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RBI to ensure rupee finds its level, zero tolerance for volatility: Governor Das

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RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Das Friday said the central bank will ensure that the rupee "finds its level" in line with its fundamentals with "zero tolerance" for volatile and bumpy movements of the currency.

"I would like to reiterate that we have no particular level of the rupee in mind, but we would like to ensure its orderly evolution," liqu ing

"Due to the RBI actions, including measures to encourage inflows, the movements of the rupee have been relatively smooth and orderly. By eschewing sudden and volatile shifts, we have ensured that expectations remain anchored and the forex market functions in a stable and liquid manner," he said addressing the Bank of Baroda Annual Banking Conference.

The rupee, which depreciated over 7 per cent since January this year, and dipped below the 80-level this week, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Shaktikanta Das in Mumbai on Friday. *Pradip Das*

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GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE ALREADY strained ties between the Centre and the AAP government in Delhi plummeted Friday when Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena recommended a CBI probe into the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, putting Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, in-charge of the excise department, directly in the line of fire.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal hit back, saying the Lt Governor was making "false allegations" and leaders of the AAP were "not afraid of jail".

The Lt Governor's move follows a report submitted by Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar on the matter. The report, which Revenue boost

THE NEW excise policy is crucial for the Delhi government's revenue target. Last September, before it was implemented, Sisodia said the government expected to earn around Rs 10,000 crore a year from bidding of liquor shops. Under the new policy, the licence fee had been increased substantially — from Rs 8-10 lakh earlier to Rs 6-6.5 crore per vend.

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In a statement on Friday, the DGCA said it has amended its regulations to improve accessibility of boarding and flying for CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



WHISTLEBLOWER BREAKS SILENCE

'May have to wait until my death (to reveal my identity)'

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BREAKING HIS silence in an interview for the first time, the anonymous whistleblower calling himself John Doe, who leaked more than 2.6 TB of data that became the Panama Papers about offshore trail of unaccounted wealth, has said that he CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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of external board examinations, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

AFTER THE record results of the

pandemic-hit 2021, the Central

Board of Secondary Education's

(CBSE) Class XII and X results were

tempered this year by the return

SUKRITA BARUAH

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Sisodia

officials said was submitted on July 8, accuses Sisodia of providing undue benefits to liquor vend licencees in lieu of "kickbacks" and "commissions" and the money being used in the recent Puniab elections.

Reached for comment, the Lt Governor's office said, "Delhi Chief Secretary submitted a report highlighting procedural lapses and post tender benefits given to licencees. The Delhi L-G has sent recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs to get a CBI investigation done into the Delhi Excise Policy."

Officials from the Lt Governor's office said the Chief Secretary's report alleged that the "Excise department, under direct orders of Sisodia, decided to allow a waiver of Rs 144.36 crore singularly to the liquor cartel, on the tendered licence fee, under the excuse of the Covid pandemic".

According to officials, the report also alleged that decisions taken by the Excise department did not have the approval of the competent authority, which is the Cabinet and, subsequently, the Lt

The Delhi government had introduced the new policy to increase government revenue, improve consumer experience. reduce corruption and redistribute liquor shops in an equitable manner. Under the new policy, implemented in November last year, only private liquor shops now run in the Capital

The Lt Governor's decision drew sharp reactions from Kejriwal and Sisodia.

"I have known Sisodia for 22 years and I have never seen anyone as honest or as much of a deshbhakt as him," Kejriwal said.

"Sisodia made the lives and careers of lakhs of children studying in Delhi... Today, a judge's son

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and a rickshaw puller's son sit together and study at the same table... I have on several occasions, assembly session, press conference, told everyone that the Centre wants to arrest Sisodia. The Centre has adopted a new strategy to frame a person. First, it selects a person, tries to find something against them, and when it fails, it frames a false case

ister to jail," he said. He also accused the Centre of going after AAP ever since it won the Punjab Assembly elections. "They are behind us as we... are expanding to other parts of the country. We are not afraid of jail. Savarkar ki aulad gets scared, we are Bhagat Singh's aulad," he said.

and allegations to send the min-

Sisodia, in a tweet, said: "Modi ji is very afraid of Kejriwal ji. People have become disillusioned with Modi ji. Now the country has hope only from Kejriwal ji. As AAP's influence grows across the country, there will be many more false cases. But no jail can stop Kejriwal ji and AAP. The future belongs to AAP. the future belongs to India."

Officials in the Lt Governor's office claimed that "the probe by CBI will unearth the nefarious game being played at the cost of the people of Delhi and ascertain the quantum of kickbacks received by the AAP government and leaders, as also the use of this money to influence the Punjab elections."

According to officials, the report by the Chief Secretary was submitted on July 8. The report, officials said, "establishes prima facie violations" of the GNCTD Act 1991, Transaction of Business Rules 1993, Delhi Excise Act 2009 and Delhi Excise Rules 2010.

Officials alleged: "These indicate substantively of financial quid pro quo at the top political level, wherein the minister incharge of the Excise Department, Manish Sisodia, took and got executed major decisions/actions in violation of statutory provisions and the notified Excise Policy that had huge financial implications."

Officials said the Chief Secretary raised questions on the Excise Policy under Rule 57 of the Transaction of Business Rules 1993, which mandate him to flag any deviation from laid down procedures to the Chief Minister and Lt Governor. Accordingly, after finding the alleged procedural lapses in the policy, the Chief Secretary sought a report from the Excise department, and later submitted the reply to the CM and Lt Governor, officials said.

Soon after the Lt Governor's decision, senior BJP leader and Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi targeted Kejriwal and his government for "violating rules and procedures and promoting cartelisation to benefit liquor firms".

"Liquor policy was adopted illegally in Delhi. The people of Delhi have been cheated. Kejriwal ji should give full details of this scam on the basis of facts. What was the hurry that they had to sign papers without setting the agenda?" she said.

This is not the first time the BIP has targeted the Delhi government over the policy.

Soon after its implementation, it had objected to some liquor vends being in residential areas, or close to schools or religious places, AAP leaders countered it by alleging that the BIP was opposing the new policy because corruption in the old system benefited its leaders.

Airlines

the specially-abled. The move, which was originally proposed on June 3, comes in the backdrop of the incident at the Ranchi airport in May, when IndiGo did not allow a specially-abled child to board its Hyderabad-bound flight, citing potential threat to air safety.

In its new Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), the DGCA has said that if an airline decides to deny boarding after getting medical opinion, it will have to immediately inform the passenger in writing and mention the reasons.

The clause added to the CAR on "carriage by air – persons with disability and/or persons with reduced mobility" states: "Airline shall not refuse carriage of any person on the basis of disability. However, in case, an airline perceives that the health of such a passenger may deteriorate inflight, the said passenger will have to be examined by a doctor, who shall categorically state the medical condition and whether the passenger is fit to fly or not. After obtaining the medical opinion, the airline shall take the appro-

According to the earlier rules, airlines could deny boarding to any person on the basis of disability if it opined that "transportation of such persons would or might be inimical to the safety of flight". The airlines, however, were bound to specify in writing the basis of such refusal.

Following the IndiGo incident, the aviation safety regulator had

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conducted an investigation and imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on the airline. It had noted that the airline's ground staff could have avoided the situation with "more compassionate handling", but ended up "exacerbating" the sit-

While IndiGo stood by its ground staff's decision to deny boarding, saying it was done in the interest of flight safety, it later said that it planned to conduct an internal study on how to better serve passengers with disabilities, especially when they are feeling

Olympics gift

the Indian contingent. These form a part of the BCCI's contribution to other sports during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In June 2021, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had decided to extend support to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). "The summer Olympics is scheduled to be held in Tokyo from July 23 to August 8, 2021. The BCCI has decided to support Indian athletes in every form and manner it can. In that spirit, based on the request received from the IOA/ MYAS (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports), the Apex Council of BCCI has decided to extend support to the Indian Olympic Association and has pledged a monetary gesture of Rs 10 crore," it had said in a statement.

At its first post-pandemic physical meeting on Thursday, the BCCI Apex Council tabled the break-up of its non-cricketing expenditure adding up to Rs 22

The Board listed total Olympics' expenses of over Rs 18 crore, including Rs 68 lakh to an event management company, Rs 4 crore for cash awards for medalists, and Rs 5 crore for purchase of 'PM Cares' mementos for athletes.

Besides these, the BCCI also listed Rs 3.8 crore for funding oxygen concentrators at the peak of the pandemic.

The Apex Council meeting. chaired by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and attended by secretary Jay Shah, treasurer Arun Dhumal, joint secretary Jayesh George among others, officially approved these expenses.

"It is our responsibility to help other sports. All the members agreed to this expenditure," said a BCCI official on condition of anonymity.

The Indian board's new constitution, drafted by the Supreme-Court nominated Lodha Committee, also directs the cricket board to support other

At its meeting, the Apex Council also approved an increase in the prize money for domestic cricket tournaments. At present, the winners of the Ranji Trophy, the country's premier domestic cricket tournament, get Rs 2 crore. The new prize money is set to be announced soon.

"The Apex Council has decided to give powers to officebearers to decide on the revised prize money," said a BCCI official. The decision follows the windfall of Rs 48,390 crore from the sale of IPL media rights.

There were also discussions on introducing the Decision Review System (DRS) in domestic games.

RBI

closed at 79.85 against the dollar on Friday.

Das said the rupee is holding up well relative to both advanced and other emerging market economy peers as the economy's un-

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'Have to wait until death (to reveal identity)'

may have to wait "until my death bed" to reveal his identity.

John Doe spoke to Frederik Obermaier and Bastian Obermayer of Der Spiegel, the $two\,reporters\,he\,had\,first\,shared$ the data with. The Indian Express investigated the Indians named in the Panama Papers as part of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ). Edited excerpts:

How are you doing? Are you safe?

I am safe, to the best of my knowledge. We live in a perilous world, and that weighs on me sometimes. But overall, I am doing quite well, and I consider myself very fortunate...I have often wrestled, as I think many people do, with issues of being credited for my work. Fame was never part of the equation. At that stage, the only concern was staving alive long enough for someone to tell the story.

The global team started to publish the Panama Papers on April 3, 2016. What was that day like for you?

I recall it being like most Sundays. I met some friends for a meal and was stunned to learn that Edward Snowden had supercharged interest by discussing the project on Twitter.

Many experts compare Panama Papers with Watergate. The most important Watergate source was Associate FBI Director Mark Felt, who went under the name "Deep Throat" and finally revealed his identity 33 years after Watergate...

I have thought about Mark Felt from time to time and the types of risks he faced. My risk profile looks a bit different than his. I may have to wait until I'm on my death bed.

Why? The Panama Papers involve so many different transnational criminal organizations, some of them with links to governments, that it's difficult to imagine how it could ever be safe to identify myself...Even in 50 years, it's

likely some of the groups I worry

about will still be with us. Did you tell anyone at all about your role in the Panama Papers?

After the news broke, I told only a few of the people I care about most.

Why do you want to speak up

There have been several occasions over the past six years where I have been tempted to speak up. At each one of those points, it has seemed like the world was careening closer and closer toward catastrophe, and so the need to attempt to intervene has always seemed increasingly urgent. At the same time, however, I have had to balance a few factors.

What exactly are you referring to?

First, of course, is my own physical safety, and that of my family. And second is the fact that the world is a big place with a cacophony of voices all trying to get their point across. I wanted my words to carry meaning, not to get lost before the next Donald Trump tweet. In 2016, I wrote (in a manifesto) of my fear based on what I was witnessing, "that severe instability could be just around the corner." I am afraid that instability has finally ar-

What kind of instability do vou mean?

The rise of fascism and authoritarianism globally, from China to Russia to Brazil to the Philippines, but especially now in the United States. America has made some terrible blunders in its history, but it has served as a balancing force against the absolute worst regimes when needed most. That balance has functionally ceased to exist.

Tax havens seem to be of crucial importance for strongmen in autocratic regimes.

Putin is more of a threat to the United States than Hitler ever was, and shell companies are his best friend. Shell companies funding the Russian military are what kill innocent civilians in Ukraine as Putin's missiles target shopping centers. Shell companies masking Chinese conglomerates are what kill underage cobalt miners in the Congo. Shell companies make these horrors and more possible by removing accountability from society. But without accountability, society cannot function.

Do you fear Russia might seek revenge?

It's a risk that I live with, given that the Russian government has expressed the fact that it

Why do you think we haven't seen a major Russian whistleblower yet? Even given some requisite

amount of bravery, it also takes a certain degree of freedom to become a whistleblower. Someone has to be there to listen and there must be at least some desire to make change. Apart from the fact that Putin murders and imprisons the brave, it's very hard to find that kind of freedom in a place like Russia.

How satisfied are you with the impact of the leak?

I am astounded with the outcome of the Panama Papers. What ICIJ accomplished was unprecedented, and I am extremely pleased, and even proud, that major reforms have taken place as a result of the Panama Papers. The fact that there have been subsequent journalistic collaborations of similar scale is also a real triumph. Sadly, it is still not enough. Is there anything you would recommend to potential whistleblowers?

Telling the truth about sensitive matters is never easy...Whether you are talking to journalists or government authorities, be prepared for everything to move very slowly. It's important to just breathe and find other things to think about from time to time.

If you could turn back time, would you blow the whistle again?

In a heartbeat.

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Drop in CBSE Class X, XII pass percentage

with a fall in overall pass per-

For Class XII, fewer students scored more than 90 per cent and 95 per cent, though the same numbers rose for Class X.

Overall, 33,432 Class XII candidates - or 2.33 per cent of all candidates - scored 95 per cent and above this year. Last year, 70,004 — or 5.73 per cent of all candidates - scored in the same range. Similarly, 134.797 — or 9.39 per cent of all Class XII candidates scored 90 per cent and above this year. This is down from 1,50,152 — or 11.51 per cent of candidates – last year.

At 92.71 per cent, the nationwide Class XII pass percentage is also significantly lower than last year's 99.37 per cent. It is, however, higher than pre-pandemic year pass percentages: 88.78 per centin 2020 and 83.4 per cent in 2019.

In 2021, the Board did not conduct examinations for both Class X and XII owing to the pandemic. Class XII results were calculated through a complex computation process at the school level, drawing on students' Class X and XI final results, internal exams conducted in schools through the year, board internal assessment and practical examination scores. This was coupled with a moderation process at the school level.

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On using forex reserves to de-

fend the rupee, Das said, "After all,

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This year, however, the Board chose a different approach. It bifurcated the syllabus for both vears and conducted two board examinations at the end of two terms, each testing half the syllabus. The final results were tabulated by giving 30 per cent weightage to the Term 1 examinations and 70 per cent weightage to the Term 2 examination in theory marks, and equal weightage to both terms for practical marks.

The different approaches in these two years, as well as the different circumstances, are borne out in the different results.

"The Term 2 exams were the real board exams. There's really no comparison between 2022 and 2021. Last year, we tabulated

results based on internal assess-

Japanese yen, the Euro and the

British pound sterling have not

been spared. "Portfolio funds are

selling off assets and fleeing to

safe haven. Emerging market

economies are particularly af-

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meted by \$62.4 billion from the

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Foreign portfolio investors have

pulled out Rs 2.27 lakh crore from

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depreciated sharply against the

US dollar, it has appreciated

against other major currencies

such as the British pound, the

There is a view within a sec-

tion of the Union Government

that the RBI, while deploying re-

serves to curb currency market

volatility, should allow some de-

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out in a calibrated manner for the

Japanese ven and the Euro.

Even though the rupee has

Forex reserves have plum-

these countries," Das said.

complicating

drawdowns,

teacher knows how to prepare a good question paper," said CBSE's Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj when asked about the change in the overall performance of students in Class XII this year. "The situation was different,

ment of schools. Not every

assessment pattern was different. Last year, results were produced despite the circumstances when we were still in the learning phase of the transition to online. Practices were not in place. This time it was systematic, and schools got actual offline teaching time with students from halfway through last year," said principal of Mount Abu Public School, Delhi, Jyoti Arora. These differences are re-

flected in a different way in the

gressively depreciate, in line with

rupee to find its level.

Class X results. For Class X too, the nationwide pass percentage has dropped – from last year's 99.04 per cent to 94.4 per cent this year. A higher share of students, however, have scored in the highest range of 95 per cent and above. This year, 3.10 per cent (64,908) of all candidates scored 95 per cent and above. Last year 2.76 per cent (57,824) of all candidates scored in the same range. Similarly, 2.36.993 candidates, or 11.32 percent, scored 90 per cent and above range this year. This is up from 2.00.962 candidates (9.58 per cent) last year.

In previous years, the CBSE Class XII results determined admissions to Delhi University colleges because of the cut-off system. With the adoption of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), board results will not have an impact on admissions to DLLA majority of higher education institutes, however. will continue to admit students on Class XII performance.

This year, about 6.35 lakh candidates, out of 24 lakh students, scored between 70 per cent and 90 per cent in Class 12. Under the old admission process, these six lakh candidates would not have secured a seat in a coveted college or a programme at a central university. With CUET's introduction, they now have a shot.

tant to recognize that spillovers from global monetary policy This is because imported inflation from energy prices is betightening, the geopolitical situing cited as the biggest macroecoation, the still elevated commodnomic risk. This is unlikely to be ity prices - especially crude - and addressed by monetary policy acthe lingering effects of the pantion but can be targeted by allowdemic, all coming together, have ing the domestic currency to probecome overwhelming world-

wide.

The external sector is wellmost other major currencies. Even as commodity prices have eased from their peak, they are expected to pose a substantial risk to the inflation trajectory as almost three-fourth of India's inflationary pressure is seen as imported in nature. Capital outflows and the RBI's defensive action to protect the rupee from a sharp slide have resulted in a slide in forex reserves, chipping away at a major macroeconomic buffer.

On the economy, Das said, "The recovery is gradually strengthening. The current account deficit is modest. Inflation is stabilizing. The financial sector is well-capitalized and sound. The external debt to GDP ratio is declining. The foreign exchange reserves are adequate."

According to Das, it is impor-

buffered to withstand the ongoing terms of trade shocks and the portfolio outflows, he said, "Banks are well-positioned to withstand even severe stress scenarios without falling below the minimum capital requirement. The RBI continues to remain watchful of the headwinds and shall be proactive in taking measures as necessary to ensure financial stability, he

He said currencies of emerging market economies and even of some advanced economies are depreciating vis-a-vis the US dollar. Consequently, inflationary pressures are building up and external funding conditions are becoming tighter, posing financial stability challenges in emerging

market economies.

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AFTER SAXENA RECOMMENDED CBI PROBE ON EXCISE POLICY

Under L-G fire, AAP steps up attack on Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

HOURS AFTER the L-G recommended a CBI investigation into the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, the Aam Aadmi Party put up a united front to back Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who heads the Excise department. From party chief and CM Arvind Kejriwal to Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh and senior leaders Atishi and Saurabh

Bhardwai, the party's top brass

hit out at the Centre and said it

was "scared" of AAP's expansion

and growth in the country. Calling the allegations against Sisodia fake, fabricated, and baseless, Kejriwal said the Deputy CM is the most staunchly honest person he has ever met: "I have been saying this for the last three-four months that they want to arrest Sisodia... There is not an iota of

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI government's liquor pol-

icy has faced stiff opposition ever

since it was announced. While the

AAP government maintains it would

end the liquor mafia, the BJP has ac-

cused it of allowing liquor shops close

Proposed in 2020, it came into ef-

fect in November 2021. Delhi was di-

to schools and places of worship.

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

What is the policy?

Calling his political adversaries the "children of Savarkar", Keiriwal said. "We are children of Bhagat Singh, who refused to bow his head before the British and was hanged to death... We are not afraid of jail.'

He added, "How far can you go with false allegations. You arrested Satyendar Jain who was working in the health sector and now you want put Sisodia, who is making careers and lives of lakhs of children in Delhi, in iail, Arrest him, keep him in jail for two months, three months, he will come back. Your allegations will fail in court, and you will only be proven wrong and will be reprimanded in court."

Atishi, AAP MLA from Kalkaji, said, "The Centre is saying the policy caused huge losses to the exchequer while revenue collected increased... within four months of

Meant to boost revenue, new liquor

policy ran into trouble from early on

discounts were offered by

vendors, which attracted

crowds. After protests by

opposition, the excise de-

partment withdrew dis-

What changes were made in

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L-G V K Saxena; Deputy CM Manish Sisodia

implementation of the new policy... There was a gain of Rs 1,300 crore to the public exchequer. The BJP should learn some maths before raising allegations."

Responding to the allegations being made BIP leader Meenakshi Lekhi, Atishi said, "She said that the amount submitted by the agency which didn't get the tender should be returned by Manish Sisodia. I want to give her clarity regarding the policy — which was signed by the L-G who is your own

representative - that all agencies submitting the tenders had to give a security deposit and the ones who didn't get the tender will get the amount back. This is a basic principle on which security deposits work. The BIP is falsely projecting this as a major scam."

Lekhi had alleged that a waiver of over Rs 144.36 crore was given to licensees and earnest money deposit worth Rs 30 crore of one company was refunded without following rules

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said the ED and CBI are clueless about how to bring back fugitive offenders like Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya who fled the country after looting thousands of crores. "Rather than arresting them, the Modi government is harassing and humiliating Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain...," he said.

Singapore row

Earlier in the day, Bhardwaj Friday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "blocking" Kejriwal's visit to Singapore for a summit and said that his "insecurity" was hampering the country's image.

"Suppose during (US) President (Donald) Trump's term, the governor of Washington or Texas is called by the Indian government for the good work done

in these states, to talk about how it was done, and Trump stops them saying they can't go; someone else can go in their place. He would have been criticised in India and all over the world that a President, a leader of the nation, is stopping political leaders of a state, saying that they will not go, he will go," Bhardwaj said at a press conference Friday.

"Because of this, India's image is being hampered. The whole world is laughing at us that a Prime Minister is not letting a Chief Minister go for a foreign visit despite an invitation," he said, adding that Kejriwal was not going on a leisure trip, holiday or vacation. The L-G had written to Kejriwal "advising" him not to go to the World Cities Summit in Singapore, stating that it was a conference of mayors and all the subjects covered did not fall under purview of the government.

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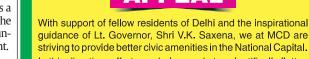
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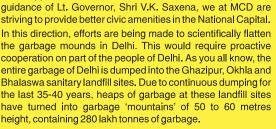
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vided into 32 zones with each zone havawarding tenders? Several licensees faced problems in ing 27 liquor vends. It also marked the exit of the government from selling getting permission to open shops in liquor — only private liquor shops now non-conforming areas due to protests run in the city and each municipal ward by the MCD, opposition and the public. has 2-3 vends. It aimed to end the liquor To this end, the excise department almafia and black marketing, increase lowed them to open additional vends in conforming areas without taking aprevenue and improve consumer expe-

rience, and ensure equitable distribuproval of the competent authority. A totion of liquor vends. The government tal of 849 liquor store licences were isalso made rules flexible for licencees sued by Delhi government last year, but several liquor shops closed due to finansuch as allowing them to offer discounts and set their own prices instead of sellcial losses. From 849 shops, it came ing on MRP fixed by the govdown to 649 stores May. ernment. Following this,

This dropped to 464 in June. What does the chief secretary's report say?

According to officials, if changes are made/proposed after implementing the policy, the excise de-

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partment needs to place it before the Cabinet and forward it to L-G for approval. Chief secretary Naresh Kumar, when appointed in April, found alleged "procedural lapses" and asked the Excise department to reply. The report was sent to the L-G on July 8. The department replied to the questions on July 12.



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Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June, 2022

	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
Particulars	30th June, 2022	30th June, 2021
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	2,42,982	1,58,862
Less: GST Recovered	19,869	14,490
Revenue from Operations	2,23,113	1,44,372
Profit Before Exceptional Item and Tax	27,236	17,270
Profit Before Tax	27,236	17,270
Profit for the Period*	19,443	13,806
Total Comprehensive Income (after Tax)* Paid up Equity Share Capital,	12,929	16,890
Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each	6,765	6,550
Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve**	-	-
Earnings per Equity Share		
(Face value of ₹10/- each) (Not Annualised)		
Basic (in ₹) – After Exceptional Item	26.54	18.96
Basic (in ₹) – Before Exceptional Item	26.54	18.96
Diluted (in ₹) – After Exceptional Item	26.54	18.63
Diluted (in ₹) - Before Exceptional Item	26.54	18 63

Includes share of Non-Controlling Interest

** Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserves for the year ended as on 31st March, 2022 was ₹7,72,720 crore.

1. The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on 22nd July, 2022. The Statutory Auditors of

the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the aforesaid results. 2. Additional information on Unaudited Standalone Financial Results is

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	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
Particulars	30th June, 2022	30th June, 2021
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	1,57,716	94,803
Less: GST Recovered	6,373	4,233
Revenue from Operations	1,51,343	90,570
Profit Before Exceptional Item and Tax	19,672	10,188
Profit Before Tax	19,672	10,188
Profit for the Period	15,096	8,595
Total Comprehensive Income (after Tax)	10,466	7,328

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchanges pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure

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CASES 19,47,025		HOSPITAL BI	EDS 9,48	8 9,368
		ICU BEDS	2,115	2,088
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
July 21	649	592	1	15,974
July 22 712	593	1	15,943	
Total 2,327* *Total active cases in D		19,18,400 Delhi	26,298	3,93,84,26

NOIDA		
	July 21	July 22
Cases	N/A	N/A
Deaths	N/A	N/A
GURGAO	N	
Cases	229	144
Deaths	0	0
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BRIEFLY

Nuh: 7 dead, 4 injured after truck collides with auto



11 passengers were in the auto at the time

Nuh: Seven people died while four were injured after a truck allegedly collided with an autorickshaw in Nuh Friday afternoon, said police. According to police, the incident took place around 3 pm when an autorickshaw, with at least 11 passengers, was going towards Hodal. Police said after a truck from the opposite direction allegedly hit the vehicle, it fell into a ditch on the roadside. Dayanand, SHO, Bicchor police station, said, "It appears that due to heavy rain, the truck lost balance and collided with the auto, which fell into a ditch. The truck also lost balance and overturned and fell on top of the auto, which was crushed. Seven people were killed while four, including two children, suffered injuries. Among the dead were five men and two women.

DSP mowed down in Nuh: Third accused arrested

Nuh: Three days after Haryana Police DSP Surender Singh Bishnoi was allegedly mowed down by a dumper truck during a raid to check illegal mining in Nuh district, police Friday arrested another accused. Krishan Kumar, spokesperson, Nuh police, said, "Jabid alias Billa, a resident of Gandwa village in Alwar, Rajasthan, was arrested from Bibipur village in Nuh. He was produced in a district court and taken on two-day police remand. We are questioning him on his role."

Vandalism outside CM house: Cops present protest footage as key evidence

New Delhi: Presenting footage of the protest as key evidence, Delhi Police has chargesheeted 30 persons in connection with the vandalism outside CM Arvind Kejriwal's residence during a protest by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) on March 30. Police stated in the chargesheet that during probe, they found video footage which shows Lok Sabha MP and BJYM national president Tejasvi Surya, along with BJYM workers, protesting outside the CM's residence. He was seen with protesters who later indulged in vandalism.

Body of man found inside refrigerator

New Delhi: The body of a 50-year-old man was found stuffed inside a fridge at his house in Seelampur Friday. DCP (Northeast)SanjayKumar Sain said primary inquiry revealed that the victim was living alone. "A clue about the suspect has been found which is being developed," he said. **ENS**

CBSE CLASS XII BOARD RESULTS

After 7 yrs, pvt schools fare better than govt ones

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JULY 22

DELHI'S PRIVATE schools have fared better than government schools in the CBSE class XII exams after seven years. Though the city's class XII performance is better than the national average, its class X performance in government schools dipped to below the national average after the high of 2021.

Since 2015, Delhi's government schools have consistently been achieving better pass percentages than private schools in the class XII board examinations. In step with the national trend, the class XII pass percentage in both private and government schools in Delhi is lower this year than in 2021. Private schools have a slightly higher pass percentage of 97.65 when compared to the government schools' 96.01%. The ast time government schools had a lower pass percentage was in 2014, when they had 88.78% and private schools had 92.09%. However, both have a higher pass percentage than the national percentage of 92.71.

In both class XII and X, the difference between scores resulting from last year's internally computed results at the school level and this year's return to external board examination is visible nationally with a slip in pass percentages in both grades.

However, it is starkest in the performance of Delhi's government schools in class X. With the introduction of the alternate school-level assessment scheme last year, the pass percentage of Delhi government schools had surged from 82.61% to 97.52%, almost at par with the national pass percentage of 99.04%. However, this year, they have registered a pass percentage of 81.36%, below the national pass percentage of



Students of Delhi's St Thomas School. Praveen Khanna

PASS PERCENTAGE OVER 5 YEARS IN DELHI

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
		GOVT SCHOO	LS	
81.36	97.52	82.61	1 71.58	69.33
		PVT SCHOOL	LS	
95.99	99.54 DE 99.61 DW			89.45
		CLASS XI	I	
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
		GOVT SCHOO	LS	
96.01	99.95 DE 99.96 DW			90.65
PVTSCHOOLS				
97.76	99.7 DE, 99.73 DW			89.38
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94.4%. On the other hand, the city's private schools performed ahead of the national average with a pass percentage of 95.99%.

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia highlighted that students took exams after facing exceptional challenges over two years of the pandemic and that their performance is better than those of pre-pandemic years. "It is worth mentioning here that Covid-induced school closure in the past two studies and emotional wellbeing of children. But despite this, when schools were reopened on a regular basis earlier this year, studentsteachers worked hard and gave their best... This time, the Board exams were held in normal mode after two years and the pass percentage has been recorded 2%

points higher this year.," he said. This year, 160 government schools recorded a 100% pass percentage in class XII while 95 had a 100% pass percentage in class X.

Noida girl scores perfect 100 in all subjects

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE TOP scoring student in the CBSE Class XII examinations this year has scored perfect 100s in all her subjects. The CBSE has not officially announced a country topper or toppers to "avoid unhealthy competition", a practice it has been following in recent years. However, at least one student has received full marks in all her papers.

Yuvakshi Vig (17), a student of Amity International School Noida, had appeared in the English, History, Political Science, Psychology and Painting papers in the CBSE exams. When the results were released on Friday morning, she was elated to find that she had scored a perfect 100 in all of them. "I wasn't really expecting it. I had given all my attention to what I was doing and just hoped for the best possible outcome," she said.

Another student, Tanya Singh (18), of Delhi Public School,

When the results were released on Friday morning, Yuvakshi Vig was elated to find that she had scored a perfect 100 in all of them. Praveen Khanna

Bulandshahr also scored 100 in 5 subjects: English, History, Economics, Geography and Hindustani Vocal Music papers. However, she also had a sixth subject, Political Science, in which she missed out on two marks and scored 98.

While both students are delighted with their results, they are also aware these marks will not be enough to get them into the programmes and colleges of their choice since both want to study at Delhi University, which has adopted the Common University Entrance Test from this year.

Yuvakshi wants to study BA (Hons) Psychology while Tanya wants to study BA (Hons) History. "I want to study in Delhi University and I'm in the middle of my CUET papers. I still have one paper left and am working on that, but I think my other papers went well," said Yuvakshi.

The school-leaving batch which received their results mode. While the shift from offline to online proved to be challenging for many, both Yuvakshi and Tanya said it was smooth sailing for them.

The first few months of online learning were difficult because it was something that I had to adjust to. But my teachers were always there for me, they were a phone call away, cleared my doubts and they made online learning seem as normal as possible. I do not feel like I suffered academically because of this. said Yuvakshi.

A large number of students scored 100 in individual subjects. The subjects in which the highest numbers of students scored 100 are Business Studies (4,710), Hindustani Music Vocal 4,634), Physical Education (4,286), Chemistry (3,548) and Mathematics (2,890). While the board has not announced a merit list of toppers, it will be issuing merit certificates to the top 0.1% scorers in every subject.

Schools split over unequal weightage for terms

ALIFIYAKHAN& SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JULY 22

CBSE'S DECISION to give unequal weightage to theory papers of both terms for tabulating Class 12 results this year drew mixed reactions from principals of affiliated schools Friday.

The Board has accorded 30% weightage to students' performance in the Term 1 theory paper and 70% weightage to marks the final results.

L V Sehgal, principal of Bal Bharti Public School (Ganga Ram Hospital Marg) felt the decision is good since half-yearly examinations (or Term 1) were conducted at a time of uncertainty and that may have affected performance. "The final exams were conducted after the students got the opportunity to prepare well with their teachers and gain confidence," she added.

Sudha Acharya, principal of ITL Public School (Dwarka)

The Indian Express, "We had also advised the Board to follow this weightage system. We felt that we could not rise up to the occasion in the first-term exams and some schools did not conduct them very diligently. We thought that deserving students would be affected, so we wanted the weightage to be less for Term I."

"The Term II exams were conducted like board exams in any regular year where students go to external centres, unlike Term I where they wrote in schools, so

According to Nirmal Waddan, principal of Kalyani School in Pune, the Board's decision has its pros and cons. "Term I was completely objective, which is not the usual CBSE pattern. Good students lost marks in this exam. That apart, there were mistakes in some of the question papers. For instance, in English, some questions had more than one answer. As for Term II, which had subjective questions, our students didn't get enough practice for writing. They were slow and not

27-year-old woman's death puts spotlight on safety at Golf Course Road in Gurgaon

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, JULY 22

THE FATAL accident of a 27-yearon Wednesday night after her car crashed into a Metro pillar on Gurgaon's Golf Course Road (GCR), has again shifted focus on safety concerns along the 8-km long stretch, which has upscale condominiums, commercial office complexes and malls on either side.

Road safety experts said the stretch from Golf Course Road to Cyber City has accounted for over 30 fatalities in the past three years. In Wednesday's incident, the victim's mother alleged in her police complaint that an unknown vehicle brushed against her daughter's car, due to which it rammed into a Metro pillar. In March, four employees of a restaurant were killed after a car rammed into their motorcycles near Arjun Marg. In December 2021, two law students were killed after their car was hit by an unknown vehicle near the marble market.

In the aftermath of the March incident, officials of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, National Highways Authority of India, traffic police and road engineering experts had carried out an inspection and announced a safety audit of the entire Golf Course Road, to reduce accidents



Road safety experts said the stretch from Golf Course Road to Cyber City has accounted for over 30 fatalities in the past three years. Express

and check wrong side driving. Several months later, the audit is yet to be completed, said officials.

Sewa Ram, an urban transport systems design expert and a faculty member at the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) in Delhi, said, "The road has several design flaws. GCR should have set and defined speed limits and proper signages for commuters. Lack of such interventions can cause confusion and over speeding, especially while moving in and out of under-

passes. The U-turn near Bristol Chowk on MG road is close to the surface of an underpass, which is unsafe and can result in collisions when vehicles pass at high speed. The footpath continuity has not been maintained at stretches. In terms of land use, with several commercial and residential properties coming up on the road, the problems are compounded for pedestrians, cyclists and two-wheelers, who are vulnerable to accidents at several in-

Experts said wrong side driving is another major concern on several stretches on the road. "Several vehicles going towards Sikanderpur/Cyber City exit Arjun Marg by taking the prohibited turn and drive on the wrong side to get on to the other carriageway. At Sector 53/54 roundabout near the Metro station where the recent accident occurred, a similar problem persists with vehicles indulging in wrong side driving on the service road. Traffic rules need to be en-

ment of police personnel can help in addressing some of these concerns. There must be a detailed audit to look into these issues," said a road safety consultant, requesting anonymity.

Officials said that they have installed rumble strips, cat-eye road studs, speed cameras and other measures to prevent acci-

Amit Godhara, executive engineer, infrastructure-1, GMDA, said, "A safety audit was commissioned to the developer that maintains the road and the report is awaited. After the survey is complete and a report is finalised, remedial measures regarding design or any other issues shall be taken up. Over-speeding is something that occurs everywhere, but we are looking into these issues.'

