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#### **INAUGURATION-NBCC**

PM Modi inaugurated the NBCC built Vanijya Bhawan in the presence of Piyush Goyal, M/o C & I, Som Prakash, MoS C & I, & Anupriya Patel, MoS C & I recently. The Bhawan is built on an area of 4.33 Acres near iconic India Gate.



#### **YOGA DAY- TPDDL**

TPDDL organized a special session at its Learning Centre in Rohini, New Delhi on the occasion of International Yoga Day today. The event received an overwhelming response from Tata Power-DDL employees & their families.



#### **SCREENING - MINISTRY OF I&B**

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting organized a special screening of the upcoming film 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' at Siri Fort Auditorium, ND. The screening was attended by the team Rocketry led by the writer, producer, Dir. R. Madhavan.



#### **REVIEW MEETINGS - NR**

Ashutosh Gangal, GM NR held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway & DRMs through video conferencing. The GM emphasized that Safety is the main concern over Railways.



#### **AWARD - POWERGRID**

K Sreekant, CMD, Powergrid has been conferred Business Today-Pwc India's Best CEO(Power) award, was presented by Piyush Goyal, M/o C&I, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Textiles at an event held in Delhi.



#### **DEMONSTRATION-INDIANOIL**

Surva Nutan was demonstrated at the residence of M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Puri, in the presence of senior officials and prominent members of the media fraternity.



#### **VISIT - SECI**

Bhagwanth Khuba, MoS, New & Renewable Energy, & Chemicals & Fertilizers, visited SECI's office in New Delhi, Minister held discussions with S Sharma, MD, SECI & Senior Management of SECI regarding the Indian RE sector.



#### **MEETING- GUIDANCE TAMIL NADU**

Pooja Kulkarni IAS, MD & CEO, Guidance, held a meeting with Foxconn's Chairman Young Liu & pitched the State for their future expansions in the electronic segment and their entry into emerging sectors.



#### YOGA DAY - HUDCO

HUDCO observed the 8th International Yoga Day by organizing yoga sessions for HUDCO officials pan-India. Deliberations on the theme 'Yoga for Humanity' was organized to highlight the benefits of yoga.



#### **WORKSHOP - REC**

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab South Asia, REC & EPI of Chicago partnered to organize a workshop on "Future of Smart Metering in India". K Sharma (Dir Policy, Training, and Communication) at J-PAL SA inaugurated the event.

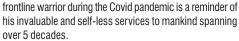


#### **EVENT - ROYAL THAI EMBASSY**

The Royal Thai Embassy & ICCR organized the 75th Anniversary: Weaving Indo-Thai Friendship, Thai Silk Exhibition at the Embassy recently to commemorate 75 yrs of establishment of diplomatic relations between India & Thailand.

#### **DOCTOR'S DAY - KALRA HOSPITAL**

A name that immediately comes to one's mind on the National Doctor's Day celebrated on 1st July, is that of Dr R.N. Kalra. As the Medical Director, CEO R&D of Kalra Hospital, his contribution in transforming health care in the private domain is legendary. His role as a



OIL completed beta demonstration of the hydrogen powered bus developed by Ohm Cleantech Private Limited under 'Startup Nurturing, Enabling & Handholding (SNEH)' programme of OIL in Pune, Maharashtra on 25.06.2022. The 9meter Bus built on a 60kW PEM Fuel Cell engine will power the electric drive and provide for a minimum range of 450 km while emitting water in the exhaust. The demonstration adds another feather to the Green Hydrogen hat of OIL as the company has already commissioned a 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen plant in Jorhat, Assam in April 2022. On the occasion, SC Mishra, CMD, OIL said that this is a major step towards zero-emission mobility within OIL & also in the North-East India.

ONGC As an immediate measure, both the Petroleum Minister & Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and ONGC have announced ex-gratia of Rs.15 lakh each (Total Rs. 30 lakh) for each family of the four persons who were lost in the unfortunate helicopter incident on Arabian Sea. While a fast rescue action saved five persons, the incident resulted in the loss of four precious lives. Also one senior ONGC officer has been associated with each of the survivors.

BANK OF INDIA The success of earlier edition of "Branch Adalat" campaign between 21.05.2022 to 26.05.2022 Bank of India decided to re-launch the campaign between 21.06.2022 to 28.06.2022 at Pan India level. The concept behind Branch Adalat was to provide relief to the borrowers affected by the Covid-19 pandemic or any other reason especially the borrowers having outstanding loans up to Rs.5 Crs under agriculture, MSME, retail & personal loan segment.

ITPO has been contributing towards "Swachh Bharat Kosh" & "Clean Ganga Fund" each yr under the CSR activities. For the year 2021-22, ITPO contributed an amount of Rs.2,42,86,436/- each towards "Swachh Bharat Kosh' &"Clean Ganga Fund" which was handed over on June 21st, 2022 to G. Asok Kumar, DG, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti by Vibhu Nayar, ED, ITPO & SR Sahoo, Company Secretary & CSR Head of ITPO. Further, ITPO also contributed an equal amount of Rs. 2,42,86,436/- towards "PM CARES FUND" on 17th June, 2022.

LIC It is informed that the exercise of determining the Indian Embedded Value (IEV) as on March 31, 2022, may take some more time to get completed. Once completed and after requisite approvals, the required public disclosures of the same, will be made in this regard, by LIC of India. As of now, we expect the required public disclosures, to be made by July 15th, 2022.

SHARE INDIA a NOIDA based listed company is combining technology with their business practices and transforming lives of deaf and mute youngsters. It all started with Rohin Gunta. son of Promoter Chairman Praveen Gupta. Born deaf and mute, Rohin decided to train himself and excel professionally despite his limitations. Algorithm trading, also known as Algo Trading is a technique which uses a computer program that follows a defined set of instructions (an algorithm) to place a trade.



#### **EVENT – EMBASSY OF LUXEMBOURG**

The Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in New Delhi recently hosted the National Day reception. The audience was addressed by Luxembourg Ambassador to India Peggy Frantzen, & the Chief Guest – MoS for External Affairs & Mos for Culture Meenakshi Lekhi. In her opening remarks, she mentioned that the Luxembourg is the 5th top investor in India from European Union & the 15th highest investor in the world. Luxembourg is also the 3rd investor in foreign direct investments (FDI's). She also emphasized that the virtual summit between the two Prime Ministers in 2020 has further strengthened our multifaceted bilateral ties. Next year India & Luxembourg will be celebrating 75 Years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.



Road Transport & Highways in recognition of setting a world record of laying highest quantity of Dense Bitumen Macadam(42,666 MT) continuously in 100 hours over 50 km single lane at Package 29 of Delhi Vadodara Expressway Project of National Highways Authority of India. The award and a certificate presented to Yogesh Kumar Jain, MD, PNC.

Smishing. These miscreants have been sending fraudulent messages to customers misusing company's name to inform them regarding payment of electricity bill, disconnection or reconnection. Any consumer-related information can be verified on the company's official website www.tatapower-ddl.com.

IRFC As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, IRFCL - a Schedule 'A'/Miniratna Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of Railways, Gol organised a plantation drive at its office premises in ND. During the plantation drive, more than 10 saplings were planted by the officers of IRFC with a pledge to properly nurture the saplings till they grow into full-fledged trees. As part of the India@75 celebrations, various CPSEs planted 75,000 saplings across the country during the iconic week to help building a more equitable and sustainable future for the country.

#### EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

### INDIAN RAILWAYS

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

**CORRIGENDUM-IV** 

Subject: E-Tender No. TM-2201 for procurement of Self Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing Car "SPURT CAR" to be opened on 19.07.2022

The Corrigendum-IV regarding modification of tender conditions etc. and due date of tender opening from 19.07.2022 to 26.07.2022 have been uploaded on website http://ireps.gov.in. (Vijay Singh)



Tele: No. 011-47845531 E-mail: vijay.singh.2017@gov.in

Director Track (Machines), Railway Board

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Ref. No. Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Demonstration SERM and Training of Professional Survey Grade (1556)Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (U/W/Drone) Equipped 22-23 with RGB, LIDAR and Thermal sensors and dedicated software for flight plan and data processing.

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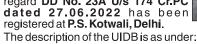
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No:- 7PUB/NR-DLI0COMM(PUB)/9/2022 Dated: 29-06-2022 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name, residence and family is unknown, about 30-35 years of age was found dead on footpath infront of Jagannath Mandir near Cycle Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard **DD No. 23A U/s 174 Cr.PC dated 27.06.2022** has been



Sex: Male, Age: About 30-35 years, Height: 5'4' Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Hair: Black, Wearing: Black colour check shirt and blue jeans and

> P.S. Kotwali, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23977100, 23953442

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If anyone has any information about this UIDB, kindly inform the SHO/Kotwali, Delhi.

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Estimated Cost	₹37.52 Lakhs
Completion Period	2 Months
Earnest Money Deposit	₹75,038/- (through e-payment)
Cost of Tender Document	NIL
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	₹1876/- plus GST as applicable (through e-payment)
Date of sale of Tender (online)	01.07.2022 (11:00 hrs) to 15.07.2022 (upto 17:00 hrs)
Date & Time of submission of Tender	16.07.2022 upto 17:00 hrs
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	18.07.2022 at 11:30 hrs
For financial eligibility criteria, evperies	nce with respect to similar nature of work, etc. please refer to detailed tender notice

railable on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from vww.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on v ww.concorindia.com, www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only ement shall not be issued for the same Group General Manager( Phone No.: 011-41222544



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Tender Notice No. BPUT/ CS&P/68/2022/4121 Date: 30.06.2022

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CS&P/68/2022/2763, dated 06.05.2022 for the above items stand cancelled, since adequate numbers of eligible bidders for most of the items are not available. Sd/-

Further, the earlier Tender Notice No. BPUT/

**REGISTRAR** OIPR- 11059/11/0003/2223

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is here by informed that this

boy (depicted in the photo) namely: Subham Mishra S/o Satender Mishra

R/o G-156, 3rd Floor, Gopal Gali, Village

Gazipur, Delhi-92 has been missing/kidnapped since 11.00 AM dated

10.06.2022 from his house. In this regard

FIR No.431/22 U/S 363 IPC dated **12.06.2022** has been lodged at **PS** 

Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi. Sincere

been made by local police to



Subham Mishra trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-Sex: Male, Age: 13 years, Height: 3'8" ft., Complexion: Fair, Eye: Black, Built: Slim, Face: Long, Wearing: Black T-shirt and blue color half jeans and red chappal in feet

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:-Website:http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi

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Bid End Date/Time 14-07-2022 12:00:00 Details will be available in the GeM portal – https://gem.gov.in . Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above

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The following tenders have beer loated through e-Procurement Tenderers are requested to visit the web-site www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers. It may be noted that the

S.No. 01 Tender No.: TM226358 Description: Procurement of Conveyor Belts for the use of Track Machines. Due date: 22.07.2022

S.No. 02 Tender No.: TM226983 Description: Bush, Flange, Shaft Engager, Lock Plate, Pins, Gear Shir Lever, Load Bearings, Feeding Reel, etc., as per Plasser part Nos. for the use of Track Machines. Due date 22.07.2022

Corrigendum to the Tender no.TM226763 (E-Procurement Tende Tender Notice no. & Date: Tende

notice no.198 dated: 13.06.2022 Tender no: Tm226763 Description New item included For complete details please refe www.jreps.gov.in.

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#### **SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORKS** Tender Notice No. 199-Mech-BSP-OMRS-JRMC Date: 23.06.2022

equipment from Jairamnagar UP line to Down line on open Tender basis. **Tender** Value: ₹ 22,52,378/- (Rupees Twent Two Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Only), **EMD:** ₹ 45.100/- (Rupees Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Only), Opening of

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**AWARD-PNCIL** PNC Infratech Ltd received 'Award of Excellence' from M/o

**TPDDL** issued an advisory against cyber frauds using

No.199 Dt.30.06.2022 Name of Work: Shifting of OMRS

offers submitted manually or on paper will not be accepted. Offers sent by Tender: 12:00 hrs on 15.07.2022. st are not entertained: Further all details are available or Railway's website: www.ireps.gov.in.

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पत्र श्री अनिल राव निवासी मकान नम्बर 967, सैक्टर -14 गुरुग्राम, हरियाणा 122001 ने एक दरखास्त बाबत वसीय रजिस्टर्ड कराने हेतु दी हैं , कि कमला राव पुत्री श्री यादरा निवासी मकान नम्बर १६७, सैक्टर-14, गुरुग्राम, हरिया 122001 ने एक वसीयत रोबरू गवाहान दिनांव 1-12-2020 को उनके हक में निष्पादित की थी । यह कि कमला राव पुत्री श्री यादराम निवासी मकान नम्ब

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#### BIP to focus on 'dynasty-mukt Bharat' as its national meet starts today

**LIZ MATHEW** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

AS THE BJP tries to expand the party to states where it has little or no presence, as part of its 2024 Lok Sabha poll plans, the focus of its National Executive starting Friday in Hyderabad, sources said, would be southern states and a message of "dynasty-mukt Bharat".

The three-day conclave will include a meeting of general secretaries on Friday evening and one by office-bearers on Saturday morning, apart from discussions lasting two days on the political and economic agenda of the party. The conclave will conclude with a public meeting on Parade Grounds, Secunderabad, to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A senior party leader said: The narrative for the campaign for 2024 will be dynasty-mukt Bharat, as the same covers all regional parties in the country, including in the southern states. Dynasty politics will be projected as the biggest danger against democratic principles, a symbol of entitlement politics, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

# SHIV SENA REBELS, BJP FORM GOVT A DAY AFTER UDDHAV QUITS

# Shinde new Maharashtra CM, Fadnavis deputy in last-minute twist in script

BJP's central leadership tells Fadnavis to be part of govt



Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari with Eknath Shinde in Mumbai on Thursday. Express

former Chief Minister Devendra

Fadnavis as the Deputy Chief **VALLABHOZARKAR** Minister. & ZEESHAN SHAIKH Shinde became the 20th

Chief Minister of the state a day MUMBAI, JUNE 30 after Shiv Sena chief Uddhav IN A surprise turn of events Thackeray resigned as CM ahead Thursday, Shiv Sena rebel leader of a floor test, bringing to an end the 31-month rule of his Maha Eknath Shinde was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Vikas Aghadi coalition. Maharashtra and BJP leader and

What came as a surprise was the about-turn by Fadnavis.



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Shortly after he told a press conference that he would not be a part of the government, the central leadership of the party said Fadnavis would be joining the government.

BJP president JP Nadda said, "The central leadership has directed that Devendra Fadnavis should take the responsibility of CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

### Fadnavis stunned, but BJP clear about reasons

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE** NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JUNE 30

THE POLITICAL developments in Maharashtra — from sequestering of the Eknath Shinde-led rebel Shiv Sena MLAs, to the swearing-in of the new government on Thursday - were

key player Devendra Fadnavis not aware of the finishing touch, party sources said. This is why the unusual sequence of events in Mumbai

closely worked out by the BJP

central leadership, with even

Thursday: first, Fadnavis's surprise announcement that Shinde would be CM, and that he would **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

### With Shinde in seat, BJP defangs Uddhav; BMC next

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE** & LIZ MATHEW MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, JUNE 30



THE BJP killed several birds with one stone by giving up chief ministership Eknath Shinde, in the government being formed by Shiv Sena rebels with the party's support. It was a strong rebuff to the

Uddhav Thackeray-led group's contention that the BJP had pulled down "a Sena CM"; it sent a message about the BJP's largeheartedness in accommodating allies; and it is set to help the BJP in the coming BMC polls. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

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You treat us, we treat you! SC was told complaint led to UP demolition; identity of complainants unclear

**MANISH SAHU** PRAYAGRAJ, JUNE 30

LAST WEEK, the UP government submitted an affidavit in Supreme Court stating that the Prayagraj Development Authority(PDA)demolished the house of Javed Mohammad, an activist and accused in the protests against remarks on the

Prophet, after receiving a com-

plaint about "illegal construction" - and an office in the building visited by "anti-social elements".

The affidavit included the complaint as an annexure, which identified the complainants as CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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#### The Udaipur murder, fuel shortage at pumps, and Hermit spyware

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#### Bomb thrown at **CPM** state head office in Kerala

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 30

A CRUDE bomb was hurled at the ruling CPI(M)'s state headquarters. AKG Centre, here on Thursday night, at about 11.30 pm. The bomb exploded in front of the main gate of the party office.

Following the incident, several senior CPI(M) leaders rushed to the state headquarters. Sources said several CPI(M) leaders were at an apartment near the party office at the time of the attack

CCTV footage showed a person on a two-wheeler hurling an object and fleeing. There was no official statement from the police at the time of filing this report. There were no reports of any casualties.

'The Congress has a leadership in Kerala which is encouraging violence. We will protest in a democratic and peaceful manner." said CPI(M) Politburo member A Vijayaraghavan. Half-an-hour after the incident, a large number of CPI(M) and DYFI supporters took out a protest march in the city.

Over the last one month, several offices of the CPI(M) and Congress have been attacked. The Congress state headquarters was also targeted. Last week, SFI supporters vandalised the office of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad. Security has been strengthened at CPI(M) and Congress offices, said sources.

#### 2 dead after man sets 4 of wife's relatives on fire

Bengaluru: Furious about not getting consent for divorce from his wife, a man in Yadgir district of Karnataka on Wednesday set his father-in-law, brother-in-law and two other relatives on fire. The two relatives died, while the father and brother of the woman are critical.

The accused, identified as Sharanappa, was married to Huligemma, around 16 years ago and has two children. According to police, the incident took place at Sharanappa's house, where he had invited Huligemma's family to talk about the separation issue. **ENS** 

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### **FROM PAGE ONE**

Shinde in seat

All eyes in the state are now on polls to the prestigious, cashrich body, which the Sena has controlled for the past 25 years. A senior BJP functionary said

that, in contrast, Uddhav looked too eager for the CM's post. "After the 2019 Assembly elections, Uddhav Thackeray broke the Sena alliance with the BJP to join hands with the Congress and NCP and bargained for the post of CM (denied to him by the BIP, which won far more seats)... He could have made any Sena leader CM, but he did not do so. He grabbed the opportunity and occupied the post himself."

Apart from departing from Balasaheb's rule of not occupying public office but keeping the party under one's control, Uddhav didn't just become CM himself but gave a Cabinet portfolio to son Aaditya. Neither had any administrative experience.

Two-and-a-half years down the line, the BJP, which remains the single largest party with 106 MLAs, has the support of 123, including 17 Independents, in a House of 287. Shinde, who gets the CM post with BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis as Deputy CM, claims support of 50 MLAs, including 39 from the Shiv Sena.

The BIP is still smarting from the "hurt" inflicted by Uddhav's 2019 split. And hence, party leaders say, while there are various versions as to what transpired in the past nine days, all of them were on the same page over the need to project Shinde as the face of the government.

By doing this, the BJP also robbed Uddhav of the opportunity to claim political mileage or sympathy by invoking his late father Bal Thackeray's name. A BJP leader said: "This was the only way to ward off Uddhav. For the BJP, it is sweet revenge as well as a safety measure for the future. Now Shinde will carry the legacy of Bal Thackeray in the Shiv Sena. He will also remain loyal to the BJP as he needs our support in the political and legal battles ahead."

BJP leaders admit some disappointment at being denied the top post, especially when Fadnavis's acumen and strategising are believed to have led to the Sena split. However, even those disappointed acknowledge that Shinde taking the lead for now serves the party's long-term goals

A party strategist said, "We are confident that, with Shinde at the helm, more Sainiks, in large numbers, will switch to our fold. The Shinde Sena will emerge more powerful vis-a-vis Uddhay." With the 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly polls not too far away, the blow to the Sena is expected to be hard enough for it not to recover in time.

The state's 48 Lok Sabha seats make it an important factor at the Centre as well. The Shiv Sena has 19 MPs in the Lok Sabha and three in the Rajya Sabha. But how many of them are with the Shinde group is not yet clear.

As a Maratha leader, Shinde also gets the BJP a way into the community's 30% population. The BIP had faced Maratha quota agitation during the last government, after angering the community by breaking the norm and picking a Brahmin as CM in Fadnavis. The BJP believes it can woo the poor Marathas and OBCs who are the Sena's main support base with its support to Shinde.

The move also gives the BJP a handle against the Congress and NCP, which have tried to corner it on the issue.

Insiders in the BIP claimed that Shinde never bargained for the CM's post in their talks. "He just wanted his faction to have an alliance with the BJP, making Hindutva a common cause."

As for the civic polls, the BIP expects gains both in BMC, and the Thane corporation, with Shinde exercising complete command over the latter.

Ironically, when the BIP and Sena came to power in 2014, the BIP had offered the Sena a Deputy CM post. Shinde was among the prime contenders. However, Uddhav had refused, fearing the emergence of Shinde as a rival parallel power centre.

#### BIP national meet and the root cause of corruption and misgovernance.

The leader pointed out that while Congress-mukt Bharat and corruption-free India were prominent BJP slogans in the last two Lok Sabha elections, these two would be absorbed into the "dvnastv-mukt Bharat" campaign. Sources said the tone of the new campaign will be set through statements and speeches at the National Executive.

The leader added that the fact that the meeting was being held in Hyderabad "gives the explicit message that the BJP's focus ahead of the next general election will be southern states, where the party is yet to cover a lot of area in terms of its expansion and electoral gains". He said the discussions and debates at the

meeting would talk about this. PM Modi has frequently targeted "dynasty politics" in his speeches. While addressing party workers on the BJP's 42nd Foundation Day, he said that while the BIP was devoted to the nation, there were parties which were "devoted to families". "There are still two kinds of politics going on in this country," he said. "One is the politics of family devotion and the other is committed to patriotism. These people may be in different states, but strings of dynasty politics, covering each other's corruption. At the national level and in some states. there are some political parties that work only for the interests of their families. In dynasty governments, the members of the family have control over the local body to Parliament... Such family parties have never allowed the youth of this country to progress."

Modi added that the BJP was the only party that was trying to

challenge this. Telangana BJP chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar said Hyderabad had been chosen as the venue for the National Executive as "the BJP wanted to expose the corruption, misgovernance and harassment politics" of K Chandrasekhar Raoled Telangana Rashtra Samiti

# Shinde new Maharashtra CM, Fadnavis deputy in last-minute twist in script

Deputy Chief Minister."

Shah, in a Twitter post, said, "At the advice of Shri IP Nadda, Devendra Fadnavis has shown a big heart and has decided to join the government in the interest of the people of Maharashtra."

It is learnt that even the Prime Minister spoke to Fadnavis, asking him to join the government.

Shinde's appointment as Chief Minister, made by Fadnavis, ural claimant to the post of the Chief Minister.

ship. "I express my deep gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president IP Nadda and Devendra Fadnavis. This government will fulfill the aspirations of the common man. We will see a strong government in Maharashtra. I will ensure the confidence and trust Fadnavis

He said Fadnavis has shown a large heart. "No one does this after having 120 MLAs. If they wish, they could have kept the CM post, but they showed generosity to give the CM post to Balasaheb's Shiv Sainik," Shinde said.

partymen and well-wishers

once news came in of Uddhav

ted to The Indian Express that

the decision was made entirely

by Delhi -- "Union home minis-

ter Amit Shah, party president

IP Nadda". Later, the two also

A senior functionary admit-

Thackeray's resignation.

ideology and Hindutva and for that reason the BJP has decided that it will support Eknath Shinde who will be the Chief Minister.' He said the Shiv Sena, by joining hands with Congress

the public mandate. He alleged that corruption was rampant during the rule of the MVA. Fadnavis said he would not be part of the Shinde-led government, but would offer every support from outside and would

and NCP in 2019, had insulted

cision of breaking away from the Sena because it formed a gov-

was also seen to have risen too

fast in a party that prefers its

ranks to keep a low-profile.

Sources said both state and

Central leaders had noted

Fadnavis's popularity, and it

could have also prompted the

clipping of the wings of the

leader once seen as enjoying

the confidence of Prime

Fadnavis has his detractors in

the ranks. Senior leader Eknath

Khadse, who left the BIP to join

the NCP in 2020 after facing

corruption charges, blamed

him. Other leaders such as

Chandraskhekhar Bawankule

also suspected Fadnavis's hand

in the denial of tickets to them

in the 2019 Assembly polls, and

were in fact accommodated by

the BJP later. Another promi-

nent face, Pankaja Munde,

stated publicly that she did not

consider Fadnavis her leader

and also blamed him for her

loss from the Parli Assembly

that notwithstanding their ap-

preciation of his stewardship of

the BJP in the state, the central

leadership had also developed

"reservations" over his style of

graph had again been on the

rise. He had kept the pressure

up on the MVA government on

Hindutva issues, was instru-

mental in many of its leaders

Lately though, Fadnavis's

Party sources in Delhi said

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While generally liked,

Minister Narendra Modi.

other independents and small party MLAs have come together and have decided to form the government and have submitted the letter to the Governor. The decision of supporting the Shinde faction was taken as we had promised that we will not force mid-term elections in the state. For the development of the state and for Hindutva, we have taken this decision,' Fadnavis said.

Shinde reiterated that Shiv Sena's 40 MLAs and other independents make a total of 50 MLAs and they together "will take forward the thoughts and Hindutva ideology" Balasaheb Thackeray and Dharamveer Anand Dighe.

in this area," said Haider Abbas, whose house is located around 300m from the house. Mohammad Anees, who runs a general store in the colony, also said that there was no one by the name of Sarafraj or Noor Alam or Mohammad Azam in the area. "I have been running this shop for

losing a lot of revenue due to non-

approval of the building's map,"

spected and take action as per the

rules for removing the office from

the said building," stated the

complaint, which was addressed

to the PDA Zonal Officer and

marked to the Chief Minister.

Divisional Commissioner District

Magistrate and Municipal

scribed the allegations as "false".

called Sarafraj, Noor Alam or

Mohammed Azam living in our

area," said Shamimul Haq, who

stays about 200m from the de-

molished house. Haq works in a

private firm in Prayagraj after re-

turning from Saudi Arabia in

"I used to pass by the house

regularly and had never seen

people standing outside in large

numbers. There is no one with

any of those three names living

Local residents, however, de-

"I have never heard of anyone

Commissioner.

"Please get the building in-

it stated.

the past two decades but have never seen a crowd outside Javed's residence," he said. Local corporator Nafees Anwar said there are around 1,000 voters in the colony and "it is not possible to trace these three

complainants without a specific address". Asked about the complaint, Station House Officer of Kareli, Arvind Kumar Gautam, said: "To my knowledge, no one filed a

complaint stating that anti-social elements used to assemble at his Asked about the issues raised in the complaint over parking and commuting, Harish Chandra

Yadav, an official in the local Khuldabad Corporation, said: "We have never received any complaint." Reached for comment, Special Secretary (Home), Rakesh

Kumar Malpani, who filed the affidavit on behalf of the UP government, did not speak about the complaint and said the matter is in court. Prayagraj District Magistrate Sanjay Kumar Khatri did not respond to multiple calls seeking comment.

Records in the affidavit show that the complaint, dated May 4, spurred the PDA into action.

Just six days later, the PDA Zonal Officer sent a notice to Javed under section 27(1) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. The notice directed him "to appear before the undersigned on May 24, 2022 at 11:00 am and show cause why orders for demolition of the construction should not be passed..."

On May 19, the affidavit shows, the complainants sent another letter to the Zonal Officer, seeking an inspection of the building.

On May 25, the PDA issued another notice to Javed, citing a lack of response and directing him to "demolish the above unauthorised construction yourself within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order". It asked Javed to inform the PDA about the action taken "latest by June 9,

PDA supervisor, identified as Mahesh, went to the site with the notice but Javed's family members refused to accept it. Rejecting this claim, Javed's

Both the notices state that a

son Mohammad Shujat said: "No person from PDA came to our residence before June 10 to serve any

On June 10, the day of the protests, the Zonal Officer directed Javed to vacate "by 11 am on 12.6.2022 so that the demolition proceedings...can be done".

#### Fadnavis next to him, Fadnavis said, "We are not whom we all fought". after power. This is a fight for "Today, Shinde, BJP and Union Home Minister Amit Shinde thanked the BIP leader-

The announcement of

came as a surprise because the BJP with 106 MLAs is the single largest party in the existing House of 287 - the total strength is 288 but a Sena MLA passed away last month - and the nat-

not be part of the government;

then, BJP president JP Nadda's

public statement, quickly sec-

onded by Amit Shah, that, no,

Fadnavis would be Deputy CM.

fusion is not known in a party

with its strict emphasis on

planning and discipline. But if

Fadnavis appeared to be not in

the know, sources said, the BJP

kept Shinde in the loop

that having a strong BJP leader at

the helm was the only way to en-

sure not just better policy-mak-

ing, keeping a hold on the bu-

reaucracy and pushing the

agenda of the government, but

also providing a stable govern-

ment. "Out of power, Fadnavis

would be an extra-constitutional

power centre, which could lead

able administrator, keeping

him out would have sent all

the wrong signals apart from

demoralising the cadre, the

On Shinde though, the party

was clear, with the Sena rebel

leader having been told that he

would be CM if he got the requi-

national capital twice to hold

discussions with both Home

Minister Amit Shah and Nadda,

but was not apparently given

the full picture. This is also clear

from his happy acceptance of

congratulatory messages from

Fadnavis in fact visited the

site Sena rebel numbers.

party felt.

With Fadnavis seen as an

to problems," a leader said.

As per sources, the party felt

throughout.

Such public display of con-

has in me as CM is not compromised," he said.

ensure its smooth functioning a decision he reversed later. He said Shinde took the de-

ernment "with the same people

Fadnavis stunned, but BJP clear about reasons facing cases, and had recently

secured extra votes for the BJP to help it win more seats in the Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council polls than its numbers On Thursday evening, even as Fadnavis announced at a

press conference in Mumbai that Shinde will be the next CM while he would not be a part of the government, in the national capital, Nadda declared that the BIP leader would be Deputy CM. "Fadnavis has just now announced that Eknath Shinde will be the CM of Maharashtra and he will not be part of the government. It shows the character of our party and our leader and that we are not working for power but for our ideology... The BJP's central leadership, however, has decided that Fadnavis should become a part of the government. So, I made a personal request to him," Nadda said.

Endorsing the same in a tweet within minutes, Shah said: "... (Fadnavis) has shown a big heart and decided to join the government in the interest of the state of Maharashtra and the people. This decision is a sign of his true loyalty and service towards Maharashtra, For this I heartily congratulate him."

At least two senior leaders told The Indian Express that this could be a "stop gap arrangement" and Fadnavis might be called to national politics in the future.

(TRS) government in the state. omy and foreign policy. The meeting of general secre-"I requested the BIP leadership to make Hyderabad the taries on Friday is expected to finalise the number and character of the resolutions to be adopted

venue... BJP workers have faced police atrocities and have been framed in fake cases for highlighting misgovernance (in Telangana). The meeting, Prime Minister Modi's presence and his public address will give confidence to party workers across the state, "Kumar told The Indian

Besides Telangana, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Rajasthan will hold Assembly elections in

Sources said the resolutions adopted at the conclave will highlight "Modi's successful leadership, his welfare programmes for the poor, how he is taking the country ahead, how he is earning respect for India at the global level, and how he is leading the party to electoral wins". A reference would be made to the recent electoral victories in states.

The BIP National Executive usually passes three resolutions – on the political situation, econ-

called up Fadnavis, and in public statements, were full of praise for his "contribution". With Lok Sabha and

Assembly elections scheduled in 2024, the BIP sees very little time left for it to fast-track its mega flagship projects, and Fadnavis, having been CM earlier, could be best placed to push them. Shinde, on the contrary, having spent all his political life in the shadow of the Thackerays could have found it difficult to concentrate on the task at hand as he kept the Sena

together.

Apart from this, the decision was prompted by caste calculation. A BJP leader said: "We had to factor in social engineering. In a state with 3% Brahmins. having a Brahmin as CM would give the Opposition Congress, NCP and the Uddhav Sena a convenient weapon to target the BJP." Shinde is a Maratha, who make up 30% of the population. During his tenure as CM between 2014 and 2019, Fadnavis had faced an aggressive Maratha agitation for reservation lasting two years.

