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**CSE
2021**

Top 100 Rankers from NEXT IAS

290
Selections
out of **685**
Recommended
Candidates

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AIR
AISHWARYA VERMA

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AIR
YAKSH CHAUDHARY

8

AIR
ISHITA RATHI

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AIR
PREETAM KUMAR

• **4** in Top 10 • **9** in Top 20
• **22** in Top 50 • **45** in Top 100

Selections from
• Classroom/Online Courses + IGP : **41**
• Test Series + IGP : **58**
• IGP Only : **191**

AIR 11 Shubhankar P Pathak	AIR 13 Priyamvada A Mhaddalkar	AIR 14 Abhinav J Jain	AIR 16 Anshu Priya	AIR 20 Arpit Chauhan	AIR 21 Dilip K Kainikkara	AIR 26 Utsav Anand	AIR 27 Saksham Goel	AIR 28 Mantri M Bharadwaj	AIR 29 Bhavishya	AIR 30 Naman Goyal	AIR 37 V Sanjana Simha	AIR 38 Ravi Kumar	
AIR 40 Kushal Jain	AIR 43 Shubham Shukla	AIR 44 Anjali Shrotriya	AIR 49 Divyansh Singh	AIR 50 Abhijit Ray	AIR 51 Akshay Pillay	AIR 53 Arpit Sangal	AIR 55 Pratibha Dahiya	AIR 56 Kiranmayi Koppiseti	AIR 59 Mukul Jain	AIR 61 Mohit Kasniya	AIR 62 Tirumani Sri Pooja	AIR 64 Kanika	AIR 67 Anand Malhotra
AIR 68 Anendya Raajsshre	AIR 70 Narayan Amit Malempati	AIR 73 Namrata Choubey	AIR 74 Ayush Venkat Vats	AIR 75 Surbhi Singla	AIR 77 Ashutosh Kumar	AIR 78 Surbhi Goyal	AIR 80 Nikhil Mahajan	AIR 85 Ashish Kumar	AIR 93 Deepesh Kumari	AIR 94 Indrashis Datta	AIR 97 Bhaisare S Ashok	AIR 98 Aniket D Hirde	AIR 99 Tharun P Madala

Courses Offered

General Studies Foundation Course 2023

DELHI : OFFLINE BATCHES

Evening Batch

14th July, 2022 (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Morning Batch

25th July, 2022 (8:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

LIVE-ONLINE BATCH

Evening Batch

1st August, 2022 (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

BHOPAL CENTRE
OFFLINE BATCH for CSE 2023-24

2nd Batch Commencing from
1st Aug, 2022 (5:30 PM - 8:30 PM)

All subjects will be taught by teachers from Delhi.

Mains Advance Course (MAC) 2022

MODE : OFFLINE/LIVE-ONLINE

CURRENT ISSUES

by Vibhas Jha Sir, A.P. Singh Sir, Ruchika Ma'am, Ayaz Khan Sir, Raj Rai Sir, Ashish Kumar Sir, Manjul Sir and Niraj Kumar Sir

ESSAY SESSIONS

by Ruchika Ma'am

ANSWER WRITING SESSIONS

by a team of experts

25 Sessions of 3 hours each • Duration : 1 Month
Fee: ₹ 10,000 + GST (Free for Prelims Qualified Students of NEXT IAS)

Batch from 4th July, 2022 (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Prelims Online Test Series 2023

PACKAGE	TESTS	FEES
GS	60	Rs. 4000+GST Rs. 3000+GST
CSAT	30	Rs. 2000+GST Rs. 1500+GST
GS+CSAT	90	Rs. 5000+GST Rs. 3500+GST

Commencing from 1st Aug, 2022 • Discount Valid till 31st July, 2022

Optional Foundation Course

ECONOMICS

by Vibhas Jha Sir

SOCIOLOGY

by Rajkumar Rai Sir

MATHEMATICS

by Maneesh Singh Sir

ANTHROPOLOGY

by Sudhir Kumar Sir

Live-Online/Offline Batches
from 10th Oct, 2022 (2:30 PM - 5:30 PM)

GEOGRAPHY by Alok Ranjan Sir

Live-Online/Offline Batches
from 18th July, 2022 (2:30 PM - 5:30 PM)

General Studies First Step

STEP-UP FOR CSE AFTER CLASS 10+2

LIVE-ONLINE MODE

Duration: 12 Months • Classes 4 days a week
(Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday)

Batch commenced from

2nd July, 2022 (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Fee: ₹ 25,000 + GST

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SEP ONKAR SINGH

In remembrance of Late Sep Onkar Singh who left us for his heavenly abode on 16 Jul 1991. My Wahe Guru Ji give strength to CHHE SIKH fraternity and his family to bear this loss with courage and fortitude. He will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for us. Let us pray for him in our hearts and remember a life lived so wonderfully in the service of the nation.

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UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

Corrigendum to the Project: Manufacturing and Maintenance of 1200 (twelve hundred) 9000 hp Electric Locomotives uploaded on IREPS website on 27.04.2022. Corrigenda regarding the Bid Document for the project have been uploaded on Official Website <https://ireps.gov.in>. The interested Bidders are advised to go through the Corrigenda for submission of Bid. The Bid Due Date has extended to 12.09.2022 from 24.08.2022 1790/2022

TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS. Tender No. Nature of work Due date. 222313 002153 Procurement of Hydrogen Peroxide 50% for Unit-I & II 29.07.2022. 222313 002268 Procurement of Sodium Sulphate for Unit-I 30.07.2022. 222313 002315 Procurement of Liquid Chlorine for Unit-I & II 30.07.2022.

Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran

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Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System (AS-CFMS)

World Bank financed Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe) Project Management Unit (PMU). Ground Floor, F-Block, Janata Bhawan, Dispur Guwahati-781006 (Assam India). Dated Dispur 16th July, 2022. Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System invites Bid for "Procurement of Scientific Instruments and Related Service for Modernization of Assam Express Chemical Laboratory at Guwahati Biotech Park, Assam" as detailed below.

कार्यालय निदेशक, आयुर्वेदिक सेवायें, नवम् तल, इन्दिरा भवन

संख्या:- 284/8/कच्ची औषधि/2022-23 दिनांक:- 13.07.2022. महामहिम राज्यपाल महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निदेशक, आयुर्वेदिक सेवायें, उ०प्र० तथा निदेशक, यूनानी सेवायें, उ०प्र०, के अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों हेतु औषधि निर्माण में उपयोगी कच्ची औषधियाँ (जड़ी-बूटी) को दर अनुबन्ध (रेट कार्टरेक्ट) के आधार पर क्रय हेतु ऑन-लाईन ई-निविदा <https://etender.up.nic.in> के माध्यम से ऐसी प्रतिष्ठित फर्मों से, जो कच्ची औषधियाँ (जड़ी-बूटी) हेतु पंजीकृत एवं राजकीय आपूर्तिके अनुभवों हों तथा किसी विभाग द्वारा काली सूची (Black- Listed) में न हों, से दिनांक- 18.07.2022 सायं 05.00 से दिनांक-05.08.2022 अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा के तकनीकी भाव पत्र दिनांक- 06.08.2022 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे अधीक्षक, राजकीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी औषधि निर्माणशाला, उ०प्र०, मोहान रोड, लखनऊ के कार्यालय में उपस्थित फर्मों के प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष क्रय समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा ऑनलाईन खोली जायेगी। केवल तकनीकी भाव पत्र में अर्ह/पात्र पाये गये निविदादाताओं के ही वित्तीय भाव पत्रों पर विचार किया जायेगा, जिसकी सूचना उपरोक्त वेबसाइट के माध्यम से दी जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अकाशा होने की दशा में तकनीकी/वित्तीय भाव पत्र उसी कम में समयानुसार अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्नवत् है:-

निविदा से सम्बन्धित नियम व शर्तें तथा विवरण <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

UPID-177918 Date-14.07.2022 www.up.gov.in (प्रो. एस.एन. सिंह) निदेशक।

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय) RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड) CORRIGENDUM NOTICE to the Project: Manufacturing and Maintenance of 1200 (twelve hundred) 9000 hp Electric Locomotives. Bid document for the Project: Manufacturing and Maintenance of 1200 (twelve hundred) 9000 hp Electric Locomotives uploaded on IREPS website on 27.04.2022. Corrigenda regarding the Bid Document for the project have been uploaded on Official Website <https://ireps.gov.in>. The interested Bidders are advised to go through the Corrigenda for submission of Bid. The Bid Due Date has extended to 12.09.2022 from 24.08.2022 1790/2022

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION Bridges Department e-TENDER NOTICE e-Tenders are invited for the following works in Two Cover System as per details furnished below. S. No. Description of work. 1. Br. D. C. No. B3/0481/2022 Construction of ROB in lieu of existing LC no.2B at Manali road in Dn - 41. Zone - IV by Design, Engineering, Procurement and Construction (DEPC) method (GCC portion only). Approximate Work value: Rs.64.91 Crores (including GST @ 18%, EMD Amount: Rs.65,00,000/-).

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MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LIMITED INVITATION FOR BIDS Bid Notice No. MRVC/CT/2022 Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited (MRVCL), invites E - Bids under Single Packet System for the work of "Upgradation of Passenger Amenity System at Junagar Station of Mumbai Division of Central Railway". Approx. Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,14,11,865/- (Excluding GST). Bid Security: ₹ 2,13,900/-.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान जल मवन, 'बी' ब्लॉक, नेहरू कालोनी, देहरादून। पत्रांक : 331 / ई-निविदा / 2022-23 उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय मण्डल देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा, टू-बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं कार्मिशियल बिड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।

उ०प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड-अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदायें दो भागों में (जोएएसटी०) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ऑनलाईन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त ई-निविदा को स्वीकार/निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताये सुरक्षित रहेगा। अन्य नियम/शर्तें विभाग के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से संबंधित सूचना यदि कोई होगी तो केवल वेबसाइट पर डाली जाएगी। शत: स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाइट को नियमित देखते रहना चाहिए। अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या- 32/ई०टी०सी०एम०/2022-2023 खुलने का दिनांक- 03.08.2022 विद्युत परेषण खण्ड- रामपुर के अंतर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर स्काडा सिस्टम स्थापित करने, 100 एम०वी०ए० परिवर्तक-III को 'बे' को इंटीग्रेट करने, स्काडा सिस्टम में आ रही कमियों को दूर करने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि ₹० 500000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य ₹० 3540/- हस्ता/- अधीक्षक अभियन्ता विद्युत परेषण मण्डल-प्रथम मुरादाबाद। "राष्ट्र हित में विजली बचाय" पत्रांक: 2358-वि०पा०म०मु०/निविदा/2022-23 दिनांक: 15-07-22

PDPM Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing Jabalpur (An Institute of National Importance established by an Act of Parliament) Dumna Airport Road, P.O. Khamaria, Jabalpur-482005 Short Tender Notice Sealed Tenders are invited from IRDA accredited Insurance Companies (Licensed and Registered with IRDA) for "Group Personal Accidental Insurance Policy" for the students of PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur. Last date for submission of bid is 28-07-2022 by 3:00PM. For further details and tender documents please visit Institute website www.iiitdmj.ac.in Acting Registrar

ICAR- CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON GOATS MAKHDoom, P.O. FARAH-281122, MATHURA (U.P.) F. No. 5-(6)/3(CP)&C/2022 Dated: 15th July, 2022 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Online tenders are invited for 'Procurement of Chemicals, Glasswares, Plasticwares and various scientific services etc. for ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom. Interested parties may participate in online tender on CPP (Central Procurement Portal: www.e-procure.gov.in) NIT may be downloaded from our website www.cirg.res.in. Last date for bid submission is 15.08.2022 by 11.00 a.m. (Dharam Singh Meena) Administrative Officer

POOMPUHAR SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED (A Government of Tamilnadu Enterprise) 692, Anna Salai, IVth Floor, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035, India Telephone No. : 044 - 24330505 / 807, Fax : 91-44-24344593 / 24335706, E-mail : pscship@gmail.com CIN : 663090TN1974PLC06596 GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SPOT TERM TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF-TRIMMING PANAMAX / KAMSARMAK GEARLESS (OR WITH GEARS CONSIDERED AS GEARLESS) VESSEL WITH CAPACITY OF ABOUT 70,000 TO 86,000 DWT. Sealed tenders are invited from the Ship owners / disponent owners for the following specification:

Table with columns: Tender Number, Lay Days, Period, Last date for issue of Tender book, Tender closing Date & Time, Tender opening Date & Time. Includes tender details for PSC/OPS/TENDER (SHIP) GEARLESS/001/2022-23.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 196-S/71/2021-22/Tender Notice/TS/GFN On behalf of the President of India, Pr. CE, Northern Railway, Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 invites the following tenders through E-Procurement system:-

Table with columns: SN, Tender No., Brief Description, Qty., Cost of tender document, Earnest Money (in Rs.), Tender value (in Rs.), Date & Time of opening of Tender, Completion period. Includes tender details for TS225064.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Table with columns: Sl. No., Name of work, Estimated Cost (Rs.), Starting date for downloading Bid, Earnest Money, Deadline for submission of Bid. Includes various construction work items.

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION S.P.D.C.No.B1/0865/2022 Special Projects Department e-TENDER NOTICE e-tenders are invited for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below. Name of the Work S. P. D. C. No. B1/0865/2022 Construction of Pedestrian Plaza at Meganagar Choultry Road (M.C. Road) in Division No.51, Zone-V under Mega Street Projects Approximate value of work-Rs.2290.45 lakhs (Inclusive of GST) - Submission of E.M.D. Rs.22,90,500/- through online net banking transaction on e-tender portal only.

WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION / STRENGTHENING OF CAST IRON SCREW PILES Deputy Chief Engineer (Const) 1, Western Railway, 8th Floor, Station Building, Churhatga, Mumbai-400 200 Invites offer through e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in under Two packet-system for the following tender. Tender No. Dy.CE/CJ-784. Name of Work : Mahim - Bandra - Construction / Strengthening of Cast Iron Screw Piles (Bridge No. 20) : Placing of Precast RCC Box Segments between South Abutment and Pier No. 1 and Strengthening of Piers and Other Misc Works, Mumbai Division, Western Railway. NIT Cost: ₹ 14,60,19,498/-, EMD: ₹ 8,80,100/-.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS E-TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/Dankuni/ E-Procurement/22-23/71 Dated: 13/07/2022. PCMM/CLW/DKA on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender's isare for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Qty.; Due On; Tender Cost:[3511; 279674; As Per Tender Doc.;30.09.2022; 0.00; [352]; 23222772; Insert EDPT 180512 PDSRGG KCPK 30. Insert TNMG 220416 PM GR 4235/TN 4000/TTR; As Per Tender Doc.; 09.09.2022;0.00; [353]; 34222768; Relay for Control Electronic "OFF" Temperature. Relay For Control Electronic "ON" Along With Accessories; As Per Tender Doc.; 22.08.2022;0.00; [354]; 34222588; Tract/Braake Offer Meter Bogie to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/30071 or latest; As Per Tender Doc.; 12.09.2022;0.00.

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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Date : 16 July, 2022 | Time : 10:30 AM

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In august presence of

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| Anandiben Patel
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Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh | | |
| Keshav Prasad Maurya
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Minister Uttar Pradesh | Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi'
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Green Expressway



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24x7 Patrolling

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Zamir Ahmad R/o A-548, Uttam Nagar, Hasrat Road, Delhi and H.No. D-387, Mubarakpur, Meer Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 40/2010 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC at P.S. Burari, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Zamir Ahmad** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Zamir Ahmad** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Zamir Ahmad** of case FIR No. 40/2010 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC at P.S. Burari, Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 16.08.2022.

By Order
Ms. Reetika Jain
Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-03
Room No. 149, First Floor
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2556/N/2022-(Court Matter)

गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एण्ड इंजीनियर्स लिमिटेड
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
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GeM-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING
GEM BID REF. NO. GEM/2022/B/2337597 DTD. 11-JULY-22
NIT SLA NO.: SCC/INK/OT/NG E-FERRY/120
Sub: Construction of NG E-Ferry at GRSE
Tender Submission Due date: 02-Aug-22

1. Details available in GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in>
2. PRE-BID MEETING (MANDATORY): - 19-July-22 at 10:00 Hrs. at GRSE Main Unit, or over VC.
Note: Participation in Pre-bid meeting is mandatory for participating in the Tender. Offers from bidders not participating in Pre-bid meeting shall not be entertained.
Any addendum/clarification for this tender will be published in above website only.

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महात्मा ज्योतिबा फुले रुहेलखण्ड विश्वविद्यालय, बरेली
M.J.P. ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY, BAREILLY
पत्रांक: रु.प्रति./सु0/एफ-316/2022 (Vol-II)/6962 दिनांक: 15.07.2022

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा विज्ञापित
विश्वविद्यालय को ट्रेवल कार्य हेतु बस कन्टेनर एवं विभिन्न श्रेणी की टैक्सियाँ आदि उपलब्ध कराने हेतु निर्धारित प्रारूप पर अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिसकी अन्तिम तिथि दिनांक 27.07.2022 है। निविदा की सम्पूर्ण / विस्तृत जानकारी www.etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

कुलसचिव

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Kamla W/o Shyam Charan R/o H.No. 341, Near Allahabad Bank, Bhajanpura, Delhi**. Age about 25 years, Height 5'1", Complexion shallow, Face long, built medium wearing pink colour suit and golden sleeper in feet has been missing since 04.06.2022 from the area of PS Bhajanpura, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this lady but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a case DD No. 110-A dated 04.06.2022 has been lodged at PS Bhajanpura, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the following:

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218

SHO
PS Bhajanpura, Delhi
Ph. 011-22560741, 22561071

DP/1774/INE/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Rahul S/o Subhash Chand R/o Gauripuri, Jawahar Nagar, District- Baghat, Uttar Pradesh** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case E-FIR No. 37222/17 U/s 379/411/34 IPC P.S. Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rahul** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rahul** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rahul** of E-FIR No. 37222/17 U/s 379/411/34 IPC P.S. Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 17.08.2022.

By Order
Ms. Neha Gupta Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-09,
Room No.286, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2563/N/2022

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
4/1, Siri Institutional Area,
August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016
Warehousing for Everyone

No. CWC CO-MIS/22/2020-MIS Date: 12.07.2022

Notice Inviting Tender
Central Warehousing Corporation invites bids for Annual Maintenance Contract minor development with customized requirement for Inland Container Depot (ICD), Container Freight Station (CFS) software through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) bid number GEM/2022/B/2297771. For more details and downloading tender document, kindly visit www.gem.gov.in. Last date for submitting the e-bid in proper format on GeM is 12.08.2022 up to 15:00 hrs.

Group General Manager (System)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Prabhu Dev Singh S/o Sh. N.P. Singh R/o H.No. 72, Gali No. 15, A-Block, Bengali Colony, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi** also at: H.No. 437, Mukherji Nagar, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 1413/15, U/s 279/338 IPC & 146/196 MV Act, P.S. Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Prabhu Dev Singh** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Prabhu Dev Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Prabhu Dev Singh** of FIR No. 1413/15, U/s 279/338 IPC & 146/196 MV Act, P.S. Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before 16.08.2022.

By Order
Ms. Neha Gupta Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-09
Central, Room No. 286
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/2557/N/2022(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vinod Pandey S/o Sh. Raj Dulare Pandey R/o H.No. 12/14, Gali No. 2, B-Block, Shashtri Park, Nathupura, Delhi** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 12/12 U/s 279/337/338 IPC & 3/181 & 134/187MV ACT P.S. Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Vinod Pandey** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vinod Pandey** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vinod Pandey** of FIR No. 12/12 U/s 279/337/338 IPC & 3/181 & 134/187MV ACT P.S. Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 17.08.2022.

By Order
Ms. Neha Gupta Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-09,
Room No.286, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2564/N/2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:-

Sr. No	Name of Work with its location	Approx. Cost of work	Earnest Money Deposit	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	Fund Allocation	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen
1	PART-A Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 Kv ac OHE for electrification of un-electrified sidings/diesel sheds at HNZM & TKD Stations.	Rs. 3,21,56,017.03/-	Rs. 3,10,800/-	27.07.2022	10.08.2022 (15.00 hrs.)	EBR IF	www.freps.gov.in

No.: 14-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Date: 15.07.2022 1784/2022

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male Age : About 35 years, Height : 5'8", Face : Round, Complexion : Shallow, Build: Medium, wearing red colour shirt and blue colour pant, was found unconscious on 13.06.2022 at Kashmere Market, INA Market, Delhi.

He was admitted in AIIMS Hospital, where doctor declare him brought dead. In this regard GD No. 52-A dated 13.06.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification in the mortuary of AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi

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

SHO - P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi
Tel. No.: 011-24624825, 24620106, 08750870828

DP/322/SD/22

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
See Section 82 Cr.PC.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Gaurav @ Nonu S/o Sh. Raj Kumar, R/o H.No. 10503, Gali No.2, Motiya Khan Sadar Bazar, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 192/2020 u/s 356/379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Gaurav @ Nonu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Gaurav @ Nonu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Gaurav @ Nonu** of FIR No. 192/2020 u/s 356/379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 18.08.2022.

By Order
Ms. Neha Gupta Singh
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-09, Central,
Room No. 286,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2555/N/2022 (Court Matter)

KMML The Kerala Minerals & Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)

(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
Sankaramangalam, Chavara - 691 583, Kollam, Kerala, India
Phone : +91-476-2651215 to 2651217.
Fax : +91-476-2680101, 2686721.
E-mail : contact@kmmll.com, www.kmmll.com CN:U14199K19725C002939

Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal, <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmll.com

No	Tender ID	Items
1.	2022_KMML_499678_1	Excavation of iron oxide from third pond in as is where is condition and shifting to old ponds in KMML, Chavara 15.07.2022 sd/HOU(TP/TSF) For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd

Our Products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetrachloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge, Rutile, Zircon & Silicamite

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice

No. 196-S/71/2021-22/Tender Notice/TSO-III/BALP Dated: 14.07.2022
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 196-S/71/2021-22/Tender Notice/TSO-III/BALP
Ref:- E-procurement Tender Notice No. 196-S/71/2021-22/Tender Notice/TSO-III/BALP Dated: 14.07.2022.

Corrigendum No.1
Under noted tender which was to be opened on 19/07/2022 has been cancelled due to administrative reasons

Tender No. TS225038A Due on 19.07.2022

Description of item	Manufacturing & Supply of Blown Aluminium Powder as per Northern Railway Thermit Portion Plant Lucknow's standard specification TPP/BALP/2021 (as amended up to date).
Tender Value	Rs. 5,20,55,388.62
Tender Document Cost	Rs. Nil
Earnest Money	Rs.10,41,110/-
Completion Period	12 Months
Time of Submission of Tender	Up 19.07.2022 at 14.30 IST
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	On 19.07.2022 at 14.30 IST
Validity of Offer	180 days

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement tender is available on website www.freps.gov.in and www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in 1772/22

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 24/P-69/2022-23/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj Dated: 13.07.2022

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, (Subedargan), Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:
(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on <http://freps.gov.in> upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

SN	Tender No.	Brief Description	Tender Value	Earnest Money
1.	TMC 0192223	Rubber Mounting. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]	₹ 2,03,357/-	₹ 4,100/-
2.	TMC 0202223	Hydraulic Cylinder. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]	₹ 8,35,016/-	₹ 16,700/-
3.	TMC 0212223	Pneumatic Valve. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser or Armaturembh only]	₹ 1,78,416/-	₹ 3,600/-
4.	TMC 0222223	Disc Clamp and Semi Finish Bronze Bush. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]	₹ 18,87,455/-	₹ 37,800/-
5.	TMC 0232223	Seal Ring. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser, WLK, Trelleborg, Frudenberg (Simitir (CFW) only)]	₹ 1,83,695/-	₹ 3,700/-

Quantity: For all tenders "As per Section IV of tender document."
Date of Opening: For all tenders "10.08.2022"

Note: (1) The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website <http://freps.gov.in>. Up to 15:30 hrs. On the due date of tender opening. (2) Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt 1 Dated: 29.06.2017 "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". (3) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (4) This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in. (5) Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. (6) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 883/22 (A)

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure
East-Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002

No.EE/RI/East/TEND/02/2022-23 Date:15.07.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, East Division, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphaltting of 07 selected Arterial, Sub Arterial and other connecting road of Hebbala and Sarvagna Nagar Assembly constituency, Amrutha Nagarottana-RI-EAST-2022-23-Package No.01	1768.01	Rs. 17.68 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Balance by Bank Guarantee)
2	Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphaltting of 14 selected Arterial, Sub Arterial and other connecting road of Pulakeshinagara and Shanthi Nagar Assembly constituency, Amrutha Nagarottana-RI-EAST-2022-23-Package No.02	1768.01	Rs. 17.68 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Balance by Bank Guarantee)
3	Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphaltting of 12 selected Arterial, Sub Arterial and other connecting road of CV Raman Nagar Assembly constituency, Amrutha Nagarottana-RI-EAST-2022-23-Package No.03	2209.95	Rs. 22.09 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Balance by Bank Guarantee)
4	Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphaltting of 06 selected Arterial, Sub Arterial and other connecting roads of Shivaji Nagar Assembly constituency, Amrutha Nagarottana-RI-EAST-2022-23-Package No.04	2209.95	Rs. 22.09 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Balance by Bank Guarantee)
5	Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphaltting of 08 selected Arterial, Sub Arterial and other connecting road of Sarvagna Nagar Assembly constituency, Amrutha Nagarottana-RI-EAST-2022-23-Package No.05	1259.70	Rs. 12.59 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Balance by Bank Guarantee)
6	Improvements to Drains, Footpath and Asphaltting of 09 selected Arterial, Sub Arterial and other connecting road of Sarvagna Nagar Assembly constituency, Amrutha Nagarottana-RI-EAST-2022-23-Package No.06	1392.25	Rs. 13.92 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Balance by Bank Guarantee)

1) Tender documents may be downloaded w.e.f., 18.07.2022 onwards from e-procurement website 2) Pre-bid Meeting: 21.07.2022 at 03.00 p.m. 3) Last date for submission of bids: 25.07.2022 upto 04.00 p.m. 4) Date of opening of technical bids: 25.07.2022 at 05.30 p.m. Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GOK e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or e-Procurement Helpdesk : 080-22485867 / 22485927.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-East.
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Ranil takes charge for now, sets stage for new President



EXPRESS IN SRI LANKA

SHUBHAJIT ROY
COLOMBO, JULY 15

DESCRIBING THE situation in Sri Lanka as "dangerous", the country's new Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Friday said that he would not "allow anything unconstitutional" to happen, setting the stage for the Parliamentary process starting Saturday to elect a new leader on July 20.

Former Prime Minister Wickremesinghe's remarks came after he was sworn in as Acting President following official confirmation from the Speaker of Sri Lanka's Parliament, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, that he had received President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's resignation letter.

"I am bound to protect the Constitution," Wickremesinghe said.

"I will never allow anything unconstitutional to take place in our country. I am not working outside the Constitution... If law and order breaks down, it will affect our economy. Like fuel, our electricity and water supply as



Ranil Wickremesinghe takes oath as Acting President in Colombo on Friday. AP

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well as our food supply can be disrupted. We all need to understand this dangerous situation," he said.

The forceful remarks appeared to be aimed at the protesters in Colombo who have called for the entire government machinery to be replaced by a "People's Council" comprising representatives of common citizens. In the past few days, Wickremesinghe, whose private

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THE DALAI LAMA IN LADAKH

The Dalai Lama arrives in Leh on Friday as he starts his month-long Ladakh visit. AP

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Bail for Zubair in Delhi case, court says need dissent for healthy democracy

Will remain in judicial custody due to orders in UP cases

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

OBSERVING THAT "the voice of dissent is necessary for healthy democracy", a Delhi court Friday granted bail to AltNews co-founder Mohammed Zubair who was arrested for allegedly

hurting religious sentiments and promoting enmity through a tweet in 2018.

Additional Sessions Judge Devender Kumar Jangala granted bail to Zubair, noting that a "democracy can neither work nor prosper unless people go out and share their views".

Zubair is currently facing a total of seven cases. He has been granted bail in two, and will remain in judicial custody until he gets bail in the remaining cases. In the present case, he will have to furnish a bail bond of Rs 50,000 with a surety of the same amount.

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Additional Public Prosecutor Atul Shrivastava had opposed



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CAATSA WAIVER US House votes for sanctions waiver to India over S-400s

Waiver can help deter aggressors like China, says amendment

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JULY 15

THE US House of Representatives has passed by voice vote a legislative amendment that approves waiver to India against the punitive CAATSA sanctions for its purchase of the S-400 missile defence system from Russia to help deter aggressors like China.

The legislative amendment was passed Thursday as part of an en bloc (all together as a single unit) amendment during floor consideration of the National Defence Authorisation

EXPLAINED

E One step forward

THE HOUSE vote is a step forward for India. Only the US President can grant a waiver under CAATSA. When that happens, India can buy S-400s from Russia without fear of sanctions. The House vote comes at a time when US-Russia ties have plunged over the Ukraine war.

Act (NDAA). Authored and introduced by Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna, the amendment urges the Biden administration to

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Basic pay, wages: Govt open to relook labour code proposals

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

WITH THE Government setting the stage to implement four new labour codes, the Ministry of Labour and Employment is open to reviewing some provisions in two of them — The Code on Wages and The Code on Social Security — that have led to concerns among employers and industry representatives, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

A proposed provision in The Code on Wages to cap basic salary at 50 per cent of total pay, which effectively reduces take-home salaries but raises contributions towards social security components such as Employees' Provident Fund, is likely to be among the proposals being considered for a review based on feedback from stakeholders.

Representations have been

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Aspirants at Delhi University on Friday. Praveen Khanna PAGE 8

CUET, Day 1: UGC says no retest for students who missed exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

STUDENTS WHO missed the Central University Entrance Test (CUET) on Friday after reaching the exam centres late will not be offered a retest, the University Grants Commission (UGC) said.

The UGC's categorical stand means that even those students who attributed their delay to the

National Testing Agency's decision to change about 15 centres, including one in Delhi, a day before the exam will not be eligible for a retest.

"In some cases, a few students reached the centres after 9.30 pm, after the commencement of the first session in the morning slot. It is a common practice and it has already been conveyed to students that if they

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2002 RIOTS: AFFIDAVIT IN COURT

At Ahmed Patel's behest, Teesta & others plotted to destabilise Gujarat govt: SIT

Unfair to use his name for sensationalism: Patel daughter

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, JULY 15

THE GUJARAT Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing charges of fabrication of evidence and conspiracy linked to the 2002 riots against activist Teesta Setalvad, retired DGP R B

Sreekumar and former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt has stated in an affidavit that the accused were allegedly part of a "larger conspiracy" for "dismissal or destabilisation" by "hook or by crook" of the then state government. It stated that this was done allegedly at the "behest" of the late Ahmed Patel, who was political

advisor to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi at the time.

The affidavit was filed by the SIT's Investigating Officer B C Solanki before the City Civil and Sessions Court in Ahmedabad on Friday. It states that Setalvad allegedly obtained "illegal financial and other benefits and

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Rubaiya Sayeed arrives at a court in Jammu on Friday. PTI

Rubaiya Sayeed points out Yasin Malik, three others as her abductors

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 15

APPEARING BEFORE a Special TADA Judge in a case related to her abduction in 1989, Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, identified Yasin Malik, the jailed Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief, and three others as her abductors on Friday.

The case dates back to December 8, 1989, when Rubaiya was abducted from a mini-bus in Srinagar, when she

was returning home from the Lal Ded Memorial Hospital where she was a medical intern. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed was then the Union Home Minister in the VP Singh government.

The JKLF had claimed the abduction and demanded the release of five jailed militants. The militants were freed, and Rubaiya was released after five days in captivity.

This was the first time that Rubaiya was asked to appear before the court to record her statement. According to officials, Rubaiya identified Malik, who was present via video conference,

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'I know I will go to jail, but paying the fine would mean I did a wrong'

GARGI VERMA
HYDERABAD, JULY 15

ACTIVIST HIMANSHU Kumar says he won't pay the "exemplary" cost of Rs 5 lakh imposed on him by the Supreme Court on Thursday, while rejecting a petition by him seeking a probe into the alleged torture and extrajudicial killings by the security forces during anti-Maoist operations in Dantewada in 2009.

"I know I will go to jail. Paying the fine would mean accepting that I did something wrong," Kumar, who for 17 years ran an NGO called Vanvasi Chetna

Ashram in Dantewada, told *The Indian Express*. The 57-year-old left the state in 2010, forced out, he says, by threats in the wake of his Dantewada allegations.

The incident dates back to September and October 2009 when 17 tribals, including a 12-year-old girl, were killed and many injured and their houses destroyed in villages of then Dantewada and now Sukma district in Chhattisgarh. While Kumar and several villagers accused the security forces of killing the tribals, the Raman Singh-led BJP government at the time blamed the Naxals.

After Kumar approached the

court in 2009, police exhumed seven bodies from the outskirts of one of the villages, Gompad.

While dismissing his petition for a probe into the deaths, the Supreme Court Thursday asked the CBI and state police to investigate whether the PIL had been filed by him deliberately to discredit the security personnel and help Left Wing Extremists. Kumar was ordered to submit the Rs 5 lakh fine over the "frivolous" litigation within four weeks, failing which authorities could take "appropriate steps" for recovery.

Also seeking action against Kumar, the court said: "We clar-

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SC penalising petitioner is unjust. It sends a chilling signal to those who question state

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ify that it shall not be limited only to the offence under Section 211 of the IPC (false charge of offence made with intent to injure). A case of criminal conspiracy or any other offence under the IPC may also surface... We leave it to the better discretion of the State of



Himanshu Kumar ran an NGO in Dantewada for 17 yrs

Chhattisgarh / CBI to act."

While officials of the Congress government in the state said they were "examining the order", the BJP hailed the Court decision. Raman Singh, who was the Chief Minister at the time of the deaths, said: "The Supreme Court has clarified that our forces were not wrong at the time. Himanshu Kumar and others made so much noise about innocent tribals being killed by security forces. We have been vindicated by this order, in a way, and the action against him is justified."

Kumar says he has been in the crosshairs of authorities

since the time he filed the petition in the Supreme Court. He had to flee "overnight" from Chhattisgarh, he adds. The Vanvasi Chetna Ashram was later demolished. "My co-petitioners (family members of some of those killed and eyewitnesses) were abducted and I was not allowed to speak to them despite the court's order. Eventually, I was informed by some of my friends that the state was ready to take extreme measures to silence me and that I should leave."

