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## Ask finance panel if possible to check freebies: SC to Govt

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Why is Centre hesitating to spell out stand on regulations, asks CJI bench

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

WONDERING WHY the Centre "is hesitating to spell out its stand" on a plea seeking directions to regulate distribution of freebies by political parties using public money, the Supreme Court Tuesday asked it to consult the Finance Commission whether it is possible to check this by regulating allocation of revenue to states.

"Please find out from the Finance Commission," Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, heading a three-judge bench hearing a petition that seeks directions to stop distribution of freebies since it is draining the exchequer, told Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj af-

#### 2 BSF men, part of UN peacekeeping team, killed in Congo

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

TWO BSF personnel from the UN Peacekeeping Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo were among five people killed eastern city near the strife-torn country's border with Uganda on Tuesday.

"Deeply grieved at the loss of lives of two valiant Indian peacekeepers of the BSF in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They were part of MONUSCO. The perpetrators of these outrageous attacks must be held accountable and brought to justice. Deepest condolences to the bereaved families," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar posted on Twitter.

According to the BSF. Tuesday's protest in Butembo was part of a week-long call for demonstrations and agitations against the UN mission called MONUSCO.

'Yesterday, the situation turned violent in Goma (about 350 km south of Beni and a big MONUSCO base) with looting and UN property being set on CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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**GUJARAT HOOCH** TOLL CLIMBS TO 30



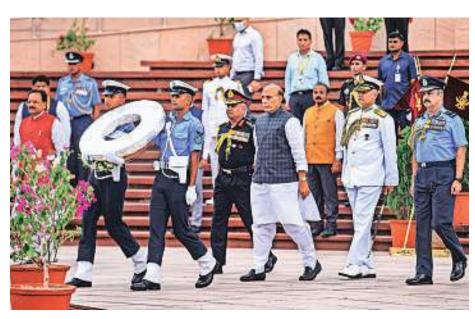
FREEBIES LIKE free power, monthly stipend to women are among promises made by parties and this is common to elections in state after state. Earlier this month, the PM said it's time to stop this practice and called it the 'revdi' culture hurting the country, its development and well-being.

ter Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal suggested that the Finance Commission would be the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

#### **WORLD**



**GOTABAYA TO RETURN TO LANKA: CABINET SPOKESMAN** 



#### KARGIL DAY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister of State Ajay Bhatt, Army Chief General Manoj Pande, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari at the National War Memorial on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

#### **NEW STUDY BY LABOUR THINK TANK**

## Larger plants, more jobs: Gains of early movers on labour reforms

Key reforms that the study by

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

A STUDY undertaken by a think tank under the Union Labour Ministry reveals that in states which reformed labour laws, the average plant sizes went up and so did formal employment in the manufacturing sector. There are exceptions though, which are explained by the varying level of industrialisation and nature of industries in different states.

VV Giri National Labour Institute looked at were: i) raising the worker threshold to 300 from 100 for exempting companies from seeking government nod to shut down, ii) increasing the threshold under the Factories Act from 10 to 20 for units drawing power and 20 to 40 for those not drawing power, for purposes of regulatory compliance, and iii) introducing fixed term employment in textiles and apparel sector.

The study put sample states

under three buckets: i) early movers in 2014-15 — Rajasthan Pradesh Maharashtra, ii) those which checked in later between 2017 and 2020 viz.. Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, and iii) finally states like Tamil Nadu which did not undertake any reforms.

The impact seems to be heterogeneous across states and over time. For instance. while Rajasthan made amendments raising the worker threshold in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

#### DAY AFTER FOUR CONG MPs SUSPENDED

## **Battle lines harden as** 19 Opp MPs suspended from RS for a week

Discuss price rise & GST: Opp; let Sitharaman return: Govt

**ANISHA DUTTA** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

DEEPENING THE political divide and setting the stage for more

stormy days in the monsoon session of Parliament, 19 Opposition MPs were suspended for a week from Rajya Sabha Tuesday, a day after four Congress MPs were suspended from Lok Sabha for the remainder of the current session for alleged misconduct. The 19 MPs, suspended for

disrupting House proceedings while pressing for an urgent discussion on price rise and the hike in GST rates, are Sushmita Dev, Mausam Noor, Shanta Chhetri, Dola Sen, Santanu Sen, Abhi Ranjan Biswar and Md. Nadimul Haque (all 7 from TMC); M Hamamed Abdulla, Kalyanasundaram, R Girranjan, NR Elango, MShanmugam and Kanimozhi (all 6 from DMK); B Lingaiah Yadav, Ravichandra Vaddiraju, Damodar Rao Divakonda (all 3 from TRS); A A Rahim and V Sivadasan (both from CPM); and, Santhosh Kumar P from CPI.

MPs to return to their seats but Deputy Chairman Harivansh when they refused, he asked the repeatedly asked the Opposition



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## trip, clear each other's bills in Chandigarh

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**HINA ROHTAKI** CHANDIGARH, JULY 26

THREE SENIOR bureaucrats spent seven days in Paris for a three-day meeting and upgraded their accommodation from a five-star hotel to a luxury property "closer to the Arc de Triomphe" — a month later, two of them issued orders approving the extra expenditure.

This trip by three top officials of the Union Territory administration of Chandigarh, which comes under the Union Home Ministry, took place in 2015 but details have emerged only now following a request filed under









the Right To Information (RTI) Act on foreign tours undertaken by the city's administrators over the past 10 years.

These RTI records, reviewed by The Indian Express, show that the then UT Advisor Vijay Dev was initially sanctioned over Rs 6.5 lakh, Home Secretary Anurag CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### Officials upgrade Paris DGCA: Rise in technical snags due to Covid lockdowns, curtailed flight ops

**PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE LOCKDOWNS and curtailed airline operations due to Covid could be the reason behind the increasing number of technical malfunctions being reported by Indian airlines, DGCA chief Arun Kumar told The Indian Express, adding that the aviation safety regulator is enhancing its surveillance to minimise such events.

**JAY MAZOOMDAAR** 

NINE YEARS after the Supreme

Court gave it a six-month dead-

line for shifting lions from

Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh, and

four years after it assured the

apex court that the order would

be implemented, the Centre has

NEW DELHI, JULY 26



ARUN KUMAR

Despite SC order, no shifting of lions

outside Gujarat in Centre's 25-yr plan

drafted a 25-year roadmap for

Project Lion with no provision

10, World Lion Day, sources in

the Environment Ministry and

Wildlife Institute of India (WII)

said that the Project Lion

roadmap will instead focus on

"assisted natural dispersal across

Saurashtra" — and potentially to

To be announced on August

for any such translocation.

DGCA CHIEF

"The reasons for the increasing number of technical snags appear to be Covid-related, which impacted airline operations due to lockdown and curtailed operations etc. Also, there is a universal problem of manpower shortage after Covid, not just with one airline or one country," Kumar said in an interview.

According to official data sourced from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

Rajasthan by the time India cel-

the drafting of the roadmap as

additional director general

(Forest) in the Environment

Ministry and director in

Dehradun-based WII, declined

to respond to a query from

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Independence in 2047.

100 years

Satya Prakash Yadav, who led

**PANDEMIC YEARS** 

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## Covid vaccine study to Oil India: Targets under cyber attack

All thwarted, says National Cyber Security Coordinator; Rs 120-crore in Bitcoins was ransom demand

**RITU SARIN** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

FROM COVID vaccine research centres to banking and financial entities to PSU major Oil India Limited — a range of institutions came under cyber attack during the two years of the pandemic, Lt General (Dr) Rajesh Pant, the country's top cybersecurity coordinator, has told The Indian

While these attacks were "successfully thwarted," said Lt Gen Pant, these have underlined the need for constant vigil and global cooperation.

Last week, Lok Sabha was told there have been 674,021 cy-

but surviving is tougher," says

the big man from Matara who

also competed at the previous



Lt Gen Rajesh Pant (retd)

ber attacks in the country this year until June – almost 3,700 cyber attacks a day, making India the third most impacted by network attacks in the world.

Expanding on this, Lt General Pant, the National Cyber Security Coordinator at the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), said that health and banking were among the sectors

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#### Games buzz & a Lankan voice: 'Winning tough, surviving tougher' PAGE 1 **ANCHOR**



**EXPRESS IN BIRMINGHAM SHIVANI NAIK** 

JULY 26

THE UNITED Kingdom is bathed in sweat and chaos. Of a departing prime minister, of an unprecedented heat wave, of a pandemic that refuses to fade away. Into this flux, on Thursday,

comes the Commonwealth Games, with its promise of a welcome distraction but carrying shadows of its awkward history and an existential crisis.

Still, sport has a way of enabling short-term positive amnesia, a state accentuated with the collective pride of being a host country. So as Birmingham gamely plods along with its precommitted hosting duties, the next two weeks will throw up their fair share of "aww" moments, lending themselves to wholesome GIFs and fluttering pink emoji hearts on digital

Straddling the two distinct

realities in the same universe will be the economic meltdownimpacted Sri Lankan contingent that congregated around the baggage carousel at the airport. They were waiting to be transported to their accommodation for the next fortnight, a mindspace away from the fuel and food crisis back home.

"It's been difficult to concentrate on training though we have got all the help from Sri Lankan sports supporters to come here. But it's a constant thought that our families back home can run out of food and petrol any day," says 109-kg weightlifter Ushan Charuka, undeterred by his zom-



India's boxing team in Birmingham. PTI

#### **SPORT**

ebrates



**NEERAJ CHOPRA PULLS OUT DUE TO INJURY PAGE 17** 

Colombo-Dubai-Birmingham itinerary. "Winning medals is tough,

edition in Australia's Gold Coast in happier times. The Lankans are wearing a traditional motif and love for country — on their sleeve on this strange tour that signifies beauty amidst re-But then, history shows that

Birmingham doesn't even need to be window-dressed to be inspirational

The industrial factory town that was in an eternal state of smoggy grime through the 60s, 70s and 80s was the same that a century ago gave the world

Sauron's Eye, of The Lords of the Rings, sitting right there in Brummie-land, finding inspiration for debasement and glory in the sights around him. English reggae and pop band UB40's "I can't help falling in love with you" foresaw both the surveillance omniscience and hopelessly naive love in the same spooky pixelated music video of

steam engines. The genius that

was J R R Tolkein thought up

both the merry Shire and

Peaky Blinders, the OTT phenom about gang families of Birmingham, straddles both CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### MPs suspended

treasury benches to move a motion for their suspension.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Muraleedharan moved a motion to suspend 10 MPs from the sitting of the House for the remainder of the week for their "misconduct" by showing "utter disregard to the House and authority of the chair". But when Harivansh put the motion to vote, he read out the names of 19 members.

The suspended MPs refused to leave, leading to three adjournments -- first for 15 minutes by Harivansh, then for an hour and for the day by finally. Bhubaneswar Kalita, who was in the chair.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, said the decision to suspend the 19 Opposition MPs was taken with a "heavy heart" as they repeatedly ignored the Chair's appeals to let the House function and infringed on the rights of other members. "The government is ready for a debate on price rise once Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recovers (from Covid) and returns to Parliament," he said.

Members of the Opposition called the suspension decision "deplorable".

In a Twitter post, the TMC said "you can suspend us but you cannot silence us". Underlining that MPs "trying to flag people's issues... are being suspended," it called it a "deplorable situation". "For how long will this go on? The sanctity of the Parliament stands heavily compromised," the TMC said in its tweet.

CPI MP Binoy Viswam said, "BJP is craving for a Parliament without Opposition" and "19 Opposition members including Santhosh Kumar of CPI are suspended for that purpose only". He said the BIP doesn't want any discussion on GST or price rise.

On Monday, four Congress MPs were suspended from Lok Sabha for the remaining part of the current session. Manickam Tagore, Ramya Haridas, T N Prathapan and S Jothimani were named by the Chair, under Rule 374, for displaying placards in the House. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi read out a motion, seeking their suspension for the rest of the session, which was passed by a voice vote.

Such incidents have occurred in the past as well. In November last year, 12 Opposition members of Rajya Sabha were suspended after some of them climbed on the table, flung papers and damaged property. In January 2019, Sumitra Mahajan, the then Lok Sabha Speaker, had suspended 45 Members of the TDP and AIADMK for disrupting proceedings for davs

#### **Freebies**

appropriate body to do something on the issue.

The bench, also comprising Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli, said it will see to what extent it can or cannot intervene to stop political parties from distributing irrational freebies and asked the ASG to inform it, which authorities should be prodded to at least start a debate on the subject.

"Let us see. Primarily we will see if there is something which we can do or not. Next week, sometime, I will list, In the meanwhile.vou just find out what/who is the authority where we can initiate a debate or something," the

The Supreme Court had issued notice to the Centre and Election Commission of India on the plea by Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay in January this year.

Responding to the notice, the ECI said it has no power to regulate the same or take action against parties making such poll promises. In an affidavit, the poll body said "offering/distribution of any freebies either before or after election is a policy decision of the party concerned, and whether such policies are financially viable or its adverse effect on the economic health over the state is a question that has to be considered and decided by the voters... The Election Commission of India cannot regulate state poli-

The Centre did not file any response in the matter. A similar petition challenging

they form the government."

cies and decisions which may be

taken by the winning party when

freebies, filed by Pentapati Pulla Rao who contested as a candidate of the Janasena Party from Eluru Parliamentary constituency in Andhra Pradesh in 2019, has also been pending in the Supreme Court since 2019. In that matter too, while the ECI took a similar stand, the Centre is yet to file a response. On Tuesday, during the hearing of the plea by Upadhyay, ASG Nataraj told the bench "these are issues to be dealt only by the ECI in appropriate proceedings depending on the facts. There can be no generality of the declaration as such. Now they are seeking a general declaration... from the court, which cannot be made."

The CJI said, "Why don't you put in writing that we have nothing to do, let ECI take a call?".

When the ASG repeated that the ECI should decide depending on facts, the CII said, "I am asking, does the Government of India feel it's a serious issue or not?"

"No doubt it's a serious issue" the ASG said, to which the CJI remarked, "I don't understand... to spell out your stand, why are you hesitating?...You take a stand. Then we will decide whether these freebies can be continued or not." The ASD agreed to file a detailed counter affidavit.

Upadhyay urged the court to direct the Law Commission to come up with a report in the meanwhile on how to control freebies. He said he does not agree with the ECI's stand that it cannot do anything to control promises and distribution of freebies.

Pointing to the debt situation of various states, he said the country would be headed the Sri Lanka way if something is not done urgently. "But here, the Government of India will control it." the CII said. pointing out that states cannot borrow as they wish without clearance from the Centre and RBI. He turned to Sibal who was present for another case and asked him "What is your view about these freebies?" and "How to control" it.

