040620399-2

**I,Ramesh S/o Late Rajbir Singh Sejwal R/O F-344, Old M.B. Road, Lado Sarai, New Delhi-110030**, have changed my name to Remesh Sejwal. 0040620399-1

**I,Pinky D/o Jagdish Deswal,W/O Ajit Singh Teksar,R/O-78/A,Fazalwas (149), Pachgaon,Gurgaon,(Haryana)-122413**, have changed my name to Pinki, for all purposes. 0040620428-4

**I,Parveen Kumar Ahluwalia S/O,Jai Kishan Ahluwalia R/O,H.No-174,2nd Floor,G-22,Sector-7,Rohini,Delhi-110085**, have changed my name to Praveen Kumar Ahluwalia. 0040620352-2

**I,Om Prakash,S/o Moti Lal Yadav,R/o E-10,5F,West Patel-Nagar Delhi-8**,have changed my name to Om Prakash Yadav. 0040620408-10

**I,Neelu alias Neetu S/o Ishwar Singh,R/O H.No.351.Near MCD School,Khera Kalan,Delhi-110082**, have changed my name to charan Jeet. 0040620352-9

**I,NAIM AHMAD,S/O MOHAMMAD UMAR R/O 12A/1-D GALI NO.6,VIJAY MOHALLA MAJUPUR DELHI 110053** HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAIM AHMED. 0040620352-1

**I,Vikas S/o Dharmvir Singh Choudhary R/O-QU-306B, Pitampura Delhi-110034**,have changed my name to Vikas Choudhary. 0040620408-1

**I,Mukesh S/o Kamta Prasad R/O Panditpurwa Bishunpur Khairahnia Balrampur,Uttar Pradesh-271208** changed my name to Mukesh Kumar. 0040620352-8

**I,Md Sayeed S/o Mohd Muslim,R/O D-216/7,Saurabh Vihar,Jaitpur,Badarpur, Delhi-110044**have changed my name to Mohd Shahid,for all future purposes. 0040620408-5

**I,Mahinder Pal Singh,S/O Chandra Pal Sahu R/O,Village-Vlaiya Post Purgawan Distt Budaun,Uttar Pradesh-243639**,have changed my name to Mahender Pal Sahu. 0040620352-7

**I,Mahinder Nath Sharma alias Mahinder Sharma,S/O, Madan Lal Sharma,R/O-9844/6,Multani Dhandra,Pahar Ganj,New Delhi-110055**,do hereby Solemnly affirm and declare that both the names are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person,not to different person whatsoever. 0040620409-7

**I,MUHAMMAD TAUSEEF ANIS,S/O ANIS AHMAD HNO-C-13-C-BLOCK NIZAMUDDIN, DELHI-110013**, have changed my name to MOHAMMAD TAUSEEF ANIS. 0040620408-4

**I,MO Faisal,S/O Anis Khan R/O-A-299, Meer-Vihar, Madanpur Dabas,Delhi-110081**, have changed my name to Mohammad Faisal. 0040620428-7

**I,ANKUR GUPTA,S/O-BHUSHAN GUPTA R/O A-1004,KDP Grand Savana,Raj-Nagar, Extn.,Ghaziabad(UP),have changed my minor daughter's name from NITYA to NITYA GUPTA. 0040620408-7**

**I,MAHESH S/O GOWTHAMAN V,R/O SMO,M-44 CAMERO-COMPLEX SUBROTO-PARK,NEW DELHI-110010**,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM MAHESH TO MAHESH GOWTHAMAN, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-28/06/2022,BEFORE-NCT-DELHI. 0040620407-7

**I,Lakhan Lal S/o-Kailash Chand Bagoriya R/O-J-793,Jahangir Puri,Delhi-33**,have changed my name to Lakhan Lal Bagoriya, permanently. 0040620407-1

**I,Kulbhushan Kholia S/o,Mansingh Kholia R/O-605,F/F, PKT-2,Paschimputri, N.Delhi-110063**,have changed my minor son's name Kirit Kholia to Kirit Raj Kholia. aged-12 yrs. 0040620428-5

**I,KAVITA,W/O SH.DHAN SINGH,R/O,477-A, DOUBLE-STORY,BRIJ VIHAR,P.O., CHANDER NAGAR,GHAZIABAD, U.P.- 201011**,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAVITA TO KAVITA KAVITA KARAKOTI, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040620409-3

**I,Jitender Kumar S/O,Mahender Pal Sahu R/O, A-17,Hanuman-Road Adarsh-Nagar Delhi-110033**,have changed my name to Jitender Kumar Sahu. 0040620352-4

**I,Harjeet Kaur Rai,W/O Kuldeep Singh Rai,R/O H-3/12, Second Floor,Malyiya Nagar,Delhi**,have changed my name to Harjeet Kaur, for all purposes. 0040620409-5