Kumar claims that testimonies he recorded on October 11, 2009, in the affected villages

talked of security forces killing six people in Gachanpalli on September 17 that year, followed by two people in Velpocha and Nalkathong, and nine in Gompad, on October 1. In his petition to the Supreme Court, Kumar said family members and neighbours of the deceased had seen security personnel attack them without provocation.

The Centre countered that while security personnel were present, they were responding to Maoists operating in the area — which was upheld by the Supreme Court. Incidentally, the Centre also stated that it had lost

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The crises in Sri Lanka leading to Gotabaya's resignation, the new IT Act to replace the law of 2000, and charges of financial impropriety against the Uttarakhand Cricket Association

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S-400s

use its authority to provide India with a Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) waiver to help deter aggressors like China.

CAATSA is a tough US law that authorises the US administration to impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its alleged meddling in the 2016 US presidential elections.

"The United States must stand with India in the face of escalating aggression from China. As Vice Chair of the India Caucus, I have been working to strengthen the partnership between our countries and ensure that India can defend itself along the Indian Chinese border," said Khanna, the US representative from California's 17th congressional district. The law was brought in 2017 and provides for punitive actions by the US government against any country engaged in transactions with the Russian defence and intelligence sectors.

In October 2018, India signed a \$5-billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems, despite a warning from the then-Trump administration that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions. The S-400 is known as Russia's most advanced long-range sur-

face-to-air missile defence system. The US has already imposed sanctions on Turkey under the CAATSA for the purchase of a batch of S-400 missile defence systems from Russia.

Following the US sanctions on Turkey over the procurement of S-400 missile systems, there were apprehensions that Washington may impose similar punitive measures on India.

The US has not yet made any decision on potential sanctions or waivers to India under CAATSA law for its purchase of the S-400 missile defence system from Russia, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in April. **PTI**

Zubair

Zubair's bail stating he wrote the words 'before 2014' and 'after 2014' in his tweet to point out a party, as 2014 was when 'Modi had come' to power, and that this was done to "incite people of the other side and create ill-will". On this, the judge said that in "Indian democracy, the political parties are open for their criticism".

"Political parties are not shy- ing away from the public to face criticism of policies. The voice of dissent is necessary for healthy democracy. Therefore, merely criticism of any political parties is not justified to invoke section 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence)

NIRF: IIT's sweep rankings, IISc tops universities

TOP THREE

OVERALL RANKINGS

1. IIT Madras, Chennai
2. IISc, Bengaluru
3. IIT Bombay, Mumbai

UNIVERSITIES

1. IISc, Bengaluru
2. JNU, New Delhi
3. Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

COLLEGES

1. Miranda House, New Delhi
2. Hindu College, New Delhi
3. Presidency College, Chennai

student faculty ratio. We are aggressively trying to get good faculty. This is important because more faculty implies more students, more research, more outreach, more ideas, more projects. We will try to push it faster," he said.

"The second part is perception, which is a very subjective matter. And we should make outreach and get globally recognised like world reputed institutes. In a way, NIRF is also helping us improve the perception factor," Prof Kamakoti said.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), which topped the latest round of QS rankings among Indian institutes, was placed second in the NIRF rankings like last year. The slots from third to seventh have been secured by IIT-Bombay, IIT-Delhi, IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Kharagpur, IIT-Roorkee and IIT-Guwahati, in a repeat of 2021, followed by AIIMS and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

puses broke into the top 100 category (overall), managing 68th and 56th spots.

The top-ranked private institutes are Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (16), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (17), Vellore Institute of Technology (18), Birla Institute of Technology & Science-Pilani (32), Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (34), S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology (36), Amity University (42).

IISc, meanwhile, topped the universities category for the seventh consecutive year and stood first in the research institutions category for the second consecutive year. AIIMS occupied the top slot in the medical education category for the fifth straight year, while IIM-Ahmedabad remained the best institute in the management segment.

The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, retained the first position in law.

Apart from the dominance of older institutes, the performance of newer IITs stands out in the latest round of the rankings, which has entered its seventh year. IIT-Jodhpur improved its rankings from 43 to 30, IIT-Mandi rose to 20 from 41, while the Palakkad and Tirupati cam-

and 295 A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) of the IPC," the court said.

It emphasised that naming any institution with a Hindu god's name is not violative of the provisions invoked by police since the religion, being one of the oldest in the world, is tolerant and so are its followers. A film still shared by Zubair had purportedly shown a hotel signboard changed from Honeymoon hotel to Hanuman hotel. "Hindu religion is so tolerant that its followers proudly name their institution/ organisation / facilities in the name of their Holy God or Goddess. A large number of Hindus proudly name their children in the name of their Holy God and Goddess. Therefore, naming an institute, facility or organization or child in the name of Hindu deity on the face of it, is not violative of section 153 A and 295 A of IPC unless the same is done with malice/guilty intention," the court said.

It agreed with arguments put forth by Zubair's lawyer Vrinda Grover that the still image taken from the Hrishikesh Mukherjee film 'Kisi Se Na Kehna' was certified by the Central Board of Film Certification and no complaint had been received till date that the scene hurt feelings of a community.

The judge considered the fact that police till date have not been able to record the statement of the anonymous Twitter account user which flagged Zubair's tweet nor recorded the statement of any other person who felt offended by the tweet. He said police must investigate as per principles laid down in the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The court noted that the investigation is documentary in nature and no further interrogation is required since he has already spent 5 days in police custody. Zubair's lawyers had argued that he had taken all safeguards to prevent the receipt of any foreign contribution. The court, after perusing the material placed by his lawyers, said that the accused "showed due diligence" as per sec-

tion 39 of PCRA. It said "democracy can neither work nor prosper unless people go out and share their views". It emphasised that Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution "gives freedom of speech and expression to its citizens."

"Undoubtedly, free speech is the proper foundation of a democratic society. A free exchange of ideas, dissemination of information without restraints, dissemination of knowledge, airing of different viewpoints, debating and forming one's own views and expressing them, are the basic indicators of a free society," the court said.

Sri Lanka
residence was burned down during the protests, had referred to the protesters as "fascists". Wickremesinghe also announced two steps to reassure the public that the President's powers were being clipped. He said the country would do away with the honorific title, "His Excellency", for the President — and that the official flag of the President will be abolished since the country needs only one national flag.

Speaker Abeywardena said the new President would be elected through Parliament on July 20 as decided by the leaders of all political parties. The Parliament will convene on Saturday to start the legislative process for the elections.

Nominations for the post will be called for on July 19 and voting will take place on July 20 in accordance with provisions in the Constitution, the Communications Department of Lanka's Parliament said. Apart from Wickremesinghe, Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, former Army chief Sarath Fonseka and former minister Dullas Alahapperuma are among the main contenders.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa's party, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), which has the most number of seats in the Parliament, announced its support for Wickremesinghe. According to Sri Lankan media reports, party chief and former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his son Namal are still in the country.

Earlier, the Parliament Speaker officially confirmed that he had received disgraced President Gotabaya's resignation letter and said that he intends to complete the legislative process to elect a new President over the next week.

Meanwhile, the Indian High Commission reiterated the Ministry of External Affairs' official statement from earlier this week that India "will continue to stand with the people of Sri Lanka as they seek to realize their aspirations for prosperity and progress through democratic means and values as well as established institutions and a constitutional framework".

The commitment that India has demonstrated in helping the Sri Lankan people, to address the challenges arising out of the current situation in Sri Lanka, underlines India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy as well as the SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision, the High Commission said.

It also pointed out that India had categorically denied having any role in facilitating the departure or travel of former President Gotabaya from Sri Lanka.

Rubaiya

as the person who had threatened to drag her out of the mini-bus at the time of her abduction. She again identified him and three others from their photographs that formed part of the prosecution's evidence.

The other three who she identified have been named as Mohammad Zaman Mir, Mehraj-Din Sheikh and Manzoor Ahmed Sofi.

Rubaiya was listed as a prosecution witness by the CBI, which took over the investigation in the early 1990s. The court fixed August 23 for her cross-examination by defence lawyers.

Convicted in a terror funding case, Malik is serving life term in Delhi's Tihar jail.

In January last year, the court had framed charges against 10, including Malik, in the abduction case. Besides the four identified by Rubaiya on Friday, the others are: Ali Mohammad Mir, Iqbal Ahmad Gandroo, Javed Ahmad Mir alias Nalka, Mohammad Rafiq Pahloo alias Nana Ji alias Saleem, Wajahat Bashir and Showkat Ahmad Bakshi.

In its chargesheet, the CBI had named two dozen people — two are dead and 12 others are absconding. While Mohammad Rafiq Dar and Mushtaq Ahmed Lone are dead, the 12 who are absconding are: Halima, Javed Iqbal Mir, Mohammad Yaqub Pandit, Riyaz Ahmed Bhat, Khurshed Ahmed Dar, Basharat Rehman Noori, Tariq Ashraf, Shafat Ahmed Shangloo, Manzoor Ahmed, Gulam Mohammad Taploo, Abdul Majeed Bhat and Nissar Ahmed Bhat.

Malik is also facing trial in a case related to the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in Srinagar in January 1990.

Labour code

made to the Union Labour Ministry for tweaking the definition of wages as proposed in the code, and those inputs are being taken into consideration.

"We are willing and open to reconsider if there are issues, such as the wage provision, whether allowances can be more than 50 per cent. Some are saying that incentives and bonuses are given. So, those are being looked at. Concerns should be sorted out and

we are trying to build consensus on all issues," a senior Government official told *The Indian Express*.

The Code on Wages proposes to fix a National Floor Level Minimum Wage, and redefine the break-up of wage to increase the share of the basic pay component — a provision to enable higher provision for social security for establishments, especially in the service sector. The code proposes to peg basic pay at 50 per cent of gross salary. The Labour Ministry is also learnt to have held meetings with representatives of gig and platform aggregators, who have pitched for redefining the definition of turnover.

According to The Code on Social Security, aggregators employing gig workers have to contribute 1-2 per cent of annual turnover for social security, with the total contribution not exceeding 5 per cent of the amount payable by the aggregator.

"They are saying their turnover doesn't just include gig workers. They have workers for warehousing, for delivery, those who run the online platforms, so they said turnover cannot be seen in totality. So we have asked them to provide detailed inputs and we are willing to sort the issues," the official said.

Experts, however, said any proposed amendment needs to be discussed with all stakeholders, including employers and employees.

"If the Labour Ministry makes an attempt to amend the Wage Code to redefine wages in response to employers' demands, it will substantially infuriate trade unions and working class and thereby there will be considerable unrest and it might even open the proverbial Pandora's box, with workers demanding amendments of their choice. This partial move, hence, is inadvisable," labour economist and professor at XLRI — Xavier School of Management Jamsheer, K R Shyam Sundar, told *The Indian Express*.

"The Government should constitute a tripartite or multipartite committee, an anomaly committee like the Pay Commission, to review the Codes taking into account demands of both the parties and introduce multiple amendments so that the Codes satisfy both the parties and aid industrial growth as well as labour welfare," he said.

"They will go up to minimum 20-25 per cent (basic pay) and then increase it gradually to 30 per cent or 40 per cent or 50 per cent in 2-3 years," Sundar said.

Renewed deliberations are also underway at the highest levels on a fresh implementation schedule of the four labour codes amid divergent views on whether to push through all of them simultaneously or stagger them.

Himanshu Kumar

statements given by the villagers in front of a district judge in Delhi.

Kumar says the dismissal of his plea by the Supreme Court means "several families have lost the hope of justice".

Born to freedom fighter parents in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, Kumar grew up at Gandhi Ashram in Meerut. His father worked closely with Vinoba Bhave, and Kumar says he had a huge influence on him.

After his marriage, he along with his wife moved to Chhattisgarh to work for the tribals, raising health issues like malaria, creating awareness about literacy, and taking on the government over alleged human rights violations, especially during the Salwa Judum movement. He worked in Bastar extensively, often travelling long distances on foot to reach difficult terrains.

"Now, they want to come after me for raising this issue and bringing it to the court of law," Kumar says. "I am sure of going to jail, but I don't regret bringing this issue to court."

Gujarat SIT

rewards from the political party" for implicating and prosecuting "various authorities and other innocent persons in the State of Gujarat including the then Chief Minister".

Setalvad, Sreekumar and Bhatt are being investigated in relation to an FIR lodged in Ahmedabad on June 25, a day after the Supreme Court dismissed a plea against the clean chit given to Narendra Modi, who was then Gujarat's chief minister, and others in cases related to the 2002 riots.

In its order, the apex court had pointed to a "coalesced effort of the disgruntled officials of the state of Gujarat along with others... to create sensation by making revelations which were false to their own knowledge". It had said that those responsible for keeping the "pot boiling" for 16 years "need to be in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law."

The FIR lodged in Ahmedabad accuses Setalvad, Bhatt and Sreekumar of forging evidence, conspiracy and other charges pertaining to the riots.

Friday's affidavit submits that statements of two witnesses taken during the ongoing probe "establish that the conspiracy was enacted by the present applicant (Setalvad), along with other accused persons at the behest of Late Shri Ahmed Patel, the then Member of Parliament from Rajya Sabha and Political Advisor to the President of the Indian National Congress".

The affidavit states that Setalvad allegedly "started to act as part of this conspiracy from the very beginning, as just few days after Godhra train incident the applicant had held meetings with Late Shri Ahmed Patel and had received Rs 5 lakh at the first instance where the money was given to her by one witness on the instructions of Late Shri Ahmed Patel". It alleges that "two days later, in a meeting conducted at the Government Circuit House Shahibaug between Late Shri Ahmed Patel and the applicant (Setalvad)...the said witness had handed over Rs 25 lakh more to the applicant (Setalvad) on instruction of Late Shri Ahmed Patel". The affidavit claims that the "money given to the applicant (Setalvad) was not part of any relief-related corpus as all relief material in the form of food materials and other essential commodities was provided across Gujarat by one Gujarat Relief Committee. The presence of several political leaders at Shahibaug Circuit House during this period of meeting including that of Late Shri Ahmed Patel is corroborated by material collecting in the investigation". Referring to the purported witness statements, the affidavit claims they "further reflect that meetings were also held at the New Delhi residence of Late Shri Ahmed Patel where the ap-

plicant (Setalvad) and other accused person, Sanjiv Bhatt, had met Shri Ahmed Patel, approximately four months after the riots in clandestine manner".

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, Patel's daughter Mumtaz Patel described the SIT's charges as "really unfortunate". "All I would like to say is that it's unfair but very easy to use a deceased person's name for headlines and sensationalism. He is not here to defend himself and as family, we don't have any more comments as we were not involved in his work."

The affidavit also states that the statements of witnesses allegedly "shows that on various occasions when Teesta Setalvad and Sanjiv Bhatt used to meet at the latter's residence, talks used to be concerning the collection of fund in the name of riot-affected persons".

It states that "ocular evidence collected by the investigating officer points to several meetings that were conducted in Delhi with political leaders after riots, wherein it was discussed by Setalvad with the leaders of a prominent national party in power at that time to implicate names of senior leaders of the BJP government of the state of Gujarat in these riot cases".

The affidavit links "these revelations" to "an incident of exhumation of human skeletal remains from Pandarvada village of Mahisagar district that had happened in the year 2006".

"The said witness has stated that he, (Setalvad) and R B Sreekumar had gone to the place along with various media personnel. During this visit, the applicant accused (Setalvad) had remarked that the BJP government would have to resign in three days," it states.

Meanwhile, an Ahmedabad sessions court on Friday adjourned the hearing of the bail applications of Setalvad and Sreekumar in the Ahmedabad FIR to July 18. (WITNES/NEW DELHI)

CUET

come 30 minutes after the commencement of the examination, they are not permitted to enter the centre," UGC chairperson Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar said.

The exam centres that were changed on Thursday included the Netaji Subhas University of Technology (NSUT) in Dwarka — the centre was shifted to Delhi University's north campus.

According to the NTA, the decision was conveyed to students through text messages, emails and automated phone calls.

Asked why the centres were changed a day before the exam, NTA director general Vineet Joshi told *The Indian Express*: "You keep testing the system. We do mock tests at a centre before every exam. If there is the slightest problem, we have to change the exam centre. There is no other way."

Joshi said buses were stationed for those who had reached the original centre.

"We had arranged buses at all the old centres to transport the students to the new centres, in case they missed the memo. For instance, the last bus from NSUT left at 8:30 am, which is the cut-off time to bar entry in the exam centre. So if you reached your original centre even a minute later than 8:30 am, you wouldn't have been able to take the exam there anyway. If you reached on time, then you would have been safely transported in our buses to the new centre. They were all ferried to the new centre and were allowed to begin the exam much after 9 am," he said. Prof Kumar said the candidates may have reached late for "various reasons", but if they turned up after the 30 minutes grace period, "there is no way we can conduct a retest for them".

CUET is the single gateway exam to seek admission to undergraduate programmes across 45 central universities. This is the first year of the exam, which will be held in two phases between July 15 and August 20.

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Wall collapse leaves 5 dead

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

FIVE LABOURERS were killed and eight injured after the wall of an under-construction godown collapsed in Outer North Delhi's Alipur Friday. Police and MCD said the construction was illegal and they had issued orders against it in April-May but the builder restarted work this month.



Eight people were injured after the wall at the under-construction godown collapsed in Alipur, Friday. Amit Mehra

The deceased have been identified as Pramod (45), Bablu (35), Rishipal, Pramod (35), and Pramod Kumar (29). The men along with other labourers were digging the ground near a wall when it collapsed, trapping them under the debris. It took two-three hours to pull out the bodies. Around 20 labourers were at work at the time of the incident.

Additional DCP (Outer North) Raja Bhanthia said: "We have arrested the contractor, Sikander, and site supervisor Satish for their negligence. The site owner has been identified and is on the run." A case has been filed under IPC sections 288 (negligently pulling down/repairing building), 304 (culpable homicide), 337 (hurt by an act endangering life) and 34 (common intention).

The Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said they received a call around 12.40 pm regarding the incident

ter booking the property, he issued notice to the owner in this regard," the statement read.

Senior police officers said they had informed the MCD about the illegal construction on July 11. "They asked us to keep watch and we wrote to them about the construction. We weren't informed about their site visit on July 13 and of the notice," said an officer.

'It was sudden'

The wife of one of the victims, Pramod (35), said he used to work as a mistry in UP's Badaun. "We came here for work since we could not earn enough," said Meena Devi. The couple have an infant daughter, Jyoti.

Those who escaped said the wall collapsed suddenly at 12.30 pm. UP resident Nem Chand (38) said: "We were digging a foundation parallel to it when it happened. I was near the wall when somebody shouted that it was falling. It fell on top of me and I fell unconscious."

Others came in search of their relatives. Raghbir (35) from Bihar, who used to work at the site, looked for his younger brother Raghu (22) after an acquaintance told him he was trapped under the wall. He said, "I have not found out what has happened to him, or if he is in the hospital." He said the men worked from 8 am-6 pm and were paid Rs 500 a day.

Probing claims by Yemen family that hospital, interpreter fleeced them: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE DELHI police has started investigating allegations that Max Super Speciality Hospital Patparganj and an interpreter assigned to a Yemeni couple and their child, who was treated at the hospital in April and May, allegedly fleeced them and their passports have also been withheld preventing their return home, the Delhi High Court was told on Friday.

A counsel representing the police, before the bench of Justice Yashwant Varma, said the complainant's statement has been recorded and the probe is being closely monitored by the Deputy Commissioner of Police concerned. The hospital on July 11 had told the court that it is not in possession of passports of the petitioner's wife and child.

While police confirmed that the passports are not with the hospital and maybe with the interpreter, it told the court that the probe is underway to find out how they reached her. There appeared to be some

nexus between her and the hospital, the counsel representing police said. The court listed the matter for next hearing on July 20.

In the petition, Mahfooth Qasem Ali Amer Al Garadi sought a direction for return of the passports of his wife and infant son. He has also prayed for the constitution of a medical board to ascertain the present medical condition of his child, who has been operated twice at the hospital. On July 11, the court had taken note of the complaint made by the Yemen's embassy in India in this regard and asked the police to respond to the petition.

In the complaint sent by the embassy to Max hospital on June 10, it was alleged that the patient was to be treated with the estimated cost of around 7,000-7,500 US dollars but his parents have been made to pay double the amount. The complaint alleged that the hospital and interpreter Lubna Alysed (Lubna Mohammad) did not provide any bills for the same, and also the passports of the mother and child have not been returned.

Man kills wife, 2 daughters, self over business loss

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

A 40-YEAR-OLD businessman allegedly shot himself dead after allegedly gunning down his wife and two minor daughters over failure in his business, police said.

The deceased were identified as Israr Ahmed, Fahreena Praveen (35), Yashfika (11) and Inaya (9).

Israr was in the jeans business and faced huge losses, DCP (Northeast) Sanjay Kumar Sain said.

Initial investigation revealed that after allegedly killing the three, Ahmed recorded a video of a minute and a half, narrating how he was forced to take the step due to financial hardships.

He said that he killed his daughters since they would face problems in future, but spared two of his sons because, he claimed, they would manage. Police have recovered the footage and sent it to the FSL for forensic examination.

Police said that in the video, he said he had a shop in Saudi Arabia, and came back to India in 2018. He started selling jeans in Mumbai, but faced losses. "The incident came to light on Friday at 2.45 pm after the victim's younger son aged 13 informed his uncle. The couple left behind two sons, including a four-year-old. Israr was staying on the third floor of the building where his father and brother were also staying. Prima facie, it appears that Israr first drugged his wife and two minor daughters and allegedly shot them dead before taking own life inside his bedroom," Sain said.

Kingdom of Dreams sealed

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
GURGAON, JULY 15

THE HARYANA Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) sealed Gurgaon's live entertainment, theatre and leisure hub Kingdom of Dreams for alleged non-payment of dues to the tune of Rs 108 crore and took possession of its auditorium Friday.

It also imposed a penalty of Rs 100 crore on M/S Great Indian Nautanki Company Pvt Ltd, which operated the site, allegedly for violation of terms and conditions of the lease agreement and another penalty of Rs 114.15 crore for alleged encroachment of 1.34 acres of HSVP land adjoining the auditorium.

Sanjeev Singla, estate officer, II, HSVP, told *The Indian Express*, "Several notices had been served for non-payment of lease dues and they have defaulted on the payment. Last week, the lease agreement was terminated and as the next course of action, we sealed the premises today and have taken possession."

In 2008, HSVP had leased 5.66 acres (auditorium site/building) in Sector 29 to the operators for 15 years for the running, maintenance and management of the auditorium along with construction, providing necessary facilities and making it operational. The monthly rent was Rs 36 lakh with a condition that rent would increase by 10% every three years. In 2014, the company reneged on payment and sought an exemption.

The administrator, HSVP, Gurgaon terminated the lease agreement on July 6.

"As per terms and conditions of the lease agreement, you were required to pay lease rent every month. However, you failed to do so. Now, a sum of Rs 107.15 crore is outstanding against you as of June 10, 2022. Therefore, show cause notice was issued dated June 10 and through this notice, you were directed to deposit the outstanding lease rent or submit reply on the show cause notice within 15 days, but neither the outstanding rent has been deposited nor any reply of the show cause notice has been submitted, which shows clear violation of terms and conditions of the lease agreement. Hence, the lease agreement executed dated February 15, 2008, is hereby terminated with immediate effect," read a notice issued by HSVP to the company.

On July 7, the estate officer issued a show cause notice to the company stating that it has failed to pay lease money, which in arrears stands at Rs 108.44 crore, including interest up to July 6, 2022.



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July 14	520	550	1	15,114
July 15	601	526	0	16,499
Total	1,935*	19,14,727	26,289	3,92,90,115

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	July 14	July 15
Cases	N/A	N/A
Deaths	N/A	N/A

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	July 14	July 15
Cases	249	0
Deaths	186	0

FIRST TIME COMMON ENTRANCE TEST IS BEING CONDUCTED

CUET Day 1: Smooth sailing, except for one hiccup

Exam centre change leaves several candidates flummoxed, some miss slot 1 papers

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE FIRST day of the Common University Entrance Test saw some confusion as several candidates in Delhi showed up at the wrong venue on Friday morning, unaware of a change in their examination centre made the previous day.

While many such candidates rushed to reach the correct venue after discovering their mistake, several were unable to appear for their Slot 1 papers scheduled for July 15. Netaji Subhas University of Technology (NSUT) in Dwarka Sector 3 was among the venues in Delhi allotted for Slot 1 papers on July 15 when admit cards were issued to candidates on July 12. However, the centre was changed to Delhi University's North Campus.

Some candidates who were aware of this change said they had received a call on Thursday asking them to download their admit card once again — some said they received this call in the afternoon while some say they received it after 8 pm. Others said they were informed by their schools on Thursday evening, while some said they found out as late as Friday morning when they checked their email.

At the North Campus centre, candidates who realised there was a centre change only after reaching NSUT rushed to reach far past the official closing time of 8.30 am. While candidates were allowed to enter till 9.30 am, those who arrived after that were unable to appear for their papers.

Bhoomi Khanna (18), a student of Rajkiya Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya Laxmi Nagar, could not appear in her four papers scheduled for slot 1 because she only reached the DU centre at 9.35 am. "When I reached the NSUT centre, the guard told me the centre had been changed to DU. In the confusion and panic of the moment, my mother and I took an auto to DU's South Campus. There we realised that we had to go to North Campus and took another auto. When I reached, it was told that it's too late. This is very wrong. The night before an exam a student studies and

POST EXAM

Several students *The Indian Express* spoke to said despite initial apprehensions over multiple papers in a day, they were fairly easy. Questions too drew from the syllabus they had studied in school



MUSKAN SRIVASTAVA
STUDENT OF SARVODAYA KANYA VIDYALAYA, JAHANGIRPURI

"The exam was good since questions were based on the NCERT syllabus. It's not a difficult paper if you have prepared using NCERT textbooks. I prepared using these and a YouTube series. I gave the Political Science, Sociology and Hindi papers, and I'm hoping to do Bachelor of Elementary Education."



KANISHKA SHARMA
STUDENT OF DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUSHPANJALI ENCLAVE

"There were five minutes or so when the power went off and the server was down for a bit. But it was back soon. I had English, Physical Education and Home Science today. I found the English paper to be a little difficult. The papers were based on the NCERT syllabus. I would like to do a BA English (Hons) course."



ROSHNI KUMARI, STUDENT OF SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, DWARKA SECTOR 22

"I found a few questions in the general test tricky but I found the English, Geography and Sociology papers easy. I feel like I could have done with an extra five minutes for the general paper." She hopes to study BA (Honours) Geography in a DU North Campus college.

RADHIKA THAKUR, STUDENT OF SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, DWARKA SECTOR 22

"I have all six of my papers today itself. I was very nervous about it this morning. After giving the first four papers, I now feel that it's manageable but I would have preferred if they could have been spread over two days." She wants to study BA (Honours) Sociology in Delhi University.



TAYYABA SIDDIQUI
STUDENT OF A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL IN SEELAMPUR

"The English paper tested grammar and vocabulary. There were questions on idioms, antonyms, synonyms. There were questions in which we were given four words and had to identify which word is different from the rest." She is aiming for BA (Honours) English, Sociology or History in North Campus.

sleeps. They don't check their email or check for changes in their admit card," she said.

Another candidate, Lalita (17), a student of Government Girls Senior Secondary School No. 3 Kalkaji, hitched a ride to DU after she realised that she had shown up at the wrong place. She only reached DU at around 11 am. "I had three papers in the morning and those are gone but I have another 3 papers in the afternoon, so I have come here for those. I anyway felt so much pressure because I have six papers in one day, and this happening on top of that is a huge burden," she said.

Parents who did manage to get their children to the DU centre after reaching NSUT said it was a close race against time.

Ish Narang and his daughter Kanishka had reached NSUT at 8 am after travelling from their home in East Delhi by Metro. "We found out there that we had to be in DU and took the same auto back to the Metro station. While on the train, I realised that we wouldn't reach on time at that pace and we got off at the Keerti Nagar Metro station and took an auto to the rest of the way. No one imagines that an exam centre can be changed at such a last minute," he said.

Deepak Goyal rushed his daughter Shivani all the way from NSUT to DU on his scooter. "I had to jump a few red lights. Thankfully we had reached NSUT very early, at 7.30 am, because it took us more than an hour to reach DU," he said.

When asked about the exam centres that were changed on July 14, a day before the exam, Vineet Joshi, Director General of NTA, said: "You keep testing the system. We do mock (tests) before every exam. If there is the slightest problem, then we have to change the exam centre. There is no other way."

According to sources, about 15 exam centres were changed on Thursday, of which one is in Delhi. "We had arranged buses at all centres to transport students to the new centres. The last bus from NSUT left at 8.30 am. Candidates were allowed to enter the centre even after 9 am," Joshi said, adding that if candidates still faced a problem, they can write to the NTA and it will take a call on merit.

The NTA also cancelled exams at two centres in Jalpaiguri and Pathankot due to technical reasons. Affected candidates, about 200, will be able to take the exam in the second phase in August.

English paper easy, math on lengthier side, say educators

DEEKSHA TERI
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

STUDENTS AND experts found that Friday's English paper was easy and that while the Mathematics paper was a bit lengthy, it was straightforward.

"The English paper was easy, having the traditional passage-based questions and grammar analysis questions," said Anshu Mital, Principal of MRG School, Rohini, Delhi.

"Along with comprehension, questions based on vocabulary and grammar including synonyms, para jumbles, idioms, fill in the blanks, figure of speech, analogy, word substitution were also there in the section. Students found the paper to be easier than the Mock Tests given," said Amitendra Kumar — Product Head CUET and Under Graduate Programmes at Career Launcher.

An example from the English paper was multiple questions providing students with a word and asking them to choose the

EXPLAINED The three sections

IN THE language papers, students are given 50 questions of which they have to solve 40 in 45 minutes. The domain subject papers have 50 questions of which they have to solve 40 in 45 minutes and the general test paper has 75 questions of which they have to solve 60 in 60 minutes.

alternative to it from among four options. The kinds of words provided included 'accelerate', 'pensive' and 'vigilant'.

Another example of questions was that students were provided jumbled phrases and had to choose the most coherent sentence from among four different arrangements of those phrases. In section II or the domain

subject papers, students found Mathematics to be a bit lengthy but easy. The History paper included questions testing students on the causes of events and asking them to identify people involved in key events. The Sociology paper included passages based on which students had to answer questions.

Section III or the general test focused mostly on current affairs including economics, politics, legal knowledge, personalities, science, sports, books and authors. "Nearly 25 questions were based on current affairs and the remaining on numerical ability and reasoning including visual reasoning," said Kumar.

The CUET is being conducted in two phases. The first phase will take place on July 15, 16, 19 and 20 and the second phase will be held on August 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. The exam will have negative marking, meaning one mark will be deducted for each wrong answer. However, there will be no penalty for not attempting questions.

'Had to gather my nerves but the papers were simple'

SUKRITA BARUAH & ABHINAVA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

CANDIDATES WERE nervous as they walked into their exam centres on the first day of the Common University Entrance Test, but most came out saying they did not face difficulties tackling their papers. With most schools in Delhi affiliated with the CBSE and following the NCERT curriculum, students found that the questions in Friday's papers drew from the syllabus they had studied in their schools.

Anushka Rana who gave the English, Home Science and Political Science tests on Friday said she found the papers easier than the multiple choice question papers of the CBSE term 1 exam. "The English paper had things like sentence rearranging and short passages. I think revision of the class XII syllabus was enough since questions were based on the NCERT syllabus," she said.

Neha Kumari, a student of Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya Naraina, said she had not taken any coaching for CUET but that she did not feel disadvantaged because of this: "I found the papers easy. I had studied my textbooks and additional PDF documents that my teacher had shared with me." She had her Home Science, Political Science and Hindi papers on Friday.

Mehak, a student of Vikas Bharti Rohini, was one of the students who had six papers on Friday. She said the schedule had terrified her but she felt reassured after giving her first four papers in the morning. "I was very scared before my exam, I couldn't understand how I would be able to

write so many papers in one day. But I gave my Political Science, English, Sociology and General test papers in the morning and I'm feeling comfortable now. The general test was moderate but the rest were easy," she said. She had relied on self-study and watching a few YouTube videos for her preparation.

Sanya Nawani said the prospect of writing four papers over two slots on the same day had given her a "panic attack". "I had to really gather my nerves to tackle the exam but I found that the papers were straightforward and simple. I was able to complete all my papers 10 minutes before time so I could revise. I think anyone with a basic grasp of English can manage the English paper. There were several questions on simple idioms, such as 'apple of the eye'," she said. She studied at Kendriya Vidyalaya Pitampura and wants to study either History or Sociology in a North Campus College at Delhi University.

Students who appeared for the exam at a centre in Janakpuri said the power had gone off briefly during the morning session, but was back soon after. "There were other students in the room who had issues with their system hanging, but mine went well," said Soumya, who gave the test in the morning.

Namrata Arora, a resident of Pitampura, said the power went off for two minutes, but things ran smoothly after that. "I took a Business Studies, English, Computer Science and General Test today. The General Test included questions on logical reasoning and current affairs. I went for tuition after the boards to prepare," she said.



Students wait outside a centre before the exam. Praveen Khanna

'Won't permit' unmarried woman to terminate pregnancy at 23 weeks: HC

SOFIAHSAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE DELHI High Court on Friday said it "will not permit" a 25-year-old unmarried woman to undergo medical termination of pregnancy at past 23 weeks, saying it would "virtually" amount to "killing the child", and suggested that she should give birth and opt for adoption instead.

"We will not permit you to kill the child; 23 weeks are over. The child will be in the womb for how many weeks for normal delivery? Hardly how many weeks are left? Give the child to somebody in adoption. Why are you killing the child," said the division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad.

While the court reserved its order, it made it clear that it was not in favour of allowing termination of the pregnancy. The woman has challenged Rule 3B of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules, 2003, as per which only some categories of women are allowed to seek termination of a pregnancy between 20-24 weeks. The list does not include unmarried women.

The counsel representing the woman told the court that her case is covered under Section 3(2)(b)(i) of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, ac-

ording to which a pregnancy between 20-24 weeks can be terminated if two doctors are of the opinion that "the continuance of the pregnancy would involve a risk to the life of the pregnant woman or of grave injury to her physical or mental health".