'It's a serious matter. It's truly serious. The solutions are very difficult, but the issue is extremely serious." Sibal said. He said "the Finance Commission, when it makes allocations to states, can take into account the debt of the state and in the context of that find out whether the state's economy will be sustainable over the vears in the context of the freebies... That's a procedure that can be adopted. You can't expect the Government of India to issue directions. That's not possible."

"But at least somebody has to think of a way," the CJI said.

"Yes, so the Finance Commission is probably the appropriate authority to deal with it. That's an independent body. Maybe, you should invite the Finance Commission to look into it," suggested Sibal, following which the bench asked the ASG to check with the Commission and inform it.

#### Paris trip

Agarwal Rs 5.6 lakh and Personnel Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt Rs 5.7 lakh to attend a meeting on Chandigarh designer Le Corbusier's work on June 15-17,

But records show that the three IAS officers later shifted hotels, and spent over Rs 25 lakh during their stay in Paris from June 12-18, 2015 -- almost 40%

above the amount originally approved.

There's more. Records show that almost a month after that trip, the UT administration wing, under Personnel Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt, issued orders stating that the increased expenditure for UT Advisor Vijay Dev had been ap-

And Dev, in turn, issued orders stating that the additional expenditure incurred for Dutt and Agarwal had been cleared.

All the three orders stated that the "Administrator is pleased to accord revised sanction for the payment...on account of actual expenditure"

Vijay Dev is currently the State Election Commissioner of Delhi and Chandigarh; Vikram Dev Dutt is Chairman and Managing Director of Air India Asset Holding Limited; and Anurag Agarwal is Chief Electoral Officer in Harvana.

Records show that Rs 6,57,775 was sanctioned for Dev on June 10, 2015, a day before the Paris trip, through an order stating that "the Administrator is pleased to approve the official visit of Vijay Dev from June 12 to June 18 to attend meeting of Le Corbusier's architectural work owners to be held from June 15 to June 17 at Villa Savoye (in Poissy)..."

Of this, the records show, Rs 4.39 lakh was to be spent on Dev's accommodation Intercontinental Hotel on Avenue Marceau; Rs 1.77 lakh on business class return tickets from Delhi; Rs 40,320 in total on daily allowances; and the rest on other expenses.

According to a senior official in the Chandigarh administration, bureaucrats at the level of Joint Secretary and above are allowed business class return tickets for of-

The RTI records, however, show that the three IAS officers shifted to a luxury property, Le Royal Monceau, where the room rent was almost double -- for instance, Rs 9.10 lakh was spent on Dev's stay. On July 27, 2017, more than a month after their return. an order citing "partial modification" of the Administration's order dated June 10, 2015, was issued by then Personnel Secretary Dutt. "...the Administrator is pleased to accord revised sanction for the payment of Rs 11,28,971 on account of actual expenditure on the official visit of Vijay Dev," the new order stated.

On the same day, records show, Dev sanctioned a revised expenditure of Rs 6.78 lakh for Dutt and Rs 6.61 lakh for Agarwal -- Rs 1 lakh more than the original amount for each. The document was endorsed by the Special Secretary (Personnel) for Dev.

Vijay Dev did not respond to calls, messages and an email from The Indian Express seeking comment on the trip and the expenditure involved.

Vikram Dev Dutt said: "I have no ready recollection of the details, maybe it was a delegation led by the Advisor with other of-

On being reminded about the details of the trip, including the change of hotel, Dutt said: "All the approvals would have been taken by the department concerned from the competent authority. I presume. I don't remember any files for hotel accommodation, etc., being put up through me... Nothing about accommodation was either routed through me or with my knowledge."

Anurag Agarwal said: "This meeting was really important to give a push to heritage status for Chandigarh. It was a meeting of UNESCO world heritage sites."

Asked about the length of stay. Agarwal said: "If you start nitpicking, there can be questions on everything... you (should) look at the intent. We visited some properties designed by Le Corbusier. Also, I remember it was a sad day when we boarded the flight. Nek Chand had passed away and we felt really bad." Nek Chand, the founder of the rock museum in Chandigarh, died on June 12,

Asked about the change of hotel, Agarwal said: "Idon't remember exactly... the then Advisor wanted a location closer to the Arc De Triomphe... It is quite possible that we booked a hotel, and it was changed due to locational issues."

#### **DGCA**

over 460 technical snags were reported by airlines in India in the last one year.

Last week, the DGCA ordered a special audit of all commercial airlines following a number of "engineering related incidents" across various carriers. As part of its inspection, the regulator will study the availability of manpower, facilities and equipment, in addition to the aircraft grounded on account of non-

availability of spares. Kumar also said that many of

routine". "What is required is that as flight crew, you need to be alert. vigilant and respond to situations as they unfold, and if you follow the standard operating procedures, you can navigate without compromising safety. This means that if on ground, you attend to symptoms of snag before proceeding further; and if in air, do the checklist actions appropriately and, if required, seek a priority, precautionary or emergency landing as the case may be," he

said. "I must place on record our

appreciation for our pilots, who

have shown exemplary compe-

tence and have negotiated such

snags with confidence and have

the technical glitches "are actually

not compromised safety," he said. Recent spot checks by the DGCA found that airlines are improperly identifying causes of reported defects on aircraft, and are not placing qualified engineers at all airports.

Over the last few months, Indian carriers have been plagued by technical malfunctions ranging from engine snags and burning smell in the cabin to cabin depressurisation. Last week, an Air India-operated Boeing 787 widebody plane with around 260 people on board suffered cabin depressurisation while flying from Dubai to Kochi, leading to oxygen masks being deployed and some of the passengers suffering nosebleeds. Earlier this month, an IndiGo-operated Airbus A320neo plane, on its way from Shariah to Hyderabad, diverted to Karachi in Pakistan after pilots were notified of an engine fault in the aircraft's right engine. Prior to this incident, an Air India Express plane from Kozhikode to Dubai diverted to Muscat in Oman after a burning smell was reported in one of the vents in the Boeing 737-800 aircraft's forward galley. Low-cost airline SpiceJet saw at least eight incidents in less than a month during May-June, following which the regulator issued a showcause notice to the airline, saying it had "failed" to establish safe, efficient and reliable air serv-

#### Lions

The Indian Express on whether the roadmap would amount to contempt of court.

Shyamal Tikadar, chief wildlife warden of Gujarat, said he would "address queries only after the release" of the plan.

The initial proposal of September 2020 under Project Lion, which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15 that year, identified seven sites, including three each in Madhya Pradesh and Raiasthan, for relocation.

By August 2021, records show, Gujarat prepared a fresh 10-year roadmap with a budget of Rs 2.000 crore to populate Barda wildlife sanctuary and a few other areas, with no provision for shifting lions outside the state. This plan has been modified at WII into a 25-year roadmap to facilitate natural dispersal of lions and establish new lion populations within Gujarat.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on Monday, MoS Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey limited the scope of assessing the suitability of a new habitat for lions to potential sites in Gujarat. The 25-year roadmap, say sources, envisages a twopronged dispersal strategy for the source population in Gir national park across Saurashtra: northwest towards Barda wildlife sanctuary, where a new population will be hemmed in by the sea; and north-east beyond Rajkot, skirting the Rann of Kutch, and following the Banas river potentially into Rajasthan.

"It's wishful at this stage but we hope that's how the assisted natural dispersal should happen in the next 10-25 years. The initial challenge is to make the lion cross the Rajkot-Porbandar and Ahmedabad-Rajkot highways by guiding them with feeds to culverts, etc," said an official privy to the plan. "Nobody will stop the lions if they want to enter Madhya Pradesh" after they reach Rajasthan, the official said.

Bhopal-based environmentalist Ajay Dubey, who had filed a contempt petition in the case. said: "It is unprecedented how a time-bound Supreme Court order is undermined for nine years even after an assurance in 2018 based on which my petition was discharged."

He alleged that another plan to settle cheetahs at the Kuno park in Madhya Pradesh, when there were other available sites, was "only to scuttle the lion plan". "Now, African cheetahs are being airlifted while our lions are expected to walk all the way to MP via Rajasthan," he said.

The need for setting up a lion population outside Guiarat as an "insurance" against mass-casualty caused by epidemics or natu-

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## Gains of early movers on labour reforms

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (in millions)

2014, no significant impact was visible till 2017 in comparison with Jharkhand which amended its labour laws in 2017. In contrast, a positive imwas visible in Maharashtra within a year of changes with a rise in total mandays and plant size, when seen in comparison with Tamil Nadu, which did not amend its labour laws.

The study attributes this heterogeneity to the industrialisation level in the states. Those which had the necessary ecosystem and an enabling environment for the manufacturing sector to grow could reap the positive impact of changes sooner than others "This indicates that labour reform is just one element in the overall policy mix and if it has to act as a catalyst and show effects quickly, then other prerequisites need to be in place a priori," the report says. It, however, underscores the point that absence of any significant results cannot be interpreted as a negative impact of the amendments.

As far as employment is concerned, all states witnessed a steady increase in absolute terms between 2004-05 and 2018-19. Four states -Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh saw a larger increase in employment in the first block of seven years (2004-05 to 2011-12).

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Early movers: Raiasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra Late adopters: Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh; No changes: Tamil Nadu Source: 'Impact Assessment Study of the Labour Reforms undertaken by the States' by VV Giri National Labour Institute

Other states such as Tamil Nadu, Raiasthan Maharashtra and Iharkhand saw a larger increase in the second block of seven years (2011-12 to 2018-19) Andhra Pradesh (an early mover) and Uttar Pradesh (which amended labour laws much later in 2020), however. recorded a marginal decline in employment in the second block of seven years between 2011-12 and 2018-19. As can be seen, these trends do not establish any causal relationship between employment and labour laws. While the overall manufacturing sector had a "relatively sluggish performance in terms of employment generation", the organised sector within manufacturing did better with employment rising by 1.7 million in the post-reform (2014-15 to 2017-18) period compared with 1 million in the pre-reform (2010-11 to 2014-15) period.

For units with 300 or more workers, an early lead on labour reforms by states such as Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh saw employment in their manufacturing firms increase by 10.3 percentage points from 40.9 percent in 2010-11 to 51.2 percent in 2017-18, and 7.1 percentage points to 54.3 per cent from 47.2 per cent, respectively. Other states such as Uttar Pradesh, which has its own Industrial Disputes Act and is not governed by the Centre's ID Act, recorded a 4.8 percentage point increase, while Maharashtra recorded a 4.7 percentage point increase during the same period. Tamil

taken any labour law amendments, saw its employment in manufacturing firms increase by 8 percentage points to 55.1 per cent from 47.1 per cent during the period. This increase in the share

of employment in large plants with 300 or more workers and a decline in share of plants with workers less than 299 during the periods under study also indicate that the firms are moving towards achieving economies of scale and scope which would have a positive bearing on the competitiveness of manufacturing products and in turn on the

overall economy," the report notes. The increase in share of employment in large plants was also reflected in the increase in average plant size across states. For instance, over 50 per cent of employment in the manufacturing sector in all states was in units with 300 or more employees, with the share of employment in these units rising from 51.1 per cent to 55.3 per cent from 2010-11 to 2014-15, and to 56.3 per cent by 2017-18. Jharkhand, one of the states with abundant natural minerals, was an outlier with about 68 percent of total manufacturing employment reported in plants with 300 or more employees in 2010-11, which then slipped to 63.8 per cent by 2017-18.

back in 1993 by WII. Subsequent studies at three potential sites within the historic range of the Asiatic lion identified Kuno-Palpur sanctuary in Madhya

ral calamities was recognised far

Pradesh to be the most suitable for reintroducing the species. Following the relocation of 24 villages from Kuno and the confirmation of an adequate prev

base, the Centre in 2004 wrote to Gujarat for releasing lions. As Gujarat dragged its feet, the issue reached the Supreme Court which, in April 2013, set a sixmonth deadline and constituted an expert committee for the project. The apex court's order said: "The cardinal issue is not whether the Asiatic lion is a 'family member' or the pride of a State but the preservation of an endangered species for which we have to apply the species best interest stan-

Gujarat filed a review petition, followed by a curative petition, which were dismissed in October 2013 and August 2014, respectively. Then, the state government insisted on completing over 30 studies before translocating lions.

The prolonged delay led to Dubey's contempt petition which was discharged after the **Environment Ministry assured** that it would hold a meeting to expedite the project. Nothing moved until the plan to introduce African cheetahs in Kuno was revived in January 2020.

#### Cyber attack

Lt Gen Pant said the April 2022 attack on Oil India in Assam was one of the "most serious" incidents of ransomware attacks. There were over 200 computers of Oil India that got encrypted during the attack and operations of Oil India came to a halt for almost a week."

A ransom of Rs 120 crore was demanded, in Bitcoins, from Oil India, with a threat of it being doubled. There was no negotiation or payment, said Lt Gen Pant.

The PSU resumed its operations by switching to another software and also hiring a US cybersecurity firm to help put operations back on track. There has been a huge upswing in malware attacks and among the targets were at least half a dozen incidents when Covid vaccine research centres and institutions doing academic studies on immunization were targeted.

Incidentally, in UK and Germany, too, vaccine research and distribution centres came under sustained cyber threats.

In the banking and financial sectors, the past three months have seen several malware and ransomware attacks, Lt Gen Pant said, both in private and co-operative banks.

While he declined to identify these banks, he confirmed that

the attacks have were "neutralized" and were logged in as "cyber security incidents" with CERT-IN (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team.) Last year's figures for such incidents were 1.402.809 attacks

The demand of ransom in digital currency, mostly Bitcoins, is a familiar pattern following cyber attacks. Lt Gen Pant explained.

There have also been "hundreds" of recent incidents of email spoofing in the National Informatics Centre (NIC) have been reported but no major breach has occurred, he said. Lt. Gen Pant said that the national cvbersecurity strategy is likely to be announced soon and besides this, the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre and I4C (Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre) have been set up. "We are working through multiple agencies," he said.

#### Games buzz

loyalty and betrayal, and philosophical, sullen truths on life and death, as well as Tommy Shelby's invective-fuelled menace. Around the city, there are "Peaky Blinders" montages that one can glean on the way to catch up on sports. Celebrating the noir alongside the noble is Birmingham.

The organisers haven't missed any trick. They have roped in the greatest fretting fingers, Black Sabbath guitarist Tony Iommi, to kickstart the show. For the firstever Games where the para-sport programme -- powerlifting, wheelchair TT and basketball notably -- will run integrated alongside the able-bodied one, there is no bigger deity to disabled greatness to underline the mainstreaming of para-sport.