Meanwhile, traffic police said that to curb accidents and for better traffic management, a plan to set speed limits on all major stretches and internal roads across the city has been approved after an audit. Currently, a generic speed limit is imposed across the city.

"For all major arterial roads, a speed limit of 50 km/hr for light vehicles and 30 km/hr for heavy vehicles has been proposed, while on state highways, a speed limit of 70 km/hr for light vehicles and 40 km/hr for heavy vehicles will be imposed," said Ravinder Tomar, DCP traffic.

Marrying minor does not mitigate offence of rape: High Court

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DISMISSING THE bail petition of an accused in a rape case, the Delhi High Court Friday said that merely because such sexual abuse ended in marriage between the minor victim and the accused and resulted in the birth of a child, it does not mitigate the act in any manner since the consent of a minor is immaterial and

inconsequential in law. "Sucĥ incidents of luring a minor and entering into a physical relationship, accused thereafter claiming consent of the minor, cannot be treated in a routine manner, since rape is not only a crime against the minor victim but is a crime against the entire society which leaves little option for the minor child but to toe the line of the petitioner/accused," said Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, while denying bail to the accused, who is 27 years old and has been in custody since October 2021.

The victim in the case was 14 years and six months old when her mother filed a case of kidnapping in July 2019. Following a habeas corpus plea before the court, the girl was recovered in October 2021 along with her 8month-old child from the house of the accused. She was also one and a half months pregnant at the time. During probe, the accused

allegedly suppressed information about the whereabouts of the girl and it was only based on mobile technical surveillance that she

The counsel representing the accused had argued that the relationship between the victim and accused was voluntary and her age has not been verified in accordance with law. It was also argued that she is suffering on account of his incarceration. He is required to look after the victim as well as the minor children,

the counsel contended. Police opposed the petition saving that the entire machinery was kept in the dark by the accused. She was studying in class IX at that time, the court was told. The alleged marriage with a minor was in violation of law and consent of minor cannot be recognised, the prosecution argued.

Justice Mendiratta said child marriage stands prohibited and also IPC section 375 makes it clear that if the woman is under 18 years, sexual intercourse with her with or without consent is rape "Even sexual intercourse with wife under 18 years regardless of her willingness or consent is rape as held in Independent Thought vs Union of India... giving a meaningful reading to exception 2 to section 375," said the bench. The court said merely because the accused claimed marriage had been performed in a temple, the same cannot "sanctify" the offence.

Doctors perform new endoscopic procedure to treat swallowing disorder in 6-year-old girl

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SURGEONS AT a city hospital operated on a six-year-old with an obstruction in the bowel using an endoscopic technique that is mainly used in adults. The girl from Kashmir came to the hospital four weeks ago with a history of not being able to swal-

low food for almost three years. "When she came to us, she was very thin, emaciated, and

marasmic (protein malnutrition). She weighed 8-10 kg lower than the normal weight. We diagnosed her to be suffering from Achalasia Cardia (a disorder that results in the muscle at the base of the food pipe where the food enters the stomach becoming tight)," said Dr Anil Arora, head of department of gastroenterology at Sir Ganga Ram hospital. The girl repeatedly regurgitated from her

The condition is not often

seen in children, with less than 5% of all cases reported in those below 15 years of age globally. The usual treatment for the condition is open surgery, but due to her condition, the doctors decided to perform an endoscopic procedure that the hospital has been doing in adults for around seven years.

The procedure called POEM or per oral endoscopic myotomy is an endoscopic procedure that involves cutting the internal lining of the food pipe, creating a tunnel between the muscle lavers and the inside lining of the food pipe, and then cutting the tight muscle at the stomach and food pipe junction. The procedure took one and a half hours to complete. "The challenge for us was to

do this novel procedure in such a low weight child of this young age, one of the youngest in India to the best of our knowledge, and weighing 11 kg, lowest weight to the best of our knowledge in India, as there was a substantial risk of infection, aspiration and respiratory problem in the child. There were limitations of the use of adult endoscopic equipment and accessories used in POEM procedure to be used in a small child," said Dr Arora.

He added, "We have already successfully performed this procedure in 427 cases till date in our hospital. But this procedure in a young child of six years weighing only 11 kg has been performed for the first time in

New Delhi

State must protect those who marry irrespective of caste: HC

New Delhi: The State is under constitutional obligation to protect its citizens, especially in cases where marriage between two consenting adults has been solemnised irrespective of caste or community, the Delhi High Court said while directing police to ensure safety of a couple who married against the wishes of their families last month.

"The Constitutional Courts under our framework are empowered to pass orders to protect citizens, especially in the cases of the nature to which the present dispute pertains. Once two adults consent to live together as husband and wife, there can be perceivably no interference in their lives from third parties, including their family. Our Constitution ensures it too. It is not only the duty of the State but also its machinery and agencies which ensure law and order to ensure no harm comes to citizens of this country," said Justice Tushar Rao Gedela in an order

The couple married under the Special Marriage Act on June The woman is from UP, and the court was told her father is politically well-connected and capable of influencing the state machinery. **ENS**



Lok Sabha clears

this session's first

THE INDIAN Antarctic Bill, 2022, which seeks

to extend the jurisdiction of Indian courts to the icy continent, became the first Bill Friday

to be cleared by the Lok Sabha during the on-

going monsoon session of the Parliament.

tabled the Bill, which is set to become the first

domestic legislation with regard to Antarctica

in India, amid protests by the Opposition de-

Antarctic Treaty, which was signed in 1959

by 12 countries. It was implemented in 1961,

and India, which has two permanent scien-

tific stations Matri and Bharti in the conti-

is demilitarisation of Antarctica. The signa-

tories are supposed to bring laws so that no

activity in contravention of the treaty takes

place. The law is supposed to take care of any

violations, offer solutions and fix appropri-

Indian courts to Antarctica for investigation

and trial for crimes committed on the Arctic

continent, the Bill also introduces regulations

to ensure that scientific missions or commer-

cial expeditions do not harm the ecology of

Bill, BJP MP Jayant Sinha said, "India is a coastal

country, Goa, Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi, Chennai

and many such places are located along the

coast. Any rise in the sea level due to melting of

glaciers may cause damage through flooding.

That's why it is essential to understand the impact of global warming on Antarctica."

Mahtab said the Bill aims at promoting

Antarctica as a natural reserve that is devoted

to science and peace, and to ensure that

Antarctica does not become the scene of in-

Lending his support, BJD MP Bhartruhari

Participating in a brief discussion on the

Apart from extending the jurisdiction of

ate punishment," Singh said.

'The fundamental objective of the treaty

nent, became a signatory to it in 1983.

manding discussions on price rise.

Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh

The Bill seeks to give effect to the

Antarctic Bill,

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6 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

From The Gallery

5 QUESTIONS



TO MANOJ C G ABOUT THE PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL THAT HE MOVED

The Rajya Sabha functioned smoothly on Friday afternoon after four days. And there was an intense discussion on a Private Member's Bill - The Right to Health Bill — that you moved Lam glad. I think there is a message among the people that disruption has its own value, but the people of this country would love to see what our MPs are doing on important and core issues like education, employment, health, inflation and so on. I would give credit to every member because the attendance was near full, which is a rare sight on Fridays.

Why this Bill?

Although it was in my name, I have been speaking about this Private Member's Bill to many MPs, including those from the Treasury benches and my leader, Tejashwi Yadav. All of them, including BJP members, were keen that a Bill of this nature be brought in Parliament. And I think it touched everyone. That was the reason that, except for one or two people, the level of debate was quite positive and it was sensitive to the core.

What is the aim of the Bill? Without realisation of health as a right, one cannot be expected to live a life of dignity and reach their highest human potential. A rightsbased approach is required to solve the dismal health outcomes in the country. The goal is to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being for all at all ages, through a preventive and

promotive health care orientation

in all developmental policies.

The Bill seeks to make health a fundamental right to all citizens and ensure equitable access and maintenance of a standard of physical and mental health conducive to living a life in dignity. But some members made political speeches

There was politics. Those people who took a partisan attitude to it...they were not liked by the

Given the history of passage of Private Member's Bills, do you expect it to sail through? Frankly speaking, I know the history of Private Member's Bills. I also know that in this country, post the pandemic, people want some concrete interventions from the government. They don't want health to be made a kind of football between the State List and Centre List. People of the country want some very positive interventions on the lines of Right to Education. I believe that the government realises that it has traction among the people. So they might ask me to withdraw, but it will bring pressure on them to bring a Bill of

More PhD applications from SC, ST, OBC candidates at IITs in 5 years: govt data

Share of applications getting accepted by IITs remains largely same across social categories

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JULY 22

OVER THE last five years, the annual rate of PhD applications getting accepted by the IITs have remained largely the same across social categories, but the pool of aspirants, including candidates from the disadvantaged communities, has grown a little, according to data presented by the Centre in Parliament.

Between 2017-18 and 2021-22, annual applications from candidates from Scheduled Castes (SC) background for pursuing doctoral programmes in the 23 Indian Institutes of Technology rose from 12,476 to 17,814 and from 2,132 to 3,461 among students from Scheduled Tribe (ST) background.

The respective increase for candidates from OBC communities was 27,734 to 40,418, and those from general category from 68,663

The Ministry of Education shared the numbers in Rajya Sabha on July 20 in response to a question from CPI(M) member V Sivadasan.

During this period, the acceptance rate, or the percentage of applications accepted out of the total number of applications received, however, did not show any major change. In the case of students from SC background, the acceptance rate was 3.4% in 2017-18 and 3.2% in 2021-22; 4.4% and 4.01% for those from ST communities; 4.2% and

3.3% for OBCs; 4.5% and 4.5% for general category applicants.

Overall, the period between 2017-18 and 2021-22 saw 17,044 PhD applications getting accepted by the IITs, in which the share of SC, ST, OBC and general category students stood at 9.3%, 2.2% and 23.3% and 61.6%, respectively.

The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in admission) Act, 2006 mandates 15%, 7.5% and 27% quota for SC, ST and OBC students, respectively, out of the annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty. But many IITs maintain that since there is no fixed sanctioned annual intake for PhD programmes in their institutes, they cannot technically follow the reservation policy.

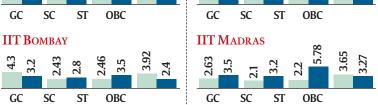
Another written response from the ministry in Lok Sabha, responding to a question by CPI(M) member S Venkatesan on July 18, shows that in some IITs, the skew against the disadvantaged groups was deeper than the overall average in 2021. For instance, in IIT Bhilai, out of 207 applications from candidates from SC background, none was accepted in 2021, while only one each was accepted at Dharwad and Tirupati IITs.

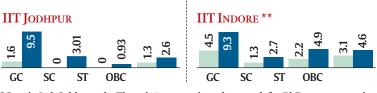
Also, last year, at IITs Mandi, Bhilai, Goa and Tirupati, not one out of 140, 30 and 93 ST applicants, respectively, was selected. Among others, IIT Jodhpur and IIT Bhubaneswar accepted one out of 107 and

SYNTHESIS OF THESES

Acceptance rate of PhD applicants at some leading IITs in last 5 years







*Govt in Lok Sabha reply: There is "no sanctioned strength for PhD programme in IIT Kharagpur. Admission is given to all those who are above the cut-off fixed for

**Govt in Lok Sabha reply: "Being a research-oriented programme, the intake is not fixed for admission in PhD programme (in IIT Indore); hence, deserving candidates were considered irrespective of category taking into consideration the funding support on recommendation of the selection committee."

GC: General category; SC: Scheduled Castes; ST: Scheduled Tribes; OBC: Other Backward Classes

Ex-servicemen getting govt jobs declining in numbers since 2015

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE YEARLY number of ex-servicemen given government jobs has seen a drastic decline in the last seven years, coming down from 10,982 in 2015 to 2,983 in 2021, according to the data shared by the government in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

The data shared in a written reply by Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt with the Lok Sabha have details of the recruitment of the ex-servicemen from 2014 to 2021.

Only 2,322 ex-servicemen were recruited in government jobs in 2014, however, the number increased to 10,982 in 2015 only to see a declining trend till 2020. In the subsequent years, the number of servicemen recruited in government jobs came down to 2,968 in 2019; and 2,584 in 2020. However, it slightly went up-2,983-in 2021.

The government shared this data in a reply to a question asked by the 14 opposition members—11 from Congress (Dean Kuriakose, Anto Antony, Adoor Prakash, Benny Behanan, Dr Amar Singh, Dr. A. Chellakumar, Uttam Kumar Reddy Nalamada, Balubhau Alias Suresh Narayan Dhanorkar, Manickam Tagore B. Mohammad Jawed and Kumbakudi Sudhakaran) and one each from NCP (Mohammed Faizal PP), CPI (M Selvaraj), and CPI-M (S Venkatesan).

These MPs had sought details of the total number of ex-servicemen recruited in government jobs from 2014 to 2022. They also wanted to know about the reservation quotas or targets for the recruitment of ex-servicemen in various government departments.

As per the reply, the representation of exservicemen in the Central Civil Services & Posts (CCS&P) stood at 1.39 per cent in Group-C posts and 2.77 per cent in Group D as on June 30, 2021.

Opposition disrupts Lok Sabha over price rise, GST on packaged food

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LOK SABHA witnessed uproarious scenes for the fifth consecutive day with the Opposition disrupting the proceedings with sloganeering against the increased taxes on fuel and packaged foods. The government, which assured that it is ready for a debate, accused the Opposition of "depriving" the rights of the MPs who want to raise the issues in Parliament.

The government reiterated that it is ready to discuss the GST in the House as and when Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who is down with Covid, gets recovered and returns to Parliament. However, the Opposition MPs, who staged a protest demonstration in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue before the House met, did not go back to their seats.

The Speaker first adjourned the proceedings till 12 noon and later till 2 pm. As the Left MPs rushed to the well of the House raising placards and shouting slogans like "Tanashahi bandh karein; nahin chalegi tanashahi; and dadagiri bandh karein".

Speaker Om Birla took up the Question

Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and P Chidambaram, along with some other Opposition MPs, protest near the Gandhi statue at Parliament House. Anil Sharma

Hour but could not proceed as the MPs increased their sloganeering.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad disruptions in the Lok Sabha. Assuring that a discussion on GST could be held as soon as the finance minister recovers from Covid and returns to work, Joshi said: "You could raise the issue during the Zero Hour, you don't want the

Question Hour nor any debate..."

With the Opposition not paying heed to the Speaker's requests to go back to their seats, utes. When the House met again at 12, Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, who was in the chair, also asked the Opposition that they should use the floor of the House for debate. The House was again adjourned after a few minutes.

transfer of students enrolled abroad to **Indian varsities: Govt**

No provision for

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, JULY 22

ternational discord.

TWO MONTHS after the West Bengal government allocated seats for practical training to 412 medical students who had returned from Ukraine to the state, the Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar told the Lok Sabha that there were no provisions in the Acts governing medical education to allow such transfers. "Therefore, no permission has been given by the NMC to students in any Indian medical institute or university," the minister's reply read.

"As informed by National Medical Commission (NMC), the regulatory body of medical education in the country, no such information is available with them," when asked about whether 400 students were accommodated by the West Bengal government in state universities. All admissions to MBBS seats - even the 85% seats under the state quota – happen according to the ranks of the students in the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET).

The Indian Express had previously reported that officials from the NMC were very clear that no such permission had been sought or granted, And, students who complete their education in such a manner will not be eligible to appear for the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE), without which no medical student from foreign universities — barring from a few countries like UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, or Australia - can practise in India.

MPs absent, Bills seeking repeal of places of worship Act, on UCC not introduced

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, JULY 22

AS A Varanasi court continues hearing the civil suit on Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque dispute, a Private Member's Bill moved by a BIPMP demanding repeal of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, was listed for introduction in Rajya Sabha on Friday. The Bill, however, was not introduced

since Harnath Singh Yadav, the MP who had given notice for moving it, was not present in the House when his name was called.

Fellow BIP MP Kirodi Lal Meena, whose Private Member's Bill on Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is pending for introduction since 2020, was absent yet again. Meena had given notice for introducing the Bill on UCC in 2020, but he was found to be absent on multiple occasions when his name was called to introduce it.

When contacted, Yadav said he could not

Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, "violates fundamental rights such as the right to equality and the right to life, and also infringes on citizens' constitutionally guaranteed right to religious freedom".

The law, introduced in 1991, seeks to maintain the "religious character" of places of worship as it existed in 1947, barring the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, which was already in court.

Alva: TMC decision to abstain from V-P poll disappointing

similar nature.

New Delhi: The Opposition's vice-presidential candidate Margaret Alva Friday described the Trinamool Congress' (TMC) decision to abstain from voting in the election as "disappointing" and said this is not the time for 'whataboutery, ego or anger".

 $Her \, reaction \, came \, a \, day \, after \, the \, Mamata$ Banerjee-led party announced that it will abstain from the election as it did not agree with the manner in which the Opposition candidate was decided and was not kept in the loop.

'The TMC's decision to abstain from voting in the V-P election is disappointing. This isn't the time for whataboutery, ego or anger. This is the time for courage, leadership and unity. I believe Mamata Banerjee, who is the epitome of courage, will stand with the opposition," Alva wrote on Twitter.

The leaders of 17 Opposition parties decided to field Alva, a former governor of Rajasthan and Uttarakhand, as their candidate for the vicepresidential poll during a meeting at Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Sharad Pawar's residence on June 17. Leaders of TMC and AAP were not present at the meeting. Pawar subsequently said he was in touch with both Mamata Banerjee and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal and was confident of getting their support. PTI

'Message for Cong: Don't take TMC for granted; treat us as equals'

A DAY after the NDA's candidate in Presidential elections, Droupadi Murmu, won the contest handsomely against the Opposition's Yashwant Sinha, and also a day after the Trinamool Congress announced its decision to abstain in the upcoming Vice President's election, senior TMC leader and the party's Rajya Sabha leader, **DEREK O'BRIEN**, tells **MANOJ C G** why and how that decision came about. And also what next for the party, and the Opposition. Excerpts from

What was the reason behind TMC's decision to abstain in Vice President polls? Is there anything more to it than meets the eye?

There was no question of voting for the BJP's Vice Presidential candidate. That is an ideological impossibility. Also, (NDA candidate) Jagdeep Dhankhar's role as West Bengal Governor is a travesty to the Constitution. So we had two options: either abstain, or to support a candidate whose name was conveyed to us 15 minutes before a press conference in Delhi. We have the highest regard for (Opposition's candidate) Margaret Alva, and we respect her legacy. However, we have opposed the manner and the method in which the candidate was decided.

As Governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar clashed with the state government on many issues. Wasn't the Vice President polls a good chance to hit out at the BIP-led government and its choice?

The Vice President election is not about individuals. We are ideologically opposed to the bigoted and divisive policies of the BIP government, TMC's strident opposition to BJP doesn't require any further certification. However, there is another perspective, where we needed to give a message to the Grand Old Party (Congress) that they cannot take large opposition parties like TMC for granted. Treat us as equal partners and we will smoothly work together to expose BIF on matters where they have failed this country. The BJP has botched up [on many fronts, leading to issues] like unemployment, price-rise, federal structure, media freedom, credibility of institutions, and more. The TMC will keep raising people's issues in both Houses in collaboration with opposition parties.

Much is said about Mamata Banerjee's meeting with Jagdeep Dhankhar and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma in **Darjeeling. Some Opposition leaders say** there was a Darjeeling part.

The Governor had tea and biscuits with





INTERVIEW

DEREK O'BRIEN

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS LEADER the Chief Minister. The CM of a neighbour-

ing state was present. No reason whatsoever for a storm in a teacup. Congress and CPI(M) leaders claim Sonia

Gandhi had spoken to Banerjee before announcing Margaret Alva's candidature. It is said that NCP chief Sharad Pawar, too, was in touch with Banerjee. They question TMC's claim that it was not consulted. We stand by what we [have] said. You

can't spring a name upon us at 10 minutes' notice. The Grand Old Party must introspect. We are the second largest opposition party in Parliament, and I'm sure we will grow bigger after 2024 elections. I must point out there are two kinds of relationships between "like-minded" parties who oppose BJP's ideology. The first kind is where the GOP works with its allies. The DMK is an electoral ally in Tamil Nadu; NCP and Shiv Sena, till a few days ago, ran a government with them in Maharashtra. The RJD and CPI(M) are also electoral allies. The TMC is not an electoral ally (of Congress). Yes, we are a like-minded party, but not an electoral ally. Yes, we need to remove this bigoted (Narendra) Modi-(Amit) Shah government, but the message for the GOP is direct and non-confrontational: Do not take us for granted: treat us as an equal partner. There is a need to change the status quo in Delhi

TMC has been a strong votary of Opposition unity. How will this decision

New Delhi

affect that?

Mamata Banerjee made every effort for Opposition unity in the Presidential election. Let us be optimistic and find common issues. Like I mentioned above, there are key issues which need to be highlighted, (such as) how there is an economic blockade against Opposition states, how agencies like ED and CBI are being used for political vendetta.

The decision to field Yashwant Sinha had splintered the Opposition. It became clear yesterday that there was massive cross-voting, too. Does TMC feel Sinha was perhaps not the best candidate?

The Presidential elections are now a closed chapter. Kudos to Yashwant Sinha-ji for a battle fought with energy, conviction and grace. With 36% votes, Sinha-ji is the Opposition candidate with the third highest percentage of votes in Presidential election history. The only two other Opposition candidates who got a higher percentage of votes were Koka Subba Rao in 1967 (43%) and Neelam Sanjiva Reddy in 1969 (49%). Let's leave it at that.

How do you foresee Dhankhar's tenure as Chairman of Rajya Sabha?

Khela hobe (it's game on). **FULL INTERVIEW ON**

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BLINKER-ON RESPONSE

WHENEVER YSRCP MP from Narsapuram K Raghurama Krishna Raju, who has rebelled against his party leader Jagan Mohan Reddy, rises to speak in the Lok Sabha, his party colleagues become attentive. Raju on Thursday alleged the state government has introduced a new rule under which it diverts the income that should have accrued to the treasury, provoking Margani Bharat, chief whip of the party, to intervene that he was talking without evidence. As both started arguing, Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the chair, repeatedly asked Raju to address the Chair. "Ok Sir, I will not look at them, I will look at you only," Raju said, covering the right side of his face (where Bharat was standing). Amid protest from YSRCP MPs, Raju managed to complete his submission.

UNFRUITFUL WAIT

BJP MP Ravi Kishan's three-year wait to introduce a Bill on population control grew longer on Friday, with the Lok Sabha getting adjourned till Monday without taking up any Private Member's Bill. Kishan's attempt to express his "anguish" over the delay was shot down by the chair Rajendra Agrawal. "Sir, I would like one clarification on a Private Member's Bill, for which I have been waiting since 2019," said Kishan, prompting Agrawal to remind the Gorakhpur MP to speak only if he has any clarification to seek on the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 which was being debated then.

Visit, Invite

PRESIDENT-ELECT Droupadi Murmu on Friday had some surprise visitors. A delegation of DMK MPs led by TR Baalu and Tiruchi Siva called on her. The DMK had backed Yashwant Sinha in the Presidential elections. The DMK MPs congratulated her on her victory and informed her about the 44th International Chess Olympiad that Chennai is hosting. They handed over a replica of the official mascot 'Thambi', a horse clad in the traditional Veshti-Sattai, to her. The inaugural ceremony of the event will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 28 at Poonjeri Village in Mamallapuram, 50 km from Chennai.

Home Ministry shifts Bihar terror module case to NIA

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THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) has handed over the Phulwari Sharif terror case of Bihar Police to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The case pertains to arrest of three people earlier this month, including a retired Jharkhand policeman, for being part of a "potential terror module" as they were "working towards radicalisation" and planned to foment trouble during PM Narendra Modi's visit to the state.

"The ministry has issued orders to the NIA to take over the case as it is a case of terrorism and has inter-state implications," an MHA official said.

An NIA official said the agency had begun the process of taking over the case from Bihar

Earlier this month, the Bihar Police had arrested three men allegedly linked to the Popular Front of India (PFI) for being part of a "potential terror module" that sought to target those "who make adverse and objection-

able" comments against Islam.

During a press conference. Patna Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Manavjit Singh Dhillon had said the accused held meetings and imparted physical training "just as RSS shakhas are held for physical training and imparting training in wielding lathis". The comment had prompted the BJP to

RSS didn't hoist flag for 52 yrs, talks of its history: Rahul

New Delhi: In an apparent swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said the RSS "did not hoist the tricolour at its headquarters for 52 years" but its members of the organisation are now talking about its history and planning 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

Gandhi posted on Facebook hours after Prime Minister Modi appealed to people to strengthen the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement by hoisting or displaying the national flag in their homes between August 13 and 15. "Why was import of polyester flags allowed from China?" he asked. ENS

the officer. The accused — Athar Parvez, allegedly a former member of the now banned Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI): Mohammed Ialaluddin. a retired sub-inspector of the Jharkhand Police; and Arman Malik – were arrested from Phulwari Sharif area in Patna.

seek disciplinary action against

According to the police, the arrests were made following intelligence alerts that some people were gathering in Patna to 'foment trouble" ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

Before the arrests, the police filed an FIR against 26 people, allegedly part of a "potential terror module", under IPC Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 121 and 121A (waging war against state), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration). The trio, all residents of Patna, were arrested the next day.

"They had been holding meetings at mosques and madrasas and working towards what radicalisation...Besides Bihar, some of the named members are from Karnataka also." Patna SSP Manavjit Singh Dhillon had

told reporters. Phulwari Sharif Additional SP Manish Kumar told reporters that Ialaluddin was a retired Jharkhand Police sub-inspector. According to police, the accused said they were looking to expand PFI's base in Patna.

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Assam: Half of Opp broke ranks to vote for Murmu

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, JULY 22

WHILE DROUPADI Murmu's victory in the Presidential elections was a foregone conclusion, what has also got the BJP-led NDA excited is the support she received from unexpected quarters — in Assam, for instance, 22 leaders from the Opposition ranks voted in her favour, highest in any state.

"Droupadi Murmu polled 104 votes compared to NDA's original strength of 79 in the 126-member Assam Assembly. 2 absent. My heartfelt gratitude to the people of Assam..." Chief Minister Himanta Sarma tweeted on Thursday evening.

In the 126-member Assam House, the Opposition has 44 MLAs—Congress (27), AIUDF (15), and one each from CPI(M) and Independent ranks. This means half of them voted for Murmu.

This is a throwback to the Rajya Sabha polls in March, when cross-voting led to NDA winning both vacant seats from the state, even though the ruling front did not have the numbers for a second seat. A war of words had ensued between once-allies Congress and AIUDF, and each accused the other of breaking ranks.

This time, though, the Congress was forced to concede that its MLAs also cross-voted, given that the AIUDF had only 13 members on the floor of the Assembly when voting took place. "It is 100 percent certain that six Congress MLAs cross-voted there is no point hiding it," state

Congress chief Bhupen Borah said. On Friday, Sarma told the media that "15-16 votes" for Murmu came from the Congress but it was "inappropriate to look for political meaning in it". "This is not a division. For a post like that of the President of India, a vote is informed by conscience," he said.

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THREE OPPOSITION members —

two from Congress and one from

the BSP — of the Parliamentary

Standing Committee on Defence

on Friday walked out of a meeting

of the panel over the chairman's

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adoption of the draft report on the

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NEW DELHI, JULY 22

The AIUDF claimed that none of its MLAs voted for Murmu. Stating that "action" will be taken against the errant Congress MLAs, Borah told the media, "These people are double-faced; they let go of all their principles, and surrendered their ideology. We will be able to identify them, and we will take action accordingly."

When Opposition candidate for the President's polls, Yashwant Sinha, came to Assam earlier in the month, Borah said, all 27 legislators "stood by his side" in a show of support, "If it [voting for Murmu] was a decision based on their conscience, no one minds. But they should have been frank with us from the start..." he said.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Congress's Debabrata Saikia, blamed BJP's "dirty politics" for the cross-voting. "The ruling party is responsible for such dirty politics - there is neither any ethics nor transparency. Our Chief Minister frequently says in public that Opposition MLAs have no real power. He is responsible for the decay of democracy," Saikia said.

State minister and BIP leader Pijush Hazarika, however, rubbished these allegations and said: "This is a conscience vote. The Congress suffers from a trust deficit. Their own legislators do not trust their leaders; (they) instead blame us.'

Chief Minister Sarma said Opposition MLAs representing constituencies that have people from Adivasi and tea garden tribe background "had it in their heart" to vote for Murmu.

Alleging that the Congress had been "cosying up to BJP" on voting day, AIUDF's Karim Uddin Barbhuiya said, "Since two of our legislators were absent, 13 voted. Not a single one has Adivasi representation in their constituencies. So there was no political obligation or compulsion to break ranks."

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

Three Opp members leave meeting as

chairman refuses discussion on Agnipath

on the observations and recom-

mendations contained in the

panel's report on demands for

grants of the Ministry of Defence

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DRDO, Directorate General of

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Jharkhand: Cong fears at least 9 MLAs voted for NDA candidate

ABHISHEK ANGAD

NDA candidate, was abundant.

Of 79 votes polled in the 81member Assembly – one vote was found invalid and one MLA did not turn up due to ill-health – 70 went to Murmu. Yashwant Sinha, the Opposition's candidate, received only nine. While JMM has 30 MLAs and BJP 26, Congress is the third-largest party in the state with 18 legislators, followed by AJSU and Independents (2 each), and RJD, CPI(ML) and NCP

A senior party leader said: "There has always been some dissatisfaction in the state Congress, but that is true for all parties. But given the current situation, where Operation Lotus can be a reality in Jharkhand any time, this crossvoting needs to be assessed. Some Congress MLAs may have voted for Murmu since there is no provi-

RANCHI, JULY 22

"JISKA DAR tha wahi hua (what we were apprehensive of has occurred)," a Jharkhand Congress leader said after Presidential election results emerged on Thursday. What he meant was that crossvoting for Droupadi Murmu, former Jharkhand Governor and the

(1 each).

Congress spokesperson and the party's 'Sashaktikaran Abhiyaan' (empowerment campaign) convenor Alok Dubev said, "At least nine votes (for Murmu) came from Congress, it seems. It is a matter of concern and we will look into it."

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IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, JULY 22

THERE IS disquiet within Madhya Pradesh Congress after NDA's Presidential candidate

Droupdi Murmu polled 146 votes from the state Assembly against the Opposition's Yashwant Sinha who managed only 79 votes. This comes despite the Congress having 96 MLAs in the House of 230.

With five votes being declared invalid, of the 225 remaining votes, Murmu secured 146, meaning at least 19 MLAs crossvoted, including 11 from the

The ruling BJP has 127 MLAs, Congress has 96, while two belong to Bahujan Samajwadi Party (BSP), one to SP and four are Independents, Recently, one BSP. one SP and another Independent candidate had defected to the BJP, taking the party's strength to 130 and had likely voted for

Among the Congress' 96 MLAs, Sachin Birla — the party's sitting MLA from Barwaha in Khargone — had defected to the BJP ahead of the Khandwa Lok Sabha bypolls with his disqualification plea pending, leaving Congress' effective strength at 95. After the Presidential results, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said, "...several MLAs apart from those with BJP have listened to their inner voice and voted for Murmuji. I would like to extend my thanks to all MLA not with the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind, during a

Murmu's victory assumes greater significance in MP which has the highest tribal population in the country and has 47 reserved Schedule Tribe seats. Of these 47 seats, Congress had won 31 ST seats while 16 went to the BJP in the 2018 Assembly elections.

BJP and yet voted for her."

Ahead of the presidential elections, state Congress president Kamal Nath had alleged that the party's tribal MLAs were being offered money by BJP to

President-elect gets certificate of election from EC

Delhi: The Election Commission on Friday issued a 'certificate of election' to NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu who emerged victorious in the Presidential poll. Out of a total 4,796 electors who were eligible to vote, 4,754 electors exercised their franchise, the EC said.

The Returning Officer of the election, after counting was over, declared Murmu elected as the next President of India.

"The process initiated on 15th June, 2022 with the publication of programme notification in the Gazette has culminated today with the signing of the Certification of the Election of Shrimati Droupadi Murmu as the 15th President of the Republic of India by Sh Rajiv Kumar, Chief Election Commissioner of India and Sh Anup Chandra Pandey, Election Commissioner...." the EC said in a statement.

Murmu will be administered the Presidential oath of office by CJI NV Ramana in the Central Hall of Parliament on July 25. ENS

Traitors want to finish off Shiv Sena: Aaditya

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MUMBAI, JULY 22 LASHING OUT at "traitors" from

the rebel Eknath Shinde camp of the Shiv Sena in the aftermath of the June 21 split that shook the party to its core and led to the downfall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray on Friday said the intent of the "traitors" was to finish the party and isolate Uddhav Thackeray.

On the charge by rebel Sena MP Rahul Shewale that the Thackerays were keen on a patchup with the BIP, Aaditya remained evasive. "The traitors can go on with their script," he said.

While Aaditya refused to speak on the possibility of a reconciliation with the BJP, he said that the doors are always open for the rebel MLAs. "The doors are always open for those who want to return to the Sena family."

"The traitors are trying to create confusion (among the Sena cadre). Our first agenda is to ensure nobody is confused," he said.

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UDAIPUR KILLING

NIA arrests 19-year-old for conducting recce

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested one more accused in the Udaipur killing case, Late on Thursday, NIA arrested Mohammed Javed, 19, from Amalkanta in Udaipur in connection with the killing of tailor Kanhaiya Lal Teli last month.

'The accused, Mohammad laved, who was arrested on Thursday had played an important role in the conspiracy of killing Kanhaiyya Lal by conducting recce and passing on the information about the presence of the victim at his shop to the main accused Rivaz, prior to the gruesome attack," the NIA said in a statement.

This is the eighth arrest made by the NIA in connection with the case. The agency had on July 12 conducted searches on the premises of the accused.

"During the searches, digital devices (mobile phones, laptop and SIM cards) and other incriminating materials were seized." the NIA had said in a statement.

Sources said searches were also conducted at as many as

The case pertains to the murder of a tailer in Udaipur, identified as Kanhaiya Lal Teli, on June 28 by two Muslim men who also later released a video of the crime on the internet. The assailants were arrested the same day by the Rajasthan police. The case was later taken over by the NIA.

The assailants, identified as Ghouse Mohammed and Riyaz Attari, are suspected to have been influenced by teachings of Karachi-based proselytizing organisation Dawat-e-Islami. One of them had even visited Pakistan in the past and the duo was in touch with some eight to nine numbers in Pakistan.

The agency is probing if the assailants were part of any Islamic State online group.

NSE ex-CEO gets judicial custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A DELHI court on Friday remanded former National Stock Exchange (NSE) MD and CEO Chitra Ramkrishna to 14 days in leged illegal phone tapping and snooping of some of the company's employees between 2009 and 2017.

Special Judge Sunaina Sharma on Friday sent Chitra to judicial custody after taking note of the ED application which did not seek further custody. She was produced before the court on Friday after ending of remand period granted earlier.

ED has booked former Ramkrishna and former Mumbai Police commissioner Saniav Pandev in the case.

The present case is based on a CBI FIR registered recently against Pandey and his company, iSec Securities, along with others including Ramkrishna.

In its new case of alleged corruption related to the NSE co-location scam, the agency alleges that iSec Securities illegally tapped phones of NSE employees and gave the transcripts to

BENGAL TEACHERS' RECRUITMENT 'SCAM'

Rs 20 crore seized as ED raids houses of 2 ministers, others

Cash recovered from residence of Partha Chatterjee's close aide: Agency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JULY 22

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted raids at 14 locations, including the residences of West Bengal ministers Partha Chatterjee and Paresh Adhikary, and a Trinamool Congress MLA among others, as part of its investigation into the alleged scam in the recruitment of teachers by the School Service Commission (SSC).