"She is not physically, mentally and financially prepared to raise this child, being a single unmarried parent. Giving birth to the child out of wedlock would cause her immense mental agony and physical hardships and pain. It will be a social stigma for her and the child also will be an illegitimate child," he argued.

The court said the case is not covered under the provisions of the Act and even called upon senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who was in the courtroom, to give his view. "It is tough. On the one hand, the child is developed to such an extent... in my personal opinion, at this stage the child should not be aborted," Sibal responded.

Chief Justice Sharma then said, "I am suggesting a way out. We will ensure that she is kept somewhere in a safe hospital and she can deliver and go. There is a big queue for adoption."

The court said it was not forcing the woman to raise the child and would ensure that she was sent to a good hospital. "Your whereabouts will not be known to anyone. You will deliver the baby, and please come back.

Everything will be looked after by the government of India or of Delhi or some good hospital. If the government does not pay... I am there to pay," said the bench.

During the morning session of the hearing, the court asked the woman's counsel to speak to her again. In the afternoon, the court was told that the woman did not want to continue the pregnancy.

Her counsel argued that the Act is progressive in nature but the rules framed under it exclude unmarried women. He also cited a Bombay High Court judgment where a pregnancy of 26 weeks was permitted to be terminated.

During the hearing, the court said the woman could be sent to AIIMS for medical opinion. When her counsel submitted that she didn't have much time, the court asked why she had come so late. Her counsel submitted that she was "ditched" by her partner at the last moment and if her reproductive right was denied, it would cause her immense and grave mental injury. He told the court that she had a family of five and her parents are farmers.

The court observed that she had decided to wait for 18 weeks in the hope that she would get married, and that the legislature has purposely excluded consensual relationships. "She has carried the child for 24 weeks. Why not another four weeks...12 weeks," it observed.

Jamia betters NIRF ranking, JNU holds on to second spot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

JAMIA MILLIA Islamia, which was at rank 6 as per the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings last year, jumped three places to secure rank 3 in the 2022 ranking released Friday. Among the universities in Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University continues to dominate, holding on to rank 2 for the sixth year in a row. Delhi University, which was at rank 12 last year, has slipped one spot to rank 13 this year.

Both JNU and Jamia were rocked by protests in 2019 and early 2020 before the pandemic struck. While JNU saw a prolonged agitation against hostel fee hike, Jamia had seen anti-CAA protests. Jamia first entered the top 10 rankings in 2020.

"VC Prof. Santishree D. Pandit extends heartiest congratulations to the entire JNU community for remarkable achievement. VC is thankful to students, faculty, teaching & non-teaching staff in helping JNU represent excellence with equity, inclusion with innovation & integrity," JNU's official Twitter handle tweeted Friday.

Former JNU-V-C and current UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar also tweeted: "I congratulate JNU for securing 2nd position in University category and 10th position overall in India. I feel proud to have been associated with JNU from Jan 2016 to



Delhi University, which was at rank 12 last year, has slipped one spot to rank 13 this year. Archive

Feb 2022. Best wishes to students, staff and faculty members of JNU."

Jamia V-C Najma Akhtar attributed the rise in ranking to several factors. "The university has been making consistent efforts to improve quality of teaching, learning and research. In NIRF rankings, we have progressed from 83rd rank in 2016 to 6th rank in 2021 and now figure among three top universities of the nation. This remarkable achievement was possible because of relevant and focused research of highest quality and teaching by dedicated and devoted faculty members."

She also attributed the achievement to "improved perception about the university with regard to teaching, placements, research" and said Jamia would keep working to improve its rank.

DU, which was at rank 19 overall last year, has dropped to rank 23 overall. Registrar Vikas Gupta said while he was aware the rank had slipped one place in the university ranking, he was not aware of the details and would not be able to comment.

IIT-Delhi continued to maintain rank 2 in the Engineering category, and rank 4 overall like last year. In the 2021 rankings, IIT Bombay overtook IIT-Delhi in the overall rankings and pushed it out of the list of the top 3 institutions in the country. Among law colleges, the National Law University of Delhi continued to retain rank 2 for the fifth year in a row.

The NIRF ranking is given on the basis of five parameters — teaching, learning and resources (TLR), research and professional practices (RP), graduation outcomes (GO), outreach and inclusivity (OI), and peer perception.

Miranda top ranked college, St Stephen's out of top 10 list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

DU'S MIRANDA House continued to retain the first rank for the sixth year in a row in the college-wise NIRF rankings 2022 released Friday, followed by Hindu College which jumped seven spots to secure rank 2. DU's most elite college — St Stephen's — has been pushed out of the top 10 college rankings this year.

Last year, Hindu College dropped to rank 9 after being at rank 3 in 2020. Lady Shri Ram College which secured rank 2 in 2021 dropped three places in the 2022 rankings by securing rank 5. Stephen's had dropped to rank 8 in 2021 from rank 4 in 2020. This year, it has dropped to rank 11. The college is currently embroiled in a tussle with DU over undergraduate admissions.

Two other DU colleges which feature in the top 10 list this year are Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College at rank 7 and Kirori Mal College at rank 10. Last year, none of them were on the top 10 list. They had secured rank 12 and rank 17 respectively.

The most sought-after commerce college — Shri Ram College of Commerce — which was at rank 10 last year, has been pushed out of the list and gone back to rank 12 which it held in 2020.

Miranda House Principal Bijayalaxmi Nanda said: "This is a continuation of our efforts to

maintain our legacy. It happened also because the symbiotic relationship between students and teachers continued regardless of online or offline... We also worked very hard on graduate outcomes and teaching-learning..."

Hindu College Principal Anju Srivastava credited the achievement to teachers, students and the governing body. "I have not had the chance to see the individual parameters so it is difficult to analyse but we have continued to strive for academic excellence and give good quality education to our students..." she said.

ARSD College Principal Gyanatosh Jha said that while the college had not been in the top 10 in the last three years, the 2022 rankings were a result of "consistent effort". "When we secured rank 5 in 2017, everyone said it was because many colleges had not applied and that could be a possibility. But since then, we have consistently been in the top 15 and have focused on research, innovation, and skill development. That's why we are here today."

KMC Principal Vibha Chauhan said, "We are extremely glad about it. This is an inspiration for us to do better. We will look into the break-up of marks and try to fill gaps so we can do even better next time."

Stephen's Principal John Varghese, LSR Principal Suman Sharma and SRCC Principal Smitir Kaur did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment.

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ADDING COLOUR

Though the numbers hint at a clear victory for NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu in the Presidential poll, certain political developments are lending colour to the contest. For instance, MP from West Bengal's Tamluk seat Dibyendu Adhikari, brother of West Bengal Leader of Opposition Subhendu Adhikari, set tongues wagging on Friday by saying that he will vote for the joint Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha. Although Dibyendu and his father Sisir Adhikari were elected on Trinamool tickets in 2019, the family has since drifted from the party, even though only Subhendu has officially joined the BJP. Trinamool spokesperson Kunal Ghosh was quick to respond, saying if the MP actually wishes to vote for Sinha, he should participate in the polling process with other TMC leaders in West Bengal itself and not travel to Delhi on July 18. "Otherwise his statement will be considered a lie," Ghosh tweeted. Meanwhile, the AAP, which has stayed away from the Opposition's deliberations on the polls, is likely to take a call on its choice on Saturday.

GO-TO MAN

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seems to be the Opposition's go to man for taking up issues with the government. On Friday, in a meeting of presiding officers from the states and UTs, when the issue of anti-defection law came up, Rajasthan Speaker CP Joshi - who headed the committee to review the law - apparently suggested that before bringing in changes, there has to be discussions with all the stakeholders, including all political leaders and judiciary. The presiding officers then requested Birla to take up the matter (of pursuing the discussions) with the top leadership in the government. In another instance, when there was a reference to preparing travel documents to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Canada next month, speakers of Punjab and Delhi, both belonging to the AAP, complained that the Central government has not yet given them clearance for travelling abroad. Birla immediately directed the officials to take up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs and pursue it.

Pak journalist's claim: BJP again attacks Ansari; he repeats, 'did not know or invite him'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE BJP Friday reiterated its allegation linking former Vice President Hamid Ansari with a Pakistani journalist by producing a purported photograph of them on the same stage at a conference in India. This prompted Ansari to again counter this saying he neither knew nor invited the person in question.

The journalist, Nusrat Mirza, had claimed in a YouTube interview that he visited India five times during the UPA rule and passed on sensitive information to his country's spy agency, ISI.

At a press conference Friday, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia showed the purported picture of Ansari sharing a stage with Mirza at a 2009 conference on terrorism held in India.

People holding constitutional posts should act responsibly and should have not shared the stage with Mirza, Bhatia said.

He had earlier alleged that Mirza had visited India on Ansari's invitation and met him. In the YouTube interview,



Hamid Ansari, former Vice President. File

Mirza makes two passing mentions of Ansari, but does not say he had any conversation with the then Vice President.

Ansari had dismissed Bhatia's claims as a "litany of falsehood".

His office on Friday said: "The former Vice President of India stands by his earlier statement that he never knew or invited Pakistan journalist Nusrat Mirza to any conference, including the 2010 conference mentioned by Nusrat Mirza or 2009 conference on terrorism or on any other occasion."

Bhatia Friday also attacked the Congress, saying intelligence clearance is required for holding such programmes and inviting dignitaries from abroad.

Monsoon session from Monday, parties brace for weekend meets

NDA, Opp to pick V-P candidates; to sit together for conduct of smooth business

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

AS THE Monsoon session of Parliament begins on Monday with the Presidential election, hectic political parleys are lined for the weekend. While the ruling NDA and the Opposition will hold separate meetings to pick their Vice-Presidential candidates, both sides will sit together to discuss ways to have a smooth session that is scheduled to end on August 12.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will sit with his senior party leaders in the parliamentary board on Saturday to finalise NDA's Vice-Presidential candidate for the August 6 election.

The electoral college for picking the next Vice-President comprises members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The NDA candidate is expected to win hands down as out of the current strength of 780, the BJP has 394 MPs, more than the majority mark of 390. In order to put up a fight, the Opposition parties are trying to field a joint candidate. The Opposition leaders, including from the Congress, are set to meet on Sunday to discuss the joint candidate.

On Saturday evening, BJP President JPNadda is expected to meet his party MPs. The BJP leaders will also meet its alliance partners to discuss the Monsoon session and the Vice-Presidential election.

The government has called an all-party meeting on Sunday to discuss the agenda for the Monsoon session and seek support of the Opposition for a "fruit-

EXPLAINED Rocky session on the cards

With the Opposition set to target the government on a range of issues, including inflation, Agnipath scheme and slide of Rupee against the dollar, the session appears to be rocky. Opposition is making efforts to put up a united face to pin the government in the backdrop of the ruling party's expectations of smooth wins for its candidates in the Presidential and V-P polls.

ful" session, sources said. Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will hold meetings of floor leaders of each House for the same purpose.

Meanwhile, addressing a meeting of the presiding officers from 17 states and UTs, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said the discussions should be dignified and members should conduct themselves as per the decorum of the House.

Birla also mentioned a routine Rajya Sabha circular restricting demonstrations, dharnas or religious ceremonies in the precincts of Parliament House has triggered protests from the Opposition MPs. "It (such circulars to members) is a process. This practice has been going on for a long time...2009 or even before," he said. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

HC fines J&K admin for taking land without compensation

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 15

THE JAMMU and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court imposed a "special penalty" of Rs 10 lakh on the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for forcibly taking away a piece of private land without paying any compensation to the owner.

Directing the respondents to pay the penalty amount within three months, a division bench comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mishra and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani also directed the UT administration to assess and determine the compensation of the land payable to the petitioner at the prevailing stamp duty rate in the area within six weeks and make the payment within a further period of three months. "The respondents at the same time shall also pay token rental compensation for the use and occupation of the land from the year 2017 till 2021, i.e. 5 years @ Rs 1 lakh per year within three months from today," the bench ordered.

The writ petition was filed by one Shabir Ahmad Yatoo through advocate Javid Ahmad Parray, saying that he is the owner of 9.053 marlas of land at Sultanpora Sumbal in Bandipora area of Baramulla district. Sometime in 2017, the R&B Department took possession of the land, but did not pay any compensation.

SBSP to back Murmu, its chief says ally SP does not need him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 15

IN ANOTHER sign of growing distance from the Samajwadi Party, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar on Friday announced his party's support for NDA's candidate Droupadi Murmu in the July 18 presidential polls.

The SBSP, which had contested the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in alliance with the Samajwadi Party, has six MLAs in the Assembly.

Justifying his decision to break ranks with the SP, which is supporting the joint Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha in the Presidential polls, Rajbhar said that his party's support for the NDA candidate does not mean his alliance with the SP was over. "The SBSP was willing to vote for the SP's choice of presidential candidate (Yashwant Sinha). However, the SP doesn't need me... When they don't need me, then who should I vote for. Also, the Chief Minister (Yogi Adityanath) and Union Home Minister (Amit Shah) spoke with me... For now, I am with the alliance (SP), and will continue to be with them till they keep me. When the time comes, we will see. We are still with the (SP) alliance," said Rajbhar.

The SBSP chief, who was not



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla with presiding officers from state Assemblies in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

SESSION LINE-UP

Among the 24 Bills that are expected to be tabled, the government has also listed four that were lying with the Standing Committee for further discussions

KEY NEW BILLS

■ **Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2022:** It seeks to replace the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, to keep the procedures simple for small/medium publishers and for more freedom to Press.

■ **Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2022:** To amend the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, aimed at ease of doing business in the sector.

■ **Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022:** It seeks to provide regulatory framework for carbon

trading in India and to encourage penetration of renewables in energy mix.

■ **Trafficking of Persons (Protection, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2022:** To prevent human trafficking, especially women and children; protection, assistance and rehabilitation of victims.

■ **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2022:** It will bring provisions on cross-border insolvency and some amendments to corporate insolvency resolution process and liquidation process.



PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

SBSP to back Murmu, its chief says ally SP does not need him



Rajbhar at a press conference in Lucknow, Friday. Vishal Srivastava

present during Yashwant Sinha's July 7 press conference in Lucknow, organised by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, had attended a dinner hosted by Chief Minister Adityanath in honour of Murmu a day later when she visited Lucknow, triggering speculation that his party was moving close to the ruling BJP.

Relations between the allies - SP and SBSP - have soured since the Assembly poll results. Rajbhar has on multiple occasions "advised" Akhilesh to step out of AC rooms and travel the state to strengthen his party's cadre.

Akhilesh, on the other hand, has publicly shrugged off Rajbhar's advice, saying "the SP doesn't require anyone's advice... a lot of times, politics is done from the background".

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

JDS announces support for Murmu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JULY 15

THE JD(S) on Friday took a formal decision to support the candidature of the BJP's Droupadi Murmu for the post of President. The decision was ratified at a virtual meeting of the party's legislative members.

Announcing the decision, JD(S)'s deputy leader in the legislature Bandeppa Kashempur said, "When H D Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister he provided reservation for women which was a historic decision. The fact that a woman from a tribal community is going to be the President of India is a matter of great pride. This is in line with Deve Gowdaji's wishes."

"The decision is taken given her background and the community she represents. It is not about this party or that party. The support is for the candidate," he said.

Kashempur said Murmu telephoned Deve Gowda and sought his support soon after she was nominated as the NDA candidate. "She also came to Bengaluru and met Deve Gowdaji and Kumaraswamy," he said.

BORDER STANDOFF India-China military talks tomorrow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE 16TH round of military talks between India and China on the lingering border standoff in eastern Ladakh will be held on July 17 on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region, official sources said on Friday.

India has been pressing for quick disengagement of troops from all the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh, insisting that peace and tranquility along the border are prerequisites for progress in overall bilateral ties.

Dalai Lama visits Ladakh; govt official terms it 'religious' tour

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LEH, JAMMU, NEW DELHI, JULY 15

TIBETAN SPIRITUAL leader the Dalai Lama on Friday began his month-long visit to Ladakh and said India-China border disputes should be resolved through "talks and peaceful means" as use of military is an outdated option.

The spiritual leader's visit to Ladakh is expected to rile China as it comes amid the military standoff between Indian and Chinese troops at several friction points in eastern Ladakh.

A top government functionary said the visit of the Dalai

Aurangabad renaming: Shinde says decision illegal, will ratify again

VALLABH OZARKAR
MUMBAI, JULY 15

CHIEF MINISTER Eknath Shinde said on Friday that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government's decision to rename Aurangabad and Osmanabad cities was illegal as it was taken when the then Maha Vikas Aghadi government was reduced to a minority. He said the decision would be taken afresh in the Cabinet meeting on Saturday.

"The name Sambhajnagar is already there, we will ratify it in the next Cabinet meeting," he said, adding that this will make the decision legally safe.

The decision to rename Aurangabad as Sambhajnagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv was taken during the last Cabinet meeting of the then MVA government on June 29, hours before Uddhav Thackeray stepped down as CM.

"The MVA government took the decision to rename Aurangabad as Sambhajnagar in its last Cabinet meeting when it had been reduced to a minority. Holding a Cabinet meeting when the government is in minority is illegal," Shinde said at an event organised by rebel Sena MLA Abdul Sattar who had come to Mumbai from Aurangabad along with hundreds of his supporters.

Shinde said he rebelled to save Shiv Sena as it got nothing in the past 2.5 years of MVA government. "The people of the state have accepted the decision and are showing their support to us. Shiv Sena MLAs didn't get anything in the earlier MVA government and I had to take the decision to save the party and its workers. I tried 4-5 times to con-



Eknath Shinde

FADNAVIS VISITS RAJ THACKERAY, SAYS MEETING A POLITICAL

Mumbai: Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met MNS president Raj Thackeray on Friday. The meeting, which took place at Thackeray's residence, sparked off speculation, especially as it came ahead of civic elections in Mumbai and pending cabinet expansion of the Eknath Shinde-led government in the state. But Fadnavis said: "In Maharashtra, we have a culture of following political etiquette. He was unwell and I paid him a visit. What is so political about it?" PTI

vince them [Thackeray] to rectify the mistake and make a decision [to join hands with the BJP]. But we failed," Shinde said.

Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis said, "The MVA had lost the majority. When the Governor said that the MVA had to face a trust vote, tradition said no Cabinet meeting be held or important decisions be taken... We will hold a Cabinet meeting to pass these decisions again."

Assam, Arunachal sign pact to resolve border dispute

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, JULY 15

IN WHAT has been described as a "significant milestone" in the border talks between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, the two states on Friday signed the "Namsai Declaration" - an agreement to reduce the number of disputed villages from 123 to 86.

The meeting on Friday was the third this year between Chief Ministers Himanta Biswa Sarma and Pema Khandu to discuss the vexed border dispute, which dates back to colonial times. The 800-km-long inter-state border has been the site of many conflicts over the years.

Following the meeting, Khandu said, "Namsai Declaration is hugely significant and a landmark progress towards enduring brotherhood, peace and prosperity in the North East." Sarma also endorsed the pact, saying the two states would thrash out a resolution based on the agreement by September 15.

Speaking to reporters, Sarma said reducing the areas of dispute from 123 to 86 was "historic".

As per the declaration, both the states will now constitute 12 regional committees, each for



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma with his Arunachal counterpart. Express

the 12 districts where there is a dispute. These committees will jointly verify the concerned villages and thereafter make recommendations to the respective state governments "keeping in view the historical perspective, administrative convenience, contiguity and people's will".

A senior official from Assam privy to the developments said the reduction of the sites of conflict was a "significant step forward". Out of the 37 villages, it has been agreed that while 34 villages fell within the border of Arunachal Pradesh, the rest three lay in Assam.

In August 2021, Sarma had told the Assam Assembly that there were at least 1,200 areas of dispute along the border with Arunachal Pradesh, and that the two states were working toward resolving them.

'India maintains strong ties with neighbours'

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JULY 15

IF INDIA is increasing its power, it is doing so not only for itself but also for its friends, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday. Singh was speaking at the launch of Dunagiri, a Project 17A frigate at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited in Kolkata. Singh said that the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and other organisations need to ramp up infrastructure to stay ahead of the curve in dealing with emerging challenges.

Singh also said the Centre was extending "all possible help" to Sri Lanka amid the crisis that country is now facing. "India wants friendly relations with all

its neighboring countries. For this, India keeps making constant efforts. Be it Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Maldives or Bangladesh, we have maintained our warm and strong relations with everyone. You are all aware of the difficult situation Sri Lanka is going through today. Although India has also been affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine situation, we are extending all possible help to our friend Sri Lanka."

Singh called the launching of Dunagiri a "great achievement" and said such a capable warship "reflects the growing indigenous design strength of our Navy and the high technical prowess of Indian shipyards, ancillary industries and MSMEs i.e. our 'self-reliance'."



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar and others at the launch of Y-3023 (Dunagiri), a Project 17A frigate, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited in Kolkata on Friday. Partha Paul



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

A strongman's cowardice

Gotabaya Rajapaksa has been ousted by those he held in contempt — the people of Sri Lanka



ANDREW FIDEL FERNANDO

UNJUSTICE

SC penalising petitioner — whatever the merits of the case — is unjust. It sends a chilling signal to those who question state

THE SUPREME COURT rejected a petition Thursday seeking a CBI probe into alleged torture and extra-judicial killings by the Chhattisgarh Police and Central forces during anti-Maoist operations in Dantewada in 2009. What the bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar and JB Pardiwala did next raises troubling questions. It imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on the main petitioner. The court did not just say that the investigation indicated that Maoists, not security forces, were responsible for the killing of 17 people in separate incidents on September 17 and October 1, 2009, but also slapped an "exemplary" cost on Himanshu Kumar, who runs an NGO in Dantewada. The court's heavy fine sends a chilling signal to all those who would knock on its door in the future armed with nothing more than a plea against the state. It upends and overturns the court's own approach so far of accepting petitions, from anywhere, and in whichever form, even as a postcard addressed to a judge, or as a newspaper report. In the public interest litigation jurisdiction, in fact, the petitioner is often rendered incidental to the case, as the court takes over the cause, appoints local commissioners and officers, ensures due diligence in the search for truth. The stiff penalty on the petitioner also echoes the stance of the state in case after case — of labelling or ascribing ulterior motives to all those who raise questions, and demand answers, justice, or redress.

The imposition of penalty on the petitioner in the Dantewada case is part of an emerging judicial pattern. It includes the SC ruling, last month, in a Gujarat 2002 case. Here, the apex court upheld the SIT clean chit to the Gujarat government led by then chief minister Narendra Modi and quashed allegations of a larger conspiracy by high state functionaries. But it did not stop there — it also, in effect, asked for punishment for the petitioners. It cast in the dock those who, in its view, "keep the pot boiling" "obviously for ulterior design" and urged that they be proceeded against. As if on cue, activist Teesta Setalvad and former Gujarat DGPRB Sreekumar were arrested the very next day, the FIRs quoting extensively from the apex court verdict. Whatever the merits of the case, and notwithstanding its inability to hold up in court, the coming and punishing of the petitioner is unjust and unwarranted. Most fundamentally, it violates the basic compact in a democracy between the citizen and an independent court — the SC is and should be the custodian of individual rights and freedoms, protecting them against transgression by the state but its recent approach suggests that it sees these individuals as irritants and the state as the one that needs protection.

The Supreme Court must reflect on this worrisome inversion and call a halt to it before it does more damage to its hard-won reputation as the upholder of the constitutional check and balance. Every petitioner who approaches the court against those more powerful than her must feel, she must know, that even if her plea is thrown out, she was heard but not punished or made to pay.

BRIDGE TO THE GULF

I2U2 summit was made possible by India's nimble diplomatic moves. It can provide a foothold for a greater role in West Asia

THE VIRTUAL SUMMIT-LEVEL I2U2 meeting between the leaders of Israel, India, UAE and US on Thursday took place just nine months after the grouping was launched by the foreign ministers of all four countries in Israel. The UAE has promised a \$2-billion plan for "integrated food parks" in India with the assistance of American and Israeli private sectors and the summit also delivered an investment commitment towards a 300-MW hybrid renewable energy project in Gujarat. But beyond these concrete results, the I2U2 is a validation of New Delhi's nimble foreign policy in West Asia as well as a pointer to the as yet untapped potential in the region.

A grouping like the I2U2 has been made possible by several developments. In recent years, particularly since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to office, Delhi has responded to the new diplomatic and strategic dynamic in the region — by giving a political imprimatur to the relationship with Israel and engaging more deeply with the Gulf monarchies, for example — while continuing its relationship with Palestine. The foreign office also seems to have shed its earlier wariness about the US's role in West Asia. Washington, in turn, seems both comfortable with and keen for India playing a more proactive role. The Abraham Accords of 2020, under which the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco now have formal ties with Israel too altered the diplomatic calculus in West Asia. That Delhi is already a player in this ongoing realignment is a prospect for cautious optimism about India's place at the diplomatic table in the region.

For all the gains India has accrued, a lot more remains to be done. Delhi has traditionally viewed West Asia either through the lens of the Pakistan problem or from the perspective of the region as a leading destination for Indian labour. The former — engaging with countries on their own terms, rather than their perceived closeness to Islamabad — has already been addressed to some degree. In terms of the latter, it is important to take into account the immense capital accumulation in the region, and how it has been deployed in infrastructure projects and corridors as far as Africa. Despite the presence of the Indian diaspora, and the country's energy needs, Delhi currently has a negligible presence in these projects. It must gradually address this deficit, and the I2U2 could help in that regard. The I2U2 has made a modest beginning, with cooperation on climate change and agriculture. The Quad, too, began with cooperation on disaster relief after the 2004 tsunami — it now has a significant strategic dimension.

THE POLITE PROTESTER

By protecting public property instead of vandalising it, Sri Lanka's people inaugurate a new kind of revolution

THE POLITE SRI Lankan protester has a lesson for revolutionaries everywhere. Soon after the Speaker of Parliament, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, announced that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had finally resigned, the people who had occupied government buildings since July 9 began to peacefully stream out. No statues toppled and very little furniture smashed, the masses had, by their mere presence on premises that previously fenced them out, shown that they were doing it differently. As one protester said, "We are not terrorists... we want to show the people that we are not here to damage public property."

The Lankan protests, marked by the joyous, party-going spirit of those who splashed about in Rajapaksa's swimming pool, mock-wrestled on his bed and played protest songs on his piano, contrast sharply with the rioting that have tended to accompany large-scale uprisings, such as the gilet jaune protests in France from 2018 to 2020 and the 'Arab Spring' revolts that swept through West Asia and North Africa in 2010 and 2011. Put it down to the all-pervasive eye of the camera. Few things escape it, as the protesters in Colombo know well, after photos and videos of their homegrown revolution were widely shared.

An act of violence early on — the burning of acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe's private home — seems to have alerted the crowd to the dangers of turning into a mob, and losing the high moral ground. A sense of order was quickly put in place: People began queuing up to gawp at the palatial interiors of the government buildings and pose for selfies on the president's chair, while volunteers swept the premises, watered the lawns, and protected the precious artworks and other objects from vandalism. Sri Lanka may well have inaugurated the age of the protester as responsible tourist and guardian of public property.

GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA, ONCE Sri Lanka's most feared figure, rumoured to run clandestine death squads, who struck dread among the press, bore down upon minorities, and whose links to the military were iron-clad, has fled the nation of which he was president, and two days later, tendered his resignation via an email.

It is a surreal consequence of several surreal months on the island. Months in which an unprecedented public uprising has put extraordinary pressure on the nation's political establishment, particularly those within it who are accused of contributing to the harrowing economic crisis that has left many destitute.

While the entire Rajapaksa family has faced widespread disavowal, no figure has drawn more ire than former president Gotabaya. The tens of thousands (this is a conservative estimate) who flocked to Colombo in the last week despite the dearth of fuel, to storm the presidential palace and secretariat, issued a resounding repudiation. Gotabaya was not merely unpopular by the end; he was reviled. That he faced an hours-long standoff with Immigration Department staff who refused to approve his exit from the island on Tuesday, underscores the depth of displeasure he inspired among the public. Over many months, nationwide protests have not only called for his removal, but for his imprisonment, to face justice for the financial crimes he had been charged with prior to his presidency, as well as the grave human rights abuses he had been accused of.

This transformation of Sri Lanka's relationship with Gotabaya, particularly in the Sinhalese-dominated south, has come with a plummeting assessment of his character. As recently as 2019, he was known as an iron-fisted reformer with a penchant for military-style discipline, and a reputation for getting things done (ending the 26-year civil war, beautifying Colombo). Now, it is his refusal to understand his electorate, and by extension, democratic governance, that defines his presidency.

In fact, it is disdain for Sri Lankans that characterised Gotabaya's public life since he became his older brother's defence secretary in 2005. Minorities have known the worst of him. The Sri Lankan state had been accused of

human rights violations right through the war, but never more so than during its furious conclusion, which Gotabaya oversaw. Even the more generous retellings of those brutal months in 2009 have Sri Lanka's military shelling and bombing indiscriminately, with little effort to safeguard lives of Tamil civilians, as troops ordered by Gotabaya went all out to exterminate the LTTE. Less generous representations accuse Gotabaya of far worse.

In the second term of Mahinda Rajapaksa's presidency in particular, Gotabaya terrified even Sri Lanka's southern media outlets, who had enjoyed a longer leash than publications in the north. State-owned media channels and newspapers were unabashed in their fealty, lavishly heaping praise on the Rajapaksas, while making cynical attacks on prospective opponents. Even private media enterprises were routinely self-censoring, never venturing the kinds of stories or editorials that might see their journalists end up like Lasantha Wickrematunge, a newspaper editor who was murdered in his car in broad daylight.

For Gotabaya, his power rightfully ran unchecked. For, what were human rights and media freedoms in the enormous shadow of his war victory?

Much as Gotabaya's chastened exit is a victory for the protest movement, there are no real winners yet. Businesses continue to shut down. Children's education continues to be suspended. There are no serious solutions to a fuel crisis that has decimated livelihoods. And the middle and working classes are beginning to starve, with a food shortage also on the horizon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, a longtime enabler of corruption, and recently a staunch defender of the Rajapaksas and their party, has been sworn in as acting president by parliament.

From 2017 onwards, while the Rajapaksas were out of power, Gotabaya began to gather momentum for a run at the presidency. Not among the middle and working classes, mind. Although his older brother Mahinda is endlessly charismatic, Gotabaya has repeatedly proven to be charmless, no wit to speak of, shrill, quick to anger.

Gotabaya's big backers instead were the professional class and corporate groups — moneyed Sri Lankans who shared his disdain for the majority of Sri Lankans, and were willing to overlook profound abuses, as long as their result-oriented prospective leader brought discipline to the masses, and western-style capitalist prosperity to those posing desperately as technocrats.

Among Gotabaya's very first moves upon being elected in 2019, was to slash taxes across the board at the behest of his wealthy backers. The theory was that tax cuts would spur the economy to greater heights. Its only real result was to seriously deplete state coffers in a nation that had a staggeringly low

tax-to-GDP ratio, as it attempted to service outside external debts.

Months later, in a partial attempt to protect what was left of quickly-depleting foreign exchange, Gotabaya instituted a ban on chemical fertiliser (which is largely imported), forcing farmers to overturn generations of cultivation practices, virtually overnight. They protested immediately and in numbers, but Gotabaya ploughed ahead with his policy. Food prices skyrocketed. Farmers began to abandon fields they owned. What could inspire such ruinous policy in the face of opposition other than disdain?

The farmers' protests have been going for about a year, and teachers have been on the streets for almost as long, but it was when the worst weeks of the nationwide power cuts hit at the end of March, that Sri Lanka's youth-led protest movement (known in Sinhalese as "aragalaya" or "the struggle") mobilised, and achieved what at that stage was unthinkable — the literal chasing away of a president with enormous power, an outside ego, and a grotesque disregard for its people.

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But Gotabaya's exit, fleeing first on an Air Force plane to the Maldives, where Sri Lankans in Male and local Maldivians protested his presence, and then on to Singapore, before he finally felt safe enough to issue the resignation letter he had promised to deliver roughly 36 hours before, has exposed his spectacular cowardice.

A strongman, so reduced, by the people who he had held in such contempt.

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GAURAV BHATIA

NEED TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS

The Indian Express editorial on former V-P Ansari shoots the messenger

THIS IS APROPOS the editorial of *The Indian Express* ('Stooping low', July 15) written as a response to my remarks at a press conference. They relate to a very serious issue that touches on national security and highlights how the Congress trivialised the issue of combating terrorism during its tenure.

The editorial discards relevant facts staring us in the face. The allegations that have been made are based on facts and have been levelled by us with the utmost responsibility.

Significantly, none of the questions raised by the BJP in the press conference has been refuted so far, leave alone answered with verifiable facts and evidence, either by Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi or by former Vice President Hamid Ansari himself. Let us deal with the issues raised by the BJP on merit rather than an emotional outburst not based on fact. Let us be driven by national interest and facts.

There are some key questions that ought to be answered:

Why should Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi not answer to the nation regarding the lapse of the then Congress government in granting visa to a Pakistani journalist who has admitted to sharing sensitive information with the ISI?

Should Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, as leaders of the Congress party, not share the reason why a visa was granted to a Pakistani journalist of such dubious background on five different occasions?

Why were visa norms blatantly violated to grant him a visa to visit seven cities in India, rather than the customary three? What was so special about Nusrat Mirza?

Why was he granted visa to attend a seminar in India to discuss the issue of terrorism in 2009? This is even more unfortunate considering that just 11 months before the seminar, India had faced the dastardly 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks.

Was the then ruling party attempting to take lessons on how to eradicate terrorism in India from Pakistan?

Why did Hamid Ansari, the then Vice President, share the dais with such a dubious, ISI-sponsored journalist?

Why did senior ministers of the Congress government participate in the seminar and share the stage with a Pakistani journalist having links with the ISI?

These are questions that must be answered by the persons concerned who have held high constitutional office. The higher the position, the greater the responsibility. The response from Hamid Ansari that he never knew or invited Pakistan journalist Nusrat Mirza to any conference on any other occasion raises a million more questions, especially in light of the facts which have surfaced recently.

The BJP has simply fulfilled its duty by raising these very important issues. Now, as the fourth pillar of democracy, it is the turn of not just *The Indian Express* but all leading media publications to direct these pertinent ques-

tions to the persons who were in power during the period in question and who may have jeopardised national security by rolling out a red carpet to ISI agents.