**I,Hardeep Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh,R/O T-466/B-2, Baljeet Nagar New Delhi-8** have changed my name to Hardeep Singh Daffoo. 0040620409-1

**I,Gurpreet Singh,s/o-Gurcharan singh bedi,r/o-7995,Mohalla kharian Roshanara road,Suzbi mandi,malka ganj,Delhi-110007**,have changed my name,from Gurpreet Singh Bedi, to Gurpreet Singh, for all purposes. 0040620409-4

**I,Geeta Kumari,D/O-Nand Bihari Singh and W/O-Prem Prakash Singh,R/O-897,6th A Main,1st-block Koramangala, near-Wipro signal,Bangalore-560034**, have changed my name to Geeta Prem Singh after marriage. 0040620428-3

**I,Divya Monga W/O-Nitesh Girotra R/O-BA-257,Tagore Garden,Delhi-110027** have changed my name to Divya Monga Girotra. 0040620408-8

**I,DIKSHA,D/O SH.ANAND KUMAR,R/O-482,GURU RAMDAS-NAGAR, GROUND FLOOR,GALI.NO.6,LAXMI-NAGAR,DELHI 110092**,BUT MY 10TH MARKSHEET MY FATHER NAME MENTION AANAND KUMAR HIS ACTUAL & CORRECT NAME ANAND KUMAR, FOR FUTURE, ALL PURPOSES. BOTH ARE ONE & SAME PERSON. 0040620407-6

**I,Anitha Peter,W/O C Hebert Selvyn,R/O 204,Jeevan-Kendra Layout Cambridge Road-Halasuru Bengaluru-560008**, have changed my name, from Anitha Peter to Anitha Albert Peter, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-28/06/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040620408-10

**I,Anita D/o No.2951394 Ex SEP Lt.Bir Bai R/O-A-39,Vidya Vihar,A-Block,Hastals, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59**, have changed my name to Anita Rani, vide- affidavit dt.27.6.22 before- Delhi. 0040620407-5

**I,Anand Singh Rawat,S/o-Mr. Hira Singh,R/O-15-C,Kalpana Apartment, Sec-5,Vaishali, GBD,U.P.-201010**, have changed my name to Anand Singh for all purposes. 0040620428-2

**I,ANAND KUMAR S/O BENI PRASAD R/O 53,SECOND-FLOOR,BHERA ENCLAVE, PASCHIM VIHAR,DELHI-110087**.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANAND KUMAR BHILWARA. 0040620409-8

**I, Vivek Pradeep Naik, R/O, DI-29, Satya Marg, Chanakyaपुरi, New Delhi-11001** have changed my son's name from Vihaan to Vihaan Vivek Naik vide affidavit dated 24062022 before District Court Delhi. 0040620343-1

**I,Ujjawal W/o Raj Roop, R/O H.No. 492, Ramayan Pana, Tikri Kalan Village, West Delhi-110041**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ujjawal Drail. 0070792322-1

**I,Swati Swoop, W/O Madan Mohan Sinha,R/O H.No-22, Pocket-D-2, 1st Floor, Rohini, Sec-11, Delhi-110085**, have changed my name to Swati Sinha. 0070792338-1

**I,Sunita Rani W/o Raj Kumar parashar R/O-129/9 Barh Mohalla, Faridabad, Haryana**, have change my name to Sunita Sharma 0040620338-3

**I,Sudarshan Sharma w/o Joginder Pal Sharma R/O D-487, Street-12, Bhajanpura, Delhi-110053** have changed my name to SUDERSHAN SHARMA 0040620337-1

**I,Subirda D/O Ravi Prakash Goel, W/O Mohit Gupta R/O 619D/3, Shastree Gali, Pandav Marg, Vishwas Nagar Shahdara, North East Delhi-110032**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Drishti Gupta 0070792322-1

**I,MEVISH, D/O.NADEEM AHMED, ADD-T-14,GALI ABDULLA POLICE STATION CHANDNI MAHAL DARYA GANJ DELHI-110002**,changed my name to MEHVISH, permanently. 0040620409-7

**I,Subirda D/O Ravi Prakash Goel, W/O Mohit Gupta R/O 619D/3, Shastree Gali, Pandav Marg, Vishwas Nagar Shahdara, North East Delhi-110032**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Drishti Gupta 0070792322-1

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mourn World Cup  
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Singh's demise

NITIN SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 28

ONE OF the best right-halves of the 1970s, Varinder Singh breathed his last in Jalandhar on Tuesday. Singh, 75, was a gold medallist at the 1975 Kuala Lumpur Hockey World Cup and won bronze at the 1972 Munich Olympics. He was also a member of the 1973 World Cup team that won silver.