The BJP leader who was a surprise choice for CM in 2014

**UP** demolition

Sarafraj, Noor Alam, Mohammad Azam. The complainants did not mention their address or contact details but described themselves as "respected people of the mo-The Indian Express visited the

at the Hyderabad conclave,

mohalla at J K Ashiana Colony in the Kareli area of Prayagraj and asked 30 residents within a radius of 400m from the demolished house about the complainants. Fifteen of them declined to comment, saying they feared government action. The other 15 responded: all of them said they did not know who the complainants were, and had never heard of them being local

And yet, based on two separate letters from the complainants last month, the PDA sent two notices to Javed within a

span of two weeks seeking a response on the "illegal construction", according to the affidavit's annexures. Finally, the PDA, citing lack of response from Javed, demolished the house on June 12, two days after the protests.

Ajay Kumar, the PDA Zonal Officer who, according to the affidavit, received the complaint,

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a PDA official said: "We get information about illegal construction through several ways. We don't look into the credentials of the complainant. We act on the information written on the complaint."

Another official, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity, said: "An inquiry was conducted. After the allegation was found to be true, action was The affidavit was filed by the

UP government in response to a plea by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind against the demolitions. The plea was filed a day after Javed's house was demolished in the wake of violent protests over remarks on the Prophet by the BJP's Nupur

New Delhi

Police have accused Javed, a

Sharma and Naveen Kumar

senior functionary of the Welfare

Party of India, of allegedly calling

for the protests on WhatsApp and

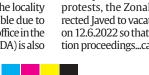
being the "main conspirator". He

was arrested on June 10. The complaint attached with the affidavit stated that the construction of a double-storey building by Javed at House No. 39C/2A/1 in J K Ashiana Colony was done without getting the "building plan/map" approved

"The office of 'Welfare Party of India' has been opened in the building. People from far... keep coming to the office throughout the day and night and they park their vehicles on the road, which spoils the atmosphere of the locality. As the road is too narrow, there is a constant problem in commuting at that place. Some anti-social elements have also been seen in the office," stated the complaint in the affidavit.

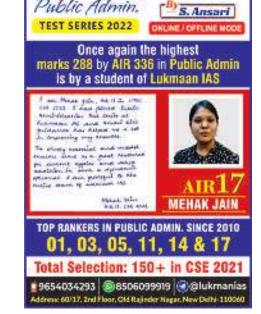
from the PDA.

"The residents of the locality are facing a lot of trouble due to the functioning of the office in the residential area and (PDA) is also





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#### HC TO HEAR PLEA AGAINST POLICE REMAND TODAY

# **Zubair taken to Bengaluru to** recover electronic devices

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE DELHI High Court has agreed to hear on Friday AltNews cofounder Mohammed Zubair's plea challenging his police remand on the charge of hurting religious sentiments following a complaint over a tweet from 2018, his lawyers said. It was filed before Justice Sanjeev Narula who is expected to hear the application moved by Zubair's lawyer, advocate Vrinda Grover.

Zubair was arrested Monday and booked under sections related to promoting enmity and outraging religious feelings, after an anonymous Twitter user tagged Delhi Police, saying his tweet insulted a Hindu god, and was sent to four-day police custody by a court.

Meanwhile, a four-member Delhi Police team flew Zubair to Bengaluru on Thursday to recover his electronic devices from his home as part of the probe. While police had seized his phone after the arrest, they claimed it had been formatted and contained no data related to the case.

Sources in Bengaluru Police confirmed that Delhi Police's cyber crime unit arrived around 11 am and went to Zubair's house in DJ Halli police limits, where they stayed for over two hours. After the search, a family member told The Indian Express the Delhi team did not speak or question them. Police later took Zubair to DJ Halli

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**DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish** 

Sisodia hit out at the BJP on

Thursday and said that despite

travelling to different parts of

Delhi, the team of leaders from

the Gujarat unit of the party

could not find flaws in the educa-

the national capital for two days

and went to different schools

Accompanied by leaders from

the Delhi BJP, they went to a few mohalla clinics that were shut and a school where alongside a

permanent building, a tin shed was also constructed.

ill-motive. These people came down with a lens coloured with malice, with a mission to start a slander campaign against the

He added that the delegation

went to schools during the sum-

mer vacation. He also said that

they went to a mohalla clinic

that was shut on orders from the

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aforementioned case has been noted for hearing on 01/08/2022 for purpose of further proceedings. You are directed to attend the sitting

of the Forum at 10:30 A.M. to the aforesaid date along with your pleading/ evidence in the form of the affidavit, if not fixed earlier for the final

For President, CDRF

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

Sisodia hits out at

BJP after Gujarat

team visit: 'Came

with bias, ill-motive'



A Delhi Police team took Zubair to Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

police station where formalities were finished. Around 5.30 pm, they left after collecting a bag with electronic devices, said sources.

A police officer said, "The devices, his laptop and hard disk, will be sent to the FSL. Once the devices are examined, we can question him further..."

Police said they are looking for old phone data on his devices. "Zubair produced a complaint copy of his lost phone (used to tweet in 2018) but there's a possibility he did a back-up on his laptop, hard disk," said an officer.

Police had earlier told court they needed access to his laptop to investigate the case. Zubair's lawyers had argued that police were seeking access to his laptop as he has been "challenging many things that are happening".

AltNews co-founder Pratik Sinha tweeted: "Zubair tweeted (in 2018)... from a phone which was snatched from him in 2021, for which he's produced a police complaint copy. Yet, Delhi police went all the way to Bangalore to get his laptop, a device that has

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Police send notice to Twitter for details of Zubair complainant

**MAHENDER SINGH** MANRAL& **ANAND MOHAN J** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE DELHI Police has sent a notice to Twitter, asking them to provide details of the account @balajikijaiin that goes by the user name 'Hanuman Bhakt'. The handle had tagged Delhi Police, asking them to take action against AltNews cofounder Mohammed Zubair for a tweet he had posted in 2018. The Delhi Police's IFSO branch then filed a case against Zubair and arrested him on Monday.

Sources told The Indian Express a notice under Section 91 of CrPC was sent to Twitter, India, Wednesday evening in which the investigation officer informed the website about the case. "We have asked them to provide IP log details of the anonymous Twitter handle@balajikijaiin, registration details of the account, mobile number, connected email ID, and device used by the user," a police source said.

The account had been deleted Wednesday but it was back up by Thursday evening. On Wednesday, a senior police official had come to know that the person deleted his account. However, that doesn't affect our probe. We are investigating the matter as Zubair's old tweet was amplified, and was creating disharmony. We are trying to trace the man and will ask him about the complaint. He must have deleted the account as he got scared."

In court during Zubair's remand hearing on Tuesday, police had submitted that the person running the Twitter account was "not anonymous".

Zubair's lawyer, Vrinda Grover, while opposing the remand application before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Snigdha Savaria, had argued that the Twitter account in question was an anonymous handle made to create mischief. She had argued that the account was made to target her client and that this account user had to be investigated by the police.

While rebutting this, the Additional Public Prosecutor submitted this was "not an anonymous Twitter handle": "He is just a mere informer. He is not an anonymous complainant. His details are here. Without details, no one can get a Twitter account."

SH. AJAY KUMAR JAIN Special Judge, NDPS NDPS Court, P Building Patiala House Courts **New Delhi** 

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF **ACCUSED PERSONS** 

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

SC. No. 9000/16

NCB Vs Mr. Jagbir Singh

I) Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mr Jagbir Singh, FCPL # 6116, Modern Housing Complex, Mani Majra, Chandigarh 180101, has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 8 (c), 18 and 29 of NDPS Act 1985 adn it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said Mr. Mr. Jagbir Singh cannot be found and whereas it has shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mr. Jagbir Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the day of 04.08.2022.

> Sd/-xxxx Special Court, NDPS Act **Patiala House Courts**

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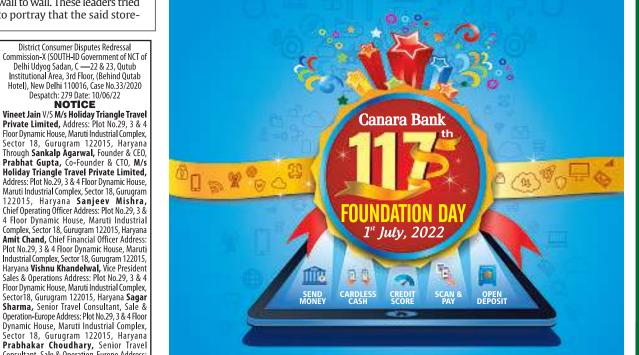
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- 5-Prithivi Raj Road, JK House New Delhi.
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The Central GST, Delhi North Commisssionerate is holding a Pension Adalat pertaining to CGST Delhi North/Delhi East/Delhi Audit-I/Delhi Appeal-I including all subordinate offices of the said Commissionerates for taking on-spot decision for prompt resolution of pensioner's grievances at C.R. Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110109 on 11.07.2022 from 11:00 AM onwards. All the pensioners, whose pension cases are pending settlement/ decision, may file application before the Adalat for settlement of their cases. Prescribed application form for submission before the

Adalat is already available at www.gstdelhizone.gov.in.

Additional Commissioner (P & E) **Central GST Delhi North** 



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No.03 of 2022

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SH. AJAY KUMAR JAIN Special Judge, NDPS

NDPS Court, P. Building, Patiala House Courts

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RERA REGISTRATION NO · RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/426/158/2020/42

Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Harvana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcpharyana.gov.in),

	PROJECT DETAILS
1. Coloniser/Developer	Sternal Buildcon Private Limited

<ol><li>Project Approval</li></ol>	Licence No. 21 of 2020 dated 13.08.2020. Building Plan Approved on 20.10.2020 Memo No.
	ZP-1426/AD(RA)/2020/18570
3. Location	Sector 95, Gurugram, Haryana
4. Provisions Project Area	35 no. of apartments available out of total 1061 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 7.325 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.
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5. Apartment Details, Allotm	ent Rat	tes & Paymen	t Terms						
Apartment details									
Category(Type)	No of Units	Carpet Area sqm(approx)		Balcony Area sqm(approx)	Balcony Area sqft(approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking Amount 5%*	On Allotment 20%	
2BHK TYPE I	11	54.364	585.174	8.130	87.511	2545242	122887	513424	
2BHK TYPE II	4	55.232	594.517	7.890	84.928	2581900	124849	520626	
2BHK TYPE III	20	54.400	585.562	8.130	87.511	2546872	122968	513750	

\*Rate mentioned above does not include GST and other charges such as Stamp Duty, Registration Fees etc.

Balance amount payable shall be equivalent to the amount payable as per the construction link payment plan of the project as applicable in terms of construction stage at relevant point of time

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	<ul> <li>Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high &amp; Oil Bound Distemper Above.</li> <li>Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite • Wall: Oil Bond Distemper • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C &amp; Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.</li> </ul>
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Apply Online at TCP website (https://edraw.tcpharyana.gov.in/tcp-dms/home) for submitting application for allotment of dwelling units by e-Draw, starting from date 01.07.2022. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 16.07.2022.

Eligibility: 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law. 2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department,

Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats

3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat. 4. Supportive Affidavit and certificate suggesting eligibility are mandatory to be uploaded at TCP website while submitting application for allotment. Applicant shall

ria: 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his

representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of 2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of

the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued. 3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Group Housing Policy 2013 vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcpharyana.gov.in).







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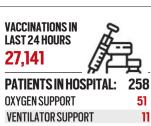
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People wade through a waterlogged street in Tughlakabad on Thursday morning. The rain left several arterial roads waterlogged and led to traffic snarls. Photos: Abhinav Saha

#### MAX TEMP DIPS TO 29.4°C

# Monsoon arrives, Delhi flounders

Southwest monsoon sets in, city records lowest max temp in June in at least 11 yrs

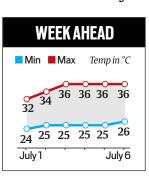
**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

HEAVY RAINFALL marked the onset of the southwest monsoon in Delhi on Thursday. The maximum temperature plummeted to 29.4 degrees Celsius at Safdarjung, seven degrees below normal for this time of the year, and 11.5 degrees below the maximum temperature recorded on Wednesday. This is the lowest maximum temperature recorded in June in at least 11 years.

The Safdarjung weather observatory, which serves as a marker for the city, recorded 116.6 mm of rainfall between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm, the highest in the city. Much of this rainfall was recorded before 2.30 pm, with the intensity reducing in the afternoon and evening. The weather observatory on Lodhi Road recorded around 107.6 mm till 5.30 pm, while the one at Ridge in North Delhi recorded 65.2 mm. The weather station at Palam recorded 31.8 mm, the lowest amount in the city on

Till June 30, the city had a eficit of around 67% in rainfall for the month. However, the rainfall on Thursday is likely to have covered that deficit.

The monsoon has hit the city after a scorching summer that was Northwest India's hottest in 122 years in March and April.



Both months recorded massive deficits in rainfall - March saw no rainfall at all, while there was a deficit of 98% in April in Delhi.

Cloudy skies and moderate rainfall or thundershowers are on the forecast for Delhi on Friday. The IMD issued an 'orange' alert for the city on Friday, which is a warning to be prepared. The impact expected includes traffic disruption and water accumulation. The alert has been lowered to a 'yellow' on Saturday and Sunday when light rainfall is likely. A 'yellow' alert means 'be aware'.

Light rainfall remains on the forecast till July 6, and the maximum temperature is also likely to remain below 40 degrees till July 6. On Friday, the maximum temperature is likely to be around 32 degrees Celsius.

The southwest monsoon also covered all of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. It advanced into parts of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan as well.



In Tughlakabad, from Govindpuri side, waterlogging prompted commuters to cross on "thela gaadis" or hand carts, the owners of which charged Rs 15 a trip. Abhinav Saha



## Dhaula Kuan, IIT flyover: Key routes waterlogged; traffic hit

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

AFTER THE first monsoon showers drenched Delhi-NCR Thursday morning, several arterial roads -Pul Prahaladpur, Sarita Vihar, Tughlakabad, AIIMS, Aurobindo Marg, Dhaula Kuan and Inderlok among others - were left waterlogged and saw long traffic snarls.

Traffic police received 33 waterlogging calls from key routes and issued several advisories on social media throughout the day.

Police issued warnings of waterlogging at Pul Prahladpur underpass. Both carriageways remained shut and were reopened in the evening. Due to this, dense traffic was seen from Sarita Vihar to Badarpur.

Waterlogging also obstructed traffic near Barapullah flyover. Police said it affected traffic going from Lodhi underpass and AI-IMS towards Sarai Kale Khan and DND. Traffic in this area returned to normal later. There was water-

about as well. Traffic on IIT flyover towards Munirka was hit when a heavy vehicle broke down. Officials advised drivers to avoid Aurobindo Marg from IIT to Adchini in both directions, MB Road from Khanpur T-point to Tughlakabad Fort in both directions, and Outer Ring Road from Chirag Delhi to Savitri Flyover.

In Tughlakabad, from Govindpuri side, waterlogging prompted commuters to cross on "thela gaadis" or hand carts, owners of which charged Rs 15 a trip. Officials also said traffic on

Ring Road was hit by waterlogging under Dhaula Kuan flyover in both directions between Naraina and Moti Bagh and Dhaula Kuan loops towards Gurgaon and Naraina. While the newly opened

Pragati Maidan tunnel was reportedly affected by waterlogging earlier in the day, only a few puddles were seen in the afternoon with normal traffic movement.

Police said PWD staff were logging at three different working on the problem and DJB

The MCD control rooms received complaints of water logging from around 30 places. A

senior official said pumps were

#### deployed to clear the water. Gurgaon mulls work from home advisory

With several roads being waterlogged after Gurgaon saw intermittent rainfall in the morning, Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said the administration will issue an advisory to corporate offices to consider work from home for employees on days of heavy rainfall during monsoon. Officials said waterlogging was seen at IFFCO Chowk, near Basai Chowk, Sector 4/5 Chowk, South City 1 near Mayom hospital, Raiiy Chowk, near Galleria market among others. At Hanuman Chowk, commuters had to wade through knee-deep water. On NH-48, Narsinghpur-Khandsa stretch, service lanes were waterlogged, resulting in traffic congestion.

# Encroachment, poor urban planning add to waterlogging woes

#### **WATERLOGGED ROUTES** 1. RTR Flyover 2. Ring Road, Atma Ram College 3. Moti Bagh 4. Adchini T-Point 5. Bhikaji Cama Place 6. AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital 7. Kasturba Nagar 8. Moolchand underpass 9. Aali Gaon 10. Pul Prahaladour 11. RTMH To South Avenue 12. Main Tughlak Road and Claridge Hotel 13. Laxmi Nagar 14. Murga Mandi 15. Apsara Border to Anand Vihar

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

ASSURANCES FROM agencies responsible for Delhi's roads -PWD, MCD and NDMC - that they were ready for rains and that drains had been desilted on schedule rang hollow Thursday as several parts of Central, South and Southeast Delhi were inundated after heavy rains.

Over the years, Delhi's drainage system has fallen prey to encroachment and poor planning. Most storm water drains in the capital are the ones that have been carved out by the natural flow of water over hundreds of years. With unplanned development, many of them were encroached upon, covered and ob-

structed. This meant that water did not have an outlet anymore. To add to the problems, several sewer networks have been mixed with stormwater drains and when it rains, the system

gets overwhelmed. Concretisation also has a role to play, with very little open space re-

sorbed into the earth. The Delhi government

maining where

water can be ab-

place a drainage master plan that will work on road redesign, clearing out key storm water drains, delinking sewer lines from storm water

Sisodia says out of 7 key stretches that faced problems, 6 saw improvement

planned to put in

drains, among other problems, to

appoint consultants to provide solutions for the problems being encountered in water discharge. This was supposed to happen in March but only two bidders came forward and both of them were rejected by

rid Delhi of the annual hardship.

PWD had floated tenders to

the assessor.

A new tender was then floated in May. The consultant is expected to provide actionable and implementable solutions, along with a roadmap for

the engineering solutions. Despite significant waterlogging, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said that out of the seven key spots that faced

persistent problems, six did not get flooded this year. "These 6 locations are Opposite ITO-WHO Building, Minto Bridge, Zakhira Underpass, Jahangirpuri Metro Station Road, Karala Kanjhawala Road, Loni Roundabout... Due to steps taken in the last year and with the officials from the PWD and other agencies keeping a close watch in the last 4-5 months, the problem of water logging was solved... Even at the bridge at Prahaladpur, adequate steps were taken by the government to get rid of water logging. However, due to a power outage and other problems on the first day of the rainy season, there was a problem in the running of the pump and there was water logging due to which the traffic had to be stopped," Sisodia said.

#### 8k ex-students register for DU centenary chance exam

New Delhi: Over 8,000 former DU students have completed registration for the university's 'centenary chance', a second opportunity to complete their degrees.

Thursday was the last date for registering for these exams. While the number of people who had filled the forms exceeded 12,000, 8,095 completed the process by paying fees. "We have received registrations from 12,677 people for the centenary chance exams. Of these, 9,331 filled the forms and 8,095 have paid the fees," said Dean Examinations Diwan Rawat,

Registrations are open to exstudents who were in the final year of their undergraduate, postgraduate and professional courses and could not complete their degrees within the time period. ENS

### **COUNTRYWIDE BAN KICKS IN TODAY**

# Single-use plastic alternatives few, costly: Traders

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND

WITH A countrywide ban on single-use plastic items setting in from July 1, wholesalers and shop owners selling these items say alternatives to plastic are few

and still pricey. Manufacture, distribution, import, stocking, sale and use of 19 single-use plastic items, including spoons, plates, straws, cups, candy sticks, earbuds with plastic sticks, and packing film around boxes, will be banned from July 1, according to the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules notified in August 2021 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Some wholesale suppliers of such products say they stopped purchasing stock a while ago. Vinod Singh, a wholesaler in Sadar Bazaar, said he stopped buying these from factories a month ago. "I have switched to items made of paper from Narela and Bawana. But over the past threefour days, prices of these paper items have gone up as demand has grown. Paper glasses used to cost Rs 98 for 100 pieces; it now costs Rs 114. Alternatives are also more expensive. A packet of plastic spoons would cost Rs 35-40. Wooden ones are priced between Rs 80-120. Customers are running away now since prices have risen. That's a problem for business," Singh said. He used to supply disposables to canteens as well, but such places stopped asking for plastic disposables around 15 to 20 days ago, he added.

plastic is good. But we need eas-

Paper products are also not durable, traders said. Rajeev Sahni, who runs a shop selling liquid for some time." disposables, said, "The ban on



The city generates around 587 tonnes per day of singleuse plastic waste. Archive

ily available, pocket-friendly alternatives. Reusable crockery can't be used everywhere, and alternatives are costly. Paper glasses and plates need a film of plastic on them to be able to hold

Since supplies from factories and wholesalers have been low recently, retailers have also not been purchasing much, he said. Another wholesaler in Sadar Bazaar, Dharam Singh, said, "Clear alternatives need to be made available easily... There have been meetings with representatives from factories on what can be done with items already pur-

Vinod Singh also added stock is still in the market as sellers will be left with what they have already purchased.

chased, if it can be returned."

Directions and public notices were issued on ensuring zero inventory on time, an environment department official said. If that order has not been obeyed, that would amount to losses for the units, as per the official.

The official said enforcement teams of the MCD, revenue department and Delhi Pollution Control Committee will be out on the field from Friday to enforce the ban. Industrial units found manufacturing banned products will be shut, and products will be seized from Friday.

Environmental damage compensation at a rate of Rs 3,000 per machine per day will also be imposed on manufacturers. Revenue department officials can impose a penalty under provisions of the Environment Protection Act, on defaulting units stocking, import-

ing or selling these items. A three-day fair to promote use of alternatives begins Friday at Thyagrai Stadium, "As it's a national-level ban, there might be demand-side management, and we should get some good costeffective alternatives... it will take some time," the official said.

As per data from the **Environment Department from** 2020, the city generates around 587 tonnes per day of single-use plastic waste.

New Delhi

### **Udaipur killing: Noida** man held for 'comment praising two accused'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NOIDA, JUNE 30

NOIDA POLICE arrested a 22year-old man on Thursday for allegedly commenting on a video about the Udaipur killing and

praising the assailants. Station Officer, Expressway station, Sudhir Kumar said the man has been identified as Asif Khan. "Khan liked and commented on a video shared by a news portal on Facebook, wherein the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal was being discussed and which also contained a clipping of the two assailants who were boasting about the 'beheading'. Khan commented 'bohot badhiya kiya mere bhai (well done my brother)' on the video. His friends on Facebook

saw his comment and clicked a screenshot of the same. (This) was soon circulated among residents of the village and a complaint was filed by the villagers late last night against Khan," Kumar said.

Police said an FIR was filed under IPC sections 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes) and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs). Khan was arrested and produced before a magistrate in District Court, Surajpur, Thursday morning, police said. Police sought 14-day remand which was granted and Khan has been sent to Luksar Jail, they added. They seized the phone allegedly used by Khan to comment on the video.

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#### FALLING APART

LAST YEAR, the Trinamool Congress had created a splash in Meghalaya by inducting as many as 12 MLAs, who were with the Congress, in the party. The MLAs included former Chief Minister Mukul Sangma and former Assembly Speaker Charles Pyngrope, who is currently leading the state unit of the Trinamool Congress. However, the party is now struggling to keep its flock together. On Wednesday, as Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, who is overseeing the party's expansion plans, inaugurated the party's office in the state, some of the MLAs skipped the programme, fuelling speculation that they are likely to switch over to other regional parties.

#### THANKING THE DOCS

AS THE medical fraternity continues to work tirelessly round the clock in the fight against the pandemic, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, as a special gesture, expressed his gratitude to the fraternity on Thursday, a day before the country celebrates National Doctor's Day. "...I thank all the doctors for their immense contribution to creating a healthy India. The devotion & dedication of our doctors towards serving society, nation, and humanity by risking their own lives will always be remembered as a saga of sacrifice & service," Mandaviya said in an email.

#### GROUND REPORT

NATIONAL COMMISSION for Minorities Chairperson Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura has written to the Ministry of Minority Affairs to review the PM's 15-Point Programme, which specifically looks at development of minority communities. On visits to the districts to monitor the programme, officials of the NCM have found that meetings have not been held regarding the works under the government's flagship programme. Sources in the Commission said the programme has not been reviewed by the Centre and, therefore, there is no information on whether it is actually working or needs to be modified. Lalpura sent the letter to the Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, on Monday..

## Holding G-20 meet in J&K may complicate situation, says China

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

CHINA ON Thursday voiced its opposition to India's reported plans to hold the next year's meeting of G-20 leaders in Iammu and Kashmir, echoing close ally Pakistan's objection. and underlined that relevant sides should avoid "unilateral moves" that may "complicate" the situation.

"We have noted this latest development," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters on Thursday while replying to a question from the official media.

"China's position on the Kashmir issue is consistent and clear-cut. The Kashmir issue, a dispute left from the past, should be peacefully and properly addressed in accordance with the UN Charter, Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreement," Zhao said

He said the "parties concerned need to avoid unilateral moves that may complicate the situation. Efforts should be made to settle the dispute through dialogue and consultation so as to maintain regional peace and stability." Stating that the G20 is a premier forum for international



Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian. File

economic and financial cooperation, Zhao said, "we call on all major economies to focus on steady recovery of the world economy, avoid politicising relevant cooperation and make positive contributions to improving global economic governance."

Asked whether China, a member of G20, would attend the meeting to be held in 2023, he said, "We will look at whether China will attend the meeting."

To another question on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in PoK and India's objections over it, Zhao said the "two matters are completely different in nature. China has undertaken some projects in Pakistan to help it grow its economy and improve people's livelihood. These projects are in Pakistan-occupied areas of Kashmir," Zhao said, perhaps a rare occasion when China has described PoK in this way.

# **CM** Shinde starts with veto to Uddhav's Aarey shed plan

**YOGESH NAIK** & VALLABH OZARKAR MUMBAI, JUNE 30

CHIEF MINISTER Eknath Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnavis, in their first Cabinet meeting held after assuming power on Thursday, overturned the previous Uddhav Thackerayled government's decision of moving the Metro 3 car shed from Aarey in Mumbai.

It was also decided in the Cabinet that a special session of the state legislature will be convened on July 2 and 3 in Mumbai, when the test of majority and election of the Speaker will be conducted.

Fadnavis directed the urban development department officials to bring a proposal for building the car shed at Aarey before the Cabinet. He added that the 33-km long underground Metro project between Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ was stuck because of a legal wrangle over the Kanjurmarg plot, where the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government had proposed to build the car shed.

Fadnavis asked the bureaucrats whether the courts could

**AJAY JADHAV** 

PUNE, JUNE 30

**EKNATH SHINDE comes from** 

Dare village of Satara district.

Dare is one of the 105 villages

along Koyna river that are in des-

perate need of basic facilities

such as, a school, hospital, and

proper roads. Upbeat with

Shinde's elevation as CM, resi-

dents of these villages are hope-

ful that their problems will fi-

itself is situated in a remote, back-

ward belt, about 70 km from the

hill town of Mahableshwar on

Sahyadri foothills. The village is

skirted by the forest reserve on

one side and Koyna on the other.

Most of its houses are locked

these days as their inhabitants

are migrant labourers who work

in Mumbai and Pune in the ab-

sence of any regular source of in-

news of Eknath Shinde becom-

ing the Chief Minister of the

state. The villagers are happy and

hopeful to see development in

"We have just received the

come in the village.

With about 30 houses, Dare

nally be addressed.



Maharashta Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. Narendra Vaskar

be apprised through the advocate general that the car shed could be built at Aarey itself. The move was seconded by Shinde.

The move to shift the car shed from Aarey has been a major bone of contention between the Shiv Sena and its former ally BJP. A day after taking over reins

of the state, Thackeray, on November 29, 2019, had overturned Fadnavis' decision to build the car shed at Aarey. Several environmentalists in

Mumbai had opposed the construction of the car shed in Aarey, which is an extension of the

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's supporters celebrate in Mahableshwar, the nearest town

Now, development will follow:

people cheer in Shinde's village

the village," said Dare village

lage near Dare said the 105 vil-

lages along Koyna river have

been struggling for long due to

lack of development. "Shinde

was the only hope for us to re-

solve our issues. We are happy

that he has become the CM. Life

will change for us now as the CM

lages is the rehabilitation of peo-

ple affected due to construction

of Koyna dam, Nalawade said

adding that he was confident

the river to attend school and the

ailing residents of these villages

have to travel a long distance for

medical assistance. All these

would end as the new CM will

bring in a lot of development

a hospital in Dare, with the near-

est place for the villagers to ac-

cess any educational or health

facilities being Tapola which is

50 kms by road or 10 kms by

boat and is situated on the other

There is neither a school nor

work," he said.

"The children have to cross

Shinde will resolve the issue.

The main issue for these vil-

is from our area," he said.

Anand Nalwade of Walne vil-

sarpanch Laxman Shinde.

from his native village of Dare in Satara district. Preshit Gandhi

Sanjay Gandhi National Park and a habitat for leopards and other fauna. Environmentalists, who had claimed that the car shed would damage the lest big vestige of greenery in Mumbai, were backed by Aaditya Thackeray.

Soon after the MVA government came to power, 804 acre of land in Aarey was declared as reserve forest. It was sought to build the car shed on an alternate piece of land in Kanjurmarg.

The Bombay High Court had, however, put a spanner on one of the biggest decisions of the Thackeray government by im-

side of Koyna. It does have two

helipads as Shinde always ar-

Gaodoshi village said, "We are

keen to meet the new CM who is

from area. He will change our lives

for good. The area does not have

proper road and is connected only

to heavy rainfall leading to land-

slides, he pointed out. Sapkal,

who has led the Shiv Sena in the

Kovna area in the past, said, "The

area is politically dominated by

NCP but now the Shiv Sena under

Shinde will grow in Koyna as well

as other parts of Satara district."

Shinde, a four-time MLA from

Thane's Kopri-Pachpakhadi con-

stituency, filed with the Election

Commission for contesting the

2019 assembly poll, he has 12.45

acres of agricultural land in Dare

while his son and Sena MP

Shrikant Shinde owns 22.68 acre

of land in the village. The family

is building a palatial farmhouse

on their land that will also see

Dare's first concrete road linking

it to the village road.

According to his affidavit that

These villages are also prone

by a bridge on Koyna river."

Tanaii Sankal of neighbouring

rives by a chopper.

of the shed at Kanjurmarg in December 2020. The government since then has not been able to find a viable alternative for building the car shed.

The BJP had claimed that the decision to move the car shed from Aarey was being done to satisfy Thackeray's ego and would delay the construction of the underground Metro project by four years and increase its cost.

The decision of the new government was opposed by environmentalists, who said that they will move court against any move to build the car shed in Aarey. Environmentalist D Stalin of NGO Vanshakti said, "We will oppose the matter in the court. They can't build the car shed and the Supreme Court has stayed felling of trees.

Sanjiv Valsan of Save Aarey Movement said, "There is a detailed plan for integrated Metro shed at Kanjurmarg, which will do away the need for a separate car shed at Aarey and Thane. This land at Kanjurmarg belongs to the government. The MMRC must spare Aarey and it is forest area, flood plain of Mithi river and habitat of wildlife, including

leopards."

#### Uddhav camp apprehends attempt to decimate party

YOGESH NAIK & VALLABH OZARKAR MUMBAI, JUNE 30

THE BJP'S decision to hand over the CM's post to rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde has sent the Uddhav Thackeray's Sena faction in a tizzy. It feels there is a larger game plan to decimate the party.

According to party insiders, the Thackeray camp is apprehending that the Shinde faction will attempt to take over not only the remaining legislators but also the Shiv Sena Bhavan – the party's headquarters in Mumbai's Dadar.