A teenaged Iommi, a natural southpaw, lost two fingertips to a workshop accident and then fashioned an extension out of a plastic cap, going on to compose some of rock's greatest riffs ever heard. In Birmingham on Games eve.

and not too far from where Team England have been housed in a city-centre hotel, breaking the "one big happy Games Village" tradition, lies the Black Sabbath Bridge, newly christened from Broad Street Bridge, It's a canal waterfront with tony eateries and a distinct Venice gondola vibe, where ducks and seagulls preen for photographs of Games visitors trooping in. Sport at the Games here will be lathered in culture -music, theatre, art exhibitions, street plays and a bohemian gallivant even for the athletes, not strictly cocooned inside stern high-performance prisons.

The medals at this Games aren't a straight round nuggetty block of metal either, but bordered by a wreath-like mesh design representing the canals of the city and its history of cast metal workshops and jewellery quar-

New Delhi

ters that pioneered belt buckles, snuff boxes and jewel designs during the Industrial Revolution. India will lament the gold glut

of the missing shooting discipline

and the last-minute pullout of their designated flag-bearer Neeraj Chopra within days of his javelin silver at the World Athletics Championship. They will expect to pump their fists whenever PV Sindhu smashes the shuttle like a bullet through the fastest at the NEC venue, as she chases a personal milestone. The world championship winner and Olympic silver medallist hasn't been on the top of the podium

at the Commonwealth Games. As players deal with oppoents, the sport too has to fight its own battles.

The wrangle for eyeballs of attention-deficit youth drifting towards other entertainment has forced even the Olympic movement to rejig its formats to remain relevant. Into this mix, comes the charming, yet much-cussed-at, Commonwealth Games with its colonial history and confounding politics. But Birmingham is ready to take on the challenge. There might not be a better city in the UK to allay some of that anger -with its multi-cultural population, drawn from South Asian and Caribbean heritage.

The Games anthem is also a suitably upbeat reggae whistle "Champion" by UB40. Birmingham's other sociallytuned-in group. That, too, is an apt choice. From getting its name from the card for unemployment benefits in the late 70s to the virus surge and the recent "cost of living" crisis that has brought down a prime minister, the West Midlands' crooners seem to have spanned UK's time travails - quite like the Commonwealth Games.

#### BSF men

fire. Both Beni and Butembo (where two BSF platoons are deployed since June 2, 2022) were on high alert. Yesterday passed peacefully. However, today the situation in Butembo turned vio-

lent," a BSF spokesperson said. According to the force, a camp of Moroccan Rapidly Deployable Battalion (MORRDB), where the BSF platoons are stationed, was surrounded by demonstrators. BSF officials said Congolese Police (PNC) and Army (FARDC) could not control the crowd of over 500 people. "Initially stone pelting was done by them. To contain the situation, MORRDB troops fired in the air and BSF troops fired tear smoke ammunition... but they (the crowd) managed to breach the perimeter wall at three different places. The crowd was repelled but they gathered again," the BSF spokesperson said.

"The second attack was more fierce and was accompanied by fire from small arms (automatics). Moroccan and Indian troops fired in self defence. Sporadic firing is still going on. Two BSF personnel succumbed to fatal injuries. MOR-RDB also suffered one fatality... Reinforcements of the UN Force (Army component) are on their

way," the spokesperson said. According to BSF, there were reports that armed rebels had infiltrated the demonstrators.

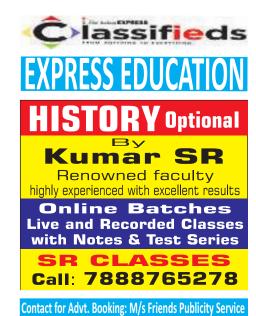
AP reported that 50 people were estimated to have been injured in Tuesday's protests. "Demonstrators on Monday had set fires and forced entry into the UN mission offices in Goma, accusing the peacekeeping forces of failing to protect civilians amid rising violence in Congo's eastern region. They are calling for the UN forces, present in Congo for years, to leave," the AP reported. Congo government spokesperson Patrick Muyaya said in a tweet: "#Goma at least 5 dead, fifty injured, we will come back during the day...on the human and material toll as well as the consequences to be drawn. We will also take stock of the process of withdrawing the @MONUSCO that

In an official statement, MONUSCO said: "A blue helmet and two members of the United Nations Police were killed on Tuesday in Butembo, North Kivu, during an attack at the base of MONUSCO in the city. Another was seriously injured. Attackers violently snatched weapons from elements of the National Police Congolese Army and fired pointblank at our peacekeeping forces. MONUSCO bows to the memory of these valiant soldiers who fell on the field of honor and wishes a good and speedy recovery to the injured blue helmet. It strongly condemns this attack,"

Pointing out that its bases are

has already begun."

inviolable according to the agreement between DR Congo and the UN, it called the attack a "war crime". The DR Congo government spokesman did not specify what caused the deaths but described the response by security forces and peacekeepers as "warning shots to disperse the demonstrators and prevent any attack on the @MONUSCO base and installations". "The government has instructed the security forces to take all measures to ensure a return to calm and normal resumption of activities in Goma.' he said. MONUSCO said its forces had exercised restraint, "Several reports of casualties among the attackers are circulating...the Mission has been subject to restraint in the management of assailants and violent assaults to which its bases and personnel were subjected. MONUSCO undertakes to cooperate with the authorities in any investigation they may wish diligently to establish the facts," it said.



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#### **'MONEY LAUNDERING' CASE**

## **ED wants Jain checked** by central govt docs

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

CONTENDING THAT it has serious doubts as to whether the Lok Nayak Jaiprakash (LNJP) Hospital or even GB Pant Hospital would be able to independently assess his medical condition, the Enforcement Directorate has approached the Delhi High Court for constitution of an independent board consisting of a panel of doctors of central government hospitals for "verification" of Delhi minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain's condition.

Jain has been in custody in an alleged money laundering case since May 30. Jain was admitted to LNJP on July 15. The ED earlier told the trial court that it had serious doubts whether the hospital would furnish a correct report regarding Jain's health condition and prayed for his independent evaluation. The lower court had deferred the hearing on the issue to July 29 and sought a detailed

3 FOBs

to ease

commute

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rail station

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

TO PROVIDE connectivity and a

safe commute from the upcom-

ing New Ashok Nagar Rapid Rail

station, the National Capital

**Region Transport Corporation** (NCRTC) is planning to construct three foot-over bridges (FOB).

To integrate the RRTS and the existing Delhi Metro station, the

NCRTC will construct a 90-metre-long and 6-metre-wide FOB.

The height of the FOB will be around 8 metres from ground.

Officials said the distance between the stations is 100 metres.

tivity to the nearby areas of Chilla Village and the Mayur Vihar

meter-long and 8-meter-wide, will go near the ancient Shiv

temple for ease of access for people residing in the New Ashok

to exit the Metro station to board a rapid rail. "This FOB will help

commuters to change and commute through either of these transport modes without exiting

the station premises. It will also

help in reducing traffic congestion caused by e-rickshaws, autos and other vehicles, especially

that by last-mile connectivity vehicles," said the official.

nectivity, create safe passage for pedestrians and help curb accidents. Instead of going to Anand

Vihar or Sarai Kale Khan, commuters can now get the direct

rapid rail to Meerut from New Ashok Nagar or to the Delhi

Airport, Gurgaon or Panipat in

future when all three RRTS lines

will be constructed. The interoperability of the RRTS corridors

will allow commuters to travel from one corridor to another

without the hassle of changing

the train."

The official further said, "This station will grant seamless con-

Nagar area, said officials. Officials said that once completed, commuters will not have

The other one, which is 45-

One of the two FOBs will be 42-metre-long and 6.5-metrewide and will provide connec-

NEW DELHI, JULY 26



Jain was admitted to LNJP hospital on July 15

medical report from the hospital. The hospital comes under the

Delhi government. Stating that Jain was the health minister in the Delhi government, the ED before the High Court said his image prominently features on the home webpage of the LNJP hospital and the same raises doubts regarding "the impartial consideration" of his medical condition. His name is also on an inauguration plaque in the hospital, the ED has said.

'The doctrine of fairness requires that (Jain) is evaluated independently by an independent hospital. It is duty of the court to remove any possibility of likelihood of any kind of bias and to ensure fairness and impartiality prevails in all proceedings connected with the court," said the ED.

Challenging the orders passed by the trial court on July 6 and July 19, the ED has said that on June 27, the Investigating Officer had found that Jain "was sleeping on the patient bed without any cannula on his hand, even the multipara patient monitor was switched off and the accused was not being monitored by any medical instrument". His wife was present in the room and when the IO reached there, Jain immediately wore the oxygen mask, the BP apparatus belt and the monitor was switched on, the ED said. "It was under theses suspicious circumstances and the fact that prima facie the condition of the respondent was not such which required hospitalisation, an application was preferred seeking a direction that he may be admitted in any independent hospital like Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital or AIIMS Hospital at New Delhi for an independent evalua-

tion," added the central agency.

## Tenders for country liquor cancelled for the second time

**GAYATHRIMANI** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

FOR THE second time, the Delhi excise department has had to cancel the tender for the supply of country liquor for 2022-23, officials said. The department cancelled the tender on July 25 after suspecting that bidders had formed a pool, creating an 'undesirable monopoly of interest', which is prohibited under the Delhi Excise Policy.

The first tender was floated in April but got cancelled, the ten-

der was floated again on May 25. "The financial bids of the technically qualified bidders of the tenders were opened on July 13. During scrutiny of bids, committee members observed that rates quoted by bidders are in a very narrow band of Rs 421 to Rs 423, which prima facie points toward formation of pool by the bidders, attracting the provision of Rule 48(7) of Delhi Excise Rules, 2010. In view of the above. the competent authority has decided to cancel the tender," a notification issued by the country liquor branch of the excise department read.

According to Rule 48 (7) of Delhi Excise Rules, the excise commissioner, in his discretion, can reject any tender where, in his opinion, the tenderer or any of his partners, has formed a pool tending to create an undesirable monopoly of interest.

The excise department will now re-issue tenders for the third time, officials said. They said this is also affecting liquor supply, and several retail liquor vends in Delhi have complained of some brands being out of stock and non-supply of country liquor. Sources also said some warehouse licensees have exited business. Currently, there are six L-3 licensees in Delhi who deal in country liquor's wholesale supply.

Excise officials said the tender for country liquor's supply was invited from distilleries or bottling plants licenced by the central or state governments, for grant of licences in form of wholesale vends for July 1, 2022-March 31,

### **GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI: TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION** 5/9 UNDER HILL ROAD DELHI-110054

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### ATTENTION: VEHICLE OWNERS PLYING VEHICLES WITHOUT MANDATORY POLLUTION CONTROL **CERTIFICATE**

The Transport Department, Govt. Of NCT of Delhi in its ongoing efforts to control pollution and improve Air Quality in Delhi requests all motor vehicle owners in Delhi in get valid Pollution under Control Certificate (PUCC) for their vehicles.

The department is going to issue challan of the vehicles whose PUC certificate has been expired. The challan will be issued under section 190 (2) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 as per which failure to possess PUCC may lead to imprisonment up to 03 months or fine up to Rs. 10,000/- or with both. They will also be disgalified to hold their license for 03 months.

All Registered vehicle owners whose vehicle are more than 01-year-old from the date of registration (except electric/ battery driven vehicles) are here by directed to get their vehicle checked and obtain the PUC certificate to avoid fine.

The list of authorized pollution checking centres is at the website of this department available (www.https://transport.delhi.gov.in).

> Sd/-Dy. Commissioner (PCD) **Transport Department**

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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30TH JUNE, 2022** 

				(Rs. in Lakhs)
		3 months ended 30.06.2022 UNAUDITED	12 months ended 31.03.2022 AUDITED	3 months ended 30.06.2021 UNAUDITED
1 Total Income from operation	s	6,129.80	19,777.31	1,317.03
2 Net Profit/(Loss) before tax ( Exceptional and/or Extraord	`	808.14	1,882.18	(1,689.44)
3 Net Profit/(Loss) before tax ( Exceptional and/or Extraord		808.14	1,838.99	(1,689.44)
4 Net Profit/(Loss) after tax (a Exceptional and/or Extraord		568.14	1,288.24	(978.05)
5 Total Comprehensive Incom for the period	е	589.93	1,359.52	(971.35)
6 Paid-up Equity Share Capita (Face Value - Rs. 10 each)	al	3,046.81	3,046.81	3,046.81
7 Other Equity (excluding Rev Reserve) in the audited Bala Sheet as at 31st March, 202	ance		30,187.17	
8 Earnings per Equity Share of after tax (fully paid up equity of Rs. 10):				
(a) Basic		1.86	4.23	(3.21)
(b) Diluted		1.86	4.23	(3.21)

#### Notes:

- 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Statements of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statements of Financial Results are available on the Company's website (www.eihassociatedhotels.in) and on the websites of the National Stock Exchanges of India Limited (www.nseindia.com), BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).
- The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the meetings held on July 26, 2022. The statutory auditors have carried out a limited review of these financial results.