Varinder was born on May 16, 1947 in village Dhanowali near Jalandhar and Ajitpal Singh, captain of the World Cup winning side, recalled his association with the deceased. "When Varinder came to the Indian hockey team, he was my room-mate till our last tournament together. He was the gentle giant of the World Cup winning team and the most disciplined and honest hockey player of his time," Ajitpal said. Varinder played as a right-in early in career, and was recruited by Indian Railways in the late 1960s. "One of his strengths was the ability to control the ball wherever he was on the



Varinder Singh  
1947-2022

field. He would surprise defenders with his speed." At Railways, Varinder got the opportunity to play with the likes of Balbir Singh Randhawa and 1964 Olympics gold medallist Harbinder Singh. During the Nationals and other big tournaments, Varinder would be pitted against a Punjab team, which boasted the likes of 1972 Munich Olympics bronze medallist Harcharan Singh or the Services team, which boasted the likes of 1968 Mexico Olympics bronze medallist Balbir Singh Kular. Harcharan, who played with Varinder in the national team for more than six years, remembers their duels at the domestic level.

"Varinder was one of India's best right-halves and I would be considered one of India's best left-in wingers. During the Nationals and tournaments like the Nehru Gold Cup, it would be a duel between us."

At the 1975 World Cup, Varinder played an important part in India's 3-1 win over Germany in the pool stage, a must-win game. Ajitpal rates it one of the best he has seen. "The Germans were marking Ashok Kumar. So, we pulled back Kumar and asked Varinder to play as right-in and right-out. Such was Varinder's speed and dribbling that we broke the German defence."

Star vs Viacom, TV vs Digital: IPL's unique battle

The Rs 43,000 crore worth never-seen-before race to woo fans is about rural penetration, cost and all-important ease of operations

SANDEEP DWIVEDI  
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THE MIGRANTS making daily video calls home. The headphone-wearing daily-commuting young digital native. GPS navigation-equipped cabbies with time to kill between trips. Villagers not connected to a cable network but within the range of mobile towers. The pandemic-time new netizens. Rural folks with aspirations, and smartphones bought on EMIs. And above all, the powerful control-obsessed BCCI officials.

It is this eclectic group that will decide if the punt taken by the broadcasters at the recent record-breaking IPL e-auction would prove prudent in the long run. They will collectively determine if the latest IPL valuation of Rs 48,000 crore was actually an overreach or whether the BCCI and broadcasters have read right the tea leaves floating over the always-simmering IPL pot.

The Indian Express spoke to three industry old hands – all decision-makers with a skin in the game but insisting to remain anonymous – to understand the big churn. They hail the 2022 IPL auction as a watershed event that threw up two ground-breaking events – Digital surpassing TV in media rights valuation, and BCCI for the first time signing up more than one broadcaster.

The men in the thick of things agree that IPL's new digital rights holder Viacom 18-Reliance, despite pushing the envelope and promising an unprecedented Rs 23,775 crore to the BCCI, will get their return on investment.

To make their point, they talk about the dramatically-rising T20 consumption capacity of cricket fans and the recent Deloitte prediction about India's smartphone count crossing 100 crore by 2024.

They trust the ever-growing army of hand-held device-dependents to push Viacom 18-Reliance past the bottom line. But it's the BCCI suits that they aren't sure about.

They have their reasons. In this Digital vs TV battle to woo the same set of IPL-deavouring eyeballs, both the competing broadcasters would prefer an exclusive look and feel for their telecast. For that to happen, the BCCI will have to make a departure from their previous policy of providing the same world feed – both voice and visual – to both digital and TV.

These are changing times. BCCI has never dealt with a situation where its broadcasting partners are working at cross-purposes. With smart television blurring the lines be-



Illustration: Sujavjit Dey

tween the conventional idiot box and online content, the IPL airways are getting into an intense tug of war.

The last five years of monopoly era, when Star owned everything IPL, is over. Now there are two legitimate sales teams aggressively pursuing IPL advertisers.

“Star and Viacom have to have different products. If the BCCI plays it right, they create healthy competition between the two. They should allow content and product innovation,” says an IPL insider.

sharing the live feed from the stadium.

"When they signed up, they were aware of this. It's tough to see two sets of commentary boxes at the venue – one for digital and other for TV," said a BCCI official.

As an afterthought, he hints at the possibility of negotiations. "They can approach us

and there can be a talk on the issue."

The auction dust has just settled, and the winners are now settled in two corners of the ring. As is the case in boxing, the stern-looking referee is whispering to them the rules of the game. He sounds firm but is willing to be flexible.