Whatever appropriate action needs to be taken should be best left to the respective agencies who enjoy full autonomy under the current dispensation.

Raising of these issues by the BJP was an excellent opportunity for the persons concerned to come clean by offering answers backed by verifiable facts. It is unfortunate that the Congress, Hamid Ansari and even *The Indian Express* decided to shoot the messenger instead.

BJP has always worked on the principle that no matter how high and mighty one may be, the interest of the nation is supreme. It is this mantra that has ensured the people's faith in the leadership of Narendra Modi.

The strong government led by Modi has given timely and befitting responses to Pakistan by conducting surgical strikes and Balakot air strike, and it does not require a certificate from any entity — as it firmly enjoys the support of the Indian citizenry. Neither will the BJP stoop low — nor will India ever crawl.

Responsible publications need to decide whether they wish to indulge in fact-less opinion mongering or follow time-tested best practices of journalism.

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JULY 16, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

PRESIDENT ZAIL SINGH

THE CONGRESS-I CANDIDATE, Zail Singh was elected the seventh President of the republic with an impressive margin of 4,71,428 value votes representing 72.7 per cent of 10,36,798 total valid votes. Opposition-supported HR Khanna got only 2,82,685, which works out to 27.3 per cent. Zail Singh established a convincing lead in all states except West Bengal and Tripura, the two opposition-ruled states.

KUO OIL DEAL

LOK SABHA SPEAKER Balram Jakhar rejected

the privilege notices against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and others for not making available a file to the Public Undertakings Committee on the \$175 million deal with Kuo Oil of Hong Kong. Jakhar, however, referred the privilege notices tabled by members against Arun Shourie, executive director of the Indian Express, to the Public Undertakings Committee, "which is directly concerned with the matter". The Speaker declined to grant the request of some members for verbatim records of the meetings of the PUC of March 24 and April 2, 1982, when it went into the transaction with Kuo Oil. The House witnessed noisy scenes for the second day when opposition members made a

persistent demand for an immediate discussion on the deal.

IRAN-IRAQ CONFLICT

IRAN AND IRAQ have been giving conflicting reports of their fighting, of which no independent account is yet available. The Iranians have said their forces are now only 16 km from Iraq's biggest port and oil town of Basra and are digging in and reinforcing for the final push on it. The Iraqis say they have routed the Iranian attack, and driven the invading force across the border. An Iraqi communiqué said that the Iranian troops were lured into a trap inside Iraq and then destroyed and routed.

11 THE IDEAS PAGE

Who all Uber took for a ride

Cost of tech disruption must be placed front and centre — for all of us in awe of innovators



BHASKAR
CHAKRAVORTI

MAHATMA GANDHI, MARTIN Luther King Jr, Nelson Mandela, and now, Travis Kalanick. Finally, we have a legitimate tech disruptor — the founder of the car-sharing pioneer Uber no less — following in the footsteps of the more run-of-the-mill satyagrahis. Behind each was a simple but powerful idea: You overturn the status quo by getting the keepers of the status quo to beat you up. Kalanick, the perpetual innovator that he is, went beyond the others. He ensured that said beatings would be endured not by him, but by an army of outsourced gig workers. "Violence guarantee(s) success," he texted. In Uber's case, violence by taxicab drivers targeted at hapless Uber drivers — who turned the other cheek on his behalf — would serve a critical purpose: Turn public opinion and public officials away from those smelly taxicabs and in favour of Uber. "Embrace the chaos," was Uber's code for this strategy's deployment in India.

Of course, Kalanick's digital satyagraha was nuanced. Turning the other cheek may have been a potent weapon, but it needed reinforcement. The pain would pay off only when paired with a sympathetic audience with the willingness to act on your behalf. This audience would cover a wide range of actors, from the public to shapers of public opinion to public officials.

Uber's technology — which was, indeed, a game changer back in the day — would take care of part of the general public piece of the puzzle. This group, presumably, would be grateful to Uber for introducing efficient alternatives to taxicab monopolies. The other piece of the puzzle would include the public opinion shapers, the media, that come in handy especially when bad news explodes and undermines public trust. Uber had many initiatives worldwide to cosy up to media platforms. Consider its efforts to ally with the *Times of India* group as a case in point. It included a "strategic partnership" with Times Internet, notably after the 2014 rape of a passenger that led to Uber being banned from Delhi.

Next, Uber needed public officials in key positions who would be flattered to be in the company of tech innovators as they fancied themselves to be daring out-of-the-box, innovator-politicians ready to move beyond pesky regulations from bygone eras. Kalanick's political puppet mastery was indeed masterful: From a young French economy minister, Emmanuel Macron, who promised to take care of Uber's problems in France — "I will look at this personally... Jet's stay calm" — to a not-so-young US vice-president, Joe Biden, who tweaked his 2016 speech at Davos after a chat with Kalanick to plug the job-creating potential of Uber with a rosy vision of "freedom" to work whenever and wherever. As he sought to "tame the bear", Kalanick's Moscow dinner preparation included a briefing book on every oligarch or lobbyist present and a mapping of their influence on Putin; as dictated by the mapping, stock enticements and other goodies were to follow afterwards. When public officials bend over backwards and bend rules with such ease, it reinforces the notion that violence does indeed guarantee success and that violence comes at a human cost.

Many of these juicy details were just re-



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vealed by a team from the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (including from *The Indian Express*) who analysed 1,24,000 records leaked to *The Guardian* about how Uber made its way into markets — often illegally — across the world. We always knew that Uber entered markets by breaking a few rules, but few of us had the inside view of the whistleblower, former Uber's European chief lobbyist, Mark MacGann, who belatedly appears to have found a conscience. The so-called "Uber files" now offer a detailed playbook for how market manipulation plays as essential a role in getting innovation to market as technological wizardry itself. No doubt, many entrepreneurs and disruptors-to-be will be studying this playbook.

Followers of disruptive innovation theory will recall that Kalanick and his creation were once feted as the quintessential role models. Devotees of disruption have swarmed to talks by numerous management gurus who peddled the benefits of breaking rules that lock in old inefficient industries and firms; "pirates" is how an Uber executive described themselves. Granted, there is something alluring about pirates. Besides, who says that the status quo ought to be endured? There is no holy rule that says that regulations from earlier eras ought to survive as technological change and clever innovation make old industries irrelevant. The problem is that the management gurus barely mention the human and moral costs of the disruption story. In Uber's case, the cost is borne by foot soldiers on both sides of the disruption: Jobs were lost, often by those who had migrated from the hinterlands to the cities or across countries; gig workers, lured

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by financial incentives that would vaporise over time, were beaten — and even killed.

According to the whistleblower, MacGann, Kalanick's strategy was one of playing with fire while he played politicians at Davos: "Because he was not the guy on the street who is being threatened, who is being attacked, who is being beaten up and, in some cases, shot."

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The library of management guff is rarely starved for replenishment. These days, talk has moved to a glorious future of "stakeholder capitalism". Regardless of what it says on the shiny brochures, as it is being practiced today, stakeholder capitalism still involves the captives holding forth over steak at Davos, while the foot soldiers with jobs and lives at stake turn the other cheek someplace else. It is time we reformed the education of future entrepreneurs and disruptors and the many stakeholders who enable them, to put the human cost of disruptive innovation front and centre. And the audience for that education includes us — who are in the thrall of the innovators' products and in awe of their genius.

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IVY IMOGENE HANSDAK

An Adivasi President

Droupadi Murmu's candidature is significant, and also limited, in its meaning

THE SELECTION of Droupadi Murmu as the NDA's presidential candidate has come as a surprise to Scheduled Tribes (STs), who are among the most marginalised groups of the country. What makes the NDA's choice even more remarkable is that she is a tribal belonging to the Austro-Asiatic ethnic group also known as Adivasis, who reside mainly in the central and eastern states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha. In the colonial period, large numbers of Adivasis were taken as indentured labourers to Assam and today their descendants belong to a separate group called the "Tea Tribes", thereby distinguishing them from the tribes of the North-East. The Adivasis also differ from the tribes of the Andaman Islands who are considered the most "primitive" in India.

The Adivasis of India have been marginalised socially, economically and culturally. Hence, my first impulse on hearing Murmu's name as a presidential candidate was to acclaim jubilantly. "The Santhal Hul will now become part of our history books and Sido-Kanhu will finally get their rightful place." However, as images of her sweeping the courtyard of a Hindu temple in Odisha were flashed in the media, my re-

sponse became more muted.

As a Santhal woman from a Christian missionary background in Jharkhand, my perception of Murmu's persona is defined not just by her ethnicity as a Santhal Adivasi but also by her political affiliation to the right-wing Hindutva groups known for attacks on religious minorities. During the early part of her term as Governor of Jharkhand (2015-2021), in the Pathalgadi movement of 2016-2018 in Chotanagpur, many tribal villages had resisted the Raghuraj Das-led BJP government's attempts to change the traditional tribal land laws. Many tribals had been arrested and some also died in "police encounters". Murmu had remained silent during that time though she later bowed to public pressure and refused to sign the Jharkhand Land Acquisition Act 2017, which aimed at amendments to the CNT and SPT Acts.

By contrast, another controversial Bill — the anti-conversion Bill, also known as the Jharkhand Freedom of Religion Act 2017 — was passed by her without demur. This Act criminalised religious conversion to Christianity and, by extension, also criminalised the welfare and educational institutions run by Christians in Jharkhand. Both

these Acts had targeted tribals but while the land laws were finally left untouched, many Christian schools providing quality education to tribal students were vandalised.

Recently, one of my tribal friends spoke warmly of Murmu's genuine concern for higher education in Jharkhand. Yet, how can this be ensured for tribals without providing quality education for them at the primary and secondary levels? Many ST seats are not filled in professional colleges because the candidates are not found suitable. The elevation of a leader from a marginalised community or group does not necessarily mean that the entire community or group will benefit. For instance, as I have written elsewhere, where I examine the elevation of Birsu Munda to a national leader and the impact this had on the situation of tribals: "... despite the many honours bestowed on Birsu Munda at high places, there has not been much change in the situation of tribal people at the grassroots level.

The basic motivations behind tribal rebellions, i.e., Jal, Jangal aur Zameen (water, forest and land) remain the same. Hence, the fight by the tribal people of India will probably continue until a radical change is made in the government's policy towards

them." (*The Johar Journal*, Vol. II, January-June 2021).

Finally, the Constitution of India makes the president the nominated head of state while vesting all the real powers in the prime minister and council of ministers, who are the elected representatives of the people. The awareness of being a nominated head who owed his high office to the prime minister's largesse had led another president in the past to say publicly that he would sweep the floor if the prime minister asked him to.

The only thing I can dare to hope for is that the chequered history of India's tribal people might enter the public discourse through her. For, though she lacks agency while in office, she can still be a catalyst for change simply by occupying the office of president.

On behalf of all my tribal friends, I extend my best wishes to her on reaching this high office. Johar!

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Asia-Pacific region is in danger of falling into a security dilemma, and the root cause is the wrong security concept of the US." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Bad in law

Supreme Court's refusal to club all FIRs against Nupur Sharma goes against long-standing precedents and standards of prudence



INDIRA JAISING AND
ASHISH GOEL

THE SUPREME COURT'S (SC) refusal to consolidate multiple FIRs filed in several states against former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her remarks against the Prophet flies in the face of both long-standing judicial precedents and standards of prudence and predictability in the administration of the criminal justice system.

In 2001, the SC, in *TT Antony vs. State of Kerala*, made it clear that only the earliest information in regard to the commission of an offence could be investigated and tried. Subsequently, in *Babubhai vs. State of Gujarat* (2010), the Court explained that the test to determine the sameness of the offence is to identify whether "the subject matter of the FIRs is the same incident, same occurrence or are in regard to incidents which are two or more parts of the same transaction".

In Sharma's case, at least nine FIRs have been filed in multiple states. All these FIRs were filed subsequent to the filing of the FIR by the Delhi Police's Special Cell. The date and time of the occurrence of the alleged offence are the same in all the FIRs. All the FIRs refer to the same television debate in which Sharma made the remarks against the Prophet. The sections of the Indian Penal Code are almost the same in all the FIRs. Pertinently, the petitioner joined the investigation before the Delhi Police and has also recorded her statement. Most important of all, Sharma is facing rape and death threats from radical groups and subjecting her to investigation and trial in multiple states will seriously endanger her life.

Recently, the SC extensively relied upon *TT Antony* while granting similar relief to journalists Arnab Goswami and Amish Devgan. Importantly, the writ petition was ultimately withdrawn by Sharma's counsel, but the court proceedings — as reported in the media — reveal two reasons why the SC did not seem inclined to extend the benefit of *TT Antony* to Sharma.

First, the bench said that party spokespersons and journalists cannot be treated identically. The bench reportedly said: "The case of a journalist on expressing rights on a particular issue is on a different pedestal from a spokesperson who is lambasting others with irresponsible statements without thinking of the consequences."

This view is completely misplaced. The Constitution creates no hierarchical difference between journalists and ordinary citizens when it comes to the enforcement of fundamental rights. The right to approach the SC under Article 32 is in itself a fundamental right. Nor did the SC craft any distinction on the basis of the status or affiliation of the accused in *TT Antony*.

Importantly, the SC, in 2013, relied upon *TT Antony* while granting relief to BJP leader and current Union Home Minister Amit Shah. In that case, the SC clubbed the murder case of Prajapati, an eyewitness to the

abduction and murder of Sohrauddin Sheikh, with that of the Sohrauddin fake encounter case and restrained the CBI from conducting a separate trial in the two cases that were said to be a part of the same conspiracy. Arguably, the two cases were not part of the same transaction since the two alleged murders happened at a considerable distance of time.

Second, the bench said that Sharma has not unconditionally apologised for her remarks and her political clout is apparent from the fact that she has not been arrested despite an FIR being filed against her by the Delhi Police. This view is again misplaced. Whether or not Sharma tendered an apology is not germane to the issue at hand. Seeking or tendering an apology may be a mitigating factor while deciding punishment but only after the guilt is proved. And if the bench felt unsatisfied with the Delhi Police, it could have invoked its extraordinary powers and transferred the investigation to a non-BJP ruled state or appointed a special investigation team as it has done in several cases in the past.

The issue before the SC was straightforward: Whether multiple FIRs filed in different states should be consolidated or not. There cannot be two opinions on this. This basic procedural safeguard ensures that state actors do not abuse the statutory power of investigation. Filing of successive FIRs amounts to an abuse of statutory power of investigation and is a fit case for the SC to exercise its writ powers under Article 32 because high courts cannot transfer cases from one state to another.

In addition, prudence demands that state resources and judicial time are not spent on a multiplicity of proceedings. The multiplicity of proceedings would result in violation of Sharma's fundamental rights under Article 21 as parallel investigations would result in her being forced to join investigations in different police stations in different states. This serves no practical purpose because ultimately it is only one of the police reports that would be tried by a court of law.

In Sharma's case, all the SC had to do was to judicially examine whether the test of sameness of offence was met or not. Instead, the Court jumped into the merits of the case, disregarded binding precedents, launched a tirade against Sharma and made off-the-cuff remarks that are bound to influence public opinion, prejudice trial and impinge upon valuable constitutional freedoms. That no subordinate court would release Sharma on bail in view of the apex court's harrowing oral indictment is too important a fact for the SC to have overlooked.

Judges are not accountable for their disparaging oral observations made in the course of a hearing. Written observations form part of the judicial record and could be expunged but this is not the case with oral observations. At best, Sharma may file an application requesting the SC to relieve her of the concession to withdraw the petition and have it re-heard on merits. In the absence of strict guidelines, some degree of caution is necessary on the part of judges to work within the confines of judicial propriety and augment the sanctity of the institution of the SC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUIDING LIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'On history's trail', (IE, July 15). History serves as an account of the past. Hence, to draw out helpful conclusions, it's important to have an unbiased record. Organised history in India started with British writings. British historiography, however, had the fatal flaw of establishing the white race's superiority. The role of B D Chattopadhyaya, therefore, is of utmost importance. His rigorous and unbiased scrutiny of evidence and love for the subject have been a guiding light for students and aficionados alike.

Abhishek Kumar Anshu, Patna

FALSE ALLEGATIONS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Stooping low' (IE, July 15). Hamid Ansari has dismissed the charges levied against him by the BJP as a "litany of falsehood". BJP leaders making allegations against Ansari is a new low. It seems like he was targeted simply because he is a Muslim. The BJP, surprisingly, has more faith in a Pakistani journalist than our own former vice-president.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

WORD GAMES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A civics lesson' (IE, July 15). Whether old or new, all the words declared "unparliamentary" characterise the ruling government. In their attempts to protect themselves from criticism, they exposed

their weakness further. Disallowing criticism by banning words like "dictator" works against the BJP. India needs Parliament to function, and criticism is the cornerstone of just governance.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A civics lesson' (IE, July 15). The outcry over the expungement of certain words in the Parliament is surprising for the simple reason that the majority of law makers are conditioned to hurl abuses at adversaries at the drop of a hat. It is naive to expect them to pull punches in their choice of words in the heat of the moment. These cosmetic changes will not reform parliamentary conduct. Lastly, serious debates seldom happen in the Parliament, with theatrics overshadowing everything. This imposed restraint is likely to exacerbate the issue and prove counterproductive to the original goal of the ruling dispensation.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

VESTED INTERESTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'An inconvenient truth' (IE, July 14). The writer has shed light on the bias in the interpretation of national events by parties/persons with vested interests, and their disregard for rational thinking. Upholding Hindutva's inherent liberal stance and secular ethos, he has rightly suggested that the alleged contradiction between Hindutva and our constitutional values is absurd.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

BRIEFLY

JAMMU & KASHMIR
Fratricidal
shootout: 2 TA
soldiers killed

Jammu: Two soldiers of the Territorial Army (TA) were killed and two others suffered injuries in a fratricidal shootout on Friday morning in Surankote town of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. A senior Army officer confirmed the casualties. Sources said the shootout followed a scuffle between two soldiers. While one hailed from Poonch district, the other was a resident of Rajouri district. Police have filed a case over the incident. **ENS**

KARNATAKA
Ban on taking
pics and videos
in govt offices

Bengaluru: The BJP government in Karnataka Friday banned photography and videography by the public at all government offices. The notification was based on a petition by Karnataka State Government Employees Association. It had alleged that state employees were being harassed by people shooting videos and photos in offices. The petition was filed in February. The order by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms states: "Certain individuals came to government offices during working hours to capture photos or videos and uploaded it on social media. These videos have been misused by few people." The Congress has criticised the order saying it will encourage corruption. **ENS**

HIMACHAL PRADESH
One dead, three
hurt as boulders
hit moving car

Shimla: One person died and three were injured as boulders hit a moving car following a landslide in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district, a senior disaster management official said on Friday. The deceased person was identified as Devanand of Solan district, while Sanjeev Kumar, Deepak Kumar and Akshay Kumar sustained injuries, the official added. **PTI**

उत्तरांचल पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदाये दो भागों में जीएसटीडीसी में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाईट 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य जीएसटीडीसी सहित तथा धरोहर राशि आरटीडीजीएस/एनओएफआईडी/ बैंक गारण्टी के माध्यम से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक शाखा-जोया (जिला-अमरोहा) में संचालित चालू खाता सं (Current Account)-30723557626, IFSC Code- SBIN 0007413, MICR No. 244002026 में टेंडर खुलने की दिनांक से एक दिन पूर्व तक जमा करें। अन्य नियम व शर्त विभाग के निर्धारित नियम व शर्त उपर्युक्त कारपोरेशन के फार्म एबी के अनुसार होगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधिशासी अभियन्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। विस्तृत विवरण ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाईट पर निविदा खुलने के अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देखा लिया जाए। अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक-30.07.2022 1. ई-निविदा संख्या-49/ईटीडीसीओडिओ/एसओ/2022 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बिजनेस के अन्तर्गत निर्माणधीन 220 केटीएम मेटर (765)-अमरोहा लीला चंदपुर डीएसटी लाइन के कोरीडोर में आ रहे वृक्षों की कटाई व पतन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु० 2000/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटीडीसी सहित मूल्य रु० 590/2- ई-निविदा संख्या-50/ईटीडीसीओडिओ/एसओ/2022 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड धामपुर के अन्तर्गत ईएफयू नैनी से Structure की loading, Carriage एवं 132 केटीवी उपकरण शेरकोट एवं गनीना पर इसकी unloading का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु० 2000/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटीडीसी सहित मूल्य रु० 590/ "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाय" हेतु/ - अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल द्वितीय उत्तरांचल पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लि. मुदाबाद पत्रक: 1034-वि०पा०मं०डि०मु०/ई-निविदा/2022, दिनांक: 15-07-22

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAMEWORK 2022

Engg institutes' issues: Faculty PhDs, research

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE SEVENTH edition of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released Friday reveals that only 31.88 per cent of the faculty in engineering institutes outside the top 100 have doctoral qualifications, while only 32.9 per cent of these institutes meet the AICTE-prescribed criteria of 20 students per teacher.

The NIRF report observes that the lack of PhD-qualified teachers in higher educational institutions is a "serious handicap" since mentorship received during doctoral training plays a "vital role in preparing the faculty for a teaching career" at the college and university level.

While institutes with good ranks are expected to perform better across indicators than those outside the top 100, the NIRF ranking report provides a rare glimpse into the extent of the gap.

The findings are also important because the NIRF report itself points out that the rankings of the institutions, launched in 2016, have "largely remained consistent" over the years, implying that a vast majority of colleges and universities continue to battle a major resource crunch in many areas.

The report shows among top 100 institutions, across categories, the share of faculty with PhD varies from a minimum of 59.73 per cent in the case of general colleges to maximum of 89.04 per cent in the case of management institutions.

But in the case of institutes outside the top 100, the numbers dip sharply; from a minimum of 31.88 per cent for engineering institutes to a maximum of 59.62 per cent for universities.

The average number of faculty per institution (top 100) ranges between 645 in universities to 330 in engineering colleges. The corresponding numbers are 232 and 111 in the case of institutes falling outside the top 100 category.

The NIRF 2022 report spots a similar trend in the case of research as well. "The data seems to follow the famous Pareto's principle, in the sense that most of the research is being conducted within the top 100 institutions in every category," it states. As much as 71.06 per cent of the high quality papers (HCPs) come from the top 100 engineering institutes, with the remaining 1,081 participating and eligible engineering institutions contributing only 28.94 per cent, the report says. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

THE NIRF HONOUR ROLL

TOP FIVE



RESEARCH

1. IISc Bengaluru
2. IIT Madras
3. IIT Delhi
4. IIT Bombay
5. IIT Kanpur



MANAGEMENT

1. IIM Ahmedabad
2. IIM Bangalore
3. IIM Calcutta
4. IIT Delhi
5. IIM Kozhikode



ENGINEERING

1. IIT Madras
2. IIT Delhi
3. IIT Bombay
4. IIT Kanpur
5. IIT Kharagpur



MEDICAL

1. AIIMS, New Delhi
2. PGIMER Chandigarh
3. Christian Medical College, Vellore
4. NIMHANS, Bengaluru
5. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

THE BEST AND THE REST: UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION

TOP 100 OTHERS

In research work...

Most research work is being conducted within the top 100 institutions in almost every category (%)

Category	Top 100 (%)	Others (%)
Overall	66	34
Universities	73	27
Engineering	66	34
Management	85	15
Pharmacy	79	21
Research	92	8
Colleges	40	60

...and in terms of PhD teachers

Institutes outside the top 100 have a smaller proportion (%) of faculty with doctoral qualifications

Category	Top 100 (%)	Others (%)
Overall	77.10	46.91
Universities	71.98	59.62
Engineering	78.36	31.88
Management	89.04	53.82
Pharmacy	67.55	31.64
Colleges	59.73	42.23

Source: NIRF India Rankings 2022

IIT Madras eyes foreign shores via Master's programme tie-ups

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

INSTEAD OF setting up campuses abroad, IIT Madras is exploring options to take its master's programmes to foreign shores by tying up with reputed global universities under a unique model, top officials of the institute said Friday.

While talks are underway with multiple foreign universities in this regard, IIT Madras is also gearing up to welcome 45 international students to its cam-

pus. These students will pursue full-time postgraduate degrees in the academic session 2022-24.

The selected students, chosen from 500 applicants from 55 countries, have taken the presence of full-time foreign students in IIT-M campus to an all-time high.

Prof Raghunathan Rengasamy, Dean (Global Engagement) IIT Madras, said IIT-M is currently exploring hybrid models to expand abroad in a "reasonably inexpensive fashion".

"Very shortly we will come out with a plan on how to do that and whether a single IIT should

expand abroad or a collection of IITs should do so jointly," he added. Prof Rengasamy said establishing physical presence through satellite campuses entails high expenses. "Instead of high infra, satellite campus model, we are trying to figure out how to do this in a reasonably inexpensive fashion. Where selection, courses, evaluation and degree will be offered by IIT Madras, but a student won't have to move to India, or IIT Madras will not have to set up a campus abroad."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Maharashtra: Lying in freight station for 6 months, 73 kg of heroin seized

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JULY 15

POLICE HAVE seized 72.5 kg of heroin worth Rs 362.59 crore from a container that was lying in the freight station of a logistics firm in Maharashtra's Panvel for over six months.

The police said the search was carried out on Thursday following a tip-off from the Punjab Police. A case under Narcotics Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act has been registered against the exporter, shipper and other unknown persons who facilitated the export and import of the contraband.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Suresh Mengade said, "We



The seized drugs on Friday. Narendra Vaskar

received an input on Wednesday from the Punjab Police that a consignment had landed at Nhava Sheva Port from Dubai. We verified the information and sent a team to the container freight station of Navkar Logistics Thursday."

Police said they found a container with the drugs hidden inside. "We have learned that the container was lying at the station since last December. We are trying to verify this," said Mengade.

Dantewada killings: Centre sought NIA probe into 'such petitions', state questioned 'similarity' in complaints

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE SUPREME Court Thursday imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on activist Himanshu Kumar while rejecting his petition for a CBI investigation into alleged extra-judicial killings and torture of tribals by security forces during anti-Naxal operations in Dantewada in 2009. A Bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar and J B Pardiwala concluded that the tribals were killed by Naxalites and not security forces.

The order comes three months after the Centre filed a petition in

the Supreme Court in response to Kumar's petition, where it sought perjury proceedings against the activist for "misleading" the court and argued for a probe by the National Investigation Agency into those behind "such petitions".

Kumar's 2009 petition alleged that 17 tribals had been killed by security forces in three separate incidents, in the villages of Velpocha, Nalkathong, Gompad and Gachanpalli, on September 17 and then October 1, 2009. The Centre argued that they were killed by Naxalites.

Kumar said family members of the deceased and other eyewitnesses had seen security forces attack the tribals with bayonets, shoot them at close range, and mutilate the bodies. One of the petitioners, Sambho Sodi, said she was shot in the leg by the forces. The petition also alleged that a mi-

nor boy's hand was chopped off. The Centre's petition said Kumar and the 12 other petitioners (all relatives of the deceased or eyewitnesses) were trying "to provide a legal protective shield to members of Left Wing Extremist outfits".

Individuals and organisations are "conspiring, abetting and facilitating filing of petitions premised on false and fabricated evidence... with a motive to either deter the security agencies to act against the Left Wing (Naxal) militia by imputing false charges on them or to screen off the Left Wing (Naxal) militia from being brought to justice by creating a false narrative of victimization before the Hon'ble Courts", the Centre said in its petition to the apex court.

The Centre cited the statements recorded by G P Mittal, the district judge of Tis Hazari Court,

Kerala Islamic State case: 2 accused to serve 7 years in jail, pay Rs 50,000 fine

3rd accused to serve 6 yrs, pay Rs 40k

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JULY 15

AN NIA court in Kochi on Friday sentenced three persons to rigorous imprisonment after they were found guilty in connection with an attempt to join the Islamic State (IS).

First accused Midilaj and fifth accused U K Hamsa were sentenced to 21 years of rigorous imprisonment and will have to pay a fine of Rs 50,000. However, they need to serve a seven-year jail term as the sentences are to run concurrently.

The second accused, Abdul Razak, was sentenced to 12 years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped with a fine of Rs 40,000. He needs to serve six years as the sentences run concurrently.

The NIA case pertains to the recruitment of Kerala youths to join IS in Syria during 2014-16. The case was registered by the

Kerala police in 2017 after Midilaj and Abdul, who allegedly tried to sneak into Syria to join the terrorist group, were arrested by security agencies in Turkey and subsequently deported to India. Hamsa was held in Kannur on the charge of recruiting youths.

Three others accused in the case, Rashid, Manuel Rahman Afsal K, had turned approvers. Another accused, Abdul Khayumm, is believed to have been killed in Syria.

The convicted persons were part of the Kannur module of the IS. Scores of individuals from Kannur, mainly from the Valappattanam region, had joined the IS in Syria.

The key figure in the Kannur module is Shajahan Valluva Kandy, who had twice tried to go to Syria, but was sent back along with his wife and two children.

Most of the persons of the module listed as accused by the NIA are believed to be in Syria.

PFI, RSS COMPARISON ROW

Amid BJP heat, Patna SSP cites 'selective interpretation'

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JULY 15

AMID THE clamour for his removal over comparing PFI's training style with that of the RSS, Patna SSP Manavjit Singh Dhillon Friday said his statement was based on what was there "on record, as part of our investigations" while asserting that the controversy stemmed from a "selective interpretation". The state police headquarters Friday sought an explanation from the SSP even as cops raided the Subzi Bagh office of the PFI in Patna.

SSP Dhillon told *The Indian Express*: "The modus operandi of Phulwari PFI module for propagation of ideology and mobilisation as documented in the seized literature and as explained in the in-

terrogation report, was clearly told to the media. The statement was a reproduction of the facts adduced during the investigation."

Even as JD(U) was silent on the issue, senior BJP leaders, including former Bihar deputy CM and Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, criticised the SSP for his remarks. Bihar minister and BJP leader Samrat Choudhary demanded the removal of Dhillon.

Former Union minister and Patna Sahib MP Prasad said: "Now that the police headquarters has taken a note, apt action should be taken," he said.

JD (U) leader and minister Ashok Kumar Choudhary said: "I do not know the exact context of SSP's remarks and some BJP leaders' reaction to it," he said.

J&K court orders case against police, probe into 'custodial death' of youth

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SRINAGAR, JULY 15

A COURT in Srinagar Friday directed the Crime Branch to register an FIR against the police and investigate the alleged custodial death of a youth in the Natipora area of the city.

The directions of the judicial magistrate, first class, Srinagar, came after hearing a petition of Shafiq, the mother of 21-year-old Muslim Muneer who died last week after being called to a police station in a theft case.

"SHO PS Crime Branch is directed to get an FIR registered in the case against the accused No.2 Abdul Rashid (working as Munshi in police) and other unknown police official/s of PS Nowgam under the relevant sections of IPC," the court said in its order. It also asked the Crime Branch to get the case probed by an "efficient police officer to bring the culprit/s to book".

A police statement had said Muneer had been handed over to his family the same day he was taken into custody. "Later, it came to fore that he died in the evening at around 5 pm," it said.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION DHARAMJAIGARH
DIST. RAIGARH (C.G.)
CORRIGENDUM No. 01

In System Tender No. 102585 NIT, No 01 /SAC/ 2022-23 (First-Call) Dharamjaigarh Dated 20.06.2022. (CONSTRUCTION WORK OF LIBRA STOP DAM ON KHARUN RIVER), whose G-Number 92310 dated 21.06.2022 following amendments are made :-

S. No.	Amendment
1.	Online Tenders are Invited for the following works upto 25-07-2022 at 17.30 Hour
2.	Bid Open, Start date & time 26-07-2022 (Time 11.30)

Note All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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11 more dead as heavy rain continues to batter Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JULY 15

THE DEATH toll went up to 54 Friday even as the Gujarat government closed four national highways—in Kutch with Dang, Navsari and Valsad of South Gujarat, as heavy rain continued to pound the region and over 14,000 people remained in temporary shelters.

Until Thursday, the National highways in Kutch, Dang and in Navsari that connect Maharashtra, were closed. Eleven more died due to drowning, wall collapse and electrocution in the past 24 hours, Revenue Minister Rajendra Trivedi said.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Valsad and Dang districts Saturday. Trivedi said Purna and Ambika rivers overflowed at three places. "In Veraval, levels of Purna River rose to 23 feet, which is a high-alert situation. This has now reduced to 18 feet. Similarly, in Mahuva, the Purna River was flowing at 13.41 metres, which is now 13 metres. Ambika River near Sonwadi also overflowed at 8.53 metres, but is currently at 6.03 metres," he added.

In addition to closure of National Highway at four places due to flood-like situations, 20 state highways, 24 other roads and 422 panchayat roads are closed, Trivedi stated.

MONKEYPOX CASE Kerala puts all 14 districts on alert

Thiruvananthapuram: A DAY after Kerala reported India's first monkeypox case, the state Health department sounded an alert in all the 14 districts.

After a high-level meeting, Health Minister Veena George said all districts have been put on an alert. "Persons from five districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Kottayam have travelled with the infected person from the UAE. Hence, special alert has been issued in these districts. Health workers are in touch with these persons to get update on their health status. If required, they will be subjected to lab tests for monkeypox. Isolation units will be made ready in all districts. However, there is no ground for panic," said the minister. **ENS**

Monsoon revives: Kharif crop area rises, but rice, arhar remain concern

HARISH DAMODARAN & HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THE SOUTHWEST monsoon's revival this month, after a relatively dry June, has led to the area sown under kharif crops exceeding last year's levels for the first time in the current planting season. The only crop where sowing is significantly lagging behind is rice, where deficient rains in Uttar Pradesh have pulled down acreages under the staple cereal.

According to the Union Agriculture Ministry's latest compiled data as on July 15, farmers have planted a total area of 592.11 lakh hectares (lh) so far in this kharif season from June. This is more than the 591.30 lh covered during the corresponding period last year.

It also marks a turnaround from the position in the previous weeks, when cumulative sowing was trailing last year's level by 9.3 per cent on July 8, 5.3 per cent on July 1 and 23.8 per cent on June 24.

The closing of the acreage gap has mainly to do with the monsoon's revival. All-India rainfall in June was 7.9 per cent below the historical long period average.