New Delhi 26th July, 2022 VIKRAMJIT SINGH OBEROI MANAGING DIRECTOR DIN: 00052014

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EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022

			Quarter ended	I	Year ended
Sr.	Consolidated	30-Jun-22	31-Mar-22	30-Jun-21	31-Mar-22
No.	Consolidated	(Unaudited)	(Audited) (Refer Note 4)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Ι—			(Relei Note 4)		
a.	Total Income from Operations	14,495.48	11,959.96	10,132.35	42,815.67
b.	Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	1,062.06	688.83	1,038.21	3,153.27
C.	Profit / (Loss) before Tax	1,062.06	70.73	1,038.21	2,535.17
d.	Profit / (Loss) for the period/year	883.54	632.37	465.69	2,155.61
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	1,254.12	849.54	1,044.00	2,629.02
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹ 1/- per share)	319.56	319.56	319.56	319.56
g.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	23,060.30	21,894.97	21,009.92	21,894.97
h.	Securities Premium Account	3,107.54	3,107.54	3,107.54	3,107.54
i.	Net worth	23,679.74	22,789.17	21,147.41	22,789.17
j.	Outstanding Debt	54,215.22	52,011.37	52,916.46	52,011.37
k.	Debt Equity Ratio (in times)	1.99	2.00	2.14	2.00
l.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised) Basic and Diluted: (In ₹)				
	(i) From Continuing Operations before net movement in				
	regulatory deferral balances	1.66	2.80	1.37	7.00
	(ii) From Continuing Operations after net movement in				
	regulatory deferral balances	2.48	3.04	1.13	6.82
	(iii) From Discontinued Operations (iv) Total Operations after net movement in regulatory	-	(1.46)	-	(1.46)
	deferral balances	2.48	1.58	1.13	5.36
ll m. l	Capital Redemption Reserve	515.76	515.76	515.76	515.76
ll n.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	525.06	525.06	625.06	525.06
ll o.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (in times) (not annualised)	1.12	0.82	1.29	1.03
p.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (in times) (not annualised)	2.08	1.70	2.15	1.85
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			Quarter ended		Year ende
Sr.	Standalone	30-Jun-22	31-Mar-22	30-Jun-21	31-Mar-22
No.	Statidatorie	(Audited)	(Audited) (Refer Note 4)	(Unaudited)*	(Audited)
a.	Total Income from Operations	4,828.92	3,119.95	2,791.37	11,107.9
). l	Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	417.44	1,427.51	557.89	1,345.6
э.	Profit / (Loss) before Tax	417.44	852.86	557.89	2,289.9
d.	Profit / (Loss) for the Period/Year	421.44	1,820.47	354.16	2,782.9
э.	Total Comprehensive Income	412.59	1,830.05	750.23	3,097.2
.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹ 1/- per share)	319.56	319.56	319.56	319.5
g.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	10,885.04	10,472.45	8,486.18	10,472.4
۱.	Securities Premium Account	3,107.54	3,107.54	3,107.54	3,107.5
.	Net worth	9,953.68	9,532.24	7,330.53	9,532.2
.	Outstanding Debt	26,693.41	28,076.32	30,290.44	28,076.3
۲.	Debt Equity Ratio (in times)	2.36	2.58	3.36	2.5
.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised) Basic and Diluted: (In ₹)				
	(i) From Continuing Operations before net movement in				
	regulatory deferral balances	0.29	6.93	1.09	9.7
	(ii) From Continuing Operations after net movement in	1 1 22	7.10	4 00	10.0
	regulatory deferral balances (iii) From Discontinued Operations	1.32	7.16 (1.46)	1.02	10.0 (1.4
	(iii) From Discontinued Operations (iv) Total Operations after net movement in regulatory	_	(1.46)	-	(1.4)
	deferral balances	1.32	5.70	1.02	8.6
m.	Capital Redemption Reserve	4.51	4.51	4.51	4.5
n.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	296.95	296.95	296.95	296.9
o.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (in times) (not annualised)	1.21	3.10	1.15	1.0
n l	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (in times) (not annualised)	1.75	3.72	1.98	1.6

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financia Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bselndia.com and on the Company's

website www.tatapower.com. The figures of the quarter ended March 31, 2022 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financia year ended March 31, 2022 and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto December 31, 2021 which were subjected to

For and on behalf of the Board of THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED PRAVEER SINHA CEO & Managing Director DIN 01785164

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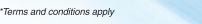
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**VACCINATIONS IN** LAST 24 HOURS 24,654 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: OXYGEN SUPPORT **VENTILATOR SUPPORT** 

DELHITOTAL CASES 19,49,736		HOSPITAL BI	Total HOSPITAL BEDS <b>9,45</b>		
		ICUBEDS 2,11		2,068	
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
July 25	463	609	2	5,657	
July 26	781	465	2	12,209	
Total 2,862* 19,20,569 26,305 3,94,29,85 Total active cases in Delhi					

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<u> </u>		July 25	July 26
3	Cases	N/A	N/A
	Deaths	N/A	N/A
	GURGAO	N	
	Cases	179	173
9	Deaths	1	0

## From Aug, power bill to come with opt-in form thanking CM, reminding consumers of subsidy

**GAYATHRI MANI** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

FROM AUGUST. Delhi residents will get an electricity bill along with a receipt of the amount they saved over the past seven years because of the state government's subsidy.

A letter from Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, along with a consent form to continue availing of the subsidy, will also be attached to the bill.

The letter from the CM will have his picture and will read, "2015 main. Delhi main navi sarkar banne ke baad se abhi tak aapko aapke Bijli bilo mein Rs xxxx ki chhoot di gayi. Abhi yeh nirnaya liya gaya hai ki October 2022 se ye

**BRIEFLY** -

immunisation

to be ramped

Nuh: To contain the

spread of measles after

more than 150 sus-

pected cases were re-

ported in the past three

months, the health au-

thorities in Nuh district

have started a campaign

to ramp up vaccination

in 52 villages, which

have a vaccination rate of

more than 20 per cent.

Health department offi-

cials said that in the past

month, at least 100 sus-

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Nawab Garh, Ghasera

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chhoot unhi logon ko di jayegi jo iske liye aavedhan karenge. Yadi aap chahate hain li bijlee bilon mein aapko chhoot milti rahe to aap, nimn form bharkar, nimn pate... par jama kar dein... aapka Arvind Kejriwal." (In 2015, after the new government was formed in Delhi, you have got a subsidy of Rs XXXX in your electricity bill so far. It has now been decided that from October 2022, the subsidy will be given only to those who opt for it. If you want to continue getting the subsidy, submit the following form at the address that follows... yours, Arvind Kejriwal).

Delhi residents did not have to pay anything if they used 200 units of power per month. A subsidy of 50% was granted to those

#### THE SCHEME

Free electricity for domestic consumers consuming up to 200 units/per month & ₹800 for consumption from 201-400 units every month

**NO. OF BENEFICIARIES\*** 

2019-20 2020-21 \*consumers

who used up to 400 units a month. A power department official said that on average, people got a benefit of around Rs 800 per month because of the

At present, around 30.39 lakh households get 100% subsidy and about 16.59 lakh get 50% subsidy.

The consent form to opt in for the subsidy, which will be ad-

**Budget estimate** 

for 2021-22

₹3,090 cr

Expenditure

₹2,939.99 cr

for 2020-21

dressed to the CM, reads, "Aadharniya Mukhyamantri ji, aaj tak aapne jo hume bijlee bill mein chhoot di, uske liye bahut bahut dhanyawad. Mai chahta/chahti hun ki muihe biilee bilon mein di jaane wali chhoot kripaya jaari rakhen. Main aapka aabhari rahunga/rahungi..." (Respected Chief Minister, I thank you for the power subsidy I have got till date. Î want to continue getting the subsidy. I will be thankful to

The consumer will have to fill in their Voter ID and mobile number in the form, and sign and submit it to the nearby

Officials said that the contract account (CA) number of the consumer and address will already be there. If consumers do not submit the form, they will not get a subsidy starting October 1.

Sources said the department is also planning to set up a centralised WhatsApp number, where the consumers can register and submit CA numbers to seek subsidy. "We are planning to explore this option for ease. If people register their number, they will get an OTP, where they can register for subsidy without any hassle. We are still exploring this option," said a source.

Apart from this, the government is also planning to conduct an awareness campaign across the city for the next two months to inform people about the power subsidy options

## How a Delhi doctor diagnosed first local transmission of monkeypox in India

**ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

UNUSUAL LESIONS that did not completely fit the criteria for any one disease led the West Delhi skin specialist to suspect monkeypox even without an international travel history in Delhi's first case. A 34-year-old from Paschim Vihar was diagnosed with monkeypox on Sunday, confirming the country's first local transmission of the infection. The patient has since remained in isolation at Lok Nayak hospital.

The patient first went to see Dr Richa Chaudhary with complaints of fever and rashes, thinking he had contracted chickenpox. "But he had lesions on his palms and soles of the feet, which does not happen in chickenpox. The chickenpox rashes are also itchy, but the patient said the lesions were painful. Since he did not have a history of international travel (and the virus is not prevalent in India), I thought he had erythema multiforme," said Dr Chaudhary. Erythema multiforme is a skin reaction that can be triggered by an infection or medicines. Dr Chaudhary treated him accordingly and asked him to come back in a

When the patient returned to her OPD last Thursday, the lesions had not healed. "If it were erythema multiforme, healing should have started. In fact, even if it were chickenpox, it should have started. Chickenpox lesions start healing in a week or so."

In fact, when the doctor looked at the lesions across the body, the pattern fit that of two or three diseases. "That's when I suspected he might have monkeypox. So, I pulled out medical journals and compared his lesions to what is seen in monkeypox cases. And, it matched completely. Barring his history of international travel, everything matched," said Dr Chaudhary. She informed the patient of her suspicions and called the district surveillance officer. A test from the National Institute of Virology within days confirmed her suspicions.

The doctor is among the thirteen contacts who have been asked to remain in quarantine in their home. She has not developed any symptoms.

Speaking about how monkevpox lesions are different from the commonly seen chickenpox, Dr Chaudhary said, "Chickenpox lesions are smaller, these were much bigger in comparison. There is no clustering of these lesions in the genital area in chickenpox cases. Lesions are not formed on the palms and soles of the feet. And, varicella zoster (chickenpox) starts healing in

### Man dies as throat is slit by Chinese manjha

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

A 30-YEAR-OLD died after a stray kite string (Chinese manjha) got stuck on his neck while riding his bike on Haiderpur flyover Monday. Police said that though he tried to untangle it, it was sharp and slit his throat and chest.

The victim, Sumit Kumar, was heading home when the string got tangled on his neck. He fell off his bike and collapsed, and locals rushed him to a hospital, where

Sumit's father Ram Kumar said his son had gone to meet friends for some work. The duo ran a hardware store in Burari.

Rangnani,

prits. Surprise checks and patrolling will be conducted in markets to stop the sale of man-The Chinese manjha is coated with glass and metal particles and often leads to accidents before Independence Day and festivities.

(Northwest), said, "We registered

a case under negligence and vio-

lating orders... The team is con-

ducting a probe to catch the cul-

While the National Green Tribunal had ordered a ban on all types of *manjha*, many vendors still sell it. Most offenders get In Northeast Delhi, a 27-year-old man was driving home with his friends when a manjha got stuck to his neck. However, it was untangled in time and he was saved.

## Rape at New Delhi Railway Station puts question mark on safety, security

**JIGNASA SINHA** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

TWO POLICE stations, two help desks, three police posts and multiple checking points guarded by nearly a 100 personnel from the Delhi Police and Railway Protection Force work round-the-clock at New Delhi Railway Station, where a woman was allegedly raped last week. Most of the checking points are only guarded by one security staffer but the police posts/booths were empty when The Indian Express visited on Tuesday morning.

Four days ago, a 30-year-old woman was allegedly gangraped by railway employees inside the electrical maintenance staff room at the station. Two men allegedly raped her while two others stood guard outside. According to the woman's statement, one of the accused, Satish Kumar (35), was her friend and had called her to the station at 10.30 pm on July 22. The woman was then locked inside the room and allegedly raped by two of the accused. She was abandoned at 2-3 am and managed

On Tuesday, The Indian Express visited the railway station and found that the security around the spot is barely up to standards and officers shift



blame when asked about the

The New Delhi Railway Station has a police station right next to the building, hardly a 5minute walk from the crime spot. A second station, under the RPF, is situated on Platform 1 of the railway station. While every station and police post is 500-700 metres from the spot, there is hardly any staff deployed in the wee hours. From 6.30 am to 8 am, the police booths/posts were empty and only a few personnel were the police booths is at the entry gate of the railway station where parking, theft and other issues are often reported.

A sub inspector-level officer

from RPF, who refused to be named, said, "The segregation of the duties is very clear. We work to report thefts and smaller crimes. Our staff also helps in cases of accidents and suicides. Rape and other heinous crimes come under the Delhi Police. We were not even told about the incident. The complainant had directly approached Delhi Police."

"Our personnel keep a strong vigil at all platforms. The woman had come with a railway employee and was in the staff or intimation by anyone. Had it been a sudden attack, we would have known," added the officer.

The staff room is right below the foot overbridge on platform



desk at the platform. A shopkeeper at the station said, "We heard about the incident. The police often come here for rounds but the incident only a few passengers and workers here that time. Most of the staffers go home."

two entry/exit points with se-

curity personnel and a help

Outside the railway station is another help desk and a po-

A senior police officer from Delhi Police said, "We arrested all four accused within hours of receiving the woman's complaint. Our staff is active at the

station but the incident took place inside the staffer's room. The woman knew one of the accused and came to the room on her own. The accused had promised to get her a job and had invited her on the pretext of throwing a party for his son."

lice booth that is vacant.

"The woman approached us right after the incident. There near the spot but they did not report the matter to us. We have been looking into the security to ensure no such crimes take place at the station," he added.



Trucks have been denied entry to ensure a smooth passage for kanwar yatris. Tashi Tobgyal

## 300 drivers left in the lurch after Eastern Peripheral Expressway closes for trucks

**MALAVIKA PRASAD** NOIDA, JULY 26

MORE THAN 300 trucks and other heavy vehicles have been stranded on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway passing through Noida and Ghaziabad for the past few days, amid the ongoing kanwar yatra procession which ends on Tuesday.

According to traffic police stationed near Dadri in the Greater Noida area, trucks have been denied entry to ensure a smooth passage for the pilgrims. "The movement of trucks has been stalled to avoid traffic congestion and accidents due to the

ongoing pilgrimage of kanwar yatris on their journey to Haridwar and back," said a traffic police official stationed in Dadri, Greater Noida. "The barricades on the route

towards Dasna, Ghaziabad will be lifted late Monday or Tuesday morning," said another official. Locals have stepped up to

provide them with meals. "Hotels that lie on the expressway have also been inoperative. We come here every day and provide truck drivers with three meals and medicines if required," said a group of residents from Kallu Garhi village, Dasna, who carry food in a small open tractor.

For Laalji, a truck driver from

Raebareli, stranded at the expressway for the past four days, the help comes as a respite. "We have been told that movement of trucks will be allowed sometime on Wednesday. The villagers provide us with food and water twice a day," he said. However, the drivers complained of having no toilet facilities.

In Ghaziabad, pilgrims can be found flocking various kanwariya camps set up by locals, which are regularly inspected by police. At one of the camps located inside Shambhu Dayal Inter College in Naya Ganj, Ghaziabad, there were more than 2,000 pilgrims taking shelter as of Tuesday. "The camp was set up Friday, and on the first day, around 100 pilgrims were present inside the camp," said one of the three Ghaziabad policemen stationed inside the camp. "There are CCTV cameras at the entry and in all the corridors of the camp, along with a water tanker and separate bathrooms for men and women pilgrims. There is food and drinking water, running water and electricity as well as access to basic medicines for pilgrims suffering from small injuries," another policeman added. Pilgrims were provided access to classrooms and corridors that were converted into resting areas along with mattresses.

## Students at DU college claim society names in Urdu changed, principal denies charges

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JULY 26

**CURRENT AND former students** of Delhi University's B R Ambedkar College have alleged that the principal pressured cultural societies of the college to change their names since they were in Urdu. A member of the college's theatre society said they changed their name after they were told funds would stop if they did not.