The central agency claimed to have seized Rs 20 crore from the house of Arpita Mukherjee, a close associate of minister Partha Chatterjee as nearly 80-90 of its personnel carried out search operations across the state.

Chatterjee, state Parliamentary Affairs, Commerce and Industry Minister who earlier held the education portfolio, was being questioned since morning at his Naktala house in south Kolkata where the raid was conducted.

Three doctors from the SSKM Hospital reached the house of Chatterjee after he complained of chest pain around 3pm when his questioning was on, it is learnt. The doctors were also accompanied by the minister's lawyer. Chatterjee was given a half an hour break after which ED officials started questioning him again. Officials also reached the house of a relative of Chatterjee at Pingla in



A photo provided by ED shows the seizure of Rs 20 crore cash from the premises of an aide of Partha Chatterjee, Friday.

West Medinipur district.

Paresh Adhikary, the Minister of State (MoS) for Education whose residence in Mekhligani in Cooch Behar district was raided, said, "I am in Kolkata. They (ED) didn't tell us about the visit. If I were there I would have offered them muri (puffed rice). My daughter and wife are there.' While Chatterjee did not issue

any statement till the report was filed, Adhikary said he was unable to contact his daughter and wife. A team of agency officials also

visited the Jadavpur residence of MLA Manik Trinamool Bhattacharya, former president of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education. He was asked to fill a questionnaire, said sources.

Others whose premises were raided include PK Bandopadhyay and Sukanta Acharjee, OSD and personal secretary, respectively, to the then Education Minister; SP Sinha, adviser of the West Bengal Central School Service Commission and convenor of a five-member panel; Kalyanmoy Ganguly, ex-president of the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education: Saumitra Sarkar, expresident of the West Bengal Central School Service Commission; Alok Kumar Sarkar, deputy director, School Education Department; Chandan Mondal,

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Kalyanmay Bhattacharya and his relative Krishna C Adhikarv. TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said the money recovered by the ED had nothing to do with their party. "We are keeping a close watch as why our party's name is being linked with this," he added.

Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari tweeted, "Piles of cash were found in envelopes of the West Bengal Education Ministry... It's just a tip of the iceberg."

Kerala reports country's third monkeypox case

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

JULY 22

KERALA ON Friday reported the country's third case of monkeypox in the state's Malappuram district. The two previous cases were also reported in Kerala over the last one week.

State Minister for Health Veena George said the third patient with monkeypox travelled from the UAE. "The 35-year-old patient came from the UAE to Malappuram on July 6. He developed fever on July 13 and later developed symptoms of monkeypox on July 15. The patient is under treatment at the government medical college hospital in Manieri. His condition is stable. All his primary contacts have been put under observation," the minister said.

George said the condition of the two other individuals diagnosed with monkeypox continued to be stable. Kerala had reported India's first monkeypox case on July 14 after a 35-yearold person who returned from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was diagnosed with the infection. Subsequently, the Centre rushed a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Kerala to collaborate with the state authorities in implementing public health measures. The state has sounded an alert in all 14 districts and help desks have been launched at all its four airports.

On July 18, Kerala confirmed its second case of monkeypox in a 31-year-old male who had arrived in Kannur from Dubai on FADNAVIS QUESTIONED IN PHONE-TAPPING CASE

Two cases in which BJP leaders quizzed transferred to CBI

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, JULY 22

THE MAHARASHTRA government has issued an order directing the state police to transfer the investigation of a case concerning sensitive call recordings being leaked from the State Intelligence Department (SID). The Mumbai Police had recorded the statement of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis while probing the case.

Another case in which BIP leader Girish Mahaian and 28 others were booked for extortion and criminal conspiracy has also been transferred to the CBI.

The Mumbai Police had registered an FIR in March 2021 against unknown persons under the Official Secrets Act (OSA), days after then leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis had alleged there was hectic lobbying by IPS officers for plum postings in exchange for money with politicians in then Maha Vikas Aghadi MVA) government.

Fadnavis had said that he has 6.3 GB worth of data of call records, obtained from phone tapping allegedly conducted by the then SID commissioner Rashmi Shukla, in which names of several key police officers were discussed.

The MVA government had then asked then additional chief secretary (Home) Sitaram Kunte to inquire into the phone tapping and how the recordings were

leaked. Subsequently, a case was registered by the Mumbai Police and the statements of Fadnavis and Shukla were recorded.

Sources in the DGP office on Friday confirmed to The Indian Express that the case was being handed over to the CBI.

Similarly, the investigation of another case in which BIP leader Girish Mahajan and 28 others were booked under extortion and criminal conspiracy has also been transferred to the CBI.

The FIR was registered on a complaint filed by lawyer Vijay Patil, who is also one of the directors of the Jilha Maratha Vidyaprasarak Sahakari Samaaj a cooperative educational institute in Jalgaon. The case was lodged at Nimbhora police station in Jalgaon in December 2020 and the investigation was handed over to Kothrud police station in Pune.

The alleged offence was committed over a period of time between January 2018 till the time of registration of the case.

According to the FIR, as part of the criminal conspiracy involving all the accused, Patil was threatened and asked to resign. Patil has alleged that during a visit to Pune in 2018, he was forcibly taken to a flat in Sadashiv Peth area, confined there and was asked for money. He was also threatened that he will be booked in false offences. Patil also made allegations of forgery by some of the suspects in order to gain control of the Jalgaon-

Yediyurappa gives up Attempt on to achieve \$100bn climate Shikaripura for son

JOHNSONTA BENGALURU, JULY 22

FORMER KARNATAKA chief minister and veteran BJP leader B S Yediyurappa on Friday signalled his retirement from electoral politics by declaring that his youngest son BY Vijayendra will replace him as the candidate in his Shikaripura constituency in the 2023 state Assembly polls.

Addressing a public meeting in Shikaripura, his home turf, in Shivamogga, Yediyurappa urged like they have been backing him over the last several decades.

"Please support Vijayendra in the same manner that you have supported me. Help him win by over 1.5 lakh votes and affirm the development work we have done in this region. I will be travelling soon to the villages with Viiavendra to seek support for him." said the 79-year-old Lingayat stalwart who has been a seventime MLA from Shikaripura.

His announcement has come at a time when the BIP leadership has refused to budge from its stance that it cannot consider Vijayendra's candidature because of the PM's pitch against dynastic politics, pointing to the existing position of Yediyurappa and his elder son BY Raghavendra, 48. as the Shikaripura MLA and the Shivamogga MP, respectively.

Vijayendra, 45, has been attempting to make a mark in Karnataka politics for over five years now. The BIP had rejected



Former Karnataka CM BS Yediyurappa and his son BY Vijayendra. File

his demand to be fielded from the in the 2018 Assembly polls. In May this year, the party thwarted his bid for an MLC nomination in order to join the Basavarai Bommai-led party government in the final year of its tenure.

Yediyurappa's move to unilaterally declare his son's candidature from Shikaripura is being seen as his attempt to pre-empt the BIP's denial of a ticket to Vijayendra in the Assembly polls.

Shivamogga is known to be the Yediyurappa family's pocket borough. After Yediyurappa was elected to Lok Sabha from Shivamogga in 2014, the seat was won by Raghavendra in the ensuing bypoll. Since 1983, it has been held by the Yediyurappa family, barring 1999.

"He (Yediurappa) is not retiring from active politics. He will remain in politics. He will not contest the Shikaripura seat," Vijayendra told reporters Friday. **FULL REPORT ON**

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finance target by 2023: COP 26 president **ESHAROY** NEW DELHI, JULY 22

WITH ENVIRONMENT Minister Bhupender Yadav raising the issue of transfer of climate finance and technology by developed countries to developing nations, COP 26 president and Britain's Cabinet minister, Alok Sharma, on Friday said that a mechanism is being put in place to achieve the target of \$100 billion by 2023.

On the concluding day of his who met Yadav and Power, New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh, also said, "It's in our collective self-interest to ensure that we tackle climate change."

Sharma, on his third visit to India, held discussions on India's implementation of its COP 26 commitments, pressing for deliv-



Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and COP 26 president Alok Sharma at Indira Paryavaran Bhavan

on Friday. Express

ery of the Glasgow climate pact. "I have always been very clear that what developed nations

cannot do is ask developing countries to curb growth." he told The Indian Express. "What we have to do is assist and work with developing nations to help them make clean energy transitions, get financing for climate resilient infrastructure; that's why ensuring that developed countries delivered on the \$100-billion goal. made some years ago now — that we put together a climate finance which concluded that we will get to \$100 billion by 2023."

He said, "From 2021-25, we will exceed \$500 billion. One of the big commitments we got out of COP 26 is that developed nations agreed to collectively double climate-adaptation finance. We are working together with

gether the original report to provide an update before COP 27, so countries can see (the) progress... Sharma said: "What we got

Germany and Canada to put to-

over the line in the Glasgow climate pact was a historic agreement with almost 200 countries coming together. I think because we recognise that this is a vital issue that we need to act on together.... What we were able to say with credibility after Glasgow is that because of the commitments that countries have made — both tion targets and in terms of further commitments on a sectoral basis and commitments to net zero economies — we had kept alive the prospect of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees (Celsius) above pre-industrial levels.

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Mukhtar Ansari's bail plea rejected

FAKE DOCUMENTS

Lucknow: The Allahabad High Court has rejected the bail application of gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari in a case related to fake documents allegedly used for registration of an ambulance. The ambulance was allegedly used by Ansari to travel to a court from Ropar jail in Punjab.

The case was registered last vear in Barabanki district. Ansari filed a bail application in the High Court after the same was rejected by the MP/MLA court in December last year.

Rejecting the bail application, Iustice Dinesh Kumar Singh on criminal history of the accusedapplicant of most heinous offences and looking at the facts of the case that the ambulance was allegedly being used to carry his men armed with weapons for his protection, this court finds that there is no ground to enlarge the accused-applicant on bail." ENS

14 years after split, Jamiat factions agree on merger

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NEW DELHI, JULY 22

AFTERTWO-DAY-LONG deliberations that concluded on Friday, the Maulana Mahmood Madani faction of the Iamiat Ulama-i-Hind (JUH), one of India's largest Muslim organisations, passed a resolution to start the process of a merger with the Arshad Madani faction of the Jamiat. The working committee of the Arshad Madani faction had last month given a green light for the merger.

The JUH had split in 2008, after members of its working committee objected to the way it's then president Maulana Arshad Madani conducted its operations, and he formed his own faction.

Friday's resolution now paves the way for reconciliation of the two JUH factions after 14 years. The JUH is one of the largest Muslim organisations in the country, claiming to have 1.5crore members and followers. "After long deliberations, it was unanimously approved that

the Working Committee of the Iamiat Ulama-i-Hind appreciates the recent reconciliation process of the organisation and agrees to take forward the process of reconciliation. To advance this process, the WC authorised president of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind Maulana Mahmood Arshad Madani to continue the process

of reconciliation in accordance

with Jamiat's constitution,"said a statement from the IUH.

In order to facilitate the merger, the working committee further passed a resolution that all members of the working committee, special invitees, state presidents and general secretaries submit their resignation to Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani.

The working committee has further said in its resolution that "religious fanaticism and insulting of religious leaders as promoted by political leaders is a grave threat to the country and would tarnish the image of the country among the global fraternity". Jamiat leaders had told The Indian Express that the need was felt to merge both factions of the JUH to strengthen it, in the face of increasing communalism in the country and discrimination

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against Muslims

African cheetahs to be moved around for healthy gene flow: Expert

Says in over 5-10 yrs, 5-10 cheetahs will be relocated to India annually; Leopards at Kuno may be a threat to cheetah cubs

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THE 12 African cheetahs, which board a flight to India from South Africa next month, are being prepared for their trans-continental journey. They have already been quarantined in two different "Bomas", a smaller fenced camp in which animals are kept temporarily for treatment. They are part of the first batch of 20 that India will receive (eight others are being sourced from Namibia) as a part of its cheetah reintroduction plan at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

The cheetahs have already received their first vaccine and will receive a second dose tomorrow, along with blood tests to check for any diseases. They will also be collared tomorrow. Addressing concerns of gene flow in such a small group of cheetahs, who will initially be housed only in Kuno to monitor the success of the project before its expansion to other areas in the country, South African veterinary wildlife specialist professor Adrian Tordiffe of the University of Pretoria says South Africa has similar projects within the continent, in which measures are taken to ensure gene flow. The University of Pretoria has partnered with the Wildlife Institute of India and with India's National Tiger Conservation Authority and is the South African government's representative in the cheetah project. "We face the problem of gene

flow in South Africa with our own cheetah population. Most of the cheetahs are found in small privately owned reserves that are not close to each other and therefore not connected. But under our cheetah metapopulation pro-



One of the cheetahs that will board a flight to India from South Africa next month. University of Pretoria

gramme, we are constantly moving them around to ensure healthy gene flow. We have been doing this for the past 10 years between the 50 reserves that are part of the programme,"says Tordiffe.

Not only within the country, but South Africa carries out a similar programme with Malawi and Mozambique. "The cheetah was locally extinct in Malawi. So, it was a completely new re-introduction. In South Africa, we are moving cheetahs from South Africa to Malawi, and then back to South Africa, which are then exchanged with new blood from the South African side. We have been monitoring the genetic variations," he said. Tordiffe said despite the trans-

continental distance, the travel to India was not likely to take much longer than within Africa. The cheetahs will be flown

on planes to India, and then again, by helicopters to Kuno. This population size will not

be limited to this first batch. Over the next five to 10 years, 5-10 cheetahs will be relocated to India annually. We anticipated that from time to time, we will be bringing back some of these cheetahs from India and taking some others there," he said.

When translocation of cheetahs first began in Africa just over a decade ago, the mortality rate in transit would be as high as 20%. This has been brought down. "The University of Pretoria has been brought in to ensure that there is zero mortality rate during the

translocation to India," he said. In the Kalahari, the cheetah is critically endangered due to poaching. But now, with healthy female cheetahs producing fivesix cubs each, South Africa is rapidly running out of space for them.

"There are no new reserves and with a genetically healthy population, the numbers are growing even within these comparatively small private reserves. If this continues, the cheetah will decimate the prey and we may need to start using contraceptives on them. But this will be unfortunate as thereafter there would be no guarantee that the female cheetah will

regain fertility," he said. Tordiffe said the challenge India may face is that of the large population of leopards at Kuno. which are a threat to cheetah cubs. "But wildlife conservationists involved in the project are in the process of addressing it," he added.

New Delhi

Now security cover for ally Rajbhar, SP says can't get clearer, he is with BJP clear that he is with BJP. It can't get

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, JULY 22

DAYS AFTER he voted for President-elect Droupadi Murmu who was fielded by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. Suheldev Bharativa Samai Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar received Y-category security cover from the state government on Friday. The SBSP contested the Assembly polls earlier this year in alliance with the Samajwadi Party (SP) but the relationship between the two sides has been strained since the loss in the elections.

Following the Yogi Aditvanath government's announcement, most SP leaders chose to stay quiet while some said it had been quite a while since the party stopped considering Rajbhar an ally. "It is clearer than this. All he wants is power," said a senior SP functionary. Another SP leader said "The kind of leader he is, it is difficult for him to stay in Opposition. So, after the SP lost the polls, he started meeting BIP leaders.' Earlier this year, after the BJP

returned to power with an ab-

solute majority, Rajbhar criticised

Akhilesh Yadav, claiming that the

SP president does not get out of

air-conditioned rooms to lead struggles against the government. On Friday, Rajbhar said the government order was issued on

uly 15, three days before the presidential election, "I would like to thank the CM for according Y-category security to me.' The SBSP leader also alleged at least 10 SP MLAs and its ally RLD cross-voted in the election.

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Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatagi,

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WHATSAPP PRIVACY POLICY PROBE BY CCI

Meta tells Delhi HC probe not 'innocuous'

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META PLATFORMS, the owner of Facebook and WhatsApp, on Friday told the Delhi High Court that the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) ongoing probe against it with regard to WhatsApp's privacy policy was

"no innocuous investigation". The tech giant termed the competition regulator's actions as intrusion in its business and said that there was no material to prove it was abusing its market dominance. It also said that the social media company was being subjected to the investigation only because it owns WhatsApp.

CCI came to a prima facie conclusion in 2021 that the conduct of WhatsApp in "sharing of users' personalised data with other Facebook companies, in a manner that is neither fully transparent nor based on voluntary and specific user consent", appears unfair

Meta and WhatsApp have separately approached the court against the CCI probe.

Man held in UP for raping teen, bid to convert her to Islam: Police

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THE KANPUR police have arrested a 22-year-old Muslim man for allegedly raping and forcing a minor girl to "convert to Islam for marriage". The man had allegedly taken the 17-year-old girl to a court on Thursday and was accosted by some members of the Bajrang Dal, police said on Friday.

Police were informed and the two were taken to the local police station, where Bajrang Dal members staged a protest demanding action against the accused.

An FIR was registered against the accused on charges of rape, cheating and criminal intimidation. Police also invoked Protection of Offence Sexual Children Act and anti-conversion law. Police said that during preliminary investigation, the girl told them that the accused allegedly raped her and also took Rs 50,000 from her on the pretext of marriage.

"The accused was on Friday produced before a local court that sent him to judicial custody," said a senior police officer.

Bajrang Dal puts up 'Haj House' posters at Gujarat Cong HQ over Thakor remark

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OBJECTING to a purported remark made by Gujarat Congress chief Jagdish Thakor earlier this week, Bajrang Dal workers Friday stuck posters on the walls of the party headquarters in Ahmedabad which said the party office has been renamed "Haj House."

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), the sister organisation of Bajrang Dal, took responsibility for the act. Congress said Thakor's state-

ment had been distorted and that the BIP was behind the incident. Addressing a party event of minority communities Wednesday, Thakor had reportedly endorsed the statement of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that minorities must have the first claim on

RAJASTHAN



The whitewashed walls of Congress Bhavan. Nirmal Harindran

the resources of the country. He added that Congress will not deviate from its ideology

even if it faces electoral defeats. Spokesperson of Gujarat VHP Hitendrasinh Rajput told The Indian Express, "Yes, our workers from Bajrang Dal have pasted

the posters at Congress office. Day before yesterday, addressing a programme of minorities, Jagdish Thakor made a statement that minorities have the first right over the resources of the country. In protest of that statement, Bajrang Dal did this

"Despite being a national party, Congress has been making statements to appease a particular section. For the past 70 vears, these people have been doing politics in the name of religion. If they want to act like Haj House or Wakf Board to keep (certain) people happy, then its name should be like that only. Symbolically, posters have been pasted to name it (Congress office) as Haj House. With ink, it has been renamed as Haj

House," Rajput said. "This protest is also because of the current situation in the country where jehadis are slitting throats of people. At such a time, such statements by a responsible leader of a national party, is like giving encouragement to such people. Politics of appeasement must stop," he added.

Rajput also demanded an

apology from Thakor for his statement.

According to Rajput, around 5-30 workers of Bajrang Dal had pasted the controversial posters at Congress headquarters Friday early morning.

Rajput posted a video of the Bajrang Dal workers pasting the posters at Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan on social media.

Congress leader Guiarat Congress Arjun Modhwadia in a press release said. "A distorted version of Jagdish Thakor's statement has been presented. By taking a convenient portion from the speech without including the context before and after the statement, BJP has been making a well-planned attempt to create a controversy out of a non-issue." The release added that the statement of Manmohan Singh too was distorted in a similar

manner in the past.

FAKE WEBSITES OF POPULAR BRANDS

Delhi HC orders probe, police lodge FIR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

OBSERVING THAT there are a number of cases where fraudulent domain names are being registered under the marks of wellknown and established business houses and their brands to dupe people, the Delhi High Court has directed the Special Cell's Cyber Crime Unit to continue with its investigation and submit a status report before the court on August 3.

Justice Pratibha M Singh in an order said that at least 27 such cases before the HC need to be placed before the same bench "as the investigation needs to be consolidated and comprehensive directions may be required to be issued" to the police, cyber cells, banks, the National Payment Corporation of India, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and other

"The said domain names are being used for hosting fraudulent websites with details of bank accounts under the garb of offering jobs, dealerships, franchisees, lucky draws, and various other illegal activities," said the court in the order dated July 20.

Following a court order, the Special Cell registered an FIR in the matter on July 20. The cyber crime unit, Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO), has constituted an SIT and started investigation into creation of fake accounts made in the name of well-known business houses.

Former 'granthi' thrashed, hair cut by unidentified assailants on the pretext of seeking some

JAIPUR. JULY 22 A FORMER 'granthi' of a gurd-

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

wara was allegedly thrashed and his hair cut by unidentified assailants in Rajasthan's Alwar district, police said on Friday. A 'granthi' is a ceremonial

reader of the Sikh holy book, Sri

Guru Granth Sahib, in a gurd-The incident took place on Thursday night

Gurubaksh Singh was on his way to Alawada village on a motorcycle, the police said. The accused stopped him help and threw chilli powder in his eyes. They then thrashed him and cut his hair, police

Superintendent of Police, Alwar, Tejaswani Gautam said it appears that Singh was targeted because of old enmity between Sikhs and Meo Muslims in Alawada village over alleged love affairs. "The matter is being investigated," she said.

An FIR has been registered in connection with the incident at Ramgarh police station and investigation is currently underway, police said.

68TH NATIONAL FILM AWARDS

Ajay Devgn, Suriya share best actor title

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NEW DELHI, JULY 22

TAMIL FILM Soorarai Pottru and Hindi film Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior walked away with most trophies at the 68th National Film Awards announced on Friday.

Soorarai Pottru, which bagged five awards, is inspired by events from the life of Deccan Airlines founder GR Gopinath, while Tanhaji, which traces the life of Maratha warrior Tanaji Malusare, bagged three awards.

The leading actors of both movies — Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji and Suriya for Soorarai Pottru – shared the honour for Best Actor. The awards pertain to the films released in the year 2020. This is Devgn's third National

Award for Best Actor, after Zakhm in 1998 and The Legend of Bhagat Singh in 2002. Soorarai Pottru's honours in-

clude Best Feature Film besides Best Actress for Aparrna Balamurali and Best Screenplay (for Shalini Usha Nair and Sudha Kongara) and Best Music Director (Background Score) for G V Prakash Kumar, while *Tanhaji* also grabbed the award for Best Film Popular Providing Wholesome Entertainment, in addition to Best Costume Designer (for Nachiket Barve and Mahesh Sherla).

"Testimony of Ana" bagged the Best Non-Feature Film award.

judged the Most Film Friendly State with special mentions in the category for Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

while Madhya Pradesh was ad-

Sachidanandan KR got the Best Director award for Malayalam movie Ayyappanum Koshiyum, while Manoj Muntashir won the award for Best Lyrics for the Hindi movie Saina. The awards were announced by Chitrartha Singh, Chairperson, Non-Feature Jury, Anant Vijay, Chairperson, Best Writing on Cinema Jury, and Dharam Gulati, Feature Film Jury (Member - Central Panel), in the presence of Neerja Sekhar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of

IE THINC THIRD EDITION - GENDER: WOMEN COLLECTIVES, CHANGEMAKERS FROM THE GROUND UP

'Each woman can create 10 jobs. One mn = 10 mn jobs'

Panellists share how self-help groups and women's cooperatives have worked for their financial inclusion, economic stakeholdership and increased role in governance. This session was moderated by Rinku Ghosh, Editor, Special Projects





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DIRECTOR OF GUJARAT

On NRLM's model cluster-level federations (CLFs)

NITA KEJRIWAL: On an average, one cluster-level federation has 30 village organisations, 450 self-help groups (SHGs) and 5,000 members. It is aimed at building capacity, hand-holding and self-help. We are trying to develop 1.500 model cluster federations so that they become immersion sites for other cluster-level federations. These are already conducting financial intermediation as they get Community Investment Funds. Some mature federations have crores of rupees in their corpus fund, which they use to give loans to their members. That work will go on but the liaison with banks and credit support for other financial services will also be conducted parallelly. These federations help in livelihood planning for each member, support Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), negotiate with the market, help members access the entitlements that come from different government departments and have MoUs with Amazon and other such e-commerce retailers. An important job of these federations is to bring forth the demands of the members at different forums such as Gram Development Plans and influence policy-making. These federations have started Gender Justice Centres too.

On women-led cooperative banks and financial inclusion

CHETNA SINHA: The women who came together to form the Mann Deshi Sahakari Bank said that we do not know to read and write but we can count. And I think that was a powerful statement. They meant that women at the grassroots level know financial planning and how to support each other. Now women vendors come together and pledge the group's guarantee in repaying the loan. They are even moving to individual entrepreneurship. We are looking at impacting one million women entrepreneurs, each of whom will create 10 jobs. That means one million women entrepreneurs with 10 million jobs. This is the potential you have at

the grassroots level. **ANJINI KOCHAR:** In terms of financial inclusion, India was at the bottom since 2012. Those numbers have improved tremendously. So even in a state like Bihar. the percentage of women who report having access to a savings account is 70 to 80 per cent. I would have to say that NRLM and selfhelp groups have played a large role in this. It hasn't just been the Jan Dhan accounts. SHGs have pushed women to open their own accounts. Now we need to see how financial access translates into growth. We see huge heterogeneity across the world in this respect. For example in Bihar, we were looking at the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY), the maternity support programme, which gives credit payments directly to women's savings accounts. The Rs 2,000 coming to the woman's account was being withdrawn immediately by the men in the household. This is an extreme example but it shows you what has to be done so that benefits are real.

On women in urban slums influencing policy-making

BIJAL BRAHMBHATT: The Mahila Housing Trust's mission was to improve the housing, living and working environment of poor women in the informal sector by directly empowering them and giving them the technical know-how to be able to talk and negotiate with the government and private sector on an equal basis. In Ahmedabad, women needed access to water connection or sanitation. We opted for network solutions to reduce inequality.

A woman represented each household and then each elected community action groups, which



My mission is to ensure that no rural woman, who wants to connect with the National Rural **Livelihood Mission** (NRLM) is left behind. I will also improve the turnover of 5.9 lakh crore women. If half of the country's population improves its earnings, the women will be significant contributors to the national GDP. Today,



8.35 crore women are connected to NRLM and there are 5.9 lakh crore bank linkages, while the NPAs have reduced to 2.5 per cent





were specifically trained in understanding the governance systems in cities. It began from there and expanded to include access to legal electricity, housing finance and legal land rights.

In urban areas, climate change is something which intersects directly with the kind of built environment that you create. Our communication was very smartly designed to make them understand the complexities of climate change. And the idea was to demystify scientific facts so that they could co-create solutions. The second aspect was to engage technologists and scientists with these poor women to propagate technologies that would help them



adapt or mitigate the impact. They took these ideas to the city governments and supported the development of heat action plans or cool roof policies or monsoon action plans at that level. Today, 125,000 families, an average of five persons in each family, have ioined this movement against climate change

MADHU KRISHNA: Our lat-

est evaluation of NRLM shows that you can increase incomes by 19 per cent. There was a decline in share of informal loans by 20 per cent and an increase in household savings. When you're talking about resources, if you can show the power that women can display, both the technical skills they bring to the table and the local knowledge and context they bring, that's super helpful. In Odisha, the running of fecal sludge treatment plants (FSTPs) was entrusted to SHGs. That kind

of initiative is now diffusing across

other States. Schemes like MN-

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banks, helping women come out of poverty. Though the ultra-poor become part of an SHG, they can't even afford five rupees of savings per week. Bihar's Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY) is a sustainable annual programme to select ultra-poor families and work with them. The best part is that it is being done by the SHG itself, the village organisations (VOs), which select the poorest of the poor. When you make selections through these communitybased organisations, particularly VOs, the inclusion and exclusion error is very minimal. The most important element here is coaching and household visits. Initially, Rs 10,000 is given as a grant to start some activity and we also give Rs 7,000 in support money for the initial seven months. We have 1.44.000 families right now under this programme more than 50 per cent of whom moved from one ladder to another. They've started saving Rs 250 per month.

On the socio-economic impact of the Meghalaya model

HASINA KHARBHIH: It is a model that has scaled very deeply in the seven states of the Northeast and in neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal. The lack of employment, an entrepreneurial support system and market resilience meant that women from indigenous communities with traditional skills had lost value. Vulnerable, they became migrants and exposed themselves to the risk of human trafficking. Now we encourage them to revive traditional crafts and expertise and help them market

their products. The biggest enabler has been the work-fromhome flexibility. Our business model involves a centralised raw material distribution for quality control, engaging storytelling of the pattern and motif in their creations and the uniqueness of the product that is sustainable in nature. This has decreased migration and human trafficking over the last 14 years. Each woman is earning almost Rs 7,000 to 8,000 a month. It is a gender-enabler because the husband distributes the raw material while the woman weaves.

On private funding and scaling for women-led cooperative businesses

CHETNA SINHA: Even if women are a part of the SHG, when you want to start a business, you need capital. One is the capital or loan you get from the bank but women do not have collateral. That's where Mann Deshi back comes in. Many wealthy women want to support other women, so there's a sort of grant equity. Women are using apps like Mera Khata and Mera Bill for their financial management and making very simple entries of their business. At our bank, women get a revolving grant to buy the machinery. Private investment can come in the form of hypothecated machinery. And when private investment comes, your standardisation and financial planning follow, which help women to graduate from proprietorship businesses to LLPs, or private lim-

ited companies. MADHU KRISHNA: We are helping NRLM create a very strong digital architecture. So, while the current MIS systems rarely look at the SHG credit linkages, once we have a strong database, and the credit histories of individual women entrepreneurs, we think this will be a very big thing. Then you can bring in multiple cluster-level federations and provide them with some sort of an enterprise support system. But definitely, scale is important.



ANIRUDDHA BRAHMACHARI HEAD OF RESEARCH OPERATIONS /SR M&E EXPERT, LEAD, KREA

Collectives talk about rights, entitlements and address gender violence. They bring a lot of power that is changing the grassroots story. NRLM recognised that addressing gender, as part of its overall architecture, could be critical in making sure that the programming is



much more effective

MADHU KRISHNA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GENDER EQUALITY, BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION



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ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ABOUT CAPITALISM KNOWS THAT BANKRUPTCY IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF IT.

— JOSEPH STIGLITZ

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

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It allows the BJP to all too easily run away with narrative of inclusion, mobility, newness

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ABDICATING SPACE PRAY

TMC's abstention from V-P election makes it look churlish. It also undermines itself in a time of shrinking Opposition

HE TRINAMOOL CONGRESS'S move to abstain from the vice-presidential poll shows the party in poor light. The TMC has offered two reasons in its own defence — that it could not go with the NDA's choice, Jagdeep Dhankhar, who, as West Bengal Governor, has had running battles with the TMC government in the state. And, that it was unwilling to support the Opposition's candidate, senior Congress leader Margaret Alva, because it "had not been consulted" before the announcement of her candidature — TMC's Rajya Sabha parliamentary party leader Derek O'Brien has said his party needed to give "a message to the Grand Old Party that they cannot take large opposition parties like the TMC for granted". While the first reason is understandable given the Mamata Banerjee government's confrontational relationship with Governor Dhankhar, the second makes the TMC look petulant and churlish. Point-scoring vis a vis a Congress that is in great decline in most states, including in West Bengal, is certainly not compelling enough to justify the boycott of an election to a key constitutional office, especially by a party that aspires to grow beyond the state that it rules to play a larger national role.

The Vice President of India presides over the Rajya Sabha, which is the House where the Opposition, heavily outnumbered by the ruling BJP in Lok Sabha, still has a significant presence and voice, to express its views and demand accountability. The TMC has 221 MLAs, 23 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 13 Rajya Sabha MPs from West Bengal. The party's abstention from the V-P election would mean that its legislators would have no say in the election of the chairman of the Upper House. This amounts to abdicating space in an important and consequential process, at a time when parties of the Opposition, singly and together, must already contend with a fast shrinking foothold inside Parliament and outside it. Participation in an election, even if it is on the losing side, is in itself a political statement — the Opposition fielded Yashwant Sinha in the presidential election knowing fully well that the numbers favoured the NDA nominee, Droupadi Murmu. Similarly, Alva stands little chance of defeating Dhankhar. And yet, both contests matter, both will send signals that go beyond victory and defeat.

The TMC's fractious relationship with the Congress stems from its national ambitions — an offshoot of the Congress, it seems to be positioning itself to claim the space, or pieces of it, that the Congress is vacating. However, the TMC must know that it needs to back its ambition with maturity in tactic and strategy. Its stance on the V-P election is a self-goal.

DELAYING RESOLUTION

Court ruling on IBC creates uncertainty in admission of cases. Timelines envisaged in code must be adhered to

HE INTRODUCTION OF the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code marked a fundamental change in the relationship between borrowers and lenders. With a creditor-in-control framework, the move to a time-bound resolution process shifted the balance of power away from the corporate borrower. The code was meant to discipline errant borrowers — who till then had been able to game the system — with the threat of losing control. However, delays in the resolution process beyond the timelines prescribed in the code, the large haircuts that creditors have taken, and the disproportionate share of cases that have ended in liquidation, have cast a shadow over the functioning of the code. A recent court judgment is only likely to further complicate matters.

Till now, in order to initiate proceedings under the IBC, financial creditors had to provide proof of the corporate debtor's default. Once the adjudicating authority, the National Company Law Tribunal, was convinced of the default, the application was admitted. This allowed for quick admission of cases. However, the judgment in Vidarbha Industries Power Ltd. v. Axis Bank appears to have created ambiguity in this process. As per the judgment, the NCLT "has to consider the grounds made out by the corporate debtor against admission, on its own merits." This creates space for applications by financial creditors to be rejected even if there is a default. If the NCLT is now required to delve into the financial position of the corporate debtor, to inquire if the default is due to cash flow distress and whether it can repay, then matters of commercial considerations, which are the domain of the committee of creditors, are now also being placed with the NCLT. Doing so may also lead to delays in the admission of cases beyond the timelines envisaged.

In large measure, the success of the IBC was in its attempt to transform the credit culture in the country. The threat of losing control over the firms was meant to ensure that borrowers honour their obligations. There are indications of this threat having become a credible deterrence. Till March 2022, 21,000 applications for the initiation of the resolution process were resolved before their admission. However, if the admission of cases itself becomes a matter of discretion, this will impinge on IBC being an effective deterrence for errant borrowers. Considering that delays in either admitting the case or the resolution process will only lead to further destruction of asset values, NCLTs must ensure that the timelines envisaged in the code are strictly adhered to.

OFF FIELD PROBLEM

Even as India's sports federations are run abysmally, athletes perform well. Sports administrators need to step up

HE COMMONWEALTH GAMES are round the corner but the country's sports administrators are busy fighting for survival. On Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) threatened to suspend India after the country's Olympic Association failed to hold its elections, which were due seven months ago. Their warning comes at a time when other sports, including football and hockey, are staring at a similar fate. All these federations find themselves in the dock primarily because of poor governance, failure to adhere to laws and to hold timely elections.

While an IOC ban can be damaging — in terms of optics as well as the consequences for athletes — it won't have any immediate impact in terms of participation in the CWG, beginning July 28. India's 215-strong contingent is primed to win medals at the Birmingham Games. And therein lies an anomaly — even though the federations continue to be run abysmally, India's performance graph on the field has been steadily on the rise. Across sports, the country's athletes have consistently been challenging the best and finishing on the podium, which points to the infinite possibilities if only sports bodies performed their duties more sincerely.

The federations must set their house in order to remain relevant. The IOA, which was suspended a decade ago by the IOC for similar governance issues, has already been reduced to a post office, with its role largely confined to sending entries for major multidisciplinary events. To ensure that they, too, don't meet a similar fate, it is important for the federations to act professionally and think creatively to identify talent, train players and become self-sustaining financially. Else, the never-ending power struggle could see them dwindle into oblivion, especially with the government, in many cases, already bypassing them.