More important, as many as 24 out of the country's 36 meteorological subdivisions recorded precipitation shortfall in excess of 10 per cent. The rains have, however, been 41.9 per cent above average



AREA SOWN UNDER KHARIF CROPS (LAKH HECTARES)

	2022	2021		2022	2021
1. RICE	128.50	155.53	4. OILSEEDS	134.04	124.83
2. PULSES	72.66	66.69	■ Soyabean	99.35	90.32
■ Arhar	25.81	31.58	■ Groundnut	28.89	29.72
■ Moong	20.19	15.85	■ Sesamum	4.22	3.58
■ Urad	18.06	15.67	5. COTTON	102.80	96.58
3. COARSE CEREALS	93.91	87.06	■ Bajra	34.46	20.88
■ Bajra	34.46	20.88	■ Maize	49.90	56.69
■ Maize	49.90	56.69	■ Jowar	6.78	6.32
■ Jowar	6.78	6.32	TOTAL KHARIF	2022	592.11
			2021	591.30	

*As on July 15 and for corresponding period of last year

in July, with the cumulative surplus from June 1 to July 15 working out to 13.9 per cent.

The good spell of rains since the start of the month – especially in much of Peninsular, Central and Western India – have

helped boost sowings of cotton, soyabean, sesamum, bajra (pearl-millet), jowar (sorghum), moong (green gram) and urad (black gram). While acreages in some pulses (arhar or pigeon pea), oilseeds (groundnut) and maize

are still down, they are likely to be covered in the coming weeks.

The only crop of concern is rice, where the 128.50 lh area transplanted is 17.4 per cent lower than the 155.53 lh coverage last year at this time. Acreages are down par-

SC bench sits at 9.30 am, says work must ideally start early

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

BREAKING WITH its usual working hours, a Supreme Court bench on Friday started work one hour earlier, saying that starting and finishing the day's work early would give judges more time to prepare for the next day's work.

Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing in a case before the bench of Justices U U Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, lauded the move. Justice Lalit said: "Ideally we should sit at 9 in the morning. If our children can go to school at 7 in the morning, then why can't we come at 9 am!" Rohatgi said he found the

9.30 am timing more convenient. Justice Lalit, who is next in line to be the Chief Justice of India, said starting and finishing the work early would give the judges more time to go through the next day's case files.

The second most senior judge said if work could be started at 9 am and finished by 2 pm with a half an hour break instead of the 10.30 am to 4 pm schedule, which is followed now, that will leave judges with more time in the evening. Justice Lalit also said that Friday's arrangement "is just a capsule", indicating that he may be toying with the idea of starting work early after August.

Justice Lalit will take over as the 49th Chief Justice of India after the incumbent CJI N V Ramana retires on August 26.

COVID VACCINATION

On first day of special drive, 15.5 lakh precaution doses administered

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

MORE THAN 15.5 lakh precaution doses were administered across the country till Friday evening, of which over 13 lakh were in people aged between 18 and 59, according to data on CoWIN portal. Friday marked the beginning of the Centre's programme offering free precaution doses to all adults for 75 days to mark the 75th year of Independence.

In comparison, only 5.5 lakh precaution doses were administered each day on an average over the past seven days. The uptake has been slow ever since it was opened up for healthcare work-



Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav gets the booster shot in New Delhi, Friday. PTI

ers, frontline workers, and those aged above 60 with co-morbidities in January. The highest peak of precaution dose administration

was seen during the second week of January when more than 37 lakh precaution doses were administered in seven days.

After dropping to just over 12 lakh precaution doses in a week in May, the numbers started going up again the following month when the government started the Har Ghar Dastak campaign. "As part of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav celebrations, free Covid-19 Precaution Dose drive for all adults for the next 75 days has commenced. I urge all eligible to get their Precaution Dose. PM @NarendraModi Ji's Govt is committed to creating a Healthy & Safe India," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandavdya tweeted on Friday.

Ripudaman murder targeted killing: Canada cops

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TORONTO, JULY 15

THE CANADIAN police have said they are still working to determine the motive behind the targeted killing of Ripudaman Singh Malik, a 75-year-old Sikh man acquitted in the 1985 Air India Kanishka terrorist bombing case.

Malik was shot dead in Surrey, British Columbia on Thursday. Malik and co-accused Ajaib Singh Bagri were acquitted in 2005 of mass murder and conspiracy charges related to the two bombings in 1985 that killed 331 people, the CBC News said.

The report cited a witness who said he "heard three shots and pulled Malik from his red Tesla bleeding from a neck wound." Another witness from a nearby business identified that the victim of the shooting was Malik.

Surrey Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said a "man shot at that location around 9:30 am succumbed to his injuries



Investigators arrive at the shooting site in Surrey, British Columbia, Thursday. AP

at the scene. They say it appears to be a targeted shooting and are not releasing the victim's name." The police said they located a "suspect vehicle" which was "engulfed in fire," the report added.

Another report in ABC News said that while police had not initially released the victim's identity, it confirmed it after

Malik's son, Jaspreet Malik, posted a statement on social media about his father's shooting.

"The media will always refer to him as someone charged with the Air India bombing," Malik's son wrote on Facebook. He said his father had been "wrongly charged" in the case and the court concluded that "there was

no evidence against him". "The media and RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] never seemed to accept the court's decision and I pray today's tragedy is not related," he said.

In a statement, the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team said: "We are aware of Malik's background, though at this time we are still working to determine the motive. We can confirm that the shooting appears to be targeted and there is not believed to be any further risk to the public."

Meanwhile, people who knew Malik said he was an "extremist warrior" with many enemies and personal disputes and played with violence in his life which likely came back to haunt him. "I just think there's so many potential motives," said retired RCMP deputy commissioner Gary Bass. He was in charge of the terrorism probe into the 1985 bombing.

"...He was involved in a number of activities that might bring him into conflict with other people," he was quoted as saying.

15-yr-old hacked to death at Ludhiana hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUDHIANA, JULY 15

A GROUP of at least 15 assailants allegedly hacked to death a 15-year-old boy inside the emergency ward of Civil Hospital in Ludhiana Thursday night.

As per an FIR, the incident happened in the presence of doctors, nurses and patients when the assailants, carrying swords and axes, attacked the Savan Kumar from EVS colony of the district.

Police said two groups of youths from EVS colony were at loggerheads for many days and had petty clashes earlier too. The incident unfolded despite the Ludhiana police having set up a special post on the hospital premises. Police Commissioner Kaustubh Sharma said three cops are posted at the hospital but last night, none was present on duty. "An inquiry has been marked and action will be taken," he said.

ACCUSED GETS BAIL IN 2006 AURANGABAD ARMS HAUL CASE

Just attending meetings does not mean intend to play jihad role: HC

OMKARGOKHALE
MUMBAI, JULY 15

NEARLY 16 years after his arrest, the Bombay High Court on Friday granted bail to Bilal Ahmed Abdul Razaq, who was sentenced to life imprisonment by the special Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) court in connection with the 2006 Aurangabad arms haul case. Bilal was arrested on May 27, 2006.

The special court had in July 2016 also sentenced six others, including 26/11 attacks plotter Sayed Zabiuddin Ansari alias Abu Jundal, to life term till death. While it had also sentenced two convicts to 14 years in jail, the remaining three were given eight-year sentences. Eight others were acquitted.

Justice Revati Mohite-Dere and Justice V G Bisht passed an

order allowing Bilal's plea seeking bail pending the hearing and final disposal of the appeal against his conviction.

Advocate Mubin Solkar, representing Bilal, told HC that there was no evidence to show his client was part of any conspiracy, as "no specific role was attributed" to him. Solkar added that since Bilal has been in custody for over 13 years and his appeal will take some time to be heard, he should be released on bail pending disposal of his appeal.

Senior advocate Raja Thakare, the special counsel for the state government, opposed the plea saying that based on the nature of offences and overwhelming evidence proving Bilal's culpability, it was not a fit case for him to be released on bail.

The HC noted that special judge, while referring to co-ac-

used Mohd Amir's confession, had observed, "It is clear that he (Amir) preached or asked (Bilal) number of occasions to be ready for jihad... which amounted to incriminating material against Bilal and also showed that he was involved in the common thought process/conspiracy to strike jihad."

The special judge had also observed that Bilal accompanied other accused to Kashmir -- to meet one person named Juned -- where he was introduced to other militants. The HC noted, "Merely because (Bilal) attended meetings or was exhorted to join jihad... that by itself cannot be termed as willingness on his part to play a major role in jihad, particularly when there is no prima facie cogent and convincing evidence against him. No incriminating act is imputed against (Bilal) in (Amir's) confessional statement."

IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES DURING PANDEMIC

UN: 30 lakh Indian kids did not receive first DTP dose in 2020

ESHAROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

INDIA'S TARGET of reducing the number of unimmunised children in the country was hit by the Covid-19 pandemic with an estimated 30 lakh of them not receiving the first dose of DTP-1 vaccine in 2020, the United Nations said on Friday. The number of children who missed the first dose of DTP in 2019 was around 14 lakh.

The UN, however, pointed out that India was "quick to prevent further backslide with catchup programmes" like the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)-3, which reduced the number of such children from 30 lakh to 27 lakh in 2021. Globally, the percent-

age of children who received three doses of the vaccine against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTP3) fell by 5 percentage points to 81% between 2019 and 2021, the UN said, which is the "largest sustained decline in childhood vaccinations" in 30 years.

Aiming to immunise every pregnant woman and child, the Indian government launched IMI 4.0 in February 2022, which is the largest vaccination drive globally. India vaccinates more than 3 crore pregnant women and 2.7 crore children through the Universal Immunisation Programme. "India successfully managed to prevent a decline in coverage, while ensuring a continued focus on Covid-19 vaccination. A rapid resumption of routine immunisation services

coupled with evidence-based catch-up campaigns enabled India to prevent a backslide on routine immunisation coverage," said Mainak Chatterjee, Health Specialist, UNICEF India.

Globally, 2.5 crore children missed out on one or more doses of DTP through routine immunisation services in 2021 alone. This is 20 lakh more than those who missed out in 2020 and 60 lakh more than in 2019.

"The decline was due to many factors including an increased number of children living in conflict settings where immunisation is often challenging, increased misinformation and Covid-19 related issues," said the UN statement.

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Removing 'mangalsutra' mental cruelty, says HC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI, JULY 15

REMOVAL OF 'thali' (mangalsutra) by an estranged wife would amount to subjecting the husband to mental cruelty of the highest order, the Madras High Court has observed and granted divorce to the aggrieved man.

A division bench of Justices V M Velumani and S Sounthar made the observation, while allowing a civil miscellaneous appeal from C Sivakumar, working as a professor in a medical college in Erode recently.

He sought to quash the orders dated June 15, 2016 of the local Family Court, refusing divorce to him. When the woman was examined, she admitted that at the time of separation, she removed her thali chain. Though she pro-

ceeded to explain that she retained the thali and only removed the chain, the act of removing it had its own significance.

Her counsel, by referring to Section 7 of Hindu Marriage Act submitted that tying of thali is not necessary and hence its removal would not have any impact on the marital tie.

"Thali... symbolises the continuance of married life and it is removed only after the death of the husband. Therefore, its removal by the petitioner/wife can be said to be an act which reflected mental cruelty of the highest order as it could have caused agony and hurt the sentiments of the respondent," the bench had said.

Applying the same yardstick, the present bench said the removal of thali chain is often treated as an unceremonious act.

**DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**
6TH FLOOR, ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, NEW DELHI, DELHI-110006

MISSING CHILDREN

SL No	MISSING CHILDREN	Photograph
1	Name: PRATIBHA (Name given by agency). Complexion: Whittish. On 30/04/2022 at 11:15 PM, about 6 months old female child was found abandoned near Deva Ram Park, Tri Nagar, Keshav Puram, Delhi. The case was registered at the concerned police station. On 02/05/2022 she was produced before Child Welfare Committee III, Kingsway camp, Delhi by the Investigation Officer and with the order of the Child Welfare Committee, the child is placed in Holy Cross Social Service Centre, Dheerpur, Delhi for care and protection. When she was found she was wearing white color T- Shirt. GD NO 0119A, DATED 30/04/2022, Police Station. KESHAV PURAM, DELHI.	
2	Name: VIVEK, Complexion: Whittish. On 01/06/2022 around 3:30 AM, about 4 years old male child named Vivek was found at Old Delhi Railway Station by the team members from ODRS Child Line Salam Balak Trust, Delhi and the information was given to the Railway Police Cell ODRS. On 01/06/2022 the child was produced before Child Welfare Committee-III, Sewa Kutir Complex, Kingsway Camp, Delhi by the team members from ODRS Child Line Salam Balak Trust and with the orders of Child Welfare Committee-III, he was placed in Holy Cross Children's home for care and protection. At the time of admission, Vivek was wearing blue color printed shirt and blue color check half pants. GD NO 0009 A, Dated 01/06/2022, Police Station Old Delhi (Delhi Main) RLY, RAILWAYS, DELHI.	

Note: for more information the Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children may contact at address/phone numbers given below:
1. Org. Secretary, Holy Cross Social Service Centre, Dheerpur, Burari Road, Near Nirankari Complex, Tara Cowk, Delhi 110009. Contact No. 9560143727, 8130915367, hcssodelhi@gmail.com
2. DCPU-1, District Child Protection Unit-1, Central, Sewa Kutir Complex, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009, Ph:- 27655034/dcpucenrtdelhi@gmail.com

Sd/-
Director
Women and Child Development
Govt. Of NCT of Delhi

Please give information on 1098 child line about children who need care and protection.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
ASSAM, GUWAHATI

No. CE/CC/WR/NIT/2019-20/1003/148

NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Guwahati, on behalf of Governor of Assam
invites **National Competitive Bidding Tender** for the following works

Sl. No. of packages	Name of the Scheme	Lot/Contract No.	Approx. amount in lakh (Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security in lakh (Rs.)
1.	Emergency River Work during Flood Exigencies from the Reserved materials (Geo materials and porcupine at critical locations of Buridehing River.	1	136.85	1.5
		2	48.02	0.5
2.	Emergency River Work during Flood Exigencies from the Reserved materials (Geo materials and porcupine at critical locations of Beki River.	1	130.60	1.5
		2	188.33	2.0

Details may be seen at website - <https://assamtenders.gov.in>

1. Bidders may Bid for one or more lots/contracts as further defined in the request for bids document. If a Bidder chooses to quote for more than one lot/contract, it should submit separate Bid (complete with all documents including Bid Security) for each lot/contract.

Sd/
Chief Engineer,
Janasanyog/C/6583/22
Water Resources Department Assam

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND

Office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Dumka

CORRIGENDUM

Due to unavoidable reasons NIT / Tender Reference No. :- WRD/Irr.Div.Dumka/ SBD-IFB-05/2022-23 Dt : 28.06.2022 vide PR No. 272566 Irrigation(22-23)D has been revised as mentioned below :-

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender Reference No. :- WRD/Irr.Div.Dumka/SBD-IFB-05/2022-23 Dt : 15.07.2022

1.	Name of the work	Lining work of South Hama, North Hama & Maheshpur distributory and Re-storation work of structures of Hama weir scheme under Godda district.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 125,26,65,314.21 (Rupees One hundred twenty five crore twenty six lakh sixty five thousand three hundred fourteen and paise twenty one) only
3.	Time of Completion	915 days
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	19.07.2022, 11:00 A.M.
5.	Period of availability of bid document on website	19.07.2022, 11:00 A.M. to 10.08.2022, upto 5:00 PM
6.	Last date and time for receipt of bid	10.08.2022, upto 05:00 PM
7.	Time and date of Pre-Bid Conference (physical as well as online)	26.07.2022 at 01:00 PM, At:- Chief Engineer Office, WRD, Deoghar.
8.	Period of online submission of bid	19.07.2022, 11:00 A.M. to 10.08.2022, upto 5:00 PM
9.	Last date and time for receipt of EMD and cost of BOQ of bids in the Office of EE, Irrigation Division, Dumka	13.08.2022, upto 05:00 PM
10.	Time and date of opening of pre-qualification bid	16.08.2022, 02:00 PM
11.	Time and Date of opening of Technical bid	To be announced Later
12.	Time and Date of opening of Financial bid	To be announced Later
13.	Place of opening of bids	Chief Engineer office, WRD, Deoghar
14.	Name & address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Dumka Mob. No. +919801746699, Email ID ceedmkr@gmail.com +91915826458, +918789068351 Email ID- wrdcedeo@gmail.com
15.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	+91915826458, +918789068351 Email ID- wrdcedeo@gmail.com

Note :- Only e-Tender will be accepted
Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division, Dumka
PR 273694 Water Resource(22-23)D

Government of Himachal Pradesh

JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

Online bids are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Barsar, Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system for the under mentioned work from the qualified and experienced contractors/firms.

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time	Cost of form
1.	Providing Flood Protection work /Anti erosion measure on left bank of Maankhad at Tipper in Distt. Hamirpur (SH:- Construction of Earthen Embankment included crated apron, stone pitching = 965 Rm) as covered under this tender, shall be sustainable and responsive to standard norms as stipulated.	3,39,74,608/-	3,72,246/-	One Years	2500/-

- Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>, by the interested contractors/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.
- Providing Flood Protection work /Anti erosion measure on left bank of Maankhad at Tipper in Distt. Hamirpur (SH:- Construction of Earthen Embankment included crated apron, stone pitching = 965 Rm) as covered under this tender, shall be sustainable and responsive to standard norms as stipulated.
- Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility criteria, Bid and Financial bid should be put in separate envelop. The bids shall be submitted online electronically.
- Bid evaluation criteria-Eligible Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) shall be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal shall rest with the EMPLOYER who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
- As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

6. KEY DATES SHALL BE AS UNDER:-

a	Date of Online publication	06.07.2022
b	Downloading of e-bid Documents	From 06.07.2022 at 5:00 PM to 21.07.2022 at 11:00 AM.
c	Date of submission of e-bid	From 06.07.2022 at 5:00 PM to 21.07.2022 at 11:00 AM.
d	Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender documents	Upto 11:00 AM on 21.07.2022
e	Date of opening of bids:	
1)	Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria	On 21.07.2022 at 11:30AM
2)	Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately
f	Site Visit	Between 11:00 AM dated 07.07.2022 to 4:00 PM dated 20.07.2022 alongwith the Assistant Engineer/concerned Junior Engineer JAL Shakti Sub Division Barsar.
g	Pre-Bid Meeting	On 11.07.2022 at 3:00 PM in the Office of Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Hamirpur Zone, Hamirpur. The queries of the bidders to be discussed during Pre-bid shall be submit till 11:00 AM on 11.07.2022 No queries shall be enter tained afterwards.

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- The e-bid documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (two) covers:-
 - Cover - 1 shall contain Scanned copies of eligibility information criteria".
 - Cover - 2 shall contain "Financial Bid"
- Cover-1 shall contain scanned legible copies of following "Eligibility Information" (Scanned legible copies to be uploaded in pdf. file).
 - The earnest money in favour of Executive Engineer, JAL Shakti Division Barsar, shall be submitted either through online mode (e-payment) or offline mode in the form of NSC/Time Deposit receipt/ Demand Draft of any nationalized bank duly pledged in favor of "Executive Engineer" JAL Shakti Division, Barsar. Exemption of earnest money shall not be allowed.
 - The cost of tender form as shown above shall be submitted shall be submitted either through online mode (e-payment) or offline mode in the form of Bank Draft of any nationalized bank duly pledged in favor of "Executive Engineer" JAL Shakti Division, Barsar. Exemption of cost of tender form shall not be allowed.
 - Copy of Certificate of registration with JAL Shakti/Vibhag or any other state/central Govt. department or Govt Undertakings in appropriate class. The successful bidder should get himself registered in appropriate class with HP JAL Shakti/Vibhag before award work.
 - Income Tax PAN, GST and EPF registration.
 - The authorization letter regarding Digital Signature certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered tenderer to upload the bid, to be uploaded along with the other documents online.
 - A scanned copy of undertaking that I have carefully studied all the terms and conditions stipulated in the contract document before quoting the rates.
- Note: No physical submission of documents will be allowed except for those contractor who have submit bid security & bid cost in shape of FDR/Bank draft shall submit in the office of Executive Engineer, JAL SHAKTI Division, Barsar by 21.07.2022 upto 11:00 AM. Any document / information found false / fabricated during scrutiny or later anytime, the bid is liable to be cancelled immediately. In such case bid security shall be forfeited.
- Cover 2 shall contain "Financial Bid" which shall be opened at a later date to be notified separately & shall be opened only of those bidders / Firms whose documents as per technical Information "Cover-1" will be found in order. Cover-2 shall contain only Financial Bid / Offer on departmental schedule of quantity/BOQ where bidder firms shall quote his / their offer for each item.
- Rates quoted must be INR (Indian Rupee) and shall be inclusive of all taxes applicable at the time of opening of bids.
- The bidders shall not be permitted to bid for the work in the HPJSV Circle (responsible for award and execution of the contract) in which his near relative is posted as Divisional Accountant or as an officer in any capacity between the grades of Superintending Engineer & Assistant Engineer (both Inclusive). He shall also intimate the name of the persons who are working with him in any capacity or are subsequently employed by him who are near relative to any Gazetted officer in the Jal Shakti Vibhag. Any reach of this condition by the bidder would render him liable to be removed from the approved list of bidders of this department.
- Bid security of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained till the finalization of offer of the lowest bidder or 180 days whichever is earlier.
- No subletting of work as a whole by the bidder is permissible.
- In case, opening day is a holiday, the bids shall be opened on next working day at the same time.
- The validity of the bid shall be kept open for 120 days or till the finalization of offer of the lowest bidder.
- Ambiguous/telegraphic/ Conditional bids or bids by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/ considered in any case.
- Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reasons.
- Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the bids without assigning any reason(s).
- Any enquiry regarding bid can be obtained on e-mail of the divisional officer under e-mail address i.e. eeiph_bsr@rediffmail.com.
- Rates should be quoted both in figure as well as in words in Indian Rupee (INR).

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division
Barsar
2470/HP

DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR
OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10
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NIT No.42/EE (T) M-10/2022-23
Press Tender

S. No.	Name of Work	Reserve price	Date of release of tender in procurement solution	Last date and time for download & RTGS through e procurement solution
1	Replacement of existing damaged/ badly silted up sewer lines at Okhla Industrial Estate Phase-III under AC-51 Kalkaji	7,39,00,192/-	2022_DJB_226087_1 14.7.2022	4.8.2022 upto 2:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 235 (2022-23)

Sd/- (B.N.Gupta)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-10
"STOP CORONAVIRUS: WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

OFFICE OF SE (O&M) CIRCLE, M.P.P.K.V.V.C.L., JABALPUR
REGD. OFFICE SHADE NO.4, RAMPUR NEAR GANESH MANDIR, JABALPUR-482008 (M.P.)
(Telephone no. 0761- 2661344, 270350) E-mail:- seonm_jbp2012@gmail.com

No. SE/O&M JBP/ PUR/2022-23/TS-03/728/2022 PKVVC_211243_1 dtd: 13.07.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited for Outsourcing of Unskilled, Semi-skilled and Skilled Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works at O&M Circle, MPPKVCL, JABALPUR. The bid seals will be received online on the e-portal <http://mptenders.gov.in>, <http://www.mpez.co.in> up to date & time indicated below. The online tenders will be opened in the office of the undersigned as mentioned in tender time schedule (key-date). If desired, the bidder or their duly authorized representatives may remain present at the time of opening of tender :-

Sr. No.	Tender Specification No.	Name Of The Work/ services	Approx. Value (Rs. in Crores)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Due Date of Opening of tender Online from 14:30 Hrs.*
1.	SE/O&M/JBP/ 2021-22/TS-03/728/ 2022 PKVVC_211243_1	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works under the jurisdiction of SEO&M Circle MPPKVCL, Jabalpur	14.89	118000/-	1.00 Lakh	01/08/2022

* For other details please visit website <http://www.mptender.gov.in> Superintending Engineer (O&M) Circle

Directorate of Mines Department of Mines & Geology Government of Jharkhand
Nepal House (Yojna Bhavan), Doranda, Ranchi - 834002,
Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Notice Inviting Tender "Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease"
In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004 (Subsequent Amendments) and the Jharkhand Minor Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2017 (Subsequent Stone Amendments) notified thereunder, Government of Jharkhand has identified a stone block for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease in Jamtara District, Jharkhand, through electronic auction and hereby invites bids in digital format only, from eligible bidders.

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/jharkhand/index.jsp>) for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notification, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand <http://www.jharkhand.gov.in/mines-geology>.

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (Cubic meter)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
Digharia Stone Block	1.50 Acre (0.607 Hectare)	119435.19	08.08.2022	10.08.2022	12.08.2022

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR 25000.00 (Indian Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) plus GST as applicable (non-refundable), from the website of e-auction platform provider. The applicable GST should be paid by Reverse charge Mechanism by the Bidder and the GST Paid slip should be attached with the Bid Letter.

After purchase of the Tender Document, eligible bidders can register themselves on the above-mentioned website. On successful registration, eligible bidder will obtain Login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process.

Sd/- Director Mines
Department of Mines & Geology Govt. of Jharkhand
PR273785 (Mines and Geology)22-23'D

Directorate of Mines Department of Mines & Geology Government of Jharkhand
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Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/jharkhand/index.jsp>) for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notification, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand <http://www.jharkhand.gov.in/mines-geology>.

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (Cubic meter)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
Korambe Stone Block	3.0 Acre (1.214 Hectare)	181 578	08.08.2022	10.08.2022	12.08.2022

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR 25000.00 (Indian Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) plus GST as applicable (non-refundable), from the website of e-auction platform provider. The applicable GST should be paid by Reverse charge Mechanism by the Bidder and the GST Paid slip should be attached with the Bid Letter.

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Sd/- Director Mines
Department of Mines & Geology Govt. of Jharkhand
PR273764 (Mines and Geology)22-23'D

Office of the Executive Engineer
Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Latehar
E-Procurement Very Short Tender Notice (SBD)Tender Reference No. DWSD/LTR/SVS/CLTR-17-21-22 (7th Call) Date - 15.07.2022

Particular	Details
Name of Work	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of 26128 nos. FHTC in different block of Latehar District comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Structure, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) & 05 years Operation and Maintenance all complete job "On Turnkey Basis" under D.W. & S. Division, Latehar for the Year 2021-22 under (JJM)
Group No.	No. of Valje No Of Scheme No. of FHTC Estimated Cost (In Lac) E.M Required (In Lac) Cost of BOQ (In Rs.) Time of Completion
1	MAH/SVS/08(A)(i) 8 91 1888 688.43 6.89 10000.00 09 Month BRD/SVS/07(B)(i) 10 115 2425 893.02 8.94 10000.00 09 Month HRJ/SVS/01(A)(i) 13 127 2446 942.37 9.43 10000.00 09 Month CHN/SVS/03(B)(ii) 11 126 2327 896.74 8.97 10000.00 09 Month BAL/SVS/04(B)(ii) 13 120 2402 904.42 9.05 10000.00 09 Month BRD/SVS/07(A)(ii) 9 97 2020 707.87 7.08 10000.00 09 Month GAR/SVS/06(A) 19 97 1944 745.39 7.46 10000.00 09 Month GAR/SVS/06(B) 19 97 1944 743.28 7.44 10000.00 09 Month GAR/SVS/06(C) 21 97 1945 743.28 7.44 10000.00 09 Month CHN/SVS/03(C)(iii) 8 106 1983 771.58 7.72 10000.00 09 Month CHN/SVS/03(A)(ii) 11 134 2402 922.83 9.23 10000.00 09 Month BAL/SVS/04(B)(i) 13 120 2402 907.91 9.08 10000.00 09 Month
2	Date of Tender Uploading in Website 16.07.2022 AT 3:00 PM
3	Date of starting submission of Bid 16.07.2022 AT 3:00 PM
4	Last date receipt of Bid 22.07.2022 to 5:00 PM
5	Last Date Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy) 23.07.2022 up to 5:00 PM in the Office of - 1. Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W. & S. Circle, Medininagar 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W. & S. Department Ranchi Zone, Ranchi.
6	Date of Opening Tender 25.07.2022 at 2:00 PM
7	Name & Address of Opening Officer Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar (Jharkhand)
8	Name & Address of Tender Inviting Authority Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar (Jharkhand)
9	Contact No. of Procurement Office 9430725642, 6202470446, 6201242103

• Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may be changed.
• Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer
D.W. & S. Division, Latehar
PR 273703 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Name** : Unknown, **S/o** Unknown **R/o** Unknown, **Age** : 45 years, **Height** : 5'7", **Complexion** : Shallow, **Built** : Medium, **Face** : Round, **Wearing** : Unknown, was found in injured condition after accident at NH-9, Vijay Nagar, T-Point, Delhi, on 12.07.2022. He was Shifted to GTB Hospital, Delhi, where during treatment doctor declared him dead on 13.07.2022. In this regard a case vide DD No. 118A dated 13.07.2022 has been lodged at P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in GTB Hospital Mortuary, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO :
P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi
Shahdara Distt., Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23968730
DP/919/SHD/2022

Uttarakhand Transport Corporation, H.Q. U.C.F. Sadan
Deep Nagar Road, Vishnupur, Ajabpurkalan, Dehradun
Letter No.-516/HQ/Techn./E-Tender/2022 Date: 15.07.2022

E-TENDER NOTICE
E tenders are invited from well reputed manufacturers for the supply of following items:-

Name of Item	Tender Cost (Rs.)	Tender No.	Pre-bid meeting date	Last Date for Online submission of tender form	Tender Opening date (Technical bid)
New Tyres, Tubes & Flaps	5900.00	140/2022	23.07.2022 At 11:00 Hrs.	30.07.2022 Up to 14:00 Hrs.	30.07.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.

The tender document is available online on <http://uktenders.gov.in> the bidder can download the documents in the website, the form of DD in favour of Managing Director Uttarakhand Transport Corporation Dehradun.

General Manager (Tech),
E-mail-ucte-gmtech@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Name** Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown **Age**: about 44 years, **Height**: 5'2", **Complexion**: Shallow, **Face**: Oval, **Built**: Normal, **Hair**: White & Black, **Wearing**: underwear, fell down on 10.07.22 at 9:24 PM from K-2", NR Gali No.3, NR H.No. 123, NR Dairy, Delhi & admitted in AIIMS TC Hospital vide MLC No.500323692/22, where during the treatment Doctors declared him dead on 11.07.22. The dead body has been preserved at the Mortuary of AIIMS Hospital. In this regard a **DD No.110 A dated 11.07.22 u/s 174 Cr.PC** has been lodged at P.S. Tigri, New Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Tigri, New Delhi
Ph.No.: 011-26042188 26044546
Mob.: 8750870834
DP/334/SD/2022

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN
WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg.), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. T.S.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
EP No.57/CGM(E)/ TC / T3 / MOM- WTP/ O&M Div.XXI / 2022-23. Dtd: 15.07.2022	Manning, Operation and Maintenance of 735 MLD WTP of GDWSP at Mallaram under O&M Div No. XXI, Control Room for the period of one year.	Rs. 505.46 Lakhs	16.07.2022 @ 11.30 AM

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on www.eprocurement.gov.in.
Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg.), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. T.S.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

to the Project: Manufacturing and Maintenance of 800 (eight hundred) 12000 hp Electric Locomotives

Bid document for the Project: Manufacturing and Maintenance of 800 (eight hundred) 12000 hp Electric Locomotives Uploaded on IREPS website on 09.05.2022. Corrigenda regarding the Bid Document for the project have been uploaded on Official Website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. The interested Bidders are advised to go through the Corrigenda for submission of Bid. The Bid Due Date has extended to 28.09.2022 from 10.08.2022.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India. Invites open e-tender under Two packet system for the under noted work:

GeM Bid Number	GE M/2022/B/2327021 dt. 15.07.2022
Name of work	Cleaning of EMU Car Shed Ghaziabad and disposal of garbage from the shed.
Tender cost	NIL
Approximate cost	₹ 1,08,90,318.56
Earnest Money	₹ 2,04,738.00 (payment mode available on GeM website)
Completion Period	24 Months
Validity of offer	80 Days
Date & Time from tender advertised on GeM website	15.07.2022
Date & Time from tender submission start and end	15.07.2022 to 05.08.2022 (15:00 Hrs.)
Tender Closing Date & Time	05.08.2022 (15:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends)	05.08.2022 (15:30 hrs.)



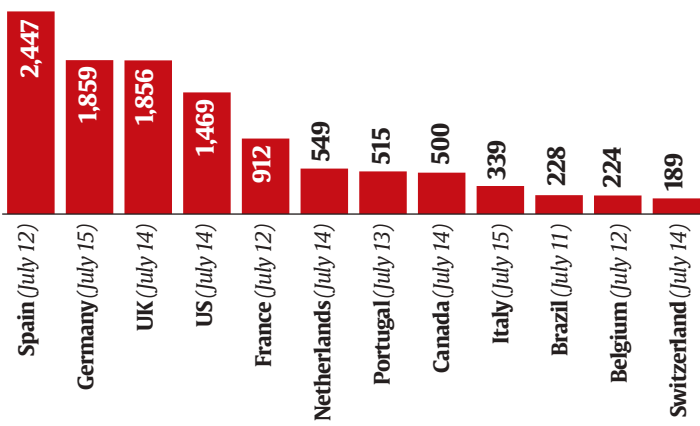
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TELLING NUMBERS

Over 1,100 monkeypox cases in 60 nations, high counts in Europe



MONKEYPOX, a disease that occurs in west and central Africa and had only occasionally spread elsewhere so far, has now spread to at least 60 countries in which it was not previously endemic. Confirmed cases have crossed 11,500 in the current outbreak. These include one case in India, reported from Kerala earlier this week.

Spain has the highest number of monkeypox cases at 2,447 as of July 12, followed by Germany and the UK at over 1,800 each, while cases have crossed the 500 mark in at least three

other European countries: France, the Netherlands and Portugal. These counts are as they stood at various dates during the week.

Beyond Europe, the highest numbers are in the United States (1,469) and Canada (500), both as of July 14. In the Asia-Pacific region, which includes India, Australia has 33 cases (July 14), the only country in the region with cases in double digits. In the Middle East, Israel (80, July 13) has the highest count.

REUTERS

Study: playing wind instruments can spread respiratory particles

JUST LIKE coughing, sneezing, talking and singing, playing wind instruments — particularly brass ones — can spread respiratory particles that may carry the virus that causes Covid-19, according to a study from Colorado State University (CSU).