The principal, however, denied the charge.

The college's theatre society was originally called 'Astitva (existence)' before it was changed to 'Ilhaam (intuition)' in 2020. However, it has now been changed to 'Aarambh (begin-

Ali Fraz Rezvi, an alumnus of the college who graduated this year, and former vice-president of the theatre society, claimed the pressure to change the name began when the current principal R N Dubey took over last year. "A few months ago itself he called the office bearers of the societies which had Urdu names and said it was against official decorum to have these. He told us to change to Hindi names or else the funding would stop," he claimed.

"He had objected to the name 'Ibaarat (text)' for a magazine which was started under the NSS (National Service Scheme) in 2019, but because we fought at the time, the matter

was deferred. But yesterday we were told that societies have again been told to change their Urdu names, otherwise they would not get funding, nor would its members be given attendance. So under pressure, the theatre society has changed its name," he claimed.

A core member of the theatre society claimed the convenor (a teacher) asked them to change the name on the directions of the principal. "Two weeks ago she had a meeting and said the name had to be changed because it's an Urdu name and the principal will not be happy with it. She said funds would not be given and even our attendance can be held. Fifty percent of our members are juniors so they get scared easily. Ultimately pressure was created," he claimed.

A society for sustainable menstruation, originally called 'Ritva (branch)', which was changed to 'Inaavat (blessing)'. has also gone back to its original name, allegedly for the same rea-

An alumna and former office bearer of the society claimed: "We had changed the name to Inaayat because Ritva is an NGO working on the same issue across the country, and we wanted some distance from it and for our college society to run independently. But the principal had objections to the name and questioned the existence of the society as a whole. Now again it has been changed to *Ritva* under pressure," she claimed.

A third-year student, who was a founding member of *'Sukoon* (peace)' — the college's mental health society — also claimed it had to be closed down due to pressure. "We had started the society last year and the former principal was happy with the idea. He had told us he will fund it as well. However, when the current principal took over, he raised objections. He said he would not approve of names like Sukoon, Inaayat and Ilhaam, and asked that they be changed with Hindi or Sanskrit names. We did not want to change the name because it conveyed a certain meaning, and the teachers did not support us because of the principal's demand, so we closed it down," the student claimed.

Principal R N Dubey denied the allegations. "The nomenclature of the societies is approved by the Governing Body. The principal has no role to play in it. Why would I ask anyone to change names? This is a secular country of many languages and religions. We are not a minority institution to promote or demote anybody," he said.

"However, we only recognise those societies which have been approved by the Staff Council. Two or three students can't decide and just start a society... We have only one Cultural Committee, there are no separate societies. I don't know about either Ilhaam or Aarambh,' Dubey added.

### Six MCD officials suspended by L-G

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

LIEUTENANT Governor V K Saxena Tuesday suspended six officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for alleged "gross negligence", "abusing official position", and receiving "illegal gratification", said officials.

According to sources in the L-G House, following Saxena's di-Commissioner suspended six officials posted in the engineering and administrative departments superintendent engineer A S Yadav, administrative officer Manish Kumar, deputy controller of accounts Anju Bhutani, zonal inspector Vijay Kumar, junior engineer (Narela) Sankhya Mishra and assistant engineer (Narela) Sriniwas.

Officials said the allegations include financial irregularities at Bhalswa landfill; delaying the processing of papers for mutation of properties in the South zone; alleged irregularities in a pension case, and allegedly failing to prevent the construction of an unauthorised building that recently led to the collapse of an under-construction warehouse in Bakuli village, Alipur, where five died and several others were injured.

The L-G also gave his nod to the Central Bureau of Investigation to prosecute a subregistrar for allegedly regularising at least 50 unauthorised constructions in Karol Bagh zone.

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

MARGARET ALVA, the opposition candidate for the Vice-Presidential elections, on Tuesday claimed there is a fear among the political class in India that the BIP government is keeping a tab on them and listening to their conversations on phone and argued that the fear is killing democracy.

"The fear that 'Big Brother' is always watching and listening permeates all conversations between politicians across party lines in 'new' India. MPs and leaders of parties carry multiple phones, frequently change numbers and talk in hushed whispers when they meet. Fear kills democracy," she said in a Twitter post.

Her comment came a day after she claimed that she was unable to make or receive calls on her mobile phone after she spoke to some leaders from the BJP. Alva had also posted a purported notice which she claimed she received from the MTNL saying her KYC details had been suspended and that her SIM card will be blocked in the next 24 hours.

"After speaking to some friends in the BIP today, all calls to my mobile are being diverted & I'm unable to make or receive calls. If you restore the phone, I promise not to call any MP from the BJP, TMC or BJD tonight," she said in addressed to post BSNL/MTNL

On Tuesday, she said the services on her phone were restored. "I thank the Chairman of MTNL/ BSNL for (taking) action on my complaint. My phone services have now been restored. I'm glad that an FIR has been registered by the authorities," she said.

## ED questions Sonia for 6 hrs; Rahul, other **Congress leaders detained during protest**

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

As the Enforcement Directorate (ED) questioned Congress president Sonia Gandhi — her second appearance before the agency within a week — senior leaders and party MPs staged protests in Delhi and elsewhere in the country. Several MPs of the party, including former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, were detained by police outside Parliament as they tried to take out a march to Rashtrapati

Sonia's questioning lasted six hours and she has been asked to appear again on Wednesday.

The Congress deftly combined their demand for a discussion on price rise and hike in GST rates of essential commodities in Parliament with the protest against ED summoning Sonia in the National Herald case. There is a realisation among a section of the leadership that its charge of vendetta politics against the government is not finding much resonance among the people.

In the morning, some of the opposition leaders wrote a joint letter to President Droupadi Murmu seeking her intervention on the stalemate in Parliament and drawing her attention to the "misuse of investigating agencies" by the Narendra Modi government. They said Parliament is stalled "entirely because of the stubborn refusal of the government to have an urgent debate on the pressing issue of price rise and increase in GST rates on essential food items.

They said there are many precedents for "such an urgent debate but this time the govern-



Sonia Gandhi arrives at the

ED office; Congress leader

Delhi police during his

march towards President

House at Vijay Chowk in

New Delhi on Tuesday.

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But it cannot be used, as it is

presently being done, arbitrarily,

selectively and without any jus-

tification whatsoever against

prominent leaders of numerous

opposition parties. The sole aim

of this campaign is to destroy

reparations and weaken the

forces fighting the BIP ideologi-

cally and politically," the letter

"It is also being carried to di-

"The law is law and must be

Further, they drew the

vert the attention of the people of our country from their most urgent day-to-day concerns of price rise of essential commodities, increasing unemployment and loss of livelihoods and mounting insecurity of life, lib-

erty and property," it added. The Congress MPs met in Parliament and then decided to take out a march to the President house. It would have liked other opposition leaders to join but that did not happen. The MPs including Rahul and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge were stopped

by the police at Vijay Chowk and taken to the Kingsway Camp police station. The police used mild force to put some of the MPs in

"India is a police state, Modi is a king," Raĥul said amid the commotion. "We wanted to go towards the President house but the police are not allowing us," the former Congress chief said as police stopped him from marching towards Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"Look at the dictatorship, (we) cannot hold peaceful demonstrations, cannot discuss inflation and unemployment. By misusing the police and agencies, even by arresting us, you will never be able to silence us. Only 'truth' will end this dictatorship," he later posted on Twitter. At the Kingsway Camp, the Congress leaders held a symbolic "brain-storming session".

Kharge alleged that he, along with other Congress MPs, was manhandled by the police. "This is a conspiracy by the Modi-Shah duo," Kharge said as he was being taken away by the police. "All Congress MPs (were) stopped at Vijay Chowk and prevented from marching to Rashtrapati Bhavan, Forcibly arrested. Now we are in police buses being taken to a place only the PM and HM know where... posted Jairam Ramesh.

The Congress said it wanted to hold a "satyagraha" at Raighat but was denied permission by the police. The ED had guestioned Sonia for two hours in connection with an alleged money laundering case related to the National Herald newspaper on July 21. The agency had questioned Rahul in the same case for nearly 50 hours over five days last month.

#### Police initiate probe into manhandling of Cong leaders

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

Delhi Police has initiated an inquiry into the alleged manhandling of Congress leaders, including Youth Congress president Srinivas BV, during a protest at Akbar Road and Vijay Chowk on Tuesday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Amrutha Guguloth said police have taken cognisance of the matter after a video surfaced on the social media. "The personnel involved will be identified and disciplinary action will be taken against them,'

The video shows a group of policemen pushing and shoving Srinivas and pulling his hair.

Police said 259 persons, including 57 MPs, were detained when they tried to march from the Parliament House to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi was among those detained even as he staged a sit-in outside the Parliament. He was released at 7pm.

Delhi Police had increased deployment of its personnel in the area, along with paramilitary

personnel. The police said the protesters were "warned" against the illegal assembly as Section 144 (CrPC) was in force in New Delhi area but the Congress leaders continued gathering.

proposals worth Rs 28,732 cr cleared terrorism at the LAC and Eastern Borders, AoN for induction of approx. 4 lakh of close quarter battle

Arms procurement

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday approved armed forces' arms procurement proposals worth Rs 28,732 crore, which include swarm drones, bulletproof jackets and carbines.

The proposals were approved in a meeting of the Defence Acquisition Council headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The Defence Ministry said in a statement, "Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for Capital Acquisition Proposals of the Armed Forces amounting to Rs 28.732 crore were accorded by the DAC in this meeting under Buy (Indian IDDM) and Buy (Indian) categories giving a further boost to 'Atma Nirbharta' in Defence."

"Considering the demand of enhanced protection against the threat of enemy snippers to our troops deployed along the Line of Control, and in close combat operations in counter-terrorism scenario, DAC accorded AoN for bullet proof jackets with Indian Standard BIS VI level of protec-

tion," the statement said. "To combat the current complex paradigm of conventional carbines for the Services have also been accorded by the DAC."

"This is set to provide a major impetus to the small arms manufacturing industry in India and enhancing Atma Nirbharta in small arms," the statement said. "In the recent conflicts across the world, drone technology proved to be a force multiplier in military operations. To augment the Indian Army's capability in modern warfare, AoN for procurement of Autonomous Surveillance and Armed Drone Swarms has been accorded by the DAC under Buy (Indian-IDDM) category," it said.

"DAC also approved the Navy's proposal to procure an upgraded 1250KW capacity marine gas turbine generator for power generation onboard Kolkata class of ships through Indian Industry. This will give a major boost to the indigenous manufacturing of gas turbine generators," it said.

"To enhance the security in the coastal region, DAC also approved the proposal of procurement of 14 fast patrol vessels for the Indian Coast Guard under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) with 60% IC.

#### No GST exemption for Haj tour organisers, rules apex court

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday dismissed the pleas against the levy of GST on services rendered by Haj group organisers (HGOs) or private tour operators (PTOs) to Haj pilgrims, saying the service is provided or agreed to be provided to the recipients who are in the "taxable territory" of India.

A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar delivered its verdict on a batch of pleas in which the broad question was about the liability of HGOs or PTOs to pay GST on the service rendered by them to Haj pilgrims. The apex court observed that exemptions in tax matters are a matter of policy.



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## **Education in** India see huge digital shift

The Covid pandemic drastically changed the education landscape in India and 2022 will be a crucial year to address the many concerns of the digital divide, assessment, bringing learning gaps and adapting to newer technologies

S schools and colleges across the country were suddenly bereft of the usual student chatter and inperson classroom lectures, India embraced a new age of remote learning with noteworthy speed and commitment.Curriculums tweaked almost overnight, teachers upskilled themselves and students adapted to the new normal. What one assumed was a quick fix, become the norm for the past year and a half, and it seems it is here to stay with many learning institutions the hybrid model.Thus, digital learning will

continue to be the overarching trend as we enter the new academic session and learning gaps such as assessment effectiveness and curriculum efficacy

tum leap in the impact and reach of digital education, access to the best content has not been inclusive. Many often had to share a device within the family, which limited the opportunity for individual learning. Digital education platforms are expensive and unaffordable for many families. Technologies such as Augmented and Virtual Reality (AR/VR) and Artificial

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their adoption. As classrooms shift to computer screens, there is

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Intelligence (AI) were already on an upswing, but

the Covid pandemic has accelerated the pace of

were, and continue to be, significant gaps with regards to the outcomes. As students gradually return to campuses and education institutions establish a hybrid approach, the next few months will be crucial in order to assess the learning gaps created as a result of the online model.

Innovative new learning platforms will con-

stantly emerge to improve both the delivery and assessment of education. Therefore, it is crucial that teachers are always equipped with the skills needed to leverage these cutting-edge tools in a seamless and effective manner. Mental wellness is integral to ensuring positive learning outcomes and emphasis on the same will only continue to

increase with innovative education solutions that aim to inculcate wellbeing as part of the daily

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# 6 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

# 'Had Govt spent 4 hours (on debates), 5 days would not have been wasted'

ON A day 19 Opposition MPs were suspended for the remainder of the week over alleged misconduct in the House, and also on a day the Enforcement Directorate called Congress chief Sonia Gandhi for questioning again on Wednesday, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, MALLIKARJUN KHARGE, tells MANOJ CG how the Congress plans to take on the government on both issues — in and outside Parliament, Excerpts:

You spent almost the whole day at Kingsway camp police station. Congress president Sonia Gandhi has been called for questioning again tomorrow. What is going to be your strategy?

It is sheer harassment. They questioned Rahul Gandhi for five days. She (Sonia) was also questioned earlier. Now they have called her again tomorrow. She is a senior leader; 75 years old. They are not giving the respect that an elderly person like her deserves. Instead of sending a team to her residence to record her statement, they are calling her again and again as if it is a big murder case.

The Congress only gave financial assistance to a newspaper which had played a role in the freedom movement. She just wanted to keep that great institution alive. 'Young Indian' is a not-for-profit company that only runs the 'National Herald' paper. No one can draw a single rupee of profit, salary or dividend from it, or benefit from it in any manner. They (government) know all that but

From The Gallery

**5 QUESTIONS** 

M KANIMOZHI. DMK MP FROM

DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF

THOOTHUKKUDI, TAMIL NADU, SPOKE

TO **LIZ MATHEW** ABOUT PROTESTS

CONGRESS MPS FROM LOK SABHA

What was the protest on the

floor of the House today?

We were asking the chair to

Why do you think the

the House as they raised

the proceedings, every

was trying to avoid it.

banners, which the speaker

said, was not allowed inside the

opposition MP was involved in it.