Anticipating a battle between Thackeray and Shinde over who controls the "real Sena", Aaditya Thackeray-led Yuva Sena has bellion and is rallying support in Mumbai. The youth wing is on the Shinde faction by holding rallies of party workers in every ward of the state, along with social media campaigns. Aaditya has held over 10 such rallies and meetings in Mumbai to interact with workers.

Veteran Sena leader Gajanan Kirtikar said, "We don't know what Amit Shah wants. They have taken 50 MLAs and they want to break our party completely. We will not let this happen."

Former minister Anil Parab said. "I have seen good and bad days in life. I have fought on the streets and also made strategies for the party. The MLAs have gone, but the Sainiks on the roadside are still with us. Narayan Rane also broke away and took away some people... Eknath Shinde is not as impressive as Rane. Less number of Sainiks will go with him. Uddhavji is meeting people daily now. We will build our party again."

A Thackeray camp leader said the Shinde group wanted to take over Sena Bhavan. "But all our shakhas and the Sena Bhavan are in name of a trust that has leaders like Subhash Desai... these can't be taken away from us.'

# **Uddhav** handed over leadership to Shinde, says Pawar

Claims Fadnavis unhappy with post

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, PUNE, JUNE 30

NCP PRESIDENT Sharad Pawar on Thursday said that Uddhav Thackeray's over-reliance on Eknath Shinde was one reason behind the current political predicament faced by Shiv Sena.

Addressing mediapersons, Pawar said the biggest challenge for the Shinde government was to gain credibility in the eyes of Maharashtra's people in view of the circumstances under which it was sworn in to power. He claimed that BIP's Devendra Fadnavis was visibly unhappy being made the deputy chief minister and has been forced to accept the post due to pressure from party bosses.

"I believe that Uddhav Thackeray's working style is such that if he has faith in someone, he gives him complete autonomy to work. We saw that he had given complete responsibility of operating the legislative wing as well as the party to Eknath Shinde. He handed him the leadership. I do not know if this is the cause behind what has transpired," Pawar said.

Expressing surprise over Fadnavis's appointment as the deputy CM, Pawar said, "One who has been the CM and has worked as the leader of Opposition has been made the deputy CM. There are things that you need to do if the order comes from Delhi or Nagpur. It was a huge surprise but once you want to enjoy power at any cost, then such things happen and that is what Fadnavis saw today."

Maintaining that he had spoken to Shinde, congratulating him after he became the CM,



Sharad Pawar. File

Pawar said that Shinde had succeeded in ensuring that over 40 MLAs left the Shiv Sena. "The current ruling dispensation has the requisite majority and other parties needed to gracefully accept this reality."

Pawar further said that central agencies like the ED were being used to target and pressurise political opponents. He claimed that he has received notices from the income-tax department over the last few days seeking information about property affidavits that he had filed while contesting Lok Sabha elections. "I have got I-T notices asking for property details that I had shown in the affidavit filed for 2004, 2009 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections and the 2020 Rajya Sabha election," Pawar said.

Taking on Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Pawar said, "He needs to reflect on his conduct and work towards restoring the prestige of the Governor's office.'

Shiv Sena and Congress claimed they are not surprised with Shinde becoming CM.

"I knew they will make Eknath Shinde the CM. This must have been the deal. Otherwise, why would so many MLAs go running to Surat and Guwahati... it is clear that they were working on a deal for the last one year," Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut

### At Goa hotel, new CM's comrades celebrate, to return home tomorrow

**MAYURA JANWALKAR** PANAJI, JUNE 30

WHFN THFIR leader Fknath Shinde left Goa for Mumbai on Thursday afternoon, the rebel Shiv Sena MLAs backing him stayed back at the Taj Resort and Convention Centre in Goa as decided, assuring him of full support.

Hours later, they spoke with him through a video-conferencing facility. Soon after, videos of them dancing in a banquet hall surfaced on social media.

"They did that in excitement. This announcement was unexpected for everyone," said Deepak Kesarkar, MLA from Sawantwadi in Maharashtra and the spokesperson for the Shiv Sena's breakaway 'Shinde' faction.

Late Thursday night, hours after becoming the Chief minister, Shinde was set to return to Goa to meet the MLAs. Sources said Shinde was expected to arrive around 1 am and the faction of his MLAs who watched his swearingin ceremony on a large TV screen in Goa was waiting to welcome him. "We are eagerly waiting for him to come. We will have a little welcome ceremony when he arrives," an MLA said

Behind layers of security and curbs on their movement, MLAs backing Shinde had a celebration

of sorts at their hotel in Dona Paula after BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis declared in Mumbai that Shinde would be the next

"Before he was sworn-in as CM, Shinde-saheb spoke to all of us (on video conference) and said he would have liked all of us to be there but he has to take oath this evening," one MLA said. "We told him to go ahead; that we are with him. The mood here is of celebration. We are thrilled that our leader has become the CM.'

"We will return to Mumbai on Saturday to vote for the Assembly Speaker. Saturday is an auspicious day.... We will pray to Lord Hanuman to give us strength," Kesarkar said.

Shinde, Kesarkar claimed, has received the blessings of Maharashtra's senior-most political leader, Sharad Pawar.

Hinting at Shinde's close links with the Thackerays. Kesarkar said. "It was Balasaheb's (Bal Thackeray) wish that a true Shiv Sainik should become the Chief Minister. Today his wish has come true. Even Uddhav-ji had said that he would be happy if Shinde went there (with BJP) and became CM.. Shrikant Shinde, Kalyan MP

and Shinde's son, who was also lodged at the hotel in Goa, left for Mumbai on Thursday evening.

#### Yogi govt to map families under job plan

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said his government will soon start mapping each family in the state to connect one member of each household with job or self-employment. To facilitate employment in such families, the government would issue "parivar cards", he added.

The CM was speaking after distributing loan certificates to handicraft artisans and entrepreneurs at a loan fair.

"The then government (led by SP) did not take interest despite availability of various schemes. There was no paucity of funds," he said.

Ecosystem: BJP's new go-to word for both criticism and self-praise **VIDHATRI RAO** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

ON JUNE 28, responding to a question on the arrests of AltNews co-founder Mohammed Zubair and activist Teesta Setalvad, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia at a press conference in New Delhi suggested protests against the same showed 'there is a poisonous ecosystem".

Bhatia went on to accuse the Congress of supporting and opposing judicial actions as per its convenience.

Three days earlier, on June 25, Union Home Minister Amit Shah. speaking to news agency ANI, also used the word "ecosystem" to describe what had followed

the 2002 riots. Commenting on the Supreme Court order upholding the clean chit to the Narendra Modi government in the riots, Shah said: "BJP's political rivals, iournalists who came to politics for ideology, and some NGOs together publicised the allegations. They had a strong ecosystem so everyone started believing lies to be the truth."

Not just in context of the violence and protests, the BIP across ranks has taken to using the word "ecosystem" in all situations - from introducing the government's policies to attacking its rivals - including Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On June 14, during the row over party spokesperson Nupur Sharma's remarks on the

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Prophet, BJP national spokesperson Gopal Krishna Agarwal, speaking to The Financial Express, said: "The party has stated that we respect all religions. The current debate is an over-amplification by the anti-BIP ecosystem, harbouring a hidden agenda."

On May 20, while addressing party workers in Jaipur virtually,

PM Modi said eight years of his government have been dedicated to "good governance" and "social justice", and that the BJP must not "fall into the trap" of some political parties with an "ecosystem" to divert the country's attention from main matters.

Earlier, on March 15, PM Modi while speaking of the film

The Kashmir Files, on the Pandit exodus, at a party meeting said that "instead of assessing the film on the basis of facts and truth, a campaign is on to discredit it". He blamed an "entire ecosystem" that "opposes anyone who tries to show the truth".

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma used the same word, in a tweet posted on February 13: "Congress has developed an ecosystem & the people part of this ecosystem may tolerate things against India, but they'll not tolerate anything against the Gandhis. Today, no one listens to them.'

On February 6, 2020, speaking in Parliament as protests raged against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the PM said:

New Delhi

"I'm thankful to the Congress and their ecosystem for creating a fuss around the CAA. If they did not oppose it, the country would not have seen through their real face.' On March 26, 2021, during

the election campaign in Bengal Union Home Minister Amit Shah, while speaking to CNN News 18 on the issue of illegal immigrants in West Bengal, said: "Infiltration cannot be controlled by the Central govt alone. It is controlled by an entire ecosystem. If a DM (District Magistrate) or SP (Superintendent of Police) promotes infiltration under the state administration's policy, the BSF (Border Security Force) cannot stop it. An ecosystem has to be built to stop such activities". It's not just in the negative

sense that the BIP uses this word. The party also sees it favourably in context of the policies it is implementing. While rolling out the 2022

Budget, Financial Minister Nirmala Sitharaman used the word six times

Union minister Puri also used the word while praising the government's efforts on the coronavirus. "We produced an ecosystem which today made us one of the leading manufacturers of vaccines," he said.

On July 16, 2021, PM Modi talked about making India among the "fastest-growing startup ecosystems in the

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# EXPRESS NETWORK

# Rajasthan CM meets family of killed tailor, asks NIA to fast-track case

**Assailants** produced before local court, sent to judicial custody for 14 days

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** & HAMZA KHAN

UDAIPUR, JAIPUR, JUNE 30

RAIASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot Thursday visited the family of Kanhaiya Lal, the tailor in Udaipur who was hacked to death by two men, Mohammad Riyaz and Ghouse Mohammad, for allegedly sharing remarks made by BIP's Nupur Sharma on the Prophet. Speaking to reporters outside, Gehlot said he wanted the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to file a chargesheet in a fast-track court as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the two accused were produced before a local court here, which sent them to judicial custody for 14 days. A senior police officer said the NIA will seek their remand. Rajasthan ATS officials said the state police had sought judicial



Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot meets the family of Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur on Thursday. PTI

custody of the two accused so that a test identification parade can be done.

In Delhi, NIA sources said the agency was exploring an international conspiracy as well as involvement of a self-motivated local terror group. "We haven't yet taken custody of the accused. Their electronic devices are still being forensically examined. It is too early to reach a conclusion on whether the accused were part of any terror group or acted on their own," said an NIA officer.

"The NIA should take up this case in a fast-track court. The chargesheet should be filed as soon as possible so that punishment can be awarded," said Gehlot, who was accompanied by state Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra, Revenue Minister Ramlal Jat and Director General of Police M L Lather. "We want the NIA to do a time-bound investigation and see how the accused can get sentencing within a month. People are angry. I hope the NIA understands these sentiments."

On allegations that the state police didn't provide protection to Lal despite his complaint of threat, Gehlot said it is "natural that allegations are made in such a time" and the NIA would investigate all angles.

The Chief Minister met us today and gave us a cheque for Rs 50 lakh. He also assured that one person from the family wil be provided a government job," said Yash, Lal's son.

Earlier during the day, speaking to ANI news agency, Gehlot said the incident in Udaipur was not a case of enmity between two religions but an act of terrorism. He also appealed to people to maintain peace. Gehlot later went to the local hospital where Ishwar Singh, Lal's employee who was injured during the attack, is undergoing treatment.

On Wednesday, Rajasthan Minister of State for Home Rajendra Singh Yadav had said that Ghouse Mohammad had been to Karachi in 2014 and been making phone calls to Pakistan "for the last 2-3 years". DGP Lather had said Ghouse had gone to visit the office of Dawat-e-Islami in Karachi. The DeLisa Sunni Islamic proselytising group founded in

WITH ENS, DELHI

# **Punjab Assembly** passes Agnipath resolution: 'Not in country's interest'

**KANCHAN VASDEV** CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

THE PUNJAB Vidhan Sabha Thursday passed a resolution against the Agnipath defence recruitment scheme terming it "neither in the best interests of national security nor of the youth of this country" and demanded its immediate rollback. The BJP, which has two legislators in the 117-member House, opposed the resolution, which garnered unanimous support of other opposition parties including the Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal

and the Bahujan Samaj Party. Punjab has become the first state which passed a resolution against the Agnipath scheme.

Moving the resolution, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the Agnipath scheme was against the country's youth and "likely to create dissatisfaction among the youth who wish to serve the armed forces" for a lifetime. He said that he will soon raise the issue with the prime minister and the Union home minister and will demand its roll back or refer it to a defence committee.

Mann asked BJP leaders to get their sons recruited as Agniveers and later engage them as security RESOLUTION AGAINST **CHANGING P.U. STATUS** 

Chandigarh: The Punjab Assembly Thursday passed a resolution recommending that the state government urge the Centre to not alter the "nature and character" of Panjab University. "This House is concerned about the attempts being made by some vested interests to push the matter for change of status of Panjab University into a Central University on one pretext or another," read the the resolution. The BJP, which has two members, opposed the resolution and asked whether there was actually a proposal to turn PU

guards outside party offices. The remark was a reference to a statement by BJP national general sec-

into a central university. ENS

retary Kailash Vijayvargiya. BJP member Ashwani Sharma said that the there should not be any politics on defence and security. "When chiefs of all three services have supported the scheme, are we wiser than them

to condemn it?," he asked

Moosewala murder: Punjab Police gets custody of jailed Bishnoi aide



**Jagdeep Singh** alias Jaggu

**KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR** AMRITSAR, JUNE 30

AFTER LAWRENCE Bishnoi, Punjab Police have now taken custody of gangster Jagdeep Singh, who too was lodged in Delhi's Tihar iail, to investigate his role in the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala last month.

Singh, also known as Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, is considered close to Bishnoi. A Mansa court Thursday sent him to seven days' custody.

With more than 65 cases registered against him – mostly in Punjab — Bhagwanpuria came into wider prominence during the term of Amarinder Singh's Congress government over his alleged links to two state politicians. He was in Tihar jail over a case lodged under the MCOCA.

Bhagwanpuria was brought on transit remand from Patiala House Court in Delhi to Mansa late Wednesday night. Police sources said Bhagwanpuria, who is already convicted in two NDPS and one attempt to murder case, will be brought face to face with Bishnoi. The sources said they are probing his role in providing shooters and weapons to kill Moosewala. Two of the shooters, Jagroop Roopa and Manu Kussa, are allegedly linked to him.

A kabaddi player-turnedgangster, Bhagwanpuria has been in jail since 2015. His mother, Harjit Kaur, was elected as panch in 2018 in his ancestral village of Bhagwanpur in Dera Baba Nanak the constituency of then Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa. A 2020 report signed by three IPS officers — then IGP Kunwar Vijay Partap (now an AAP MLA), then DIG (Counter-Intelligence) Surjit Singh and then Additional IG Patil Ketan Balaram savs Bhagwanpuria was closely linked to politicians.

# One accused had a general store, other was a welder

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** UDAIPUR, JUNE 30

ABOUT 3 KM from the market in

Udaipur where Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor, was hacked to death on Tuesday, is a small general store, on the ground floor of a twostorey house in Raza Colony. The shop is locked, as is the house Two police constables stand guard outside. Both the shop and the house belong to Ghouse Mohammad, one of the two men who killed Lal. The colony is part of the larger

Khanjipeer locality in Udaipur, a



Mohammad Riyaz (left); **Ghouse Mohammad** 

predominantly Muslim neighbourhood. Neighbours said that Ghouse, in his 30s, mostly kept to himself. "He was deeply religious. He kept to himself. We never heard his name being associated with any sort of violence," said

Mohammed Rafique, a resident. Mohammed Umar, another

neighbour, said Ghouse, a father of two, was earlier a "collection agent" with an investment agency. "Many people from this locality would make daily recurring deposits with him. After the company got entangled in allegations of fraud, many lost their money. Thereafter, he, along with his father, opened a general store," he said.

"No father or mother would want their children to be criminals. It's because of outside influence. A day after the incident, his father broke down and said, 'Isne

kya kara. Usne na mera izzat ka khayal kara, na mera buzurgi ka khayal kara' (What did he do? Neither did he care for my honour, nor for my old age)," said Shama Khan, a resident of the area, adding that Ghouse's family left the house shortly after that.

A few houses away, down a descending lane, is the house where Mohammad Riyaz, the second accused who is also in his 30s, used to live. The house is locked, and policemen are deployed outside.

"I had rented out two rooms on the ground floor to Riyaz — he moved here on June 12. Riyaz is a welder, and was staying here with his wife and two children. I didn't find anything suspicious about him. I had asked him for some rent in advance but he said he couldn't pay it. His family left after the incident. I am yet to get my rent," said the house owner, also named Mohammed Umar.

**Udaipur killing** 

is inhuman and

un-Islamic, says

Guwahati: Condemning the bru-

tal killing of a tailor in Rajasthan's

Udaipur, AIUDF president

Badruddin Ajmal Thursday

termed it as "un-Islamic and in-

True Muslims do not insti-

gate or support violence or

crimes, the chief of All India

United Democratic Front

(AIUDF), a political party based

in Assam, said on the killing of

tailor Kanhaiya Lal over a social

killing as it is un-Islamic, inhu-

man, brutal and not acceptable

in a civilised society," Ajmal said

the right to take the law into

their hands. "We demand a thor-

ough investigation into the en-

tire incident and that the perpe-

trators of the crime be given the

highest punishment under the

law of the land, irrespective of

their religion or community," the

Ajmal said that none have

"I strongly condemn the

media post.

in a statement

Dhubri MP said.

**AIUDF** chief

Qayyum Baig, a welder who worked with Riyaz earlier, said the latter had been working in Udaipur for the last two decades.

A senior police officer who is part of the investigation team said that prima facie, it appeared that Riyaz had welded the knife used to kill Lal.

#### **SARADHA SCAM**

#### Main accused names Mukul Roy, Adhir Ranjan porters on Thursday, Sen claimed

Kolkata: After naming Bengal Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, the main accused in the Saradha scam Sudipto Sen Thursday accused Trinamool Congress leader Mukul Roy and Congress's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhurv of being involved in the multi-crore Ponzi scheme.

On June 18, Sen had sent a prisoner's petition to the chief metropolitan magistrate, naming Adhikari. Speaking to rehe had also mentioned the names of Roy and Chowdhury in the letter. Sen, who had been produced

in court in an old case on Thursday, claimed he had "paid Rs 90 lakh to Suvendu for the construction of a market in the Kanthi municipality area. He (Suvendu) once took Rs 50 lakh. He has taken money from me in different ways."

# Monsoon in June sees 8% deficit

#### MGNREGS fund misappropriation of Rs 22 cr in Kerala: Social audit report

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

JUNE 30 FINANCIAL DEVIATION and mis-

appropriation of MGNREGS funds worth at least Rs 22.39 crore has been detected in Kerala during a social audit conducted in a section of village panchayats in four months of last fiscal. The audit report was prepared

by Kerala Social Audit Society in 296 out of the 941 village panchayats. The audit was conducted from December last year to March this year.

"The actual magnitude of the looting of the Centre's fund would be much more as the audit was held only in a section of panchayats, that too only for four months," said a source in the Kerala Social Audit Society. "The social audit, a crucial mandatory component of the MGNREGS, could not be conducted in majority of the panchayats for want of village resource persons, who vet the implementation of the scheme at the grassroots level."

Kerala Social Audit Unit Director N Ramakanthan said the findings of the social audit have been communicated to the respective Collectors in all districts. "It is the responsibility of the Collectors to recover the money."

According to sources, funds were misappropriated in many ways - largely through fake entries in the muster roll. Payments were illegally made to accounts of those who have not worked, those who are abroad and even to accounts of government employees at civic bodies. In works meant for asset creation, fake bills were submitted to pocket money. Local politicians, belonging to parties which rule the panchayats, were found to have made fake muster rolls during civil works undertaken as part of asset creation. **FULL REPORT ON** 

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# 8 dead, over 50 missing after landslide hits Territorial Army camp in Manipur

JIMMY LEIVON IMPHAL, JUNE 30

AT LEAST eight people were killed and more than 50 were missing after a massive landslide hit a camp of the Territorial Army (TA) in Noney district of Manipur early Thursday morning, officials said. Seven of those dead were TA jawans and one was a Railways worker engaged in the construction of the Imphal-Jiribam railway project, said sources. The TA is deployed near Tupul

Railway Station in Noney district for the protection of the underconstruction railway line. A statement by the Defence

Public Relations Office in Imphal saidthe Army and the Assam Rifles are engaged in the rescue operations. Egineering equipment at the site too has been pressed into the rescue efforts, it stated.

The massive debris has blocked the Ejai River, creating a reservoir that may inundate low-



Rescue operations after the landslide in Noney district. PTI

lying areas, according to the Noney Deputy Commissioner.

An advisory issued by the Deputy Commissioner said: "Due to the unfortunate landslide which occurred at Tupul yard railway construction camp, where casualties are being reported and dozens buried alive, the flow of the river has also been obstructed by the debris, creating a dam-like storage condition which if breached will wreak havoc to the low-lying areas of Noney district headquarters...'

Thirteen people were rescued till 5.30 am and are being treated at the Noney Army Medical unit, said the statement. More than 50 people, however, are still missing, according to sources, with fresh landslides and bad weather affecting rescue operations. The Defence statement said Army helicopters were on standby, waiting for the weather to clear.

A large number of National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force personnel, too, have been deployed for the operation, with police and district officials assisting them.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh visited the area to oversee the rescue operations. Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the Chief Minister and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on the incident. Shah said two more NDRF teams were on their way to the site.

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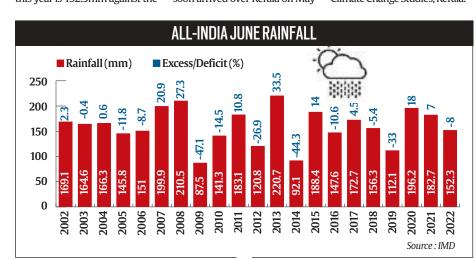
PUNE, JUNE 30

AFTER TWO consecutive seasons of surplus rainfall recorded during June of 2020 and 2021, the monsoon season in the country this year has seen an 8 per cent deficit, which is within the normal range. The all-India June rainfall this year is 152.3mm against the

A total of 18 states, including Kerala, Maharashtra and Delhi, are staring at large rainfall deficits as the season transitions into July. Since 2002, the all-India June rainfall ended as deficient for 11 years (see box), with 2009 and 2014 remaining among the driest.

Though the southwest monsoon arrived over Kerala on Mav

June, the onset month of the southwest monsoon all over India, is usually filled with large-scale rainfall variations. "Normally, the rainfall variations are high during the monsoon onset and withdrawal months," said Dr D Sivananda Pai, senior forecaster and director at the Institute for Climate Change Studies, Kerala.



#### 'HURTS TO LEAVE OWN COUNTRY, BUT IT'S ALL OVER FOR US IN AFGHANISTAN'

# After Kabul gurdwara attack, 11 Afghan Sikhs arrive in Delhi

**DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL** 

LUDHIANA, JUNE 30

ELEVEN SIKHS evacuated from Afghanistan Thursday arrived in Delhi bearing the ashes of a compatriot killed in the attack on a Kabul gurdwara.

The Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) had claimed responsibility for the June 18 attack on Gurdwara Dashmesh Pita Guru Gobind Singh Karte

The ashes of Sawinder Singh, who was one of the two people killed in the attack, were brought to Delhi where his family lives. Raqbir Singh, who was injured during the attack, was also Also among the 11 was

Ajmeet Singh, 28, who lost his father and paternal uncle in the March 2020 attack on Gurdwara Har Rai Sahib. An Islamic State gunman had stormed the gurdwara in Kabul, killing at least 25 Afghan Sikhs.

Ajmeet, who had shifted his mother and siblings to Delhi after his father Soorjan Singh and uncle Sardar Singh died, told The Indian Express: "It feels really bad when you are forced to leave your own country, but everything is over for us in Afghanistan. I lost my everything there, my father and uncle both were shot dead in 2020 attack... even then I kept staying there



The Sikhs from Afghanistan are received at the Delhi Airport on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

thinking things will be better but now I couldn't have waited to lose myself because had I died, what would have happened to my mother, brother and sister... how would they survive?"

Ajmeet arrived after abandoning his medicine shop in Kabul. "We don't know what will happen to our shops and businesses back home in Kabul but right now it was most important to save our lives and come as soon as visa was issued. Seeing the current situation, I have no plans to return to Afghanistan," said Ajmeet. He says he has little idea of how he will start a new life in Delhi.

SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami said the gurdwara

New Delhi

body paid for their travel ex-

"The transfer of Afghan minorities to India is being facilitated by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) in coordination with us," said Puneet Chandhok, president, Indian World Forum.

The representatives of SGPC and Afghan Hindu and Sikh community leaders were present at the airport to welcome the

As of March 2020, there were around 650-700 Afghan Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan. However, since the attack on Gurdwara Har Rai Sahib in Kabul on March 25 that year, when 25 Afghan Sikhs

and Anarkali Kaur Honoryar. Before Thursday's batch of 11, the last batch had arrived on December 10, 2021 when 103 Afghan Sikhs and Hindus had landed in Delhi. Around 140-150 Afghan Sikhs and Hindus still remain in

were killed, most members of the

community have been evacuat-

Kabul in August last year, three

batches of Afghan Sikhs had ar-

rived in Delhi, including former

Sikh MPs Narinder Singh Khalsa

After the Taliban took over

ing to India in batches.

Afghanistan. After the June 18 attack, the government of India has issued 111 visas for their evacuation to Delhi while the rest remain pending.

### Over 8,000 Central govt staff to be promoted in one go

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE CENTRE has passed an order effecting more than 8,000 promotions in the three Central Secretariat cadres in one go making this one of the biggest orders of mass promotions in the Central government.

Minister of State for Personnel, Jitendra Singh, is set to announce the move on Friday, officials said on Thursday.

Many of these promotions had been stuck in litigation after government employees had filed cases, including against each other, sources said.

As many as 327 promotions are in the post of Directors; 1,097 posts of Deputy Secretary are included in the promotion orders. along with 1,472 Section Officers all belonging to the Central

The number of officers to be promoted in the Central Secretariat Service is 4.734.

The mass promotions also include stenographers, Principal Staff Officers, clerks and others in Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service and Central Secretariat Clerical Service.

The Central Secretariat Service is one of the administrative civil services consisting of Group A and Group B posts, forming the backbone of administrative work in Central government ministries and departments. They are selected through competitive examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission.

The last time such large scale promotions were announced was in 2019, when 4,000 officers received promotions in these

The promotions also include 157 Principal Staff Officers and 153 Senior Principal Private Secretaries and 1,208 Principal Private Secretaries, among others, in the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service. The total number of officers promoted in the service is 2,966.

In all, 8,089 posts are in for promotion, in which 727 are reserved for Scheduled Castes and 207 are for Scheduled Tribes. As many as 5,032 are unreserved posts.

#### **Patrick French** steps down as Ahmedabad **University Arts** and Sciences dean

Ahmedabad: Five years after he was appointed the founding dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Ahmedabad University (AU), Patrick French Thursday announced he will step down. Cosmologist professor Raghavan Rangarajan will take charge as dean.

French is a historian, biographer and political analyst, who held an additional position as professor for the public understanding of the humanities at AU. He said in his announcement that he "will be taking a writing sabbatical, and look forward to returning to a new senior role in global strategy at Ahmedabad in 2023."

Raghavan Professor Rangarajan, who joined AU in January 2018, is presently a professor at the School of Arts and Sciences and dean of the undergraduate college at AU. ENS **AHEAD OF STATE ELECTIONS** 

# In Karnataka, Congress seeks to focus on Kannada pride to counter Hindutva push

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

WITH THE Assembly elections in Karnataka less than a year away, the Congress is slowly getting battle ready and its senior leadership seems to have decided to invoke the issue of Kannada pride to counter the BIP's Hindutya push.

Over the last two days, the Congress central leadership, including party leader Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary in charge of the state, Randeep Surjewala, and AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal spent hours discussing the political situation in Karnataka with former chief minister Siddaramaiah and state party president D K Shivakumar.

There was clarity among the leaders that the party should go into the Assembly election alone and not align with the JD(S), with

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval chairs the inaugural

Policy, in New Delhi on Thursday. Chief of the Naval Staff

NSA: India won't be

power it deserves to

be without a strong

maritime system

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

STATING THAT the Indian

Ocean, which has been an

"ocean of peace", is now wit-

ness to rivalries and competi-

tions, National Security Adviser

(NSA) Ajit Doval on Thursday

said that India needs to protect

its interests since the region has

the potential to witness clash of

of the Multi-Agency Maritime

Security Group (MAMSG), Doval

said security at the high seas and

economic wellbeing is inextrica-

bly linked and all stakeholders

scenario, the Indian Ocean,

which has been an ocean of

peace, is gradually becoming

competitive. We see a potential

of having a clash of interest, we

need to protect it and be vigi-

is well defined. We know where

we are going. And when our

time comes...we as a nation have

to be strong. India will not be

able to become the power it de-

serves to be unless it has a very

strong maritime system," Doval

"The trajectory of this nation

"In the changing geopolitical

must work unitedly.

Speaking at the first meeting

interests.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

meeting of the Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group

Admiral R Hari Kumar was also present. ANI

fought the 2019 Lok Sabha elections as allies. It was also decided that the party should go into next year's elections projecting a collective leadership model.

Sources in the Congress said its internal surveys show that outfits like the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) are slowly making inroads into the Muslim community, which is not good news for the party.

Siddaramaiah has been clear that the party should not dabble in soft Hindutva and should take strong positions on any attempts to attack the constitutional rights of minorities. He is learnt to have told the Congress leadership that the party should have taken strong positions on issues like

During an interaction with journalists in New Delhi, Siddaramaiah said: "What is soft

Coordinator, Chief of Naval Staff

Admiral R Hari Kumar was

among the top officials who at-

curity officials from all 13 coastal

states and Union Territories as

well Indian Navy and other cen-

tral agencies attended the meet-

more assets we create, the more

prosperous we get, greater

would be the vulnerability and

the need for security in the mar-

course, the importance of land

and maritime borders are very

different, Doval said. He said one

cannot fence the maritime bor-

ders, and that disputes in seas

are resolved through interna-

tional norms and laws, while

land disputes are bilateral in na-

The NSA also that said deny-

ing accessibility to foreign intel-

ligence agencies looking to un-

the like-minded countries in the

maritime domain and that it

major challenge.

In national security dis-

itime domain," Doval said.

Top maritime and coastal se-

tended the deliberations.

Hindutva? There is nothing like soft Hindutva. Can there be diluted secularism? We believe in secularism and protecting the Constitutional rights of everyone. They (the BJP) believe in Hindutva," he said.

He said that the BJP government in Karnataka was focusing on polarisation.

"They are making these

Hindutva issues, they are projecting Hindutva issues...polarisation of votes. With these, they are trying to win over voters. We will go to the people with definite programmes, alternative programmes. Last time, we failed to market or reach out to people with our programmes. This time, we will amend our approach. For example...say they are projecting polarisation...we will say that Kannada..., our language, is our pride. They are trying to bring Hindi indirectly in place of Kannada. We are going

He said that the merger of several public sector banks had resulted in a loss of jobs for Kannadigas. "Narendra Modi did this. Kannadigas were getting jobs in these banks (that were merged). Now, the majority of the Kannadigas are not getting jobs...Only Hindu speaking people are getting (jobs) and these banks were built by Kannadigas."

He maintained, however, that the Congress is not against Hindi. Referring to the decades-old

Sarojini Mahishi report, which had recommended a certain percentage of jobs to Kannadigas in all sectors, he said the report had not been implemented fully. 'We are committed to the full implementation of the Mahishi report. That is number one. Secondly, in Karnataka, Kannada is paramount. We will give Class 2, 3 and 4 posts only to Kannadigas," he added.

that if it is voted to power, it wil make public the socioeconomic survey report, or the caste census, of the Kantharaj Commission.

Asked about the differences in the state unit, particularly his relationship with Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah said the two leaders were on good terms. "There are no differences between me and Shivakumar. All senior leaders are united. And we want to face the election unitedly," he said.

On the party's chief ministerial face, he was cautious. "The MLAs and the high command will decide the chief minister after the elections," he said.

Asked about discussions with Rahul and the central leadership. he said, "The discussion was on how to get back to power because elections are due in nine months. We have discussed strategies... The political situation in Karnataka is in Congress's favour."

cultivation and horticulture.