Early in the pandemic, CSU engineers led by Professor John Volckens teamed up with musicians and performers to try and quantify respiratory particle emissions from various activities like singing and music-playing. CSU said in a press release. The researchers have now published the results of their measurements of particle emissions from wind instrument playing, including brass and woodwinds, in the journal *Scientific Reports*.

They used a cutting-edge aerosol measurement chamber and recruited volunteers to perform in the chamber while aerosol emissions from themselves — or their instruments — were analysed. For the instruments study, they had 81 volunteer performers who played wind instruments including the bassoon, clarinet, French horn, oboe, piccolo, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and tuba.

Brass instruments, on average, produced 191% more aerosols than woodwinds, the release said. Being male was associated with a 70% increase in emissions from instrument-playing, probably due to lung size and capacity, the researchers think. Louder playing of brass instruments was associated with

higher particle counts, but louder playing of woodwinds didn't increase emissions.

The researchers also took measurements with performers using bell covers in an attempt to mitigate the particle spread, which seemed to work. The use of bell covers reduced emissions from trombone, tuba and trumpet players, with average reductions of 53-73%, but not for oboe or clarinet.

Volckens likened bell covers to blue surgical masks for instruments — good, but not great in terms of limiting spread. "The data suggest that masks and bell covers cut down half to 75% of particles coming out of the mouth or instrument.

And the reason blue surgical masks or bell covers don't work better is that they're just not a tight fit. These devices don't achieve an N95 level of protection," the release quoted him as saying. It quoted him as saying that "if we could make N95s for instruments", it would likely help reduce emissions from brass instruments, but not from woodwinds, because those instruments have too many escape holes before the bell. A single-exit instrument like a trumpet is easier to control with protective measures.

According to the release, the study re-confirms that at the start of the pandemic, shutting down performing arts in the name of safety likely saved lives.

SOURCE: COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



PAPER CLIP

NEW RESEARCH

EXPLAINED HEALTH
Benefits of new HPV vaccine

India's indigenous vaccine against HPV, the primary cause of cervical cancer, is set to roll out in a few months. How will a cheaper, more easily available vaccine help in the fight against the disease, and who should take it?

EXPERT EXPLAINS



DR KISHORE SINGH

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

IN THE next few months, India will have an indigenously developed human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, Cervavac from Serum Institute of India (SII), that will offer protection against cervical cancer, the second largest killer among cancers in women. With a cheaper, indigenously developed vaccine against HPV soon to be available, routine immunisation of all girls would be extremely cost-effective — and may in the coming years drastically bring down rates of cervical cancer.

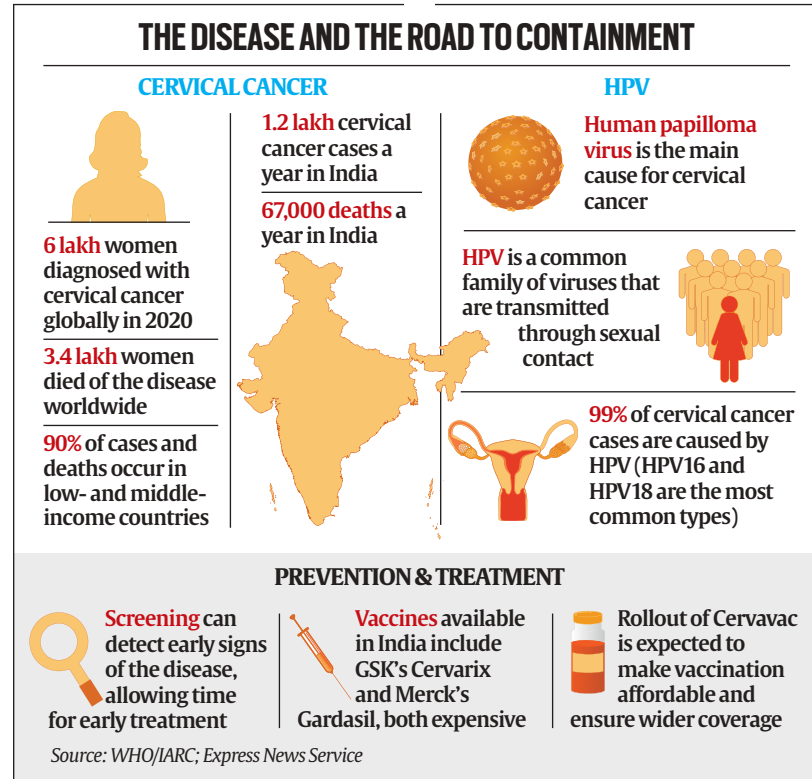
How does vaccination against an infection protect against cancer?

Cervical cancer continues to be one of the only vaccine-preventable cancers. If you see, almost all cervical cancers are found in women who have a history of HPV infection. This is not to say all HPV infections can lead to cancer; not at all. In fact, over 80% of women have an HPV infection in their lifetime and almost all of them can clear it. But in some people, some high-risk types of HPV persist and lead to cervical cancer. In addition, having multiple sexual partners, poor hygiene, smoking are other factors that increase the risk of developing cervical cancer.

So, the best way to prevent the cancer is to prevent an infection in the first place. And, that is what HPV vaccines do. There are two to four types of HPV that lead to almost 70% to 80% of all the cervical cancers, and vaccines prevent these infections. Since the virus is sexually transmitted, it has to be given to teenage girls before they are sexually active. Once an infection happens, the vaccine cannot clear it out. Hence, the effectiveness of the vaccine keeps dropping with age.

How will the new vaccine help?

At present, there are two HPV vaccines available — GlaxoSmithKline's Cervarix and Merck's Gardasil. The first one protects against the two most common types, HPV16 and HPV18, whereas the second one protects against two additional types, HPV6 and HPV11.



Now, these vaccines cost between Rs 2,500 and Rs 3,300 per dose, with teenagers requiring at least two doses and those getting it later in life needing three.

The problem then is that universal immunisation of all teenage girls becomes an expensive proposition. Yet, the Delhi government in 2016 took the decision to start immunising schoolgirls at the Delhi State Cancer Institute (DSCI). The programme was halted for two years during the pandemic, mainly because of two reasons. One, not many people were coming to the hospital to get a shot. Two, we were unsure what the immune response would be like in children who might have a current infection or one recently.

Now, Cervarix is not readily available in

India, so we had to start using the other one, which is costlier. When we started the tendering process for a fresh batch of vaccines, we realised that the India-made vaccine will soon be available. And, this is the role the new vaccine will play. It will make it cheaper and more cost-effective for governments to give the shot under public health programmes.

And, hopefully it will become a part of the national programme as well.

What will be the impact of a universal vaccination programme?

The impact will be tremendous if we are able to vaccinate 90% of teenage girls. It will drastically bring down incidence and deaths caused by cervical cancer in India, which is more important considering the fact that the country contributes to about a fourth of the

global mortality from cervical cancer.

India sees about 1.2 lakh cervical cancer cases a year and around 67,000 deaths a year. Even without vaccination, incidence and deaths due to cervical cancers are declining in India and globally — it has moved down to the second position, after breast cancer, from being the biggest killer among cancers in women in India — but the vaccine wipes out more than two-thirds of the cases and deaths that are caused by the four most common types of HPV.

Even though we have known about the effects of vaccination — and there were previous discussions the government had about including it as a part of the national immunisation effort — it did not happen because of unfortunate incidents in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat. There were procedural lapses in the trial there, which led to the news linking the vaccine to some of the deaths in trial participants. This led to the government going on the back foot.

Globally, we have seen that an HPV vaccine is very safe and effective. There is a minuscule chance that a person has an adverse effect, which is true of any vaccine.

Who needs to get the vaccine?

The vaccine can only prevent infections so it needs to be given to girl children starting at the age of 11 or 12 years, up to 16 years. Even after that, the vaccine can be given. If the person has already been exposed to one type of HPV, then they will be protected against the other types that the vaccine works against.

The vaccine can be taken up to say 26 years of age. After that the effectiveness is low.

For those who have crossed that age, how can cervical cancer be prevented?

For those who are past the age of HPV vaccination, regular screening is the best way to keep an eye out for whether they have cervical cancer. Earlier, we used to do a pap smear (a procedure where a small brush is used to remove cells from the cervix to be studied under a microscope). We now perform an HPV test. The sample is collected in a similar manner but it looks for the high-risk types HPV in the cells.

This test should be done starting two to three years after sexual activity begins, then every five years until the age of 65.

In fact, the government has already prepared a module for screening of the cervix — along with the oral cavity and breast — at health and wellness centres so that cancers can be detected at the earliest.

DR SINGH SPOKE TO ANONNA DUTT

EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

In mirror of the Past, aspects of the Present

POOJA PILLAI
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

THERE IS a certain constriction of vision, perhaps natural to the human condition, which makes it difficult to imagine that the questions that exercise us today may have also occupied those who lived a long time ago. To misquote L.P. Hartley, it often feels like the past is a foreign country, where they thought entirely differently from us.

Yet, as Ruth Vanita demonstrates in her new book, *The Dharma of Justice in the Sanskrit Epics: Debates on Gender, Varma and Species*, a scrupulous reading of India's ancient texts can reveal that there is a greater continuity in our moral and ethical preoccupations than many of us suspect.

In this book, Vanita, who also co-authored



THE DHARMA OF JUSTICE IN THE SANSKRIT EPICS: DEBATES ON GENDER, VARMA, AND SPECIES
BY RUTH VANITA
Oxford University Press
268 pages; ₹ 1,795

a seminal text on Indian queer history with Saleem Kidwai, *Same-Sex Love in India: A Literary History*, tackles the Ramayana and the Mahabharata and how they debate questions of justice. She argues in the book that "the epics equip characters within the text, as well as readers or listeners, with intellectual tools to dismantle conventional ideas of difference".

This is done through the copious quoting from the tales and tales-within-tales that populate the Indian epics, many aspects of which usually receive only the most perfunctory attention. For example, the well-known story of Amba/Shikhandini and Bhishma is examined not only through the lens of revenge, gender, and sexuality, but is also used to raise questions about masculinity in the context of fatherhood, with the specific example of Draupada whose rage has a formative influence in shaping Shikhandini's thirst for revenge.

Another example is the story of Ashtavakra and Disha: the former, a young ascetic, is sent to learn from Disha, an old woman, who sexually propositions him only to be rejected. By the end of the tale, however, Ashtavakra finds himself desiring her and the reader is left with questions about what drives desire and whether age and gender can determine who

experiences it and who doesn't.

It muddles certain stereotypes or values, such as old women cannot desire young men, but, at the same time, Vanita points out, it seemingly upholds others, such as Disha's description of women as "innately disordered", who "will destroy the family in their search for sexual union". Vanita's approach ensures that rather than projecting feminist, anti-caste, or other "modern" values on to the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, which they may or may not espouse, the book teases out their many complications — in character, plot, and philosophy. This gives fresh relevance to the ancient epics, bringing them intellectually closer to our contemporary era.

Explained Books appears every Saturday. It summarises the core argument of an important work of non-fiction.

TOTAL RECALL

Ripudaman Singh Malik: Acquitted in AI bombing that killed 329, shot 37 yrs later

MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

RIPUDAMAN SINGH Malik, 75, an accused in the 1985 Air India bombing who was acquitted in 2005, was shot dead in Surrey in Canada around 9.30 am on Thursday. A masked shooter with pistols in both hands fired in the parking area of Malik's warehouse, to which he drove down from his waterfront home in Vancouver every morning. The getaway car was later found burning.

Accused in bombing

Malik was one of the accused in the 1985 bombing of Air India's Kanishka Flight 182, in which all 329 people on board, mostly from the Toronto and Vancouver areas, were killed. Canadian police concluded that the plot was hatched by Sikh separatists in Canada to avenge Operation Bluestar at the Golden Temple (June 1984).

A suitcase bomb was loaded onto an aircraft at Vancouver International Airport, and transferred in Toronto to Flight 182, which exploded off the coast of Ireland on June 23, 1985. A second bomb exploded around the

same time at Tokyo's Narita Airport, killing two baggage handlers. Bomb parts at both crime scenes were traced to Vancouver.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), who raided over 100 suspects, found bomb-making materials at the home of Inderjit Singh Reyat, an electrician from Duncan, British Columbia. Reyat implicated Talwinder Singh Parmar, who headed a faction of the Babbar Khalsa terrorist outfit. However, Parmar was discharged, following which he left Canada. He was killed in a shootout with Punjab Police in 1992, in Phillaur. Punjab Police claim he confessed to having masterminded the Kanishka bombing, and have recordings of the confession.

In 1991, Reyat was convicted on two counts of manslaughter and other charges relating to the Narita bombing, and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri were arrested only in October 2000, and charged with 329 counts of first-degree murder in connection with the Air India bombing, and with murder, attempted murder, and conspiracy in connection with the Narita bombing.

RCMP deputy commissioner Gary Bass, now retired, who was in charge of the inves-



Malik (centre) at a Vancouver court after his acquittal in 2005. Reuters file

tigation into the Kanishka bombing, told *The Vancouver Sun* Malik was "cocky" during his interrogation. "He would remove his turban, keep his feet on the desk... and did not look religious at all," Bass was quoted as saying.

The trial in the case

The trial began on April 28, 2003 in Vancouver, and over 100 people, including Reyat, were called as witnesses. Reyat did not say anything that implicated either Malik or Bagri. The trial concluded in December 2004.

On March 16, 2005, Justice Ian Josephson of the British Columbia Supreme Court ac-

quitted both Malik and Bagri saying the evidence had fallen "markedly short" of the threshold for conviction, and that the main witnesses were not credible.

The judge also revealed that over a hundred potentially damning recordings from Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) wiretaps on the suspects and other witnesses had got destroyed during the investigation.

A 4,000-page, five-volume report of a Canadian commission of inquiry titled "A Canadian Tragedy" stated that a "cascading series of errors" by the government, RCMP, and CSIS allowed the bombing to take place. Malik served four years in prison before he was released. In 2012, he filed a case urging the government to cover his \$9.2 million legal fees, but it was quashed.

Malik was allegedly associated with the Babbar Khalsa, the outfit responsible for many terrorist incidents in Punjab. He was also a close associate of Talwinder Singh Parmar, two of whose relatives worked in one of the several schools that Malik ran in Canada.

Lahore, England, Canada

Malik was born in Lahore on February 5, 1947. His father Ranjit Singh moved to

Ferozpur after Partition. Malik emigrated to England in the early 70s, and to Vancouver in 1972 where he started driving a cab.

Soon after marrying Raminder in 1973, Malik set up Papillon Eastern Imports Ltd, a company that distributes women's clothing manufactured in India, Thailand, Indonesia, China and the Philippines. With his business flourishing, he founded the Khalsa Credit Union in 1986, which had over 1,600 members and assets worth over \$110 million when he was arrested. He invested in real estate and owned, among other properties, an office building in Victoria in the 1990s that was fully rented to the provincial Ministry of Health.

Former British Columbia Premier Ujjal Dosanjh, whose wife was a friend of Malik's wife, told *The Vancouver Sun*: "He was a ganja-smoking hippie who had a ponytail and then he turned into an extremist warrior. It's hard to explain... Something happened to him."

At the time of his murder, Malik was the president of Satnam Education Society of British Columbia, that runs Khalsa schools, which teach the Canadian syllabus and also Punjabi language and culture.

Malik also courted controversy for publishing copies of the Guru Granth Sahib in

Canada against the diktat of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). In 2019, the Akal Takht jathedar had asked him to reveal the name of the SGPC employee who had given him soft copies of the Granth Sahib.

Malik's visits to India

Malik had last visited India in May. Former president of Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee Manjit Singh G K said he had returned to Canada on June 6-7 after spending a fortnight in India. He visited Maharashtra and Odisha among other states. Sources said he had also visited the Akal Takht jathedar.

Before that, Malik had visited India in December 2019 after 25 years following the government's decision to remove his name from the "blacklist". In September 2019, the government had taken 312 Sikhs living abroad off the 35-year-old blacklist.

Before the Punjab Assembly elections in February this year, Malik had written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, thanking him for the steps taken for the welfare of the Sikhs. His letter listed various pro-Sikh initiatives taken by the government, including reopening of the 1984 riots cases.



LEFT EAR VISIBLE VAN GOGH PORTRAIT FOUND

A previously unknown self-portrait of Vincent Van Gogh has been discovered at the National Galleries of Scotland. The work is believed to have been hidden for over a century.

TOPOF THE WORLD



WNBA star Brittney Griner has pleaded guilty to drug charges.

RUSSIA
Griner cannabis was prescribed, court told

LAWYERS DEFENDING US basketball player Brittney Griner told a Russian court on Friday she was prescribed medical cannabis in the United States for a chronic injury. Griner pleaded guilty to drugs charges which carry a prison sentence of up to ten years after she was detained at a Moscow airport in February carrying vape cartridges with hashish oil. The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) star has said she did not intend to break the law, and US President Joe Biden has said the US is doing everything it can to secure her release. **REUTERS**

GERMANY
Military officer convicted of attack plot

A GERMAN court on Friday convicted a military officer who posed as a Syrian asylum-seeker of plotting to attack prominent politicians, sentencing him to 5½ years in prison. The 33-year-old German came to the attention of authorities after he was arrested in February 2017 while going to retrieve a pistol he had stashed in a Vienna airport bathroom. He was freed, but Austrian authorities informed Germany. When the military officer's fingerprint matched the one he had given to register as an asylum-seeker, it triggered the investigation. **AP**

UNITED NATIONS
UNSC to vote on choking off Haiti gang arms

THE UNITED Nations Security Council scheduled a vote Friday on a resolution that calls on all countries to stop the transfer of small arms, light weapons and ammunition to any party supporting gang violence and criminal activity in Haiti, which has seen an upsurge in bloodshed and kidnappings. The draft by the US and Mexico does not include an arms embargo as China sought. Other council members said an embargo would be unenforceable. **AP**

US PRESIDENT VISITS WEST BANK Biden embraces 'two states' goal, but says ground not ripe for talks

Mahmoud Abbas says time to 'turn the page on Israeli occupation'

AAMER MADHANI, JOSEPH KRAUSS & CHRIS MEGIERIAN
BETHLEHEM, JULY 15

U.S. PRESIDENT Joe Biden acknowledged Friday that an independent state for Palestinians "can seem so far away" as he confronted hopelessness about the stagnant peace process during a visit to the West Bank.

"The Palestinian people are hurting now," he said. "You can just feel it. Your grief and frustration. In the US, we can feel it."

Biden commented during a joint appearance in Bethlehem with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Although he's announced \$316 million in financial assistance for the Palestinians during his visit, there's no clear path to getting peace talks back on track.

"Even if the ground is not ripe at this moment to restart negotiations, the United States and my administration will not give up on bringing the Palestinians and the Israelis, both sides, closer together," he said.

Biden said the "Palestinian people deserve a state of their own that's independent, sovereign, viable and contiguous. Two states for two peoples, both of whom have deep and ancient roots in this land, living side by side in peace and security."

Abbas, in his own remarks, said it was time to "turn the page on the Israeli occupation on our land." He also said Israel "cannot continue to act as a state above law."

The last serious round of negotiations aimed at creating an independent Palestine broke down over a decade ago. **AP**



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman greets Joe Biden in Jeddah, Friday. **Reuters**

EXPLAINED

In Biden's visit, promise but no hope

PALESTINIANS HAVE long questioned White House's ability to mediate the Palestine-Israel conflict. They believe the US cannot play a neutral middleman in view of the strong American support for Israel at the United Nations and the volume of the American financial and military support to Israel. Many also consider the Biden administration a disappointment because of its failure to reverse several Trump-era policies.

US President begins Saudi trip, meets King

REUTERS
JEDDAH, JULY 15

JOE BIDEN began a visit to Saudi Arabia on Friday by giving Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman a fist bump and shaking hands with King Salman as Washington looks to reset its relationship with a country that the US president once pledged to make a "pariah" on the global stage.

Energy and security interests prompted Biden and his aides to decide not to isolate the Gulf oil giant that has been strengthening ties with Russia and China.

But the US national security adviser dampened expectations of any immediate oil supply boost to help bring down high costs of gasoline and ease the highest US inflation in four decades.

Biden, who said he would discuss human rights during the visit, was met by Prince Khalid

al-Faisal, the governor of Mecca province, which includes the Red Sea city of Jeddah.

The US president then headed to the royal palace where Saudi TV showed him fist-bumping the crown prince, known as MbS.

State news agency SPA later published a photo of Biden shaking hands with King Salman bin Abdulaziz.

After meeting the king, Biden and his team began a working session with MbS and Saudi ministers.

Typically, the White House releases names ahead of landing of foreign officials who will welcome the president, but this time details only came out after Biden left the airport.

The sensitive visit will be closely watched for body language and rhetoric and will test Biden's ability to reset relations with the crown prince, the kingdom's de facto ruler.

The Gota story: a champion of Sinhala pride to fugitive leader

SHUBHAJIT ROY
COLOMBO, JULY 15

DANISH ALI was 18 when Gotabaya Rajapaksa became a hero. It was 2009. Gotabaya, then the Defence Secretary, along with his brother and then President Mahinda Rajapaksa, were hailed for killing LTTE supremo V Prabhakaran and ending Sri Lanka's decades-long civil war.

"I had just passed out of school, and I left for Australia to study soon after," Ali says. "At that time, everyone was cheering him on as the great leader... but my family knew he was a racist and that they were invoking Sinhala pride to dominate over the minorities in the country."

The past few months changed everything — both for Sri Lanka as well as Gotabaya.

Gotabaya, who resigned on Thursday after fleeing the country, is now in Singapore, a fugitive leader. For Ali, now 31 and a prominent face of the Argalaya, the youth-led protest movement that triggered the call for change amid a gruelling economic crisis, it's a case of priorities set right.

"Killing terrorists is acceptable," he says, "We do appreciate



Celebrations in Colombo over Gotabaya's resignation. **Reuters**

that. But they cannot do what they want."

Since the war ended, Gotabaya, having earned a demigod-like status, ruled the country through fear. As Defence Secretary, he silenced his critics — some through white-van kidnappings and killings — the most famous case being that of Lasantha Wickrematunge, editor of The Sunday Leader who was killed in 2009.

Along with Mahinda, as Gotabaya continued to stoke Sinhala pride, Buddhist extremist group Bodu Bala Sena got a free hand to unleash violence against Muslims.

That's perhaps why Sanka Jayasekera, a 28-year-old wealth plan manager, believes Gotabaya's fall from grace is "karma." And an irony. "The very leader who divided us all these years has become the biggest unifier of all communities, who came together and forced him to resign," says Jayasekera.

"Everyone came together... If we — Sinhals, Tamils, Muslims, Buddhists and Christians — were divided, we could have never achieved this goal. We showed the world that we can oust the most powerful family in Sri Lanka peacefully." **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

China: Xi on rare visit to Xinjiang, calls for regular security measures

AGENCIES
BEIJING, JULY 15

CHINA WILL make security measures in Xinjiang a regular fixture while requiring Islamic practices to conform to Chinese sensibilities, President Xi Jinping said on Friday during a visit to the northwestern frontier region, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

Xi also said Xinjiang must nurture a team of "politically reliable" religious representatives, according to CCTV.

Jinping visited Xinjiang in the country's northwest this week



Xi Jinping with artists in Urumqi, Xinjiang. **AP**

amid concerns over China's detention of a million or more members of primarily Muslim ethnic minorities.

As he stressed the full and faithful implementation of his Communist Party's policies in the region, Xi showed no signs of backing off an approach that has come under harsh criticism from the US and many European governments and prompted bans on the export of cotton and other products from the region.

Under Xi, authorities have carried out a sweeping crackdown on Xinjiang's native Uyghur and Kazakh communities, which critics describing the crackdown that placed thousands in prison-like indoctrination camps as cultural genocide.

PAKISTAN: RS 16-BILLION SUGAR SCAM CASE

PM's son declared proclaimed offender

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, JULY 15

A PAKISTANI court on Friday declared Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's younger son Suleman Shehbaz and another person proclaimed offenders in a money laundering case.

The Lahore Special Court (Central-1) declared Suleman and Tahir Naqvi proclaimed offenders after they failed to appear despite being summoned, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had booked Shehbaz and his sons Hamza and Suleman in November 2020 under the



Suleman, younger son of PM Shehbaz Sharif. **File**

Prevention of Corruption Act and Anti Money Laundering Act.

The FIA in December 2021 submitted the challan against Shehbaz and Hamza to a special court for their alleged involvement in laundering Rs 16 billion in the sugar scam case.

Arrest warrants were issued for Suleman and Naqvi on May 28. On June 11, the FIA had submit-

ted a report about non-bailable arrest warrants issued for Suleman, Naqvi and Maqsood. In its report, the FIA had stated that the warrants could not be executed since Suleman was not present at his address and had gone abroad.

At Friday's hearing, the court sought details about the properties of Suleman and Naqvi as well as Maqsood's death certificate.

The court also accepted the request for granting Prime Minister Shehbaz a one-time exemption from attending the hearing but directed that he appear before the court at the next hearing.

The hearing was subsequently adjourned till July 30.

TREASON CHARGE AGAINST IMRAN? PANEL TO DECIDE

Islamabad: The Pakistan government on Friday set up a committee to decide if a case of high treason should be launched against former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party chief Imran Khan.

Information Minister Mairiyum Aurangzeb said the decision was taken by the Cabinet. The crime is punishable with death. **PTI**

Nepal govt scraps panels probing rights abuse

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, JULY 15

NEPAL HAS not extended the tenure of two crucial committees it formed to investigate human rights violations during its decades-long conflict, throwing into uncertainty promises of transitional justice in the country.

The 'Truth and Reconciliation Committee' and the committee on the disappeared were looking into cases of alleged abuse between 1996 and 2006. Their tenure ended Friday.

On Friday morning, sources said, a cabinet meeting decided not to continue with the two panels, but demonstrated its inclination

towards amending the laws to expedite 'transitional justice'. The meeting has decided to offer general amnesty to most of the 'rebels' — then Maoists — as well as leaders allegedly involved in rights violations, sources added.

The sources cited above said the Cabinet went ahead with the decision despite the panel chiefs

advising the government to "not throttle the work already done, including gathering of evidence".

However, Law Minister Gobinda Bandi prevailed over the Prime Minister and convinced him that only representative cases be tried. He also suggested the victims be paid reparations.

110 YEARS AFTER BEING STRIPPED OF MEDALS OVER VIOLATIONS

Jim Thorpe reinstated as sole winner for 1912 Olympic golds

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LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND), JULY 15

JIM THORPE has been reinstated as the sole winner of the 1912 Olympic pentathlon and decathlon in Stockholm — nearly 110 years after being stripped of those gold medals for violations of strict amateurism rules of the time.

The International Olympic Committee planned to announce the change Friday on the 110th anniversary of Thorpe winning the decathlon and later being proclaimed by King

Gustav V of Sweden as "the greatest athlete in the world."

Thorpe, a Native American, returned to a ticker-tape parade in New York, but months later it was discovered he had been paid to play minor league baseball over two summers, an infringement of the Olympic amateurism rules. He was stripped of his gold medals in what was described as the first major international sports scandal.

Thorpe to some remains the greatest all-around athlete ever. He was voted as the Associated Press' Athlete of the Half Century in a poll in 1950.

In 1982 — 29 years after



Jim Thorpe; (right) the star athlete sets a fast pace for girls during a 'junior olympics' event in Chicago in 1948. **AP File**



Thorpe's death — the IOC gave duplicate gold medals to his family but his Olympic records were not reinstated, nor was his status as the sole gold medalist of the two events.

Two years ago, a Bright Path Strong petition advocated declaring Thorpe the outright winner of the pentathlon and decathlon in 1912. The IOC had listed him as a co-champion in the official record book.

"We welcome the fact that, thanks to the great engagement of Bright Path Strong, a solution could be found," IOC President Thomas Bach said in a statement as part of Friday's announce-

ment. "This is a most exceptional and unique situation, which has been addressed by an extraordinary gesture of fair play from the National Olympic Committees concerned."

World Athletics, the governing body of track and field, has also agreed to amend its records, the IOC said.

Thorpe tripled the score of his nearest competitor in the pentathlon and had 688 more points than the second-place finisher in the decathlon.

During the closing ceremony, King Gustav V told Thorpe: "Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world." **AP**

"If Draghi falls, we vote," he told RTL radio, adding that without a fully functioning government in the coming months, Italy would risk losing billions of euros in European Union post-pandemic recovery funds and would not be able to enact measures to combat climbing energy costs.

"The Draghi government and the coalition that supported it must continue, but right now I see it as very, very difficult."

Draghi's 18-month-old government was thrown into turmoil by the populist 5-Star Movement, which boycotted a parliamentary confidence motion on Thursday on Draghi's plans to tackle the growing cost of living, arguing they did not go far enough. **REUTERS**

PERSUASION

★★

Director: Carrie Cracknell. **Cast:** Dakota Johnson, Cosmo Jarvis, Henry Golding, Richard E Grant, Yolanda Kettle and Mia McKenna-Bruce **Streaming on:** Netflix

Mixing Nostalgia with New-Age Sensibilities



SHALINI LANGER

JANE AUSTEN'S last published novel, *Persuasion* is also considered one of her most mature — with its heroine Anne, at 27, practically a spinster by Regency-era standards. Beyond that, she is quite the Austen heroine — beautiful, intelligent, well-off but just, aware of her own limitations, raging against them but not so angrily as to upset the applecart, attracting the most-eligible and silent bachelor, and yet brutally clear about the society around her.

You either accept that Austen heroine for what she is and why she is, and a lot of women over the ages have and continue to do so. Or you reject her as a Regency apologist who only seemingly disagrees with the system before finally embracing it.

Acclaimed theatre director Cracknell will have none of it. Her Anne (Johnson) retains all the trappings of her time while employing all the tricks of ours. *Persuasion* requires Anne to be Austen but with all the self-aware, mocking, breaking-the-fourth-wall smugness of *Heabag* — without being funny.

We love Austen characters with their limited milestones of courtship, romance, heartbreak and marriage only because we see where that is coming from. Post-Austen studies have done much to lift the veil on the hidden, unspoken labour that sustained those glorious woods, gardens, mansions and dinners, without really casting a blot on the woman whose stories the author focussed on.

Now we are even past that and into the Bridgerton era, where the pendulum has

swung completely the other way. Acceptable Regency romances must now be inclusive enough to have minorities represented in substantial roles. The moral question about casting Blacks to whitewash historical truths clearly has not stopped that Netflix show's fortunes.

And *Persuasion* follows in those footsteps, with people of many colours mingling freely and fruitfully — though class is still another matter. Anne's sister Mary's (McKenna-Bruce) husband is a Black, of mixed race. Her main sounding board and mother's best friend Lady Russell is Black too. And so are several of the other characters driving the story. But crucially, not the two who matter the most, Anne and that lost love of hers, Captain Wentworth (Jarvis).

While *Persuasion* clearly wants to ride the boats of both nostalgia and new-age sensibilities, even at face value, the film is quite a tepid affair. Johnson is the only one who impresses, and it's only because she has the best-written part. Jarvis never generates the quiet intensity or brooding attraction required of Austen heroes. Golding brings his innate charm to the role but has precious little to do.

"Now we are worse than exes," Anne says in one intense scene. "We are friends." That's the kind of quip that belongs to many a movie like this.

How about Wentworth's observation on her instead — that Anne places herself just outside her social circle only to look down upon the people in it? That's an insight which could have come only out of a book.

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Mumbo Jumbo

JAADUGAR

Director: Sameer Saxena
Cast: Jitendra Kumar, Arushi Sharma and Jaaved Jaaferi
Streaming on: Netflix

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DREAMS AND magic power, *Jaadugar*, a film set in a small town called Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh. One of the local legends is footballer Shrikant Dabholkar and the annual tournament named after him is the town's most exciting event. Eyeing the trophy is coach Pradeep (Jaaferi) but he is unable to convince his nephew Meenu (Kumar) to join his football team and help in fulfilling this dream. Meenu has his heart set on becoming a magician and winning the love of ophthalmologist Disha (Sharma). He is fascinated with the idea of "true love" but does not understand the responsibilities that come with it.

Pradeep's team 'Panthers' brings together a bunch of oddballs, and mostly unfit local players with exceptions like Disha (Raksha Panwar), a mother of two who is a dedicated player. The football practice sessions showcase Pradeep's passion but he mostly remains unsuccessful in motivating the players in spite of his daily dose of lengthy speeches.

The matches are engrossing but packed with too much action and melodrama, they become a tad overwhelming for the viewers.

Just like Meenu who gets easily distracted, the movie has difficulty in maintaining focus. *Jaadugar* tries to pack in too many things with elements of a sports drama, a romcom and coming-of-age story. Had it been a cohesive narrative, the film, despite its inordinate length of 167 minutes, could have been a leisurely feel-good entertainer.

Jaadugar's strength lies in its ensemble cast. Jaaferi, and Manoj Joshi as magician, Chhabra and Meenu's *guru* stand out while Imran Rashid as the librarian-cum-footballer regales with his comic timing. Kumar, famous for playing the soft-spoken *sachiv-jin* *Ranchayat*, however, does most of the heavy-lifting, as he juggles the roles of a magician, footballer, mischief-maker and obsessed lover. His character's redemption, which could have been a high point in the story, is lost in the film's laborious attempts to make the audience either chuckle or cry.

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Case of a Why-dunnit

HIT — THE FIRST CASE

★★

Director: Sailesh Kolanu
Cast: Rajkumar Rao, Sanya Malhotra, Shilpa Shukla, Dalip Tahil and Milind Gunaji

HIT — The First Case is a faithful adaptation of a crime thriller of the same name made in Telugu by the same director in 2020. Somewhere in Rajasthan, a young woman disappears. Several suspects pop up as we go along. Was it a helpful cop who stops to offer her a ride as she stands by the side of her broken-down car? Or a classmate who first claims ignorance and then shows that he might know more? Or a bumptious col-

lege official? The case is handed over to Vikram, a bright HIT (Homicide Intervention Team) officer, who has a bad case of the shakes from an unresolved trauma (are there any other kinds?), and a determination to forge ahead regardless.