We were asking for a discussion

on revising the GST rates on

essential food commodities.

which is affecting the common

people. We wanted a debate on

price rise, but the government

But the government says that it

that there could be a discussion

once Finance Minister Nirmala

ministers in the government and

in the ministry. They have not

even agreed for one discussion

But the ruling party says there

from the opposition in the **Business Advisory Committee?** 

was no demand for a discussion

The opposition leaders said the suspension of the four MPs was an unexpected move? Why do

you think the government is shying away from a debate? No, no, that's not true. Everyone

from the opposition raised this

House and protesting against the

government's refusal to hold one

debate on it. The government just

government's decision, but the

GST council decided to change

Whatever it is, the elected MPs in

Parliament can discuss the issue,

especially when it is concerning

the people. Nothing should stop

the members from demanding a

debate on such an issue and the

from it. The government can give

its explanation after the debate.

government cannot run away

want to avoid a discussion.

They say it was not the

the tax rates?

demand. We have been demanding it on the floor of the

has informed the opposition

Sitharaman, who is unwell,

now returns to the House.

discussion? There are other

Why cannot they start a

The opposition was disrupting

revoke the suspension of the four

suspension was not fair? They

they just want to harass and create an atmosphere of fear and demoralise (Congress) workers.

Nineteen opposition members were suspended today. Four Lok Sabha MPs were suspended yesterday. How do you see it?

It is a completely wrong decision.... They could have at least given a warning. You are adjourning the House so many times. Between adjournments, they could have called the floor leaders and told them, 'what your members are doing is not right and I will have to take extreme action'.

Moreover, when it was in the Opposition, BJP used to stall proceedings of the House at the drop of a hat. Have they forgotten that? Late Arun Jaitley had

said that Parliamentary obstruction is not undemocratic and it can be a legitimate tactic for the Opposition to expose the government.

How does the Opposition plan to take up the issue tomorrow?

I have called a meeting of all floor leaders tomorrow morning. I will request them to

fight unitedly to demand revocation of suspension in both Houses. As far as the

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LEADER OF THE

OPPOSITION, RAJYA SABHA

ED case is concerned, we will fight, making it our party's agenda. But our main issue in the House will be forcing the government to hold discussions on price-rise and revocation of the suspension of the MPs. Had they spent four hours [on discussions], five days would not have gone to waste. Our demand is a discussion under rule 267, suspending busi-

der some other rule...they could have fixed a date. It is clear they don't want a discussion. The government says it is ready for a discussion once

Finance Minister Nirmala

ness. If they wanted, they could

have taken up a discussion un-

Sitharaman recovers. How many replies have the Prime Minister given to debates related to his department? And when ministers are out of station...we have seen other ministers, Ministers of State or [the] Parliamentary Affairs Minister replying to discussions on Bills. Are the other ministers not capable? The Leader of the House (Piyush Goyal) can

reply. He is a jack of all trades (harfan maula)...

What about Opposition unity? The TMC has decided to abstain from voting in Vice Presidential elections.

What can be done? We tried our best Many parties said the (Presidential) candidate should not be from Congress. The TRS said it first; TMC said we will find a candidate together. Mamata Baneriee called a meeting...we all went. When it came to Vice Presidential elections...Sharad Pawar was in touch with her (Mamata). We did not take the lead.... Jairam Ramesh spoke to Derek O'Brien..he was in constant touch. If there is no unity even in this, then it is very difficult.

We will keep trying. I have invited O'Brien for tomorrow's meeting. A message has been sent to AAP, too.

Are you hopeful of all opposition parties attending the meeting and putting up a united face?

Our duty is to give a call to everyone. Let us see who will come and who will not. If they have got a different agenda, that is a different thing. My duty is to try to ensure that we all go together and fight unitedly. Numbers do not count...how you are raising the issues of people...and how they are acting against the opposition parties...that is im-

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Congress and members of other Opposition parties protest in the Lok Sabha in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

## As 4 Cong MPs remain suspended, Opp joins LS protest chorus: Call back

**LIZ MATHEW** 

NEW DELHI JULY 26

AT A time when the opposition parties are accused of not being on the same page during their protests on the floor of the House, members of ally DMK, as well as those from the TRS and even the Trinamool Congress (TMC), on Tuesday showed camaraderie in Lok Sabha with Congress MPs who were suspended on Monday for "misconduct".

DMK MPs, including senior leaders such as Dayanidhi Maran, A Raja and M Kanimozhi, walked to the Well of Lok Sabha and asked the presiding officer to "revoke the suspension".

The suspended MPs – Manickam Tagore, S Jothimani, Ramya Haridas and T N Prathapan — meanwhile continued their protests before the Gandhi statue in Parliament premises. They had been suspended on Monday for the remaining part of the session — it ends on August 12 — for showing placards and blocking the

In the morning, the Upper House also witnessed protests, resulting in adjournments till noon The Question Hour was taken up, even though Opposition members continued their protests.

Continuing their protests on Tuesday morning when the Lok Sabha met, Congress MPs in the House, along with DMK, TRS, and some TMC members, shouted slogans, accusing the government of "intimidating" them and showing "highhandedness".

For the second successive day on Tuesday, Congress MPs shouted slogans against the

Enforcement Directorate (ED) questioning party chief Sonia Gandhi in connection with the National Herald case. They shouted, "ED-Modi nahi chalega".

Speaker Om Birla took up Question Hour but could not proceed, as protesting MPs stood in the Well of the House and continued shouting slogans. Birla said, "This is your House; you have been elected to debate the issue. You can discuss every issue. But this is not a place to show placards regularly. People are watching you."

As the protests went on, Birla adjourned proceedings for 30 minutes.

Congress MPs were not present when the House resumed — led by Rahul Gandhi, they held a march to the Rashtrapati Bhavan to give a memorandum to President Droupadi Murmu but were detained by police. Inside the House, several Opposition members kept up the protest, raising slogans, first in Tamil and then in English, and urging the Chair to revoke their suspension.

Rajendra Agarwal, who was in the Chair, repeatedly asked the MPs to return to their seats. DMK and Left MPs were in the Well of the House, while NCP's Supriya Sule and others stood near their seats and protested.

As Agarwal continued with business, they staged a walkout but returned when the House took up Zero Hour. As the presiding officer did not call Opposition members to raise their issues, the MPs continued their protests with sloganeering. As the uproar went on, proceedings were adjourned until

Similar scenes were repeated when the House reassembled, and proceedings were adjourned for the day in the afternoon.

## 19 MPs sent out, Opp hits back: Suspension of democracy

DMK calls it 'totally undemocratic'; TMC says House turning into 'deep, dark chamber'

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NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE UNPRECEDENTED suspension of 19 Opposition MPs from Rajya Sabha on Tuesday drew a strong response from various opposition parties, who vowed to continue their protests.

While the Trinamool Congress (TMC) saidthe action amounted to "suspension of democracy" in the country, the DMK said it was "totally undemocratic." Of the 19 members suspended, seven are from TMC and six

The CPI said BJP is "craving" for a Parliament without the Opposition.

Derek O'Brien, leader of TMC Parliamentary Party in Rajya Sabha, said: "This suspension...has been done at the behest of two people, who are used to running want to apply the same rules of the Gymkhana to Parliament of India. We are turning Parliament into a deep, dark chamber.'

He reiterated that the government is "running away" from a discussion on pricerise in the House.

The TMC members suspended are Sushmita Dev, Mausam Noor, Shanta Chhetri, Dola Sen, Dr Santanu Sen, Nadimul Hague and Abir Ranjan Biswas.

Members from DMK, TRS, CPI(M) and CPI have also been suspended for the remaining part of this week.

Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, Piyush Goyal, however, said the Opposition, and not the government, is running away from a debate in Parliament. These members, he said, infringed on the rights of other MPs who wanted the House to function, he told the media. The Opposition knows it has failed in discharging its responsibilities and is thus not willing to engage with the government and is running away from Parliament, Goyal said, according to PTI.

Calling the move "totally undemocratic", DMK leader Tiruchi Siva told The Indian Express: "We have been demanding a debate on price-rise — a very important issue. They are not allowing it under any rule. They are



TMC members stage a protest at Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

not even prepared to convince us that they will take it up sometime or the other. Farlier they used to call us to the Chairman's chamber...the government would [earlier] talk to Opposition leaders and come to an agreement. Nowadays they don't speak to us. Whatever notices we give are rejected."

So. Siva said, "there is no other option before us than to raise our voice. We cannot just go to the street...then why should we be in Parliament? They (government) neither allow us to participate in the debate nor do they come forward to reply to our queries." Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh

said that "with the suspension of Opposition MPs from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, it is abundantly clear that the (Narendra) Modi sarkar is in no mood to allow the Opposition to raise real, urgent issues being faced by the people of our country in Parliament".

The CPI said the "BJP is craving for a Parliament without opposition." Party leader Binoy Viswam said, "19 opposition members, including Santhosh Kumar of CPI, are suspended for that purpose only..... They don't want GST or price rise to be discussed.'

Viswam said the BJP dreams of turning

Parliament into a "bhakta jana sabha (assembly of bhakts)", which is impossible.

O'Brien said disruptions in the House were beneficial for the government, as it allows them the chance to escape scrutiny. The bottom line is that the government is disrupting Parliament, not the Opposition.' he said. "The government is trying to spin and say that the Opposition is disrupting Parliament. We were told that the Finance Minister is down with Covid. The opposition parties made a request to the Leader of the House to have any other minister be a part of that discussion.

No discussions were held on price-rise even during the Budget Session, O'Brien said.

O'Brien also said the number of Bills sent for scrutiny have also come down significantly under the Modi government. "In the previous government, out of every 10 Bills passed, six were sent for scrutiny. However, under the Modi government, only one Bill out of 10 passed is sent for scrutiny," he said. "Dr Manmohan Singh, during his tenure as the PM in UPA II, had answered 21-22 questions in Parliament. Modi has answered

## LS passes family courts Bill

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

THE LOK Sabha on Tuesday passed the Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022 that seeks to amend the Family Courts Act, 1984 to establish family courts in Himachal Pradesh with effect from February 15, 2019 and in Nagaland with effect from September 12, 2008.

The Bill also seeks to insert a new Section 3A to retrospectively validate all actions under the said Act taken by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland and the Family Courts of those states prior to the commencement of the Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 2022.

Replying to the debate on the Bill, Rijiju said that 11.49 lakh cases were pending in 715 family courts across 26 states and Union Territories at the beginning of May 2022.

Rijiju said the government has called a meeting of the district judges on July 30. This is the first time that a meeting of district judges has been called, he said, adding that the Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India and other judges of the Supreme Court will be present in the conference. Many issues including matter related to family courts will be discussed, he said.

Discussing the issue of judges' appointment, he said the government can not approve the appointment of judges without

Success in curbing smuggling along border

"We have the system. The Supreme The information we have like judges' background, their activities, their achievements, all these information is available with the government," Rijiju said, "If we did not approve a name, it is because we had a valid reason. We don't do this to suppress or stop someone."

The Law Minister expressed concerns over increasing number of pending court cases, which is about to touch the 5 crore mark.

In all 21 members participated in the debate on the Bill that was passed by a voice vote. Several members from the Opposition parties like Congress were not present in the

Initiating the debate, BIP member Sunita Duggal raised the issue of pending court cases. She said the pending cases should be disposed by appointing more and more judges.

JD(U) member Kaushalendra Kumar observed a family court should be established for 10 lakh population in a district but the district population in Bihar and other states now exceeds 20 lakh.

Supporting the Bill, BJD member Bhartruhari Mahtab said that under the 1984 law, states can open a court or a number of courts but the ultimate notification has to be done by the Central Government.

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## Govt should consult experts, stakeholders before firming up policies, says BJP MP

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE GOVERNMENT should consult experts and hold dialogues with the affected people before announcing policy reforms, BJP MP Vivek Narayan Shejwalkar said in Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Shejwalkar, the MP from Gwalior, raised the issue of 'discussion and dialogue with experts and affected stakeholders on policy reforms' under rule 377. He said "unreasonable opposition" to the three farm laws and the Agnipath scheme, which is an "important step" for military modernisation, is a matter of concern.

"Before announcing reforms, the government should consult experts in that field and hold consultation with the affected people so that there is no obstacle in the implementa-



tion of public friendly policies," Shejwalkar said. This, he said, will check those who create an "atmosphere of nega-

Vivek Narayan Shejwalkar

into this.

tivity" Arun Kumar Sagar, BJPMP from Shahjahanpur, raised the issue of alleged irregular-

ities in implementation of works under Jal Jeevan Mission in UP and said work in his constituency has been allocated to a Hyderabad-based firm. "During

visits to the constituency, I have received complaints regarding work...which is not as per standards," Sagar said. Alleging that public money is being mis-

used and the government's image is being tarnished, he urged the Centre to order an inquiry

### after extending BSF jurisdiction: Govt in LS **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

EXTENSION OF territorial jurisdiction of BSF last year has led to "success in curbing smuggling of drugs and other contraband items" on Punjab border, the government told Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

"The extension in territorial jurisdiction of BSF in Punjab and some other States/UTs was aimed at empowering BSF to discharge its border guarding duties more effectively in the wake of use of technology like Dynamic Remotely Operated Navigation Equipment (Drones), Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAVs), etc, generally having long range, by anti-national forces for surveillance as well as for smuggling of arms, narcotics and fake Indian Currency Notes," MoS, Home, Nityanand Rai stated in written reply to a question.

Rai said that total seizures made by BSF between October 11, 2021 and July 15 this year



**Extension of territorial** jurisdiction

THE MHA had extended BSF's jurisdiction from 15 km to 50 km inside the international border in Punjab, West Bengal, and Assam by a Government Notification dated October 11, 2021. This was reduced from 80 km to 50 km inside the international border in Gujarat.

include 4.75 kg RDX, 314 kg heroin, 1.6 kg opium, 48 weapons, 92 magazines, six detonators and 12 codex wires magazines, apart from six Pakistani drones and fake Indian currency notes.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) did not clarify whether the seizures were beyond 15 km from the border inside Indian territory.

The government also told Lok Sabha that 2,399 Bangladeshi nationals were intercepted with fake Indian documents at the integrated border check-posts between 2017

The Centre, Rai said in a written reply, has "issued instructions to State Governments/ Union Territories for taking appropriate prompt steps for identification of illegal migrants, their restriction to specified locations as per provisions of law, capturing their biographic and biometric particulars, cancellation of fake Indian documents, and legal proceedings, including initiation of deportation proceedings as per provisions of law. They have also been advised to share the particulars of illegal migrants who have wrongfully obtained Aadhaar Cards with UIDAI for appropriate legal action.