These avenues will provide new

2024", Singh highlighted how

his Ministry was facilitating

women farmer producer com-

panies and clusters by connect-

ing them with e-commerce plat-

forms such as Flipkart and

Amazon and linking state mar-

kets at the domestic level. Not

only that, the Government

would help them with up-

skilling, branding and packaging.

pronged approach, the Minister

said how women SHGs in the vil-

lages could usher in a new green

revolution by making organic fer-

tilisers. "A woman from Bakhri vil-

lage in my constituency

Begursarai, Bihar, has a two-acre

land and got a good yield as a re-

sult and could sell her produce at

higher prices. We are giving lakhs

of rupees in subsidies for chemical

fertilisers. That burden can be re-

duced by getting women involved

in organic manure production,"

said Singh, adding, "There is a

new-found enthusiasm among

women at the grassroots to im-

prove their collective lot."

Elaborating on a multi-

As part of "Mission 1 lakh,

forward linkages," he added.

# EC starts J&K electoral list revision process

Poll panel to publish final list on Oct 31

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, JUNE 30

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) has begun the process of revising electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir after a gap of three years, indicating a step closer to elections in the Valley following the delimitation exercise.

In an order issued on Wednesday, the poll panel directed special summary revision of photo electoral rolls with October 1, 2022 as the qualifying date in J&K. The pre-revision activities will culminate on August 30. Accordingly, the EC has directed 1&K Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar to complete the electoral rolls revision by October 31.

The EC order comes days after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that Assembly elections in the Union Territory may be held by the end of the year.

The revision of electoral rolls is significant as the exercise is being carried out for the first time since abrogation of J&K's special status. Before the abrogation, only permanent residents of I&K popularly known as state subects, were eligible to vote. The summary revision would also allow, for the first time, displaced people of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) to apply for voting rights in the elections. In the past, they were allowed to vote in parliamentary elections but not in Assembly elections.

The EC order said, "I am directed to state that as per existing policy, revision of electoral rolls with reference to 1 January of the coming year as the qualifying date is done in later part of each year in all states/UTs (normally in the last quarter of a year) so that final publication of the electoral rolls could be made in the first week of January of the succeeding year.'

"However, due to various administrative reasons, this annual revision of electoral roll could not be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir after special summary revision, 2019," the order said.

In the meantime, the delimitation exercise of constituencies in J&K was in progress and the final delimited constituencies were notified on May 5, it said.

As the revision of electoral rolls was not conducted for the past three years, newly eligible electors could not get themselves registered in the electoral roll, the order said. "In view of the same in order to update electoral roll on the basis of newly delimited constituencies, so that all newly eligible young electors can have the opportunity to get themselves enrolled, the exercise of SSR with reference to the next qualifying date is required to be undertaken without further delay. In the above context, the Commission has started pre-revision activities in the UT of J&K...," the order said.

The EC set October 31 as the final date for publication of the revised electoral rolls. The order said the publication of integrated draft electoral rolls would be conducted on September 1 while the claims and objections can be filed within a month up to September 30. It said the claims would be disposed of by October 15.

The order said while a field has been kept for furnishing of Aadhaar number in the registration form, "no application for inclusion of name in electoral roll shall be denied and no entries in electoral roll shall be deleted for inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar number".

Last month, finalising its order for J&K, the Delimitation Commission recommended seven additional constituencies - six for Jammu and one for Kashmir – taking the total number of seats in the UT to 90. This will increase the number of seats in Jammu Division to 43 from 37 seats, and that in the Kashmir Valley to 47 from 46.

# 'Women self-help groups can be significant contributors to GDP'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

WHILE THE Government has already prioritised the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), aimed at raising the annual income of each woman in self-help groups (SHGs) to Rs 1 lakh by 2024, it is aggressively promoting entrepreneurship and economies of scale among them. Not just that, instead of a grant-based economy, it wants to back up its hand-holding efforts by easing loans and enabling access to markets.

Addressing the third edition of the Indian Express Thinc session on Gender, titled "Women Collectives: Changemakers from the ground up," Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh, said, "My mission is to ensure that no rural woman. who wants to connect with NRLM, is left behind. I will also improve the turnover of 5.9 lakh crore women. If half of the country's population improve their earnings, they will be significant contributors to the national GDP.' Highlighting the strides made

by NRLM, Mr Singh said till 2014, the scheme involved 2.35 lakh houses, had 80,000 crore bank linkages with non-performing



assets (NPAs) at 9.58 per cent. "Today, 8.35 crore women are connected to NRLM and there are 5.9 lakh crore bank linkages, while the NPAs have reduced to than 1 per cent," said he.

of Rs 1 lakh, which means, around Rs 8,000 to 10,000 per month. "They are working in multiple sectors as Business Correspondents (BC), Bank Sakhis, Kisan Sakhis and Pashu Sakhis. Around 60-70 per cent of the women working in agriculture and animal husbandry should be able to diversify themselves and move towards millet

#### 2.5 per cent. No other sector today has such low NPAs and I am going to decrease it further to less Envisaging a multi-sector role for SHGs, the Minister said he wanted to ensure that each woman gets an annual income

### Ahead of national executive meet, BJP loses 4 corporators to TRS

**SREENIVAS JANYALA** HYDERABAD, JUNE 30

AHEAD OF the two-day BIP national executive meeting starting here on July 2, four BJP corfrom Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the **Tandur Municipal Corporation** BJP floor leader joined the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in the presence of TRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) on

dertake espionage activities is a Thursday. GHMC's Hasthinapuram cor-Doval referred to initiatives porator Banoth Sujatha Naik, Rajendranagar corporator such as the Colombo security Podavu Archana Prakash, Jubilee conclave for cooperation among

Hills corporator A Venkatesh and Adikmet corporator Sunita Prakash Goud were welcomed to the party by KTR along with **Tandur Municipal Corporation** BJP floor leader Sinduja Goud and councilor Ahmed Asif.

Recently, all BJP corporators of GHMC had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New While TRS leaders said these

defections will shock the BJP leaders ahead of their party national meeting, Telangana BJP chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar said it has only helped in cleansing the party. "These corporators were fielded by the BJP when they were declined by other political

they joined the BJP and our party backed them. It does not matter now if they have quit, because support for the BJP has increased exponentially," he said.

Kumar alleged that the TRS lured the corporators with financial incentives ahead of the BJP meeting. "This is an obvious attempt to hit at the morale of the BJP cadre and leader," he said.

In the GHMC elections held in December 2020, the BJF emerged as the second-largest party. The ruling TRS suffered a big blow, losing about 50 per cent of its seats to the BJP, which won 47. In 2016, the TRS had won 88 seats while the BJP won only 4.

### Eco-sensitive zone: Kerala to file modification plea in SC

Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala government Thursday decided to file a modification petition in the Supreme Court in connection with its June 3 order that said every protected forest tract and wildlife sanctuaries in the country should have one-km eco-sensitive zone from their boundaries.

The decision came amid protests in the hilly regions of the Western Ghats demanding that all human settlements be exempted from the proposed ecosensitive zone. The issue came to focus last week after CPI(M) student wing SFI vandalised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's office in Wayanad in protest against "his inaction" to allay the fears of people in the matter.

After a high-level meeting convened by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to discuss the issue, an official communication from the CMO said the Advocate-General has been entrusted to look into whether the state can make legislation in this regard.

The meeting decided to take the state's concerns with the Centre. Details regarding the existing civic infrastructure and construction activities within the purview of the eco-sensitive zone would be furnished before the Supreme Court. Besides, a draft notification, demanding that human settlements be exempted from the purview of the eco-sensitive zone, would be submitted to the Centre.

#### **GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI** could be expanded further. The meeting was chaired by "Our responsibility as a pre-**DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SPORTS BRANCH** Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar mier maritime power is ex-(retd), the country's first tremely important," he said. CHHATRASAL STADIUM: MODEL TOWN: DELHI-110 009

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SELECTION TRIALS FOR PARTICIPATION OF DELHI BADMINTON, PARA BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS AND PARA <u>TABLE-TENNIS TEAMS IN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.</u>

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government, the Tokyo Sport Benefits Corporation, the Tokyo Badminton Association and the Tokyo Table Tennis Federation will be hosting the "14th Asia Junior Sports Exchange Games 2022" to be held from September 14th to September 20th, 2022 in Tokyo.

This Government intends to nominate its Badminton and Table-Tennis teams for participation in these Tournaments.

The entire details in regard to selection trails, financial burden, age category etc. are available on website https://www.edudel.nic.in //mis/misadmin/frmCircular.aspx and can be downloaded from it. Last date of receiving entries is 05.07.2022.

> **Asha Aggarwal** Dy. Director of Education (Sports)

Sr. Built-up Units

#### CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH E-TENDER NOTICE Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of Built-up Dwelling/

Commercial Units on Free Hold Basis in U.T., Chandigarh. It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tender are invited for the sale of Built-up units. All the Commercial Units and Residential Units are being sold on Free-Hold basis. E-Tenders are ryited individually for each of Built-up Unit.

The E-Tender Process is open for all the citizens of India as well as NRIs / PIOs above 18 years of age. The persons already having any property (Residential or Commercial) can also participate in the

The Built-up Units shall be all ofted to the highest eligible bidder, queling above the reserve price of the Built-up Units. The GST will not be applicable on the consideration/premium of the units All willing participants may visit the official website www.chbonline.in

to understand the detailed procedure for submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and e-bids. The Terms & Conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of Built-up Units and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Chandigarh Housing Board i.e. www.chbonline.in,

In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to ge himsel/herself registered at https://etenders.chd.nlc.in.

Stickers have been pasted at each of the Built-up Unit for bette identification and Site Offices have been provided at different Sectors/Location to facilitate inspection by the prospective bidders The location of each of the unit on google map, address of the Site Offices and contact details of the officials are available on the official website www.chbonline.in. The days specified for the inspections of

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— George Washington

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RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## SHINDE & DEPUTY

Through the formation of a new government in Maharashtra, BJP puts Shiv Sena and regional parties on notice

HE SWEARING IN of Shiv Sena rebel Eknath Shinde as chief minister with Devendra Fadnavis as his deputy proved to be the final twist in the murky drama that played out over the past few days in Maharashtra. From the beginning, the BJP tried — unsuccessfully so — to put distance between itself and the unravelling of the Shiv Sena and consequently of the MVA government in the state. Handing over the chief ministership to the leader of the rebellion is no doubt aimed at dispelling the image of the party as a predatory force, out to topple governments led by non-BJP parties, and to project an image of abnegation instead. Anointing Shinde may also be aimed at appeasing, or confusing, Sainiks and breaking what is left of the Shiv Sena.

With Fadnavis as deputy CM, the BJP will be the main driving force of the new governing arrangement in Maharashtra. The loss of an important state, along with Mumbai, the country's financial capital, was something it was evidently desperate to reverse, and Shinde's rebellion gave it the opening, Uddhav Thackeray was wise to read the writing on the wall and step down as chief minister ahead of a floor test the MVA coalition was certain to lose. The day after, he will have to confront the reality that it was not the break up of an "unlikely" alliance, but of his own party that led to the unravelling of his government. Going ahead, his challenge will be to reclaim the Shiv Sena legacy and reassert the Thackeray stamp on it at a time of an identity crisis in the party. On his last day in office, he tried to reiterate his Hindutva credentials by renaming two major cities. The state is now likely to see a competition between players to emerge as the real flagbearer of Hindutva. The question will also be: Which is the real Sena — the Mumbai-centric rump left with Uddhav Thackeray, or the one that is now with Shinde? With the Mumbai corporation elections ahead, and the BJP certain to go into mission mode to take charge of the country's richest civic body, the Thackerays' task is cut out. What might work in their favour, or not, is that the Uddhav Thackeray-led government could not be accused of misgovernance. Mumbai emerged as a model city for Covid management as the former chief minister, a first timer in public office, steered the state through the pandemic with a steady hand.

Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, who granted Fadnavis's request for a floor test without losing any time and with apparently no consideration of the petition before the Supreme Court on the disqualification of the rebels, has invited unflattering attention to his office yet again – the Supreme Court's refusal to stay the floor test pending the disposal of the disqualification case also raises questions. The infamous 2019 secret swearing-in of Fadnavis at the Raj Bhavan in an attempt to pre-empt the post-election MVA coalition, and the friction-filled relationship thereafter between Koshyari and Thackeray, had already made the governor's stance controversial. Now the circumstances of the fall of the government and installation of a new one have once again revived concerns about the high constitutional office and its insulation, or lack of it, from the political establishment.

#### THE NAGGING DEFICIT

Growing reliance on MGNREGA in rural areas, elevated youth unemployment in urban areas, are worrying signals

OING BY THE data on work demanded and availed by households under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGN-REGS), the employment scenario in the country continues to be dismal, even as the economy has recovered, though barely, to its pre-pandemic level. As reported in this paper, 2.61 crore households availed work under the scheme in May 2022. This is not only higher than the number of households who worked under the scheme over the same period last year (2.22 crore in May 2021), but is also significantly higher than the prepandemic level (2.1 crore households had availed work under the scheme in May 2019). This is a worrying sign.

In 2018-19,5.27 crore households had availed of work under MGNREGA. In 2019-20, a year before the pandemic, this had risen to 5.48 crore. During the pandemic year of 2020, it rose further to a staggering 7.55 crore. While in the following year (2021-22), the number of households came down to 7.26 crore, it was still significantly higher than even the pre-pandemic trend. These numbers indicate that reliance on the employment guarantee scheme has only been growing. This points to a few possibilities. First, that not enough productive jobs are being created in rural areas — 21 states and Union territories observed an increase in households availing work under the scheme. That the jobs that are being created aren't remunerative enough, requiring households to supplement their incomes by working under the scheme. After all, inflation pinches the poor more. Or, that, post the pandemic, households are trying to rebuild their emergency buffers. In urban areas, the latest periodic labour force survey shows that even as the unemployment rate among the youth (those aged 15-29) has dipped in recent quarters, it remained uncomfortably high at 20.2 per cent during January-March 2022.

Protests against the Indian railways recruitment process, against the government's Agnipath scheme for recruitment for the armed forces, pressures from various castes to expand the scope of reservation, attempts by state governments to reserve jobs for locals – all are symptomatic of growing concerns over inadequate employment generation in the country. These have only deepened since the pandemic. They reflect the failure, under the watch of successive governments, to absorb the millions of low and semi-skilled workers, who are entering the labour force each year, and those who are stuck in the low productivity agricultural costor.

### WHAT PUPPIES WANT

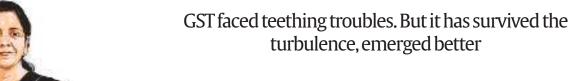
A dog library in the US is well-intentioned. It's also superfluous

HE GLOBAL PET care and pampering industry is valued at about \$220 billion. Much of that money is spent on dogs and cats who, to put it bluntly, couldn't care less. Unlike their human counterparts, dog and cat babies (as their keepers are fond of calling them), are untainted by the desire for either brands or possessions — their love, easily available as it is, cannot be bought. So, the viral video of a "dog library" from Tennessee in the US, while well-meaning, useful and fodder for amazingly addictive feel-good content featuring puppies, is more for the owners and viewers than the dogs themselves.

The "library" does not, of course, feature books: Puppy pals, while amazing at reading moods and expressions, have not yet graduated to the written word. Instead, it contains balls, sticks and assorted toys that visitors are free to use, and even take home, as long as they replace the item — "take one, leave one".

The initiative may nevertheless be welcomed in its neighbourhood. After all, both people and their canines are social animals and this library will not demand silence and quiet contemplation over intimidating tomes. But the toys themselves are pointless — a bit of a marketing gimmick by the creative minds employed by a \$220-billion industry. How many times has an owner bought her pooch a fancy sweater only to have him tear it off and keep warm via a smelly blanket? How many expensive "chewy toys" have been discarded in favour of your favourite pair of shoes? The one thing puppies need is affection, which cannot be bought or borrowed.

# Five years stronger



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NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

JULY 1 MARKS the completion of five years since the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced in our country. It was first discussed in the report of the Kelkar Task Force on indirect taxes in 2003 and was long in the making. Since its introduction, GST has naturally faced teething problems. But, it has emerged strongly after facing turbulence from the Covid-19 global pandemic and its fallout. It is to the credit of the GST Council that the Centre and the states held each other's hand to not just face the crisis but to lift our economy onto the path of recovery. It is this working together that has made India stand out now as the fastest growing economy, as projected by many, this year and the next.

Several countries moved to the GST regime long before India did in 2017. But, the mechanism of the GST Council itself is unique to India. The quasi-federal nature of Indian polity wherein both the Centre and the states enjoyed independent powers of taxation demanded a unique solution. States of different sizes and at different stages of development with their legacy tax systems had to be brought together under the GST. States were also at different stages in the use of technology for revenue collection. The GST Council, the constitutional body, and a GST solution unique to India (dual GST) were the answers found to such a demand. With a few exceptions, taxes, both of the Centre and the states, were subsumed in the GST. Seventeen different laws were merged and a single taxation system was brought in through the GST.

The GST Council has played a crucial role in forging a national consensus on key issues related to the tax regime — rates, exemptions, business processes and movement of ITC etc.

Over 63.9 lakh taxpayers migrated into the GST in July 2017. This number has more than doubled to over 1.38 crore taxpayers as of June 2022. Over 41.53 lakh taxpayers and 67,000 transporters are enrolled on the eway portal, generating, on average, 7.81 crore e-way bills per month. Since the launch of the system, a total of 292 crore e-way bills have been generated of which 42 per cent are for the inter-state transport of goods. May 31, this year, saw the highest single-day generation of 31,56,013 e-way bills.

The average monthly collections have increased from Rs 1.04 lakh crore in 2020-21

tions are Rs 1.55 lakh crore. It is a reasonable and fair expectation that this steady increasing trend will continue.

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to Rs 1.24 lakh crore in 2021-22. In the first

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existed among the states under the CST/VAT regime. An intrusive control system, involving border check posts and physical verification of goods-laden-trucks, played havoc resulting in loss of time and fuel. As a result, the logistics chain for the movement of cargo, even within the country, could not acquire scale and efficiency. Logistics costs were estimated to contribute as much as 15 per cent to the cost of goods.

With no such arbitrage under the IGST and with the e-way bills, the logistics supply chain efficiencies have increased manifold. With our focus on multi-modal transport and now with PM Gati Shakti, these gains are only sure to multiply.

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In the pre-GST regime, on most items, the combined Centre and states rates were more than 31 per cent. However, under the GST, the rates of over 400 goods and 80 services have been reduced. The highest 28 per cent rate is restricted to sin and luxury items. Out of a total of 230 items which were in the 28 per cent slab, close to 200 have been shifted to the lower slabs.

Special attention has been paid to the needs of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The objective continues to be that their tax and compliance burden be kept low. Equally, it was important to ensure that they remain integrated with the supply chains for the purpose of ITC. In this context, two important steps were taken up: The enhancement of the threshold exemption limit from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 40 lakh for goods and the introduction of the quarterly returns and monthly payments (QRMP) scheme which has the potential to benefit 89 per cent of the taxpayers.

Since its inception, the administration of GST continues to be IT-based and fully automated. The creation of GSTN, a professionally managed technology company to run the platform was a step in the right direction. Constant review and upgrading of hardware and software capacities have helped in keeping the custom nimble.

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The system of automated IGST refunds

by customs and refund of accumulated input tax credit (ITC) to exporters by the GST authorities has made the neutralisation of input taxes on export goods and services seamless and hassle-free.

It is noteworthy that most of the litigation on GST matters has centred around issues such as ITC, powers available to the GST officers on aspects of enforcement such as issuing of summons, arrest of persons and the attachment of property for recoveries. Even in the much highlighted recent judgment of the Supreme Court in Mohit Minerals vs UoI, the Court has not set aside or altered the fundamental features of GST.

Asim Dasgupta, Finance Minister of West Bengal for 24 years, was the chairperson of the Empowered Group of State Finance Ministers from 2000-2011. The first formulation of the GST laws was made in 2009. In an interview given to a business newspaper on July 2, 2017, he highlighted the significant features of the GST, which remain intact to this day: "The states never had the power to levy service tax. States have been asking from the very beginning for the power to levy service tax, and not simply [get] a share of it. With GST that has been brought in."

He further added, "the empowered committee has been taking a firm stand on the autonomy of the states. The GST Council, incidentally, is a recommendatory body to Parliament for central GST and to assemblies for the state GST. Technically, the legislature may or may not accept it. So, this power of the legislature has not been taken away."

Importantly, Dasgupta says, "As far as the rates are concerned, the states and the Centre together are accepting a kind of single tax for both. So, in a sense, there is a partial sacrifice of states and the Centre in the interest of cooperative federalism. GST is giving additional powers to the state in terms of service tax. Half of state domestic product is services."

Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, on the completion of two years of GST, wrote in his blog, "GST proved to be both consumer and assessee friendly." Thanks to the positivity shown by the taxpayers and the embracing of technology by the assessees, GST, indeed has made India a single market.

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# HER BODY, HER CHOICE

Current reproductive rights regulatory framework shows that India falls short

#### ANGELLICA ARIBAM

IS INDIA really ahead of the West in reproductive rights? Contrary to the grandstanding since the overturning of *Roe v Wade*, no. Bodily autonomy and reproductive rights must be viewed from three lenses — legal, medical, and social. Only when women and non-binary pregnant people enjoy absolute autonomy over their own bodies, can one claim that India is showing the way to the West

The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act 2021 is far from ideal and has been criticised for not taking a rights-based approach. It doesn't give the pregnant person complete autonomy in ending the pregnancy, making them go through various systemic barriers, instead. Additionally, it uses the word "woman", thereby leaving out pregnant transgender and non-binary persons who are biologically capable of bearing children.

According to the Act, a pregnancy can be terminated on the following conditions: Grave danger to the physical/mental health of the pregnant woman; foetal abnormalities; rape/coercion and contraceptive failure. A woman's right to choose to end the pregnancy even in the first few weeks is still not recognised in India. The final decision rests with registered medical practitioners (RMP) or a medical board, who decide "in good faith" that the pregnancy can be

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terminated.

Other significant issues are the lack of access to RMPs, affordability, and social stigma leading to unsafe abortions. Herein, it is important to factor in class and caste privilege. Abortion facilities in private medical centres are expensive and not all public health centres, especially in rural India, provide them. Most unmarried women end up resorting to unsafe abortions in illegal clinics or at home.

According to the latest National Family Health Survey 2019-2021, 27 per cent of the abortions were carried out by the woman herself at home. According to United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) State of the World Population Report 2022, around eight women die each day in India due to unsafe abortions. It also found that between 2007-2011, 67 per cent of the abortions were classified as unsafe. Unsafe abortion was one of the top three causes of maternal deaths.

One can't talk about reproductive rights in India without mentioning surrogacy. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act 2021, while well-intentioned, leaves much to be desired. Experts have pointed out that the Act is exclusionary, disregards privacy, and also exploits women's reproductive labour. Only a heterosexual married couple (with certain preconditions) can be the intending parents. It strips the reproductive autonomy of LGBTQ+ persons and single, divorced, and

widowed intending parents.

Experts also believe that regulations, rather than a complete ban on commercial surrogacy, should have been the way forward. Altruistic surrogacy denies women compensation for their reproductive labour and is seen as a direct manifestation of the patriarchal mindset.

The Act requires the intending couple to declare their infertility and reveals the identity of the surrogate, both of which violate the right to privacy. The Puttaswamy judgment discusses bodily privacy — the right over one's body and "the freedom of being able to prevent others from violating one's body." The current reproductive rights regulatory framework falls short of this.

Abortion in India is a complex topic. The skewed sex ratio is proof that unsafe abortions and female foeticide are rampant. There are still gaps that need fixing in the MTP Act and the Surrogacy Act. The situation in India is far from perfect. We should learn from progressive practices around the world and strive for inclusivity, complete bodily autonomy, and reproductive equity. Measuring ourselves on a yardstick of regression shouldn't become our way of governance. The West is not just one country, after all.

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#### JULY 1, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### Lal faces Obstacles

recognised in India.

THE LOK DAL leader, Devi Lal's claim to the status of the leader of the Opposition in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha has not been accepted either by the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat or the state government so far. The matter has taken an interesting turn with a communication reportedly sent to Devi Lal by the Vidhan Sabha secretariat asking him to intimate the ideology and programme of the Lok Dal legislative party. The letter of the legislative party to the secretariat accepting Devi Lal as its leader was signed by all the 33 Lok Dal MLAs. According to rules, the support of only 10 members is sufficient to get a

legislative party leader the status of the leader of the Opposition.

#### Industry Concerns

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY told the Prime Minister that the credit squeeze had wrought havoc on industry and recessionary trends were already in evidence, especially in the engineering sector. The occasion for the complaint was a hurriedly-convened meeting of businessmen by the PM. The meeting was called to discuss ideas with spokesmen of industry on giving a new thrust to the economy. During the one and half hour meeting, the industrialists explained how the dear

money policy of the Government had hit industrial production. They demanded a more liberal licensing policy.

#### PLANE HIJACKED

A SRI LANKAN who hijacked an Alitalia jumbo jet on a Delhi-Bangkok flight released 139 of his 256 hostages after being told that his estranged Italian wife and son were on their way to Bangkok from Rome, Sri Lankan Ambassador Manel Abeysebiera said. The released included all the women aboard the aircraft, all persons under 19 years of age and all men over 50. The 139 released included 131 passengers and eight stewardesses.

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

# Fall and rise in Maharashtra

Collapse of MVA government resonates beyond state: It discredits efforts of Opposition unity, underscores crisis of state parties, signals expansion of BJP's ideological claims



Suhas Palshikar

THERE IS A sense of déjà vu about the developments in Maharashtra. In state after state, it's the same script. In Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka, we saw the removal of non-BJP governments due to defections and splits. In Maharashtra, this happened to the Shiv Sena instead of the Congress but the script was more or less the same. India's parliamentary democracy has seen it all - defections, splits, controversies surrounding the role of presiding officers, judicial interventions and even videography of proceedings of the House. Right from the beginning of the current crisis, however, it was clear that Uddhav Thackeray had lost the majority and this had happened because of the desertion of his own party's MLAs.

Two institutional issues have emerged from the political developments that unfolded in Maharashtra over the past week or so. One is about the appropriateness of judicial intervention and the other has to do with the inadequacy of the anti-defection law. Both need to be separately debated. But even as we mull over the institutional aspects, there are three broader factors which are politically central and have resonance beyond state politics.

The first has to do with the larger possibility of tackling the dominant party. The fall of the government in Maharashtra has underlined the hurdles in forging and consolidating an anti-BJP coalition. The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) may have been opportunistic, it may have been a coalition of disparate parties, but it was nonetheless a state-level experiment of negotiating with the fact of one-party domi-

In a dominant party system, the Opposition has no way of facing the dominant party except through a coalition. The MVA represented such an alliance. After the failure of the RJD-JD(U) alliance in Bihar, the MVA kindled hope in non-BJP circles that the BJP can be kept out of power through such an alliance. Like Bihar, in Maharashtra too, one partner in the non-BJP alliance was an erstwhile partner of the BJP. In Bihar, the ex-partner of the BJP went back to the BJP. In Maharashtra, though the Sena leadership continues to be opposed to the BJP, a majority of Sena MLAs demanded alliance with the BJP instead of the two Congress parties. It was argued that the core platform of the Shiv Sena being Hindutva, it's ideologically consistent and necessary that Sena allies with the BIP. It is another matter that this argument came from the Shiv Sena rebels 30 months too

the recent developments Maharashtra witnessed a conflict between an argument about common ideology and shared existential challenges thrown up by one-party dominance. The resignation of Uddhav Thackeray has signaled a setback to the politics of forming a non-BJP coalition. The MVA did not have any concrete policy direction to distinguish itself from the BIP, nor the cohesion necessary to take on the dominant party. But it represented the possibility of taking on the BJP on the simple plank of anti-BJP ism. The fall of the MVA government has put the brakes

on future such attempts at the all-India level. The second point that Maharashtra's de-



velopments have highlighted pertains to the plight of state parties. With a vast majority of his MLAs deserting him, Uddhav Thackeray now finds himself isolated. He will be facing the toughest test of his party's revival. This has thrown the state's bipolar and four-cornered party system into disarray. At this moment, the future of the Shiv Sena seems quite uncertain, but this is not merely about the Shiv Sena.

In the last eight years, the BJP has been facing opposition of two kinds. One is from the Congress and the other is from state parties. While the former has been contained by the BJP, more or less, opposition from state parties has proved more formidable. From the JMM to Trinamool Congress, state parties have stood their ground against the BJP. But the split in the Shiv Sena suggests that despite the electoral resilience of state parties, their prospects are not very bright. For the BJP to expand and consolidate its dominance, it is necessary that state parties are diminished. In the context of that necessity, the fall of the Shiv Sena marks a tendency that may benefit the BJP.

In the BJP's scheme of things, state parties were central in the 1990s as potential alliance partners and today they are central as targets to be demolished, or weakened. Splits and defections ensure that state parties will become weak and will either be forced to become secondary partners of the BIP or lose their relevance as major players in state politics. With two groups now claiming both the title of the party and the space that the Shiv Sena acquired over decades, Maharashtra will witness a tough battle between the two sections. This would probably mean that the primacy that the Shiv Sena enjoyed will be lost. The plight of the Shiv Sena today is thus a warning signal to other state parties.

After the current shock, it will take a long time for the Shiv Sena to revive itself. In all probability, it will not be able to play a significant role in the politics of the state for some time to come. Its marginalisation will, in a sense, rep-

resent the plight of many other state parties. The Janata Dal(S) in Karnataka is a case in point. If state parties lose their space, a major hurdle in the BJP's path will be removed.

The third factor emerging from the current political complications in Maharashtra but having relevance beyond the state is the justification given by the rebel MLAs. The narrative woven around the rebellion was that the Shiv Sena was nurtured by the late Sena chief Balasaheb Thackeray as a party revolving around Hindutva. Therefore, alliance with the BJP is the only natural path in order to preserve Hindutva. This claim has been smoothly borrowed from the BJP. The BJP's criticism that the Sena has given up Hindutva has always rattled the Shiv Sena and forced its leadership to assert its Hindutva credentials. From the Ayodhya issue to the controversy over Savarkar, the Shiv Sena was trapped by the BJP for being less vocal. In order to regain its space, once the Shiv Sena is out of power, it will be tempted to play the Hindutva card in order to corner the BJP.

Thus, while it may still be opposed to the BJP – because the humiliation hurled at the Shiv Sena leadership by the BJP will ensure that the two parties will be at odds — its rhetoric will in the long run help the BIP to further popularise Hindutva in Maharashtra. The political terrain will be occupied chiefly by the ideology of Hindutva, So, besides controlling a large state, the BJP may have gained ideologically from the Sena's crisis in Maharashtra.

It is not merely one more state that has gone to the BJP; that in itself is a valuable prize. The fall of the MVA government has broader implications beyond Maharashtra. It has discredited efforts of Opposition unity, underscored the crisis of the state parties and, above all, signalled the expansion of the BJP's ideological claims.

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# Nurturing services

Subjecting people to lengthy power cuts — often unscheduled — in such unforgiving weather is indeed inhuman. But, unfortunately, there is little the government can do at this point, especially in the midst of a grave fuel shortage,

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

to rectify the outcome of years of mismanagement.

Like manufacturing, services sector must be given incentives to reach \$5-trillion target for economy



Maneck Davar

INDIA'S ASPIRATION to become a \$5-trillion economy is predicated on the growth of its international trade to \$2 trillion by 2030, equally contributed to by merchandise and services. This translates into a three-fold growth or almost 20 per cent CAGR over this period. The commerce ministry also expects services exports to overtake merchandise and manufacturing, or at least be on par. This is in the realm of the possible only if services are viewed from the same prism as manufacturing in terms of fiscal encouragement and incentives.