From the 'nothing official about it' Pepsi infringement on Coke's territory during the 1996 World Cup, cricket has come a long way. In 2023, expect an intense off-field skirmish that will have 'everything official about it'. The two broadcasters, each contracted to shell out close to Rs 50 crore for each game, are in a huddle thinking of ways to turn every stone on the cricket field.

While Star's ad blitz could be about the communal joy of watching IPL in the living room, Viacom 18-Reliance could well be selling the bliss of watching sports with earphones that cut out the noise around.

"The one who does more innovation in commentary, data will further drive down the penetration of IPL to smaller segments," says an insider. And follows up with a line

that would somewhat explain the unexplored areas that the broadcasters are eyeing. "Even today, half of India doesn't watch the IPL."

Some figures will help to understand this.

At present, India has close to 400 million digital users while the corresponding TV figure is 1 billion.

Those wired to the airways say that while the growth potential of digital media is immense, TV has reached a saturation point. "People are now only changing their TV but not adding on. On the digital side, the smartphone reach is deep. And in case someone brings a cheaper smartphone to the market, more uncharted areas will be covered," says an expert.

Even going by the present stagnant TV numbers in the country, Star's bid of Rs 23,000 crore has profit potential, it is being said.

"TV has its fixed subscribers and over the years we have seen that even at high ad rates, new products do get launched on TV during the IPL months," he said.

What about the digital broadcasters? Will they also be laughing their way to the bank? Experts throw in words like 'notional gains' and 'long-term valuation' when asked about the rationale of fishing out Rs 23,757 crore for the digital rights.

"Digital sees things differently. When Amazon entered India, the initial period was not about making profit. It was about hooking consumers, getting subscribers. These things increase the valuation of the company. Digital might not see a direct cash flow from IPL for the first few years but with time their positions will improve," says a broadcasting bigwig while listing the Reliance Group's interest in e-commerce and telecom.

"Like Amazon, Viacom 18-Reliance too is expected to use the IPL pitch to promote their telecom and e-retail products. They will first create a subscriber base and later monetise and also use it to cross-sell their services. That's the big play, they will have profits with time."



A market watcher-cum-badminton enthusiast among the experts narrates an urgent App download episode to make his point about the ease of watching sports on digital platforms.

Earlier this year, while at his farmhouse, he got a sudden urge to watch badminton star Lakshya Sen's match. He made calls to friends to figure out where to tune in. He was

told it was on Voot, Reliance's OTT platform, it took him less than five minutes to get the app and catch the game live.

"Now imagine, if it was only on television. I would have to first get hold of the cable guy, wait for him to fix things. Since you get broadband on subscription, everything is simple. The cost too has come down. The pandemic further gave digital a push. During the pandemic, everyone wanted to automate and work remotely. With the cloud coming in, you don't need to buy servers and all this

helped digital," he says.

There are more reasons for optimism. With 5G set to be launched, data speeds expected to vroom and wi-fi to become ubiquitous and thus more affordable, the leap in consumption is expected to multiply.

The digital broadcasters are in a state of frenzy, they can't wait to be enterprising and adventurous.

"In digital, they can

create multiple segments since it can be easily customised. That's a big advantage over TV. If you want to create a new segment in television, you have to first find a slot, after that you need a channel, TRAI approval, and after all that, convince the cable operator. In digital, you just sit in an office and create a segment. Say, there is this big game that is expected to get a large viewership. A digital broadcaster can just create two more channels for that match only," says an expert.

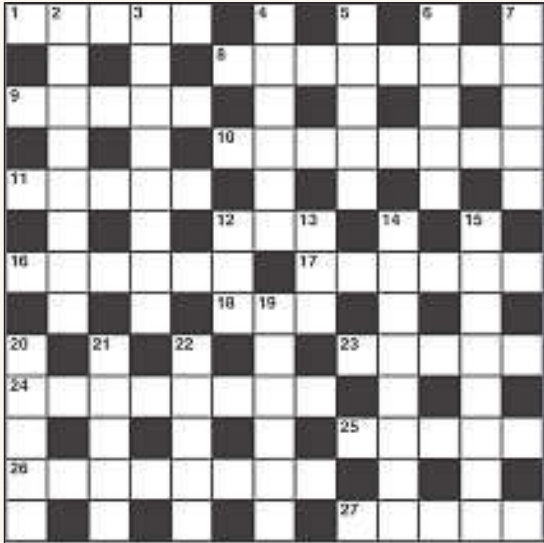
So will TV become background noise any time soon? Not really. It also has its advantages, and also its own ease of operation.

For starters, whatever the digital backers say, sport lends itself to bigger screens better. It's also more convenient. "People in general are lazy. They want easy access. In digital, interplay is still limited. TV is a cosy medium from a human interface standpoint. It's easy to switch channels. The user experience is seamless. Between overs, if I want to check news and return to sport, it is easier. In digital, you are stuck in a medium," says an expert. And buffering is still a reality, not an antiquated past.