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

INDIAN DEMOCRACY IS without a meaningful Opposition. This is the only conclusion to be drawn from the recent conduct of the Opposition. Admittedly, the opposition parties are facing an uphill battle. The BJP is a wellorganised electoral juggernaut, it is ruthless in using state power to intimidate opponents. It is allied to a social movement, and has a leadership that thinks politically in the deepest sense of the term. But a formidable opponent and repression often galvanise an Opposition, not make them comatose. But the Opposition is not held back by the power of the BJP. Its besetting sin is its own excruciating littleness.

Take just this week. The BJP showed inspired political imagination by nominating Droupadi Murmu as its presidential candidate. Her candidature was a symbolic gesture towards a community the Indian Republic has historically victimised the most. But even more than that, her personal story is deeply compelling. It allowed the BJP to position itself as the party of social inclusion. But it was also a reminder of how the BJP has occupied the social space against the old order, and produces a far more instinctive identification at a national level than any other political party.

How does the Opposition respond? Without any political imagination. It might actually have politically done better to embrace Droupadi Murmu as an all-party candidate. But then comes the vice-presidential pick. But in this instance, the BJP chose a talented political hack who exemplifies the ruthless culture of the party. What does the Opposition do? Nominate Margaret Alva, as much a reminder of an old plutocratic ancien régime as you can get. And then, to top it off, it does it without preparation or laying the groundwork. Even the Trinamool Congress, the party with the most reason to resent Jagdeep Dhankhar, decides to abstain.

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The point was not to win, it was to create some buzz. In a context where the BJP is too easily running away with a narrative of inclusion, mobility and newness, all that the Opposition could do was remind people how much it is stuck in the past. It revealed its utter lack of social depth and talent.

Then followed the histrionics over the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The BJP's ruthless use of the ED against political opponents is setting a new benchmark of intimidation by the state. On this, you might think, principle and self-interest would coincide to concentrate the Opposition's mind. But it has managed to botch this up in an orgy of pettiness. The first is the inability to articulate that what the state is doing in targeting the Opposition is dangerous for democracy on principle. Now, admittedly, this is a tough ask of the Opposition since it is hard for them to project their innocence, or commitment to institutional independence. Instead, it became a petulant fight over individual cases, not a united front on principle.

The use of the ED has three purposes. The first is intimidation. The second is to keep the narrative of the old corrupt regime boiling. This is not a difficult proposition to sell to the public. But the third is to reveal the sheer selfabsorption of the Opposition. When Rahul and Sonia Gandhi are summoned by the ED, the Congress dutifully shows up to protest, and even shows rare passion. But the political effect of this strategy is the opposite of what Congress intends by these protests. For most people, the passion shown against the ED summons stands in marked contrast to its utter lack of street spirit on almost any other issue of serious consequence to the country the decimation of civil liberties, communalism or the economy. The fact that these protests have almost no popular mobilisation behind them is an own goal.

These contexts are revealing precisely because they do not involve the uphill battles of ideology, organisation and credibility and funding the opposition parties are facing. So, here is how the opposition space looks. None of the regional parties can sell a national model. The TMC tried a tentative foray into

national politics, but it is held back by its internal authoritarianism, and the fact that it is difficult to create a buzz around a Bengal model. The DMK, like all Tamil Nadu parties historically, plays well within limits, fiercely protecting its turf but avoiding national politics if it can. KCR is trying to sell Telangana nationally but has very little prospect of succeeding. The Congress is most likely to even lose Rajasthan, a state where it had the opportunity to create a buzz. The party has no fight or talent left in it. The Mandal parties are on their last legs. Social engineering is still important to good electoral strategy, but it will not be the basis of viable large-scale electoral victories and is self-defeating if made into an ideological project. The AAP has the advantage of newness and tries to export a Delhi model story. But Punjab is its real test. If it botches up Punjab, its national ambitions will come to a halt. But the AAP, like many regional parties, is no longer an ideological opposition to the BJP; it has practically aligned itself with the BJP on majoritarianism.

So here is what the Opposition is playing for. Three or four regional parties will play for their states, but have no national prospects. The Opposition in North India has settled for what someone called the "Mayawati equilibrium". The party continues to exist, drawing a small support base, but is pretty much a shadow of itself. Notwithstanding the recent elections, the SP will be on this trajectory soon. The use of the ED has had the desired effect of convincing most opposition leaders that they have

to play for their individual family survival.

The talk of existential threat to democracy is met by retreating into an even narrower circle of self-interest. Prepare for a democracy where the political "opposition" is just a label, a mere shadow shaped by the ruling party. The BJP managed to remind everyone that the opposition parties are like little scared cats hissing away at each other, while the grander animals of prey lord over this land. The sheer littleness of the Opposition will make the BJP look big.

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FLOOD, NOT DISASTER

Holistic flood management strategies can help vulnerable communities thrive

NIRMALYA CHOUDHURY

ASSAM HAS BEEN ravaged by two bouts of floods in quick succession. At the peak of floods in May, some 31 districts, more than 2,000 villages, 7 lakh people and 95,000 hectares of land got affected. As the flood adversity increased, so did river bank erosion — at the peak, some 19 districts reported multiple instances of river bank erosion. The holy grail of flood protection — the embankments — got breached once again. The situation deteriorated drastically in lune.

In this hour of crisis, it is apt to reflect on what Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said a couple of years ago when the country was still experiencing the initial shock of Covid-19 — "turning a crisis into an opportunity". Restated in this context, it would mean turning the seasonal flood-related crisis into an opportunity to bring a paradigm shift in flood management. To do so, we need to move away from restrictive pathways.

The overall aim has to move away from hazard prevention to the minimisation of disaster risk. Hazards like floods — fluvial or pluvial — are often triggered by extreme weather events, but they translate into disaster risk due to anthropogenic factors. The latter share a complex relationship with biophysical and social vulnerability. A logical corollary of this is to move away from the sole focus on structural interventions and river engineering to prevent floods and instead, address the underlying factors that drive the multiple dimensions of vulnerability. It is only by reducing the causes of vulnerability that one can contribute to build-

This would require a range of development interventions — including new models of embankment management — to improve the overall livelihoods of the rural populace. At the community level, there must be redundancies that contribute to resilience building: For example, every village in Assam should have access to elevated shelters, even if they are not used during the non-flood months.

ing people's resilience. The riparian population and their lives and livelihoods should be at the centre of the planning process of flood management.

Flood risk management strategies would need to expand their scope from river engineering and embankment construction and address the diverse root causes through a set of interventions targeted to address the drivers of vulnerability. Risk management cannot be done just by the water resources department. It needs convergence across multiple departments. In the overall flood risk management strategy, the role of agriculture, animal husbandry, education, PHED and health departments are as important – if not more.

Strategies should include round-the-year developmental activities. A national programme like Swachh Bharat has demonstrated the efficacy of working on a mission mode. In this case, the mission has to ensure that communities not just live with floods but thrive despite floods. This would require a range of development interventions — including new models of embankment management — to improve the overall livelihood of rural people. At the community level, there must be redundancies that contribute to resilience building: For example, every village in Assam should have access to elevated shelters, even if they are not used during the nonflood months.

Climate scientists predict an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, and hence the importance of warning systems will continue to increase. But from a risk management perspective, warning technologies are only as good as their reach in remote villages. It is here that the convergence with the tiered community institutions promoted under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission becomes important. With proper training, these institutions could act as a response force of the community to calamities in disaster-prone areas.

Dealing with flood risk is essentially a management problem. It requires dedicated and trained professionals who understand the interdisciplinarity required to manage flood risk and build resilience. This set of professional cadres could be located at the district level, working closely with District Disaster Management Agency and district administration and coordinating with the various line departments. The Aspirational District Programme has assigned a key role to its fellows in catalysing development action. Along similar lines, there could be District Disaster Management fellows — a dedicated group of trained young professionals with a timebound and goal-driven assignment.

This is an opportunity for the state government, philanthropic agencies, development implementers and academic institutes to come together and develop such a cadre of professionals.

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JULY 23, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

RESOLUTION DELAYED

LOK SABHA SPEAKER Balram Jakhar put off a decision on the Opposition demand to table verbatim proceedings of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Kuo Oil deal, but announced that he would convene a meeting of leaders of parties to sort out matters. The Speaker told Madhu Dandavate that his request was still under consideration. While welcoming the decision of the Speaker, Atal Bihari Vajpayee said, meanwhile, the Speaker should allow a discussion on the deal. Jakhar said he wouldn't bar discussion, but nothing matters more than the interests of the institution (Parliament).

ISRAEL BOMBS BEIRUT

WAVES OF DIVEBOMBING Israeli jets hammered West Beirut. Israeli jets and artillery also blasted Syrian positions along the 40-km cease-fire line in the eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and Syria said its forces were returning fire. PLO's "Voice of Palestine" radio station said Israeli warplanes bombed the Syrians just as air assaults were mounted on West Beirut after 27 days.

REBELS SURRENDER
FOR THE FIRST time in the chequered history of the Marxist National Socialist

New Delhi

Council of Nagaland, five of its "officers", including the chief bodyguard of its chairman, Isak Swu, and "major" Itokhu Sema, surrendered to the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima district, S S Rai.

RSS Workers Killed

TWO RSS WORKERS — Subramaniam (24) and Rajan (20) — both fishermen, were burnt alive in their room by a group of over 40 persons, said to be Marxist party workers at Kazheembram in Valapad panchayat. About 130 people have been taken into custody by the police as a preventative measure.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The next UK PM should be someone who seeks to repair prior offences. Sadly, the nature of the campaign is such that any candidate who attempts to do so would be less likely to win." - THE GUARDIAN

Welcome, Madam President

Droupadi Murmu's identity, her political journey and her rise make her life story one that will inspire generations of Indians



By Menaka Guruswamy

ON DECEMBER 19, 1946, speaking at the Constituent Assembly, Adivasi leader Jaipal Munda called the new constitution "an opportunity for my people who have suffered for 6,000 years". Subsequently on January 24, 1947, he admonished the Advisory Committee tasked with preparing schemes for the administration of tribal areas, that it never occurred to those responsible for the selection of the committee to have a tribal woman on it. Today, almost 75 years after Munda stood amidst our founders and spoke, India will have its first Adivasi President in Droupadi Murmu. I have no doubt that Munda would have smiled broadly at what he would have considered a fitting but long overdue election.

Adivasis or the "earliest inhabitants", are the original indigenous people living in India. Scheduled Tribes constitute over 8.6 per cent of the population — as per the 2011 Census, the ST population is 104 million. They are found predominantly in Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha.

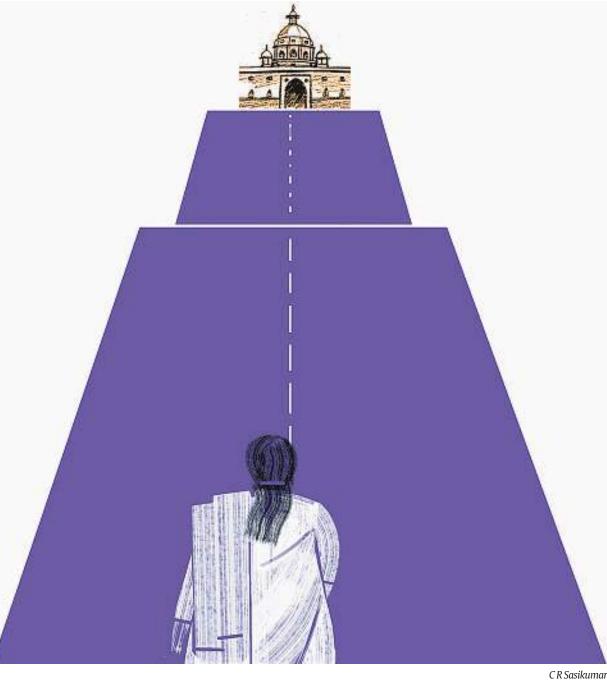
President-elect Murmu is an inspired choice, given her identity as a Santhal woman. She is also a formidable and appropriate choice for President. She has a lifetime of experience in politics and in governance, having occupied positions as a legislator, minister, and governor.

Born in 1958, in the Uparbeda panchayat in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, she was the first woman in the area to go to college. She was elected twice to the Odisha Assembly in 2000 and 2009 and was also a minister in the coalition government formed by the BJP and BJD, led by Naveen Patnaik from 2000 to 2004. Subsequently, she was Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.

She is clearly no pushover. When the President-elect was Governor of Jharkhand, in November 2016, two amendments bills were sent to her for approval by the BJP government. The amendments were to the old Chotanagpur Tenancy and Santhal Pargana Tenancy Acts that would allegedly ensure easy transfer of land for industrial use. The amendments were protested by tribal communities and many delegations called on the governor. Eight months later, in June 2017, the governor returned the bills, noting that she would not let injustice flow from her pen.

President-elect Murmu comes from the Santhal community which has a long and proud history. On June 30, 1855, two years before the 1857 revolt, siblings Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu organised over 10,000 Santhals and rebelled against the British East India Company and the revenue-grabbing zamindari system that perpetuated dual oppression in parts of what are now Jharkhand and West Bengal.

The Murmus succeeded in freeing large tracts of these areas, before the East India Company declared martial law in November 1855. Soon after, the British killed the



Murmus along with many Santhals who had rebelled against them. In the writing of India's histories, the Santhal rebellion is often relegated to a footnote. With the election of Droupadi Murmu as our President, perhaps Indians will be inspired to learn more about those who are part of our glorious past, but have been neglected in the telling of history.

President-elect Murmu's own life is as inspiring as it is moving. Her identity, her political experience and her rise make her life story one that will inspire generations of Indians. For they will believe that if her rise is possible, so is theirs. Murmu's personal story includes the loss of two children and her husband while continuing with her commitment to public service. It is this extraordinary dedication coupled with loss that makes her story so moving.

The Constitution of India vests the executive power of the Union in the President. This means that since we are a parliamentary form, the government exercises real power, with the President as the titular head. The Indian President is constitutionally envisaged to have the power to return bills to the government, should she have concerns that need to be satisfied. Murmu has already exhibited that thoughtfulness and

However, the Indian President is not intended to be a simple rubber stamp for the decisions of any ruling regime. She is constitutionally envisaged to have the power to return bills to the government, should she have concerns that need to be satisfied. President-elect Murmu has already exhibited that thoughtfulness and constitutional propriety when she was Governor of Jharkhand. As a country, we hope that she will continue to display that fortitude and constitutional concern, by ensuring that injustice will not flow from her pen.

In the Mahabharata, the name Draupadi derived from Drupada (her father) which means "pillar". The President of India is intended to be a pillar of constitutional strength for her people. It is perhaps most apt then, that our President-elect is named Droupadi. Welcome, Madam President. As Jaipal Munda smiles from above, you inspire

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Upper House, an answer

As 'cooperative federalism' becomes a fig leaf, Rajya Sabha grows more important. It also provides crucial continuity



Manoj Kumar Jha

THE POINTS RAISED by Manish Tewari -- the erudite and eloquent MP representing the Lok Sabha constituency of Sri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab — in his article ('Upper House, a question', IE, June 13) merit deliberation, discussion, and debate. Ironically, these are also the most critical functions of the Upper House or the Rajya Sabha. Given the prevailing political scenario in the country, a careful appraisal of the functions of the Rajya Sabha in strengthening the fundamentals of our parliamentary democracy becomes even more necessary.

Known as the federal or second chamber of Parliament, the genesis of the Rajya Sabha can be traced to the Montague-Chelmsford report of 1918 and, consequently, the Government of India Act, 1919, which provided for a second federal chamber or the "Council of States". The relevance of the Rajya Sabha was debated in the Constituent Assembly on July 28, 1947. During this debate, a few members did indeed oppose the creation of the "Upper House". They argued that such a House, over and above the Lok Sabha, would unnecessarily delay law-making. However, many others argued that the "second chamber" would instead introduce an element of sobriety and enhance the quality of debate and discussion.

Tewari's article highlighted that "it is the parliamentary democracy that is supposed to be the basic structure and not bicameral $is m". In \, my \, opinion, the \, role \, and \, importance$ of the Rajya Sabha lie not only in the consideration of representation but also in the quality of deliberation. Given the federal nature of the Indian polity, the Rajya Sabha ensures healthy bicameralism by providing some kind of accountability to the law-making process undertaken in the Lok Sabha. The process of indirect elections also makes its way to the Indian parliamentary system as the members of the Rajya Sabha are elected by the members of the state legislative assemblies based on proportional representation. It acts as a conduit between the states, people, and Parliament, furthering the principles of decentralisation by lending an independent voice to the states. The deliberative and reflective function of the Rajya Sabha is the most valuable, as it meticulously analyses the merits and demerits of a Bill so discussed. It also empowers its members to voice resistance, dissent, or any disagreement, even if the Lok Sabha dominates as the primary stakeholder in the law-making process.

The naysayers also often argue that the Rajya Sabha exercises limited powers in legislative procedures, especially in the case of Money Bills. The Lok Sabha has the power to introduce Money Bills and also exercises the final say over these bills. However, on all bills besides Money Bills, there exists a balance of power between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. A no-confidence motion too cannot be introduced in the Rajya Sabha. In addition, it exercises a limited role in the functioning of the Public Accounts Committee and has no part in the Estimates Committee. It has been long argued that matters re-

lated to finance, fiscal federalism, and economic reforms must also be brought under the purview of the Rajya Sabha. This will further help articulate states' concerns and strengthen the premise of cooperative and competitive federalism, endorsed by the present dispensation. It is worth mentioning that members of the Lok Sabha are usually so preoccupied with their parliamentary constituencies, electorate, and the processes entailing elections, that an in-depth and nuanced discussion on different concerns of states can be further pressed upon by the members of the Rajya Sabha.

It is important to remember, however, the special powers the Rajya Sabha has over and above the Lok Sabha. For instance, it exercises the ability to create new All-India Services under Article 312 by passing a resolution subject to support and voting by two-thirds of members. Second, the Rajya Sabha exercises power to make laws on any subject included in the State List toward "national importance" under Article 249. Third, it can approve proclamations under Article 352 or 356 or 360 if the Lok Sabha stands dissolved.

The Rajya Sabha must not be used by political parties to accommodate candidates who fail to win mass elections. Instead, parties should select their candidates with the specific role of the Upper House in mind. The provision of nomination of eminent persons from fields like the arts and sports is also a testament to the original intention of expanding horizons beyond electoral calculations. This feature makes the Rajya Sabha even more democratic and participatory as people making significant contributions to society, who otherwise cannot contest an election, make their way to the highest echelons of politics. Moreover, the electorate and society benefit from engaging in discussions that draw from diverse walks of life.

Through its voice of intellectual reasoning, the Rajya Sabha acts as an instrument to provide compelling insights, discuss the ethics and morals underlying any topic, and review and influence public policy. Through its rich quality of ideas and debate, the discussions in the Rajya Sabha mould the thinking of students, political enthusiasts, and the general masses. In the last couple of years, while there is much sloganeering around "cooperative federalism", there have been veiled encroachments as well as attacks on the rights of states. For this reason, more than anything else, we need the Rajya Sabha to safeguard the rights of states.

Finally, the most crucial role of the Rajya Sabha is the continuity it provides to the Indian parliamentary democracy — it is often referred to as the permanent house of Parliament. While the Lok Sabha gets dissolved every five years, the Rajya Sabha is not subject to dissolution. It is here where more responsibility should be given to the Rajya Sabha alongside the permanent executive, owing to its representative nature.

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An Indian Ocean plastic-free

Jharkhand.

Campaign to clean up coasts speaks of commitment to restoring marine health

constitutional propriety

when she was Governor of

JITENDRA SINGH

LAST MONTH, I had the privilege of representing India at the high-level UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, where India assured the world community that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is committed to protecting at least 30 per cent of "our" lands, waters and oceans, and thus adhere to its commitment of 30X30 by 2030 in a mission mode. The ministers, delegates and representatives from more than 130 countries were told that we are there at the UN forum to present before the world the PM's vision for the conservation and

sustenance of oceans and their resources. India is part of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, which was initiated at the "One Planet Summit" in Paris in January 2021, to promote an international agreement to protect at least 30 per cent of the world's land and ocean by 2030. India also offered to provide science and innovation-based solutions for the implementation of SDG-Goal 14 through partnerships and environmentallyfriendly solutions at the World Ocean Summit. Goal 14 calls for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas, and marine re-

Now, after the declarations at the UN highlevel meeting, it is time to walk the talk. Therefore, barely a week after the UN Ocean Conference, India announced that it will undertake a massive coastal clean-up drive that will cover 75 beaches across the country – there will be 75 volunteers for every kilometre of the coastline. A 75-day-long awareness campaign, "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" has been launched on July 5. It will culminate on International Coastal Clean-up Day on September 17. It will be the first-of-its-kind and possibly the world's longest-running coastal cleanup campaign with the most number of people participating in it. The participation of the common people will convey the message of "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" for the prosperity of not only coastal areas but other parts of the country as well.

It is pertinent to mention that in March this year, I had said in the Lok Sabha that single-use plastics contribute to over 50 per cent of marine litter, as per the pan-India coastal monitoring and beach clean-up activities are undertaken by the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Chennai, from 2018 to 2021. The 'Beach Litter Survey' has further revealed that the maximum litter accumulation occurs on the backshore than in the inter-tidal zone. Moreover, urban beaches have higher accumulation rates than rural beaches. Samples from coastal water, sediment, beach, and biota were analysed for micro/meso/macro plastics pollution. An increase in the abundance of microplastics was observed along India's east coast during the monsoon. The stations closer to the river mouth in particular had higher numbers of microplastic concentrations. Several other studies have highlighted the harmful effects of litter, especially plastics, on marine biodiversity, ecosystems, fisheries, human health and the economy. Usually, waste from land-based sources makes up the major share of marine litter.

In his very first Independence Day address as prime minister, Narendra Modi gave India the "Swacch Bharat Abhiyan", which made the country ODF (Open Defecation Free). Similarly,

after starting his second term as PM in 2019, his first address from the ramparts of the Red Fort addressed another major Swachhata issue single-use plastic. He said, "Remembering revered Bapu, we should move out of home collecting single-use plastic from homes. streets, chowks, and drains. Municipalities, Municipal corporations, Gram Panchayat should make arrangements to collect singleuse plastic." PM Modi then asked us: "Can we take the first big step on October 2 towards making India free from single-use plastic"? He also requested start-ups, technicians and entrepreneurs to see what could be done to recycle this plastic and at the same time, he urged the people to promote jute and cloth bags.

In line with the clarion call given by PM Modi to phase out single-use plastic items by 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, on August 12, 2021. On June 21, the Ministry announced that India will ban the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single-use plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential, across the country from July 1.

These domestic measures are part of international obligations as India, as a signatory of the UN "Coastal Clean Seas" campaign, has adopted and undertaken activities that have direct relevance to the "Swachh Bharat" vision to prevent pollution from both land-based and offshore activities, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 14. Its target 14.1 seeks to "prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based

activities, including marine debris and nutri-

ent pollution" by 2025. The "International Coastal Cleanup Day""is observed globally on the third Saturday of September, every year. On September 17, the government, along with other voluntary organisations and local people will run the "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" campaign along India's entire coastline. This year's event also coincides with the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Efforts will be undertaken to collect scientific data and information on various matrices of marine litter. The target of the drive is to remove 1,500 tonnes of garbage from the coast, which will be a huge relief for marine life and the people staying in coastal areas.

This campaign will include the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Ministry of **Environment Forest and Climate Change** (MoEFCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), Indian Coast Guard, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Seema Jagran Manch, SFD, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi (PSG), along with other social organisations and educational institutions.

A mobile app, "Eco Mitram", has been launched to spread awareness about the campaign and facilitate the registration of volunteers.

There is also a firm belief that through this campaign, a mass behavioural change among the masses will take place by raising awareness about how plastic usage is destroying our ma-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freebie Lesson

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A mixed bag of freebies' (IE, July 22). "Freebie" per se is not an abominable concept. It is a doubleedged sword. Used discreetly, for the genuine welfare of the people by catering to their immediate needs, it can be a boon. But if doled out with the ulterior motive of electoral gain, it proves to be a bane. The pitiable condition of our neighbour, Sri Lanka, is a glaring example of the damning impact of wanton distribution of freebies to appease the population. We should draw a lesson from it and heed to its drawbacks.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

President's duties

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Spirit of a nation' (IE, July 22). As the president of India, Droupadi Murmu has to play the role of the custodian of the Constitution. It is well known that the president has to act on advice of the council of ministers. But, as per Article 60 of the Constitution, the president also takes an oath to "protect and defend the Constitution and the law". It is the duty of the president to reject the advice tendered by her council of ministers if it goes against the spirit of the constitution. Hopefully, Murmu will bring the office of the President closer to the people by doing just that, when needed. Suchak D. Patel, Ahmedabad

SYMBOL OR MORE

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A president

for our time' (IE, July 22). The 15th president of India is a tribal woman — a first for India. Droupadi Murmu will connect the masses to the high office. The author talks at length about the value of the symbolism it holds. The question remains, though — Is Murmu going to be a rubber-stamp president? All the exemplary presidents that he quoted were. while constitutional in their exercise of their powers, also vocal. Mere symbolism without substance is hollow. Whether the boldness in her nomination will translate to something concrete remains to be seen. The hope is that Murmu expands the legacy of the high

Abhishek Kumar Anshu, Patna

WHAT UK NEEDS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Goodbye Boris' (IE, July 22). The anointment of Boris Johnson as the nation's new prime minister, after three rough but educational years under Theresa May, came at a time when no Tory leader dared to don the mantle of a knight saviour. Johnson did pull Britain out of the EU. But his cavalier ways only fed the rebellion within, even more. Much like former US president Donald Trump, Johnson came with a colourful personal history and was brazenly enthusiastic in outrunning vexing issues. At war with itself, Britain today, needs to create a new Winston Churchill; another Tory.

R.Narayanan, Navi Mumbai

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Russian Defence

Erdogan and Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar attend a

levels amid new wave

virus until the end of last year.

zero-Covid policy this year once

the population was largely vacci-

nated. Since then the virus has

general practices and medical

centres are under pressure.

However, Health Ministry data

shows hospitalisation levels re-

main below those seen during

pressure from some doctors to re-

instate curbs on public gatherings

or mandate the wearing of masks

at schools. However, Education

Ministry chief Iona Holsted said

on Thursday the ministry had ad-

vised schools to enforce the wear-

ing of masks as much as practica-

ble when children returned from

menting mask policies can be a

challenge but ask that you take

action to strengthen your mask

wearing policy as soon as possi-

"We understand that imple-

holidays next week

ble," she said.

Gambian Attorney-General Dawda Jallow with representatives

of Rohingya groups outside the ICJ in The Hague on Friday. AP

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Emergency departments,

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The government dropped its

Minister Sergei Shoigu, Turkish President Recep Tayyip

signing ceremony in Istanbul on Friday. Reuters

LUCY CRAYMER

WELLINGTON, JULY 22

NEW ZEALANDERS are dying

from Covid-19 at record rates as

the country battles a new wave of

the Omicron strain that is particu-

larly affecting the older population.

reached 151 in the seven days to

July 16, compared with 115 in the

worst week of the previous wave,

in March, according to Health

Ministry data. In the latest 24

hours, 26 people died from Covid,

all aged over 60, the ministry said

is driving the current wave in New

Zealand, which has 5.1 million

people. There have been 64.780

active cases in the past seven days,

although authorities say many in-

preventing Covid infection, New

Zealand's swift response to the

pandemic and its geographic iso-

ation kept it largely free from the

Once regarded as a model for

The Omicron BA.5 sub-variant

in a statement on Friday.

fections are unreported.

Deaths from the virus



HARRY CAN CHALLENGE POLICE PROTECTION DENIAL

Prince Harry won permission on Friday to legally challenge a government decision that denied him police protection while in Britain. Harry, Queen Elizabeth's grandson, received the full police protection generally given to royal figures before he decided to step back from his royal duties and move to the United States with wife Meghan in 2020.



Storage tanks for contaminated water at the plant. Reuters file

JAPAN

Regulators clear release of Fukushima water into sea

JAPAN'S NUCLEAR regulators have approved a plan to release into the ocean water from the wrecked Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, the government said on Friday. The water, used to cool reactors in the aftermath of the 2011 nuclear disaster, is being stored in huge tanks in the plant, and amounted to more than 1.3 million tonnes by July. The regulators deemed it safe to release the water, which will still contain traces of tritium after treatment, the foreign ministry said in a statement. Plant operator Tokyo Power Electric Company will face additional inspections by regulators, it added. **REUTERS**

THE KOREAS

South set to lift ban on North TV, newspapers

SOUTH KOREA plans to lift its decades-long ban on public access to North Korean television, newspapers and other media as part of its efforts to promote mutual understanding between the rivals, officials said Friday, despite animosities over the North's recent missile tests. In a policy report to new President Yoon Suk Yeol on Friday, South Korea's Unification Ministry said the move was meant to boost mutual understanding, restore the Korean national identity and prepare for a future unification.

Pak, Iranian women reach

PAKISTAN

K2 summit

A WOMAN from Pakistan and another from Iran appear to be the first females from their countries to reach the top of K2, one of the world's highest and most dangerous summits, a mountaineering official said Friday. Samina Baig, a 32-year-old mountaineer from a remote northern village in Pakistan, hoisted her country's green and white flag atop the peak of the 28,250 foot-high K2 mountain on Friday. Iran's Afsaneh Hesamifard, who according to Iranian media became only the third woman to reach the top of Mount Everest this past May, was hailed in Farsilanguage posts on social media.

MALI

Militants attack main military base, situation 'under control'

ISLAMIST MILITANTS struck Mali's main military base, just outside the capital Bamako, on Friday in a complex attack involving car bombs, but the armed forces said they had repelled the assault and had the situation under control. Militants linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State have repeatedly raided bases across Mali during a decade-long insurgency concentrated in the north and centre but never so close to Bamako in the south. **REUTERS**

Ukraine, Russia agree to resume grain exports

Warring sides ink deal to release grain stuck in Black Sea ports If the agreement holds, it could

SRI LANKA CRISIS: US, UN DENOUNCE USE OF FORCE

THE NEW YORK TIMES BRUSSELS, JULY 22

RUSSIA AND Ukraine signed an agreement in Istanbul on Friday to free more than 20 million metric tonnes of grain stuck in blockaded Black Sea ports in Ukraine, a deal aimed at bringing down soaring grain prices and alleviating a mounting global hunger crisis.

The breakthrough comes after months of talks and was brokered with the help of the United Nations and Turkey. The agreement provides a method for exporting Ukrainian grain through Turkey, and it comes after the UN gave Russia assurances that it can export its grain and fertilisers.

help ease catastrophic food shortages that worsened when Russia invaded Ukraine in February. Ukraine is one of the world's breadbaskets and the invasion reverberated across the global economy, aggravating a growing food crisis, contributing to famine in Africa and threatening political unrest in some countries.

"This agreement did not come easy," António Guterres, the UN secretary general, said at the signing ceremony, calling the deal a "beacon in the Black Sea."

President Vladimir Putin's willingness to block food exports to gain international leverage has led to some of the gravest consequences

Moscow's attack on Ukraine, undermining a global food distribution network that was already strained by pandemic-related disruptions and climate change.

Kyiv and Moscow have agreed on very little since Russia's fullscale invasion of Ukraine began on February 24. Peace talks held in Belarus that month and in March went nowhere. Negotiators have been able to

exchanges and on the evacuation of a steel plant in Mariupol where hundreds of Ukrainians were holed up for 80 days.

reach agreements on prisoner

But Friday's pact was the first time that representatives from the warring countries have publicly signed an agreement.



ACCORDING TO UNITED Nations officials quoted by The New York Times, the first shipments of grain out of Odesa and neighbouring ports could be just weeks away and would quickly bring five million metric tonnes of Ukrainian grain and other food to the world market each month. That would also free up storage space in Ukraine's silos for freshly harvested grain.



Liz Truss has big lead over Rishi Sunak in UK PM race: Survey

LONDON, JULY 22

FOREIGN SECRETARY Liz Truss has ing to the latest YouGov survey.

On Thursday, Conservative Party members voted to send

One of them will now be selected as the next Prime Minister by the party membership in a ballot running from August 4 until early September, according to

market research and data analytics firm.

head-to-head by 19 points.

According to the survey of 730 Conservative Party members on Wednesday and Thursday, 62 per cent said that they would vote for Truss and 38 per cent opted for Sunak, excluding those who said they wouldn't vote or did not know.

January 6 panel:

Trump spurned

to call off mob

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WASHINGTON, JULY 22

DESPITE DESPERATE pleas from

aides, allies, a Republican con-

gressional leader and even his

family, Donald Trump refused to

call off the January 6 mob attack

on the US Capitol, instead "pour-

ing gasoline on the fire" by ag-

gressively tweeting his false

claims of a stolen election and

celebrating his crowd of sup-

porters as "very special," the

House investigating committee

aides' pleas

UK Foreign Secy Liz Truss

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

extended a commanding 28 lead over British-Indian ex-minister Rishi Sunak in the race to be the UK's next Prime Minister, accord-

both Sunak and Truss through to the final stage of the party's leadership contest in the race to replace Boris Johnson.

the YouGov survey. YouGov is a leading British international Internet-based

Earlier this week, figures suggested that Truss, 46, would beat the 42-year-old former Chancellor in a hypothetical

Now, with the final two announced and the summer campaign just beginning, a new YouGov poll of Tory members suggests Truss retains her advantage.

New Zealand's Covid death rate at record

Rajapaksa ally Dinesh Gunawardena named PM as protest site is cleared

President Wickremesinghe calls on armed forces to maintain law and order

KRISHAN FRANCIS, RAFIQ MAQBOOL & RISHI LEKHI COLOMBO, JULY 22

DINESH GUNAWARDENA, a Rajapaksa political ally, was appointed Sri Lanka's Prime Minister on Friday, hours after Army troops and police forcefully cleared the main protest site occupied for months by demonstrators angry at the Rajapaksas over the country's economic collapse.

The overnight raid occurred even though protesters had announced they would vacate the site on Friday voluntarily, and the UN, US and others denounced the heavy-handed force that was used. A lawyer said several protesters were hospitalised for injuries and that journalists and a lawyer were among people arrested.

Sri Lankans have taken to the streets for months demanding their leaders resign over an acute economic crisis. Last week, the protests forced out former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, whose family has ruled Sri Lanka for most of the last two decades. The PM he appointed in May

to lead negotiations for a bailout of the bankrupt country suchim. Wickremesinghe was elected President by lawmakers, and he appointed as his own successor classmate school Gunawardena, who is 73 and from a prominent political family.

On Monday, when he was president, Wickremesinghe declared a state of emergency. On Friday, he issued a notice under the state of emergency calling out the armed forces to maintain law and order nationwide. Before dawn, troops cleared the main protest camp near the presidential palace in the capital, Colombo, where demonstrators have gathered for



Soldiers arrive to remove protesters from a camp outside the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo on Friday. AP

New PM: Ranil's schoolmate, Leftist stalwart from prominent family

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, JULY 22

DINESH GUNAWARDENA, a Leftist leader whose family has a Lanka's Prime minister by a quirk of fate at a time when the country is grappling with unprecedented economic and political turmoil.

A stalwart of Sri Lankan politics, Gunawardena was appointed the Prime Minister on Friday, a day after Ranil Wickremesinghe was elevated to the post of President.

Gunawardena, 73, earlier served as a foreign minister and education minister. He was appointed as Home Minister in April by then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.



Dinesh Gunawardena (right) with President Ranil Wickremesinghe as he is sworn in as PM. Reuters

Wickremesinghe, Gunawardena, has held various Cabinet posts in

Born in 1949, Gunawardena is the leader of the Trotskyist maiority nationalist Mahaiana Eksath Peramuna (MEP), a constituent party of the ruling Sri

Lanka Podujana Peramuna. Gunawardena belongs to a prominent political family in Sri Lanka and is a close ally of the Rajapaksa family, which ruled the country for nearly two decades.