While around 50 per cent and more of services exports are contributed by IT-ITES, which continues to innovate its offerings and grow, the rest is the input from management, legal, accounting, logistics, travel and tourism, education, healthcare, etc. Services sectors beyond IT require careful nurturing, especially capex-intensive sectors like hospitality, healthcare and education.

Even though it comprises over 50 per cent of the GDP, dwarfing both agriculture and manufacturing, the services sector does not receive the recognition - and more importantly, the encouragement in the form of incentives — it deserves. One of the reasons for this is the perception at one level of the sector as comprising only IT, and the IT sector has flourished because of minimum government intervention. Ergo, the sector as a whole does not require any hand holding. This is a fallacious perspective.

Take exports. The year 2021-22 was an astounding success in this endeavour with the government proudly claiming that manufacturing and merchandise exports had crossed the \$400 billion rubicon, an extremely creditable performance considering the ravages of Covid-19. What was a footnote, however, was that services exports had exceeded \$254 billion, an increase of over 20 per cent year-on-year, even though contribution from three sectors - education, healthcare and especially travel and tourism — was overall reduced by over \$20 billion because of travel restrictions during the pandemic.

As then chairman, Service Export Promotion Council (SEPC), I had predicted after the first quarter in 2021 that services exports would surpass \$250 billion, hoping that tourism would revive by the third quarter. But consecutive waves of Covid erased that possibility. In spite of this, to achieve this milestone of over \$250 billion is a credit to all those who have harnessed our undoubted intellectual capital in services.

Further, consider that merchandise and manufacturing exports are \$200 billionnegative in that we imported \$600 billion versus our exports of over \$400 billion. Services exports, by contrast, were over \$100 billion-positive, underlining the importance of ensuring that the growth trajectory in services exports is maintained. This year, the deficit in merchandise exports-imports is

widening with the impact of rising crude Yet, there is a huge imbalance in the in-

centives offered. During the reign of MEIS (Merchandise Exports Incentive Scheme), merchandise exporters benefited to the extent of over Rs 40,000 crore in 2018-19, whereas under the corresponding SEIS (Services Exports Incentive Scheme) exporters could avail of only a tenth of that amount. Even though SEIS is committed under the Foreign Trade Policy, it was only through intense advocacy that a sum of Rs 2,000 crore was finally earmarked for services exports for 2019-20, largely on compassionate grounds as sectors like travel and tourism had suffered immensely due to Covid restrictions. These incentives cannot be viewed as charitable handouts — they serve to make businesses internationally competitive as well as recognise contributions made by service providers. These incentives are clearly temporary impetus providers and there must be a slew of economic measures with both long-term effects and benefits for services.

To quadruple services exports over the next 7-8 years is surely a herculean task and certainly not achievable unless there is a strategic road map with the right sort of government intervention. The burden cannot be only on the IT sector, which at present contributes around 55 per cent of total services exports. Clearly, other sectors will have to bring exponential growth

Consider international tourism. We attract 10 million visitors every year. This is underwhelming considering the diversity we offer. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has exhorted the diaspora to prevail upon at least five of their acquaintances to visit India. The goal should be to triple arrivals. For that, we need to embark on a crash programme to enhance infrastructure. While the government can work on physical connectivity through public-private partnerships by building more airports and highways, it will require individual entrepreneurship to increase the hospitality quotient by adding more hotel rooms. The government provides attractive incentives, including direct taxation for green field projects in the manufacturing sector. The same blueprint must be initiated for the services sectors, especially in the building of hotels, hospitals and universities, with an emphasis on those that attract forex.

Policymakers have incentivised manufacturing by introducing the Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme with a welllaid-out process that ensures capex investment, resulting in increased productivity and avenues for employment. A similar scheme for services can be introduced with substantial scope for capex in areas like hospitality, education and health care.

In these adverse times, if economic momentum has to be sustained and every initiative and effort has to be made to yield the desired result, then the perception of services, especially their exports, must radically transform. This is also to ensure that as a major economy, India's reliance should be on multiple horses in the race - manufacturing and services.

> The writer is former chairman, Services Exports Promotion Council

# Statements of the mighty

G7 meet has conveyed intent on pressing issues. Now governments must deliver

From the JMM to Trinamool

Congress, state parties have

stood their ground against

the BJP. But the split in the

Shiv Sena suggests that

resilience of state parties,

their prospects are not very

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Shiv Sena marks a tendency

that may benefit the BJP.

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ALTHOUGH THEY were ensconced for two days (June 26-27) at the picturesque Schloss Elmau set in the Bavarian Alps in Germany, the leaders of the seven rich nations (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, the US) and the European Union had very little time to relax. They had assembled to reflect on pressing global challenges and craft common positions that guide their governments and important multilateral institutions. The G7 invited "guests", top leaders from five countries – Argentina, India, Indonesia, Senegal, and South Africa — in a studied nod to the global south. Its adversaries and competitors -Russia and China — were not present

What has the G7 achieved over a long series of deliberations that have taken place this year since Germany took over the presidency for 2022? Quite a lot, according to its 28-page, 12,000-word communiqué. The G7 has issued four other statements as well - on democracy (together with the guest countries), Ukraine, global food security, and the creation of a climate club. Taken together, this summit outcome looks weighty, even impressive. But what do the statements of the mighty amount to? How will it affect, if at all, the lives of ordinary citizens around the world?

The shadow of the war in Ukraine was visible at the summit. Perhaps to expose the powerlessness of the powerful nations, as the summit opened, Russia chose to launch missile attacks on Ukraine's capital Kyiv. The G7 leaders responded with strong words, reiterating their condemnation of Russia's aggression. "We will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes," they asserted, backing their words with concrete action, pledging 28 billion euros in budget aid, in addition to 2.6 billion euros in humanitarian aid. They also committed to supporting post-war reconstruction through an international con-

The dignitaries pledged to continue the imposition of severe and enduring sanctions on Russia to help end the war and work towards "unprecedented coordination" amongst themselves. As to the West's assistance of weapons to Ukraine, they chose to let the latest position be presented at the NATO summit that followed immediately after in

Anti-Russian formulations were expected, but it was the extensive reference to China that drew attention. A total of six paragraphs were devoted to presenting the G7's demands on Beijing. First, the need for peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits was emphasised, as also a peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues. Then, China was reminded of the UN Charter on peaceful settlement of disputes and "to abstain from threat, coercion, intimidation measures or use of force." G7 called on China to "fully comply" with the 2016 arbitral award concerning the South China Sea, which Beijing had rejected completely. Another interesting

demand on China is "to press Russia" to comply with the order of the International Court of Iustice, adhere to the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, and stop its military aggression. Hong Kong and the human rights situation in Tibet and Xiniiang figured in this section. Yet, recognising the G7's imperative to cooperate with the largest economies of the world and because of the possibility of a summit between the presidents of the US and China, it conceded that "it is necessary to cooperate with China on shared global challenges." Of course, Beijing has its own demands. The G7 projected internal coherence, a development the Chinese could not be happy about.

The world's challenges relating to climate, energy, environment, health, and food security consumed much of the leaders' time. They committed to taking immediate action to secure energy supplies and reduce price increases, such as capping the price of Russia's energy supplies, and banning Russian gold imports — even though Europeans face serious energy-related difficulties. In line with their earlier positions, the G7 supported the goals of the climate club, which include accelerating the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and ambitious action to align with 1.5 degree Celsius pathways.

The announcement of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) drew considerable attention, even as critics recall how the Build Back Better World (B3W) call, given by the US at the 2021 G7 summit, has produced little result. The goal now is to rustle up \$600 billion in the next five years through public and private resources of the G7 countries, narrow the global investment gap in infrastructure and compete with China's Belt and Road Initiative, especially in the cordon from West Africa to the Indo-Pacific via South Asia. Finally, there was a clear indication that following the successful model of cooperation with South Africa, the G7 plans to build new Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETP) with several other countries like Indonesia, India, Senegal, and

India's presence at the G7 was proactive. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with passion at the two plenary sessions, one on climate, energy, and health, and the other on food security and gender equality. Energy access should not be the privilege of the rich as everyone has the same rights on energy, he said. As Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra observed, "India has an important role to play in finding solutions to the challenges of

The leaders have done their bit for the present. It is now for the G7 governments to deliver, to be taken seriously.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### FRINGE ELEMENTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The executioner's strategy' (IE, June 30). The Udaipur killing has rung paranoia and phobia in the minds of the non-Muslims about Islam, raising tensions and communal hatred across the region. However, Prophet Mohammad himself dealt with his critics with utmost poise and tolerance. The revered Qur'an enjoins (in Ch 3, V 186) Muslims to answer the abuses hurled at even God with "patience" and not violence. Hence, we should not confuse the fringe with the mainstream Muslims who are living peacefully like everyone else. Also, it is a sine qua non to remain vigilant of the hypocrites at such dire times, who might be sporting an apparently Islamic name like the Udaipur killers, Mohammad Riyaz and Ghouse Mohammad but stand in absolute contravention of the peace that Islam, and every religion, preaches.

Vinay Saroha, New Delhi

#### President for all

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A President for New India' (IE, June 30). The office of our President is an indispensable part of our Parliament which not only frames the laws but keeps control over their enforcement. It should not, therefore, be linked to "hopes of the marginalised" alone, and certainly not be regarded as an honour towards the recognition of virtues of a particular individual. The President is a constitutional functionary distanced from social affiliations or party politics. It is interesting how people have praised BIP. whose Brahmanical structure continues to victimise generation after gen-

Dev Athawale, Amravati

THIS REFERS TO the article 'A President for new India' (IE, June 30). The article has eloquently narrated how RSS-BJP has been successful in its strategy under PM Narendra Modi, to expand its social base among Dalits, Adivasis and OBCs. Since it paid electoral dividends, the party must have seen potential political benefits from Adivasi voters by nominating Droupadi Murmu as the NDA's presidential candidate. But this move will hardly change the structural and institutional discrimination against them. Despite Ram Nath Kovind being a Dalit President, for instance, or for that matter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailing from the OBC category, these appointments have not brought any substantive transformation among Dalits

and OBCs in India. LR Murmu, New Delhi

#### CONDEMN HATE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In cold blood' (IE, June 30). Many instances of growing communal violence are being witnessed. No religion ever portrays or supports communal violence. Hate mongering, blasphemy, mob lynching, etc., will only destroy the democratic fabric of India which stands for maintaining its diversity and promoting fraternity. These kinds of violence should be castigated at all costs.

S Haritha Rao, Wanaparthy

**PRAYAGRAJ PROTESTS** 

# Demolition undertaken after receiving complaints from locals, UP tells HC

LUCKNOW, JUNE 30

THE UTTAR Pradesh government, in its reply to a petition filed by the family of activist Javed Mohammad against the demolition of their house in Prayagraj, has told the Allahabad High Court that the action was taken after it received complaints from the residents of the area regarding "illegal construction" and its "misuse". In its affidavit submitted to

the High Court on Thursday, the UP government also said the building -39C/2A/1 in Kareli area of Prayagraj — "was occupied by one Mr Javed Mohammad which is apparent from the nameplate... installed on the boundary wall of the building on which 'Javed M' was written, and above the bound-

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In its petition, the family said the house was demolished by the Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) "without following due process". It said Praveen Fatima, the wife of Javed Mohammad, is the owner of the house and that the land on which it is built was gifted to her by her father. "The electricity bill, house tax and water tax is deposited on behalf of Parveen Fatima... Javed Mohammad is the husband of her but he has no property right over the house," the petitioner says.

Javed Mohammad, who is accused of being a key conspirator behind the June 10 violence in Prayagraj as part of a protest against remarks by a former BJP spokesperson against the Prophet, is currently in judicial custody. On June 12, the Prayagraj

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had demolished Javed's house, a day after serving a notice to him asking him to vacate the property by next morning to go ahead with demolition proceedings.

The Uttar Pradesh government had filed a similar affidavit in the SC while it heard a petition filed by Muslim outfit Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind. Two complaints were attached with the reply affidavit in the High Court by the same people - one dated May 4, 2022, and one May 19, 2022.

The state government in both its affidavits — in the High Court and Supreme Court -- has said that the proceedings were done after complaints were received from local residents — Sarfaraz, Md Azam and Noor Alam. While the complaints submitted along with the reply in the Supreme Court were in English, the ones submitted in the High Court were in Hindi.

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attached with the affidavit.

"The notice was attempted to be served in person at the premises...butthey(the family)refused to accept it," it said, adding the notice was then pasted on the wall of the building as per the rules.

The government further stated that another complaint was received on May 19, 2022, from the locals stating that despite the earlier complaint, no action was taken.

Javed's lawyer KK Roy, who sought a day's time from the court to file a counter to the government's reply, said that the government did not answer to the High Court's order that after a demolition order is passed, a time of 30 days must be given to the affected party to appeal against it.

The court has fixed July 7 as the date for the next hearing.

## In 2nd commercial success, ISRO sends 3 foreign satellites into orbit

**ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE INDIAN Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday successfully launched three

Singapore satellites through its commercial arm, the New Space India Ltd, the second such launch after February's by space agency. Along with the commercial

satellites, officials said, the current mission also has six in-orbit experiments mounted on the rocket's fourth stage.

This is the second time that the space agency has utilised the stage for in-orbit experiments, the first being in 2019 when a student organisation, SpaceKidz India, put its KalamSat on the PS-4 stage of the rocket.

A week ago, Isro, through NSIL, launched the 4,180-kg GSAT-24 satellite aboard a vehicle from commercial launcher Ariane Space. The satellite will provide pan-India coverage for DTH services and has been leased out to Tata Play.



EO satellite along with two other satellites launched. PTI

"Congratulations to NSIL for accomplishing yet another maior mission in this month. June itself... I wish all the very best to NSIL for major missions to take up in the coming days using PSLV and PSLV is waiting for that to happen," Isro chairman S Somanath said after the mission.

The PSLV-C53, the country's

alone configuration, where no strap-on motors are used other than the four main engine stages. The rocket's main payload was a 365-kg Singaporean DS-EO, an electro-optic earth observation satellite capable of providing

workhorse rocket, took off from

Sriharikota at 6pm on Thursday.

Around 18 minutes later, the three satellites were injected into

their precise orbits, with the

launch vehicle flying in the core-

full colour images for land classification and in disaster relief. The second, the 155-kg NeuSAR was a small commercial satellite capable of providing images during the day or at night

under all weather conditions. The third satellite was Nanyang Technical University's 2.8-kg Scoob-1, the first in the student satellite series for handson training for the university's satellite research centre. In addition to the international payloads, the rocket also carried six experiments in its fourth stage, including two from Indian start-

ups Digantara and Dhruva space.

# **MONEY LAUNDERING CASE**

made by the residents of Kareli

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Authority, Prayagraj in respect of

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struction and encroachment. A

complaint dated 4.05.2022 was

made by the residents of the area

in which it was stated that the

construction was done without

a sanction map from the

Development Authority, and the

premises was being used by the

'Welfare Party of India' in contra-

vention of land-use norms," read

the affidavit by the government.

that PDA issued a show-cause no-

tice under Section 27 (1) of Uttar

Pradesh Urban Planning and

Development Act 1973 on May

10, 2022, granting a personal

hearing to show cause in relation

to the "unauthorised construc-

tion" on May 24 at 11 am.

The affidavit further stated

### Court nod sought to declare Devas head fugitive offender

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, JUNE 30

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has sought permission from a special court in Bengaluru to declare the US-based founder and CEO of Devas Multimedia Private Limited, a now-liquidated start-up, a fugitive economic offender.

The ED move against

Ramachandran Viswanathan came ahead of a trial in a money laundering case being pursued by the central agency over the failed 2005 satellite between Devas Multimedia and ISRO's commercial arm, Antrix Corp.

The ED can confiscate a fugitive offender's properties, both in India and abroad, as proceeds of an economic crime.

move to Viswanathan declared a fugitive comes as the special court has yet to take up the ED's application, which it filed earlier this month, to have him declared an economic offender.

The ED in April split the charge sheet, filed against Viswanathan and nine others saying the Devas CEO was not responding to court summons.

In March, the special court rejected the ED's plea for a

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proclamation order against Viswanathan, which would have compelled him to appear in court for trial in the money laundering case.

The charge sheet in the money laundering case was filed in 2018. The ED has alleged Devas Multimedia transferred 85 per cent of Rs 579 crore foreign funding it received through the 2005 Devas-Antrix deal to the US under various claims.

Devas and its investors, including German telecom major Deutsche Telekom, are involved in a protracted legal battle across the world since 2011, when the Indian government decided to annul the Devas-Antrix deal.

#### **ELGAAR PARISHAD** SC sets July 11 for Varavara Rao petition seeking medical bail

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE SUPREME Court will hear on July 11 a plea by writer and Elgar Parishad case accused P Varavara Rao against the Bombay High Court's dismissal of his prayer for permanent medical bail and permission to shift to Hyderabad in Telangana.

Senior Advocate Anand Grover told a vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala that Rao is 83 years old and suffering from various comorbidities. He urged that the plea be listed soon upon reopening of the court, which is on summer recess now. Following this, the bench listed it for July 11.

Rao said in his plea that had already spent over two years in jail as an undertrial and was granted bail by the High Court on medical grounds in February 2021 which was then extended from time to time. He added that "any further incarceration would ring the death knell for him as advancing age and deteriorating

health are a fatal combination." The High Court had on April 13 rejected Rao's plea but gave him three more months to return to Taloja prison so that he can undergo surgery for cataract.

Citing high expenses, Rao had also sought permission to stay in Hyderabad instead of Mumbai while on bail, but this was also rejected. The HC said it found substance in some of the claims by Rao's counsel on lack of medical facilities in the Taloja prison and passed certain directions. It also directed the Special NIA court to expedite the same and hold it on a day-to-day basis.

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#### **Uttarakhand:** Five held in gangrape of minor, mother

**EXPRESS NEWS** SERVICE DEHRADUN, JUNE 30

POLICE IN Uttarakhand

Thursday said they had arrested five suspects in the sexual assault and gangrape of a five-year-old girl and her mother in Haridwar district. Four of the accused are

esidents of UP and one is from Uttarakhand, officers said. According to officers, the girl and her mother were first sexually assaulted on Friday by Haridwar resident Mahak Singh, who offered them a lift on his motorbike, and were again gangraped.

Around an hour later, a few local residents found the two and alerted the police, who got them to a hospital. Based on a complaint by

the girl's mother, police registered an FIR under IPC and relevant sections of the POCSO Act. "The car was registered in the name of Muzaffarnagar resident Rajeev. We soon recovered the car and arrested Rajeev, along with Subodh who was also in the car. Based on their statement we later arrested Saharanpur residents Sonu Tejiyan, 32, and Jagdish, 34, on Thursday," police added.

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#### **EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY**

# What unchanged small savings rates mean for banks, savers



George Mathew & SANDEEP SINGH

THE GOVERNMENT'S move to keep interest rates on small savings instruments unchanged comes as a setback for small investors. At a time inflation is ruling over 7% and bond yields have risen over 7.4%, not only will the decision result in negative real rate of return - after adjusting for inflation — for savers and pensioners, but the status quo is also likely to prompt banks to go slow in hiking deposit rates.

#### Are the rates attractive?

Considering that retail inflation hit 7.97% in April and 7.04% in May, the existing rates on small savings schemes might have disappointed savers even though these are higher hike in deposit rates. Had the government

than banks' fixed deposit rates. The RBI expects retail inflation to be above the upper tolerance level of 6% until the end of the year.

As per Thursday's decision, schemes like Public Provident Fund (PPF) and the National Savings Certificate (NSC) will continue to carry an annual interest rate of 7.1% and 6.8%, respectively, in the first quarter of the next fiscal. The one-year term deposit scheme will continue to earn 5.5% interest in the second quarter. Term deposits of one to five years will fetch a rate in the range of 5.5-6.7%, to be paid quarterly, while five-year recurring deposits will earn a higher interest of 5.8%.

Barring PPF and Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, all other small saving instruments are currently fetching negative real returns amid high inflation. What's more, as the RBI is expected to jack up the main policy rate – repo rate – further to bring down inflation, savers will have expected more returns from small savings schemes and bank deposits.

What does it mean for banks and savers?

Banks are now unlikely to go for a major

hiked small savings rates, they would have been forced to go for a steeper hike in deposit rates to prevent money flow from banks to small savings schemes.

Further, when stock markets boomed in 2021 after the crash of March-April 2020, investors pumped a record amount of money into stocks and mutual funds. Now with markets showing huge volatility in the wake of rising rates and foreign portfolio outflows, savers are looking at bank deposits and small savings. Much will now depend on the quantum of the rate hike that the RBI will announce in the coming months.

#### What have been the recent trends in interest rates?

Small savings rates are linked to yields on benchmark government bonds, but despite  $the \, upward \, movement \, in \, G\text{-Sec}(government \,$ securities) yields, the government has not increased interest rates. As of Thursday, the 10year benchmark bond yield has risen to 7.45%, up 140 basis points in the last one year. The RBI

has also raised the reporate by 90 basis points

to 4.90% during the April-June quarter. The in-

terest rates on small savings were slashed by 40-110 basis points for the first quarter of 2021-22 but the decision was later rolled back, with the Finance Minister saying the "orders issued by oversight shall be withdrawn".

#### What has been the impact of negative returns?

While inflation is now over 7%, the oneyear bank fixed deposit rate is now 5.3% (SBI). It means depositors are losing money after adjusting for inflation. There aren't many options for savers and depositors. Markets are risky and volatile. They can't play around with retirement money. On top of this, the country lacks a proper social security system, although government and semi-government employees get pension after retirement. Technically, negative real rates discourage savings and boost consumption. This, in turn, may fuel more inflation and lead to even more negative real rates. Keeping interest rates too low for too long can have negative consequences.

How have banks responded?

After the RBI hiked the reporate since May,

banks have started raising deposit rates. Earlier this month, SBI raised rates by 15 to 20 basis points on some retail domestic term deposits below Rs 2 crore. The rates for senior citizens are higher by 50 basis points for these tenures. Other banks have also increased rates. The hike in bank deposit rate will also depend on the credit demand, which has now started showing signs of growth.

The banking system has been sustaining a liquidity surplus since June 2019 on account of build-up deposits due to higher growth in bank deposits versus the credit disbursement, except for the last couple of fortnights. It is, however, important to note that if small savings rate are not raised, banks would not be forced to raise rates, unless they need to mobilise funds for credit demand. Had the government raised small savings rates, banks would have been forced to raise fixed deposit rates.

#### What can investors do?

**EXPLAINED ENVIRONMENT** 

Why the single-use plastic ban

The ban on single-use plastic items comes into effect from today. How do these items contribute to

environmental pollution, what health hazards do they pose, and what are the alternatives to such plastic?

While one can strategise to invest in a good debt product yielding better returns, experts say equities are the best option for

beating inflation and generating positive real rate of return.

While small saving instruments are offering lower rates than 10-year G-Sec yields, trading at around 7.4%, financial advisors say individuals in the highest tax bracket can go for high-rated debt papers and invest in debt mutual funds that are also more tax-efficient. "Debt investors can instead go for target maturity funds that invest in GSec/PSU bonds and state securities. If investors invest for five years they can get post-tax return of around 6.5%. Even for a three-year period, investors will be able to get 5.5% post tax," said Surya Bhatia,

founder, AM Unicorn Professional. Vishal Dhawan, founder and CEO Plan Ahead Wealth Advisors said that while individuals in the highest tax bracket can go for target maturity funds for safety of capital, "ideally investors should go for short maturity products so that on maturity they can reinvest at a higher rate as the interest rates are on an upward trajectory. However, for protection against inflation, one should look at equities despite the discomfort as only equities can provide protection against inflation".

#### — THIS WORD MEANS ——

#### **POEM**

Launched by ISRO, a module that uses the rocket's final stage as a platform for experiments while in orbit

**SAURABHKAPOOR** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

BESIDES PLACING three Singaporean satellites in precise orbit, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday

also achieved the feat of successfully launching the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module

#### What is POEM?

POEM is a platform that will help perform inorbit experiments using the final, and otherwise discarded, stage of ISRO's workhorse rocket, PSLV. The PSLV is a four-stage rocket where the first three spent stages fall back into the ocean, and the final stage(PS4)—after launching the satellite into orbit – ends up as space junk.

However, in the PSLV-C53 mission, the spent final stage will be utilised as a "stabilized platform" to perform experiments. "It is the first time that the PS4 stage would orbit the earth as a stabilised platform," ISRO said in a statement prior to the launch.

After the primary mission, the fourth stage will "write some poems in orbit", ISRO Chairman S Somanath said in a postlaunch address from Mission Control. POEM is carrying six

payloads, including two from Indian space start-ups Digantara and Dhruva Space.

How will POEM be kept stable in orbit?

#### According to ISRO, POEM has a dedicated

Navigation Guidance and Control (NGC) sys-

the orientation of any aerospace vehicle within permitted limits. The NGC will stabilise the platform with specified accuracy.

Li-Ion battery. It will navigate using "four sun sensors, a magnetometer, gyros & NavIC". "It carries dedicated control thrusters us-

### Has ISRO repurposed

ISRO first demonstrated the capability of using PS4 as an orbital platform in 2019 with the PSLV-C44 mission that injected Microsat-R and Kalamsat-V2 satellites into their designated orbits. The fourth stage in that mission was kept alive as an orbital platform for space-based experiments.

In a statement after the PSLV-C44 launch, ISRO had said: "Subsequently, the fourth stage (PS4) of the vehicle was moved to a higher circular orbit of 453 km after two restarts of the stage, to establish an orbital platform for carrying

Kalamsat-V2, a student payload, first to use PS4 as an orbital platform, was taken to its designated orbit about 1 hour and 40

minutes after lift-off.'

While in that mission, the fourth stage upgrade of the fourth stage of the PSLV rocket



from Sriharikota on Thursday. 'POEM' will utilise its fourth stage. PTI

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tem for attitude stabilisation, or controlling

POEM will derive its power from solar panels mounted around the PS4 tank, and a

ing Helium gas storage. It

is enabled with a telecommand feature," ISRO said.

#### and used PS4 rocket junk earlier?

experiments.

had Li-Ion batteries, solar panels are an addition this time. The latest repurposing and involves stabilisation of the orbital platform.



FROM FRIDAY, the ban on single-use plastic items announced by the Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change comes into effect. Single-use plastic is a source of pollution and poses various health hazards.

#### What are the items being banned?

Single-use plastics, known as throwaway plastics, are manufactured to be used only once before being discarded or recycled. For everyday use, the ban applies to: plastic sticks used in earbuds; cigarette packs; plastic flags; candy and ice creams wraps; polystyrene (thermocol) used in decoration; balloons, plastic glasses, cups, plates, cutlery and trays; packaging or wrapping films around invitation cards; sweet boxes; plastic or polyvinyl chloride banners less than 100 microns; and plastic stirrers.

#### Why is the ban being enforced?

Combating pollution caused by single-use plastics has become a significant environmental concern for all nations. The detrimental effects of littered single-use plastic products on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, particularly on the marine environment, are acknowledged globally. Ingestion of single-use plastic can damage the reproductive organs, lungs, and the neurological system. An estimated 150 million tonnes of plastic garbage are actually floating in our waters, harming species and altering the marine ecosystem. Therefore, by prohibiting these plastic items, the government can reduce plastic waste production.

#### How does single-use plastic enter the body and cause these health hazards?

It is challenging to recycle single-use plastic; hence, it has spread in the earth's ecosystem and affected the human food chain. Exposure to microplastics impacts the human food chain and may damage human health in various ways. We consume, inhale, and ingest microplastics daily. Once inside the body, these tiny plastic particles may harm organs and be linked to significant health issues, including



such contaminated microplastics could add to

the associated disease burden and sometimes

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may even cause death. Scientists have connected exposure to relatively low amounts of bisphenol A (BPA) [a chemical used in plastics] to various health issues, including cancer, decreased immunological function, early onset of puberty, obesity, diabetes and hyperactivity. Regular incineration of medical waste containing PVC and phthalates [a chemical added to plastics] raises public health issues due to the release of dioxins and mercury. Long-term exposure

can lead to cancer, congenital impairments. hormonal abnormalities, decreased sperm counts, infertility, and immune damage.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), microplastic particles bigger than 150 micrometres are unlikely to be absorbed by the human body, and absorp-

to 5 years, a Rs 1 lakh fine, or both. tion of smaller particles is anticipated to be restricted. However, the absorption and distribution of microscopic plastic particles in the nano size range may be more significant, despite the exceedingly little evidence available. Therefore, it is emphasised that additional re-

search is necessary to establish a more precise

**ENFORCEMENT:** Directions have been

issued to pollution control authorities

Violation can attract imprisonment up

to modify/revoke permission to

industries engaged in such items.

estimate of exposure to microplastics and their possible health effects on humans. These include the development of standard methods for measuring microplastic particles in water, more research on the origins and occurrence of microplastics in fresh water, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of various treatment processes.

#### How will the ban help the environment and public health?

It is estimated that almost 15 per cent of our plastic is burnt. The burning of plastics emits hazardous chemicals such as dioxins, furans, mer-

cury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) into the atmosphere, endangering the health of humans, animals and even plants. We are irresponsibly destroying the envi-

ronment for profits. Burning plastic contributes significantly to air pollution and even residents close to and employees of dumpsites are at a greater risk of respiratory ailments and cancer. It makes no sense to produce items such as plastic whose value is assessed in minutes and endures eternally without depreciating.

#### What are the alternatives to such plastics?

The ban on single-use plastic will harbour innovation, specifically for plant-based rapid biodegradable products. Similarly, bio-based plastics or bioplastics are becoming increasingly prevalent. Bioplastics are manufactured in whole or in part from biological resources.

We can use bamboo, paper, or metal straws to replace plastic straws. Further, we can promote edible straws such as pasta straws or rice straws. We can:

■Encourage reusable water bottles and tap water to replace bottled water.

■Promote bamboo or another reusable and edible cutlery.

■Replace plastic shopping bags with reusable cloth bags.

■Attach balloons with strings/holders. ■Promote a smoking ban. Until then, cigarette buds should have biodegradable ciga-

■Natural fibres can be used for sponges d dish rags with scrubbers.

rettes and filters.

■Replace plastic cotton buds with bamboo or paper cotton buds that are disposable or go for reusable cotton buds.

■Use washable cloth diapers, diapers without plastic and biodegradable wet wipes.

#### From the perspective of a public health expert, how important is this step?

Indians must feel proud of this initiative and contribute the most. Despite being an emerging economy, India is playing a leadership role in demonstrating to the rest of the world how to protect the environment and promote sustainability. India will now be a leader in outlawing single-use plastic products. We must analyse data of other countries for successful implementation of the ban. We must develop ways to make the transition smooth and economical. This will generate enormous benefits for people, preventing the exorbitant expenses on the downstream effects of pollution. Moreover, action will drive breakthroughs that will support the global economy of the future. Remember that plastic is not the issue. It depends on how we use it. Therefore, we must be considerably more conscientious in our use of plastic materials to improve the earth's sustainability and our health.

Dr Khaiwal spoke to Parul

# The alleged bribery case involving Biocon and India's drugs regulator

#### **DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE CBI last week caught Joint Drugs Controller (JDC) at the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) Dr S Eswara Reddy while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 4 lakh from a representative of a Delhi-based company. The CBI claimed the representative was paying the bribe to get some files related to Bengaluru-based Biocon Biologics Ltd cleared by the drugs regulatory body. The agency also arrested LPraveen Kumar, the associate vice-president of Biocon Biologics.

Biocon, the company promoted by Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, has denied the allegations.

#### CBI's allegations

The CBI has alleged that it received infor-

mation that Dinesh Dua, director of Delhibased Synergy Network India Pvt Ltd, was negotiating bribes to waive the phase 3 trials for Biocon's insulin aspart injection among other files, and was to visit Reddy's residence in Chanakyapuri in New Delhi on June 20 to deliver part of the negotiated bribe of Rs 9 lakh.

The CBI laid a trap and arrested both men while they were exchanging Rs 4 lakh, it has claimed. Investigators subsequently arrested three others — Praveen Kumar from Bengaluru, Guljit Sethi aka Guljit Chaudhary, director of Bioinnovat Research Services Private Limited, Delhi, and CDSCO Assistant Drugs Inspector Animesh Kumar.