The original film overcame some of its storytelling shortfalls because it felt geographically together. In this adaptation, the police procedural aspect is intact, but the locations are all over the place. A young woman's grisly end which Vikram is forced to witness, helps to do anything about it, is situated somewhere in the mountains. Where is the place? Why are the two of them there? Who are the perpetrators? Why do they do what they do? The missing details do not add anything to the



SHABAASH MITHU

★★★

Director: Srijit Mukerji. **Cast:** Taapsee Pannu, Vijay Raaz, Inayat Varma, Kasturi Jagnam, Mumtaz Sorcar, Sapna Mandal, Sameer Dharmadhikari, Devadarsini Sukumaran and Brijendra Kala

Guarding Her Wicket

SHUBHRA GUPTA

WOMEN IN sport. Sporty women. It doesn't matter how progressive the nation is, but young women who choose to dedicate their lives to sporting excellence have their struggle cut out, whether it is family or the world outside, inimical to female drive and ambition. Mithali Raj, the captain of the Indian women's cricket team, not only carved out a shining, inspirational career for herself, but was also responsible for raising the bar for Indian women's cricket.

That's the stated intention of the biopic *Shabaash Mithu*, headlined by Taapsee Pannu, and helmed by Srijit Mukerji. The film begins with a childhood portion, in which two little girls, the head Noorie (Kasturi Jagnam) and graceful, doe-eyed Mithali (Inayat Varma), find common cause thwacking a ball around with a makeshift bat. This part of the film, nearly an hour long, passes by well because of the two lively young actors. The footwork in Mithu's Bharatanatyam class comes in handy, as she learns the first rule of batting: guard your wicket, never get out.

This steely resolve, awakened in those early, carefree years comes in handy when Mithali sets out on her journey from that little garden patch in Hyderabad, and which culminates in the hallowed grounds of the Lords, as they battle England in the 2016 World Cup final. In between are the road bumps and the smooth patches — grandmother and brother in a huff balanced by supportive parents, fiercely committed coach (Vijay Raaz), jealous teammates and indifferent officials. Ending in a fitting finale for the Women In Blue, who lose the final but win our hearts.

When the beats are so predictable, how do you build in surprise? The challenges of pulling off a consistently engaging film, based on a sporting figure of recent years, is there for everyone to see. The overhang of *Chak De! India* is strongly imprinted in a few scenes, especially in the one in which Mithali-the-captain lines up her team for an "introduction" with the dismissive officials of the premiere cricketing body in India, carefully not termed the BCCI in the film. The scenes in which the enmity between a senior player and the rookie are played out also feel far too familiar, as well as those in which she is made fun of. And

while there is some amount of cricketing action in the fields in and out of the country, nothing is really goose-bump inducing, edge-of-the-seat stuff.

The film is long, and flabby in parts. A couple of teammates, especially the one played by the very expressive Sapna Mandal, get some scenes on their own; the rest are a blur. Raaz is the only other performer who stands out. The background music keeps swelling, trying to tell us how to feel. When will this stop? The film does a fair job of outlining the sad state of women's cricket — the bare-bones sleeping arrangements in the training camps, the sink-or-swim attitude of the officials in charge, the worshipping of the Boys in Blue, and the shameful neglect of the women. But Mukerji's direction is so on-the-nose that there's no space for nuance: everything is underlined. The songs are superfluous. What keeps this film together is a solid performance by Pannu, who gets into the skin of her character with minimum fuss, keeping the flourishes for the field. She is much better than the film.

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Why Size Does Matter

THAT SIZE didn't matter was the best thing about the 'Kung Fu Panda' movies. Be it the eponymous Po the panda with his love for dumplings or Master Shifu the mouse with his wisdom or Po's dad, Ping the goose.

But when you turn that into an 11-episode series, size is all that matters. And however much the good intentions, the bad-ass fights and some interesting new additions, *The Dragon Knight* is flabby and sags — quite unlike its graceful Po.

There are no discoveries to be made about oneself here, Po having all grown up and even semi-retired as the fated Dragon Master. This latest adventure comes his way when he is on a food tour of China and runs into a pair of weasels who are after a mythical gauntlet (shaped quite like the Iron Man's glove, but never mind).

The weasels, Veruca and brother Klaus Dumont, are voiced by Saba and Geere. And Saba is especially a delight as Veruca.

Also on their chase is the best thing about this series, a bear called Luthera the Wandering Blade, an English knight out to save the Queen and country from the Dumonts. If the siblings get hold of the gauntlet, followed by three other



KUNG FU PANDA: THE DRAGON KNIGHT

★★★

Director: Shaunt Nigoghossian
Voices: Jack Black, Rita Ora, Della Saba, Chris Geere, James Hong
Streaming on: Netflix

mythical weapons, they can destroy the world.

That kind of thing comes easy to Po, plus or minus many gameful tumbles. What Luthera (Ora) adds, apart from the romantic angle, is myth-building about England and its knights that parallels Po's own kung fu mysticism. Subliminally, there is also a suggestion about the East's essentially quiet demeanour unlike the muscle-flexing of the West, not the normal discourse now in the wake of China's rise.

If Luthera's sword is "forged from the Black Steel of Equinox", the other weapons in her fellow knights' armour that she explains in great detail are "Bone Kisser" and "Skull Piercer", to name a few.

Po, the unassuming darling that he is, voiced superbly by Jack Black again, is very, very impressed. So impressed that he pleads with Luthera to let him be her page, the first step in a knight's journey. But moments such as

these where Po and Luthera, Po and Ping, Dumont and Dumont, can just be, are few and far between. There are always some lizards to fight, lava rivers to cross, imperial guards to tackle, and forbidden fighters to contend with.

Moreover, the great Shifu doesn't make an appearance, nor do the fab Furious Five. Po does not even get to eat a meal to his "full potential". And that is a real pity. **SL**

STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



RESIDENT EVIL

NETFLIX

Years after a viral outbreak caused a global apocalypse, Jade Wesker vows to bring down those responsible while fighting to survive against the infected. After 2021's *Resident Evil: Infinite Darkness* anime series, Netflix is now streaming this eight-episode live action new series. With this, action moves to New Raccoon City and countering the threat posed by zombie apocalypse.



SHOORVEER

DISNEY+ HOTSTAR

In the wake of a new world order, India's need to hold its ground has never been stronger. As the nation faces an imminent attack that could cripple the country and its defence systems, an elite joint services unit rises to the occasion of safeguarding the nation, but little do they know that this mission will test the limits of their courage and grit. The cast includes Makarand Deshpande, Manish Chaudhari, Regina Cassandra, Arif Zakaria and Faisal Rashid, among others. The military drama, created by Samar Khan and directed by Kanishk Varma, explores human emotions amid dangerous operations and combat.



ALONERS

MUBI

The directorial debut feature of Hong Sung-eun, this was screened as part of the Discovery section at Toronto International Film Festival 2021. The atmospheric film revolves around Jina (Gong Seung-yeon), a loner and a top employee at a call centre. Unexpected changes in her job and life remind her of the past that she had put behind her. The film attempts to probe the line between solitude and loneliness.

COMICSTAAN

PRIME VIDEO

With a re-imagined format, *Comicstaan* is back with the third season and eight episodes. Get ready for some unabashed laughter as this time, *Comicstaan* promises to bring triple the fun. Hosted by Abish Mathew and Kusha Kapila, this season will have Zakir Khan, Sumukhi Suresh, Neeti Palta and Kenny Sebastian as judges. The eight contestants will be mentored by Rahul Subramanian, Sapan Verma, Rohan Joshi, Prashasti Singh, Kannan Gill, Aadar Malik and Anu Menon on different comedy genres.

THE AMBUSH

LIONSGATE PLAY

During the Yemen War, soldiers of the United Arab Emirates Forces are deployed on a mission. When three soldiers are ambushed in hostile territory, their commander leads a daring rescue mission. Directed by Pierre Morel, the movie is based on a true story. After its 2021 release, it emerged as a top-grossing Emirati and Arab-language film in the UAE.



SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely: Pappu, S/o Sh. Gajju, R/o: H.No. 146 New Seelampur, Delhi, Age: About 22 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Build: Medium, Mental Status: Disturb, Wearing: White Colour Pant, Liner Shirt and Slipper in his feet** has been missing since 02.11.2018 from G B Pant Hospital Ward No. 2, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 50A, Dated 05.11.2018**, has been lodged at P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi.

PAPPU

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing boy please inform to the following:-

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY



General public is hereby informed that this boy **Namely Asadullah S/o Narullah R/o H.No. P-4, Khwaja Meer Dard, Shakoor Ki Dandi, Zakir Hussain College, Delhi Age : 15 years, Height : 5'5", Face : Round, Complexion : Sallow, Build : Thin, Identification: Mentally disturb and a cut mark below his left eye, wearing green and white colour dotted full sleeves shirt, blue colour pant and yellow & black colour hawai chappal in feet**, has been missing since 31.05.2022 from the area of P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 242/22 dated 07.06.2022 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi.

ASADULLAH

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:-

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

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8	Date & time of Pre-bid Meeting		21.07.2022/12:30 P.M.			
9	Date & time of Bid Submission start date		21.07.2022/04:00 P.M.			
10	Last date & time of Bid Submission		25.07.2022/05:00 P.M.			
11	Last date & time of Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard copy)		26.07.2022/ 10:30 AM to 04:00 P.M.			
12	Date & time of Opening Tender		27.07.2022/04:30 P.M.			

नोट—(i) निविदा की प्राकृतिक राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है, तत्पश्चात् अग्रघन की राशि देय होगा।
(ii) विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा।
PR 273753 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, VETERINARY & DAIRY DEVELOPMENT NIRJULI

NO. AHV/AH-1110/2022-23. Dated Nirjuli the 15th of July 2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders in two -Bid system is hereby invited by the Director, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Nirjuli upto 1100 Hrs of 02/08/2022 on all working days only from the Manufacturers/ companies or its authorized dealer/distributors/vendors for supply of Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) as per the specifications for the financial year 2022-23 to the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Nirjuli.

TENDER REFERENCE	AHV/AH-1110/2022-23, DATED 12/07/2022
Date of sale of Tender Document	W.E.F. 18/07/2022 From 1100 Hrs till 1600 Hrs.
Last date of sale of Tender document	29/07/2022 till 1130 Hrs.
Date and time for pre - bid discussion	29/07/2022 at 1200 Hrs.
Last date and time for receipt of tender document	02/08/2022, till 1100 Hrs.
Time and date of Opening of Tender	02/08/2022, at 1300 Hrs.
Estimated cost of Tender	192.00 Lakhs
Place of Opening of Tender	Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Nirjuli, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
Address for Communication	Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Nirjuli, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. Pin 791109.

Intending bidders may obtain Tender document from the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Nirjuli, 791109 on payment of Rs. 5000.00 (Rupees Five thousand) only, non refundable on all working days upto 1130 Hrs of 29/07/2022 in cash at Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Director, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Nirjuli reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason.

For more details please refer the Tender document.

Director
Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Nirjuli
DIPR/ARN/1185-87

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पत्रांक: वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2022/611 दिनांक: 15/07/2022

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासित/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का काम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदाएं द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेंगी।
कार्यालय आदेश संख्या: वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2022/610 दिनांक 15.07.2022 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ वॉल्यूमिटी (बी.ओ.व्यू.) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात् 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्वोरिटी/परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी एफ.डी.आर./सी.डी.आर./बैंक गारन्टी/एन.एस.सी. के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्फिस	अनुमानित लागत
1.	Supply of Water Tanker and Sweeper on hire For Mobile Toilet at Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Village Abadi in Jewar (Part-G) WC-04	₹. 8.87 लाख
2.	Dewatering and Restoration of pond in village Moonjkhara YEA WC-06	₹. 4.07 लाख
3.	Providing and Fixing kerb Stone in Central verge of 30m wide road in Sec-22E, YEA WC-02	₹. 10.72 लाख
4.	Construction of Boundarywall & Interlocking Tiles in Campus of Barat Garh in Village-Dubli, YEA WC-06	₹. 19.62 लाख
5.	Balance Work of Internal Road (close graded premix surfacing) in Pocket-B Sector-20 YEA WC-02	₹. 70.84 लाख
जिन्हें दिनांक 21.07.2022 से 01.08.2022 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 02.08.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।		
क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्फिस	अनुमानित लागत
6.	C/o Boundarywall and gate for MLD Sewage treatment Plant in Sec-22D YEA WC-02	₹. 23.66 लाख
7.	Providing & Laying 12.00 mtr wide road Yamuna Expressway to Village-Ronija at Sector-22E, YEA WC-02	₹. 41.39 लाख
8.	Dewatering and restoration of pond in village-Sabota Mustafabad, YEA WC-06	₹. 12.08 लाख
9.	Dewasting and restoration of pond in village-Ahmedpur Choroli, YEA WC-06	₹. 3.17 लाख
10.	Dewatering and restoration of pond in village-Dyorar, YEA WC-06	₹. 5.21 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 22.07.2022 से 03.08.2022 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 04.08.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।
महाप्रबंधक (परियोजना)



Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited

(CIN : U40108JH2013SGC001702)
Regd. Office : Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004,
Telephone :-0651-2400799 & Fax : 0651-2400799
<https://www.jbvnl.co.in> Email- fmjbvn@gmail.com

Expresion of Interest (EOI)

Term Loan of INR 6000 Crores

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL) invites Expression of Interest for borrowing loan from Nationalized/Scheduled Commercial Banks amounting to Rs. 6,000 Crores. This is in reference to the Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and Related Matters) Rules, 2022 issued on 3rd June 2022 by ministry of Power, Govt. of India. As per rule no.5 of this notification, DISCOMs have an opportunity to Liquidate its arrears pending against GENCOs. Interested Banks are requested to submit their lending rates alongwith associated terms and conditions in regard to lending of Loan to JBVNL. The EOI documents must reach at the given address, by the 22/07/2022 up to 1700 hours which will be opened on the same day and same venue at 1730 hours.

The Detailed EOI documents and detailed terms and conditions may be downloaded from website <https://jbvn.co.in/>
Interested Applicants may Contact with the below mentioned contact detail in case of any queries/clarifications.
Contact No: 9431135525/9431708983/9431382451

General Manager (I & FM)
JBVNL Ranchi

PR 273811 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(22-23)#D

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

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई-निविदा संख्या:- 22/2022-23/RWD/HAZARIBAGH
दिनांक :- 15.07.2022

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	आईडी-टी फिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (रुपये में)	अंश में	अंतर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
1.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/01/2022-23	एन०एच००२ से गंगटियाही तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 2.900 कि०मी०)	2,56,24,000.00			दो करोड़ छपम लाख बीस हजार रु० मात्र 15 माह
2.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/02/2022-23	पंचायत हुवांग के हुवांग कॉन्स्ट्रिक्शन से लेकर पिच्छरा मोड़ भागा दरिया तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 2.800 कि०मी०)	2,37,82,300.00			दो करोड़ सौ बीस लाख बरसी हजार तीन सौ रु० मात्र 12 माह
3.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/03/2022-23	कुहागड़ा से खरवे स्टेशन तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 2.500 कि०मी०)	2,21,42,600.00			दो करोड़ इकौस लाख बरसी हजार रु० मात्र 12 माह
4.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/04/2022-23	पंचशील कोलोनो मुख्य पथ से संजय कूट सिंध के घर से धीरज त्रिपाठी के घर होते हुए देवेन्द्र सिंध के घर से श्रीकांत पाण्डे के घर होते हुए मुन्दा सिंध के घर से सुदीप कुमार के घर होते हुए कन्हाई सिंध के घर से बदन दास के घर होते हुए नृसिंह स्थान मुख्य पथ से पंचशील कोलोनो तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 2.623 कि०मी०)	1,98,63,600.00			एक करोड़ अठारह लाख बरसी हजार रु० मात्र 12 माह
5.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/05/2022-23	हजारीभमना से हजारी होते हुए पुखारा नदी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 2.600 कि०मी०)	1,76,71,600.00			एक करोड़ छिहत्तर लाख इकहत्तर हजार रु० मात्र 12 माह
6.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/06/2022-23	आर०डी०आर० रोड बोमाराहारी से मरगाजा होते हुए कोरियाडीह तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 2.000 कि०मी०)	1,53,61,600.00			एक करोड़ तिरपन लाख इकहत्तर हजार रु० मात्र 12 माह
7.	RWD/HAZARIBAGH/07/2022-23	लुंगु मंदिर चौक से नरदा नदी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 1.500 कि०मी०)	1,24,95,100.00			एक करोड़ बीस लाख पचास हजार रु० मात्र 09 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 26.07.2022
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 08.08.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
4. (क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची अथवा (ग) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, हजारीबाग में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 10.08.2022 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 12.08.2022 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन- 834001
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं- 0651-2207818
8. निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक/ अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम/ अकाउंट से ही निगमित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग के पक्ष में एवं हजारीबाग में भुगतान होगा जो लौटाय नहीं जायेगा।
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
नोडल पदाधिकारी
PR 273776 (Rural Work Department)22-23*D

HARYANA KAUSHAL ROZGAR NIGAM LIMITED

(Registered under Companies Act, 2013)
Plot No. 101, Sector-12, PANCHKULA.
Website: hkrnl.itiharyana.gov.in
FILLING UP OF VACANT POSTS ON DEPUTATION BASIS

Applications are invited for filling up of the following posts in Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited at Panchkula on deputation basis as initially for one year as per the following details:-

S. No.	Designation	Qualification	Remuneration	No. of Posts
1	General Manager (Business Development & Coordination)	Officer equivalent to Joint Director or Additional Director Working in Department/Board/Corporation/State Univ. etc. under the Govt. of Haryana. OR Officer Equivalent to Deputy Director with minimum experience of 5 years on the same post.	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
2	General Manager (Information Technology)	Officer working in IT Department I NCSII NICHARTRON in minimum FPL-12 or equivalent pay. OR Officer working in IT Department I NCSII NICHARTRON in minimum FPL-11 or equivalent pay having minimum experience of 5 Years on the same pay scale.	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
3	General Manager (Finance)	Officer equivalent to Chief Account Officer from Haryana I Subordinate account services (HSAS) Cadre, working in I Government of Haryana. OR Officer equivalent to S.F. Account officer from Haryana Subordinate Accounts Services with minimum 5 years of experience on the same post.	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
4	Deputy General Manager (Finance)	Officer equivalent to Senior Accounts Officer level from Haryana Subordinate Account services (HSAS) Cadre working in Government of Haryana.	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
5	Assistant General Manager (Finance)	Officer equivalent to Accounts Officer level from Haryana Subordinate Account services (HSAS) Cadre working in Government of Haryana.	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
6	Assistant District Attorney	Officer working as Assistant District Attorney level in Own Pay Scale Government of Haryana	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
7	Legal Assistant (Legal Professional)	Official having passed LLB and working as Legal Asst/In Own Pay Scale Department/Board/ Corporation/State University etc under Gov of Haryana	Own Pay Scale	01 No.
8	Executive Assistant/ Office Executive	Personal Assistant/ Private Secretary Working in Own Pay Scale Dept/ Board/ Corporation/ State Univ. etc under Gov of Haryana	Own Pay Scale	01 No.

Interested eligible regular officers can get their application forwarded in the prescribed format (available on hkrnl.itiharyana.gov.in) with in 15 days from the date of Issuance of this advertisement to the undersigned along with the recommendations of the Head or the Department of their department/organization. NOC will be required from the parent department/organization for appearing in the interview for consideration and selection

Chief Executive Officer
Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Ltd
Dated: 13.07.2022

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹49,970	79.88/USD	\$99.76	₹54,326

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of July 14

SENSEX: 53,760.78 ▲ 344.63 (0.65%) NIFTY: 16,049.20 ▲ 110.55 (0.69%) NIKKEI: 26,788.47 ▲ 145.08 HANG SENG: 20,297.72 ▼ 453.49 FTSE: 7,101.02 ▲ 61.21 DAX: 12,694.79 ▲ 175.13

International market data till 1900 IST

AT \$580.02 BILLION DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 8

Forex reserves spiral down by \$8 bn on FPI exits, US Fed rate hike worries

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JULY 15

FOREIGN EXCHANGE reserves fell by \$8.06 billion to \$580.02 billion during the week ended July 8 in the wake of the appreciation of the dollar and capital outflows from India, triggered by the rise in inflation and rate hikes by the US.

With this, forex reserves have plummeted by \$62.4 billion from the record high of \$642.45 billion registered on September 3, 2021. A major reason for the decline in forex reserves is capital outflows by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) as the US Federal Reserve started the monetary policy tightening and interest rate hikes. The valuation loss, reflecting the appreciation of the US dollar against major currencies and decline in gold prices, have also played a part in the decline in foreign exchange reserves.

Forex reserves have fallen by \$13 billion in the two weeks ended June 8. Foreign investors have taken out Rs 2.24 lakh crore from the equity market and Rs 15,749 crore from debt

DOWN \$13 BILLION IN TWO WEEKS ENDED JUNE 8

Down \$62.4 bn from the record high of \$642.45 billion on Sept 3, 2021

HEADWINDS

- Appreciation of US dollar
- Capital outflows, triggered by rise in inflation and rate hikes by the US

₹2.24 lakh cr pulled out by foreign investors from the equity market and ₹15,749 crore from debt since January this year

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since January this year, putting pressure on the rupee and the forex kitty.

The RBI is going slow in artificially propping up the dollar by selling dollars from its kitty, allowing the rupee to depreciate and adjust it to other currencies so that exports can become competitive, sources said. However, as the value of the rupee declined in the last few weeks to 79.88 against the dollar by Friday, the RBI reportedly prevented the rupee from falling below 80 by selling dollars in the last two days.

The US currency has been gaining ground even as the US annual consumer prices jumped by 9.1 per cent in June, the highest in four decades, exceeding expectations of an 8.8 per cent rise. The aggressive policy course by the US Fed to curb rising price pressures is exacerbating fears of a weakening global growth outlook. The dollar has been gaining ground even as the US annual consumer prices jumped 9.1% in June.

EXPLAINED

Eyes on Fed move

THE AGGRESSIVE policy course by the US Fed to curb rising price pressures is exacerbating fears of a weakening global growth outlook. The dollar has been gaining ground even as the US annual consumer prices jumped 9.1% in June.

drove the currency higher. Expectations that the Fed might hike its policy rate by 100 bps next week after the inflation report along with increasing risks of a global recession are underpinning the dollar strength, she said.

The rapid depreciation in the rupee seen presently is driven to a large extent by adverse global factors, particularly a strengthening USD and FPI outflows. "Apart from this, India's external position which remained strong in the last two years, attributable to the pandemic, has deteriorated quite a

AT SIDELINES OF G20 FINANCE OFFICIALS MEETING IN BALI

'Quite willing to trade': FM asks WTO to allow wheat export from official stocks

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday impressed upon the World Trade Organization (WTO) to permit India to ship out grains from its official granaries to help nations that are facing a food crisis.

Speaking at a seminar on 'Strengthening global collaboration for tackling food insecurity' on sidelines of the third meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Bali, Indonesia, she also stressed that food, fuel and fertiliser are "global public goods" and ensuring access of these products to developing countries is critical.

Extant WTO rules make it difficult for a country to export grains from official stocks if these have been procured from producers at a fixed price (minimum support price, in India's case), instead of market rates.

"WTO restriction that grains so procured cannot be brought to the market to export ... is a condition which exists from the Uruguay Round days. We have repeatedly said that (surplus) than what we have for our small farmers...we are quite willing to trade," the Finance Minister said.

India, a net commodity buyer, relies heavily on imports of fuel, coal and fertiliser from various nations to tide over a domestic shortfall. It was forced to scour for good deals after elevated crude prices in the wake of the Ukraine war hit its finances.

Sitharaman's statement comes almost a month after the WTO held its last ministerial, in which members agreed to focus on making food available in developing countries while working towards increasing productivity and production. FE



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during a seminar on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in Bali, Indonesia on Friday. AP/PTI

'India's growth prospects embedded in public capex'

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said India's long-term growth prospects are "embedded in public capital expenditure" programmes, indicating that India's renewed focus on capex in recent years will continue.

Addressing the third meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and

Central Bank Governors in Bali, she also noted that evidence-based policy-making is vital for resilient economic systems.

Sustainable global recovery, she said, needs to be "pivoted on climate actions" and the focus should be on scaling up climate finance and propelling green transitions. FE

Food insecurity crisis: G20 must act, says Yellen

Nusa Dua (Indonesia): At a meeting of G20 finance officials here on Friday, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen urged Group of 20 major economies to take urgent action to address a short-term food insecurity crisis exacerbated by Russia's war in Ukraine,

and avoid market-distorting export restrictions and stockpiling. "We must take action to address short-term food insecurity crisis and, equally importantly, the longer-term drivers of food insecurity, including the nexus with climate change." REUTERS

'State capex seen soaring 36% in FY23, fiscal deficit at ₹8.4 lakh cr'

States have budgeted 36% higher capex this fiscal, which may lead to a sharp rise in their fiscal deficit to ₹8.4 lakh crore, an Ibra Ratings report said

₹5 lakh cr: Capital expenditure (capex) so far in 2022-23 by 26 large states, excluding Assam — a 34.1% rise from the pre-pandemic levels, or ₹1.3 lakh crore more than what they had spent in FY20

₹6.8 lakh cr: Expected total capex by these 26

72% Share of the incremental ₹1.8

states this fiscal, or 35.8% more than during FY22 when it stood at ₹5 lakh crore

Source: Ibra Ratings/PTI

₹8.4 lakh cr: Expected fiscal deficit in FY23 of these states, due to the aggressive capex push, widening sharply from ₹6.3 lakh crore in FY22, and much higher than ₹4.8 lakh crore in FY20

CAPEX IN PREVIOUS FISCALS BY 26 STATES:

- FY20: ₹3.7 lakh crore
- FY21: Washout year due to pandemic

Source: Ibra Ratings/PTI

In FY22, these states had much narrower revenue and fiscal deficits. While revenue deficit was similar to pre-Covid level, fiscal deficit exceeded FY20 level on account of higher capex

Capex push in FY22 was led by Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh

FinMin seeks views on changes in GST form

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Friday released a paper suggesting changes in the monthly GST payment form and sought industry comments by September 15.

The GST Council in its meeting last month recommended

that the changes in GSTR-3B or monthly tax payment form be placed in public domain for seeking inputs and suggestions of stakeholders.

"Accordingly, general public and the trade at large are hereby informed that a detailed Concept

Paper on comprehensive changes in FORM GSTR-3B is enclosed. All members of trade/ stakeholders are requested to kindly furnish their views/comments/suggestions on the Concept Paper latest by 15th September 2022 at gstpolicywing-cbic@gov.in so as to facilitate finalization of the matter," the Ministry said.

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1) Tender Notice No.24/2022-23/SE-W/EE-II(Works)/DB. Dt:14-07-2022 (14 days)

Short Tender Notice No.25/2022-23/SE-W/EE-II(Works)/DB. Dt:14-07-2022 (07 days)

Number of works : 01 Work, Value of Work : **Rs. 1,04,18,221.00**

Number of works : 01 Work, Value of Work : **Rs. 1,70,66,092.00**

Tender Opening Date : **16-07-2022**, Closing Date : **01-08-2022**

Tender Opening Date : **16-07-2022**, Closing Date : **25-07-2022**

Note: Further details at <http://www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in>

O/o the EE-II Cell No.99485 25297 Superintending Engineer(W-I)

Q2: China economy shrinks 2.6%

REUTERS
BEIJING, JULY 15

CHINA'S ECONOMIC growth slowed sharply in the second quarter, highlighting the colossal toll on activity from widespread Covid lockdowns and pointing to persistent pressure over coming months from a darkening global outlook.

Gross domestic product in the April-June quarter grew a tepid 0.4 per cent from a year earlier, official data showed on Friday. That was the worst showing for the

JUNE QUARTER (Y-O-Y)

0.4%

■ April-June quarter GDP growth was China's worst showing since the data series began in 1992, excluding a 6.9% contraction in Q1 of 2020 due to the initial Covid shock

traction in the first quarter of 2020 due to the initial COVID shock.

It marked a sharp slowdown from 4.8 per cent growth in the first quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, GDP fell 2.6 percent in the second quarter from the previous quarter. "China's economy has stood on the edge of falling into stagflation, although the worst is over as of the May-June period. You can rule out the possibility of a recession, or two straight quarters of contraction," said Toru Nishihama, chief economist at Dai-ichi Life Research Institute in Tokyo.

BRIEFLY

SBI rate hike

New Delhi: SBI has raised the marginal cost of fund based lending rates by 0.1 per cent across various tenors.

'Job rate rising'

Kolkata: Employment rate has seen a trend reversal since July 12, with unemployment rate falling gradually at 7.29% on July 14, 7.46% on July 13 and 7.33% on July 12, the CMIE said.

UBS America

New York: Naureen Hassan, an Indian-origin veteran of the financial services sector, has been named president of UBS Americas and CEO of UBS Americas Holding.

Yes Bank, ARC

New Delhi: Yes Bank has selected JC Flowers ARC as partner to form an asset reconstruction company to sell bad loans of the bank. PTI

Judge in Twitter-Musk case made a rare ruling: ordering a deal to close

TOM HALS & HYUNJOO JIN
WASHINGTON, JULY 15

THE JUDGE overseeing Twitter Inc's \$44 billion lawsuit against Elon Musk has a no-nonsense reputation as well as the distinction of being one of the few jurists who has ever ordered a reluctant buyer to close a US corporate merger.

Kathleen McCormick took over the role of chancellor or chief judge of the Court of Chancery last year, the first woman in that role. On Wednesday, she was assigned the Twitter lawsuit which seeks to force Musk to complete his deal for the social media platform, which promises to be one of the biggest legal showdowns in years.

Last year, McCormick got the attention of Wall Street deal-makers by ordering an affiliate of private equity firm Kohlberg & Co LLC to close its \$550 million

DECOPAC DEAL

■ Kathleen McCormick, the chief judge of the Court of Chancery, will oversee the case. Last year, she ordered an affiliate of PE firm Kohlberg & Co LLC to close its \$550 million purchase of DecoPac Holding Inc

purchase of DecoPac Holding Inc, which makes cake decorating products. She described her ruling as "chalking up a victory for deal certainty" and rejected Kohlberg's arguments that it could walk away because of a lack of financing. The case has many parallels to the Twitter deal. Like Musk, Kohlberg said it was walking away because DecoPac violated the merger agreement. REUTERS

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NIT No. 02 / EE(C)DR-XV (2022-23)

Name of Work	Tender Amount	Tender fees	Earnest Money	Date of release in procurement	Last date and time of receipt through e-procurement
PL/J Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Hasanpur GOC under the command of proposed STP at Hasanpur. 2022_DJB_226133_1	Rs. 60,34,72,212/-	Rs. 1500/- Non refundable	Rs. 70,34,723/-	14.07.2022	04.08.2022

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on Web Site <http://delhi.govtprocurement.com>.

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 237 (2022-23)

Sd/-
(Satyendra Dabas)
Ex. Engineer(C) DR-XV

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-4, SWM Division, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002

No.: EE-4/SWM/TEND/05/2022-23 Date: 15.07.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(Two Cover System Notification) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer-4, SWM, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organization for the construction of works detailed in the table below. (Tender Document KW4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1	Comprehensive developmental works in Sathanur, Bagaluru Panchayath limits and Improvements of roads and drains in Bellahalli and Kogilu Village.	1,000.00	Rs. 1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs. 9,00,000/- by Bank Guarantee / FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank.
2	Comprehensive developmental works in Marenahalli Panchayath limits and Improvements of roads and drains in Thanisandra Village.	1,000.00	Rs. 1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs. 9,00,000/- by Bank Guarantee / FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank.
3	Improvements to roads and drains in Kattigenahalli Village and surroundings Ward No. 5.	500.00	Rs. 1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs. 4,00,000/- by Bank Guarantee / FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka upto **01.08.2022, 4:00 p.m.** (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **25.07.2022 at 3:00 p.m.** in the office of the Delegated Chief Engineer, Solid Waste Management, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. (3) Technical Documents along with necessary information / documents must be uploaded to the e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> as per tender document on or before **4:00 p.m. on 01.08.2022** and First folder containing the Techno-Commercial tender will be opened through e-portal only on **02.08.2022 after 4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-, Executive Engineer-4, SWM Division, BBMP

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Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2022-23/1915-27
Date: 14/07/2022

विज्ञापित करने के लिए केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के अधिकाधिकार विभागों एवं उनके अधिकृत संयंत्रों में प्रयोज्य एवं अनुपयुक्त संकेतों से निर्दिष्ट अर्थ में :-

क्र.सं. का विवरण	अंदाजित मूल्य (₹)	बिडिंग शुरू तिथि
Construction of ITI Building at Hindoli District Bundi	641.04 Lakh	16/07/22-23
Construction of ITI Building at Hamirgarh at Bhiwara	644.05 Lakh	16/07/22-23
Construction of ITI Building at Bhiwara	644.05 Lakh	16/07/22-23

विषय :- विज्ञापित करने के लिए केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के अधिकाधिकार विभागों एवं उनके अधिकृत संयंत्रों में प्रयोज्य एवं अनुपयुक्त संकेतों से निर्दिष्ट अर्थ में :-

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Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 11 / 2022-23
e-mail : ccekeonjhar@rediffmail.com / sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No. 2966 dt. 12.07.2022.

- Name of the work : Construction of Boundary wall over the scheduled land proposed for new District Court building at Talasankara, Sundargarh for the year 2022-23
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 177.45 Lakhs
- Period of completion : 6 (Six) Calendar Months
- Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal : From 11:00 Hours of 16.07.2022 to 16:00 Hours of 01.08.2022
- Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal : 16:00 Hours of 01.08.2022
- Date of opening of Bid from Portal : 11:30 Hours on 02.08.2022
- Name and address of the officer : Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<http://tendersodisha.gov.in>"

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar
OIPR - 34033/11/0017/2223

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No 12 of 2022-23

- Name of the Work :- Laying of pipe lines, construction of R.C.C E.S.R. construction of valve chambers, pumping unit installation and providing 100% FHTC in connection with piped water supply to different villages in the district of Kandhamal. (Refer DTCN available in the website:- tendersorissa.gov.in)
- Total No of work : 5 Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 365.06 to Rs. 410.34 lakhs
- Eligible Bidder : A & Special class Contractor
- Period of Completion : 11 (Eleven) months (Refer DTCN available in the website tendersorissa.gov.in)
- Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid
Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Phulbani	12 of 2022-23	From: Dt.19.07.2022 At. 10.00 Hrs To: Dt. 17.08.2022 Up to. 17.00 Hrs	Dt. 19.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in website only.