Most trend-watchers say there is enough space for the two to coexist. "For the next five years, TV will still be the foremost, but digital will catch on. After 10 years, it's anybody's guess."

It's the technological advancement that will determine the timing of the next game-changing churn. Like many of nature's mysterious ways of balancing things, the acceptability of these big ideas with millions at stake will depend on Little India.

CROSSWORD 4780



ACROSS

- 1 First half of June is cold and wet (5)
- 80 War that's breaking out in Panama? (5,3)
- 9 A warning that's sounded later perhaps (5)
- 10 Risk death with passion (8)
- 11 Join in a very loud number (5)
- 12 Old agreement from very early times (3)
- 16 The length an association will go to? (6)
- 17 He may make a score or interpret one (6)
- 18 Originally called back in the English lesson (3)
- 23 Only one of them can be right (5)
- 24 Standard means processed cheese (8)
- 25 The lighter side of chess (5)
- 26 Kept quiet (8)
- 27 Fish appeared to be off (5)

DOWN

- 2 Elated having been promoted (8)
- 3 Bearing the cost of transport (8)
- 4 Position in which a man takes notes (6)
- 5 Boat's the same even when capsized (5)
- 6 Part of the leg a bit higher than the knee (5)
- 7 A relation of a southern politician (5)
- 12 Desire money (3)
- 13 Copy out of the paper (3)
- 14 Amateur band man? (5,3)
- 15 A supporter of the arts (8)
- 19 Glass over tile in the Spanish style (6)
- 20 Recreation wear (5)
- 21 Iron clasp (5)
- 22 Dish of cooked tripe (5)

Solutions Crossword 4779: Across: 1 Grass snake, 6 Blow, 10 Idler, 11 Generator, 12 Agitator, 13 Hindi, 15 Attache, 17 Dancing, 18 Threats, 21 Cadenza, 22 Pluck, 24 Lee shore, 27 Paper hats, 28 Rumba, 29 Rara, 30 Waitresses. Down: 1 Grit, 2 Alligator, 3 Strut, 4 Nightie, 5 Kindred, 7 Latin, 8 Working day, 9 Orphaned, 14 Waste paper, 16 Crackers, 18 Ignoramus, 20 Sultana, 21 Cresset, 23 Uppur, 25 Horse, 26 Pass.

JUMBLLED 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.

\_\_\_ will never be able to exist without \_\_\_. - Pierre Bonnard (3,6)

GVA AE



EERW TT



EIVRR



FFIPNU



SOLUTION: GVA/E, RIVER, WETTER, PUFFIN  
Answer: Art will never be able to exist without nature. - Pierre Bonnard

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4880

Difficulty Level 5s  
Instructions  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;  
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;  
5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



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BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If relationships with children or younger relatives have been complicated, put the past behind you and concentrate on having a simple and fulfilling time from here on. There will be more tension, but everything depends on how you handle it. Remember, restraint impresses people.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The Sun is now about to start shedding new light on matters which have been buried for far too long. If you're smarting after recent family disputes, then you now have two weeks to deal with all underlying problems. Start by asking partners what they think, and how they feel.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you have ever wondered why other people are so very strange, but have been unable to find the answer, you may have been looking in the wrong place. Your planets now suggest that the answer lies with you as much as with anyone else. Perhaps your actions have even had unintended consequences.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Your finances have certainly seen some changes over the past few weeks, and there are more to come. You can now use your time to build up your personal funds for the future. Even in romantic affairs, much depends on what you can afford. Hopefully partners will be understanding.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

The Moon commences a new relationship with your sign, so it's now a special time for Leos. You're therefore entering a cycle which favours personal resolutions for the future: do yourself a favour and make a wish. But will it come true? You'll never know unless you try.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Friends and rivals agree over what needs to be done. Yet it is possible that what is now begun will be completed in a very different form from your current expectations. In love, take it easy and play it cool. Oh, and don't forget a promise you made some time ago.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Your social life is about to be revived and reinvigorated in a rather surprising manner. You may be aware of new possibilities as early as tomorrow, but it may be as long as two weeks before the desired invitations arrive. Perhaps it's just that partners are impossibly slow.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

One particular new situation at home should be discussed without delay. You are surprisingly good at getting practical talks going when you have to and, if you can knock some sense into a partner's head, you'll do them an enormous favour. There's no doubt about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You'll soon spend a little extra time mulling over the financial situation. There are of course shopping trips to make, but such routine matters seem to be at the tip of an iceberg which at its depths touches all that is most fundamental in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Happily, the Moon is in a helpful position. You can afford to embark on the day's schedule with supreme confidence, but you will also have to be honest and upfront about your true feelings. Nobody will respect you if you attempt to pull the wool over their eyes.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

No matter how hard other people try, don't let them prise any secrets out of you. And, if you have any spare time, do spend a few moments by yourself in quiet contemplation, free from the responsibilities and distractions of the modern age. You need to work out exactly what you really think.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

That passionate pair, Venus and Mars, encourage intense desires, but somehow make you feel a little inhibited at the same time. Just how you are going to pick your way through this emotional dilemma is a question which is at present as clear as mud.