According to the CBI FIR, three files of Biocon were pending with Reddy for clearance. Bioinnovate used to handle the regulatory affairs of Biocon along with several pharmaceutical companies, and frequently paid bribes for clearances, it has alleged. Bioinnovate had business relations with

Synergy, and Dua had been asked by Sethi to allegedly bribe Reddy to waive phase 3 trials of Biocon's insulin aspart injection.

#### Reddy's alleged role

According to the CBI, Reddy had attended the SEC meeting on May 18, and had supported the waiver of phase 3 clinical trials for Biocon's insulin aspart injection.

The agency has alleged that Reddy manipulated the minutes of the meeting of the SEC held on May 18, changing the word "Data" to "Protocol" in the recommendations, "thereby causing substantial wrongful gain to M/s Biocon Biologics Limited".

Reddy. Animesh Kumar and other unknown

officials of CDSCO to include the third file of

Biocon for the SEC meeting on June 15. It has alleged that Animesh Kumar processed and put up the file for including Biocon's application in the June 6 SEC meeting, for which Sethi paid him Rs 30,000 as illegal gratification.

According to the CBI, Dua met Reddy at the CDSCO office on June 15 in connection with the approval of the third file during the SEC meeting scheduled on the same day. Reddy allegedly assured Dua of a favourable decision in the SEC meeting.

#### Praveen's alleged role

The CBI has alleged it was on Praveen Kumar's directions that the entire bribery operation was carried out. It has claimed that on June 15, Kumar informed Sethi that the file of The CBI has claimed Sethi colluded with Biocon had been approved in the meeting.

The CBI alleged that during his meeting with Dua at the CDSCO office that day, Reddy

provided his new residential address in Chanakyapuri, and asked him to meet there.

"Information also revealed that Shri L Praveen Kumar... has agreed to pay a total of Rs 9,00,000/- bribe amount as a motive/reward to Dr S Eswara Reddy...to favourably process the files of the company, Ms. Guliit Sethi directed Dinesh Dua to deliver the part of the agreed bribe amount on behalf of the company to Dr S Eswara Reddy at his residence," the CBI FIR says.

#### Biocon's reaction

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

New Delhi

A similar statement was issued by the spokesperson of Biocon Biologics who added that the company was cooperating with the investigation agency.

#### Status of the case

Despite being a 'trap' case in which a senior official of the government has been caught accepting a bribe red-handed, the courts have not granted CBI custody of the accused beyond one day. In fact, the lower court refused to give custody of L Praveen Kumar to CBI even for one day after he was brought to Delhi on a transit remand from Bengaluru. All the accused are in judicial custody currently.

The CBI has now approached the Delhi High Court to seek custody of the accused. The court has issued notices to all concerned. and will hear the matter next month.

# THE WORLD



#### FIRST BLACK WOMAN US SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

#### KETANJI JACKSON SWORN IN TO SERVE SC

Ketanji Brown Jackson took the judicial oath just after noon on Thursday, becoming the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. She will replace Justice Stephen Breyer, 83, who is stepping down with the conclusion of the court's current term.

# WORLD



China's President Xi Jinping

#### **HONG KONG** Hong Kong has risen from the ashes, says Xi

Hong Kong: Hong Kong has overcome its challenges and "risen from the ashes", China's President Xi Jinping said on Thursday, as he arrived in the former British colony to celebrate 25 years since its return to Chinese rule. Xi will swear in the global financial hub's new leader, John Lee, on Friday during his first visit to the city since 2017. "Hong Kong has withstood severe tests again and again, overcoming challenges one by one," Xi said during a brief speech. "After the wind and rain, Hong Kong has risen from the ashes." Some analysts see Xi's visit as a victory tour after Beijing tightened its control of Hong Kong with a sweeping national secu-**REUTERS** 

#### Iran-US nuclear talks end without making progress

Dubai: Indirect negotiations between Iran and the US over Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers ended on Wednesday in Qatar after failing to make significant progress amid a growing crisis over the Islamic Republic's atomic programme, diplomats said. And with Iran and the US blaming each other for the talks' failure, it remains unclear when there will be another round of talks. AP

#### Meghan bullying claims: Review to stay private London: Buckingham

Palace has investigated how staff handled allegations of bullying made against Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex — but the findings will remain private. Palace officialssaid the details of the independent review were not being released to protect the confidentiality of those who took part. AP

#### **GERMANY**

#### Changing gender can soon be easier

Berlin: Germany will cut the red tape required for changing a person's name and gender under a plan presented by the government on Thursday that seeks to abolish 1980 law regulating the process. Transgender, intersex and non-binary individuals will in future be able to change their details with a visit to their local civil registry office, as per a paper setting out the planned legislation. REUTERS

#### **Amazon restricts** LGBTQ products

AMAZON MOVED to restrict items and search results related to LGBTQ people and issues on its website in UAE on Monday after receiving pressure from the government there, according to company documents viewed by NYT. The Emirati government gave Amazon until Friday to comply under threat of penalties, the documents show. It was not clear what those penalties would be. NYT

#### WILL FACE HIGHER GAS PRICES FOR TO DEFEAT RUSSIA: BIDEN

# NATO leaders voice concern about threat as Russia, China slam alliance

Beijing hits out, accuses NATO of 'maliciously attacking' China Russia forces abandon

**AGENCIES** 

MADRID, JUNE 30

AN UNSTABLE world could get even more dangerous if NATO does not remain strong and united, the head of the alliance said Thursday at the end of a summit where Western leaders labeled Russia "a direct threat" to the security of their nations.

The leaders cast their sights around the world —- drawing a rebuke after accusing China of posing "serious challenges" to global stability. "We live in a more dangerous world and we live in a more unpredictable world, and we live in a world where we have a hot war going on in Europe," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said.

President Vladimir Putin warned he would respond in kind if Sweden

**MZULQERNAIN** 

LAHORE, JUNE 30

SAJID MAJEED Mir, one of the

most wanted terrorists and the

main handler of the 2008

Mumbai attacks who was once

declared dead by Pakistan, will

be interrogated by authorities for

his role in the deadly carnage, an

banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)

terrorist group, was jailed for

over 15 years in a terror-financ-

ing case by an Anti-Terrorism

Court (ATC) in Lahore earlier this

month as part of Pakistan's bid to

exit from the grey list of the FATF.

gate Mir in Gujranwala jail for his

alleged role in the Mumbai Attack

case," a senior FIA officer associ-

ated with the probe of the 26/11

"A Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) team will interro-

Mir, 43, a member of the

official said on Thursday.

Pak to quiz Sajid Mir

attacks, says official

for his role in Mumbai

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (left) with Joe Biden in Madrid. AP

or Finland agreed to host NATO troops and military infrastructure. He said Russia would have to "create same threats for territory from which threats against us are created."

The US and other Western nations also are seeking to counterbalance the growing influence of China and Russia in the developing world. Stoltenberg said "Moscow and Beijing are using economic leverage, coercion and hybrid approaches to advance their interests in the region.'

The Beijing government called the alliance a "Cold War remnant" and accused it of "maliciously attacking and smearing" China by including it on NATO's list of global challenges.

The NATO leaders agreed at the Madrid summit to dramatically scale up military force along the alliance's eastern flank, where countries from Romania to the Baltic states worry about Russia's future plans.

US President Joe Biden announced a hefty boost in America's military presence in Europe. He said at the close of the NATO summit that Americans should be prepared to pay higher gasoline prices for "as long as it takes, so Russia cannot in fact defeat Ukraine and move beyond Ukraine.'

# Snake Island in Ukraine

Kyiv: Russian forces abandoned the strategic Black Sea outpost of Snake Island on Thursday, in a major victory for Ukraine that could loosen the grip of Russia's blockade on Ukrainian ports. Russia's defence ministry said it had decided to withdraw from the outcrop as a "gesture of goodwill" to show Moscow was not obstructing UN efforts to open a humanitarian corridor allowing grains to be shipped from Ukraine.

Ukraine said it had driven the Russian forces out after a massive artillery and assault overnight, "KABOOM! tweeted Andriy Yermak, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff. "No Russian troops on the Snake Island anymore. Our Armed Forces did a great job."

Ukraine's southern military command posted an image on Facebook of what appeared to be the island, seen from the air, with at least five huge columns of black smoke rising above it from what it described as an assault by missiles and artillery. "The enemy hurriedly evacuated the remains of the garrison with two speed boats and probably left the island. Snake island is consumed by fire, explosions are bursting.' Oleg Zhdanov, a Kyiv-based analyst, said. <

TO AFFECT BIDEN'S PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE

## **US SC limits federal** power to restrict carbon emissions

**REUTERS** 

WASHINGTON, JUNE 30

THE US Supreme Court on Thursday imposed limits on the federal government's authority to issue sweeping regulations to reduce carbon emissions from power plants in a ruling that will undermine President Joe Biden's plans to tackle climate change and could constrain various agencies on other issues.

The court's 6-3 ruling restricted the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from existing coal- and gas-fired power plants under the landmark Clean Air Act anti-pollution law. Biden's administration is working on new regulations. The court's six conservatives were in majority in the decision authored by Chief Justice John Roberts.

The EPA and White House said that administration lawyers are analysing the decision and seeking ways to address emissions under existing laws. "President Biden will not relent in using the authorities that he has under law to IT'S ONE in a series of setbacks for Biden, who came

tools

Biden left

with few

into office with the most ambitious climate agenda of any President, pledging to the rest of the world that the U would cut that pollution in half by the end of the decade. Some experts say that after the SC's decision in the case, West Virginia v. EPA., it will soon be mathematically impossible to meet that goal.

tackle the climate change crisis,' a White House spokesperson said.

The ruling is likely to have implications beyond the EPA as it raises new legal questions about any big decisions made by federal agencies. Conservative legal activists have advocated to reduce agency power in what has been dubbed a "war on the administrative state.'

### Biden backs filibuster change for abortion rights

**REUTERS & AP** MADRID, JUNE 30

PRESIDENT JOE Biden on Thursday threw his support behind calls for the US Senate to push aside the legislative filibuster to protect abortion rights, as pressure built on his administration following the Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v. Wade.

Biden said at a news conference on the sidelines of a NATO conference in Madrid that "we have to" pass laws making abortion a right in all 50 US states.

"If the filibuster gets in the way, it's like voting rights, it should ... require an exception to the filibuster for this action," said Biden, a Democrat.

There is no immediate evidence Democrats have gathered enough votes in Congress to suspend the filibuster, making Biden's statement more of a symbolic gesture than a policy plan. White House officials did not offer any more details on what the

Kentucky temporarily blocked that state's near-total ban on abortions Thursday, clearing the way for the procedure to resume there, while a judge in Florida said he would block a 15-week abortion ban from taking effect in that state. In Florida, Judge John C. Cooper said he would temporarily block a 15-week abortion ban

# President's strategy would be. Meanwhile, a judge in

from taking effect.

#### FIFTH ELECTION IN FOUR YEARS

# Israel heads to Nov 1 election around world, with Lapid as caretaker PM

Sajid Mir is on the FBI's list

of most-wanted terrorists

case, told PTI. He is imprisoned in

the Central Jail Gujranwala, some

80 km from Lahore. Mir has been

convicted in a separate terror fi-

nancing case that has nothing to

do with the Mumbai attack case.

rected the attackers from Lahore

during the siege in Mumbai, will

also be guizzed for his links with

Iamaat-ud-Dawa (IuD) chief

Hafiz Saeed and LeT operation

commander Zakiur Rehman

Lakhvi and financing the attack,"

the official said.

"Mir, who allegedly had di-

**JAMES MACKENZIE** JERUSALEM. JUNE 30

ISRAELI LAWMAKERS voted on Thursday to dissolve Parliament following the collapse of Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's ruling coalition, opening the way for a November 1 election that will be Israel's fifth in less than four years.

Bennett will stand down at midnight to be replaced by his coalition partner, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, who will lead the government during what is expected to be a bitter election battle with opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Bennett, a former army commando and tech millionaire, will not run in the election. In a statement late on Wednesday, he said his government had left a "thriving, strong and secure country' and had shown that parties from different ends of the political



Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid at the end of a session at the plenum at the Knesset on Thursday. Reuters

Netanyahu, ousted just over a year ago by Bennett's unlikely coalition of parties from both the right and left as well as from Israel's Arab minority, has vowed a return to power at the head of

spectrum could work together.

"They promised change, they

the right-wing Likud party.

spoke of healing, they carried out an experiment - and the experiment failed," he told parliament ahead of the vote. "That's what happens when you take a fakeright along with a radical left, and mix it up with the Muslim Brotherhood and (Arab-led party) Joint List." REUTERS

### Covid cases up Amid crisis, Lanka's 22nd warns WHO

MARCOS TAKES HELM IN PHILIPPINES

Ferdinand Marcos Jr (right), the namesake son of an ousted dictator, praised his father's

Thursday. The new president, who was accompanied by his wife Maria Louise (left) and son

legacy and glossed over its violent past as he was sworn in as Philippine President on

Sandro, called for unity, saying 'we will go farther together than against each other. AP

Geneva: The number of new coronavirus cases rose by 18% in the last week, with more than 4.1 million cases reported globally, according to the World Health Organization.

The UN health agency said in its latest weekly report on the pandemic that the worldwide number of deaths remained relatively similar to the week before. at about 8,500. Covid-related deaths increased in three regions: the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the Americas.

The biggest weekly rise in new Covid cases was seen in the Middle East, where they increased by 47%, according to the report released late Wednesday. Infections rose by about 32% in Europe and Southeast Asia, and by about 14% in the Americas. WHO said. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said cases were on the rise in 110 countries, mostly driven by the omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5.

# Amendment Bill to trim President's power gazetted

PTI&REUTERS COLOMBO, JUNE 30

THE PRELIMINARY draft for the

22nd Amendment to Sri Lanka's Constitution aimed to empower Parliament over the executive president has been published in a gazette notification Sri Lanka's Cabinet on Monday

approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms, to publish the bill in the Government Gazette.

The bill was published in a gazette notification issued by the minister on June 29 and now it will be presented to Parliament for approval, the Colombo Page reported. The new legislation sets out a broad definition of the issues to be considered and met in the appointment of the President. the powers of the Prime Minister and the nature of the post, the new commissions and how the Cabinet will be collectively accountable. The amendment will be called 22nd as another draft 21st Amendment has already been gazetted.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund reported constructive talks with Sri Lankan authorities on Thursday, raising hopes it could soon grant preliminary approval for a credit facility to alleviate a crisis in which the country is struggling to pay for imports.

"The discussions will continue virtually with a view to reaching a staff-level agreement on the EFF arrangement in the near term. IMF said, referring to the credit arrangement, called an extended fund facility. A staff-level agreement must precede final approval by the IMF's executive board, but so too must cooperation from Sri Lanka's creditors, which is not expected to come quickly.

#### Girls' education discussed at Taliban's first national meet

**REUTERS** KABUL, JUNE 30

AT LEAST one participant at a gathering organised by the Taliban of 3,000 male religious and ethnic leaders from across Afghanistan called on Thursday for high schools for girls to reopen. It was the first such gathering to take place since the Islamist group took over the country in August.

The Taliban in March backtracked on their announcement that high schools would open for girls, saying they would remain closed until a plan was drawn up in accordance with Islamic law.

They will learn and will be a good guide for their children in society," said Sayed Nassrullah Waizi, from central Bamiyan province. It was not clear how much support this sentiment would receive or how a decision on the issue might be reached.

#### DIVAS HOSTED DEBAUCHED SALONS ON THEM, AND NOBEL LAUREATE WROTE NOVEL ON ONE

# Egypt destroys Nile houseboats, washing away a living lore

VIVIAN YEE & NADA **RASHWAN** CAIRO, JUNE 30

ROWING UP to cheerful turquoise houseboat on the Nile, a fisherman saluted the white-haired

woman swaying on its deck. "How are you holding up?" he called to the woman, Ekhlas Helmy, 88, as his wife dragged back the oars. "May God bring down the bully!"

This week may be their last sharing that particular stretch of the Nile, a narrow tract in central Cairo that, since the 1800s, has been lined with wooden houseboats — homes that double as

living lore. This month, the government suddenly ordered Helmy's houseboat and 31 others demolished, saying they were unsafe and unlicensed.

More than half of the 32 structures, connected to mainland Cairo by lush riverbank gardens, have already been destroved or towed away for scrap. with at least 14 of them disappearing Tuesday alone. The rest, including Helmy's, are slated to go by early July.

nants of a glittering, fast-disappearing history. Divas hosted debauched salons on them. Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz wrote a novel on one, and famous films

With them will fade the rem-



This month, the government suddenly ordered houseboats on the Nile in Cairo, like Ekhlas Helmy's (centre) demolished. NYT

were set on others. On the riverbank, life was peaceful, airy and private - nothing like the dusty, frensied metropolis whose

imagination the floating homes had captured for so long. "I was born on a houseboat,

and I can never be away from the

Nile," said Helmy, her toenails as bright as her turquoise houseboat, which she and her husband built about 20 years ago. "I'd die if I had to live in a real apartment," she said. "How could you imprison me between four walls?"

Although the government has offered little information about its plans for the riverbank, residents say authorities have increasingly pushed in recent years to replace residential boats with floating cafes and restaurants. That is in line with government plans to modernize — and monetize — much of Cairo by handing it over to private developers or the military, bulldozing several historic neighborhoods to build new high-rises, roads and bridges. But even in a country where

the heavy hand of the state often comes down on ordinary citizens without warning, the houseboats have disappeared with disquieting speed.

A letter sent to residents last year indicated that the government would issue new licences only to commercial boats. Still, prior experience made residents hopeful for a reprieve.

Now officials are using the lack of licences to try to justify the demolitions, even though, residents say, they refused to renew those licenses. "They are just sitting there without any safety system," Ayman Anwar, head of the

New Delhi

Central Administration for Nile Protection, said in a television phone-in Monday, warning that the boats could sink, hit something and kill residents. "They do not have licenses from a single government authority."

"It's kind of been brewing, but I never thought it would actually, actually happen," said Ahdaf Soueif, a novelist from a prominent family of Egyptian intellectuals and dissidents who last week received a demand for nearly \$50,000 in back licensing fees along with the demolition order. "I mean, things have been run one way for 40 years," she said, "and now they're turning around and saying this is illegal."



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#### TAXATION WATCH -TDS ON PERKS FROM TODAY

### Capital assets given as benefits under Section 194R scope

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

PURSUANT TO the Budget announcement, the new income tax provision for TDS on benefits or perquisites, in cash or kind, will be effective July 1. The new Section 194R requires deduction of tax at source at 10 per cent, by any person, providing any benefit or perquisite, exceeding Rs 20,000 in a year to a resident, arising from the business or profession of such resident.

In a recent set of guidelines on this issue, the Income Tax Department, said the payer/deductor need not check the taxability of the sum in the hands of the recipient and the nature of assets given as benefit or perquisite is not relevant. Even capital assets given as benefit or perquisite are covered within the scope of Section 194R.

This tax provision is likely to affect professionals such as doctors, social media influencers, but experts say the rules won't change for salaried employees. "It's applicable only for those doing business and profession, not individuals or salaried employees. Salaried employees are already covered under Section 192 of Income-tax Act, no change in rules for them," said Neeraj Agarwala, partner, Nangia Andersen India.

Section 194R will apply to sellers giving incentives, other than discount or rebate, which are in cash or kind e.g., car, TV, computers, gold coin, mobile phone, free ticket, medicine samples to medical practitioners, sponsored trip. The provision brought in the

FY23 Budget will apply to benefits both in cash or kind.

Agarwala said, "Now the applicability has been extended to include both cash and kind. Benefits were taxed earlier but it was difficult to track/monitor. Now it'll become easier for the tax department to monitor with he TDS levy.'

The tax department has clarified that in case of doctors receiving free samples of medicines while employed in a hospital, Section 194R would apply on distribution of free samples to the hospital. The hospital as an employer may treat such samples as taxable perquisite for employees and deduct tax under Section 192. In such cases, the threshold of Rs 20,000 has to be seen with respect to the hospital.

For doctors working as consultants with a hospital and receiving free samples, TDS would apply to hospitals first which in turn would require to deduct tax under Section 194R with regard to consultant doctors. To remove this difficulty, as an alternative, the original benefit or perquisite provider may directly deduct tax under Section 194R with regard to the consultant doctor as a recipient, Section 194R shall not apply if the benefit or perquisite is provided to a government entity, like government hospital, not carrying business or profession.

A breather has been given on sales discount, cash discount and rebates allowed to customers by excluding them from Section 194R as their inclusion would put the seller into difficulties

#### **ECONOMY REMAINS ON RECOVERY PATH: FINANCIAL STABILITY REPORT**

# RBI: Bank NPA ratio at 6-year low, but fintechs expose system to new risks

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JUNE 30

THE ASSET quality of the banking system has improved with gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio declining from 7.4 per cent in March 2021 to a sixyear low of 5.9 per cent in March 2022, the RBI said on Thursday.

Net non-performing assets (NNPA) ratio also fell by 70 bps during 2021-22 and stood at 1.7 per cent at the year-end, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Financial Stability Report (FSR) said. "Banks have reduced GNPA ratio through recoveries, writeoffs and reduction in slippages."

Under the assumption of no further regulatory reliefs as well as without taking the potential impact of stressed asset purchases by the National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) into account stress tests

**Buffer to** withstand shocks

> ACCORDING TO the RBI's report, banks as well as non-banking financial institutions have sufficient capital buffers to withstand shocks, and support from it during Covid helped banks arrest their GNPA ratio.

indicate that GNPA ratio of all banks may improve from 5.9 per cent in March 2022 to 5.3 per cent by March 2023 under the baseline scenario driven by higher expected bank credit growth and declining trend in the stock of GNPAs, among other factors, the FSR said.

"If the macroeconomic envi-

#### Das: Cryptos a 'clear danger'

Mumbai: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday called cryptocurrencies a "clear danger" and said anything that derives value based on make-believe, without any underlying, is just "speculation under a sophisticated name". The RBI's digital currency is likely to be unveiled in coming months. ENS

ronment worsens to a medium or severe stress scenario, the GNPA ratio may rise to 6.2 per cent and 8.3 per cent, respectively," the report added.

The provisioning coverage ratio (PCR) improved to 70.9 per cent in March 2022 from 67.6 per cent a year ago. The slippage ratio, measuring new accretions to

vances at the beginning of the period, declined across bank groups during FY22. Write-off ratio fell for the second year running to 20.0 per cent in 2021-22.

However, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, "Like most other emerging market economies (EMEs) and even some advanced economies (AEs), the Indian economy is facing significant spillovers from the evolving global conditions." "The innate strength and re-

silience of our macro fundamentals is catalysing a steady recovery. The financial system is well-capitalised and returning to profitability. The corporate sector is deleveraged with stronger bottom lines," he said in the report. The external sector is wellbuffered to withstand the ongoing terms of trade shocks and portfolio outflows, he added.

Notwithstanding the chal-

Indian economy remains on the path of recovery, though inflationary pressures, external spillovers and geopolitical risks warrant careful handling and close monitoring, the RBI said.

Cautioning about the finan-

cial technology (fintech) industry, the FSR said the advent of fintechs has exposed the banking system to new risks which extend beyond prudential issues and often intersect with other public policy objectives relating to safeguarding of data privacy, cyber security, consumer protection, competition and compliance with AML (anti-money laundering) policies. It also said BigTechs (big technology firms) can scale up rapidly and pose risk to financial stability, which can arise from increased disintermediation of incumbent institu-Full report on

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at 12.3% of FY23 target at May-end Core sector expands 18.1%

Fiscal deficit

New Delhi: The Centre's fiscal deficit as of May-end stood at 12.3 per cent of the annual budget target for FY23 mainly due to higher expenditure, as per official data released Thursday.

The fiscal deficit was at 8.2 per cent of the Budget Estimate (BE) of 2021-22 during the corresponding period. In actual terms, the deficit was at Rs 2,03,921 crore at the end of May, as per data released by the Controller General of Accounts. Fiscal deficit is the difference between total expenditure and revenue of the government.

The growth of eight core infrastructure sectors expanded by 18.1 per cent in May against 16.4 per cent in the year-ago period, as per official data. Cumulatively, in April-May, the output of these eight sectors declined to 13.6 per cent, against 36.3 per cent in April-May FY22. ENS, WITH PTI

#### Govt's total liabilities up 3.7% to ₹133.22L cr in March qtr

The government's total liabilities rose 3.74% to ₹133.22 lakh crore in the March quarter from ₹128.41 lakh crore in the preceding quarter, as per government data



₹1,33,22,727 crore: Total liabilities, including liabilities under the 'Public Account' of the government, in absolute terms at the end of March 31, 2022 – rising from ₹1,28,41,996 crore as of December 31, 2021

yield on primary issuances of dated securities in Q4FY22, from 6.33% in preceding quarter 17.56 years: Weighted average

6.66%: Weighted average

years in Q3FY22 11.71 years: Weighted average maturity of outstanding stock of dated securities at the end of fourth quarter last fiscal

Ease of doing business ranking:

maturity of issuances of dated

securities in Q4, against 16.88

Source: Finance Ministry/PTI

### The rates have not been

Amid rising G-Sec yields, economists were expecting a hike of 5.8 per cent. The interest rates

No change in small savings rates

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE CENTRE said Thursday it has decided to keep interest rates on small savings instruments unchanged for the July-September quarter, according to a Finance Ministry notification. This is despite economists expecting a hike in these rates given the sharp rise in government security (G-Sec) vields over the last three months.

The interest rates on small saving schemes are reset every quarter but have not been revised since the first quarter of 2020-21.

This means the interest rates on PPF and NSC — the two most popular schemes – will continue at 7.1 per cent and 6.8 per cent, respectively. The one-year term derevised since O1FY21

posit scheme will continue to earn an interest rate of 5.5 per cent in the first quarter of the next fiscal, while the girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana will earn 7.6 per cent. The interest rate on the five-

year senior citizens' savings scheme, which is paid quarterly. will be retained at 7.4 per cent. The interest rate on savings deposits will continue to be 4 per cent per annum. Term deposits of one to five years will fetch an interest rate in the range of 5.5-6.7 per cent, to be paid quarterly, while the interest rate on five-year recurring de-

posits will earn a higher interest

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were revised for the first quarter of 2021-22, being reduced sharply by 40-110 basis points, but the decision was later rolled back, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman saying the "orders issued by oversight shall be withdrawn". The reduction of interest rates and the subsequent rollback happened in the run-up to the West Bengal Assembly elections.

"The interest rates on small savings schemes have been left unchanged for Q2 FY2023 (July-September), contrary to our expectations that they would be hiked given the sharp increases seen in the G-Sec yields of various maturities, to which such rates are linked," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist, Icra. Full report on

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### Rules on 1% tax deducted at source for

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry has notified the rules governing the 1 per cent tax deducted at source (TDS) for virtual digital assets (VDAs) as it becomes effective Friday, along with the forms to be submitted by the entities deducting the tax on cryptocurrency transactions.

Additionally, in separate notifications on Thursday, the ministry said that the definition of VDAs shall include non-fungible token (NFT) but not include NFT whose transfer results in transfer of ownership of underlying tangible asset, and the transfer of ownership of such an asset is legally enforceable. It also notified that gift cards, reward points, loyalty cards, subscription to websites or platforms, etc without direct monetary consideration will be excluded from definition of VDAs. ENS

BRIEFLY -

Parekh, homes

Mumbai: HDFC chairman

Deepak Parekh, at HDFC's

AGM, said demand for

housing is unlikely to be

impacted by interest rate

increases in the financial system. "In fact, current in-

terest rates on home loans

are still below pre-pan-

demic levels. Further, a

home loan is for a long tenor and during this pe-

riod there are bound to be

both, upward and down-

ward interest rate cycles."

During peak Covid, the RBI

reduced the repo rate by

115 bps, besides other liq-

uidity measures to support

the economy, he said. **ENS** 

HSBC India biz

New Delhi: HSBC Holdings

PLC may relaunch India priv-

ate banking business within

a year, its India CEO Hitendra

Dave said. **REUTERS** 

### Maruti's New Brezza

Maruti Suzuki India MD-CEO Hisashi Takeuchi (left) and senior executive director—marketing & sales, Shashank Srivastava at the launch of the new Brezza, in Gurgaon. PTI

■The manual trims of the new Brezza are priced from ₹7.99 lakh to ₹12.46 lakh

RIL to launch

Pret a Manger

A Pret a Manger store in

Mumbai: Reliance Brands Ltd

(RBL), an arm of Reliance Retail

Ventures of the Reliance Industr-

ies (RIL) group, has announced a

strategic partnership with UK's

fresh food and organic coffee

chain. Pret a Manger, to launch

franchise partnership, RBL will

open the food chain across the

country starting with major

cities and travel hubs. ENS

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food chain

with UK's

■ The automatic variants are tagged between ₹10.96 lakh and ₹13.96 lakh

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

THE SHARE of women deposi-

tors in incremental bank de-

posits during FY22 increased to

35 per cent from 15 per cent in

FY21, a whopping rise of 20 per-

centage points, a research report

by State Bank of India (SBI) said.

share of women depositors in

FY22 over FY20 (as FY21 was an

exceptional year) in incremental

bank deposits, the share in-

creased by 6 percentage points,"

it said. The analysis based on

population-group wise indicates

that rural areas are the major

source of incremental women

women depositors in incremen-

tal rural deposits has increased

from 37 per cent in FY20 to 66

semi-urban ones. Interestingly,

with some of the states making

it mandatory that transfer of

monetary resources can only be

given to a women depositor, it is

per cent in FY22.

According to SBI, the share of

"Rural areas are followed by

depositors, the report added.

"Even if we consider the

MUMBAI, JUNE 30

Gujarat and Telangana are among the seven states categorised as Top Achievers in the ranking of states and Union Territories based on the implementation of the business reform action plan 2020, according to a report released by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on

Thursday. Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab and Tamil Nadu are the other states on the list of Top Achievers. Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been categorised as Achievers in the ranking.

The broader aim of the exercise is to boost investor confidence, foster a business-friendly

Women's share in incremental

bank deposits rises to 35%: SBI

A woman registering for a

bank account. As per SBI,

rural areas are a major

source of incremental

women depositors. File

ther said.

likely that the share of women

depositors will continue to stay

buoyant in bank deposits," it fur-

of PMJDY, the financialisaton of

women is gaining traction. Both

women depositors and women

borrowers have increased in the

country as a lot of policies and

missions based on lifecycle ap-

proach for women have been

implemented by the govern-

ment in the last 8 years," it said.

It is interesting to know that

"Since 2014, with the advent

REPORT RELEASED BY **FINANCE MINISTER** 

Seven states among top achievers

Andhra Pradesh. Gujarat, Telangana, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab and Tamil Nadu are categorised as Top Achievers in the ranking of states and Union Territories based on the implementation of the business reform action plan 2020

climate and augment the ease of doing business across the country by introducing an element of

all government-sponsored sche-

mes. The share of women stands

at 81 per cent in Stand-Up India,

71 per cent in MUDRA loans, 37

per cent in PMSBY and 27 per

cent in PMJJBY, the report said.

on the basis of bank-group wise

figures, it is clear that the

Regional Rural Banks are the ma-

jor contributors in increased

women depositors share. Even if

we compare the FY22 data of

RRBs over FY20, the share in-

creased by substantial 60 per-

centage points," it said.

"If we further dissect the data

system of assessing states based on their performance in the implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP). The Aspires category includes Assam Kerala and Goa.

Other states in this section are Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal. In the category of Emerging Business Ecosystems, there are 11 states and UTs, including Delhi, Puducherry and Tripura. Andaman and Nicobar, Bihar,

Chandigarh, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Jammu Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Tripura are the other states and UTs in this section. **PTI** 

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www.eproment.com. Demand draft (towards EOI) document fee) for an amount of INR 5,000 drawn in favor of Secretary UIT Bikaner shall be furnished with EOI in separate cover. Last date for online submission of Biodata/Company Profile, Document for DESIGN, BUILT FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF Commer complex with parking at BIKANER ON is 23.06.2022 Hard copy should reach at the address ntioned below on or before 22.07.2022 upto TIME 11:00 AM hrs by RPAD/Speed Post only To, Secretary Urban Improvement Trust Bikaner.