His father was a prominent figure in the Leftist socialist movement prior to the country's independence in 1948. His elder brother Indika, who

died in 2015, was born in Mumbai (Bombay, at the time) in 1943 when his parents were in hiding in India as they had revolted against British rule, Indika was a Sri Lankan Cabinet minister from 1994 to 2001.

Gunawardena, who got business degrees from the Netherlands and the US, succeeded his father Philip Gunawardena as party leader in 1979. He entered Parliament for the first time in 1983, and became a Cabinet min-

showed Thursday night. The next day, he declared anew, "I don't want to say the election is over." That was in a previously unaired outtake of an address to the nation he was to give, shown at the prime-time hearing of the committee.

The panel documented how for some 187 minutes, from the time Trump left a rally stage sending his supporters to the Capitol to the time he ultimately appeared in the Rose Garden video that day, nothing could compel the defeated president to act. Instead, he watched the violence unfold on TV.

"President Trump didn't fail to act." said Rep. Adam Kinzinger. a fellow Republican but frequent Trump critic who flew combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. "He chose not to act."

initial objections, will hear Rohingya case Cryptocurrency insider trading: Indian brothers

The Hague: Judges at the United Nations' highest court on Friday dismissed preliminary objections by Myanmar to a case alleging the Southeast Asian nation is responsible for genocide against the Rohingya ethnic minority.

The decision establishing the International Court of Justice's jurisdiction sets the stage for hearings airing evidence of atrocities against the Rohingya that human rights groups and a UN probe say breach the 1948 Genocide Convention. In March, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that the violent repression of the Rohingya population in Myanmar amounts to genocide.

Gambia filed the case in 2019 amid international outrage at the treatment of the Rohingva, hundreds of thousands of whom fled to neighbouring Bangladesh amid a brutal crackdown by Myanmar forces in 2017. It argued that both Gambia and Myanmar were parties to the 1948 convention and that all signatories had a duty to

ensure it was enforced.

YOSHITA SINGH

NEW YORK, JULY 22

TWO INDIAN brothers and their Indian-American friend have been charged in the US in the first-ever cryptocurrency insider trading scheme in which they made illicit profits totalling over a million dollars.

and their Indian-American friend charged in US

Ishan Wahi, 32, and his brother Nikhil Wahi, 26, are citizens of India and were residing in Seattle while Sameer Ramani. 33, resides in Houston.

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York

Damian Williams and Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the FBI Michael J Driscoll announced on Thursday the unsealing of an indictment.

The Wahi brothers and Ramani were charged with wire fraud conspiracy and wire fraud in connection with a scheme to com-

rency assets by using confidential Coinbase information about which crypto assets were scheduled to be listed on Coinbase's exchanges. The Securities and Exchange Commission also announced insider trading charges against the three men.

mit insider trading in cryptocur-

EFFORT AIMED AT COMBATING GLOBAL WARMING AND INFLATION

Near free public transport eases congestion on Germany's roads

TOM SIMS

BERLIN, JULY 22

URBAN TRAFFIC congestion eased in the weeks after Germany made public transport almost free, data show, suggesting an experiment by Europe's largest economy to combat its addiction to cars may be having some success.

Since the beginning of June, Germany has sold a monthly ticket for nine euros (\$9.21) that is valid for unlimited trips on a vast swathe of its public transport network. The offer, which continues through August, was designed to take the sting out of soaring inflation and cut vehicle emissions.

It was a bold move for the home of automakers BMW, Mercedes and Volkswagen, where drivers famously have no speed restrictions on stretches of motorway.

Mohawk-wearing punks from around Germany took advantage of the cheap tickets to flock to the upmarket resort island of Sylt last month. But it was unclear whether most travellers would park their beloved cars and board buses, trams and



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While it is still early to draw conclusions, data compiled by

the navigation company TomTom for Reuters suggest the

policy may be having an effect. During the week of June 20, rush-hour traffic congestion was down in 23 of 26 cities compared with the week of May 16, before the new ticket was intro-

duced, the data show. TomTom chose the two weeks because they were both free of holidays. 'This decline is related to the

introduction of the nine-euro ticket," said TomTom traffic specialist Ralf-Peter Schaefer. Other factors may also play a

role in the reduction, such as high fuel prices and pandemicrelated work from home trends. But TomTom data for the full

congestion compared with both May this year and June 2019, before the pandemic: congestion was down in 24 of 26 cities in June from May, and in 21 of 26 cities versus June 2019.

month of June also show lower

The findings could interest policymakers weighing possible future measures for low-cost public transport beyond August.

"If I were the government, I would really think hard now.

said Schaefer.

The cheap ticket has also spurred train usage, which was up 42% in June from the same month in 2019, according to Germany's statistics office. The rise has been most marked at weekends, leading to

complaints from some passengers about overcrowding. In 2020, Luxembourg became the first country to make public

transport free. Officials there have reported increased tram usage, and TomTom data show congestion down in recent months from pre-pandemic levels. But it may be an uphill battle

to wean some Germans off their cars. TomTom's Schaefer said he still preferred to drive to his Berlin office to save time on his daily commute. REUTERS

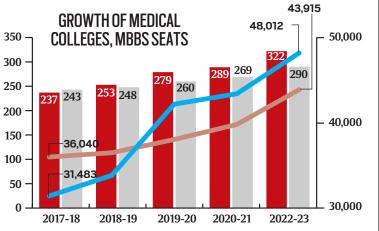
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WHAT THE PANAMA PAPERS FOUND

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TELLING NUMBERS

92,000 MBBS seats in medical colleges: how they are distributed



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THERE ARE 612 medical colleges in the country, 322 government and 290 private. Between them, they have almost almost 92,000 MBBS seats for the 2022-23 session, over 48,000 of these in government colleges and nearly 44,000 in private colleges, according to data tabled by Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya in Lok Sabha on Friday, in a written response to a question raised by Dr Heena Gavit (BJP) and Dr Shrikant Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena).

Under a centrally sponsored scheme, 3,495 additional MBBS seats have been approved for existing government colleges in 16 states and Union Territories, the Minister's reply said. These are in Andhra Pradesh (150 seats), Gujarat (270), Himachal Pradesh (20), Jammu & Kashmir (60), Jharkhand (100), Karnataka (550), Madhya Pradesh (600), Maharashtra (150), Manipur (50), Odisha (200), Punjab (100), Rajasthan (700), Tamil Nadu (345), Uttar Pradesh (50), Uttarakhand (50), and West Bengal (100).

In addition, 5,930 seats for new postgraduate disciplines have been approved in 22 states and UTs. These seats will be introduced in two phases, the Minister's reply said.

The states

At present, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of MBBS seats in government medical colleges (5,225 in 38 col-

MBBS SEATS IN GOVT COLLEGES: TOP 10 STATES

STATE	SEATS	COLLEGES		
Tamil Nadu	5,225	38		
Maharashtra	4,825	29		
UP	4,303	35		
Gujarat	3,700	18		
West Bengal	3,225	20		
Karnataka	3,150	42		
Rajasthan	3,055	9		
Andhra	2,485	18		
MP	2,180	11		
Telangana	1,840	23		
Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.				

reply to Lok Sabha question

leges), followed by Maharashtra (4,825 in 29), Uttar Pradesh (4,303 in 35), Gujarat (3,700 in 18), and West Bengal (3,225 in 20). While the smaller states have fewer colleges and seats, Sikkim is the only state without a single government medical college (its only private medical college has 150 MBBS seats).

Karnataka has the highest number of MBBS seats in private medical colleges (6,995 seats in 42 colleges), followed by Tamil Nadu (5,500 in 32), Maharashtra (5,070 in 33), Uttar Pradesh (4,750 in 32) and Telangana

A new spray coating to protect surfaces from viruses, bacteria

AT THE beginning of the pandemic, before it became widely accepted that respiratory particles are the primary mode of transmission of Covid-19, the focus was on transmistive to standard disinfectants, which are besion via contact with surfaces. The disinfec- coming less effective and require regular tants used to guard against

that have become less effec tive, according to a new study in Advanced Science.

The study describes an alternative: a sprayable coating. This "can prevent the surface spread of infection from bacteria and viruses, including Covid-19, over a sustained period", the University of Sydney said in a press release. It said the coating is also safer than existing alternatives to disin-

fectant, with no harmful side effects. The study said the coatings "register an 11-fold decrease in viral contamination com-

pared to the noncoated surfaces". The spray works in two ways: repelling viruses and bacteria through an air-filled barrier, and killing pathogens through micro-

scopic materials if the laver becomes dam-

aged or submerged for extended periods. It uses a combination of plastics. "The coating provides a reliable alterna-

reapplication, and is the only permanent surface laver proven to protect surfaces from contamination by viruses," the release said.

The coating can be applied to surfaces in public settings such as lift buttons, stair rails, surfaces in hospitals, nursing homes, schools and restau-

rants, it said. "Like a lotus leaf, the surface spray creates a coating that repels water. Because the

pathogens like to be in water, they remain trapped in the droplets and the surface is protected from contamination. If this mechanism fails, a secondary burst of ions is triggered by carefully designed nanomaterials dispersed in the coating," the release quoted

co-lead author Antonio Tricoli as saying. EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE



NEW RESEARCH

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

The Whistleblowers

After the source of the Uber Files investigation, the whistleblower of the 2016 Panama Papers has given his first interview. What motivates such whistleblowers, and why doesn't India have any on that scale?

RITU SARIN

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

Within 10 days, two whistleblowers have gone public in interviews given to major media outlets. Is this a coincidence?

On July 13, Mark MacGann, who worked with Uber as a senior lobbyist for years, was named in an interview with The Guardian as the person who had leaked the 1,24,000 documents that are now described as the Uber Files, MacGann was revealed to be the source of the data towards the end of the publication of the series of investigative reports that make up the Uber Files, a collaboration led by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), The Guardian, and 42 other media outlets, including The Indian Express.

And on July 22, the whistleblower of the Panama Papers gave his first-ever interview to Frederik Obermaier and Bastian Obermayer, who were earlier investigative reporters with the German daily newspaper Suddeutsche Zeitung, and who now collaborate with the German magazine Der Spiegel.

The Panama Papers, a sprawling and impactful offshore investigation by the ICIJ in which The Indian Express partnered, exposed how the rich and powerful parked and moved their money in and out of global tax havens. The investigation, which was published in April 2016, won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting.

In his interview to Obermaier and $Ober mayer, the Panama\,Papers\,whist leb lower$ - who still prefers to remain anonymous, referred to only as "John Doe" - recalled that the source for the Watergate investigation, former FBI associate director W Mark Felt, had revealed himself to be "Deep Throat" only after 33 years. Felt did this in 2005 in an interview to Vanity Fair magazine, when he was 91.

"I have thought about Mark Felt from time to time and the types of risks he faced. My risk profile looks a bit different from his. I may have to wait until I'm on my deathbed," the whistleblower of the Panama Papers has said.

What are the major takeaways from the interview given by John Doe?

The Panama Papers were a leak of 2.6 terabytes of secret data of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which had to eventually shut down due to the global media revelations of offshore holdings of heads of state, heads of government, criminals, and drug cartels. The man who blew the whistle on the law firm's entire clientele and network says compiling the data for the giant media leak "felt like looking down the barrel of a loaded gun".

Interestingly, John Doe has revealed that he had first offered the Panama Papers data dump to at least three premier publications, including Wikileaks, all of whom had seemed "uninterested" in the project. He eventually

Bachchan denied link, records show he joined board meetings via phone Revealed: Indians in global list of secret firms in tax havens Mystery offshere firm was part of 2010 Fresh Panama Papers reveal new



Reports on the investigation in The Indian Express during April-June, 2016

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THE INVESTIGATION & AFTER

THE PANAMA PAPERS was a Pulitzer Prize winning investigation of a data leak from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca. There were 11 million documents with details of 2 lakh offshore entities, covering a company incorporation period of 40 years (1977-2016).

DETAILS OF INDIAN clients were in 36,000 documents. The day the Panama Papers were published, government formed a Multi Agency Group to steer the probe, with status reports required to go regularly to the PMO.

SIX YEARS AFTER, the figures of undeclared assets detected — received by The Indian Express in response to RTI applications — are impressive. In June 2019, the quantum of undetected tax stood at Rs 1,564 crore; by July 2021, it had risen to Rs 20,078 crore. The tax realised is Rs 142 crore in July 2021.

the scandals exposed by whistleblowers

about the US National Security Agency or the

offshore secrets of Mossack Fonseca. One well-

known Indian whistleblower was Satyendra

Dubey, an IIT graduate working on a segment of the National Highways Authority of India's

shared the dump with two reporters of Suddeutsche Zeitung, the same journalists to whom he has now given his first interview.

The whistleblower has also said that a year after the publication of the Panama Papers, in 2017, he had given "a ton" of Mossack Fonseca documents to the German federal police for a fee. However, he has said the German authorities had "violated" their agreement on safety for himself and his family,

which "put my safety at risk". Also, he has said, the German government did not fully "honour the financial arrangement", and that he was shocked at the manner at which the German police repeatedly turned down the opportunity to analyse "more" data about the offshore world beyond the Panama Papers, "I

was not comfortable with their overall approach," he has said.

Haven't the travails of Edward Snowden, who leaked classified data on the US National Security Agency (NSA) in 2013, deterred the present-day whistleblowers?

Evidently not. Uber's whistleblower, Mark acGann, has said he was, in fact, facing threats to his life while he was working with Uber. In his interview earlier this month, he

said: "I think people need to look at the facts that I'm helping to expose. Certainly I have had grievances with Uber in the past. What I'm doing isn't easy, but I believe it's the right thing."

Panama Papers:

Rs 20,000 crore

assets identified

in undeclared

On Uber's corporate lobbying successes, he said. "These are cozy networks that have existed for so long but still manage to change shape, but still exist. Access to power is still not something that is democratized."

John Doe has spoken about the future of Snowden, who sought asylum in Russia, and was given permanent residency there in 2020. Snowden has been active in the seminar and social media space. "I used to work for the Government. Now I work for the public," he says in his Twitter bio.

On Snowden being "trapped" in Russia for fear of being prosecuted in the United States, John

Doe has said: "If the American intelligence community has evidence against him, it would lay it out for all to see. If they do not, President Biden should pardon him and welcome him home.'

Does India have a comparable case of a whistleblower revealing major state or corporate secrets?

None that are comparable to the scale of

(NHAI) Golden Quadrilateral in Bihar, who wrote directly to the Prime Minister's Office exposing corruption in the project. He paid with his life for doing so, and The Indian Express in 2003 published a series of articles exposing the NHAI scandal. The year after Dubey's killing, in 2004, the government introduced the Public Interest

Disclosure and Protection Of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution for the logging of complaints against alleged corruption or misuse of office by a government officer or department. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was designated as the agency to administer complaints, which it continues to routinely route to its relevant section after masking the name of the whistleblower. It was almost a decade later, in 2014, that

the government enacted the Whistleblowers Protection Act, aimed at providing a legislative route for people to file complaints on alleged corruption and misuse of office by public servants.

not come into force, and the Rules for it have not been finalised.

EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

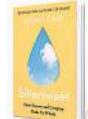
The regenerative potential of sorrow pelling argument that won Cain many admir-

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A DECADE ago, amid the implosion of social media, and motivational speakers urging people to put themselves out there, American writer Susan Cain posited a contrarian view in her book, Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking (2012).

What if, she asked, in pathologising introversion in a world full of sociable, confident people, we were denying acknowledgment to the creativity and contemplation of those who felt deeply but could not or would not vocalise it with the same fervour? Cain traced the change in societal attitudes to introverts to the Industrial Revolution of the early 20th century when agricultural societies transformed into industrial economies, giving rise to what she termed as the "extrovert ideal".

"The new economy called for a new kind of man - a salesman, a social operator, some-



BITTERSWEET: **HOW SORROW AND LONGING MAKEUS WHOLE** BY SUSAN CAIN Penguin Viking 310 pages; ₹799

one with a ready smile, a masterful handshake, and the ability to get along with colleagues while simultaneously outshining them," she wrote of the American culture of hustle that could hold true in any other part of the world as well. How to win friends and influence people, she explained, was really about putting forward a carefully manicured version of oneself and cultivating sociability as a tool for self-aggrandisement.

Part self-help, part philosophy, part research and analysis, Quiet put forward a com-

ers and catapulted the book to bestseller lists as a contemporary classic. Her new book, Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole, picks up from where she left off in Quiet. It focuses on the depth of the "melancholic direction" and why a culture's neglect of its regenerative potential can be inhibiting. "The bittersweet is also about the recog-

nition that light and dark, birth and death bitter and sweet — are forever paired," she writes. Coming on the heels of Covid-19's unprecedented devastation. Bittersweet espouses the compassion instinct to forge connections, even if the pandemic remains on the periphery of her narrative. Cain makes important connections be-

tween toxic positivity and 21st century's own special hell - the private struggle with anxiety and feelings of insecurity. She knits together her own struggles with those of other people, examines music (Leonard Cohen is her patron saint) and philosophy, and follows

"a centuries-old trail laid by artists, writers, contemplatives, and wisdom traditions from all over the world...contemporary psychologists, scientists, and even management researchers" to forge a response to pain. It involves, in the end, an acknowledgment of its presence in our lives and turning it into art, innovation, and, ultimately, into healing.

But *Bittersweet*'s test lies elsewhere. Quiet, despite its criticism of approaching things in binaries that overlooked those on the margins, rang true because of the originality of its argument. In Bittersweet, the binary — sanguine and happy — poses a problem as it fails to include a larger milieu, struggling with a world slowly spinning out of its axis, despite its awareness of the need for mindfulness, despite its longing for beauty, art and empathy.

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

Why Goa has tightened the law on changing one's name or surname

MAYURA JANWALKAR

PANAJI. JULY 22

THREE YEARS after the Goa Change of Name and Surname (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which provided for arrest if someone changed their name without following the laid-down procedures, the Goa Assembly passed another amendment Bill on Wednesday, tightening the restrictions. To change one's name now, one will need to have their birth registered in Goa, and either a parent or a grandparent born in Goa.

This was one of three amendment Bills introduced by Law Minister Nilesh Cabral on Wednesday, all passed by the Assembly.

What is the new amendment to the Change of Name Act?

The Goa Change of Name and Surname (Amendment) Bill, 2022 amends Sections 2 and 3 of the Goa Change of Name and Surname Act, 1990. In Section 2, two clauses have been omitted, pertaining to the definitions of registrar and chief registrar. Under Section 3, the power to permit name changes, which were earlier vested in the registrar or the Chief Registrar of the state, have now been placed with "Civil Judge Junior Division" or a "District Judge" - in effect, with the judiciary rather than with the government.

The statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill reads: "The Goa Change of Name and Surname Act, 1990 has been enacted to lay down the procedure for change of name and surname of any person born in the State of Goa... Further, sub-rule (5) of rule 3 of the Goa Change of Name and Surname Rules, 1991 provides for examination of witnesses, hence it is imperative that the functions under the said Act be administered by the Judicial Officers. The Bill, therefore, seeks to amend section 3 of the said Act to that extent."

What led to the amendment? The Amendment Bill passed on

Wednesday is the sequel to the 2019 amend-

ment to the 1990 Act. While the original legislation had laid down the rules for carrying out changes in one's name and surname through the registrar, with necessary documents as proof, after issuing advertisements in newspapers - the 2019 amendment made it a cognisible offence to carry out such changes in breach of the stipulated norms.

The latest amendment also stems from allegations made by several communities including the numerically strong Bhandaris — and MLAs across party lines over changes in names and surnames advertised in newspapers by 'outsiders' who had adopted Goan names and surnames, allegedly in order to avail benefits under

land or even apply for Portuguese passports. How widespread are such allegations?

government schemes, or to buy or inherit

Over the years, newspaper advertisements declaring name changes have often been a point of debate on social media, and the ingress of the 'outsiders' has dominated Goan politics with hardly a voice that differed.

Before the Assembly elections in February, Cabral, Law Minister in the previous government too, had said that the state Cabinet had approved amendments to the Goa Change of Name and Surname Act, 1990, vesting the powers to permit names changes in the judiciary, and also inserting

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the conditions that a person desiring to changing her or his name would have to have their birth registered in Goa and either a parent or a grandparent born in Goa.

On Friday, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said in the Assembly, "No other government had even thought of this. Many Nairs had become Naik, but now only those whose parents or grandparents are born in Goa will be able to change their name."

The decision to amend the Act arose from "fear" in the minds of indigenous Goan people that benefits available to them may be usurped by "persons from other states" by changing and adopting Goan names and surnames, both Hindu and Christian.

14 REVIEWS CINEMA & MUSIC

SHAMSHERA

Director: Karan Malhotra. Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Sanjay Dutt, Vaani Kapoor, Saurabh Shukla, Ronit Roy

SHALINI LANGER

THERE IS a Piyush Mishra hiding inside this big, bad, loud and messy Bollywood blockbuster, that one thought one had left a couple of decades behind. The one where the hero single-handedly brought the British Empire to heel, along with some very bad police officers, romanced and danced, and like here, even gave birth to a younger, more screen-friendly version of himself.

That Piyush Mishra surfaces in the form of Saurabh Shukla, who puts in impressive words that Shamshera is trying less-impressively to do over its excruciating 150-minute length - which is to emphasise that

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Shamshera (Ranbir Kapoor) and later his son Billa (Ranbir Kapoor) are literally braveheart lions, who walked the earth, unconquered and so on.

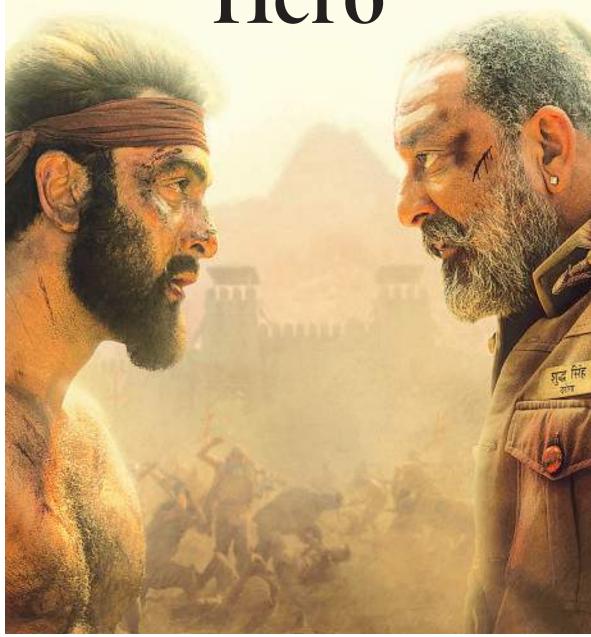
Piyush That Mishra (dialogue writer in the film) also seems to exist somewhere in the film's half-hearted exploration of caste politics, and how for

those dubbed the lowest of the low — the "Khamiran tribe" in this case — the system was far more oppressive than what the British brought along.

One has the sneaking suspicion that the story actually has a kind view of its Englishman (there is really only one who is meant to stand in for his entire race), if only for his honour, integrity, and his "love for Hindustan". The bird that seems to have adopted the Khamiran tribe as its own is no graceful, beautiful creature, but the little-regarded, almost-despised crow.

However, subtlety is not something that this Rs 150-crore Yash Raj film, bringing Ranbir to the big screen after a long four years, and walking in the looming shadow of RRR, has any use for. Against sets that are almost comically fake, of rugged hills, desert forts and ragged existence, everything is dramatic and exaggerated — interspersed with songs and music that are equally loud.

Half-hearted Hero



Ranbir is efficiently good as Shamshera, a leader of a tribe first treated as outcastes and later betrayed and kept enslaved in a fort. His end comes quickly, after he is caught in a bid to climb a hill and then stoned to death.

Ranbir has more fun as Balli. Shamshera's son, who gets a short joyous interlude when he doesn't know the truth about his father, and gets to show both his dancing feet and his fighting chops (as taught by Shamshera's loyal comrade played by Ronit Roy). Till he does find out, and encounters Shamshera's nemesis and now his, Daroga Shuddh Singh (Sanjay Dutt, who has been doing this maniacal, sadistic act since Khalnayak).

Vaani Kapoor is Sona, the oasis of this desert, who dances her way into everyone's hearts every time she is called to perform which is quite often, to forgettable music. Sona and Balli always have a thing going, which is one less matter this film has to concern itself with as it goes about pitting Balli against the English Colonel and Shuddh Singh, again and again.

And again. In a curiously scripted and

In a curiously scripted and paced story, the film seems to be heading towards climax, only to pull away and subside, and repeat the pattern

paced story, the film seems to be heading towards climax, only pull away and subside, and repeat the pattern once more. Some of those

periods when the film subsides, such as when Balli and his team of stragglers, including Shukla and a handful of other notable characters, decide to

"disappear" to get the Colonel and daroga off their backs, Shamshera again suggests it could have been so much better. The pain on the faces of the men, who are seeing their dream of freedom snatched away and fear returning to their old, forgettable lives (of which at least one involves entering sewers to clean them), looks like real pain.

However, compared to that pain, this is the kind of film that lingers more on the chunk of wood struck deep into Balli's back. With little to do except dance and give birth, loudly and painfully and in the most traumatic of circumstances, and to later hold that infant through a fight that rages around her, Vaani Kapoor is the only thing minimalistic about Shamshera.

From her draped linen wraps to her no make-up make-up, to her un-sandfilled hair, it's hard to tell whether Sona belongs to 1896 (as intended) or 2022 (as per-

STREAMING WATCH

BY ALAKA SAHANI



VIRGINRIVER: \$4

NETFLIX

The romantic drama series set in a picturesque fictional small town has its dedicated fan-following. After the third season ended at a crucial point, the new season opens with Mel (Alexandra Breckenridge) and Jack (Martin Henderson) getting ready to welcome a baby into their lives. However, the question over the baby's paternity keeps bothering Jack even though he is supportive during Mel's high-risk pregnancy.

TRIJYA (RADIUS)

The debut feature of Akshay Indikar follows a young poet's journey of self-discovery. Avdhut (Abhay Mahajan), the protagonist of this Marathi-language movie, finds himself looking for a foothold in the world of journalism even as he learns to cope with life in Pune after growing up in a village. Without a steady income, he is not able to pursue his dream of being a poet. Partly autobiographical, this meditative feature is a riveting portrait of an aspiring poet who is looking for an-



GHAR WAAPSI

DISNEY+HOTSTAR This feel-good comedy explores familial ties, friendship and ambition. Directed by Ruchir Arun, this slice-of-life drama revolves around the Dwivedi household in Indore. following the homecoming of their beloved son. The six-episode series features Vishal Vashishtha, Akanksha Thakur, Atul Shrivastava, Vibha Chibber, Saad Bilgrami and



RUNTHE WORLD: SEASON 1 LIONSGATE PLAY

This eight-episode series revolves around a group of four Black, vibrant and fiercely loyal best friends who work, live and play in Harlem as they strive for world domination. At its core, it's an unapologetically female show about friendship and not only surviving, but thriving together. The comedy series features Amber Stevens West, Bresha Webb, Andrea Bordeaux, Corbin Reid and Erika Alexander.



JUGJUGGJEEYO PRIME VIDEO

This movie is about family, values and unresolved issues. School sweethearts Kuku and Naina, after five years of marriage, decide to part ways as love seems to have run its course, or has it? When they try to share their decision with their $family\,during\,the\,wedding\,of$ Kuku's sister, they are in for some surprises. As family secrets are revealed and threaten to bring down the facade of happy relationships, the family must decide what's best for them.

In the Grey Zone

ONCE YOU have reduced Chris Evans to unflattering haircut, stern moustache, pleated Ts and white trousers, and cast him as a sociopath ex-Agent called Llyod who likes to torture, among other eccentricities, you better make it fly. The Gray Man does no such thing, evoking the effortless charm of Evans and getting as much out of it as the flat metallic shield of Captain America.

If he is the villain, Ryan Gosling is the hero of this by-the-numbers, been-there donethat film about the dirty world of government agencies within agencies with "big secrets" to keep. Which is carried around in a SIM card



on a pendant displayed publicly. Hmm.

Gosling might perhaps be the only thing good about *The Gray Man*, and that's because he brings that right amount of disinterest which makes his character, by the name of Sierra No. Six, interesting. You want to rescue him, even if he considers himself un-rescuable. Thornton as the father figure Six finds early on is quite good too, while acting against type.

There is a third charming actor almost blunted to dullness here, Ana de Armas, whose Agent Miranda is at the right place at the wrong time, then at the wrong place at the wrong time, then at the wrong place at the right time, till she decides to pick Six as the side she wants to be on. At least Miranda is right in the thick of action after that, though always in the shadow of Six.

Dhanush plays the "sexy Tamil man", one of the many mercenaries that Lloyd summons from across the world to get hold of the aforementioned SIM card.

Dhanush wields a Rudraksh and doesn't mind killing and banging a woman around, till he suddenly has a change of heart — still counting the Rudraksh. Maybe Lloyd's comment when Dhanush appears looking all roughed up, while bearing the SIM, has something to do with it: "You look like you have been hit by a bus, but that just adds to your mystery."

If that sounds awfully patronising, the worst lot is Harvard's. For some reason, the Russo brothers (of the Captain America fame) invoke that hallowed institution several times to underline the Agency's connection with it.

Inside the Mind of a Criminal

ALAKA SAHANI

THIS IS undoubtedly a chilling story of a coldblooded murderer harbouring a deep-rooted grudge and angst against the system. As he goes on committing one grotesque murder after another in Delhi, he keeps on daring the police to catch him. Documentary filmmaker Ayesha Sood's three-part crime series Indian Predator: The Butcher of Delhi recreates a string of sensational murder cases that rocked the Capital, and forced authorities to delve into the mind of the person who had carried it out. However, rushing through the process of piecing together the motive and finding the man behind these killings, the mini-series fails to spend enough time to make it a grip-

ping tale and offer any fresh insight. Initially clueless, the Delhi police finally tracked Chandrakant Jha, a migrant labourer from Bihar. The police managed to get his conviction in three cases, while the actual number of victims could be at least seven. Like many serial killers, Jha liked to brag about his exploits and that gave away his identity. He butchered his victims and left the body parts outside Tihar Jail to taunt the police. However, the ordinariness of the man — on the surface — made it hard to believe that he was capable of such brutal crime.

In the course of the series, we come to know of his modus operandi, how he chose his targets and "groomed them for murder". In his mind, Jha was playing god and dispensing justice. Everyone associated with the case



INDIAN PREDATOR: THE BUTCHER OF DELHI Director: Ayesha Sood, Streaming on: Netflix

admits that he was supremely crafty — someone who could use his intellect to plan in detail every move to avoid detection. He would travel miles on Delhi roads on a motorised van with the body parts and never once raised suspicion of the traffic police. It couldn't have been just a matter of luck.

Sood's exploration of Delhi also forces us to confront an ugly truth — the way mi-

grant labourers live in the Capital, and the unrelenting reality of poverty, squalor and deprivation. Jha's circumstances had a big role in bringing out his inner demons. The series could have delved deeper into the lives of the victims and how migrants are at times pushed into the world of crime. There is a reason why crime breeds in a city's underbelly.

Between the Real and Reel

SHUBHRA GUPTA

WHAT HAPPENS when a fictional character escapes the confines of its creation? This is the chief conceit of Rajat Kapoor's filmwithin-a-film. But being a Rajat Kapoor film, RK/RKAY has to also ask the big questions, with the familiar themes of real-**RK/RKAY** ity, myth-making, truth, falsity, being joined by an exploration of cre-

Director: Rajat

Kapoor

Cast: Rajat Kapoor,

Mallika Sherawat,

Ranvir Shorey,

Kubbra Sait,

Chandrachoor Rai

ativity, compulsion, and agency. A few minutes into this 95-minute long crowd-funded film, one of the principal charac-

ters tells another, "Oohhh, I love the script. It's so you". The one being addressed is called RK, a film director played by the real-life director Rajat Kapoor. Not content to leave it there, the film director RK plays the

hero in the film currently on the floors. The latter goes by the name of Mehboob. And no, the film is not Mehboob Ki Mehendi, though it might well be, given the time it is set in.

Got it? Never mind if not all is instantly

clear, because Rajat Kapoor makes the kind of films which do some of the work, and trusts us do the rest, a rarity in Hindi cinema.

Before we get into anything else, I have to say, yes, this is a very Rajat Kapoor film. The premise is intelligent and self-aware, and it is not just meta, it is meta several times RKAY is fashioned like a love letter to

old Hindi movies, an era when heroes in double breasted suits sighed over bouffant-clad beauties called Gulabo (Sherawat) and smoke-wreathed villains called KN Singh (Shorey) hung around shady dens.

And then the hero of the filmwithin-the-film vanishes, leaving the director, whose past few films have been flops, and who is trying to breathe a bit of life into his

career and marriage, flummoxed. It leaves RK staring at the impossible — how can a character he has written— 'maatra ek paa*tra*'— whose trajectory has been fixed, flee into the real world? The film references similar flights of fancy undertaken by movie-



makers in the past (Woody Allen and Hannah And Her Sisters is one). Can a fictional character really take on a life of their own, become the arbiter of his own destiny? And finally, watching all these real and fictional characters jumping through hoops, we ask, how meta is too meta? Because after a point, things start to slip and slide.

The better parts of the film take place on sets-within-sets when Sherawat is doing the diva act: she knows how to throw tantrums, and get everyone to bend to her will, including a hapless associate on the film (Rai), whom she keeps cussing out. Manu Rishi Chaddha is a hoot as the builder-producer who wants the hero to do heroic stuff, which

expected, leaves us smiling. The hark back into how Hindi cinema used to be isn't madly new, but it never gets old. But soon, we are left looking for things to latch on to. We can see that RK and his wife

includes a happily-ever-after with the hero-

ine. And a climactic hook, if not entirely un-

(Sait) are not quite as simpatico as they may have once been: why? Is it because there's been a problem, or have they just grown out of each other? We are not given enough to play with when these two come together to share screen space, whether it is a lunch -quinoa salad for her, chicken in red sauce for him – or a bed. What's going on inside her? And when the real and fictional come faceto-face, the former reacts more with irritation rather than an oh-my-god how-is-thiseven-possible look.

I missed the wonder that needs to suffuse the quirky idea that a character can write his or her own destiny, and can break free. Are we also just characters in someone else's story, playing out someone else's script? RK/RKAY needed to be more magical, less matter-of-fact

ECONOMY



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SECTOR WATCH FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Forex kitty tanks \$7.5 bn on FPI exits, **RBI** intervention

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 22

WITH THE rupee remaining under pressure, India's foreign exchange reserves fell by another \$7.54 billion to \$572.71 billion during the week ended July 15 amid appreciation of the dollar and capital outflows from India triggered by the rise in inflation and rate hikes by the US. The rupee jumped 10 paise to close at 79.85 against the US dollar on Friday.

With this, forex reserves have plummeted by nearly \$70 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 \$20 billion in the three weeks ended July 15. Foreign

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

RBI GOVERNOR Shaktikanta Das said a predominant part of the outstanding external commercial borrowings (ECBs) is effectively hedged. Of the outstanding ECBs

of \$180 billion, 44 per cent or \$79 billion is unhedged. This includes

about \$40 billion liabilities of pub-

lic sector companies, mainly in the

petroleum, railways and power

sectors, which have assets with a

if any, can be absorbed by the gov-

ernment. "Such a contingency is

unlikely to arise. The remaining

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea

(Vi) announced elevation of

CFO Akshay Moondra as

new CEO, from August 19.

Present MD & CEO Ravinder

Takkar will continue to be on

the board as a non-executive

and non-independent direc-

New Delhi: The government

is not considering extending

the last date for filing income

tax returns from July 31, said

Revenue Secretary Tarun

tor after his tenure ends.

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Besides, being public sector en-

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New Vi CEO

MUMBAI, JULY 22

'\$79-bn ECBs unhedged'



RBI headquarters, Mumbai

investors have taken out Rs 2.27 lakh crore from capital markets since January, putting pressure on the rupee and the forex kitty.