"State Governments have been advised to cancel any identification documents obtained fraudulently by illegal migrants (such as) voter card, driving licence, ration card, etc."



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#### BACK IN BUSINESS

WITH THE Enforcement Directorate having summoned Sonia Gandhi for questioning again, the Congress will field veterans Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma on Wednesday to defend the party chief and attack the BJP government. Azad and Sharma, the prominent faces of the G 23, had not been addressing press conferences at the AICC headquarters ever since the letter by the 23 leaders surfaced in 2020. Both of them were conspicuously missing when the party waged street protests last month during Rahul Gandhi's questioning. The two were at the AICC headquarters last week when Sonia was called for questioning for the first time. The two will be joined by Raiasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

#### LOCAL FLAVOUR

THE CONGRESS'S communication strategy saw a bit of innovation on Tuesday, the day Sonia Gandhi appeared before the ED. The party made its MPs from various states, who had assembled for a protest and were also detained, to record short video clips in their respective languages. The videos were posted on the party's social media accounts and circulated on its WhatsApp groups. Among others, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury recorded a video in Bangla, Gaurav Gogoi in Assamese Shaktisinh Gohil in Gujarati, Hibi Eden in Malayalam, Mukul Wasnik in Marathi, L Hanumanthaiah in Kannada and Ravneet Singh Bittu in Punjabi. The MPs spoke about the alleged misuse of investigating agencies by the government and the stalemate in Parliament over the Opposition's demand for a discussion on the price rise and hike in GST rates.

#### Promotion, Csr

THECENTREon Tuesday said the expenditures by companies on  $promotion \, of \, the \, 'Har \, Ghar \, Tiranga' \, campaign \, will \, come \, under \,$ Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The campaign is aimed at invoking the feeling of patriotism among the people and to promote awareness about the Tricolour, Corporate Affairs ministry said in a circular. "It is clarified that spending of CSR funds for the activities related to this campaign, such as mass-scale production and supply of the national flag, outreach and amplification efforts and other related activities, are eligible for CSR activities...," the circular said.

#### HC seeks govt response on plea seeking data on electronic surveillance

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the Home Ministry to file a reply to a petition on an RTI request related to the scope of electronic surveillance in India. Granting six weeks to the Centre to respond to the plea filed by Apar Gupta, co-founder and executive director of the NGO Internet Freedom Foundation, against a verdict passed by the

in January, Justice Yashwant

istry's stand that data sought by Gupta has been destroyed. In 2018, Gupta had filed six RTI pleas seeking data related to interception, monitoring and decryption orders passed by ministry. **ENS** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

China and Pakistan for their ef-

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**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

UNDERLINING THE importance

of independent journalism in a

democracy, Chief Justice of India

N V Ramana on Tuesday called

upon the media to "confine itself

to honest journalism without us-

ing it as a tool to expand its influ-

dia house has other business in-

terests, it becomes vulnerable to

external pressures. Often, the

business interests prevail over the

spirit of independent journalism.

As a result, democracy gets com-

promised". He was speaking at

the launch of a book titled 'The

Gita Vijnana Upanishad', authored

by Gulab Kothari, chairman of the

Ramana said "independent jour-

nalism is the backbone of democ-

racy. Journalists are the eyes and

the ears of the people. It is the re-

sponsibility of media houses to

present facts. Especially in the

Addressing the gathering, CJI

Rajasthan Patrika Group.

The CII said that "when a me-

ence and business interests".

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

# plea in Lakhimpur violence case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JULY 26



On October 3 last year, a convoy of three SUVs, including a Thar owned by Ashish Mishra's father and MoS Ajay Mishra, allegedly ran over a group of protesting farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri. Four farmers and a journalist were killed and several others were injured. In the violence that followed, two BIP workers and the driver of the vehicle were killed.

Rejecting Ashish Mishra's bail plea, Justice Krishan Pahal of the High Court stated: "Taking into consideration the complicity of the applicant, there being an apprehension of the witnesses being influenced, the severity of punishment as drawn from the nature and gravity of the accusa-

**LIZ MATHEW** 

Narendra Modi.

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

RAM NATH Kovind, who retired

Monday after Droupadi Murmu

took over as the new President of

India, has been a "steadfast and

passionate champion of social

transformation and inclusion.

speaking for the poor, the histori-

cally excluded and oppressed, the

marginalised with special atten-

tion to the status and role of

women", said Prime Minister

In a letter sent on the eve of

Kovind's departure from

Rashtrapati Bhavan, Modi said the

former's "remarkable personal



Ashish

tions, after taking due consideration of the submissions of the parties... without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I do not find it a fit case for bail."

In February this year, Ashish was granted bail by the Lucknow bench of Allahabad HC. The families of some of the victims then moved the Supreme Court seeking cancellation of the bail on the ground that they were not heard when Ashish's bail application was taken up by the High Court. On April 18, the Supreme

Court set aside the HC order granting bail to Ashish and asked him to surrender within a week. The top court also remanded the matter back to the HC to consider afresh whether Mishra should be given bail or not after affording the victims' families a hearing.

PM writes to Kovind, calls him

Six days later, Ashish surren-

'champion of social transformation'

dered in a Lakhimpur Kheri local court and was sent to jail. "It is also true that the prose-

cution cannot claim parity as a right to the co-accused whose bail applications have been rejected by this Court, but yet the presence of the three vehicles at the spot from one of which the applicant was seen coming out is a crucial circumstance weighing against the applicant. The said Thar vehicle was registered in the name of the father of the applicant and he was seen in the said vehicle recovered from the spot, although the applicant was not seen driving it. There are two FIRs lodged by the witnesses having been threatened. The cross-version to the present case does not help the accused," Justice Pahal said in the order while rejecting the bail plea.

The Special Investigation Team, which was constituted to investigate the case, has arrested 13 people, including Ashish. On January 3, the SIT filed a chargesheet against 14, including Ashish and his uncle

#### Media running kangaroo courts with ill-informed debates: HC

Lucknow: Rejecting the bail plea of Ashish Mishra, Justice Krishan Pahal of Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Tuesday came down heavily on the media, accusing them of running "kangaroo courts" with "ill-informed and agenda-driven debates".

The court said: "The media has an indispensable role in highlighting matters pertaining to the public utility. The media is supposed to provide news, but sometimes we have seen that individual views are overshadowing the news, thus putting an adverse effect on truth. Of late, media is seen overstepping upon the sanctity of judiciary in high profile criminal cases, as was evident in the cases of Jessica Lal (murder), Indrani Mukherjee and Aarushi Talwar (murder case), etc."

#### **Modi: India will** continue to support Lanka

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi congratulated Sri Lanka's newly elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe and said India will continue to support the quest of the people for stability and economic recovery, through established democratic means, the Indian High Commission in Colombo said on Tuesday.

Indian Commissioner in Sri Lanka. Gopal Baglay also met Sri Lankan Prime Minister Gunawardena and Foreign minister Ali Sabry on Tuesday.

The PM also conveyed that he looked forward to working closely with the President for the mutual benefit of people and strengthening the age-old, close and friendly relations between India and Sri Lanka, it added.

Meanwhile, Baglay on Tuesday paid a courtesy call on PM Gunawardena and conveyed greetings from the leadership. He also handed over the third consignment of humanitarian supplies like rice and medicines donated by the government of Tamil Nadu.

## HC rejects Ashish Mishra's bail

### Court takes cognisance of ED charge sheet against Farooq, others

**JKCA MONEY LAUNDERING CASE** 

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has filed a supplementary prosecution complaint (equivalent to a charge sheet) against former I&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah and others, including Ahsan Ahmad Mirza, Mir Manzoor Gazanffer, in connection with its probe into the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) money laundering case.

The charge sheet was filed on June 4, but a special court in Srinagar took its cognisance on Tuesday. The court has issued notices to the accused for appearance before it on August 27.

"The case relates to siphoning off of JKCA funds by way of transfer to various personal bank accounts of unrelated parties, including those of office-bearers of JKCA and by way of unexplained cash withdrawals from JKCA bank accounts...the quantum of proceeds of crime identified by the FD in this case so far is Rs 51 90 crore out of which assets worth Rs 21.55 crore have been attached by the ED," the agency said.

ED had arrested the then JKCA treasurer Mirza on September 5, 2019, and filed a prosecution complaint against him on November 1,2019. Mirza is currently on trial.

In March this year, the agency had provisionally attached assets totalling Rs 7.25 crore belonging to an accused in the case. The agency had also attached assets of



Farooq

Abdullah as well in the case.

The case involves the alleged siphoning off of the grants given by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to the JKCA. It was alleged that between 2002 and 2011, funds to the tune of over Rs 43 crore (ED now claims it is over Rs 50 crore) were siphoned off from the JKCA coffers. These funds were part of the Rs 112-crore grant given by the BCCI to the IKCA.

In 2020, the ED had attached properties worth Rs 14.32 crore belonging to Mirza, Ghazanfar and Farooq. As part of that, Farooq's Gupkar Road bungalow too was attached, apart from his properties in Jammu. The agency had also filed a prosecution complaint against Mirza.

Farooq has already been questioned multiple times in the case, the latest being in May this year. "Between 2006 and January

2012, when Farooq was the JKCA president, he misused his position and clout by illegal appointments of office-bearer at JKCA to whom he gave financial powers for the purpose of laundering of JKCA funds. Investigation also reveals that Faroog was instrumental as well as beneficiary of the laundered funds of IKCA," the ED had said in a statement earlier.

### Former MP K D Singh, son booked in UP chit fund scam

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE CBI has booked former Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP K D Singh and his son in connection with an alleged chit fund scam in Uttar Pradesh. The agency has alleged that a company floated by Singh promised investors returns up to 10 times of investment but many investors never got paid.

Singh was a Raiva Sabha MP between 2010 and 2014. The case was registered by UP police and transferred to CBI on UP government's request.

"The CBI has registered a case against former Member (Rajya Sabha): his son and seven others on the request of Uttar Pradesh Government... and has taken over

**KD Singh** 

the investigation of the case Crime No.034/2021, earlier registered at Police Station Kotwali, Azamgarh (UP) on the allegations of cheating & misappropriation of about Rs 100 crore invested by a large number of private persons in two private companies (Chit Fund Companies) on false promises by the accused," the CBI said.

The agency on Tuesday conducted searches at 12 different locations, including in Chandigarh. Delhi, Harvana, Bihar, Puniab, UP. which led to recovery of incriminating documents, it claimed.

#### Jawan killed in clashes between kanwariyas

**AMITSHARMA** 

MEERUT, JULY 26

A 25-YEAR-OLD army personnel from UP's Sisauli town, who was taking part in kanwar yatra, was killed as two groups of kanwariyas clashed near Roorkee in Uttarakhand on Tuesday. According to police, the kan-

warivas from Sisauli chased the group of kanwariyas from Haryana after Kartik Kumar was killed in clash in Roorkee, and cornered them in Barla in Muzaffarnagar district of UP where they clashed again. In the clashes that took place in Roorkee and Barla, at least 10 people from both the sides were injured. Muzaffarnagar police have ar-

rested six kanwariyas, all from Chulkana village in Haryana's Panipat district. "We were alerted by Uttarakhand Police that a group of kanwariyas from Haryana is on the run after killing a fellow kanwariya from UP... Before we could reach the spot, the kanwariyas from Sisauli had cornered the Haryana kanwariyas at Barla on the national highway. The two groups clashed again," said a police officer.

Police said, Kartik Kumar. who returned home from Rajkot to take part in the kanwar yatra, was part of a dak kanwariya group from Sisauli. Dak kanwarivas are a kind of express kanwariyas, who cover long distances barefoot, and are supposed to transport the holy water from Haridwar to their pledged destination within 24 hours of its collection. Adding that the competition to outpace each other led to the clash.

All six have been booked for murder. Meanwhile, a team of Uttarakhand Police also interrogated the arrested kanwariyas in Muzaffarnagar, police said.

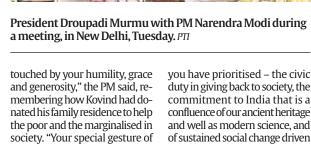
Varma listed the matter for next hearing on November 9. The CIC had accepted the min-

journey from a small village deep in the heartland of our country to Rashtrapati Bhavan" has been a "parable" for the country's evolution and development and "an in-Central Information Commission spiration" for society.

PM Modi fondly remembered how Kovind visited his mother in Guiarat and discussed several issues. "You have always been generous with your time and counsel to me over the past five years," Modi said, adding that he would continue to turn to him for advice.

"I have always been deeply

Third countries in CPEC: India slams China, Pak



coming to receive me at the heli-

pad will remain etched in my

memory forever," PM Modi wrote. Modi said his interaction with Kovind goes "beyond presidency". Recalling that he has seen the former president toiling among the people during his political career, Modi said with his actions, interventions and speeches, Kovind represented and carried the best of India to all corners of the country and the world.

"The themes and issues that

duty in giving back to society, the commitment to India that is a confluence of our ancient heritage and well as modern science, and of sustained social change driven by increasing and expanded access to education, especially for girl children - have been well thought out and meaningful," PM Modi wrote in his letter. "Even as you reached the

highest office in our land, you remained firmly and proudly rooted in its soil and connected with the people - happy in their company, sensitive to their problems, perceptive about their expectations and acutely aware of the needed change," Modi added.

#### Working Group on International Cooperation and Coordination on

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Ministry of External Affairs' spokesperson Arindam Bagchi INDIA ON Tuesday criticised said such activities under the CPEC

forts to encourage third counand unacceptable", and will be tries to join projects relating to treated accordingly by India. the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) — a multi-billion dollar connectivity corridor that passes through PoK.

CJI: Media house with

becomes vulnerable

to external pressures

other business interests

New Delhi has consistently been critical of "projects in the socalled CPEC", which are in Indian territory "illegally occupied by

**Chief Justice** 

of India NV

Ramana

Indian social scenario, people still

believe that whatever is printed is

true. All I want to say is that the

media must confine itself to hon-

est journalism without using it as

a tool to expand its influence and

houses without business baggage,

were able to fight for democracy

during the dark days of emer-

gency", he said "the true nature of

media houses will certainly be as-

sessed from time to time, and ap-

propriate conclusions will be

drawn from their conduct during

period he worked as a journalist,

saying "there was healthy compe-

tition among journalists to do

great public interest stories".The

CJI said there "is still a huge lacuna

when it comes to systemic sup-

port for journalists in India"

The CJI reminisced about brief

Recalling "that only media

business interests".

testing times".

are "inherently illegal, illegitimate

Friday, Pakistan and China decided to welcome interested third countries to join CPEC initiative.