# Hooda, Samson cash in

Create a selection headache as they grab their chances to power India to over 200 in 2nd T20 versus Ireland

SRIRAM VEERA  
JUNE 28

IN DEEPAK Hooda, one can see a great example of the 'Shape' that all T20 generation batsmen talk about. The way they set up at crease and the way they position their body as the hands wade through the line. Of all the spanking shots Hooda hit, two types of strokes stood out for that 'shape'. The on-the-up through-the-line sorties lofted straight and the crunchy pulls.

The best example of the former came in the eighth over of the innings, off the seamer Conor Olphert. At that moment Graeme Swann called it the shot of the knock, and it was. Even as he creamed it on the up, he sort of ticked a few boxes for that shape: the high left elbow that held the body position together even after the contact of bat with the ball. Hooda, like the modern-day batsmen, keeps pushing their hands through the shot, stretching it to its apogee, without relaxing till the end. The upper body stays firm, the head doesn't tilt right up, and that shape is held.

The second shot — the pull — was far more attractive to the crowd packed in the tree-ringed park. Even there, there is a method and science that stands out. As if created by an animation artist. In fact, Hooda's pull resembles the shot of the stickman in the video game Stick Cricket effects.

His body too goes through similar motions — a sense of firmness about it. In fact, either due to his bat or the sound the broadcasters create these days, even the sound of meaty contact of the bat on the ball in the pulls sounds exactly from that game.

Or in other words, Hooda's, just like many batsmen, create violence scientifically. It's not a mere letting go of oneself, like in the olden days, but a carefully thought-out crafted hitting.

The crowd certainly loved Hooda's pulls, especially when he sent one over them at midwicket and through the trees.

And his emotions came out when he reached the hundred, the fourth Indian after Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, and Suresh Raina to do so. He first gently hugged Suryakumar Yadav, before suddenly collapsing into a bear hug. He has certainly grabbed his opportu-



Deepak Hooda top-scored for India with 104 off 57 and added 176 runs with Sanju Samson (77).

nities this series that has followed after a good showing in the IPL.

## Sublime Samson

It seemed as if Sanju Samson had promised himself that he wouldn't go for a shot-a-ball kind of mood that he can at times get into and has got into the past to his detriment. Of all the silken shots that had the commentators gasping and the crowd rasping in delight, there was a nuggety square drive in the 7th over that stands in the mind.

Craig Young's foolish 139 kmph ball on the off stump line was pretty decent and for the majority of its trajectory, Samson hadn't moved much, if at all. There he stood, waiting. And waiting. Or so it seemed. Suddenly, his hands stirred to aesthetically pat the ball through cover point. It was probably his best shot of the knock that had multiple wristy strokes.

Unlike Hooda, Samson's batting is all fluidity, accentuated by his top-hand loose grip. All the regular touchpoint of a Samson knock was on show: the glance, the flick, the pull over mid-on to a short of length ball outside off, and the pulls off the legspinner Gareth Delany, whose figures of 4-0-43-0 hides the fact that he was the best bowler on view.

A couple of times he dropped them short, the ball was thrown from the stands but for the main part, Delany showed a big heart. Consistency full on a length, inviting the hits, and turning it a bit to foil the batsmen's intent.

Samson unfurled a special shot against Delany too. It was a good leg break, turning from the leg and middle line, but Samson didn't go across the line. Instead, he covered for the turn and let his hands glide through the line and up and over she flew to crash-land on the sight screen.

Samson's international career has been a

sigh of the missed opportunities. Only with Samson, the roster of people sighing about him has been a stellar cast of characters that could fill an all-time Test XI.

Brian Lara, Sunil Gavaskar, Kumar Sangakkara, Graeme Swann, Kevin Pietersen, Matthew Hayden ... the list of admirers is endless and one can see why. He will have to show that he has the game to do it on pitches that do something as well; not that many seem to worry about it.

So far, with him, the perception seems to be that he lets himself down, throws his wicket away, but in the last couple of IPL seasons, ever since he became the captain, he seems to have learnt how to of marry art with commerce, style with substance.

**BRIEF SCORES:** India: 227 for 7 in 20 overs (Deepak Hooda 104, Sanju Samson 77; Mark Adair 3/44, Josh Little 2/38, Craig Young 2/35) vs Ireland.