The RBI said it has been selling dollars from the forex kitty to defend the rupee. "In recognition of the fact that there is a genuine shortfall of supply of forex in the market relative to demand because of import and debt servicing requirements and portfolio outflows, the RBI has been supplying US dollars to the market to ensure that there is adequate forex liquidity," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday, admitting that the RBI was selling dollars to defend the rupee.

Analysts, however, said there is a shift in FPI action in

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

PLANNING TO BE LIVE BY END OF AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER

Credit card on UPI: NPCI in talks with banks for pilot

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE NATIONAL Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organisation for retail payments in the country, will commence a pilot project of enabling credit cards on unified payments interface (UPI) over the next two months. The entity is in discussions primarily with public sector card companies like SBI Card, PNB Cards and Union Bank to commence the test run, according to a source with knowledge of the matter.

Currently, UPI allows linking of bank accounts by mapping a hank account linked with a mobile numbers. This can be done through third-party apps like Google Pay, Amazon Pay, PhonePe, etc or the apps of banks like SBI, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, etc. Last month, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed linking of credit cards with UPI, and said that to begin with Rupay credit cards will be linked with UPI in an effort "to provide **RBI APPROVAL**

■ Last month, the Reserve Bank of India allowed linking of credit cards with UPI, and said that to begin with Rupay credit cards will be linked with UPI in an effort "to provide additional convenience to users and enhance the scope of digital payments"

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"NPCI is trying to make it live by end of August or September. It will start with a pilot, with a few banks who are ready to start this. There are some players like SBI Card, PNB Cards, Union Bank have shown interest, in addition to Axis Bank on the private side,' an NPCI official said, adding that private banks have not been as forthcoming for the project as their public-sector counterparts. models over the years have As part of the pilot project,

NPCI will integrate the UPI AutoPay feature with credit card transactions, with an aim to reduce the risk of defaults on credit card payments. 'Today, banks cannot issue a

physical credit card to someone with a smaller credit limit because of the cost of issuance involved. That's why the digital approach is necessary. With the UPI AutoPay, it adds a lot of value. With this the distribution and collection costs come to near zero. Technically, banks can do step-up credit once they understand consumer behaviour, and expand their base," the official added. The UPI AutoPay allows users to make recurring payments on the UPI platform for smaller amounts.

The linking of credit cards with I IPI will enable consumer to make small ticket sized payments on credit issued to them through bank issued credit cards. "Growth happens through credit and not from your own money. that's what various economic shown. This will enable that," a banking industry executive said. However, industry experts at

the time had pointed out that the $\,$ adoption of credit cards through UPI will depend on MDR dynamics given that much of UPI's adoption at the bottom of the pyramid has been possible because these merchants have to pay zero merchant discount rate (MDR) — a fee payable by merchants to card issuers.

The executive added that NPCI will likely propose a model where a fee is levied on higher ticket size transactions, while waiving off the fee for small transactions to drive adoption with smaller merchants like roadside vendors, grocery store owners, etc.

UPI has become one of the most popular modes of payment in India with over 26 crore unique users and 5 crore merchants on the platform. In May 2022, around 594 crore transactions amounting to Rs 10.4 lakh crore were processed through UPI.

RIL Q1 net profit up 40.8% to ₹19.4K cr

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Jio profit jumps 24.1%, retail arm net up 114%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 22

DESPITE A tight fuel market, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Friday reported a 40.8 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 19,443 crore in the quarter ended June 2022 as against Rs 13,806 crore in the same period a year ago.

RIL's total income shot up by 53 per cent to Rs 242,982 crore for the June quarter as against Rs 1,58,862 crore a year ago. The group's technology arm Jio Platforms Ltd saw a 24.1 per cent growth in net profit at Rs 4,530 crore in Q1FY23 as against Rs 3,651 crore a year ago. Gross revenue rose 23.6 per cent from Rs 22,267 crore to Rs 27,527 crore.

Reliance Retail's gross revenue increased to Rs 58,554 crore as against Rs 38,547 crore a year ago, while its net profit rose 114.2 per cent to Rs 2,061 crore.

Mukesh Ambani, chairman and managing director, RIL, said: "Geopolitical conflict has caused significant dislocation in energy markets and disrupted traditional trade flows. This along with resurgent demand has resulted in tighter fuel markets and improved product margins."



MUKESH AMBANI

CMD, Reliance Industries

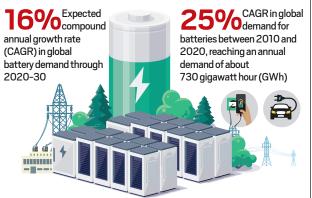
"I am also happy with the progress of our consumer platforms, In Retail business, we continue to focus on enhancing our consumer touch-points and building a stronger value proposition for our customers. Our strong supply chain infrastructure and sourcing efficiency is helping us maintain competitive pricing for daily essentials, thereby insulating consumers from inflationary pressures."

Despite significant challenges posed by tight crude markets and higher energy and freight costs, O2C business has delivered its best performance ever. RIL said. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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Battery storage potential to be 600 GWh by 2030: NITI report

With demand for EVs, stationary storage and consumer electronics driving adoption, India will have battery storage potential of 600 GWh by 2030, a NITI Aayog report said



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, in Mumbai. Pradip Das

\$39 billion ECB represents 22% of ECBs outstanding. Even this includes borrowings of those firms would leave a very small portion of the total outstanding ECBs that are truly unhedged," he said.

4.5 GWh: Consumer electronics 0.92 GWh: EV sales, around 10% of market

■ Electrification of transportation ■ Battery energy storage in electricity grids

declared a "critical incident" over

long delays, blaming French au-

thorities for causing a bottleneck

as holidaymakers look to start

The Emirates-Heathrow issue

strongly-worded statement re-

jecting London Heathrow's de-

mands for cutting airline capac-

ity. "At London Heathrow airport

(LHR), our ground handling and

tence and non-action, they are

pushing the entire burden ... to

airlines and travellers," the air-

line said. However, a day later,

Emirates and LHR issued a joint

statement that they arrived at an

agreement, where Emirates

On July 14, Emirates issued a

their summer breaks.

batteries (LIBs) in 2020 was about 15 GWh Source: NITI Aayog/PTI

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बिड-सूचना संख्या 04/2022-23 में संशोधन

के अन्तर्गत के अंतर्गत स्वीकृत सड़क कार्यों हेतु जारी निविदा में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है:- क्रम विवरण पर्व में प्रकाणित संशोधन जो अब संशोधन जो अब पढ़ा जावें।			
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(सुधीर माथुर) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता

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निविदा शर्ते 1. निविदा शर्ते किसी भी दिन कार्यालय दिवस में देखी जा सकती है।

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An Autonomous Institute of Department of Biotechnol Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India NCCS Complex, S. P. Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411 007.

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Tender Notice Details for the tenders mentioned hereunder are available on www.dgvcl com (for view and download tender documents) and www.dgvcl.nprocure

Tender No. DGVCL/SP/2265/Thermal Hand held Bluetooth Printer

DGVCL/SP/2264/Android Mobile

Note: Bidders may visit our website/s for regular updates till opening of the I/c CE (P), DGVCL, Surat. Solapur Municipal



www.mahatenders.gov.in from date 20/07/2022

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Solapur invites Item rate type e-Tender for the work of "Selection of Operator for supplying installing, providing, commissioning and providing 05 years o maintenance for Domestic mechanical, and Ultrasonic AMR water meters in Solapur city in the State of Maharashtra. Detailed information regarding tender is available on web-site

All relevant dates will be as per the tender published on web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in. Hon, Commissioner, SMC has reserved the rights of empanelment of one or more than one contractors for the said work after completion of tender process and Right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason

Tender ID: 2022_SMC_820016_1 Sd/- Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Solapur

Rajasthan Medical Education Society (Directorate of Medical Education Department) Chikitsa Siksha Bhawan

(Govind Marg, Opp. Psychiatric Centre, Near Pink Square Mall, Adarsh Nagar, Jaipur.302004)

Tel. No. +0141-2605994 Email: r.mes@rajasthan. gov.in

No.F.6-(24)Rajmes/Store/ENT-Opth./ II- Ren./Sik-Bar/2021/8001 dated: 13-7-2022 **Notice Inviting Bid** NIB No. 47-52/2022-23

Bid for Supply & Installation, of various Equipments/Items for ENT & Ophthalmology Departments of Medical College Barmer & Sika under 2nd Renewal are invited from interested bidder's upto 02 08-2022 at 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and Rajasthan Medica Education Society, Jaipur. Department website. (UBN:-MES 2223GLOB00020 to 25

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Rajasthan Skill and Livelihood Development Corporation s, J-8-A, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur (Phone: 014[.] Fax: 5103246 Website- <u>www.rajasthanlivelihood.org</u>) Office Order

Extension of Bid Submission Last date and opening date of Technica Bid of RFP for selection of agency to Select Project Manageme Consulting Agency for Providing Project Management Consulting Support Services to RSLDC.

RSLDC/PMCA/RFP/2022-23/2884 dated 27.06.2022

Due to administrative reasons the last date of Bid Submission & opening date of chnical Bid of above referred RFP for selection of Project Management Consulting ency for providing Project Management Consulting Support Services to RSLDC are Old Date & Time New Date & Time Activity

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and all other terms & conditions will remain unchanged This bears the approval of competent authority.

General Manager, (Admir /OIC (PMCA

Instacart chair Bengaluru: US grocery delivery app Instacart said founder Apoorva Mehta will step

down as chairman once the firm goes public. **REUTERS** Akasa Air

Delhi:

Jhunjhunwala-backed bud-

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get carrier Akasa Air will launch its maiden commercial flight on August 7. Canara app New Delhi: Canara Bank MD-

CEO LV Prabhakar on Friday

launched the bank's Mobile

Banking Super App 'Canara

ai1-The Banking Super App'.

Fujifilm centres New Delhi: Fujifilm will open two 'NURA' health screening centres for cancer and lifestyle diseases, one in Gurgaon

Airport logjams, port delays: Hot summer for Europe travellers gateway to Europe - on Friday

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, JULY 22

ASTHE peak summer travel season sets in, destinations in Europe are bracing for an unanticipated travel load with both airlines and airport operators facing-off to manage the traffic. While ports and airports are alerting passengers of potential delays in their travel plans, airlines are beginning to cancel flights at key destinations.

The issue came in the spotlight after the public tiff between London Heathrow Airport and Dubai-based airline Emirates, where the airport operator forced the carrier to cut down capacity so that it could manage the unusually heavy traffic.

Problem at Europe's airports

When the Covid pandemic emerged two years ago and hit the aviation industry, airlines and airports handed pink slips to workers to reduce costs as flights remained grounded for a long time. However, with Covid slowly receding, people have started travelling and airlines have started boarding flights; but staff at airports weren't hired in line with the growing traffic. This, in addition to many airport

HDFC

Management Company chief in-

vestment officer Prashant Jain

has quit the AMC after 19 years.

seeing total assets under man-

agement of Rs 4.12 lakh crore as

Iain was responsible for over-

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and security worker unions at European

seeking better pay, has led to a severe labour shortage, disrupting flight operations.

are seeing long queues.

many top European airport hubs. The most visible problem is that of delayed baggage. As a result of labour shortage, passenger lugcraft on time, several flights are passengers' luggage, and airports

faced with an 'airmageddon' situation due to their incompe-

Jain quits HDFC AMC after 19 yrs

of June 2022. He was directly

managing over Rs 1 lakh crore as-

sets under four equity schemes

of HDFC AMC. Jain's exit has

come nearly 20 months after

Navneet Munot joined HDFC

AMC as MD and CEO.

catering ... are fully ready and capable of handling our flights. So the crux of the issue lies with the central services and systems which are the responsibility of the airport operator ... LHR chose

Affected destinations

not to act, not to plan, not to invest. Now

hubs going on a strike

These issues have emerged at gage is not being loaded into airdeparting without carrying their

Further, as per a Reuters report, the Port of Dover — UK's

agreed cap sales on its flights out of Heathrow until mid-August as it works "to adjust capacity". Full report on www.indianexpress.com

The HDFC AMC board, on the recommendation of Nomination & Remuneration Committee, has approved the appointment of Chirag Setalvad as head-equities and Shobhit Mehrotra as head-

fixed income. ENS

Bids for procurement of five Preventive Oncology Vans on turnkey basis are invited from interested bidders up to 5.00 PM on 5.8.2022. Other particular of bid may be visited on the procurement porta (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.)

ान्य सभी **जातें** यथातन रहेंगी।

चैक एवं सैम्पल जमा कराने की अन्तिम तिथि व समय

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विभाग द्वारा. आंगनबाड़ी एवं मिनि आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्रों हेतु क्रय की जाने वाली मेडिसिन किट की जारी समसंख्यक ई–बिड सूचना क्रमांक 102277 दिनांक 24.06.2022 में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किये जाते हैं:

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सा.नि.वि. (ग्रामीण) वृत उदयपुर

निविदा सूचना संख्या 06/2022-23

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on July 21 and another in Mumbai in September. **ENS**









DEDICATED-GAIL

Taking a significant step towards building a Natural Gas-based economy as envisioned by PM Modi, M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas & Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri recently dedicated 166 CNG stations to service of the community.



WORKSHOP-NTPC

National Mission on the use of Biomass in Thermal Power Plants (SAMARTH) collaborated with NTPC and organized a one-day workshop in Chandigarh, on ex-Situ utilization of agricultural residue for co-firing in thermal power plants.



INAUGURATION - PNB

100th Branch for customer service at Chidderwala Village District Dehradun, inaugurated by M/o Finance, Parliamentary Affairs, Reorganisation & Census & Urban Development Uttarakhand Government Dr Premchand Aggarwal.



MoU - NHPC

AK Singh, CMD, NHPC & Ram Naresh Singh, Chairman, DVC alongwith MOU documents signed between NHPC & DVC to "Explore Formation of Joint Venture Company (JVC) for Exploring & Setting up Hydropower & Pump Storage Projects".



LAUNCH - NR

Indian Railways launched an iconic week to celebrate 'Azadi Ki Rail Gadi Aur Stations' from 18th-23rd July 2022, to highlight its unique contribution during the freedom struggle. GM Northern Railway, A Gangal briefed the media in New Delhi recently.



FOUNDATION DAY - BANK OF BARODA

On the occasion of Bank of Baroda's 115th Foundation Day, Anoop Sharma, Regional Head & Netra Mani, Dy. RM, extended warm greetings to all staff members & customers who participated enthusiastically in the event.



MoU-NTPC

NTPC & Masen (Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy) signed an MOU for cooperation in renewable energy sector during the 17th CII EXIM conclave on India Africa growth partnership. The conclave witnessed huge participation.



MoU-PNB

PNB has inked a MoU with Assam Rifles, the oldest paramilitary force of the country, to deliver specially designed banking products to the military personnel through the bank's flagship scheme "PNB Rakshak Plus".

FATA POWER-DDL, a leading power utility in association with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) will be organising a 'Special Lok Adalat' for amcable resolution and on-the-spot settlement of Direct Thefts and Disconnection Cases. The session will be held at District Electricity Office, Mangolpuri on Sunday, 24th July, 2022 from 10AM to 4PM.

BIS The toxicity and safety aspects of toys are major concern among parents all over the world . BIS, The National Standards Body of India has published 10 Indian Standards on safety aspects of Toys related to physical safety, safety against chemicals, flammability, electrical safety etc. These standards prevent the use of unsafe and toxic materials in manufacturing of toys.

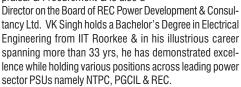


OUTREACH PROGRAMME-NHB

National Housing Bank organised an outreach programme "Janta se Judna" at Hyderabad recently. The programme was graced by SK Hota, MD, National Housing Bank and attended by more than 120 officials.

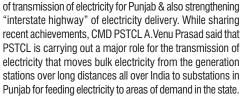
APPOINTMENT

REC V K Singh has taken charge as Director (Technical) of REC Ltd. with effect from 15th July, 2022. Before this elevation V K Singh had been ED in REC holding portfolio of key business areas including Private Sector Project Management, Entity Appraisal & Procurement & is also a



PERFORMANCE

PSTCL Under the leadership of Bhagwant mann CM Puniab & guidance of Harbhajan Singh power minister, punjab state transmission corporation limited is performing a key responsibility



Punjab National Bank joins the Account Aggregator(AA) Ecosystem & went live on the Ecosystem as both Financial Information User & Financial Information Provider. PNB is the second public sector bank to Go Live on the ecosystem acting as Financial Information User (FIU) & Financial Information Provider. The Account Aggregator ecosystem helps the bank to leverage on data acquired digitally through customer's consent, providing them a seamless journey and eliminating the need of physical documentation.

LIC The Board of Directors of Life Insurance Corporation of India approved the Report on Indian Embedded Value as on March 31, 2022. Below are key highlights of IEV Report results.LIC has engaged M/s Milliman Advisors LLP for determining the IEV of the LIC of India as on March 31, 2022. The Board of LIC, in its meeting adopted the IEV Report of Milliman Advisors LLP pertaining to the IEV of LIC of India as on March 31, 2022.

DFCCIL in its constant endeavour to improve green logistics and provide an expeditious freight transportation solution has tied up with a startup - CARDROP India Pvt Ltd. to provide vehicle transportation services between the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor's New Rewari station in Haryana to Kalamboli (Navi Mumbai) & other cities. The service will offer protection from the vagaries of weather & human intervention by providing a safe & secure mode of transport in approximately 2 days from the present more than 5 days.

THDC India Limited THDCIL-Vishnuqad-Pipalkoti Hvdro Electric Project is running a program in Pipalkoti area of Chamoli district for widow women known as the Widow Assistance Program in order to make them self-reliant so that they can rise in social standing and can pass on the same into future generations.

AWARD

BEL Dinesh Kumar Batra, Director (Finance) & CFO of Navratna Defence PSU BEL. has received the "Public Sector CFO of the Year" (Individual Category) award at the 8th edition of



the "National Awards For Leadership & Excellence in CFO" held on July 7, 2022, at Mumbai. Dinesh Kumar Batra has been a change agent for BEL, facilitating sustainable growth by following best practices of corporate governance with financial

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



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FOR MISSING



Joginder Singh

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Joginder Singh, S/o Lt. S. Baldev Singh, R/o: S-2/85, Old Mahavir Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 07.07.2022 at about 11:00 am, from his house from the area of P.S. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 73A dated 09.07.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Tilak

Nagar, New Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under:- Age: 52 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Red colour T-shirt with blue colour cap, black colour pant and blue colour sport shoes in his feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail ld - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/987/WD/2022

P.S. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi Ph.No. 25407500, 8750871130

Government of Jharkhand **Department of Mines & Geology Directorate of Geology** Engineers' Hostel No-2, 2nd floor, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Notice No. 05/2022- 23

1.	Name of the Work	Expression of Interest for Empanelment of
		Agencies for "Preparation of Auctionable Minor
		Mineral Blocks in the State of Jharkhand".
2.	Mode of submission of	 Application form, terms & conditions are
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		www.jharkhand.gov.in.
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		to be submitted by Speed post or by hand
		in the following address-:
		Directorate of Geology
		Engineer's Hostel 2, Second Floor, Near
		Gol Chakkar,
		Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India-
		834004
3.	Type of Tender	Open Tender
4.	Contract Period	36 months.
5.	Date of Publication	23.07.2022
6.	Last Date of Submission	16.08.2022 at 1.00 P.M.
7.	Last date of submission of	04.08.2022 at 1.00 P.M.
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8	Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	05.08.2022 at 3.30 P.M.
9	Date of Opening of bid	17.08.2022 at 3.30 P.M.
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	Bid	Engineer's Hostel 2
		Second Floor, Near Gol Chakkar
		Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India 834004
		email-dir-geology@jharkhandmail.gov.in
	G ABILD	(Website- www.Jharkhand.gov.in)
11	Cost of Bid Document/	Rs. 5000.00 (Rs. Five Thousand only) to be
	Earnest Money	deposited through website
		www.jharkhandminerals.gov.in//other E-
		services//e-payment//Directorate of Geology
		It will be submitted online through official
		website www.jharkhandminerals.gov.in → Other
		& Services > e Payment > Payment office
		(Directorate of Geology) Head of Payment
		(Cost of Tender Document) → Description →
		Type of Depositor (Other) > District Name
		(Directorate of Geology) → DDO Code
		(PRJOTH002)

Sd/-(Vijay Kumar Ojha) Director, Geology PR274305 (Mines and Geology)22-23*D

कार्यालय नगरपालिका नाथद्धारा, जिला–राजसमन्द(राज. निविदा निरस्त सूचना

एतदर्थ नगरपालिका नाथद्वारा द्वारा पालिका के पत्रांक न.पा.नाथ. / निविदा / निर्माण / 22 / 13232—13234 दिनांक 29.06.2022 से जारी निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा सूचना संख्या 12 / 2022–23 में वर्णित कार्य (Construction of tourism Information cum culture centre at Nathdwara under swadesh Darshan Yojna) को अपरिहार्य तकनीकी कारणों से तुरन्त प्रभाव से निरस्त किया जाता है।

UBN No.- DLB2223WLOB09871, Eproc Tender id - Eproc Tender id

आयक्त. नगरपालिका नाथद्वारा

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 Md. Umar S/o Mustaq Hussain R/o W-167/H272, Indra Camp No. 4, Vikaspuri, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case SC No. 745/2017 U/s 135 of the Indian Electricity Act, P.S. Vikaspuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Md. Umar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Md. Umar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Md. Umar of SC No. 745/2017 U/s 135 of the Indian Electricity Act, **P.S. Vikaspuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to complaint/case on or before 05 09 2022

By Order Sh. M.P. Singh Addl. District & Session Judge (South West) Special Court (Electricity)

हर एक काम देश के नाम Court No. 609, Dwarka District Courts,

DP/990/WD/2022(Court Matter)

New Delhi

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Jal Shakti Vibhag NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Sunder Nagar on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in Two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Providing Lift Water Supply Scheme to Dehar and adjoining are in Tehsil Sundernagar Distt. Mandi H.P. (SH: C/O RCC Overhead storage tank of 35000 liters (2 Nos) for phase –l and 30000 ltrs. (I No)for phase-II C/O RCC sub storage tank 45000 litrs Cap. (1No), C/O RCC 7 Nos sub- storage tank 25000 ltrs. Cap., C/O RCC Sub-Storage tank 30000 ltrs. Cap. 1.04.28.902 1.36.800/ Ten Months hrust block for rising main and C/O approach road)

dule of tendering:
1 Bid submission start date Bid submission end date and time Opening of Cover 1 30.07.2022 11.30 AM Opening of Financial bid Date and place to be notified separately Terms and Conditions:-

ender documents, Term and conditions and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the ortal https://hptenders.gov.in

Jal Shakti Division Sunder Nagar



ADV.NO. 146

2682/hp

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)

Request for Proposal (RFP) for

Appointment of service provider and consultant for Property survey and Assessment of property and allied taxes, and relevant services for entire properties (Lands & Buildings) within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pimpri Chinchwad- second call.

E-Tender Notice No. 1/2022-23

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation invites online RFP for "Appointment of service provider and consultant for Property survey and Assessment of property and allied taxes, and relevant services for entire properties (Lands & Buildings) within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pimpri Chinchwad". under Quality cum Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method. The detailed e-tender document for the above is available at https://mahatenders.gov.in The duration of work is 2 year of implementation phase and 1 years of Operations & Maintenance phase extendable up to 2 or more years, solely based on the performance by the

In that context, PCMC invites interested entities having experience as envisaged in the RFP document, to submit their proposal. Interested entities can download the RFP document from the website https://mahatenders.gov.in Interested entities shall make online payment of Rs. 49,819/- (Rupees - Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen only) towards the cost of RFP document and bid security/ earnest money deposit of Rs. 48,00,000/- at the time of submission of its proposal through the e-tendering system.

The last date of submission of bid will be 12/08/2022

Sd/-(Rajesh Patil) Commissioner

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation



E-Tender Notice (Open Tender Enquiry for Domestic Bidding) NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **online bids** from experienced domestic

"Internal Painting works of Type - 1D, II, III, A, B, C & D Quarter in Donimalai Township'

Tender Enquiry No.: HO (Contracts)/ DIOM Internal Painting/2022/

MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/40/22-23/ET/285

"External Painting works of Type - 1D, II, III, A, B, C & D Quarter in Donimalai Township" Tender Enquiry No.: HO (Contracts)/DIOM External Painting/ 2022/851 dated: 22.07.2022

MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/41/22-23/ET/286 he detailed NITs and Bid documents can be viewed and /or downloade

from 22/07/2022 to 22/08/2022 from following website links; . NMDC website - http://tenders.nmdc.co.in Central Public Procurement portal - http://www.eprocure.gov.in/

epublish/app and 3. MSTC portal -https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/

nmdc/buyer_login.jsp
For accessing the bid document from MSTC portal, bidder has to register as 'New Vendor' at MSTC website link https://www.mstcecommerce.co.in/ eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp and search Tender Event No. NMDC/HO/40/22-23/ET/285 and NMDC/HO/41/22-23/ET/286. For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited e-procurement website.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted: Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, Fax No.

040-23534746, Tel No. 040-23532800, email: contracts@nmdc.co.in Chief General Manager (Contracts)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II) MM Building, Old Power House Premises, Near Ram Mandir, Banipark, Jaipur-302006 Tel. 0141-2202607, E-Mail id:- semm2@jvvnl.org

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

e-tenders are invited for purchase of 11 KV CT-PT sets of various ration (TN-2752, UBN-VVN2223GLOB00202). All the details regarding tender are available at web site <u>www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl</u> www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and <u>www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in</u> Ir future, corrigendum/ extension, if any, shall be published only at abov

web sites. JPR 2727 (2022) SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II)

SEARCH FOR MISSING General Public is hereby informed



regard a DD No. 44A dated 14.05.2022 has been registered at

PS. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having

any information about this girl please inform undersigned. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639

that a girl namely Divya, D/o-

Anand Kumar, R/o H.No. C-1

MCD Colony, Samaypur, Delhi

Age: 26 years, Height: 5'5"

Complexion-Fair, Face-Long

Built-Medium, Wearing-Mustrad

colour Top Light Blue Jeans and

Black Valley Shoes in feet has

been reported missing from her

house, since 13.05.2022. In this

P.S. Samalpur Badli, Delhi DP/1999/ON/2022

Ph.: 011-21710052, 7065036326

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Kaial Kumari D/o Shambhu Saini R/o K No.52/7, Near Rly Fatak Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi Aged-14 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 14.05.2022 at about 9 AM vide FIR No.218/22 Dated 18.05.2022 u/s 363 IPC registered at Police Station Narela, Delhi. Her



Kajal Kumari

physical description is as under:-Complexion: Fair, Height: 4'6", Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: Red coloured suit, salwar, red coloured duppattta and Red coloured plastic sandal in feet.

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

Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639 DP/2014/ON/2022

of Himachal Pradesh under World Bank

0311/HP

SHO, Narela, Delhi Tel.: 011-27282350, 27280435

Date: July 21, 2022

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)

Request for Expression of Interest Proposal Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Name of Project: Project (HPSRTP) 9066-IN

Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites the Request for Expression of Interest Proposal from national consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below: Sr. Description Services Date of availability of Detailed Last date/Time Request for Expression of for submission Interest-cum-Request proposal/ Expression of Interest Proposal

The Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, State Roads Project, HPRIDCL

Ocument on HPRIDC web site Consultancy Services July 23, 2022 (Request for Expression of August 22, 2022 at 1500 for Development of Transport Disaster Interest Proposal document) hours (IST) and Plan for the State

Note: Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest-cum-Request for Proposals/Request for Expression of Interest Proposal Documents shall be available to all interesting firms on official web site of HPRIDC under http:// himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/ HPSRTP.html. link.

> Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director State Roads Project, HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar

Facsimile: +91-177-2620663 Tel: +91-177-2627602, E-mail: pdsrp-hp@nic.in

BLOCK SECTIONS E-Tender No. SNT-22-LMG-2022-

23: Dated: 19-07-2022. E-tenders an ited by undersigned for the following ork. Name of work & its location rovision of IBS in 11 na. Block section of Lumding Division. Tender Value ₹35,15,29,292.15; Amount of Bid Security Money to be deposited 719 07 700% E-tender will be Closed a 6:00 hrs. on 22:06:2022 and Opened at 17:30 hrs. on 22-08-2022. Website when details of tender notice & document car

oe seen www.ireps.gov.in Sr. DSTE. Lumding O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice No. DNR/S&T/Sig/2022-23/5 Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway, Danapur

Division, for and on behalf of President o India invites tenders on web porta www.ireps.gov.in for the following work (1.) Name of work with its location: S&T work in connection with provision o Interlocked LC Gate (For NHAI) with necessary changes in existing signalling working system at Hathidah station along with modification in Electronic Interlockin system under Danapur division (2 Approximate cost of work: Rs. 11584691.42 (3.) Earnest Money: Rs. 207900.00 (4.) Last Date & Time of Submission: Up to 15:00 hrs. 12.08.2022 (5.) Opening of tender: 15 hrs. on 12.08.2022 (6.) Website particulars where detail of the work and criteria can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in (7.) Address of the office from where detail Information can be obtained: Sr. Divnl. Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Eas Central Railway, Danapur **Note:** Any corrigendum if required will be uploaded o above website before 14 days DSTE/DNR PR/00664/DNR/S&T/T/22-23/32

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, North Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Trainset Depot, Shaku and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tender for the under noted work. . Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti fo

GEM/2022/B/2366282, Dt. 20.07.2022 Transportation of Railway material by road from Northern Railway Name of Trainset Depot Shakurbasti/ Heritage Steam Loco Shed, Rewari to other Sheds/ Workshops of Indian Railways and/or back from other Sheds/ Workshops to Northern Railway, Trainset Depot Shakurbasti/ Heritage Steam Shed, Rewari for a period of two (02) years both trips (incoming & outgoing) are independent

Rs. 2,04,27,247,01 including GST @5% Approximate cost Rs. 2,53,298 . 00 Earnest money Completion period of the work | 02 years 04.08.2022 11:00 hrs. Bid End Date / Time Bid Opening Date / Time 04.08.2022 11:30 hrs Above tender is available on GeM Website particulars where complete details of tender (Government e Marketplace) website i.e. can be seen www.gem.gov.in w.e.f. 20.07.2022

No.: 25.8.770.DSL.SSB Dated: 22.07.2022

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 22/51 Dt. 19.07.2022 behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurment Tender.

S. N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	30222613C (e-RA)	KNUCKLE	9060 Nos.	17.08.2022
2	30222418	COMPLETE SET OF AIR BRAKE	20 Set	17.08.2022
3	30221612	NOS-ASBESTOS L TYPE COMPOSITION BRAKE BLOCKS	57624 Nos.	29.08.2022
4	30224221A	FLAP DOOR ARRANGEMENT	1556 Nos.	12.09.2022
5	30221949	DOUBLE CUP FOR CTRB TYPE 'E' [6"X11"]	200 Nos.	16.08.2022
6	20223473A	EARTHING CARBRON BRUSH	1407 Nos.	10.08.2022
Not	te: The com	plete information of above tend	lers can b	e seen and

downloaded from IREPS website i.e. https://www.ireps.gov.in. 910/22(AN)

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA) (RAILWAY BOARD)

RAIL BHAWAN, RAISINA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110001

CORRIGENDUM NO. 5 to the Tender No. WTA-527 No. 2022/RS/WTA)-149/TENDER/527 New Delhi, dated 22,07,2022

Sub:- E-Tender No. WTA-527 due on 10.10.2022 for "Manufacturing cum Maintenance of 200 nos, of Vande Bharat Trainsets including upgradation of the Government Manufacturing Units & Trainset Depots"

Some of the terms and conditions of the subject tender have been modified and Corrigendum No. 5 has been uploaded on IREPS website. The prospective Bidders re requested to visit website- https://ireps.gov.in for more details

> **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RAILWAY STORES (RS)** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD) RAIL BHAWAN, RAISINA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110001 Email- drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in



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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. Pc.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Surject Singh, S/o Amarjeet Singh, R/o H.No. B-282-283, JJ Colony, Chaukhandi, Tilak Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 806/2020, u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, at P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Surject Singh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Surject Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Surjeet Singh of case FIR No. 806/2020, u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, at P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.09.2022. By Order

Sh. Puneet Nagpal Metropolitan Magistrate-07 DP/982/WD/2022-(Court Matter) Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

कार्यालय सिविल सर्जन सह मुख्य अस्पताल अधीक्षक

जिला चिकित्सालय रायपुर छ.ग.

क्रमांक/स्टोर/2022-2023/473 रायपुर/दिनांक-20/7/22

जिला चिकित्सालय पडरी रायपुर के लिए Commercial Washing machine, Hydro extractor machine, Dryer machine, Iron machine क्रय किया जाना है इच्छुक निर्माता कंपनी अथवा अधिकृत विक्रेताओं से मोहर बंद निविदायें पंजीकृत डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट एव स्वंय के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है इस संबंध में कार्यालयीन दिवसों के प्रातः 11.00 बजे से संध्या 4.00 बजे तक जिला चिकित्सालय रायपुर (मातृ एवं शिशु चिकित्सालय, कालीबाडी प्रथम तल)

<u>निविदा-आमंत्रण सूचना</u>

के मुख्य भण्डार शाखा से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। 1. निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य 2. निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि 3. निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की

अंतिम तिथि 4. निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि

5. निविदा धरोहर राशि 6. निविदा प्राप्त करने एवं जमा करने हेतु निर्धारित स्थान

11.08.2022 संध्या 4.00 बजे तक 16.08.2022 अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे 16.08.2022 संध्या 4.00 बजे

रु. 100000.00 (रु. एक लाख मात्र) का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट स्टोर शाखा, प्रथम तल मातु एवं शिश्

चिकित्सालय कालीबाडी,रायपुर (छ.ग.)

रु. 500/- वापसी (अयोग्य)

हस्ता/-सिविल सर्जन

93150 सह मुख्य अस्पताल अधीक्षक, जिला चिकित्सालय रायपुर छ.ग.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Tender through E-TenderIng (E-Procurement Systems)

	N.I.T. No.	10(A,D)-22-23-W-2 Dated 16.08.2022
1	Name of work with its locatio	n:
(I)	1	nd canteen and instructor rest house at GZE ion of SSE/W/E/GZB under ADEN/GZB.
(II)	1	uilding, improvement circulating area, provding dient post in the section of ADEN/MUT.
2	Approx. Cost of work NIT-10(A,D)-22-23-W-2	As per IREPS Notice
3	Earnest Money NIT-10(A,D)-22-23-W-2	As per IREPS Notice
4	Completion period of Work NIT-10(A,D)-22-23-W-2	As per IREPS Notice
5	Cost of tender on Cash/by post NIT-10(A,D)-22-23-W-2	As per IREPS Notice
6	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	02.08.2022 to 16.08.2022 upto 15:00 hrs Opening of tender 16.08.2022 at 15:00 hrs
7	Similar Nature of Work NIT-10(A,D)-22-23-W-2	As per IREPS Notice
8	1	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 10(A,D)-22-23-W-2 Dated: 22.07.2022 Serving Customers with a Smile

and address of the office

can be purchased etc.