UBN No. ITB2223WSOB00081 vad/C/4217/2022-23

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**Last Date of Tender** 

Submission

12/07/2022

Cost (Rs.in Lacs)

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AURANGABAD **Executive Engineer (Building Section)** 

Municipal Corporation Aurangabad,

Fax. No. 0240-2331213

Executive Engineer (Building) E-Tender Call AMC (For Help): Cell No. 9764999592

Rs. 84,18,628/-)

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> **Executive Engineer** (Building Section)

Tel.No. 0240-2333536-40

Head Office: Town Hall pin 431001 Outward No.: AMC/DyEng/Building/94/2022 Date: 17.06.2022

Renovation of meeting hall and officers cabin at Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Aurangbabad (Furniture/Interior and electrical works) (Amount put to Tende

Work Name

Municipal Corporation Aurangabad

#### Kotak Mahindra Trustee Co, **Kotak AMC MD** among 7 fined

lator Sebi on Thursday slapped penalties totalling Rs 1.6 crore on seven entities, including Kotak Mahindra Trustee Company and Managing Director of Kotak AMC Nilesh Shah, for flouting rules pertaining to mutual funds while investing in Essel Group Others penalised by Sebi are

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Kotak AMC's fund managers -Lakshmi Iyer, Deepak Agarwal, Abhishek Bisen — Compliance Officer Jolly Bhatt and Gaurang Shah, who was one of the members of the investment committee that approved the investment decisions related to certain Fixed Maturity Plan (FMP) schemes, as per the order.

They have been directed to pay the penalties within 45 days. The case pertains to six FMP

schemes that matured in April and May 2019, which held investments in debt securities issued by Edisons Utility Works Pvt Ltd and Konti Infrapower & Multiventures Pvt Ltd, belonging to the Essel Group. PTI

ing of women accounts seems to be focus on opening accounts for all the members of SHGs (as against those of President and Secretary earlier), the state-run bank said. For example, at State Bank of

One of the possible reasons

for enhanced traction in open-

India, use of in-house developed app like DISA to open more accounts of sponsored RRBs is benefitting scores of women in particular, it added. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

that I, Mr. Sunny Malik, S/o Sh. SK Malik, R/o 17/109, Ground Floor, Virkram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar IV, New DelhI, am the absolute owner of the Entire 1 st Floor, with proportionate rights in Freehold Built Up property No. 4-50. Dayanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar IV, New DelhI, and that the (1) Original Lease Deed in favour of Mr. Mohinder Singh Bhalla, (2) Original Substitution Letter in favour of Mr. Kinshna Bhalla, Mrs. Madhu, Mrs. Mamta, Mr. Jasbir Singh Bhalla & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla, (3) Original Relinquishment Deed by Mrs. Kinshna Bhalla, Mrs. Madhu, Mrs. Martia, Mr. Jasbir Singh Bhalla & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla, (4) Original Conveyance Deed in favour of Mr. Jasbir Singh Bhalla & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla, AND (5) Original Sale Deed by Mr. Asibir Singh Bhalla & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla, AND (5) Original Sale Deed by Mr. Asibir Singh Bhalla & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla, AND (5) Original Sale Deed by Mr. Asibir Singh Bhalla & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla, Of the said property have been untraceable. That I have entered into an Agreement to Sell with Mr. Ashish Gupta & Mrs. Jyoti Shikha Gupta for Sale Gupta & Mrs. Jyoti Shikha Gupta for Sale Gupta & Mrs. Jyoti Shikha Gupta for Sale Gupta & Mrs. Aprish & Mrs. Aprish

pate Barik of India. II any person inhe said documents or has any Interesi whatsoever in the said property may submit their objections with supportive documents before Advocate Mr. Shalabh Gupta vide E-Mai adv.shalabh.gupta@gmail.com or view. 19-97/12/15434, with supporting documents within 15 days more the date of this sublication.

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Road,Village-Nilothi,Delhi-

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to Babli,for all purpose both

I,Nirasha,D/o-Rahtu Singh R/o-

Ladomazri, Shamli Hiranwara,

change my name from Nirasha

Uttar Pradesh-251305.have

to Nisha, for future purpose.

I,Naresh baisoya,S/o shiv lala

name to Naresh.

I,MALLIKA SALAJ

Purposes.

R/o-P-201 pillanji sarojani-nagar

Delhi -110023, Have changed my

SINHA,W/O.SALAJ SINHA,ADD-

FLAT.NO-L-101,PRATEEK WISTERIA, SECTOR-77,NOIDA

,GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR,U.P-

201301, changed my name to

MALLIKA SINHA. For all, future

I,Kuldip Singh Rai,S/o-Teja Singh

Rai,R/o-H-3/12, Second

Floor, Malviya Nagar. Delhi.

have changed my name to

Kuldip Singh, for all purposes.

Llandeesh Tada(No 3204470P)

Distt.-Nagaur, Rajasthan,

Maneesha wrongly-Written

I,Gopal Sharma S/o,Shri Shiv

Ram R/o-H.No.J-28/15, Gali-

No.4, Indra-Marg, Chhajjupura

Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have

name Jyeshthaa to Jayantika

I,GAGAN DEEP,W/o AJAY

Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-

to GAGANDEEP KAUR.

Gagan Mehta, R/o RZE-

156E,Gali.No-9,Near

purposes

purposes.

12. NOIDA.Gautam Budh

changed my-minor daughter's

SINGH,R/o-H.No.-C-376, Sector-

201301, have changed my name

I,Deepshikha Sabharwal,W/o

Gurdwara.Nihal-Vihar.Delhi-

Mehar Mehta, for all, future

I.Ritu Rani.W/o HARISH Umat

R/o-D-761 Gali No.13, Ashok

changed my name, from Ritu

I, Ved Prakash Sharma, S/o Ram

Avtar Sharma.R/o-H.No-A-611.

2ND-floor.Near-Gurudwara

Shastri Nagar, Bharat-Nagar,

North-West Delhi inform that

Ved Prakash Sharma, and Ved

Prakash same, and one Person

I, VIJAYA ASHOK GHARAGE W/o

Pradeep Tanaji Patil, R/o G-902,

Microtek Greenburg, Sector-86,

Gurgaon, Haryana-122004 have

RATTAN CHAND BABAL, R/O-77,

changed my name to VIJAYA

PRADEEP PATIL for all

I, UDESH SINGH BABAL, S/o

Ground Floor, Block-1, Eros

Garden Charmwood Village,

Surajkund Road, Surajkund,

Faridabad, Haryana-121009

Have Changed my name to

UDESH BABAL for all purposes.

I, Narender Singh S/o Sh Hemchander VPO Dulhera HR

(124507) presently serving in

HQ 146 INF BDE change my

Nagar Delhi-110093,have

Rani to Ritu Umat, for all

41, have changed my name to

records my.wife name

instead of correct-name

Manisha.Pls amended

accordingly.

Sharma.

R/o-Vill-Bajoli, Tehsil-Makrana,

inform that in my Army Service

Babli and Nirmala Devi are

same and one person only.

206A,Pole.No.28,Main

# Classifieds

#### **PERSONAL**

I.ANAS MARGHOOB.S/O MARGUB ALAM,R/O I-52B 3RD FLOOR ABUL FAZAL ENCLAVE, JAMIA NAGAR,OKHLA NEW-DELHI-110025,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANAS MARGUB.

0040620713-4

I Anshul Kumar Jain S/O, Suresh Chand Jain R/o 16/849, Gf-2 Anand Estate Joshi Road Karol Bagh New Delhi 110005 have changed my name to Anshul Jain for all purposes.

0040620675-1

I, Nafisha Begum W/O Raeesuddin Born On 15/08/1977.R/O H NO 272/A Gali No.3 Old Mustafabad Delhi-110094, Have Change My Husband Name In My Passport Rahisuddin To Raeesuddin Vide Affidevite Dated 03/06/2022 At 0050199681-1

l Ojasvi D/o Manoj Kumar Mittal and Shashi Mittal R/o of House No-18 Pocket-4 Sector -23 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Ojaswi Mittal. 0050199688-1

I,hitherto known as Sourabh S/o Shri Hansrai, residing at,3113/2281st-floor,Chander Nagar,Tri Nagar,Onkar Nagar.North-West-Delhi.Delhi-110035, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sourabh Prajapati.

0040620710-9

I.Veena, Been K W/o-Rajeshwer, R/o: Flat No-9.UGF.Block-B,Nanhey Park.Uttam Nagar.NewDelhi-59, Have Changed My Name to Beena for all Purposes. 0040620713-8

I.Usha Devi.W/o-Rajendra Kumar Karwa,R/o-C-14, 2nd floor, near Jain mandir new Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Usha Karwa. 0040620710-4

I,UMA SHARMA,W/O LATE RAHUL BHANOT RESIDENT HOUSE NO-442.SECTOR-14,SONIPAT,HARYANA,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO UMA BHANOT. 0040620716-3

I.Surinder Pal Gupta/Surender Pal Gupta/Surindar Pal/Surinder Pal Aggarwal, S/o-Shiv Ram, R/o-WZ-142C, Gali.No.45, Arya Samaj-Road, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed, my name to Surinder pal, for 0040620710-2 all'purposes.

I,Sukhdeep Singh S/o,Kuldeep Singh Saggu R/o Plot-No.A-50/5A, Mayapuri Industrial Area, Phase-I, N.Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Sukhdeep Singh Saggu.

0040620710-6

I.Srinivasmani.T. S/O Tamizhchelvan,R/O AIIMS hostel 8.Room no.11 AIIMS, New Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Srinivasmani (both are same person)permanently.

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I,Salma Hazarika W/o Yusuf Siraj Hazarika R/o SG-003 Amrapali Silicon City, Sector-76, Noida, G.B. Nagar have changed my name to Salma Mumtaz Tareen

0040620644-1

I.Satvender Sharma, S/o-Ram Gopal Sharma, R/o House. No-1963, Ground Floor, Sector-9, Faridabad, Haryana-121006, have changed my name Satendra Sharma, for all 0040620710-1

**I,Satwinder** Kaur,W/o Pankaj Rajpal,R/o 1651 Near-Hanuman Mandir Katra Meera Punjabi-Colony Shikohabad Firozabad.U.P.-205135.have been changed my name to Satwindar Kaur Rajpal.

0040620713-6

I,SUSHIL KUMAR,S/O GRINDAR PAL SHARMA,R/o FLAT.NO.904, TOWER.NO 24, PARAS TIERIA, SECTOR-137, NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P.201301, changed my

 $name\,to\,SUSHIL\,KUMAR$ SHARMA. 0040620719-2 I,SUSHIL KUMAR SHARMA,R/o

FLAT.NO 904,TOWER.NO.24,PARAS TIERIA, SECTOR.137 NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, U.P.201301, changed my minor son name YUVAAN KUMAR to YUVAAN SHARMA.

I,SOUMIL SALAJ SINHA S/O.SALAJ SINHA, ADD-

FLAT.NO-L-101. PRATEEK WISTERIA, SECTOR-77, NOIDA GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P-201301. Changed my name to SOUMIL SINHA.

0040620713-2 I,Queeta Mannava D/o Mannava

Chandra Shekhar Rao, R/o, G-022, DLF Capital-Greens, Shivaji-Marg, Moti-Nagar, N.Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Yamini Mannava.

I,Pardeep Kumar Malhotra S/o,Late Dharam Paul Malhotra

R/o-E-88A, Mansarover Garden, N.Delhi-110015, that Pardeep Malhotra and Pardeep Kumar Malhotra both are one and same-person. 0040620710-5

I, Harveer S/o Khajan Singh R/o Sunpura, Vedpura, Dadri, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P. declare that in my daughter school record her name wrongly mentioned-as Sagail instead of her correct name Khushi for all future purposes.

0070792702-1

Singh Ahluwalia R/o-617, Raja Niwas, St.-No-15, Adarsh Mohalla, Mauipur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Nisha Ahluwalia. 0070792699-1

Name Change Ranju Thakur spouse of No C-289466Y Rank NB Sub (Gnr) Sandeep Kumar residen VPO Narag, Tehsil achamad, Distt.- Sirmour (HP Pin-173024 have changed my late of birth from 15-03-1986 t 09-03-1987 vide affidavit no AZ854486 dated 12-05-2022

, Service No 15137438P Rank Hav (Gnr) Chander Kant unit of 60 Medium Regiment C/o 56 APO. Presently residing at /illage-Traysal, P.O.-Dawah ehsil-Kotli, Distt.-Mandi (H.P. ave changed my son nam rom Niteen Chauhan to Nitir hauhan vide affidavit no AZ854487 dated 12-05-2022 efore Notary Public Suratgarh.

I, Ranjana Panwar spouse of No JC-289466Y Rank NB Sub (Gnr Sandeep Kumar resident o VPO Narag, Tehsil- Pachamad Distt.-Sirmour (HP) Pin-173024 have changed my name fron Ranjana Panwar to Ranju hakur vide affidavit no AZ854485 dated 12-05-2022 efore Notary Public Suratgarh.

We Om Parkash Pahwa, Harish Pahwa, and Gulshan Pahwa Sons of late Mrs. Pushpa, and Mr.K.K Pahwa declare that form-D in respect of property-No.2108. Outram Lines.G.T.B Nagar, Delhi-9, has been lost and not traceable. If found contact-9818563563

**PUBLIC NOTICE** JOHN DE STATE NO. 567/5 (Saper L. idle) Khasra in partition into the ST15/18/2) situated in the area of VIST15/18/2) situated in the area of VIST15/18/2) situated in the area of VIST15/18/2) situated in the area of VIST15/18/2 into the area of VIST

name to Narender Singh Deswal for all purposes.

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0070792628-1 I, Baljeet Singh Dhillon S/o Abhay Singh R/o VPO Suthana, Tehsil-Bawal, District-Rewari, Haryana have changed my name as Baljeet Singh permanently

I, BALA DUTT, S/o MATHURA DUTT, R/O- Flat No-9, Ground Floor, Ankur Apartment-7 No I P Extension, Delhi-110092 Have Changed my name to BALA **DUTT PANDEY for all purposes** 

I, Ankush Vaid S/o Ashwani Kumar Vaid R/o H-4/1, Sector 11, Rohini, Delhi have changed my MINOR daughter name from Amaira To Amaira Vaid permanently 0040620646-2

KAUSHIK,R/o HOUSE.NO.73, HOSHIYARPUR, SECTOR 51, NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P. 201301, changed my name to AMIT KAUSHIK.

I. AMIT.S/O KANWAR PAL

0040620719-1

I Sunil Goyal S/o Late Sh. Nand Lal R/o A-33, 2nd Floor, Inderpuri, Delhi-110012 have  $changed\,the\,name\,of\,my\,minor$ daughter from Pratha alias Charvi Goyal to Charvi Goyal for all purposes. 0040620625-4

I Nilima Lakra D/O, Xavier Lakra R/o B-49, Phase-2, Ch. Amichand Colony, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-110047 have changed my name to Neelima Lakra for all purposes.

0040620677-1

I,IRAM W/O.JAVED KHAN ADD-7786,B/3,2ND FLOOR KATRA ATMA RAM BARA HINDU RAO, NORTH DELHI-110006.Changed my name toIRAM ASHRAF, for all, future

I Nisha Walia W/o Late Shakti

efore Notary Public Suratgarh.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

0040620628-1 I,BK Sinha,S/o Late DRRS Sinha R/o Flat No C-71, Plot No 6 DGS CGHS Sector-22, Dwarka New Delhi have lost my Property Doucments for abovesaid property-Share Certificate Membership No 630 Share No CD-2221 & Handing over taking over. Finder may please contact-9430901421.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Court Add.: 120 & 140, Gajanand

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE** ic at large is hereby informed the ts Sh. Uma Dutt Sati S/o Sh. Mi Sati, and Smt. Hemlata W/o Sh. Dolt Sail, Jobil and Pisable in 6 or 12-03/ n. 24.

No.34, Old Mangal Bazza rudin Park, Palan Monda, Palan Park, Palan Bazza rudin Park, Palan Data Sail Park, Palan Data Sail Park, Palan Data Sail Park, Palan Data Sail Park, Palan Bazza Rail Park, Palan Shweta Sail. Now my Clients have in retailoris, whatsoever with the above-sail their son Sh. Tarun Dutt Dati and his with Smr. Shweta Satil disowns/dokar from a their movable and immovable properties as their son Sh. Tarun Dutt Dati and his with my company their special disowns/dokar from a their movable and immovable properties as my clients are having apprehension of falsely se by the wife of Sh. Tarun Dutt Dati.

Sd/-HIMANSHU BHARDWAJ (Advoca Ch. No. 757, Lawyer's Chamk Dwarka Court, Complex, Sec-Dwarka, New Delhi-1100

PUBLIC NOTICE e public at large is hereby put on notice at my clients Sh. Balraj Jindal S/o Late. I. Ram Niwas Jindal & Smt. Sarla Jinde O Sh. Balraj Jindal both R/o Flat No. 0, Bhagya Laxmi Apartment, Sector-\$ bhini, Delhi-110085 have severed a Neha Saini who are living separately from my clients since 16.06.2022, as per theil own free will and consent. My clients further disown / debar their son Chirag Jindal and Smt. Neha Saini from inheriting all and any moveable and immovable roperties owned and possessed by my ients. My clients shall not be responsible or any act of Sh. Chirag Jindal and Smt eha Saini. If anyone deals with them, i Neha Saint. If anyone deats what aren, a shall be at their own risk, costs and consequences and my clients shall not be responsible for any loss and injuries, if caused by the acts of Sh. Chirag Jindal

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

lo-A-124, Shakur Pur, JJ Colony, Del 10034 have debarred/disclaimed to her s fr. Chaman and her daughter in law M shmin and granddaughters Rihana hahina due to their bad act, conduct a sisbehavior with him from all her asse novable & immovable properties and ha roken down all ties and relation with the ke client holl, but he seenselike for their to the client with light her because with for their to the client with light her because with for their to the client with light her because with for their to the client with light her because with for their the client with light her because with the the client with light her because with the the client with light her because with the the client with light her because with the the client with light her were seen with light her were seen with light her were the client with light h

Amrendra Nath Shuki Advoca Ch. No. : 717, 7th Floo Lawyers Chamber Bloo phini Courts, Delhi-1100

#### PUBLIC NOTICE **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known to all concern that n client Smt. Jyoti Arora intends purchase built Property Bearing N WZ-1495 and 1496, Rani Bag WZ-1495 and 1496, Rani Bagh, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034 from Mrs. Cammy D/o Sh. Dalbir Singh Rio WZ-1495 and 1496, Rani Bagh, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034 who is in possession of the above said properties and having Sale Deeds registered in Sub-Registrar VIA, New Delhi/ Delhi in her name. Mrs. Cammy says previous original sale deeds/ Sale-purchaser documents of above said properties of above said purchaser documents of above said purchaser documents of above said irchaser documents of above sai operty have lost. If any person hav ny right, claim, title, lien, charge an terest in the above said properzites i rereby required to submit the claim is riting along with the relevan couments within 15 days to the dridersigned from the date of thi ublication failing which no claim wi entertained in any circumstances.

PUBLIC NOTICE Property No. E-236, (200 sq. yds.), Naraina Vihar, New Delhi

client ICICI Bank Ltd.

Central Square, 20, M. I Khurana Marg, Bara Hindu Rao DCM Building, Delhi is in the process of advancing a loan to dr. Puneet Dadu, Mrs. Luxam Dadu & Mr. Suraj Prakash Dadu for purchase of Property No. E 236, (200 sq. yds.), Naraina Vihar, New Delhi from Mr. Ashol Syal, Mr. Harsh Syal & Mrs. Anita Duggal, who have represente that they have inherited the said Property from their father Mr Mohinder Sain Syal, as his only class-I legal heirs, who was the absolute owner of the said Property vide Conveyance Deed dated 18.04.1995 (Doc. No 7629). If anybody, person, body corporate has any right, lien o claim whatsoever on the said Property or objection to its sale & mortgage, then he/she/it may contact the undersigned with documentary proof of claim within 7 days of publication of this notice, otherwise it shall be deemed that either there are no claims or the same have been waived off. No claim shall be entertained thereafter and my client shall proceed to advance the loan by mortgaging the said

Krishan Narang Advocate **GNA & Associates** D-28, Jangpura Extension New Delhi-110014

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

TO be known to all that I NARENDRA
KUMAR GOYAL S/o INDER SAIN
GOYAL R/o DAMREHDRA
KUMAR GOYAL S/o INDER SAIN
GOYAL R/o DAMREHAT-3, BLOCK-C
g/f, MALUYANAGAR, EXTN
AS SAKET NEW DELHI-110017
BLOCK-C g/f, MALUYANAGAR, EXTN
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**PUBLIC NOTICE** "Be it known to all that my clients Sh. Gurvinder Singh S/o Lt. Sh. Preet Singh and Smt. Jaswinder Kaur wife of Lt. Sh. Preet Singh both residents of 1932/19A Govind Puri Extension New Delhi 110019 have disowned debarred their brother and son melv Jaameet Sinah resident of E-529 Greater Kailash-2 New Delhi 110048, From all thei moveable and immovable properties assets and severed all connections and relations with him. If anybod deals with him will do so at his her/their own risk and responsibilities. My clients shall not be responsible for

TYAG RAJ NAGAR, NEW DELI

NISHANT RANA (Advocate Ch. No. 261, Civil Side Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE GENERAL PUBLIC is hereby informe that my clients DEEP MALHOTRA S/R RAM AVTAR & BIMLA RANI W/O DEEP MALHOTRA BOTH R/O L EXTN 58, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAN NAGAR, NEW DELHI, do hereb lisowned and severed all their elations with their son NEERA. MALHOTRA and debarred him from a

PRAVEEN RASTOGI (Adv RZ-97, KHUSHI RAM PARK **UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-59** 

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that my client SATYA NARAYAN S/O LATE SHRI DEEP CHAND R/O HNO 1976P, SECTOR-45, GURU GRAM HARTYANA-122003 now has withdrawn the earlier Notice Dates 10.7.2021 in Indian Express and Jansatta daily News Paper, regarding Jebar of hijs sons (1) AMIT NARAYAN & his Wife SMT. KASHISH and UDIT was a sons and daughter-in-law now being changed himself/herself being sigher habit as an obedient and aithful, hence has been joined the armily and are living peacefully.

SG/ (B.B.N. DECOLOTION CONTINUED TO SANDOCATE Regd. No.- D/387/B/8 PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed that the property
Freehold Society Built up Flat No. ZRehold Society Built up Flat No.
Plampura, Delhi, presently owned and
possessed by Smi. Usha Bhungra by
Virtue of Relinquishment Deed duly
registered vide Regd, No. 5740, dated
19-04-2022, as per present owner(s)
version the said property is? are free
from all sorts of encumbrances.
An Online missing complaint for few
lost documents in registered with Delhi
Police, PS Crime Branch vide LR No.
5458444/2022, dated 30.06.2022. Prolice, PS Critime franch video LR No. 545844/2022, dated 30,06.2022 It is hereby notified that any persor Attorney and/or entity, firm? compan, Bank, HUF/ member of HUF, beneficiar of Will, Financial Institution having an claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim and/or objection to thereof, he she/fley may flodge/ notify the sam to the undersigned with documentar proof/ court indement within 15 day to the undersigned with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further! (future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected & my client/ prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title / Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my dient or in the name of his/her/their nominees shall be deemed to be dear and marketable without any be clear and marketable without a

#### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice E-Tender Notice No. : CE/2022/04, Date : 28.06.2022 (e-open tender No.-02226491SP

SI. No.: 01, Name of the work with its location: (1) Manufacture and Supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joints (complete set) for Long Welded Rail with Fittings for BG 60 Kg UIC/60E1 Rail on PSC Sleepers with 80 mm gap (max.) to RDSC Drawing No. T-6902, Alteration-5 Specification IRS:T-10-2000 Corrigendum No.-01 of December -2016 and Technical Specification for Improved SEJ: Provisional 2008 Corrigendum No.-01 of December 2016 as amended unto date of closing of tender. (List of fittings including GRSP as perANNEXURE-B). (Quantity-3056 sets), (2) Manufacture and Supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joints (complete set) for Long Welded Rail with Fittings for BG 52 Kg Rail on PSC Sleepers with 80 mm gap (max.) to RDSO Drawing No. T-6914 Alteration-4, Specification IRS:T-10-2000 Corrigendum No.-01 of December -2016 and Technical Specification for Improved SEJ: Provisional 2008 Corrigendum No.-01 of December-2016 as amended upto date of closing of tender. (List of fittings including GRSP as per ANNEXURE-B). (Quantity 427 sets)

Location - Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway, Hajipur. SI. No.: 02, Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 1437626942.06, SI. No.: 03, Earnest Money to be deposited: 5000000.00, SI. No.: 04, Date & Time for closing of tender: 11.30 Hrs. on 20.07.2022, Sl. No. 05. Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen : Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from website: http:// www.ireps.gov.in.

XEN/TSP, ECR, Hajipur PR/0510/HQ/ENGG/T/22-23/52

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** 

COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

O/o Directorate of Aviation, near BPI Airport, Bhubaneswar-751020 Tel. No: 0674-2596128 Email: orissa\_aviation@yahoo.co.in

RFP No: 5391 dt. 29/06/2022

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Government of Odisha, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department is looking for experienced qualified firms to provide the service for disassemble. shifting from Kolkata to Bhubaneswar, assembly, restoration and interior/exterior renovation of an old Dakota (DC-3) aircraft, which is presently lying inside the NSCBI Airport, Kolkata.

Eligible and interested firms/agencies may download the Request for Proposal (RFP) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer, http://www.odisha.gov.in/tender & https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders

Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by 03:00 PM on 30.07.2022. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Additional Secretary to Govt. & Director of Aviation, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department

**Government of Odisha** 

OIPR - 38001/11/0004/2223

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1.	UHBVN	JEEP (BOLERO) REQUIREMENT OF 1 NO. VEHICLE FOR SDO M&P DIVN. ROHTAK THROUGH OUT-SOURCING FOR TWO YEARS	CLOSING DATE 11.07.2022	6000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in NIT No.: E-2/M&P/Rohtak/ 2022-23 Dated: 27.06.2022	9354726643 xenmnprohtak@uhbvn.org.in
2.	UHBVN	OUTSOURCING ACTIVITY UNDER OUTSOURCING POLICY PART-1 FOR CLEANING & SWEEPING ACTIVITY (TWO HIS EACH DAY WITH ONE DAY WEEKLY REST) FOR THE SUB DIVN, OFFICE/ 38 KV 9/STN, FOR THE PERIOD INITIALLY SIX MONTHS, EXTENDABLE FOR FURTHER PERIOD ON SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE, (PANIPAT)	CLOSING DATE 13.07.2022	5000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in EOI No. Ch-1/EOINIT 1 /SU/PNP 22-23 dated 28.06.2022	9813725003 xenopsupanipat@uhbvn.org.in
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## National Centre for Radio Astrophysics TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411 007.

Corrigendum

Refer our Tender Notice No. 02/2022-2023 for supply of (a) Laptops (b) Comput Servers (c) Compute Rack Servers. Due dates are extended as under: Upto: 08.07.2022, upto 18.00 hrs Due date for Submission of Tender Upto : 14.07.2022, upto 18.00 hrs. 15.07.2022 at 14.30 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. Date for Opening of Techno Commercial Bid (Part I). (If sufficient bids are received).



**TENDER NOTICE** Ref.BU/RUSA2.0/R3/2022/2642 Dt.29.06.2022 Sealed Tenders are invited for the purchase of equipments:-

1.HPTLC with all accessories, 2.Floor Model Ultra Centrifuge under the RUSA 2.0 BCTRC project. For further details please log on to our website www.b-u.ac.in and www.tenders.tn.gov.in

DIPR/3153/TENDER/2022 REGISTRAR I/c சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்தீரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்தீரம் படைப்போம்

#### संचालक, राज्य वन अनुसंधान संस्थान पोलीपाथर, जवलपुर - 482008 ( म.प्र. )

राष्ट्रीय ऑक्ष्पीय पादप चोर्ड, नई दिल्ली, हारा स्वीकृत परियोजना "क्षेत्रीय सह सविधा केन्द्र, मध्य क्षेत्र" के लिये क्षेत्रीय संचालफ (०१), मैनेजर (मार्केटिंग) (01), कंसल्टैंट (टैकनिकल) (02), कंसल्टैंट (मार्केटिंग) (01), ऑफिस असिस्टेंट (01) एवं डेटा इन्ही ऑपरेटर (01) के पदी हेतु दिनांक 20/07/2022 को संस्थान में प्रात: 10: 00 से सीधा साक्षात्कार आयोजित किया गया है। इक्कुक डम्मीदवार आवेदन पत्र के साथ अपने सभी मूल शैक्षणिक एवं कार्य अनुभव के प्रमाण-पत्रों के साथ एंच स्वत: हस्ताधरित एक प्रति चायोडेटा आवश्यक रूप से साथ लावें। विस्तृत जानकारों एवं आवेदन पत्र का ग्रारूप संस्थान के सूचना पटल एवं जेवसाहट www.mpsfri.org पर देखों जा सकती है।

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कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग,

खण्ड नोखा दिनांक:- 24.06.2022 क्रमांक:-595-606 अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2022-23 NIB CODE No: PWD2223A0837

UBN :- PWD2223WSOB02961 राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से एसआरएफ सड़क का कार्य जिसमें कार्य का दोष निवारण एवं उनके सुधार (डिफेक्ट लाईबिलिटी पीरियड) का उत्तरदायित्व कार्यपूर्णता के पश्चात नियमानुसार रहेगा, के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी के सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार से नियमानसार अधिकत श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया द्वारा ऑनलाईन निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। आर.पी.डब्ल.ए. 100 एवं RTPP Act 2012 & RTPP Rule 2013 की समस्त शर्ते. नियम व धाराएँ निविदा के भाग होंगे। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट http://www.pwd.rajasthan.gov.in www.dipronline.org eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। उक्त कार्य के निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा आवेदन, डाउनलोड करने की दिनांक 27.06.2022 प्रातः ०९:३0 बजे से

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DIPR/c/8727/2022 **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** 



दिनांक 06.07.2022 तक सांय 6.00 बजे तक रहेगी।

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HIRING OF TWIN ENGINE TURBO PROP AIRCRAFT ON WET LEASE BASIS

RFP No: 5383 dt. 29/06/2022 Government of Odisha, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department desires to hire a twin engine turbo prop aircraft (2 pilots + 6 passengers) for a period

of 1 year i.e. from 01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023 complying

to all safety norms as prescribed by the DGCA from

time to time for flying of VIPs like Governor, Chief Minister, Ministers and other dignitaries. The hired aircraft will be stationed at Bhubaneswar. Eligible and interested aircraft operators may download the Request for Proposal (RFP) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit

https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders. Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by 03:00 PM on 25.07.2022. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

their offer, http://www.odisha.gov.in/tender &

Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department **Government of Odisha** OIPR - 38001/11/0003/2223

Additional Secretary to Govt. & Director of Aviation,



#### **TENDER NOTICE** E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items

(1) Repairing / Reconditioning of 16/20MVA, 33/11KV Power Transformer, (2) Consultancy Services for assisting and supporting in Project Management to BEST under RDSS Scheme, (3) 73696 - Hiring of E-cars without driver (with AC) (Corrigendum),

#### Re-invited e-tender

(4) 73746, (5) 73748 (Corrigendum), (6) 73759, (7) 73658 (8) 73691, (9) 73606, (10) 73913.