Superintending Engineer
RWS&S Division, Phulbani
OIPR- 25006/11/0014/2223

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Manju Bala W/O Shashi Chawla R/O 6823/1, New Hargobind Nagar, Street-1, Ludhiana changed my name to Gayatri Chawla for all purposes.

0050200437-1

It is for general information that I Priya Gupta Daughter of Shri Kanhaiya Lal R/O D-5/34, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110080, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Shri Kanhaiya Lal Gupta in my some documents i.e. OBC Certificate, PAN Card, School Documents etc. respectively which may be amended accordingly. That is my true statement.

0040622584-2

In my Army service records the name of my wife is wrongly recorded as "Munesh". However his correct name is "Munesh Devi" Army No JC-541329F Sub Hoshiyar Singh Yadav S/O-Shri Jhabar Singh Yadav R/O-Village BaneshingPura,PO-Khojar,Teh-Behror,Dist-Alwar(Rajasthan)

0020442138-3

I, Swarasati Mondal, mother of Uttam Kumar Mondal, R/O-Old Pinto-Park, Air-Force Station-Palnam, New Delhi-110010, have changed my name, from Swarasati Mondal to Saraswati Ranj Mondal, vide Affidavit, dated-14/07/2022, before New Delhi.

0040622590-9

I, Sushila W/o Krishan Lal, R/O.32, Opp. JNU Staff Quarters, Munirka Vihar, Delhi-110067, changed my name to Sushila Dhanrajani.

0040622590-4

I, Suryansh Bhushan Walia S/o Bharat Bhushan Walia R/O-B-13, 3rd-Floor Gali, No.18, Kiran, Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, changed my name to Suryansh Bhushan Walia.

0040622612-5

I, Sumitra, W/O Ram Chander, H.No.133, Surhedha-Village, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name Mintara Devi, for all legal purpose, in future.

0040622616-4

I, STAVAN N SHAH, S/o-Nimesh Shah, R/o.h.no-31, G.F, Gurjat-vihar vikas-marg, Delhi-110092, declare that my name has been mentioned as Stavan shah in my-passport Documents-passport no-M3260475, the actual-name is Stavan N.Shah. Which may be amended accordingly.

0040622616-6

I, SHIVANI SHARMA w/o Mudrit Verma, R/O B-62, Tower Height Apartment, QD-Block, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to SHIVANI SHARMA VERMA, for all purposes

0040622571-1

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/O Shri Ajay Kumar Prasad R/O L-519, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083, have changed my minor son name from Priyanshu to Priyanshu Kumar.

0040622608-3

I, Rajendra kumar/Rajender kumar Bansal S/O, Ram Raksphal Bansal (R.R Bansal) R/O, BF-62, first-floor, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Rajinder kumar Bansal, for all purposes.

0040622589-1

I, Priyanka W/o Jagmohan Singh, R/O PLOT No-58/6, Block-B-1 Extension, U/G/F, Sewak-Park Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Priyanka Jagmohan.

0040622616-3

I, RANJNA AGGARWAL W/O ARUN KUMAR AGGARWAL R/O-C-39 2ND.FLOOR CHANDER NAGAR GHAZIABAD UP-201011, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RANJNA AGARWAL

0040622612-3

I, Pretti Rani W/O-Vijay Kalra R/O,WZ-31, B-3-A, Plot.No-51, S/Floor, Navyug Block, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Pretti Kalra.

0040622589-4

I, Praveen Kumar, S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar, R/O, Plot.No.172, Gali.No.3, Qutub-Vihar, Phase-1, D C Goyal, South West Delhi, Delhi-110071, hereby declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Praveen Sharma in the school-record of my minor-son Kanik Sharma aged-14-years. The actual-name of mine is Praveen Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

0040622590-6

I, Pradeep Prabhakaran, resident of, Pradeep Bhavan, Kakkodu-PO, Punalur, Kollam-Dist, Kerala-691331, have changed my daughter's name, from Souparnika to Souparnika Pradeep, vide affidavit dated-15-07-2022, before notary-Delhi.

0040622589-9

I, Pappu Kapad, S/o Naresh Kapad, R/O 194 1 Type, Janak-Vihar Pusa-Campus IARI central, delhi-110012, state that my-Name & my Daughter's-Name is wrongly-written in daughter's school-record as Anchal & my name as Papu Kapar, her correct Name is Anchal Kumari & my name is Pappu Kapad. This is true and correct-information.

0040622589-6

I, No-9102327A, L/NK- Bashir Ahmed Hajam, S/O- Abdul Ahad Hajam, R/O- Arin, District-BandiPora. In my service records the name and D o B of my children's has been wrongly mentioned as son's Saqeeb Ahmed (D o B- 22-11-2004), Usair Bashir (D o B- 08-04-2007) instead of Saqib Bashir (D o B- 01-07-2006) and Zubair Bashir (D o B- 10-09-2008) and daughter Tyba Bashir D o B- 30-03-2009 instead of Tabiya Bashir D o B- 15-04-2012 respectively. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days.

0020442213-1

I, No-15813757P, Rank L/NK-Name Parshuram Suryaji Jadhav, Unit-34 RR, Behi Bagh, D/O-56 APO, residing at Villi-Post-Waipahla, Tehsil-Tasgaon, District-Sangli (Maharashtra). I have changed my wife name from Pawar Poonam Maruti to correct name Punam Parshuram Jadhav due to incorrect entry in my army record. My wife D o B-16-02-1996 Affr.no-6018/2022 dt.14-06-22 before notary, Tasgaon.

0020442213-1

I, Usha, W/o Suraj Singh, Address C-5-a 191 Janak puri, New Delhi 110058, have changed my name to Usha Rani.

0040622616-5

I, Sonia Kaur, W/o Jatinder Singh R/O House-5235, Gali-5, Krishan Nagar, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed my name Sonia Sidana to Sonia Kaur, for all future purposes.

0040622527-1

I, Shivji Yadav S/O Kavul Dew Yadav, R/O KhariKahi, Nawanagar, Nawa Nagar, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-221717, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shivanand yadav.

0070794765-1

I, Shivangi, D/O-Sh. Hukam Singh Rawat R/O-H.No.457, Sector-9, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name from Shivangi to Shivangi Rawat, for future purposes.

0040622589-8

I, Neha Rawat, W/o-Ramesh Ram Kohali R/O Room-no.2303 B/wing, Building No.56 Ekta Nagar, Malad West, Mumbai, Maharashtra-400095, changed my name to Madalsa Kohali.

0040622590-5

I, Navritu Kaushal Rai W/o-Sh. Amitabh Rai R/O-H.No.3403, Sector-23, Gurugram, Haryana. That I have changed, my name Navritu Kaushal Rai to Navritu Kaushal, D/O-Mr.Rajeshwar Kaushal for all, Future Purposes.

0040622616-1

I, Megha Madan, W/o Abhishek Chandhock, R/O-501, Tower-2, Omaxe Nile Sector-49, Sohna-Road Gurgaon-Haryana 122018, Have Changed my name to Megha Chandhock, for all purposes

0040622590-1

I, Manoj Kumar Gulati, S/o Shri Manmohan Gulati, R/O-692, Kabool-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, declare that my name is mentioned as Manoj Gulati in my-son education-documents. That Manoj Kumar Gulati and Manoj Gulati both names are same and one person.

0070794766-1

I, Lal Singh, S/o-Tarlok Singh, R/O-F-17, 3rd floor, Aruna nagar, Majnu ka Tilla, civil lines, Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Lal Singh Athwal

0040622512-3

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Om Prakash R/O. 1232/84, 3rd Floor, Shanti Nagar, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Bansal for all future purposes.

0070794804-1

I, O.P.Dhara S/O-T.B. Dhara R/O-F-17/116, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Om Prakash Dharma, S/O Tej Bhak Dharma.

0040622608-1

I, Nitu, W/O Desh Raj, R/O Chambli (943) Kangra, Himachal Pradesh-176091, have changed my Daughter name from Kritika to Kritika Thakur for all future Purposes.

0070794836-1

I, Narendar Singh S/o Shri Udami Ram employed in ITBP, presently residing at Qtr No.A2, Tower-2, Type-V, NBCC East, Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 and residential/permanent address village Ratanpura, Hady R.S., Churu, Rajasthan-331023 have changed the name of my minor son Vivek Singh aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as Vivek Singh Bhati.

0040622512-1

I, Mumtaj Bano W/o Ali Hasan Ansari R/O-A52 Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad UP have changed my name to Mumtaz Bano.

0070794806-1

I, Lukeshi Maharajkrishan Mahajan D/O Maharaj Krishan Mahajan R/O RZF 763/38-A, Flat No-3, K.V.Apartment, Raj Nagar-2, Palam Colony, Delhi have changed my name as Lukeshi Mahajan permanently

0040622512-1

I, Bandna Goyal, W/o Pradeep Goyal, R/O-223, Sita Ram Apartment, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Bandana Goyal

0040622616-2

I, BHAL KRISHAN ANAND, S/O-YASHI PAL ANAND, R/O-A-91.3RD-FLOOR-STREET NO.2, RADHEY-SHAM, PARK-EXTN, KRISHNA-NAGAR, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110051, have changed my name to BAL KISHAN ANAND, permanently.

0040622589-5

I, Abhay Singh, S/o Shri Ajay Singh, R/O 126/5A, New Labour-Colony, Ghanpur, Post-Office-Chhehrata, Amritsar, Punjab-143105, have changed my name from Abhay Singh to Abhay Singh Thapa, for all future purposes.

0040622612-4

I, AJAY PATHAK S/O KISHAN LAL SHARMA, R/O 10C/100 SECTOR-10C VASUNDHARA GHAZIABAD U.P. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AJAY KUMAR PATHAK.

0040622590-3

I, Vimlesh Mishra S/o Kirti Vas Mishra R/O-E-104, Ganesh Nagar, Pandav Nagar Complex, Delhi-110092, have changed my Son name from Ronit Mishra to Vishal Mishra.

0070794805-1

I, Usha, W/o Suraj Singh, Address C-5-a 191 Janak puri, New Delhi 110058, have changed my name to Usha Rani.

0040622616-5

I, Sonia Kaur, W/o Jatinder Singh R/O House-5235, Gali-5, Krishan Nagar, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed my name Sonia Sidana to Sonia Kaur, for all future purposes.

0040622527-1

I, Shivji Yadav S/O Kavul Dew Yadav, R/O KhariKahi, Nawanagar, Nawa Nagar, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-221717, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shivanand yadav.

0070794765-1

I, Shivangi, D/O-Sh. Hukam Singh Rawat R/O-H.No.457, Sector-9, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name from Shivangi to Shivangi Rawat, for future purposes.

0040622589-8

I, Shaileja aka Tishya D/o Vuppugandla Rohit Kumar & Puchika Neerav R/o 202, Tower 6, Parsvnath Green Ville, Sector 48, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122018, Haryana, have changed my name to Tishya Vuppugandla permanently.

0070794836-1

I, ANNA RASHMI EKKA, R/O K-31, Pocket K, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, Have changed my name to ANNA RASHMI DEMTA vide affidavit dated 04/07/2022 notary by Baljit Singh

0130026928-1

I, VINOD KUMAR ANAND, S/O KISHAN CHAND ANAND, R/O-A-13/15, DLF City Phase-1, Sector-26 A, Gurgaon, Chakrapur(74), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 Have Changed my name to VINOD ANAND for all purposes.

0070794791-1

I, VINAY R Madaan S/O Sh. R D Madan R/O H-415, First Floor, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Ananya Madan to Ananyaa V Madaan for all purposes.

0040622511-4

I, S, Balvinder Singh R/O 2892 Sant Nagar Rani Bagh Delhi have changed my minor daughter name from Harjus to Harjus Kaur permanently.

0040622512-3

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Om Prakash R/O. 1232/84, 3rd Floor, Shanti Nagar, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Bansal for all future purposes.

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I, O.P.Dhara S/O-T.B. Dhara R/O-F-17/116, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Om Prakash Dharma, S/O Tej Bhak Dharma.

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I, Nitu, W/O Desh Raj, R/O Chambli (943) Kangra, Himachal Pradesh-176091, have changed my Daughter name from Kritika to Kritika Thakur for all future Purposes.

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I, Narendar Singh S/o Shri Udami Ram employed in ITBP, presently residing at Qtr No.A2, Tower-2, Type-V, NBCC East, Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 and residential/permanent address village Ratanpura, Hady R.S., Churu, Rajasthan-331023 have changed the name of my minor son Vivek Singh aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as Vivek Singh Bhati.

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I, Mumtaj Bano W/o Ali Hasan Ansari R/O-A52 Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad UP have changed my name to Mumtaz Bano.

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I, Lukeshi Maharajkrishan Mahajan D/O Maharaj Krishan Mahajan R/O RZF 763/38-A, Flat No-3, K.V.Apartment, Raj Nagar-2, Palam Colony, Delhi have changed my name as Lukeshi Mahajan permanently

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I, KUSUM, W/O Rakesh Uniyal, R/O D-5/31 Dayal Pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 has changed my name to KUSUM UNIYAL for all future purposes.

0070794771-1

I, Subodh Kumar, S/O Krishna Singh, R/O A87, GF, Sec-40, Noida, GBN UP, have changed my name to Subodh Singh.

0070794830-1

I, Jasleen Kaur Kalra D/o Jagjit Singh Kalra R/O-H.No.B-4, Delhi-Citizen Society, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Jasleen Kaur

0040622532-1

I, Isha D/O Prakash Kumar, W/O Sunny Chopra R/O House-415, Sohna Road, Near Omex Plaza, Fazilpur, Gurgaon, Haryana-122101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Isha Chopra

0070794767-1

I, Ghanendra Singh Alias Choudhary Ghanendra Singh, S/O Hansraj Singh, R/o 77, Pikhniya, Aligarh, Toghicharg, Uttar Pradesh-202001, have changed my name to Ghanendra Singh Choudhary.

0070794832-1

I, Deepak Rana, S/O Balam Singh, R/O Flat No. 402, 3rd Floor, K-48, K-Block, Street No. 6B, Mahipalpur, South West Delhi-110037, have declare that in my school record my father's name mention as Balam Singh Rana instead of Balam Singh for all purposes.

0070794834-1

I, DEEPIKA, D/O Rakesh Uniyal, R/O D-5/31 Dayal Pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 has changed my name to DEEPIKA UNIYAL for all future purposes.

0070794769-1

I, Arvind Kumar Dixit, S/o Chandra Prakash Dixit, R/O H.No-A-1103, Aggarwal Heights, Raj Nagar Extn., Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Arvind Dixit for all future purposes.

0070794819-1

I, Arun Prakash Purohit, S/o Prem Ballabh Purohit, Residence G-263, Sector-56, NOIDA, have changed my name Arun Prakash to Arun Prakash Purohit for all future purpose.

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I, SOI MATHW, S/O, MATHAI, ADD-112-H, POKETA A-3, MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-3, EAST DELHI-110096, changed my name to SOI MATHW, for all, future Purposes.

0040622590-2

I, ALMAS W.O. ANISUR REHMAN, ADD-B-1/301, PUNJABI-SAUDAGAR APT MAYUR-VIHAR PH-1 EXTN .EAST DELHI 110091, changed my name to ALMAS BEGUM, permanently.

0040622616-8

I, ANUPMA KOUL PANDITA, I/ANUPMA KAU PANDITA, W/O SUSHIL KUMAR, R/O-3B, Flat No-103, Orris Aster Court, Sector-85, Sikanderpur, Badha(109), Gurgaon, Haryana-122004 have changed my name to ANUPMA KOUL for all purposes.

0070794790-1

I, Yasmeen Asruf W/O-John Mohamed Sharief Asruf R/O 701, Chandni Mahal, Surya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Yasmeen for all future purposes.

0040622608-5

I, Nisha Kapoor, R/O 17/170, Gali no-7, Than Singh Nagar, Anand Parvat, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed the name of minor daughter from Pehal sai to Pehal.

0040622453-2

I, Manpreet Kaur, W/O-Jasmeet Singh, R/O IA-2A, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052, have lost original Conveyance deed of property no. B-27, ground Floor, Swasthya Vihar, Delhi-10092, Vide document no.19690, Book no.1, Volume no.4923 on pages-06 to 08 on 22/07/2013. In the office of S-R-VII, New Delhi in the name of Indu Thakkar and Vishal Thakkar and same as above address Original Previous Sale deed Vide Document no.19690, Book No.1, Volume no.31 on pages 1 to 9 on 31/07/2013. In office of Sub-Registrar, Delhi in the name of Pankaj Goyal, Chetan Goyal, Bharti Goyal, Khushboo Goyal and all Previous Chain of Property no. B-27, Ground Floor, Swasthya Vihar, Delhi-110092, VIDE L.R.No.589799/2022 ON DATED 14/07/2022.

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I just feel that in the present situation Kohli needs support and to be backed. I tweeted wishing him best because I know how a player feels when he is going through this period and he needs the support of everyone."

BABAR AZAM
ON LENDING HIS SUPPORT TO VIRAT KOHLI

BRIEFLY

CAS upholds ban on Russian football teams

Lausanne: Russia remains barred from Europe's leading football competitions including the Champions League after the Court of Arbitration for Sport rejected appeals by the national soccer federation and four clubs on Friday. CAS upheld decisions by UEFA and FIFA which excluded Russian national teams and clubs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Russia was already excluded from men's World Cup qualifying and the women's European Championship and its clubs now won't feature in the Champions League in 2022-23. **AP**

Saini signs up for county side Kent

Canterbury: India fast bowler Navdeep Saini will be playing eight games for leading English County side Kent during the ongoing season. The pacer will wear his preferred shirt number 96 and will follow in the footsteps of Rahul Dravid to become the second Indian Test cricketer to play for the county. Saini, who has slipped off the radar as far as national reckoning is concerned, was a net bowler for the Indian team ahead of its rescheduled fifth Test against England in Birmingham at the start of this month. **PTI**

Aishwary shines in Korea shooting WC

Changwon: Young Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar topped the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) qualifiers as Indian shooters continued their impressive performance at the ongoing ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun stage in Changwon, South Korea. Two Indians reached the ranking round while at least one other looked poised to qualify with two finals scheduled for Saturday, day seven of competitions. Senior rifle shooter Chain Singh qualified for the final but the star of the day was young Tomar as he topped the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) qualifiers with a score of 593 out of 600. **PTI**

India suffer 2nd loss in FIBA Asia Cup

Jakarta: The Indian men's basketball team lost 59-101 to Philippines for its second consecutive defeat in the FIBA Asia Cup here on Friday. For India, Muin Bek Hafeez shone bright with 14 points followed by Pranav Prince with 11. William Navarro (18 points) and Thirdy Ravena (17) starred for Indonesia. India had earlier lost 47-100 to New Zealand in the opener. India are currently placed third in Group D with two points, just above Lebanon who have the same tally but have played a game less. India on Friday missed their captain Vishesh Bhriguvanshi due to an injury. **REUTERS**

Netherlands, Zim qualify for T20 WC

Dubai: Netherlands and Zimbabwe booked their places in the ICC T20 World Cup after seeing off USA and Papua & New Guinea respectively in semifinals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Qualifier B. Netherlands saw off a spirited effort from USA to seal a seven-wicket victory in their semifinal after restricting USA to 138 in 19.4 overs even as Zimbabwe held of a valiant PNG by 27 runs. Hosts Zimbabwe's decision to bat first turned out to be a fruitful one. Regis Chakabva and Craig Ervine provided a good start, with the former adopting an aggressive approach. **PTI**

No money for Commonwealth Games, Lanka athletes get a cricket boost

MIHIR VASAVDA
MUMBAI, JULY 15

A LITTLE more than a month ago, the Sri Lankan government told its Olympic association to "forget" about participating in the Commonwealth Games to be held in the UK. With the island nation bankrupt, out of fuel and short on food supplies, its government was in no mood to entertain the request to fund what would be Sri Lanka's largest-ever contingent for the Games, which begins in Birmingham on July 28.

"The Treasury said they don't have money. Forget about it," Sri Lanka's chief de mission Dampath Fernando told The Indian Express from Colombo on Friday. "We fell into a difficult, desperate situation."

But just when the doors were seemingly shut on them, the athletes were rescued by an unlikely source — the country's cricket board, which contributed 22 million Sri

Lankan rupees. "It's a fairly big amount," Fernando said. "Ours is a small country, we (administrators) know each other very well. In a crisis situation like the one at present, we need to appreciate that the cricket board volunteered to help the Olympic association. That's very unique."

With the money, the government bought air tickets to Birmingham for some athletes and officials, while the national federations will use a part of it to organise competition attire. From boxers to track-and-field stars, including sprint sensation Yupun Abekoon — the first South Asian to run 100m in less than 10 seconds — dozens of athletes stand to gain from the helping hand extended by Sri Lanka Cricket. In fact, Abekoon will continue to get direct monetary support from the cricket board for the next two years to continue training and competing abroad. The women's cricket team, Fernando said, will be funded separately by the cricket board.

Amidst the unprecedented economic cri-

sis and massive protests, Sri Lanka Cricket has managed to remain insulated due to broadcast deals and ticket sales. Recently, for the first time since the start of the pandemic, crowds were allowed into the stadiums for the series against Australia. The board reportedly donated revenue generated from the Australia series, approximately \$2 million, to public welfare initiatives.

Sri Lankan Olympic Association secretary general Maxwell de Silva said officials have adopted severe austerity measures for the Games although funding has been secured. For instance, at the opening and closing ceremonies, instead of wearing traditional attire made by designers, as was the case at the Tokyo Olympics, Sri Lankan athletes will emerge out of the tunnel of the Alexander Stadium wearing basic tracksuits.

"We are going with bare minimum... making it as simple as possible," the former chief of staff of the Sri Lanka Army, said. "We are issuing only three t-shirts, one tracksuit and

one bag to each athlete. Other than that, nothing — no new shoes, no new shirts... we can't afford that. But we will make sure athletes are comfortable."

Yet, there are routine reminders of the struggle they have had to endure. In May, De Silva says he was attacked at his home with knives by two unknown people. "They took my vehicle and left. However, I later got it back. I don't know if the attack was politically motivated or because of sports, the police are investigating," De Silva said.

Earlier this week, Fernando held a meeting with the officials and athletes from across disciplines, urging them to focus on their training and resist taking part in the protests. And on Thursday, the boxing team, Fernando says, reached out to him, saying they had run out of nutrition and medical supplies at their training base in Colombo.

"It wasn't as if we ran out of supplies. The situation was such that we did not have fuel to transport it to the boxers. I had to engage

the sports ministry's medical unit," Fernando said. "Transport has become a big issue, there's no fuel in the country... Most senior managers come to work on bicycles. The same situation is being faced by our athletes, coaches and officials. It puts us in a very difficult kind of situation."

Sri Lanka will send a total of 114 athletes — 60 women and 54 men — to Birmingham, 34 more than the 2018 edition. At Gold Coast four years ago, the country won three medals each in boxing and weightlifting.

De Silva and Fernando said they hope for an increased tally this time. "The media is asking why are we spending so much money to send a contingent of this magnitude when there's a big crisis in the country? But our participation is critical. None of this is the fault of our athletes, who can send a message of hope and positivity with their performance," Fernando said. "In difficult times, we shouldn't go on the back foot. We must go forward and make our mark."

Beware of sweeping statements

Chahal's prowess & cricketing intelligence mean batsmen often invite downfall while attempting versions of the sweep

SANDIP G
JULY 15

YUZVENDRA CHAHAL loves batsmen sweeping and reverse-sweeping him. In a video on BCCLV last year, he explained: "It's a challenge I really enjoy. Batsmen sweeping and reverse-sweeping to throw me off my lengths and I look to dismiss them when playing these same shots." As if it's a puzzle, a problem he has to solve. "You can't run away from being reverse-swept, you can't stop batsmen from doing it, the next best thing is to find a way to get them out," he had said.

A lot of batsmen have resorted to the sweep variants to nullify Chahal's loop-and-dip deception with varying levels of success. A lot of modern-day batsmen try these anyway so much so that the reverse-sweep is not a trick shot any more. Moreover, there is an assumption that he is sweepable — he's not too brisk, loopy and his leg-breaks don't break away massively. To solidify the theory, sweep-happy batsmen like Jos Buttler and Glenn Maxwell have, to a large extent, managed to rein in Chahal's deceit. Buttler had, during England's tour to India, admitted that his team's chief ploy was to reverse-sweep him out of the attack.

And Chahal, aware of what awaits him, is often well prepared. When he simulates game situations at the nets, the first thing he asks teammates around him is whether his lengths can be swept or reverse-swept. "Whenever I bowl in the nets, I tell the batters that this is my field or that I am bowling in the Powerplay or something and I regularly ask them whether it's easy to sweep or reverse-sweep this length, which helps me a lot," he had said at the start of the England tour.

So he was ready when England came out sweeping, reverse-sweeping and slog-sweeping. All four of his wickets at Lord's — another justification of his prowess abroad — were bargained in the process of batsmen sweeping (Joe Root) or reverse-sweeping (Ben Stokes) or slog-sweeping (Jonny Bairstow and Moeen Ali) him. When a batsman perishes attempting any of these strokes, he alone is often considered guilty, as if every unsuccessful sweep is an act of self-destruction. Bowlers seldom get appreciated for the subtle changes they had imparted. Like when Chahal undid Root, a refined expo-



All four of Yuzvendra Chahal's wickets at Lord's were bargained in the process of batsmen sweeping, including Joe Root's. **Reuters**

nent of the sweep, and whose bulk of runs in the subcontinent are accumulated with it.

Chahal first wove the charm offensive. His first ball to Root was full outside off-stump; the second short of length on leg-stump; the third was the teaser, the full ball on middle stump. To the fourth, Root was on his haunches after judging the middle-stump line and fuller length. The ball indeed was full, but an inch fuller and a yard slower than he had anticipated. The master sweeper missed the shot entirely and was adjudged LBW. Worse, he burned a review, assuming that the ball could miss leg-stump, when it was nudging towards the middle stump. This ball had gone with the angle, off a scrambled seam release, and hardly turned. Chahal giggled, as if he had seen this dismissal much before it actually happened.

Plotting his next move

At the other end, Stokes was not to be discouraged from reverse-sweeping. Rather, he seemed even more convinced. He unpacked a brace of them in the next over, the second more of a paddle reverse-sweep. But Chahal was far from dismayed. He might have been in the middle of intense planning, like in the middle-game in chess, a game he quit before

cricketing ambitions took over. There are often two options there — to defend or attack, to be reactive or proactive. Chahal chose to attack. But the kill was not instant by white-ball tempo. The next three balls were full outside off-stump, an invitation to sweep. Stokes chose not to reverse-sweep. Perhaps, Chahal too knew he would not, as all those balls turned or slid away. The fourth ball was fast on the leg-stump, an on-the-feet adjustment he made after Stokes betrayed his intention to step out a trifle early.

The next one — the wrecker ball — was full and on Stokes' off-stump, had he not decided to reverse-sweep, in which case it became his leg-stump. But the left-hander fatally did, the ball skidded and spun a fraction into his pads. The wicket had England reeling at 102 for 5 before Liam Livingstone, Moeen Ali and David Willey strung together a recovery act. Ali was the chief protagonist with a breezy 47. He would have inflicted more damage but for another piece of Chahal's smarts.

He knew that Ali's release shot against the leg-spinners is the slog-sweep. So he floated one tantalisingly into him, apparently a gift-wrapped tempter. But the ball was slower than usual and Ali could not gener-

ate the requisite power to clear the rope. For that spell alone, Chahal had switched ends too, so that he had a longer leg-side to defend. A similarly slow ball had accounted for Bairstow earlier in the innings. The opener had just begun to expand and propel England to a formidable score when Chahal flung a slow, full ball on leg-stump.

Bairstow, who had lofted him sumptuously through covers a few balls ago, was baited into the slog-sweep. But the sudden drop deceived him and he too, like Root and Stokes, failed to make any connection with the ball. Thus, Chahal turns the perceived weapon of destruction against him as a weapon of his own.

Early in the game, he had sized up the pitch too. It was on the slower side and rather dry. So, he bowled slower than usual, in a bid to outdo the pitch with his own slowness, and thus making him incredibly difficult to hit over the rope.

It was thus a triumph of the biggest virtue that makes Chahal India's first-choice spinner, both at home and overseas. There could be spinners with more mystery and tricks, more control and accuracy with a white ball, but few perhaps with the cricketing intelligence of Chahal.

British runner misses Worlds due to visa delay

REUTERS
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BRITISH MARATHON runner Chris Thompson will miss the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon after being unable to obtain an American visa in time for the competition, UK Athletics (UKA) said on Friday.

Dozens of competitors have been struggling to get a United States visa, with the log-jam threatening to prevent around 100 athletes, coaches and officials from entering the country for the event that gets underway later on Friday.

"UKA had been in close liaison with World Athletics and enlisted help of the UK Government to solve a last minute hold up, however, due to the close proximity to the marathon on Sunday 17 July, Thompson is now unable to travel and compete," the governing body said in a statement.

Thompson, a former European Championships silver medallist, said he was devastated at missing out.

"I'll never know what might have been, but I had high expectations of myself going out. It should never have got to this point and it's hard to believe it has," said the 41-year-old. Kenyan sprinter Ferdinand Omanyala, Africa's fastest man, faced a significant delay in the processing of his visa before getting a last-minute approval. He now faces a race against time to reach Eugene before the 100 metres heats on Friday.

Tokyo to host 2025 edition

Tokyo has been selected as host city for the 2025 World Athletics Championships, the sport's governing body announced on Thursday a day before this year's event begins in Eugene, Oregon a year later than planned due to COVID-19.

The event will return to the site of last year's Olympic Games in the year that the Japanese Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF) celebrates its centenary.

Nairobi, Silesia and Singapore had also bid for the championships, while Budapest will host the 2023 version.



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How music, micro-economics helped Lord's hero Topley return to cricket

SANDIP G
JULY 15

AT THE presentation ceremony after he demolished India with a six-wicket haul, Reece Topley could not hide his emotions. "It means a lot," he said, choking for words. "It makes it all worthwhile, to be honest. It was just over that stand that I had surgery three years ago," he said, gesturing towards the Wellington Hospital. "It's everyone's dream to play for England and I just want to pull on the shirt as often as I can," he concluded.

Pulling off the England jersey had once seemed a distant journey. Making his debut at 21, life and career were smoothly progressing when a string of injuries began to seize him, pushing him to the brink of premature retirement.

Three years ago, after yet another breakdown, Reece Topley thought he had enough of cricket. The joy of playing the game soon turned into crushing pain after his fourth stress fracture in five years. He thought he could no longer gulp the pain any longer. "Just to bowl I

was having to inject myself every day with a hormone in my stomach and once a month I had to come up to London to get an anaesthetic put in my back and then I would have to go to the gym for an hour before I bowled just to prepare everything because I was playing with a crack in my back. I reached the point where I couldn't be bothered to go through it anymore because I was in so much pain," he told Telegraph.co.uk in an interview last year.

He thought of retiring — he was just 25 then and had the assurances of the England selectors that he would be in the loop, for his gifts were rare — before he changed his mind and took a year's sabbatical. He took his thoughts away from cricket and sought the solace of music and friends. He had friends in the music industry and he soon began to hang around with a studio at Peckham, where he polished his drumming skills and learned ukulele, a guitar-like instrument. "I have friends in the music industry, they felt it was a real kick in the teeth when a friend suggested they should all think about retraining. It's definitely nice that I've got friends who do different things. A lot of them work in the city and it does give you a differ-



England's Reece Topley celebrates after taking his fifth wicket. **PTI**

ent perspective," he told iv. But then struck the lockdown and the studio shut, but he found a retreat in academics. He enrolled in a year-long microeconomic

course from University of California and was really something to fill my time during the first lockdown. He had a full-fledged gym at home so that he remained in fine shape. The time away made him more mature, and often he talks like a philosopher. Like when he said after the third T20: "One day it doesn't go your way and you're the villain and you have to get yourself up for the next game to try and be the hero."

He also learned the value of committing himself fully into a cause. "You can accept failure. You can accept being hit for six, you can accept being hit for four. But I think what you can't accept — what I've taken from coaches — is not being committed to the process. If you're at the top of your mark and commit to bowling a yorker 110 per cent. And you know, that's fine, but it's when you go in half-hearted that it is almost disappointing, or you don't commit to the plan or the field you've set. I think that's what I've learned. Just commit," he told The Telegraph.

He also learned not to hasten his comeback. "When I've been injured so much, you'd almost bite someone's hand off to play a T20 and bowl

four overs for 40-something. It's almost like, at least I'm out there. It's not like I haven't got a competitive instinct, it's just I'm very realistic about things now, and very level-headed. I think that has boded well for me since coming back and playing, because those pressure scenarios, I just embrace them. That's the perspective that I'm pretty lucky to have stumbled upon really," he said after a game against the West Indies last year.

So for all the injuries and setbacks, he is still the same bowler he used to be. He was never a tearaway, but he coaxes sharp bounce and movement off the surface as well as in the air. He angles the ball away from the right-hander, makes them hold the line, and occasionally bends the ball into them. More significantly, he swings the ball away from the left-handers, making him a dangerous all-round bowler. There is a misconception that left-handed batsmen are more comfortable against left-arm bowlers, but not when they possess a deadly out-swinger as Topley has. These are reasons that prompted England's selectors to reintegrate him back into the national team soon after he regained full fitness and form. For all the

depth in fast bowling, England don't possess a quality left-arm medium pacer at a time when they are much sought after, when their currency is inflation proof. Barring India, every top team has one — Pakistan have Shaheen Shah Afridi, Australia Mitchell Starc, New Zealand Trent Boult and Neil Wagner and South Africa Marco Jansen. Sam Curran was the big hope, but he quickly disintegrated.

The layoff has not changed his perceptions on bowling, though bowling itself has changed in his six-year absence. "Up top, you've got to try and take wickets. If you can swing the ball up top, it's harder to hit a moving ball than a ball that's going straight, essentially," he says.

Now he is waging a war he wants to win. "I have so much confidence in my ability and if you look at the numbers I have produced, my ability speaks for itself. The only thing I have struggled with is back injuries but I have gone to war with this one and I will win it." The six-wicket haul could just be the start.

Brief scores: England 246 (Moeen 47, Willey 41, Chahal 4-47, Hardik 2-28) beat India 146 (Hardik 29, Jadeja 29, Topley 6-24) by 100 runs.