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD) **CORRIGENDUM-V**

Subject: E-Tender No. TM-2201 for procurement of Self Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing Car "SPURT CAR" to be opened on 26.07.2022 The date of opening of above mentioned tender due on 26.07.2022 ha

een postponed to 26.08.2022



(Vijay Singh) Director Track (Machines), Railway Board Tele: No. 011-47845531 E-mail: vljay.singh.2017@gov.ln



नगर परिषद कार्यालय,

<u>शुद्धि-पत्र</u>

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि ई-निविदा नं० UDD/MMC/13/2022-23 के ग्रूप सं० 02, 05, 06 एवं 07 अपरिहार्य कारणों से अगले आदेश तक रद्द किया जाता है जिसका पी० आर० न० PR. No. 273358 Deoghar (2022-23)D है।

कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी

PR 274291 Deoghar(22-23)#D नगर परिषद, मध्पूर



UJVN Limited I.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508

etter No: 452 **Tender Notice** Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Pathri Power House Bahadrabad, Haridwar invites sealed tenders from interested parties Brief summary of tender is given below:

.Tender No.: 12/EE(Pathri)/2022-23 - Refilling & Repairing of various types of Fire Extinguishers and Procurement of different types of new Fire Extinguishers for Pathri Power House. Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,05,360.00 (GST extra) Date of availability of bid document on website: 24.07.2022

Last date for submission of tender: 16.08.2022, up to 16:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer (M&G)

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OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, GWALIOR

File No. 117/21x3/3 P-3/WS/2022/791 जनसम्पर्क RO क्रमांक 242 **DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER** दिनांक 21/07/2022 Online tenders are invited on behalf of Gwalior Municipal Corporation by undersigned for the Following work. Tender Bids will be received online as per key dates. Complete detail can be seen online in concern Tender no.

WORKSHOP DEPARTMENT

Sn. no.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (in Rupees) with GST	Tender ID no.	Date of release of Tender	Last date for purchase online tender dated
01	Supply of 4 Nos. 10.5 cum Truck Chassis Mounted Dumper, 2 Nos. 5.0 cum Truck Chassis mounted Dumper & 2 Nos. 3DX 6 in 1 Backhoe Loader in Workshop Department Gwalior Municipal Corporation 2022-23	2,12,08,880/- (With GST)	2022_UAD_ 212154_1	20-07-2022	22-08-2022
Fui	rther details can be seen at http:/	//mptende	rs.gov.in		ira Saxena

Nagar Nigam Gwalior, Mob. 9406915728

NAME OF WORK

CONSTRUCTION OF RCC

BOOTH AT MILK CHILLING

CENTRE NARNAUL

(RESERVES FOR L&C

REPAIRING AND MAIN-TENANCE OF STREETS AND DRAINS ETC. IN ALL WARDS, MC FAR-RUKHNAGAR + 4 OTHER WORKS

NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH

THE ROHTAK

MUNICIPAL

COMMITTEE

FARRUKHNAGAR

Name of Work

Annual repair of Clear Water Pump House and Cantees Block of Holderpur WW-II (Tender ID: 2022, DJB 225778) Providing laying 400 mm dia M.S. Water

Main for conveyance system of tubowell at Owarks WTP.

(Tender ID: 2022 BJB 225778)

1 Name of the Department

Date of publication of Tender

Last date/Time for receipt of

date/Time for receipt of Earnest

Name of office where receipt of

Money & Cost of B.O.O.

Earnest Money & Cost of

Contact No. of Procurement

Implementation of Cluster wise

Single Village Water Supply

7 Date of Opening of Tender

2 Name of the Advertiser

on Website

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

(TIME)

25.07.2022

20.08.2022

CLOSING

DATE

27.07.2022

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WW)-II

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

E-Procurement Notice

Very Short Tender Notice No. DWSD/SKL/Cluster SVS/30/2021-22 (6th Call) Dated-21.07.2022

25.07.2022/05.00 PM

02.08.2022 / 5:00 PM

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Group No.

01.08..2022/ Upto 4.00 PM

On 02.08.2022/ Upto 1.00 PM

Cost

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The more detail required above can be seen on website www.delhi.covtprocurement.com

PRESS NIT No.03 (Item No. 1 & 2) /2022-23

OPENING DATE | AMOUNT/EMD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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Proceeding Fee (Fresh)

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

RUPEES

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one person namely Darshan, S/o Heera Lal, R/o H.No. B-285, New Sanjay Amar Colony, Delhi. Age 31 years, Height 5'10", Complexion Fair, Round Face, Strong Built, Wearing Red colour T-shirt, blue colour pajama and blue colour chappal in feet has been missing since 25.06.2022 from the area of PS Farsh

Darshan Bazar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a DD No. 79-A dated 25.06.2022 has been lodged at PS Farsh Bazar, Delhi.

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

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218 DP/926/SHD/2022

SHO PS: Farsh Bazar, Delhi Ph.: 011-22301600, 22303600 8750870623



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21.07.2022

SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR Phone: 0680-2281582, e-mail: ccescbam@gmail.com INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement] Bid identification No. CCE, S.C. (R&B)-BAM-04/2022-23 No. 2952 // Dated : 21.07.2022

) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction of **Building / Road** Works as detailed in the table below.

2	Nature of work	:	Building / Road works
3	No. of work	:	04 Nos.
4	Tender Cost	:	Rs. 10,000/- (online)
5	Class of Contractor	:	"B" Class, "A" Class & Special Class
6	Availability of Bid document in the	:	From 02.08.2022 10.00 AM to
	website		20.08.2022 4.00 PM
7	Date of Opening of Bid	:	22.08.2022 at 11.30 A.M.
8	The Bidders have to participate in C seen from the website https://tende		ILINE bidding only. Further details can be odisha.gov.in.
9	Any addendum / corrigendum / car	10	ellation of tender can also be seen in the

Sd/- (D.C.Behera) Chief Construction Engineer Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampu OIPR-34103/11/0005/222

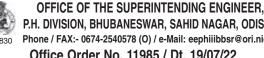
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bellid document is available in the website: www.omfed.com from 10.00 AM of 23.07.022 to 5.00 PM of 16.08.2022 & last date of submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 01.00 PM. The Technical Bid will be opened on dt. 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 01.00 PM. The Technical Bid will be opened on dt. 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 01.00 PM. The Technical Bid will be opened on dt. 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of La submission at Omfed on 17.08.2022 at 03.00 PM of 16.08.2022 at 0

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P.H. DIVISION, BHUBANESWAR, SAHID NAGAR, ODISHA Phone / FAX:- 0674-2540578 (O) / e-Mail: eephiiibbsr@ori.nic.ir Office Order No. 11985 / Dt. 19/07/22

Bid Identification No. EEPHBBSR-08/ 2022-23 Dt. 27.05.2022

1) The Tender ID :- 2022 PHEO 78129 1 for the work "Improvement of water supply to Ranapur NAC (WTP) is here by cancelled due to no bidder qualified in Technical evaluation as per decision of tender committee.

> SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER. P.H. DIVISION, BHUBANESWAR, OIPR-13205/11/0026/2223

NORTHERN RAILWAY

	Invitation of	of Tenders through E-proc	urement S	vstem
behalf o		als Manager, Northern Railway, N nt of India, invites e-tenders throu item:-		
SI.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	07210377A	Water tank (2x685 Liters) Assembly	41 Nos.	18.08.2022
2.	07220053	Foot Step Arrangement	3365 Nos.	18.08.2022
3.	19220644	Set of Damper for WAG-9H LOCO	14 Set	22.08.2022
4.	09222330B	Top Side Bearer Liner	22859 Nos.	22.08.2022
5.	07220211	Link Pin for LHB Coaches	17016 Nos.	22.08.2022
6.	09223060	PU Based Gentian Blue (Two Pack)	85430 LTR	24.08.2022
7.	08195281E	Trans Receiver VHF Radio 25 Watt Set	495 Set	24.08.2022
		ay visit the IREPS website i.e. v be entertained.	ww.ireps.go	v.in for details.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)** B-399

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Tender Notice No.: 30/2022-2023 Dated: 22.07.2022

File No-B-I-Tourism-Puri-07/2021 Lr. No. 28041/Bhubaneswar 20th July, 2022 **Invitation for Bids**

Bid Identification No. OSD CE(B)-15/2022-23

The OSD-Chief Engineer (Buildings) on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invite bids from reputed Indian firm registered with the State Government and bidders of equivalent Grade/ Class registered with Central Government/MES/Railways for the building works detailed in the table below on turnkey basi (i.e.Architectural planning with detailed desinge, vetting & execution).

2	Nature of work	:	Development of Puri-Konark Beachfror Chandrabhaga Beach, Konark o Turnkey Basis in the state of Odisha.
3	No. of work	:	01 No.
4	Bid Cost.	:	₹10,000/-
5	Class of Contractor	:	Super Class
6	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt. 22.07.2022 to 05.30 PM of dt. 05.09.2022
7	Pre-bid meeting	:	Dt. 08.08.2022 at 11:00 AM.
8	Last date of online submission of bid	:	Dt. 05.09.2022
9	Last dt. Of Submission of hardcopy (Cover-III)	:	Dt. 12.09.2022 up to 05:30 PM
10	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt.13.09.2022 at 11:30 AM.
11	The Bidders have to participate in C	N	ILINE bidding only. Further details can b

seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum Sd/-OSD-Chief Engineer (Buildings)

Odisha, Bhubaneswar OIPR- 34117/11/0038/2223

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

Very short E-Procurement Notice E-Procurement Notice No. DWSD/SKL/Cluster SVS/18/2021-22 Dated-21.07.2022 (6th Call)

1	Name of the Department	Drinking Wat	er and Sanita	ition Departm	ient , Jharki	nand Ranchi
2	Name of the Advertiser	Executive	Engineer, Drir	nking Water 8 Saraikela	k Sanitation	Division,
3	Date of publication of Tender on Website		25.07	.2022/ 05.00	PM	
4	Last date/Time for receipt of Bid		01.0820	022/ Upto 4.0	00 PM	
5	Last date/Time for receipt of Earnest Money & Cost of B.O.Q.		On 02.08.	2022/ Upto 1	00 PM	
6	Name of office where receipt of Earnest Money & Cost of B.O.Q.	2.Office o	f the Superin	ingineer, D.W. tending Engin Chaibasa. , Doranda Rar	eer, D.W.&.	S.Circle,
7	Date of Opening of Tender		02.08	.2022 / 5:00	PM	
8	Contact No. of Procurement office		+92	1 7903702010)	
SI. No.	Particular	Group No.	Estimated Cost (in Lakh Rs.)	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	Implementation of Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply under Jal Jeevan Mission for Clusters Saraikela District under D.W.&S. Division, Saraikela for the year 2021-22.	Block- Rajnagar Sub Cluster 2 (B) SVS Scheme (Group No. 04)	647.09000	648000.00	10000.00	09 Month

PR 274351 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)#D

Executive Engineer D.W.&.S.Division, Saraikela

स्थानिक आयुक्त कार्यालय झारखण्ड भवन, झारखण्ड सरकार वसंत विहार, नई दिल्ली-110057।

झारखण्ड भवन के स्टाफ वाहनों की नीलामी की सूचना

झारखण्ड भवन के निम्नलिखित वाहनों की सर्वाजनिक नीलामी के द्वारा दिनांक—02.08.2022 को अपराह्न 11:30 बजे झारखण्ड भवन, कुसुमपुर पहाड़ी, वसंत विहार, नई दिल्ली में बिकी की जायेगी। इस हेतु बोलीदाताओं के लिए निर्धारित सिक्यूरिटी राशि जमा कर नामांकन कराने का समय दिनांक—29.07.22 को पूर्वाहन 11:00 से अपराहन 04:00 बजे तक का है। निर्धारित समय के अतिरिक्त नामांकन नहीं किया जा सकेगा।

क.स.	वाहन	ानबंधन संख्या		न्यूनतम अनुमानित वतमान बाजार मूल्य
			मॉडल / वर्ष	(रूपये में)
1	SX4/	DL12C-6560(SX4.)	2012	1,25000 / –(एक लाख पचीस हजार)
		(Diesel)		
2	SX4/	DL12C-6559(SX4.)	2012	1,25000 / –(एक लाख पचीस हजार)
		(Diesel)		
3	CAMRY	DL4CAE-7361 (CAMRY)	2007	1,48,000 / –(एक लाख अड़तालीस हजार)
		(Petrol)		,
2	जार्शस्य १	होक वारन की नीलामी अलग—	अन्या होगी।	

वाहन नीलामी हेतु निबंधन और शर्तें इस प्रकार है:-

(एक) वाहन ''जैसे–है–जहां है' आधार पर बेचे जायेंगे ।

(दो) नीलामी आरंभ होने से पूर्व प्रत्येक इच्छुक बोलीदाता को प्रत्येक मामले में रू0 15,000 / —(पन्द्रह हजार) नगद जमा कराने होंगे जो नीलामी प्रक्रिया पूरी होने के पश्चात् असफल बोलीदाता को लौटा दिये जायेंगे।

(तीन) सफल बोलीदाता को नीलामी स्थल पर बोली राशि का 25 प्रतिशत भुगतान तत्काल करना होगा। ऐसा न किये जाने पर 15,000 / —(पन्द्रह हजार की राशि) जब्त कर ली जायेगी। शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि का भुगतान नीलामी के दो कार्य दिवसों के भीतर करना होगा। ऐसा न किये जाने पर सफल बोलीदाता द्वारा जमा की गई 25 प्रतिशत राशि जब्त कर ली जायेगी। सफल बोलीदाता को पूरी राशि का भुगतान करने के बाद वाहनों को उन्हें अपने खर्च पर तत्काल हटाना होगा।

(चार) सफल बोलीदाता (ओं) को पहचान और आवासीय पते के मूल प्रमाण प्रस्तुत करने होंगे। (पांच) स्थानिक आयुक्त, झारखण्ड भवन को बिना कोई कारण बतायें, किसी निविदा प्रस्ताव / बोली को स्वीकार / अस्वीकार

(छः)इच्छुक बोलीदाता, झारखण्ड भवन, वसंत विहार, नई दिल्ली—57 के प्रोटोकॉल सहायकों से दूरभाष संख्या—011—26739045 एवं 011—26739046 पर पहले से समय लेकर समाचार पत्र में विज्ञप्ति प्रकाशन होने की तिथि एवं नीलामी आरंभ होने से पहले

(आठ) बिक्री के पश्चात् झारखण्ड भवन की वाहन के अंतरण की और इन वाहनों का वाणिज्यिक या अन्य प्रयोजनों हेतु उपयोग

PR 274286 Cabinet(22-23)D

मुख्य प्रशासी पदाधिकारी झारखण्ड भवन, नुई दिल्ली। New Delhi

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PR 274350 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 22-23 (D)

Sub Cluster 9 under Jal Jeevan Mission for SVS Scheme Clusters Saraikela District under D.W.&S. Division, (Group No. 6) Saraikela for the year 2021-22

Block- Kuchai 983.19000 983200.00 10000.00 नोट— प्राक्कलित राशि एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट—बढ़ सकती है।

Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand Ranchi

1.Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W.&.S.Division, Saraikela

3. Office of the RCE, Doranda Ranchi Zone, Ranchi

Estimated

Cost (in

Lakh Rs.)

2.Office of the Superintending Engineer, D.W.&.S.Circle, Chaibasa.

Earnest

money

(in Rs.)

Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Saraikela

विंस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाईट न0 http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। **Executive Engineer** D.W.&.S.Division, Saraikela

Cost of

BOQ

(in Rs.)

9 Month

Time of Completion करने का अधिकार है।

किसी भी कार्य दिवस को 14.30 बजे से 17.00 बजे के बीच वाहनों का निरीक्षण कर सकते हैं। (सात) वाहन अंतरण के निर्धारित प्रपत्रों पर केवल हस्ताक्षर किये जायेंगे और वाहन का मूल पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र संबंधित

(नौ)झारखण्ड भवन के कर्मचारी और उनके परिवार के सदस्य नीलामी में बोली लगाने के पात्र नहीं हैं।

18 Classifieds & Tender

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I.Harshita Jain W/o Akash Bucha, R/o F-125, Mansarover Garden, N. Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Yogita 0040623681-6

I, Supreem Lathwal S/O Raj Kumar Lathwal, R/o House No-1857, Sector 2, 3 (Part), Rohtak, Haryana- 124001. Declare that Name of Mine & My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Supreem & Raj Kumar and Santosh in my 10th Class Certificate No- 561602 and that the name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Supreem And Raikumar in my Pan Card No-DAGPS7114Q. The actual name of Mine & My Father and My Mother are Supreem Lathwal & Raj Kumar Lathwal and Santosh Lathwal, which may be amended accordingly.

0070795735-1

I, Suman Devi, W/O Krishan R/o Shamlo Khurd-63, Baroli, Jind, Harvana-126114. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Radha 0070795732-1

L Sheo Murat, S/o Jaggi Lal, R/o Village Lotiya, Post-Nara, Tehsil-Sirathu, Distt-Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh-212217, that name of my Wife has been wrongly written as Shobha in my Pension Payment Order (PPO) No-S/017653/2008. The actual name of my wife is Uma Devi.

0070795795-1 I, Subodh Kumar S/o Vishnu Kant, H.No.-29, Gali No.-11, Roshan Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Subodh Kumar Thakur S/o Vishnu Thakur, for 0040623480-1 all purposes.

I, Renu, W/o Dharamender Singh, R/o House No-187, Dadhota, Palwal, Haryana-121102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Renu Tewatia.

0070795748-1

I, Rajesh Goyal, S/o Durga Dass, R/o B-208, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi 110034, have changed my name to Rajesh

I, Puneet Sohal, S/o Jai Gopal, R/o B-3/701, Cherry County, Surajpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306. have changed the name of my minor Daughter Shivika Sohal aged about 2 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Taapsee Sohal. 0070795744-1

I, Praveen Kumar Sharma, S/o Vishnu Dutt Sharma, R/o 1506, Kosmos-10, Jaypee Wishtown, Sector 134, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name to Praveen Sharma, 0070795786-1

I, No-9112721Y, Sepoy Ravi Kant Choudhary S/O- Madan Lal Choudhary, RO/PO-Langar, Tehsil-Nowshera, District-Rajouri. In my service records the(DoB) of my wife namely Mrs Manisha Choudhary has been wrongly mentioned as 28-12-1989 instead of 12-08-1989.It needs correction. Objections be filed to seven days. 0020442621-1

I. No- 9104932M.NK Surjeet Singh S/O-Shri Rattan Singh,R/O- Khandwal, P/O-Simbal Camp, Tehsil/District-Jammu-181101.In my service records the (DoB) of my wife namely Mrs Nisha Kumari has been wrongly mentioned as 11-11- 1988 instead of 11-11-1986.It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020442620-1

I. Neera Agarwal D/o RP Jain R/o Flat No.265, Block-L, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, informs that Neera Agarwal & Neera both are one and the same person and is known as Neera Agarwal for all future purposes. 0040623557-3

I, Mohd Rashid Hasan S/o Late Abid Hasan R/o 832, Ashiana Upvan, Tower-7, Ahinsa Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201014, have changed my name to Mohammad Rashid Hasan for all future purposes.

0040623578-1

I, Km Ganga Rawat alias Ganga Negi. D/o Gaie Singh. W/O Mahipal Singh Negi, R/o E-29 A, Gali No-2, Near Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Deenpur Extension, Najafgarh, South West Delhi- 110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Meenu 0070795750-1

I, MADHURI W/o AAKASH, H.NO-1 FF KH NO-42/11, AMRITA PURI RANHOLA NANGLOI DELHI-110041, have changed my name to KAJAL. 0040623690-5

I. Kapil Kumar, S/o Om Parkash. R/o House No-793, Near Post Office, Patel Nagar, Hisar, Harvana-125001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kapil

0070795747-1 I Muneera Ghouse W/O, Nadir Hussain R/o C-65, Lane No. 7,

Madanpur Khadar Extension, New Delhi - 110076 have changed my name to Munira Ghous for al

I,SOURABH VERMA, S/O.VIJAY KUMAR VERMA, ADD-R75A FLAT.NO.7 KHIRKI EXT, MALVIYA-NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI-110017, Changed my name to SAURAB VERMA, for all, future Purposes.

0040623684-2

I,BRIJ LAL,S/o-BABU RAM,R/o-8/22, Sahdev-Gali Vishwas-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor-daughter JITASHA GOUTAM, aged -13years and she shall hereafter be known as JITASHA.

0040623684-10 I.Amit Kumar Gupta S/o Vijav Kumar Gupta R/o F-24/160, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Amit Gupta permanently. 0040623665-3

I,Akhilesh Kr Choudhary,S/o

Shri Satish Chandra Chaudhary, R/o-H.no.1A, FF, Indraprastha-colony, sector-30-33 Amar Nagar Faridahad Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Akhilesh Kumar Chaudhary, for all purpose. 0040623673-7

I, Zinobia Sarah Paul, R/o Plot No. 15 & 16, RK Block, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Zinobia

I, Wakila Parveen w/o Mohd Haroon r/o 1268, Gali Gau Khana, Haveli Hissamuddin Haider, Ballimaran, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to VAKEELA PARVEEN 0040623554-1 permanently.

I, Vijay Singh, Residence F-8B, 2nd floor, Street No.3, Janta Gardan, Pandav Nagar, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, East Delhi-110091, have changed my minor Son name from Om to Om Singh (D.O.B. 21/01/2008), for all further purpose.

0070795799-1 I, Sushant Kumar, S/o Binay Kumar Karyee, R/o 703 Tower C1. Orris Carnation Residency Sector 85, Sikanderpur Badha (109), Gurgaon, Haryana-122004. I have changed the name of my minor Son Suryansh aged about 13 years and He shall hereafter be

known as Suryansh Kumar. 0070795740-1

I, Surender Gupta, S/o Prem Sagar Gupta, R/o D-181, Second Floor, Block-D, Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Surinder Kumar Gupta.

0070795796-1

I, Ramesh Kumar Mohanni, S/o Tahal Ram R/o 165, Kailash Hills, East of Kailash, Delhi-110065, have change my name to Ramesh Kumar Mohnani. 0040623690-3

I, Ritu Ahuja, W/o Nikhil Ahuia. R/o 204, Tower-16, Lotus Zing Society, Sector-168, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, declare that name of Mine has been wrongly written as Ritu Manga in my minor Son Nihir Ahuja, aged about 3 Years, In his Birth Certificate Registration No-B-2018: 9-56044-011057. The actual name of Mine is Ritu Ahuja, which may be amended

accordingly. 0070795745-1 I, S MUKUND S/o J S Balaji, R/o 79-C, FG-1, Opp. United Bank of India Vikas Puri New Delhi-110018 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MUKUNDAN BALAJEE

0040623557-1

I, SAMBA MURTHY, father of, SS Naravana Singamsetti Presently residing at,4-51-4,Sai-Hanuman-Nilayam,Near-)S Cheruyu,Subbarao Peta,Tadepalligudem, West-Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-534101, have changed my name, from SAMBA MURTHY to SINGAMSETTI SAMBA MURTHY, videaffidavit, dated-21-7-22.

0040623684-5

I. Sanjay Kumar alias Sanjay Rai Bhatnagar S/O Hem Rai Bhatnagar, R/o A-12/A, DDA Flats Munirka Delhi- 110067. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sanjay Rai Bhatnagar.

0070795730-1 I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Surjeet

Singh, R/o House No-483, Near Shiv Mandir, Kharak Kalan (131), Bhiwani, Haryana-127114, Declare that name of Mine and My Wife has been wrongly written as Sanjeev and Sushila in my minor Sor Nikhil Panwar, aged about 17 Years, In his 10th Class Certificate No-1055076. The actual name of Mine and My Wife are Sanjeev Kumar and Sushila Devi, which may be amended accordingly.

0070795736-1 I, Sarita Maurya, W/o Prem Chand Maurya, R/o Banafa Sultanpur, Ghosi Distt Mau-275304, declare that name of My Wife has been wrongly written as Prem Mourya in my minor Daughter Simran Mourya, aged about 16 Years, In her Birth Certificate No-4988. The actual name of Mv

0070795741accordingly. I,SARITA,W/O.RAJEEV KUMAR, ADD-B-62, J AND K-BLOCK NARULA BAKERY, BAKERY LAXMI-NAGAR, EAST DELHI 110092, changed my name to

Wife is Prem Chand Maurya,

which may be amended

SARITA SOOD, permanantly. 0040623673-6

I,BHAVYA S/O.YOGESH THAKUR, ADD-D-158, BATHLA APARTMENTS, PLOT.NO,43 I.P.EXTN , DELHI-110092, changed my name to BHAVYA THAKUR, permanantly.

0040623673-5

I Divva Rani D/O. Late Sh. Surinder Kumar R/o House No Wz 283/111 Vishnu Garden Gali Number 4 have changed my name to Divya for all 0040623663-1 purposes.

I Anandi W/o Hari Singh R/o Village Behrampur Raashupur Aligarh Jalali UP have changed my name from Anadi Devi to

I,Sanjiv Kumar Behl S/o Rohan Bhel R/o 172/8, Marla-Model Town Sec-11, Gurgaon HR, have changed my name to Sagiv Kumar Bhel. 0040623673-2

I.SURINDER SINGH.S/O BALBIR SINGH R/O-11C.DDA FLATS SHIVAJI ENCLAVE NEW DELHI-110027, have changed my name to SURENDER SINGH.

0040623665-6

I,SONAL ARORA,D/O HARIOM ARORA R/O-50 GF, DAYANAND-VIHAR DELHI-110092.HAVE DAUGHTER NAME AIRA TO AIRA ARORA. 0040623665-8

I.Rishab S/o-Raiesh Kumar. R/o.C-599, 2nd-Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Galleria DLF-IV, Gurgaon (Harvana)-122009.have changed my name to Rishab Chaudhary, for all purposes.

0040623681-8

I.Richa wife of Manish Agarwal. R/o R-11/124,Raj-Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name, from Richa to Richa Agarwal, for all, future purposes. 0040623690-2

I,Reena Kanwer ,Spouse of Army No-10136298M, Rank Hay Ashok Singh presently residing of vill/Po-Bango Thari Kalan, Teh-Suraj Gagh, Distt-Jhun Jhunu, State-Rajasthan, Pin-333031, have changed my name from wrong name Reena Kanwer to Right name Reena Kanwar vide affidavit no- IN-JK71803423660324U dated-14-07-2022 before notary public Srinagar.

I,RAJNI W/O-RAKESH DAWAR, R/O Q-39,GROUND-FLOOR, RAJOURI GARDEN, DELHI-110027.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJNI DAWAR, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040623681-1

I,RAJESH/RAJESH KUMAR WALECHA/RAJESH WALECHA/RAJESH KUMAR S/O SH.NANAK CHAND,R/O H,NO.C-219, MADHUBAN-COLONY SHAKARPUR DELHI-110092, Have changed my name to RAJESH KUMAR,for ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040623665-5

I,Pradeep,S/o Charan Singh, R/o H.No.123.Bank Wali Gali. Dundahera, Gurgaon, (Haryana)-122016,have changed my name to Pradeep Yadav, for all purposes.

0040623681-3 **I,Pawan** Mittal,S/O-Shri Amrit Lal.R/O-C-13/9.Sector-3. Rohini, Delhi-110085, have Changed my name to Pawan 0040623673-4

I.Parbhat Kishore alias Prabhat Tanwar S/o Amar Singh R/o-WZ-470, Basaidara Pur, Ramesh-Nagar, N.Delhi-110015, have changed myname to Prabhat Tanwar.

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I.MANMEET SINGH,S/O,KAMAL JIT SINGH R/o-BF-110, Janakpuri, N.Delhi-110058, name of my-father has-been wrongly-written as KAMALJEET SINGH in my-Driving License-No.DL0420019080384.The actual-name of my-father is KAMAL JIT SINGH. 0040623681-7

LKM ROSHANI SHARMA W/O PANKA IGOFI R/O A-880 SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110052. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ROSHNI GOEL. 0040623681-2

I.KAVITA.W/O-SANJAY, HOUSE, NO. 200, VILLAGE-BHAROLLA, ADARSHNAGAR **DELHI-33.THAT MY NAME** NEHA WRONGLY-MENTIONED IN MY SON'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE.NO-07043878.IN FUTURE I WILL BE KNOWN AS KAVITA.BOTH ARE THE SAME-PERSON. 0040623684-9

I.JASJIT SINGH KOCHHAR S/O. RAJWANTH SINGH KOCHHAR R/O,B-95, GREATER KAILASH PART-1. NFW DFI HI-110048. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JASJIT SINGH. 0040623665-9

I,Gyandeep S/o Shyam Sunder R/o House No.1, Ambedkar, Camp, Haiderpur Shalimar, Bagh Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Gautam for, all purposes. 0040623684-3

I.DURGA PRASAD TANDON.S/O NAR BAHADUR TANDON, R/o.D 5/129, SHIV DURGA-VIHAR. I AKKARPUR, FARIDABAD-121009, HARYANA, have changed my name to DURGA BAHADUR TANDON, permanently. 0040623665-2

I.DEVENDER KUMAR CHOPRA, S/O PREM CHAND CHOPRA,R/O HNO.203-L.ATLAS ROAD.MODEL TOWN,SONIPAT-131001. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DEVENDER KUMAR.

0040623665-7 I, Chinti alias KM. Chinti, D/o Aalokpal Singh, R/o 126, Village Chittora Urf Didwari. Nurpur, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201206, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Priya Chaudhary.

0070795751-1

I.Sonika.D/o Satish Kumar.W/o Karamjeet Singh, R/o.H.No.108 Block-A, Nangal Dewat Vasant-Kunj, South West Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Sonika Sehrawat, for all purposes.

0040623681-4

I Neeta Kumar D/o Lt Shri Rajender Parshad R/O G-286 Street No.8/30 West Karawal Nagar Delhi-110094 Have changed my name To Neha purposes. Further Neeta Kumar and Neha Sharma are one and the same person.

0040623563-1

I, Sanjoli Nagpal w/o Abhishek Srivastava born on 21-11-1994 residing at H-503, Friends Apartment, Plot No. 49, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Sanjoli Nagpal Srivastava vide affidavit dated 07-07-2022 at

I Dinesh Kumar Sahni S/o Tilak Raj R/o Plot No 77 SF Sector 1 Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed my name from Dinesh Kumar to Dinesh Kumar Sahni

0050200812-1

I Ajay Kumar Verma S/o Hari Singh R/o E-62B Janakpuri Sahibabad Ghaziabad have changed my name from Ajay Kumar to Ajay 0050200811-1 Kumar Verma

I Abhishek Agarwal S/o Brij Bhushan Agarwal being father of minor Shivaansh Agarwal R/o B-503 East Avenue Apartment Ahinsa Khand 2 Indirapuram Ghaziabad have changed my son name from Raghav Agarwal to Shivaansh Agarwal 0050200813-1

It Is For General Information That I,Maanvi,D/o-Gurmel Singh,Nirmal Kaur, Residing At, W. No. 28, Near-College Phatak K Pass, Hanumangarh-Town Hanumangarh-335513, Rajasthan, Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Prabh Jot In My-Caste Certificate No.956 Dated-04-03-2010 And Real Resident Certificate, No. 929 Dated-04-03-2010.The Actual-Name Of Mine Is Maanvi. Which May Be Amended.

040623673-10

I,Vishal S/o Prem Singh,R/o WZ-70.Gali No.1 Hariian Basti Palam Part-2. Nasirpur Road Delhi-110045, changed my name to Vishal Piwal 0040623665-10

I,Vinesh Kumar Mittal,S/O-Shri Yatendra Kumar Mittal.R/O-D-38, Gali No.2, Sanjay Mohalla, Yamuna Vihar, Bhajan Pura, Delhi-110053, have changed my minor son name from Aarav Mittal to Keshav Mittal.

0040623673-3

I.VIVEK KUMAR.son of DHARM SINGH DIXIT.residing at, House.no.60-A, Gali.No.1, (Near-KR Public-School),RAO Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana PIN-121004, have changed my name from VIVEK KUMAR to VIVEK DIXIT.vide affidavit.no.INDL6330449893365 8U dated-21-07-2022, at New-0040623684-6

I.VENKATA RAMANA.mother of, SS Narayana Singamsetti, Presently, residing at, 4-51-4.Sai-Hanuman Nilayam, Near-DS Cheruyu, Subbarao-Peta, Tadepalligudem, West-Godavari.Andhra-Pradesh 534101, have changed my name, from VENKATA RAMANA to SINGAMSETTI VENKATARAMANA.videaffidavit, dated-21-7-22.

I.TIWARI RUCHIKUMARI SHASHIKANT,W/O AJEET KUMAR,R/O 104,RZ-13/14, SANSKAR-APARTMENT. MATIALA-EXTN UTTAM-NAGAR NEW DELHI-110059,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RUCHI

0040623684-4

DEVI. 0040623665-1 I,Susheel Chaudhri,W/o-Ramesh Kumar Chaudhri R/o-Flat-no.1094.SBI Enclave.H-3 Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018.have changed my name from Susheel Chaudhri to Susheel Kaur, for all future-0040623665-4 purposes.

I,Sonia Singh D/o Sh.Harbans Lal R/o E-16/57, Sector-8 Rohini Delhi have changed my name from Sonia Singh to Jiya Maan for all purposes.

0040623684-1

I,Satish Chandra Choudhary, s/o Shri.Shiv Chandra Chaudhary, R/o H.no.1A, FF, Indraprastha-colony, sector-30-33,Amar-Nagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Satish Chandra Chaudhary, for all purpose.

0040623673-8

I,Manish Agarwal,R/o R-11/124, Rai Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my son name, from Shubh to Shubh Agarwal,for all,future purposes.

I, Meena Singh W/o Ranvir Singh Kadian R/o.17-A,Block-B-2, Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Meena Kumari 0040623673-9

I.Nidhi Maini.W/o Amit Kumar Maini R/o 1853/137,2nd Floor, Shanti Nagar Trinagar Delhi-110035.Have Changed My Name To Vijayata Maini, For Future Purposes. 0040623684-8

I,PREETI,daughter of,DHARM SINGH DIXIT, residing at,House.no.60-A,Gali.No. l,(Near-KR Public-School), RAO-Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana, PIN-121004, have changed my name.from PREETI to PREETI DIXIT, vide-affidavit no. IN-DL63304829160961U, dated.21-07-2022, at New-Delhi.

0040623684-7

I, Abdul Hameed S/o Abdul Majeed R/o-H.No.34B, Gali No.5, Khureji Khas, Delhi-110051, inform that Abdul Hamid and Abdul Hameed both are one and the same 0040623647-1 person.

I, Aadil Ahlawat S/O Virender Singh, R/o Village- Gangtan, Dighal (2), Jhajjar, Haryana-124107, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aadi Ahlawat. 0070795737-1

I Rekha Sarraf W/O, Badri Saraf R/o Wz 18 A 2nd Floor Punjab Garden East Punjabi Bagh Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Rekha Saraf for all 0040623664-1 I. Kamal Deep Dabas S/O Ravinder Singh R/O,H.No-303-B,Barwala Delhi-110039,have changed my name to Kamal Deep permanently.

0040623673-1

I, KM Aradhana Devi, W/O Gopal Chaubey R/o P-1402 Floor-14, Great Value Sharanam, Starling Edge Mall, Sector- 107, Noida. Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aradhana Chaubey 0070795739-1

I, H Jindal S/O B B Jindal, R/o 160, Sarai Dubey, Opp Gandhi Park Market, G T Road, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh- 202001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Himanshu Jindal, 0070795729-1

I, Ravi, S/o Subhash Bhardwaj,

R/o E-39, Second Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052, have

changed my name to Ravi Bhardwaj. 0070795766-1 I, Chalti Devi, W/O Ram Chander R/o Quarter No- 2, Type- 5, BSNL Staff Colony, Sector-8, Karnal, Haryana-132001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shanti

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L Bharti Meena W/O Sonu Babu Meena, R/o Otr C- 6, DAO Flats. New Mahavir Nagar, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi-110018 I have changed the name of my minor daughter Akshika Meena aged about 4 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Krishvika.