Note: For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in PRO/AAM(M)/54/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER** 

Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation

EMI Campus J-8B, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur - 302004, (Raj.) Phone : 0141-2708150, E-mail : md.rsldc-rj@nic.in No. RSLDC/DDU-GKY/MSC/2022-23/2852

BID Notice No.

SERVICE OF MIGRATION SUPPORT CENTRE RSLDC Invites Bid online from the eligible bidders for providing the services of Migration suppo Centre. The Last date & time for submission of bid is 04.07.2022 up to 01:00 PM, Bid document an other related information can be downloaded from the websites: (i) www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.ii ii) www.livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in, (iii) http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in Capacity Estimated EMD@2% Bid Bid Location

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JBN: SLD2223SLOB00015 राज.संवाद/सी/4160/2022-23

कार्यालय अति० मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग टोंक दिनांक : 23/6/2022

निविदा सूचना संख्या : 06/2022-23 जिस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से संभाग टोंक के अधीन बजट घोषणा वर्ष 2022-23 अन्तर्गत जिला दौसा व टोंक में खण्ड स्तर पर राजकीय महाविद्यालय/कन्या महाविद्यालय 13 भवन का निर्माण कार्य 5 पाँच वर्ष की दोष निवारण अवधि सहित उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण भाग राजस्थान एवं राज्य सरकार के अन्य विभागों तथा केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत गंगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के "एए" श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यों हेत् ई-टेण्डरिंग वे गध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में प्राप्त की जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेबसाईट www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in www.dipronline.org

vww.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। NIB code PWD2223A0816 PWD2223WSOB02903, 2. PWD2223WSOB02904, 3. PWD2223WSOB0290

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Website: www.ksdb.karnataka.gov.in No: KSDB/TD-MC/PMAY-HFA/IFT-06/2022-23/204 Date: 27.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, Bangalore, The Technical Director Mysuru Circle, Mysuru invites Item Rate tender from eligible Tenderers

for Construction of 300 (GF) DU's including infrastructure works in 2 selected Slums of Nanjanagudu Town under PMAY-HFA (Indent No.3298). Approximate value of work is Rs.1522.63 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 15.23 lakhs. Tender notification, schedule, specifications are available in

u	ic website, intps://www.eproc.karnatakt	901
1	Time & Date of Pre-bid Conference	04.07.2022 at 11.00 AM
2	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders in e-Portal	06.07.2022 upto 5.00 PM
3	Date & Time for Opening of Technical bids	08.07.2022 at 5.00 PM
4	Date & Time for Opening of Financial bids	Date & time will be intimate to the eligible bidders
5	Place of Receiving and opening of Tender documents	Office of The Technical Direct KSDB, Mysore Circle

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New Delhi

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

Date: 24.06.202

Managing Directo

( आर.एस.बैरवा ) अति. मुख्य अभियन्त सा.नि.वि. संभाग टोंक

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### Aldrin not included in team for athletics World C'ships

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

WEEKS after the Commonwealth Games snub, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) left out long jumper **Jeswin Aldrin** from the



Championships squad despite him

achieving the qualification mark of 8.22m. AFI, which announced the list of 22 athletes for the event slated in Oregon, the USA in just two weeks, cited "ankle twist" and a slump in recent form as reasons to leave out Jeswin. National record holder long jumper Sreeshankar Murali, and Muhammed Anees will represent India in the long jump leaving the third slot empty.

'Jeswin is not there. There is no oversight. He has met the qualifying standards. Have you seen his last three performances? 7.82, 7.69 and 7.51 so that is what it is. If the performance is consistently going down, the selection committee in its wisdom has thought that he shouldn't be selected. He did 8.26 metres only once and after that, his performance is consistently going down. There is absolutely no mistake there," AFI president Adille Sumariwalla told reporters after announcing the list on Thursday.

When asked if the federation was aware of the reason for Jeswin's graph going down, chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair said that ISW (Jeswin's management company) had informed him of an ankle niggle. Sources close to the athlete however say that no such communication was made and that Jeswin is fully fit. Jeswin this season has managed a wind-aided jump of 8.37m and a legal leap of 8.26m (second-best in the India season)

"Of course not (didn't have a discussion with Jeswin). But I came to know from JSW that he had some ankle twist in the first competition (Grosseto) and what exactly happened he has not revealed to me. Whether he is injured or he is not fit or what is the reason he is going down (performance). We will ask for an explanation in writing," coach Radhakrishnan said.

Indian Squad: Avinash Sable (3000m Steeplechase), MP Jabir (400m Hurdles), M Sreeshankar and Muhammed Anees Yahiya (Long Jump), Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chithravel and Eldhose Paul (Triple Jump), Taiinderpal Singh Toor (Shot Put), Neerai Chopra and Rohit Yadav (Javelin Throw), Sandeep Kumar (20km Race Walking), Amoj Jacob\*, Noah Nirmal Tom, Muhammed Ajmal, Naganathan Pandi, Rajesh Ram.

# Why hasn't Prannoy won a Super title yet?

Anup Sridhar, a former Olympian, reckons it's due to fitness but believes the time is ripe now as HS Prannoy is fitter, more aggressive, and cleverer

**SHIVANI NAIK** 

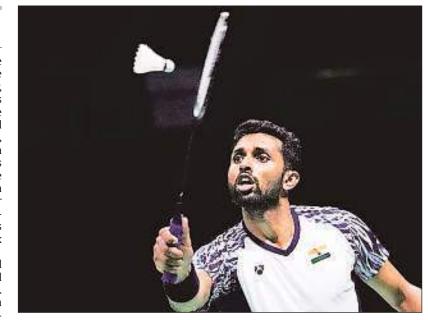
THERE IS the small matter of winning on the big days, for HS Prannoy. "I actually believe he's a big-match player," insists Anup Sridhar, with whom Prannoy trained for 10-12 weeks in the 2021 autumn before the Bali swing. The 29-year-old, ranked 21 in the world, isn't fazed by the big names, as all his scalps, Chen Long, Lin Dan, Chong Wei, Viktor Axelsen, reveal. On Thursday at the Malaysian Super 750, it was World No 4 Chou Tien Chen, whom he cleaned up 21-15, 21-7 - courtside, coach Sivadatullah had a sniffling smile, and later said: "He attacked so well from 11-7 in the second, Chou didn't score a single point. It was actually the disadvantage side, but his attack was excellent as he kept the shuttle down."

On Friday – and the rest of the weekend hopefully - Prannoy will need to keep his head down, and turn up to own the big match days. That he hasn't won a Super title yet, is both a millstone around the neck and a maze to negotiate in what has been the most consistent phase of his career. That Kidambi Srikanth. Lakshva Sen and Sai Praneeth have those titles, and someone with arguably equal talent and capability doesn't, piques the mystery.

"He believes he can win," Anup says, adding, "If Prannoy plays at his pace, he starts 50-50 against any top player. There's nothing lacking." Against Chou, Prannoy mastered the wild drift at the Axiata in Kuala Lumpur, where the shuttle is fast from one side and super slow from the other. Not letting the bird drift - literally - from the fast side, and varying the pace to not get retrieved on a loop is the challenge. He struck good lengths to leave Chou clueless. "He'll need to be a little more aggressive against Jonatan Christie. He shows aggression, but now he plays clever too," Sivadath savs

World No 8 Christie beat him to the Swiss title earlier, and a few pieces of the puzzle can be gleaned from then. "I'd presume 90 percent of the reason for him not having the big title is physical if his body completely drains out and muscles tire. I don't see any problem in his tactics," Anup insists adding the title breakthrough will be important if he aspires to Top 10 or Top 5.

The losses and ousters at the business end have been invariably straight set affairs, deflating and quite plainly flat submissions – pointing to depleting energy reserves as the week wears on. Christie is no slouch, and Prannoy will need to get into the top players'



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front-runner mode to overcome the Indonesian. That is, pick fast end if he wins the toss prepping for the second half of the third game. Then push the pace early in the opener and go all-out, even if it means a lull in the second and pushing hard in the third.

Anthony Ginting is a runner, Christie more of an all-round player, very canny and with a love for backing opponents into deep corners. Prannoy has the hard drive from the back hand back corner to get out of trouble, but his judgment on the forehand back corner will be tested if the Swiss final is to go by. At Bangalore, Anup was convinced that contrary to popular perception, Prannoy hadn't lapsed into negativity before he struck form in 2022 including the Thomas Cup high-pressure thrillers. "He got leaner, and I saw rhythm in his game where you feel the entire court is covered," he recalls. Over six-corner routines and 3-on-1 defense, Prannoy grew sharper, while Anun observed that at Hyderabad later. his reflexes got snappier bolstering his defense, to back his attack.

Yet, the Finals Sundays haven't been as frequent as he'd like. "Unnecessary haste can be a confidence issue. But he didn't panic during the Thomas Cup, so I think it's a matter of time," he says. It's something Siyadath will have to keep drilling into his ears on Friday. "He's been very consistent since the Swiss Open, but sometimes he rushes and errors happen. It's very tough to get a point out of Prannoy. Opponents get points only if he errs. When he attacks well and gets his length, he's unstoppable," he says. Breaking Christie's defense will be the key. Prannoy often needs to get a good feel of his own defense, and rhythm will be important to get past the Indonesian, who leads 5-3 in their career head to head.

Two of Prannoy's 3 wins came from three setters, 23-21 and 21-19, and another long drawn match is to be expected. The anti-climax after the big wins has been a recurring theme for Prannoy, since the giant-killing 2017 season. The giant-slayer needs to now hunt the big occasion down.

# Diamond League: Chopra rewrites national record again

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

NEERAJ CHOPRA'S quest to break the 90-metre mark remained unfulfilled but the 24-yearold Indian javelin throw star came within six centimetres when he broke the national record for the second time in a month with an opening throw of 89.94 metres at the Stockholm Diamond League.

The Olympic Champion finished second to world champion Anderson Peters but apart from the national record. Chopra will also be pleased with the result in Stockholm because it was the first time he had finished in the top three in a Diamond League event. In his season opener at the Paavo Nurmi Games, Chopra had rewritten his own record with 89.30 me-

Chopra's 89.94 metres was also a meet record before Peters bettered it in the third round with 90.31 metres.

It was a typical start from Chopra at the Olympic Stadium in Stockholm - smooth on the runway and an easy release, the big tumble before the scratch line and then the raised hands after watching the javelin land. Chopra was ahead of the eight-man field in the first two rounds. However, Peters, who has had an up-and-down phase, produced his third 90metre throw of the season in the third round, which Chopra could not better.

Chopra's series of throws on Thursday night proved he was in good form with the javelin event at the World Championships in Oregon just three weeks away. After his national-record breaking throw he produced 84.37, 87.46, 84.77, 86.67 and 86.84 metres.

Chopra now has three events under his belt ahead of the World Championships. At Stockholm, he showed no signs of discomfort from a slip on the runway at his previous event - the Kuortane Games. In slippery conditions, Chopra had won the gold in Kuortane with a throw of 86.69. He had winced in pain after the slip but at Stockholm he looked in good shape.

Germany's Julian Weber finished third with a throw of 89.08 metres. The two other podium finishers at the Tokyo Olympics Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch and Vitezslav Vesely finished fourth and seventh respectively.

Another of Chopra's challengers, Finland's Oliver Helander, who had got the better of him at the Paavo Nurmi Games, had only one legal throw of 85.46 metres after which he fouled the next two. On the eve of his first Diamond League competition in nearly four years, Chopra had said that the World Championships, the Commonwealth Games and the Diamond League were his big targets. Chopra is currently fourth in the Diamond



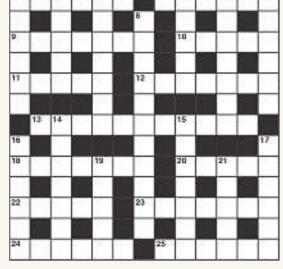
Neeraj threw 89.94 metres at the Stockholm Diamond League. FILE

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League race after earning seven points for his second place finish. He has Monaco and Lausanne line up before the final in Zurich in September. The athlete with the most points at the end of the Diamond League cycle held at 12 different venues - men's javelin features in four - and the final at Zurich gets a diamond trophy and \$40,000. But above all the Diamond League Champion gets boasting rights of being the most consistent athlete.

Chopra had participated in seven Diamond League events before Stockholm but a top three place had eluded him. He had qualified for the final twice and 7th (83.30m) in 2017 and fourth (85.87m) a year later. Talking about crossing the 90 metre mark before his season opener in Turku, Chopra had said: "I want to do my best. Overall the competition in the world is improving. But it all depends on the day. How the throwers manage with the kind of weather and conditions is important because it has an effect. My aim is also to achieve it (90 metres) at one of the competitions. I will not leave any

#### CROSSWORD 4782



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24 Shout about stewed eel in

the salad perhaps (6)

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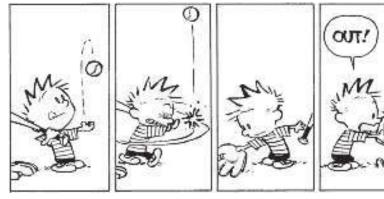
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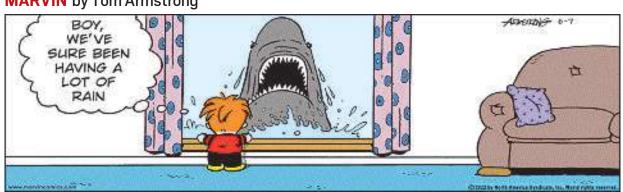




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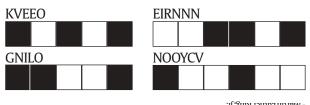


#### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



#### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given guip. At the center of \_\_\_\_ stands the principle of love. - Martin Luther King, Jr. (3-8)



Answer: At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love. 20ΓΩΙΙΟΝ: ΕΛΟΚΕ' ΓΙΝΟΌ ΚΕΝΝΙΝ' CONΛΟΧ

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#### **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) is not to trust anyone. That doesn't mean that a person is going to intentionally let may have to be altered at the last moment. Nobody is to blame: what happens now is the result of all past actions,

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You may put your

including yours.

DARN!



#### do best to rely on your seductive charms. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The stars are packed with useful advice today: if you're travelling leave nothing, not even the merest detail, to chance; if there's a legal dispute on the cards, make sure you know your rights. And if a partner forgets where they are or what they're doing,

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The most useful way to absorb today's some

what peculiar planetary influences is to concentrate on your material and financial security. Quite simply, it's the right moment to crack open the piggy bank. But you can also call in some emotional favours.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) to be a steady

accumulation of emotional tension throughout the day, as the Moon gradually moves towards its next dramatic position. You may need a steady nerve if someone seems determined to test your patience, so don't

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) An area of your



New Delhi

some time is that ruling your physical wellbeing. It is therefore appropriate to mention that today's stars give you the chance to take long-term measures to deal with a long-standing complaint

#### BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Creative Librans are singled out for praise

supporters and lunar allies, and you should let rip and make your mark upon the entire known world. That includes ninety-nine per cent of all Librans. How about pretending you're an assertive Aries for a change?

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) If you have any long-term alterations in

mind at home, today would be a good time to start. Those of you planning a change of residence, or any improvements of similar magnitude, should find that events move very fast. In fact, you may soon have to hang

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) A tendency towards serious

misunderstandings is qualified by an equal recognition of the need to make hard-headed, long-term choices. All travel plans should be pursued free from sentiment or frills of any kind. If you want to go somewhere new, then do so because you want to, not because you're under emotional pressure.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You could now be

approaching a major watershed in your financial affairs. You must be prepared to sustain a small loss in the interests of long-term profit, but do realise that the important consideration is security. Safety

and comfort actually mean more to you than some people often realise. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

There will be a fair

### amount of tension in the air, but the useful

way to approach today's cosmic potential is by offering a chance for a completely fresh start in whatever area of activity you choose. Make your decisions, issue invitations, and follow them through.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Today's planetary



and your imagination may throw up one or two adventurous thoughts. In point of fact it's the ideal moment for mystical speculation and daydreams of all kinds.

England vs India, 5th Test Day 1, 3pm, Live on Sony Six; SL vs Australia, 1st Test Day 3, 10am, Live on

BADMINTON

BWF Malaysia Open, 12.30pm, Live on Sports18-1

#### **BRIEFLY** —

#### Australia lead Sri Lanka by 101 runs

Galle: Cameron Green and Alex Carey fired Australia to a 101-run first-innings lead against Sri Lanka after two days of the first test on Thursday. Australia was 313-8 at stumps after a rain-affected day, in reply to Sri Lanka's 212 all out. Green's and Carey's rapidfire stand of 84 runs from 93 balls propelled Australia past Sri Lanka's total and further in charge. Green made 77 off 109 deliveries, including six boundaries, and Carey 45 from 47 after opener Usman Khawaja kept the innings together with 71. Australia looked set for a bigger lead after tea on 233-5 but Carey played a rash shot against Ramesh Mendis and Dinesh Chandimal took a well-judged high catch running behind from wide mid off. Brief Scores (Day 2): Sri Lanka 212 vs Australia 313-8 in 69 overs (Green 77, Khawaja 71, Carey 45; Mendis 4-107). **AP** 

# Sachin moves into Elorda Cup quarters

Nur-Sultan: Reigning youth world champion Sachin Siwach produced a scintillating performance to cruise into men's 57kg quarterfinals of the Elorda Cup as he beat Turkmenistan's Ykhlas Gylychjanov with a unanimous 5-0 verdict on Thursday. The 22-year-old put forth a commanding show against his opponent but it was end of the road for former World Championships bronze medallist Simranjit Kaur as she lost 2-3 to her Chinese opponent Xu Zichu in a gripping 60kg last-8 contest. Two other Indian boxers, Lakshya Chahar and Harsh Lakra, also bowed out of the event. While Lakshya lost to Abzal Kuttybekov in the 86kg quarterfinals encounter 0-5, Harsh was outclassed by Yerassyi Zhakpekov 0-5 in the 80kg preliminary round. PTI

#### Formula E enters India: Hyd to host race

New Delhi: Formula E will make its way to India for the first time ever with a race scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on February 11 next year, the organisers have confirmed. The race in Hyderabad will be the first time a major international racing event is held in the country since the Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix in October 2013 at the Buddh International Circuit, a development which was reported by PTI. Alongside India, Brazil will also welcome the E-Prix for the first time on March 25 as the Formula E and FIA released the provisional calendar for the ninth season. The race calendar mainly consists of makeshift street circuits which are public roads on other days. PTI



I try to learn from everyone, but I take the call on my own.

JASPRIT BUMRAH, CAPTAIN FOR EDGBASTON TEST

# A flawed, one-off 'decider'

The fate of India's hardearned lead from last year will be determined over five days or fewer in Birmingham in what seems more like a standalone fixture

**SANDIP G**JUNE 30

BETWEEN THE Oval Test in September last year and the Edgbaston Test that begins on Friday, the world, both real and sporting, has changed. The Covid-19 virus doesn't strike as much fear as it used to back then — support staff testing positive sufficed to stop the series then, but now the Indian captain is out of the game with a positive test and a stand-in has been named; eastern Europe has become a battlefield; Australia finally became the T20 World Cup champions; two new teams were formed in the IPL and one of them lifted the trophy; both England and India have a different coach and captain; there is a full crowd in the stands.

So vast the changes have been that the Edgbaston Test seems not so much a decider as a standalone fixture. A one-off Test in both schedule as well as spirit, an inequitable climax to what was a glorious Test series. It's akin to the unfolding climax of a whodunit ripped off and sewn up into a short movie released 10 months later with a different set of directors and lead men, in a different mood and background, and a few changes in the cast. It's almost a different entity in itself, but of neither standalone nor part-of-the-whole value. Like a satellite perhaps.

As such, a one-off Test is flawed in nature. The blink-and-it-is-over nature does not sync with the soul of Test cricket in that it could not be a stern and sustained examination of a team's character or competence. Moreover, it widens the already existing gulf between sides, apart from robbing the slow-burning thrills of a full-fledged series that presents both teams, more so the visiting sides, a level-playing field, an opportunity to bounce back and make the series an evenly-matched one.

It's especially harder for a side from the subcontinent in England. From weather to light, from the shots to play and those not to play, from SG to Dukes balls, from lengths to hit and lines to probe, from dry decks to moisturehewn surfaces, from half-sleeve shirts to jumpers, the adjustments they have to make are wide-ranging. A fortnight and a non-first-



Jasprit Bumrah (R) will captain India for the first time. AP

#### ECB worried about cocaine-fuelled crowd

New Delhi: Ahead of the one-off England-India Test match in Edgbaston, the England and Wales Cricket Board officials have raised concerns about Cocaine fuelled antisocial behavior of fans at grounds.

The Times in London reported that several cricket administrators have raised concern over the behavior of fans at sporting venues. They believe the return of full crowds in the stadiums after two years of restrictions because of Covid, along with the intake of alcohol and drugs have resulted in violent and aggressive behavior from the fans.

During last year's England-India Test match at the Lord's Cricket Ground a bunch of England fans had thrown beer and champagne corks at KL Rahul while he was fielding near the boundary. The incident

class game, for a side that last played a Test three months ago, would hardly qualify as a meaningful acclimatisation process either.

By the time you reacquaint with Test cricket and get a measure of the conditions, the Test would already have been decided. For all its reputation as a friend of spinners and batsmen, Edgbaston offers substantial assistance for had frustrated the then India captain Virat Kohli, who had gestured from the slip cordon to his teammate to throw the corks back at the fans. Recently, a fight broke out in the Western Terrace at Headingley on Sunday during the third England-New Zealand Test match. England Cricket's official fan group, Barmy Army had to issue a statement that anyone found instigating violence or abuse shall have their membership revoked.

Officials fear cricket may face issues similar as football did at the end of last year's Men's European Championship. This can be detrimental to England Cricket's plans of ensuring more families attend matches. Grounds have provided spectators with a text service to ensure incidents in the stands are reported promptly. **ENS** 

seamers on the first day. There are a string of first-innings low-totals at this ground, including Pakistan's 72 a decade ago. And as the ageold cricketing truism goes, it takes a session to lose a Test match. Fathom that — hard yards of an entire summer undone by a session. More so in England, where the match unpacks in a searing hurry.

The only advantage, for the sake of arguing, is that players needn't worry about self-preservation, the psychological clutch of lasting an entire series. They could go at full throttle, especially the gifted seamers in the arsenal of both sides. But, to consider this Test as a continuation, least of all a decider, of a nailbiting series spread over three months, is a travesty of justice, albeit an unavoidable one in the circumstances. Had the fifth Test been scrapped altogether, it would have denied England a shot at levelling the series, besides the loss of massive broadcast revenue as well. It is not the ideal closure, but an inevitable one.

The consequence is the absolute shift in the mood of both teams. The scale of advantages is tilted in England's favour — they are playing at home and on a red-hot winning streak. Nothing perhaps has transformed as discernibly as the spirit in the England dressing room. Back then, England were forlorn, bereft of fight and belief after thrashings in India and at home against New Zealand. Now, with Ben Stokes at the helm and Brendon McCullum as philosopher-coach, they are an irresistibly aggressive group, gritting their teeth in vengeance after tearing New Zealand apart. Against India last year, they were afflicted with self-doubts, adopted strange tactics and seemed to prioritise the T20 World Cup than

The fervour in the Indian camp, too, was

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different. The defeat in the World Test Championship had crushed their pride and they wanted to prove that it was an aberration. And in phases during the series, they had summoned the unsurmountable spirit of the Australia tour. Had India avoided defeat in Old Trafford, it could have shaped Kolhi's legacy as a captain, or perhaps he would still be the captain. Had England lost, the Bazball era could have dawned months earlier. But now, India have to find the impetus as the match unravels. England are a sturdy furniture intact; India have to assemble one. England have a set pattern; India are settling into one. In short, whereas England have emboldened, India have plateaued, since the Oval Test. Routine series wins at home apart, they squandered a lead to lose the series in South Africa.

Little doubt that they have the manpower and wherewithal to produce a masterful performance and mock at the lack of exposure with a fine performance. But given them a choice, they would have preferred a longer build-up or a longer series. It was no coincidence that they dominated England in the last tour because they had spent nearly a month in the country before the series. They landed just before the Euros began, and when they left, Neeraj Chopra had bagged the country's first Olympic gold medal in track and field and Novak Djokovic had worn another Wimbledon crown. There was time for Rishabh Pant to catch Covid and recover, Shubman Gill to fly home with an injury and return and for Ravichandran Ashwin to snare

six for 27 in a county game for Surrey.

Though the overlarge sojourn was due to the WTC finals and the strict Covid protocols, such accidents of fate turned out to be a blessing. Then captain Kohli admitted as much in the pre-series interaction with the media: "The situation allowed us to get acclimatised to the weather because it can change quite drastically and quite quickly. At the same time playing under different changes in conditions in terms of weather - whether it is overcast, or it is sunny, how the pitches behave, how the ball travels, how much it swings in the air."

But, all the hard work of those three months would boil down to five days, or fewer, separated by 10 months. A span wherein the world has changed.

U-17 women's

team coach

# Dukes ball: Too soft, loses shape soon and doesn't swing much

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

THERE IS something wrong with the Dukes ball this season, the brand of the ball to be used in India's one-off Test match against England. They haven't swung much as they have gone soft rather quickly and been changed numerous times.

Stuart Broad has compared it to a "rolledup plasticine", the commentators have groaned on air about its shape, Kane Williamson's men have repeatedly complained to the umpires about it, and it has been changed numerous times in a game over the last county season and in the England's series against New Zealand. In a county game between Durham and Glamorgan this year, the ball was changed 11 times, including five in one day.

Dilip Jajodia, the owner of the company that manufactures the Dukes ball, says though they haven't identified the definite cause for the balls losing shape as yet, he suspects its due to problems in the tanning process.

"My guess is, there's some technical problem in the process of tanning which goes back months. We actually still haven't identified what the problem is. Because the process of tanning and colouration is very important and if something goes wrong, if somebody adds a certain percentage of chemical that's not quite right, the dye comes from another manufacturer; all these little things affect natural raw material...

"This is not a machine-engineered product. This is a hand-made, crafted product. If a problem occurs, then you have to live with it. You have to work your way through it. And I can tell you, we are managing the problem," Jajodia tells The Indian Express.

Just ahead of the Test series against New Zealand, Broad was openly critical of the ball in his column. "They have not swung and because they are going soft very quickly, nei-



England's Jack Leach trains on the eve of the match. Reuters

ther is there any bounce," Broad wrote in his Mail on Sunday column. "Things have been so bad that we have had to change the ball two or three times every innings. It has felt like bowling with a rolled-up piece of Plasticine and the balls are that soft you feel like you can squeeze them even before you have bowled a ball with them. In the first innings against Derbyshire this week, the ball went out of shape after 3.3 overs and was changed after eight."

Jajodia's answer to Broad's accusations starts with a light dig, before he admits there has been some problem with the raw material this season.

"Hang on a minute. Mr Broad also, every time he appeals, he thinks that the batsman is out, irrespective of the umpire's opinion. Look, we put our hands up. We don't really know exactly what the problem is. We have My guess is, there's some technical problem in the process of tanning which goes back months. We actually still haven't identified what the problem is.."

-DILIP JAJODIA
OWNER OF THE COMPANY THAT
MANUFACTURES THE DUKES BALL

an issue with the leather. Now, it's a natural raw material and the journey for the product to be made is a long one. It goes back to the Covid era when the tannery was possibly short of staff or they substituted a chemical. Who knows? We don't know. We are trying to pin it down. But once that leather is in the process, you can't suddenly change course," Jajodia says.

He reacts to players' dissatisfaction with a hint of sarcasm. "When you notice, it's always when they aren't getting wickets (they complain). Now it has become a standard practice. In fact, there's a very good suggestion from (senior journalist) Scyld Berry, that like the DRS, there should be a limitation on appeal for changing the ball, because this is becoming a joke.

T"his has become a group thing. In Australia, they have had a fourth umpire with spare balls for years. They change the ball all the time.

"We are very proud to say that our cricket balls are perfectly good. When you have got an inherent problem with the raw material, there's nothing you can do apart from use all your knowledge – press the cups harder, do the milling, which is what we are doing. And gradually, it will work itself out of the system. I can't suddenly, miraculously produce new balls that won't go out of shape and will be perfect.

"But having said all that, there were three results, good games of cricket and the only inconvenience was seeing the man coming on every now and again to change the ball."

# Wimbledon: Erratic Swiatek extends winning streak to 37

REUTERS

LONDON, JUNE 30

WORLD NUMBER one Iga Swiatek struggled with unforced errors but found her composure when it mattered most to see off Dutch lucky loser Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove 6-4 4-6 6-3 to reach the third round at Wimbledon and extend her winning run to 37 matches.

With Thursday's victory, Swiatek went past Monica Seles and matched Martina Hingis' run in the 1997 season.

The all-time longest winning streak is held by Martina Navratilova, who had 74 successive victories in 1984. "I mean adding another match to this

number is pretty special for me but when I'm

out there I'm not really thinking about that," Swiatek said on court. "I'm just trying to play the best tennis possible on grass and the result is going to

come. I'm pretty happy that it's 37 now. I'm

going to do my best to get even more."

Pattinama Kerkhove lost in the final round of qualifying at the grasscourt Grand Slam but was granted a berth in the main draw when Danka Kovinic withdrew

Playing against an opponent ranked in the top-10 for the first time in her career, the 30-year-old Dutchwoman came out swinging freely to put Swiatek under pressure on a sun-bathed Court One, as the Pole fell 4-2 behind.

The 2018 junior Wimbledon champion smiled in frustration at her errors as the crowd wondered if this could be the end of her incredible winning run which began in February on hardcourts, continued on clay and has reached the All England Club lawns.

Swiatek slipped and fell awkwardly behind the baseline while trying to hit a return as the 138th-ranked Pattinama Kerkhove broke her serve a second time.

But once Swiatek found her feet and range, it was one-way traffic.



Iga Swiatek celebrates her win. Reuters

#### Tsitsipas sets up Kyrgios clash

Fourth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas romped into the third round at Wimbledon on Thursday with an accomplished 6-2 6-3 7-5 victory over Jordan Thompson under the roof on Court One.

The win sets up a crowd-pleasing clash with another Australian, temperamental showman Nick Kyrgios.

"We've had some great matches at many levels of competition," Tsitsipas said of Kyrgios. "I have great respect for the way he fights when he really wants to."

Kyrgios beat Tsitsipas the last time they met - on grass in the second round at Halle earlier this month.

On Thursday, the 23-year-old Tsitsipas displayed none of the jitters that lost him a set against qualifier Alexander Ritschard in the first round on Tuesday. He kept on top of some baseline rallies, breaking the Australian's serve twice in each of the first two sets and taking the third when Thompson put a forehand long on his own serve at match point.

# suspended EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 30

THE ALL India Football Federation (AIFF), on Thursday, provisionally suspended a member of the U-17 women's team staff for alleged misconduct during a tour to Norway.

In a brief statement, the federation – currently being run by a Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) – did not name the individual. However, they said he has been asked to return to India 'immediately' to join the investigation.

In a joint statement, the state associations affiliated with the AIFF said the concerned individual was a coach of the team, while requesting the CoA and the AIFF to 'initiate an independent enquiry after filing an FIR.'

The U-17 team is currently in Norway as a

part of their exposure trip to Europe ahead of the women's World Cup, which will be hosted in India this October. It is learnt the team's chief coach Thomas Dennerby brought the issue to the notice of the AIFF's National Teams department, who then informed the CoA.

The AIFF, in its statement, said: "An event of misconduct has been reported in the U17 women's team currently on an exposure tour to Europe. The AIFF follows a zero-tolerance policy on indiscipline. As an initial action, the Federation has provisionally suspended the individual pending further investigation. The AIFF has asked the concerned individual to stop all contact with the team, return to India immediately, and be physically present for further investigations upon his arrival."

The state associations expressed their 'no confidence' in the working of AIFF's National Team department. "An independent enquiry should be conducted in the management and functioning of the National Team department especially the decisions and actions of the Head of National Team Department should be thoroughly probed to establish the frequent failures including the appointment of the coaches and scouts in AIFF," they said in their joint statement.

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