# Uttarakhand's secy named in FIR after cricketer complains of threats

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, JUNE 28

CRICKET ASSOCIATION of Uttarakhand (CAU) secretary Mahim Verma and six others from the state cricket unit have been named in an FIR following a complaint filed by the father of former Under-19 cricketer Arya Sethi.

According to the FIR registered June 20, complainant Virendra Sethi has alleged that his son was given death threats by Uttarakhand coach Manish Jha, team manager Navneet Mishra and video analyst Piyush Raghuvanshi during the Vijay Hazare tournament last year.

The FIR has been registered at the Vasant Vihar police station in Dehradun under sections for criminal conspiracy (120B), voluntary causing hurt (323), extortion (384), and intentional insult (504) and criminal intimidation (506).

During a practice session in Rajkot, where the Uttarakhand team was based for the Vijay Hazare Trophy in December last year, coach Jha had abused Arya and also hit him, the FIR states. Matters got worse when Arya approached Verma, the state association secretary, and informed him about the incident.

Once he complained to Verma, the FIR states, that Arya was called to the room of the coach and given death threats. Coach Jha, manager Mishra and video analyst Raghuvanshi have been accused of giving death threats. The trio also told Arya that they would hire a hitman, according to the FIR.

Once the team returned home, Virender had gone to meet Verma at his residence. However, Verma instead of giving him a patient hearing demanded Rs 10 lakhs to ensure there were no roadblocks in Arya's career at the state level, the FIR states. Virendra also alleged in the FIR that he was threatened by Verma. The others named in the FIR registered at the Vasant Vihar police station in Dehradun are the cricket association's spokesperson Sanjay Gusain and two other staffers of the association — Satyam Verma and Parul.

Vinod Singh Rana, SHO of the Vasant Vihar Police Station officer, said the investigation is ongoing.

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"We have registered an FIR and the investigation process is on. We had formed a small team, which is investigating the matter and had even issued notices to CAU officials but we haven't heard anything from them. We have been informed that out of seven, two had moved court where they have received protection from arrest. Instead, the police can question them. But we haven't received a court order in this regard," Rana said.

CAU secretary Verma didn't respond to calls or text messages.

Allegations of corruption have been levelled against the CAU recently by independent MLA Umesh Kumar during a session at the Vidhan Sabha.

MLA Kumar, when contacted by this newspaper on Tuesday, said professional fees paid had shot up immensely though there was no cricket being played because of the Covid pandemic. "During Covid, CAU distributed Rs 6.5 crore as professional fees, I want to know to whom they paid this money? Before March 2020, the professional fees were around Rs 2.75 crores. During Covid who had lunch and dinner of Rs 1.27 crores? How did they hire cricketing coaches? I raised this in Uttarakhand Sadan too. I think BCCI should intervene, there is very big corruption going on here," Kumar said.

On the field the team has been at the receiving end. During the quarterfinal of the Ranji Trophy in Bengaluru, Mumbai beat Uttarakhand by 725 runs, a world record for the highest margin of victory. Uttarakhand were set a target of 794 runs but were bowled out for 69 in the second innings after posting 114 in the first.

## BRIEFLY

### Hamilton calls for action after Piquet's racist slur

*Paris:* Lewis Hamilton called for action to change "archaic mindsets" after a racist remark about him by Brazilian triple champion Nelson Piquet emerged on social media, triggering widespread condemnation. In a Brazilian interview on *YouTube* in November, Piquet, 69, used a racial slur when referring to the seven-time world champion, when commenting on Hamilton's British Grand Prix crash with Max Verstappen. Hamilton, who was recently awarded honorary Brazilian citizenship and is the sport's only Black driver, responded on Twitter. "It's more than language. These archaic mindsets need to change and have no place in our sport," the Mercedes driver said. "I've been surrounded by these attitudes and targeted my whole life. There has been plenty of time to learn. Time has come for action." **REUTERS**

### Prannoy advances at Malaysia Open

*Kuala Lumpur:* India's HS Prannoy faced stiff resistance before prevailing against local hero Daren Liew as the Indian shuttler progressed to the men's singles second round of the Malaysia Open, here on Tuesday. A former top-10 player, Prannoy, who had reached the semifinals of Indonesia Open Super 1000 earlier this month, emerged a 21-14, 17-21, 21-18 winner in 62 minutes. The 29-year-old from Kerala, ranked 21st currently, will face fourth seeded Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei next at the Super 750 badminton tournament. Prannoy's win brought some cheers to the Indian camp after B Sai Praneeth and Sameer Verma made early exits. **PTI**