I, Baneesh Pal Singh Khokhar, S/o Rayinder Singh, R/o 2127. Gali No-166, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Baneesh Pal Singh for all future purposes. 0070795801-1

I, BALWINDER KAUR, W/o BALIFFT SINGH, H.NO-13 U/T/F GURUNANAK VIHAR NILOTHI

110041, have changed my name to BALINDER KAUR. 0040623690-4 I, Arvind Agarwal S/o Ram Shankar Agarwal, R/o Flat No. 265, Block-L, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, informs that Arvind Agarwal, Arvind Kumar & Arvind Kumar Agarwal are

one and the same person and

is known as Arvind Agarwal

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for all future purposes. 0040623557-2

I, Arun Kumar, S/o Shri Kartar Singh, R/o D-759, Street No. 30, Amar-Colony East, Gokalpur Delhi-110094, declare that name of my minor-son Shubham Brijeshi age-9-years has been wrongly-written as Shubham in his School Records. The actual-name of my minor son is Shubham

Brijeshi. 0070795760-1 I. Anmol Malothra, S/o Ashok Malhotra, R/o B-102, Subhadra Colony, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Anmol Malhotra. 0070795768-1

I, Anjali Rathore W/o Sh.Ramesh Rathore, R/o-A-212, Panda-Nagar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my Minor daughter name from Sara to Sara Rathore, for all future 0040623562-1 purposes.

I, Anam, W/o Mohd. Sameer Kucha Rehman Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Anam Khan Lodhi, permanently.

0070795788-1 I, Amren Saleh D/O Hashmat Ullah, R/o 474/23/3 Sitapur Road, Madehgani Khadra, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226020. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ambreen Hashmat

0070795731-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Chadan Kumar, Advocate and partner of RG & Kumar LLP on behalf of my client, Smt. Kastur Devi wio Late Sh. Kanhiya Lal R/o 2nd Floor, B-138/2, East of Kailash, New Delhi, do hereby bring to the notice of general public through your esteemed newspaper that my client's younger son Sh. Ravi Kumar and other daughters namely Smt. Shashi, Smt. Manju Tanwar, Smt. Sudha Rani, Smt. Seema and Smt. Uma Solanki have made her sign on various documents Nating I aliwar, Smt. Sucina Rain, Smt. Seema and Smt. Uma Solanki have made her sign on various documents and impersonated her before various authorities including Banks. She has never consented for any complaints made before any police station and department, except for a formal representation dated 04.07.2022 submitted by my client against Sh. Ravi Kumar and his wife Smt. Renu. Further, she has never submitted any letter to any authorities and banks nor discussed any publication out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for his present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for this present out of her free will except for any of the acts and omissions acted upon by her younger son and daughters named herein above by impersonating her.

and states mad file for close actions/coercion against her and her elder son and his family has been started by her younger son, his wife and other daughters named herein above only after the demise of her husband namely Late Sh. Kanhiya Lal, as, he left his last WILL dated 04.11.2004 in favour of her elder son Sh. Kamal Bundela and his family members. **PUBLIC NOTICE**

She apprehends that her younger sor and daughters named herein above will also try to pressurize her and/or force her to circulate another publication or to sign other documents for their benefits post the circulation or this present publication. Any action or such sort should be treated as an action without free consent of my clien. My client wants to follow her late husband's wish and wishes that Sh Ravi Kumar and his family should no be allowed to claim any movable ancimmovable property which late Sh Kanhiya Lal had acquired during his life time.

time.

She has also authorized us as her advocates in helping her for circulating the present publication.

SHE IS PUBLISHING THIS OUT OF HER FREE WILL WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE. nking you CHANDAN KUMAR - Partner

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vikas Marg, Delhi-92 are buying Property No.B-27, G/Floo Swasthya Vihar, Delhi-92 from Sm larleen Kaur W/o Shri Manme Singh R/o-G-16/3A G/Floor, Raiou Garden, N.Delhi-27 and against this property kindly intimate within 15 days with proof failing which it will be persumed that th

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Girija Nandni acquired property bearing no. R2-1119/C-1, (portion of R2-1119/C), Gali No. 11, measuring 27 sq. yrds. Kfasra No. 90/25/3, situated at Village Palam Delhi, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 16.09-2020 executed by Mr. Gorjal Aggarwal through his attorney Mrs. Girija Nandni and now Mrs. Girija Nandni ast own own of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to infirmate in writing encumbrance howsoever or otherwise in the theory required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice o his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration o notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waiwad and not briefly and the claims.

I THE COURT OF SH. BHARAT PARASHAF ISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT)-0' CENTRAL, ROOM NO.308 TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI ROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDAN OF DEFENDANT (Order 5. Rules 20 of the Code of Civil

N.O.483 TOWER-4, ALPHA 2, GOLF VIST NOIDA, UP-201306. ALSO AT: A.M.G ACADEMY FRANCHIZE

WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service summon it is hereby notified that if you shall n defend the case on the 29.07.2022 the day fixed if he final disposal, it will be heard and determined e

IN THE COURT OF SH. BHUPESH KUMAR, JUDGE, FAMILY COURTS CENTRAL DISTRICT, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI SUMMONS/NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT IN A

SUNIL SRIVASTAVA, S/O SH. MAN MOHAN SRIVASTAV, R/O H.NO. 552 GALI-24, CHANDAN VIHAR, SANT NAGAR, BURARI, DELHI. Vhereas (Petitioner) Smt. Priyan ivastav D/o Raju Srivastav, W/o Suni ivastav, R/o Kh. No. 14/10, Ground oor, Chandan Vihar, Sant Nagar urari, Delhi has instituted the above sui

os for Decree of marriage, you are reby summoned to appear in this cou person or by a pleader on 20.10.202: 10.00 A.M to answer the same, failing ich the suit will be disposed of Ex ven under my hand and the seal e court on 08.06.2022.

Sd/- (BHUPESH KUMAR Seal Central District, THC Delhi

IN THE COURT OF SH. BHARAT COMMERCIAL COURT)-01 CENTRAL

SAAS INTERNATIONAL COMPANY

ROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR 5A, PLOT NO-11, AGGARWAL PLAZ DOM, PLOT NO-11, AGGARWAL EC-12, DWARKA, DELHI-110078 MAIL ID- not available HONE NO. not available WHEREAS you are intentionally evadited for intentionally evadited for its hereby notified that if you hall not defend the case on the <u>25.07.2022</u> thay fixed for the final disposal, it will be heatened the the final disposal for the final final disposal for the final fi

ven under my hand and the seal of urt, this 18.02.2022. Sd/- District Judge (Commercial Court)

Third Floor, With its Roof Rights, Built on Land area measuring 84 Sq. mtrs Part of Free Hold Property Bearing No 67, Block-PU, Situated in Layout Plan of Pitam Pura Residential Scheme, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 vide through REGISTERED SALE DEED dated 20.12.2017. All persons are hereby informed that Mr. Amit Gupta S/o Mr. Jugal Kishore 2.) Mrs. Shefali Gupta W/o Mr. Amit Gupta has approache Janasha Finance Private Ltd to take Loan REGISTERED SALE DEED dated 20.12.2017 the said above mentioned property with JANASHA FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED. General public hereby informed that if anybod has any charge/interest/title in the saic property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Prasoon Lata

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client Sh. Manish Karlar Son ol Shri Naresh Kalra House No. 331/31A. Street Number-4, Ralgarh Colony, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031, has lost his Original Demand Letter issued By D.D.A. Vide File No. L339 (578) 2015 (7DDA14NA, Regarding to Flat No. 42 Ground Floor, Block-B6, Pocket03, Sector-G8, Locality Narela, Delhi. If any person found the same, Please contact on my above named client at his above o my above named client at his abov Address and Mobile Numbe 9811436640 Or Deputy Director, D.D.A at D.D.A. Houseing Scheme 2014 Room No. 302, D-Block, 3rd Floo Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

E-42, 1st Floor, E-Bloc

LOST AND FOUND Documents i.e. Allotment letter, Demand letter Prepuatual Lease Deed of House No. F-271 Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 FIR / NCR Lodged vide LR. NO.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Advocate Rajiv Kumar

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Commonwealth of emotions: Breaking stereotypes, a novice's dare, a desire to end poverty, a mother's struggle and curious origins.

Race to change perceptions

Kenya is known as a distance-running giant, but Omanyala, the fastest African ever, is showing they can excel at sprints too

NIHAL KOSHIE

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

FERDINAND OMANYALA has sprinted much faster than the 10.01 seconds he clocked at a Grand Prix in Lagos in March last year, a few months before the Tokyo Olympics. But there is a reason he remembers the heats where he finished first, before winning the final a few hours later. With the Olympics round the corner, Omanyala wanted more exposure by running against the best sprinters. A letter was sent out to the director of a Diamond League competition for an entry for Africa's most exciting sprint star.

"You will not believe the reply. I ran 10.01 in Nigeria and we sent a request to participate. Then the guy replies that he doesn't believe the times because he doesn't believe a Kenyan can run so fast. He said 'let us look out and see what he runs in the future'. It showed people didn't believe I could run fast because I was from Kenya," Omanyala says.

The 26-year-old soon proved the Diamond League director's doubts were misplaced. At the Olympics, he became the first Kenyan to reach the semifinals of the men's 100

metres. When he returned home, Omanyala was greeted by dancing crowds at the airport and taken on open-top car rides as hundreds cheered.

A couple of months later at the Kip Keino Classic in Kasarani, in a field which included America's best - Justin Gatlin and Trayvon Bromell - Omanyala clocked 9.77 seconds, the ninth-fastest ever in the 100m.

This year too, he is clocking fast times and is also winning races against some of the best. Omanyala won a title which matters in the continent.

At the African Athletics Championships, he beat defending champion Akani Simbine, this generation's foremost sprinter from Africa, by three-thousandths of a second, South African Simbine and Omanvala both clocked 9.93 seconds and it required a photo finish to decide the winner. The Kenyan thus earned bragging rights in Africa. Bettering Simbine, a fourth-place finisher at the Tokyo Games, was testament to Omanyala's rising stature.

To find another Kenyan with the title of fastest in Africa, the clock has to be turned back to 1990. Joseph Gikonyo's personal best was 10.28 seconds. He also clocked 10 seconds but it was wind-aided. Omanyala has gone sub-10 seven times in the past 18 months.

A sprinter from Kenya at the highest echelons of the event is still a novelty for a country which has dominated middle- and longdistance running for years at the Olympic Games and World Championships.

"So many people are asking how to do that (sprint), but it is great to do something different. I still get those questions because so many people cannot believe that a Kenyan can sprint," Omanyala says.

All in the mind

A culture that discouraged youngsters in Kenya to take up sprinting created a mental block, Omanyala believes. Even the few who tried their hand at the 100m and 200m didn't have the drive and belief to take them to the next level.

"Previously, people had this notion in their head that a Kenyan can't sprint. So, any time a kid or an athlete or someone wanted

> to do sprints, a guardian would tell them that you won't be going too far with this. Also, the federation was not supporting sprinters much because when sprinters would be taken to championships, they would go out there and not compete se-

riously. The federations treated sprinters as jokers. There was not much support. Sprinters also thought of just making the national team and didn't want to push themselves to greater achievements. It was mostly about the mind," Omanyala says. This trend was not surprising.

The Rift Valley in Southern Kenya is home to some of the best middle- and long-distance runners and is where athletes from around the world come to train. At nearly 2000 metres above sea level, it is ideal for high-altitude training. But that isn't the only reason why the likes of Eliud Kipchoge, widely considered the greatest marathon runner, has emerged from this region. Kipchoge, like many of the other elite runners from the region, belongs to the Kalenjin tribe. Their lean muscular frame, long legs and endurance built from a young age when they walked or travelled by foot for many kilometres to get to school have made them good distance runners.

Of the 113 medals Kenya has won at the Olympics, 106 have been in track and field and a majority of them in middle- and longdistance running, including marathons.



At the Tokyo Olympics, Ferdinand Omanyala became the first Kenyan to reach the semifinals of the men's 100 metres.

However, no sprinter has come close to winning a medal on the world stage.

Omanyala believes the winds of change are blowing. "I am the first one to do sprints professionally in Kenya. It is not an easy way of coming up. But now that I am there, I will try to promote sprints. The country also now thinks we can do well in sprints. I remember there was a weekend meet (in January) and there were about 19 heats. Earlier, there could have been four to five heats maximum. In the near future, we will have sprinters from not just Kenya coming up but also from Africa," he says.

From rugby to sprinting

Omanyala's father was a footballer and sprinter but wanted his five sons to be academically-inclined. The boys had a library at home built by their father. The books were all about "coursework and the syllabus", Omanyala recalls. "Growing up, I was not much into sports.

My dad wanted us to get through school and

work hard. Primary school was all about classes and reading. There were not many sports activities."

His father got a feeling that the third of his five sons could run fast. Omanyala was difficult to get hold of when the former sprinter wanted to discipline him. "I remember, I used to make a mistake

and was chased by my parents but they could not catch me. My dad used to tell me I am fast." School was 30 minutes away by bicycle and Omanyala cycled up and down. He started playing a sport at a school in Kimilili. Track and field didn't catch his fancy; it was rugby. "I never ever imagined I could be where

I am today, because I never thought I could be a sprinter. In high school, I got interested in rugby. So, I wanted to be a rugby star because Kenya is known for its rugby sevens. I trained with a rugby team." As a winger, a young Omanyala was too

fast for most of the teams. He didn't have to even side-step to beat defenders.

"I was a winger. I was really fast. I was being given the ball just to run. The school team got to some level it had never got to because I was getting more tries for them. After high school, I joined the University of Nairobi. I wanted to become a professional in rugby.'

Omanyala was playing rugby at club level and still had some way to go before a big breakthrough. But his dream of being a rugby sevens great was put on hold when a teammate asked him to try sprinting.

"A fellow player who used to sprint and witched to rugby told me you are too fast for us in the field. 'So why don't you go and try athletics?"

Early success

Omanyala was open to the experiment. In his mind, he had decided that he would try sprinting for six months. Soon after the conversation with the friend, he downloaded a competition calendar and headed to the weekend circuit meet.

"I won the first competition. That is when I started getting publicity as a sprinter. I wore my rugby tights and rugby socks. My dad bought me my first spikes. When I told him I was going to compete, he sent me money for spikes.

Omanyala never returned to rugby and went from strength to strength on the track.

"I still talk to my rugby friends. They didn't know I would go this fast. I am also an inspiration for them. There are a couple of sprinters coming up and you will see them next year." His career came to a temporary halt in

2017 when he was banned for 14 months after testing positive for a banned substance. A painkiller which had a steroid resulted in him being sanctioned. His fastest timings have come after he returned to competition and there are still sceptics who look to pull him down. But Omanyala says the tough times have made him stronger.

"It was a difficult period. For an athlete, even being away for a month is tough. But I can say that it has made me stronger and what I am today." His next target is to run a 9.6-second race. "I understand it will be a shock to many, but not a shock to me. Athletics is not an easy thing to do. What I tell youngsters is that they should follow their dreams and never let their dreams die."

A gold medal at the Commonwealth Games is one of his targets as he aims to put Kenya on the world sprinting map. Directors of big events have started to take him seriously now. "They know this guy is not a joke. They know I am fast."

BRIEFLY

High jumper Shankar to compete at CWG



New Delhi: Indian high Tejaswin Shankar was on Friday cleared to compete at the upcoming Commonwealth

Games after the organisers accepted his entry on the request of Indian Olympic Association (IOA), ending a monthlong drama surrounding his participation. The organisers had initially rejected Shankar's late entry but the IOA has now got confirmation from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and Birmingham CWG organisers about acceptance of his entry after a Delegate Registration Meeting (DRM). PTI

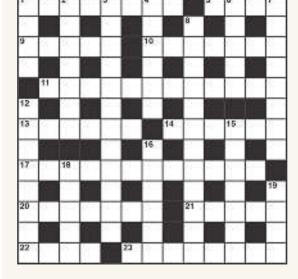
Six CWG-bound cricketers await visas

New Delhi:Six members of the Indian women's cricket contingent are yet to get visa, less than 48 hours before their departure for the Commonwealth Games Birmingham. Women's cricket is making its debut at the Commonwealth Games. The Indian squad is currently training in Bengaluru and is scheduled to leave for Birmingham on Sunday. The BCCI is in touch with the Indian Olympic Association on the issue.

Twin blows for South Africa cricket team

Birmingham: After missing the first T20I, Marizanne Kapp and Tumi Sekhukhune will miss the remainder of the series and are in doubt for the Games, which begin on July 28, the ICC said in a press release. Sekhukhune reinjured her groin earlier on tour and will recuperate at home, while Kapp returns to Gqeberha to attend a family matter. While a Cricket South Africa statement did not disclose the matter, Kapp's wife and Proteas teammate Dane van Niekerk confirmed via social media that their brother-in-law had been involved in an accident that had left him in intensive care.

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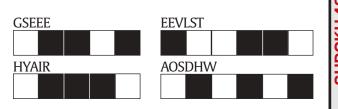
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before making any rash commitments, especially financial ones. You don't want to say 'yes' now, only to end up letting someone down. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Venus' relationship

with passionate Pluto is certainly stormy. You would be well advised to adopt a posture of considerable caution unless, that is, you are prepared

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make decisive moves if you're

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Secret and hidden resentment is your enemy. You see, long-forgotten frustrations may build up to the

ready for anything.

point where you blow up at completely the wrong person. Channel your righteous anger into selfless purposes, and always try to give partners and rivals the benefit of the doubt.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The strongest planetary alignment in your chart

combination of creative passion and social ambition. Woe betide the person who stands in your way. They are likely to find that you are much tougher than they thought. A word of advice: steer clear of financial risks.

suggests a

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Partners and loved

ones still hold the key to your happiness. Also, recent unexpected

developments at work don't seem to have upset your confidence. It seems that it's undercurrents in your personal life which pose the greatest threat, and complacency your major enemy.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) News from overseas,

which should arrive over the next few days, may cause you to catch your breath. Travelling

and other adventurous Virgos may expect excitement but should take absolutely nothing for granted. In addition to which, you'll put in any effort to make sure that partners are

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LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Any financial

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SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) No matter how

radical, even shocking,



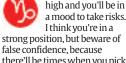
home front and consider the matter very carefully before sounding off. It is impossible to predict the outcome your actions may have on someone else's feelings or behaviour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Your chart is

showing spectacular developments. With some wonderful planetary aspects now in operation, you are primed to

achieve a great deal indeed. If possible, keep your end up by demonstrating that you are no stranger to hard work and high principles. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Feelings are running high and you'll be in



false confidence, because there'll be times when you pick up the wrong end of the stick. Harmless adventures may be best. Keep an eye on

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) You have a tendency to imagine that you can do without the

friends and loved ones. Right

support of close

why you should take



all the responsibility, and nobody can complain if you decide to leave awkward issues to others. If you're feeling introverted or withdrawn, it's probably because you need some space and time on your own to think

things over.

ON THE TUBE

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Chopra's date with history

National Record holder vies to become the first javelin thrower since 2009 to hold both, Olympics and World C'ship, titles at same time

NIHAL KOSHIE

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

AS EVER, it took just one throw for Neeraj Chopra to wrap up his day and qualify for the Sunday finals. History awaits. Since 2009, no one has had both the Olympics and World Championships medals wrapped around their necks at the same time.

In a back-breaking sport in which the slightest imbalance in alignment of the joints, limbs and torso can result in injury, finding the perfect balance between strength and flexibility is key, the search for precision technique a lifelong quest and the body impacted by extreme force while throwing the javelin, Neeraj Chopra is making big distances look easy.

Early birds too could have missed watching Chopra throw in a blink. At about 5:30 am on Friday morning, the 24-year-old Olympic champion donning a sky blue kit needed less than half a minute to seal his spot in the final of the World Championships with a throw of 88.39 metres.

He didn't tumble at the edge of the scratchline like he usually does but just used palms to arrest his fall. It took just one throw. There was no stress about the automatic qualifying mark of 83.50 metres.

When the second thrower Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, the Olympic silver medalist, was getting ready, Chopra was winding down and looking forward to his first ever World Championship final.

Chopra, since winning the World Junior gold six years ago, has spoilt Indian fans by winning a medal almost every time he has entered a competition with the historic Olympic gold being the watershed moment for Indian track and field. At Eugene, Chopra's quest to add the World Championship gold to his CV, if successful, will make him one of the greatest ever.

He will become the first male javelin thrower since Norway's Andreas Thorkildsen in 2009 to be the title holder in both the Olympics and the World Championships at the same time. Before Thorkildsen, the legendary Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic, was the owner of the two prestigious gold medals simultaneously.

Like in the qualifiers for the final at the Tokyo Olympics, Chopra looked in no trouble early Thursday. In Tokyo he had thrown 86.65 metres to make the final. His 88-plus throw on Friday morning was a metre and a half less than his national record of 89.94 metres. But in qualifying Chopra would not have gone all out though he said later that he wanted to get the job done with a big throw in the first round itself. He was only required to go beyond the automatic qualifying mark. That he could touch 88 metres is an indication that he can push further in the final.

Starting from scratch

Seeing Chopra unleash national records he had broken it twice since returning to competition in June after the Olympics - it is easy to get back to his best after losing nearly four months in the off season because of felicitations around the country. He had to start from scratch in December when he reached Chula Vista in California. He wasn't in the best physical shape.

Almost 14 kilograms over his optimal weight and with a higher than acceptable body fat percentage for a world class thrower, Chopra's comeback began with a change of diet. Less carbohydrates, more protein were on his plate and refined sugar was a strict no. He didn't find it easy to cover three rounds of a 400 metre track but by controlling what he ate, burning fat and with weight training he became leaner. It took nearly a month and a half for him to start light throwing sessions.

Chopra and his team had to train smartly

Paul becomes first Indian to qualify for TJ final

Eugene: Eldhose Paul became the first Indian to qualify for the triple jump final at the World Championships with an effort of 16.68m. He finished sixth in Group A qualification round and 12th overall to make the cut for Sunday's final (6:50am IST). The 25vear-old Paul, who reached here just a few days ago due to visa issues, has a season's and personal best of 16.99m, recorded in April.

because of the paucity of time. He isn't as strong as he was during the Olympics, but he has made up for it by improving his natural arm speed, fine tuning his technique and also a better block of the leading leg before release of the javelin. The distances he has touched in a short season - three competitions before the world championships - left his coach Dr Klaus Bartonietz 'pleasantly surprised'.

Chopra has not been short on confidence either with two national records created in less than a month.

An 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games, his first competition after the Olympics, to finish second, 86.69 on a slippery runway at the Kuortane Games for first place and 89.94 at the Stockholm Diamond League, just behind World Champion Anderson Peters of Grenada.

Talking about what has worked for him this season as compared to the Tokyo Olympics, Chopra had said: "Back then my strength was more compared to today. If I talk about my strength in Tokyo, my full squat was 160 kilograms to 170 kilograms. Now I have done up to 140 kilograms because of the lack of time to build strength. This time the focus is on the technique. My strength is at a good level but the technique in throws is important, like the angle of the throw and that is helping me," Chopra said.

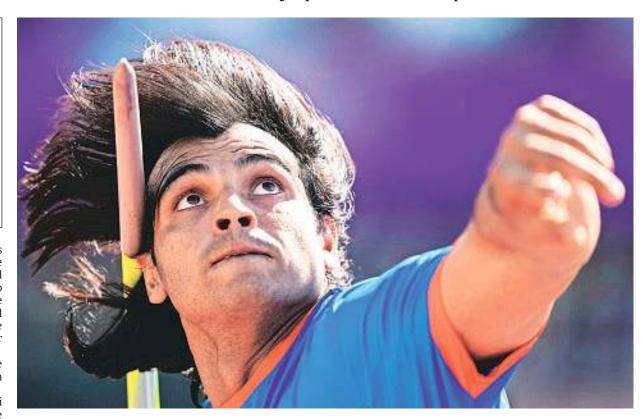
Chopra has thrown with a lighter javelin in practice to help boost his arm speed. The standard javelin used in the men's event weighs 800 grams and Chopra uses one which is 100 grams lighter to work on arm speed.

"It is not easy to improve it (arm speed). My natural arm speed is good. We can't do too much exercise (to improve arm speed), but we can throw with light javelin. In practice after throwing with 800 grams javelin, I throw with a 700 gram javelin to see how fast the arm is. It is lighter and the arm will go faster. The angle of the javelin needs to be good (34 to 36 degrees) and the arm speed too. If arm speed is fast, the force will be transferred to the javelin," Chopra said.

Peters will once again be a formidable opponent in the final on Sunday morning. Competing in Group B of the qualifying round Peters threw 89.91 metres, the best g all throwers. The Gren fending World Champion, has the world leading throw of 93.07 metres at the

Diamond League in Doha in March this year. There is anticipation of Chopra going 90 metres and beyond and it is a question he has been asked time and again and the distance is at the back of his mind. There could be no better place than the World Championship final for an Indian thrower to break the barrier but funny things happen in a big final like finalists losing their collective form or one set encountering headwind and another benefitting from a sudden tailwind.

Both Chopra and his coach Bartonietz have spoken with cautious optimism about going beyond 90m. Sunday could be a special day for Indian track and field in more ways than one.



Neeraj Chopra needed just one throw, which travelled a distance of 88.39m, to qualify for the World Championship final. AP

Rohit's village follows his exploits on mobile phone due to power cut

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NEW DELHI, JULY 22

WHILE JAVELIN thrower Rohit Yadav was competing in the qualification rounds at the



World Championships in Eugene, his family and folks back in Dabhiya village of Uttar Pradesh's Jaunpur district were praying that the battery in his father's smartphone lasts till the final results came in.

The battery didn't let them down, and neither did Rohit who managed a best throw of 80.42m to join compatriot Neeraj Chopra in the final. It's been three days since the power at Rohit's village, about 45km from the main town, went off after a thunderstorm. But the Yadavs are now used to frequent power cuts. To ensure they didn't miss Rohit in action, father Sabhajeet went to the town a day before to get his mobile charged from an inverter and also bought a subscription for the streaming app for the Worlds.

quent power fluctuations and watching on mobile was the only option. Some boys in the village told me that I would need to buy an application subscription to watch it. I gave Rs 300 to a shopkeeper and he did the rest. I don't even know how to open the application," says 65-year-old Sabhajeet.

Rohit was introduced to the sport when he was around 14 by his father, who is still an active long-distance runner. He bagged a gold at the Bengaluru TCS 10k run in the 65-69 age category in May this year.

"I have taken part in all kinds of sports and always had a special spot for javelin. I wanted him to give it a shot and I am so happy that today he's representing India at the world level. I went to Jaunpur market

Lyles leads US sweep; Jackson tops Jamaica 1-2

Eugene: Noah Lyles retained his 200 metres title as U.S. sprinters secured their second podium sweep while Shericka Jackson and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce made it a 1-2 finish for Jamaica in the women's event. It is the first time a country has swept both men's sprint events in the same year at the World Championships. Lyles, bronze medallist at the Tokyo Games, scorched to victory in 19.31 seconds to become the thirdfastest athlete of all time over the distance and break four-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson's national record.

REUTERS

to get him his first bamboo javelin,' Sabhajeet proudly recalls. Rohit's elder brother Rahul and younger sibling Rohan

However, as soon as Rohit started to progress in the sport, bamboo javelins bewere beyond their purchasing power. The youngster had to manage with low-quality aluminium javelins for quite some time until Sabhajeet's friend volunteered to fund an imported javelin. "My friend Bhaskar Desai, who I have met during my marathons, offered to buy us an imported javelin. It cost him around Rs 60,000 in 2016," says Sabhajeet.

Dope taint

With the right equipment in hand, Rohit didn't look back as he topped a series of junior-level meets. He came to the limelight after winning a gold in 2016 and backed his credentials with a Youth Championship silver medal in Bangkok the following year.

SPRINT TO RECORD BOOKS

Time (in seconds) clocked by Noah Lyles, third fastest behind Usain Bolt (19.19s) and Yohan Blake (19.26s).

Time (in seconds) Shericka Jackson, iust 0.14 seconds behind Florence Griffith-Joyner's historic mark set at 1988 Olympics.

But just as he was climbing the ladders came a big setback. In 2017, he failed a dope test that cost him the Youth medal. Rohit has maintained he's innocent and claims his food was spiked. He also had to undergo an age-verification test, which he cleared throwing style at the nationals caught the eye of German biomechanics coach Klaus Bartonietz, who is now coaching Chopra. Rohit did not have much formal coaching till then and learnt most of his drills from YouTube

Rohit was soon in the national camp where he trained under Uwe Hohn along with Chopra. Although quite some distance from being a world-beater, he is one of the most consistent throwers on the domestic circuit. At the inter-state meet in June, the final selection Meet for the CWG, he managed to pull off four 80m-plus throws (82.45,80.49,82.54,82.07). On Sunday, a finish close to the top five would be a decent outing for the 21-year-old.

Dhawan shows he is India's ageing but firm backbone

ABHISHEK PUROHIT

THE OVAL ODI against England earlier this month was Shikhar Dhawan's first game for India in five months. Rohit Sharma's volley of hooks and pulls meant the small chase of 111 was finished by the 19th over, and was little more than a nice centre-wicket workout for Dhawan. He would fall to soft dismissals for single-digit scores in the following two ODIs on the tour.

Leading a side without several regulars to the West Indies next, the stand-in skipper and single-format India opener perhaps needed to start the three-match ODI series on a strong note. And the 36-year old did exactly that on Friday with a brisk 97 off 99 balls, missing what would have been his 18th ODI century by a whisker to a sharp catch at backward point by Shamarh Brooks. Before that, he put on his 24th century opening partnership in ODIs, this time with Shubman Gill.

It was a typically busy, almost auto-pilot, effort from the Indian captain at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain. On a pitch where the ball gripped for the spinners, and hitting out became harder after about the halfway mark, Dhawan made sure India exploited the new ball and the field restrictions after losing the toss.

Punishing the West Indies seamers for some wayward bowling on either side of the stumps, Dhawan collected boundaries through his strong area square of the wicket. When they strung together some disciplined lines on occasion, Dhawan left without fuss, holding his bat close to the body and letting short-of-alength deliveries climb over off stump.

It helped that both the specialist West Indies spinners, Akeal Hosein and Gudakesh Motie, were left-arm orthodox, turning the ball into the left-hander. Dhawan was tighter against Hosein, who bowled flatter and gave barely any width. But he took the odd chance against Motie's flight; after a slog-swept six from over the stumps, Motie changed the angle, but Dhawan deposited him over deep midwicket even from round the wicket. Often, he ran down the wicket to take singles in front of the square with the turn, never allowing the dots to build.

Almost 12 years since his India debut, Dhawan has shown once again that his oneday game still remains on song. He had made a couple of half-centuries in South Africa at the start of the year as well. And while the threefigure score has been elusive after the 2019 World Cup, he is averaging nearly 50 since, with nine fifties in 21 innings, including three 90s.

Especially in the absence of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, like on this West Indies tour, he remains the ageing but firm backbone of this ODI line-up, building big partnerships with the future (Gill) and the present (Shreyas Iyer) of Indian cricket. And he does it while being restricted to single-digit appearances each year for the team in a single format.

BRIEF SCORES: India 308 for 7 in 50 ers (Dhawan 97 Gill 64 Iv Joseph 2/61) vs West Indies



Shikhar Dhawan scored 97 off 99 balls against WI in the first ODI on Friday. AP

SELF-MANAGED OR FEDERATION-CONTROLLED?

How CoA missed a chance to align league structure with global practices

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, JULY 22

THE GERMANS called it a 'birth defect'.

Since its inception, the country's football leagues have been run and governed by their football association. Unhappy with the arrangement, which they claimed robbed them of their 'independence', the clubs from the top two divisions, Bundesliga and Bundesliga 2, cut the proverbial umbilical cord. And at the turn of the century, they all came together to fix the 'defect' by forming a separate body that took over the management and operations of Germany's domestic leagues.

This move was in continuation of a structure that was well established in most mature football countries. Clubs in Spain, the Netherlands, and France as well as Japan and South Korea had already formed associations independent financially from their national federation to organise and manage the domestic league systems.

For years, there have been muted calls for the same in India, where the premier division, the Indian Super League (ISL), is essentially run by what can be described as a startup – Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), a joint venture between Reliance

Sports and Star India under the aegis of the All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Last week, the Committee of Administrators (CoA), tasked by the Supreme Court to draft the constitution of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) as per the National Sports Code of 2011, submitted a copy to the apex court.

According to Article $\bar{1}.50$ of the draft, the CoA proposed the 'senior most top division league' be 'owned, operated, recognised and directly managed by the AIFF.' It goes on to add that the 'above functions/roles cannot be delegated or assigned to any other entity or organisation.'

Missed opportunity

While the Sports Code does not get into the issue of a professional league specifically, the drafting of this particular article leaves very little scope for the clubs to become majority stakeholders of the league. And in doing so, the CoA might have missed an opportunity to align India's domestic structure in the 'right way', feel senior Indian football officials.

The chief executive of former ISL champions Bengaluru FC, Mandar Tamhane, said: "Ideally, this could have been done and if the CoA would have guided us in that direction, it would have been appreciated."

The FSDL has challenged the CoA's proposal



ISL is India's top division right now.

in the Supreme Court, which heard the case on Thursday. Former Solicitor General Harish Salve, representing FSDL, argued: "Certain implications which may flow from the language... may tie the hands of all future parties to bring a league system which is prevalent in a large number of countries. Whether the language needs a bit of toning is something Your

Lordships may have to consider." The Supreme Court bench, comprising Justices DY Chandrachud, Surya Kant and AS Bopanna, agreed to look at the 'toning' during the next hearing on July 28, when it will hear the objections raised by all parties in relation to the draft constitution. When FSDL presents From a constructive and sustainability point of view, ISL longevity, this (making clubs the main owners) is the way forward. So in that sense, it's a missed opportunity."

MANDAR TAMHANE CEO, BENGALURU FC

their objections, the issue of the league is likely to be at the heart of their arguments.

Self-managed league system

In 2014, research conducted by the nternational Centre for Sports Studies on behalf of FIFA, found that out of the 32 national associations it studied – including India – 26 top division leagues were self-managed by the clubs, with 22 being financially independent.

"Our analysis clearly shows that self-management goes hand in hand with the ability to generate sufficient income to finance the administrative structure needed to properly run competitions," the study noted.

India, of course, did not feature among the nations that had a league managed by the clubs. At the time of the research, the I-League, which failed to take off, was the country's premier division and was entirely managed by the AIFF. In 2014, the ISL was formed and in 2019, it overtook the I-League as the country's top-tier league.

The structure of the ISL, however, has often come under the scanner for its flaws. Over the years, the AIFF has had little say in the management of the league. The clubs, who lose an average of Rs 25-30 crore per season, too have expressed their frustration over, among other things, the unique situation where the league's broadcaster is also the co-owner, unlike other nations where TV

rights are sold to the highest bidder. The fact that the ISL is also a closed tournament - that is, it doesn't follow the standard pattern of promotion and relegation – meant that the clubs that play in the lower rungs have often been left to fend for themselves, leading to many of them either shutting shop or scaling down their operations.

A veteran administrator noted: "In most leagues where the clubs are the stakeholders, they also tend to take care of the interests of the teams that play in a division lower to them. They are aware that at the end of a season, some teams from the second division will get promoted and join them in the top tier, so it's a way to keep them competitive. In India, that's not the case.'

New Delhi

Salve, during Thursday's hearing, pointed out the 'immediate contractual rights' in transferring the ownership rights of the Super League from FSDL to the AIFF, as proposed by the CoA. The contract is valid until 2025, the year when promotion and relegation will begin in the ISL and I-League as per the roadmap charted out in 2019.

Larsing Ming, the owner of I-League side Shillong Lajong and a former AIFF vice-president, said the club structure has 'gone up manifold' but a decision on who should manage the league must be left to an elected AIFF committee. "We are on the right path as far as club ecosystem and structures are concerned. These are intricate matters, which will have huge consequences on football in the country. A democratically-elected body of the AIFF should take a call on footballing affairs," he said.

Tamhane – whose team has played in both, the ISL and I-League, and won both titles - said making clubs the main stakeholders is the right way forward and sustainable for the league. "This thought was brought up a few years ago. It was a discussion between the league and the clubs and there wasn't anything official," he said. "From a constructive and sustainability point of view, ISL longevity, this is the way forward. So in that sense, it's a missed opportunity."

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