### England's Morgan calls it a day

*London:* Eoin Morgan confirmed his retirement from international cricket and stepped down as England's white-ball captain after more than seven years on Tuesday. After England's dismal failure at the 2015 Cricket World Cup, Morgan spearheaded the team's white-ball transformation to a bold, attacking approach and unprecedented heights. He led England's to its first global 50-over title at the 2019 World Cup, and the No. 1 ranking in one-day internationals and Twenty20s. They enjoyed series victories against every major team and 60% success on his watch. **AP**

# Kyrgios stretched to five sets by British wildcard

REUTERS/AP  
LONDON, JUNE 28

FEISTY AUSTRALIAN Nick Kyrgios came through a five-set first-round Wimbledon thriller against British wildcard Paul Jubb on Tuesday as his fearsome serve, including 30 aces, eventually overpowered the 22-year-old 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-7(3), 7-5. It was an unexpectedly testing examination for Kyrgios as the British outsider kept his cool in the face of the Australian's usual verbal antics, but fell just short.

"It was tough, he had nothing to lose and he played exceptional tennis at times," Kyrgios said. "He's going to be a good player for sure. I'm just happy to get through. Playing here is a lot of fun. I talk a lot on the court but off the court I'm not too bad."

Kyrgios looked pretty flat in losing the opening set to a player whose career highlight was winning the US NCAA college title in 2019, and in his frustration he hammered a ball high and out of Court Three.

Kyrgios is a player the word "chuntering" was invented for as he seems to need to keep up a running monologue to get himself motivated. He took great offence at a single fan uttering an almost polite boo, complaining to the umpire "You don't accept a hat with two logos on but you accept disrespect of an athlete?"

Kyrgios then complained about a line judge "reporting him" to the umpire. "Not one person has come here today to hear her speak," he said.

The chat appeared to energise him as he began to find his range in a strong second set but Jubb refused to lie down, being edged out in the third and going toe to toe to take the fourth on the back of a strong tiebreak.

The Briton, in only his second Wimbledon appearance having lost in the first round three years ago, was ice-cool in ignoring any potential distraction from Kyrgios's running commentary, which included another extended whinge over a non-signalled net cord in the tiebreak.

It is now eight years since Kyrgios stunned then world No.1 Rafa Nadal to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals but he has never matched that since and has reached only one other Grand Slam quarter — in Australia in 2015.

The 27-year-old has slipped to world No.40 but his serve remains out of the top drawer, demonstrated when he ripped through the third game of the deciding set to love in 43 seconds before breaking Jubb.

When serving for the set, however, Kyrgios stood back to admire a drop shot, only to be left stranded when Jubb brilliantly ran it down en route to his own break back.

Jubb then failed to convert a break point and, serving to take the match to a decisive tiebreak, leaked a couple of shots wide to help Kyrgios secure victory.

### Berrettini pulls out because of Covid

*London:* When the name of the 2022 men's singles champion is etched on to the Wimbledon honours board in 12 days time some might argue an asterisk should be inserted alongside it. Matteo Berrettini's withdrawal on Tuesday after testing positive for COVID-19 left an already-depleted men's draw missing yet another standout name. The powerful Italian eighth seed, runner-up-last year to Novak Djokovic, was regarded as one of the favourites for the title after showing his grasscourt pedigree by winning warm-up tournaments in Stuttgart and at Queen's Club. The previous evening, Croatian Marin Cilic, the former U.S. Open champion and Wimbledon runner-up who was bang in form, was also forced out after a positive COVID-19 test. **REUTERS**

### Swiatek's 36th win in a row

From the red clay of the French Open to the green grass of Wimbledon, the wins keep coming for Iga Swiatek. The top-seeded Pole won her opening match on Centre Court on Tuesday, beating Croatian qualifier Jana Fett 6-0, 6-3. The victory was Swiatek's 36th in row and includes all seven matches she played at this year's French Open in winning her second title at Roland Garros. It's the longest winning streak on the women's tour since 1997, when Martina Hingis won 37.

"It's my first match on grass this season, so I knew it's going to be tricky," Swiatek said on court. I'm just figuring out how to play here and trying to implement all the stuff that we were practicing on."

Even with seven-time champion Serena Williams in the draw at the All England Club, Swiatek is the woman to beat. She won five tournaments before heading to Paris in May, earning consecutive titles in Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart and Rome. Swiatek, again wearing a pin with the colors of Ukraine on her hat, started out like she left off in her last match at the French Open. But she went down 3-1 in the second set before recovering. "The second set, at the beginning I lost my focus a little bit and she used that pretty well," Swiatek said.

Coco Gauff, who lost to Swiatek in this year's French Open final, also won her opening match. The 11th-seeded American beat Elena-Gabriela Ruse of Romania 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. Gauff got the go-ahead break in the third set at 5-5 on her sixth break point of the game when Ruse double-faulted. In her two previous appearances at the All England Club, Gauff reached the fourth round.




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