Bagchi said: "We have seen reports on encouraging proposed participation of third countries in so-called CPEC projects. Any such actions by any party directly infringe on India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. India firmly

and consistently opposes projects in the so-called CPEC, which are in Indian territory that has been illegally occupied by Pakistan."

"Such activities are inherently illegal, illegitimate and unacceptable, and will be treated accordingly by India," he added.

CPEC was launched in 2013 to improve Pakistan's road, rail and energy transport infrastructure, besides connecting its deep-sea port of Gwadar with China.

#### **BIHAR ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY** Bihar Veterinary College Campus, Patna-800014 (Bihar)

Ref. Employment Notification No.- 05/2022 **VACANCIES FOR DEPUTY REGISTRAR & DEPUTY** COMPTROLLER POSITIONS

Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna invites applications from Indian Nationals for regular appointment to the posts of Deputy Registrar, Academic (01 Post, UR- Category); Deputy Registrar, Admin. & Rect. (01 Post, EBC- Category) both a Level-12 and **Deputy Comptroller** (01 Post, UR-Category) at Level-12.

Details of the posts, pay scale, general instructions and applications form are available on the website https:www.basu.org.in The last date for the receipt of application forms is 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**Careers** 



The Institute invites applications for filling up vacancies for the posts of Junior Library Assistant and Junior Library Superintendent on regular/contract/standard deputation terms. Detailed advertisement is available on: www.iitbhu.ac.in, Last date: 16-08-2022

Date: 26-07-2022

**REGISTRAR** 



INDIA

**EDUCATION** 

SUMMIT 2022

A STHE education sector continues to evolve on the back of the roll-out of the National Education Policy, Santhosh Viswanathan, managing director, sales, marketing, and communications Group, Intel India, talks about the importance of technology to fuel growth. Can you elaborate on Intel's initia-

tives taken towards strengthening the **EdTech industry?** Aligned with Intel's corporate purpose and RISE

2030 strategies and goals, we have rolled out Intel Digital Readiness Programs globally in partnership with government, academia, civil society, and industry stakeholders. In India, in collaboration with multiple ministries and state and local governments, we have rolled out a series of programs and initiatives. For instance: in 2019, we collaborated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Ministry of Education, to introduce AI as a skill subject for 9th and 10th standard, which has now been made available from sixth standard onwards.

How has technology played a significant role in making it seamless for them? Technology emerged as a catalyst in transform-

ing today's education ecosystem during the pandemic. The advancement in technology helped in ensuring continuity of educational learnings opened new avenues for students, teachers, and parents to interact, synergize, and exchange ideas – all while staying safe in their homes. Moving on

from traditional forms of learning, the virtual tools and blended learning models have paved the way for increased flexibility for teachers and students.

Can you highlight how Intel has augmented AI in education? Intel's corporate purpose is to create world-

changing technology that improves the life of every person on the planet. Our goal is to make technology fully inclusive and expand digital readiness for all. Our response to address the digital skills crisis is our Digital Readiness Programs portfolio - aiming to demystify and democratise emerging technologies for broader non-technical audiences globally in an inclusive manner. To make this a reality, we have played a key role in introducing AI as a formal skill



Santhosh Viswanathan, India head,Intel

subject in schools pan India, in collaboration with CBSE, and MOE.

In 2021, Intel launched Intel Unnati Program. What has been the progress so far? Intel launched the Intel Unnati Program with the

purpose to help equip engineering students in India with industry-relevant data-centric skills. Through a

network of system integrators, it aims to set up 100 Intel Unnati Data-Centric Labs in emerging technologies across universities and engineering institutes in India over the next one year. Out of which, 36 labs have been set up to date.

Can you talk about Intel's collaboration with AWS?

Our collaborations with Amazon Web Services (AWS) have helped in paving the way for providing accessible, affordable, and holistic education across the country. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the nationwide lockdown posed a major challenge for students to attend school. The Directorate of Education of National Capital Territory (NCT) Delhi connected with Intel's partner - Career Launcher to build a rapid-scaling solution to safeguard educational continuity. It enlisted the help of Intel and AWS to work together with educators to adapt aspiration.ai, Career Launcher's AWS-based learning portal, to address the needs of Delhi's schools. The trial was successfully launched in a span of just two weeks, which gave birth to Project Aspiration 2020.

## by Mumbai Police for uploading nude photo

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE MUMBAI Police on Tuesday registered an FIR against actor Ranveer Singh for allegedly posting photographs from his nude photoshoot for Paper magazine on his Instagram account. The action came after the president of a city-based NGO lodged a complaint with the police on Monday, added officials.

According to a note issued by Mumbai Police, by posting his nude photographs from his photoshoot, the actor, in order to "earn big money", had ended up "being a poor influence on young children and society at large". With this act, he has also attempted to outrage the modesty of women, the note read.

The Gully Boy actor was booked under sections 292 (sale of obscene books), 293 (sale of obscene objects to young persons) and 509 (act intending to outrage modesty of women) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), along with Section 67A of the IT Act, which deals with publication of any material that contains sexually explicit act or conduct.

In his statement, the complainant, Lalit Tekchandani, said that on July 24, a friend sent him the images Ranveer Singh had shared on Instagram and Twitter. He said when he zoomed in on one of the photographs, he realized that the actor's private parts were visible.



Ranveer

The photo had gone viral. "Our country is a land of culture and such photos could influence children who have 'craze' for movie actors and actresses," he said.

He said that on further enquiry, he found that Singh had done the photoshoot for Paper magazine and would earn lots of money from it. Tekchandani added that the photoshoot will also influence youngsters, who were struggling to get into the film industry, to resort to similar measures to earn money and

Based on the complainant's statement, the Chembur police registered an FIR in the matter. An officer said they are investigating the matter and are likely to record the statement of the actor in connection with uploading the photograph.

Paper magazine, which conducted the photoshoot, has in the past done a similar nude photoshoot of Kim Kardashian in November 2014.

#### EXPLAINED

**LAWS COVERING OBSCENITY, PAGE 14** 

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR** (E-Mail: serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287) No. e-tender/2941//RWC//BAM//Dated. 26.07.2022 E-mi 2nd Corrigendum to Bid identification No. Online Tender/ 25-2022-23/BPR The partial modification of building work vide above identification has been mad 06.08.2022 to 20.08.2022 upt

12.08.2022. 17.08.2022 at 2.00 PM instead 10.08.2022 at 2.00 PM 22.08.2022 at 11.00 AM instead o Date of opening of Technical Bid. All other contents will remain unchanged

Sd/-Chief Construction Enginee R.W. Circle, Berhampu OIPR- 25071/11/0045/2223

#### **ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED** [A Government of Odishs Undertaking] Regd. Office; Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022 CIN:U401000R2004SGC007553

 E-Tender Notice No.CPC-04/2022-23: Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132kV, 630mm2 XLPE copper cable from location no.62 to RTSS Gantry of 132kV SC line from Grid S/S, Chandikhole to proposed RTSS at Dhanamandal including associated civil works, at an

estimated cost of the package for Rs.4.94 Crore on

TENDER ALERT

Complete set of bidding documents are available on www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL portal and www.optcl.co.in. S/d-SGM (CPC)

HIPR-16/2022-23

Turnkey Contract Basis'

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR (E-Mail: serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287) No. e-tender/2948//RWC//BAM//Dated. 26.07.2022

2nd Corrigendum to Bid identification No. Online Tender/ 23-2022-23/PMGSY/BPR The partial modification of road works under PMGSY (Balance work) vide above

dentification has been made as follows. 08.07.2022 to 16.08.2022 upto 3.00 PM Date of availability of tender instead of 08.07.2022 to 30.07.2022 upto 3.00 PM. 17.08.2022 at 11.00 AM 01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM Date of opening of Technical Bid 4 Date of opening of Financial Bid Will be intimated later or All other contents will remain unchanged

> Chief Construction Enginee R.W. Circle, Berhampu OIPR- 25071/11/0046/2223

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

**E-OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of

Cess repair in approches of minor bridges and repair to low cess at km 12/1-12/21(UP&DN), 17/15 19/27(UP&DN), 19\*/0-19/26(DN), 21/7-21(UP&DN), 24/1-15(UP&DN), 26/27-27/11(UP&DN), 28/0-29/15(UP&DN), 33/11-35/0(UP&DN), 38/0-40/0(UP&DN),44/0- 45/0(UP&DN), 45/0-46/0(up) 47/0-48/0., 52/0-53/19, 54/0-55/0, 55/4- 57/4(DN) 68/0-69/19, 72/9-72/19, 77/19-78/25(UP), 82/11 83/25(UP), 85/13-86/0(DN), 86/7-87/0(DN), 86/6-87/6, 89/5-89/25(UP), 90/5- 90/27(UP), 89/0-89/20(DN), 90/6-90/30(DN), 92/11-92/23(UP), 94/0-94/5(UP), 94/9-94/15(UP), 97/1-98/0(UP), 99/0-99/11(UP and DN),97/29-98/7(UP) and Fixing of released PRC sleepers on NR Boundary on DLI-UMB section under ADEN/PNP. Approx. Cost : Rs.3.52.38.492.24

Earnest Money : Rs 3,26,200/-

Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:-** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.

Completion Period 12 Months

the tender form can be

Date and time o Upto 15.00 hrs on 17.08.2022 opening of e-tender at submission of tender 15.00 hrs on 17.08.2022 and opening of tender.

Website particulars Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. location etc complete details of tender can be seen and web site where

Similar nature of work Any Civil work other than track work. NOTE:- All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per

nnexure-XXIV is compulsorily. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

## Ranveer Singh booked Arrest must not be used as a punitive tool: SC

Petitioner trapped in a vicious cycle where process itself has become punishment: top court in Md Zubair bail order

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

NOTING THAT multiple FIRs against Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair stemmed from the same set of tweets, giving rise to similar offences, the Supreme Court in its order clubbing all the cases and granting him bail said that "the machinery of criminal justice has been relentlessly employed against the peti-

As a result, the court said, he is "trapped in a vicious cycle of the criminal process where the process has itself become the punishment"

The bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud, Surya Kant and AS Bopanna reiterated in the judgment that the power to arrest must be used sparingly, subject strictly to the law and guidelines laid down by SC in the Arnesh

Man from Bharuch

Vadodara: A40-year-old man from

Bharuch was shot dead by sus-

pected robbers in Zambia on Monday, while his brother sus-

tained bullet injuries and was hos-

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deceased, Imran Karkaria, the at-

tack happened at his residence in

Kabwe city, while they were

asleep. Imran's brother Azmat,

who tried to save his brother, was

injured in the process. The friend

said the incident occurred

around 3 am local time in Zambia

on Monday when the Karkarias

dated 22.07.2022. e-Tenders are invite

by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Enginee

Co/Chakradharpur for and on behalf of the

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ollowing works. Manual offers are no

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nanual offer received shall be ignored. SI

No. & Name of Work, Tender Value,

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or better for DSTE/Jharsuguda<mark>;</mark> ₹ 10,38,

257.52; ₹ 20.800/-. (3) S&T works for RUI

n lieu of LC Gates No. 144, 147, 148 & 159

in Adityapur-Mahalimarup section;

₹ 27.56.091.42; ₹ 55.100/-. (4) Online Mon

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Gates at Kansbahal and Sonakhan Stations:

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Modification in EI/PI in connection with Elimi-

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Chandiposi and Lathikata Stations

₹ 37,67,951.22; ₹ 75,400/-. (7) Alteration

Modification in EI/PI in connection with

Elimination of Interlocked L.C.Gates at

Jaraikela Station; ₹ 12,55,983.74; ₹ 25,100/-

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The court granted Zubair relief on July 20. The detailed judgment was released late Monday.

In its order, the court stated: "...the machinery of criminal justice has been relentlessly employed against the petitioner. Despite the fact that the same tweets allegedly gave rise to similar offences in diverse FIRs, the petitioner was subjected to multiple investigations across the country."

Consequently, the court said

"he would be required to hire multiple advocates across districts, file multiple applications for bail, travel to multiple districts spanning two states for the purposes of investigation, and defend himself before multiple courts, all with respect to substantially the same alleged cause of action. Resultantly, he is trapped in a vicious cycle of the criminal process where the process has itself become the punishment. It also appears that certain dormant FIRs from 2021 were activated, as cer-



Alt News co-founder Zubair

tain new FIRs were registered, thereby compounding difficulties faced by the petitioner."

Cautioning against indiscriminate use of the power to arrest, the court said, "Police officers are vested with the power to arrest individuals at various stages of the criminal justice process, including during the course of investigation. However, this power is not unbridled. In terms of Section 41(1)(b)(ii) of CrPC, the police officer in question must be satisfied that such arrest is necessary to prevent the person sought to be arrested from committing any

further offence, for proper investigation, to prevent the arrestee from tampering with or destroying evidence..."

The order stated, "the raison

d'être of the powers of arrest in relation to cognizable offences is laid down in Section 41. Arrest is not as a punitive tool because it results in one of the gravest possible consequences emanating from criminal law: the loss of personal liberty. Individuals must not be punished solely on the basis of allegations, and without a fair trial. When the power to arrest is exercised without application of mind and without due regard to the law, it amounts to abuse of power.

"The criminal law and its processes ought not to be instrumentalized as a tool of harassment. Section 41 of CrPC as well as safeguards in criminal law exist in recognition of the reality that any criminal proceeding almost inevitably involves the might of

the state, with unlimited resources at its disposal, against a lone individual.'

The order also referred to the SC order in the Arnab Goswami case, wherein the top court had said that "India's freedoms will rest safe as long as journalists can speak truth to power without being chilled by a threat of reprisal".

Although "exercise of that fundamental right is not absolute and is answerable to the legal regime enacted with reference to provisions of Article 19(2)...to allow a journalist to be subjected to multiple complaints and to the pursuit of remedies traversing multiple states and jurisdictions...has a stifling effect on the exercise of that freedom", the court had said.

Rejecting the request to bar Zubair from tweeting when on bail, the apex court said "imposition of such a condition would  $tantamount to \, a \, gag \, order \, against$ the petitioner", and an "unjustified violation of the freedom of

**ED SUMMONS** 

TRINAMOOL MLA

Kolkata: The Enforcement

Directorate (ED) Tuesday

summoned TMC MLA

Manik Bhattacharya in

connection with the

teacher recruitment

scam, sources said.

Bhattacharya, a former

president of West Bengal

Board of Secondary

Education, has been asked

to depose before the ED

on Wednesday.

speech and expression, and freedom to practice his profession".

It held, "According to the petitioner, he is a journalist who is cofounder of a fact-checking website and he uses Twitter as a medium of communication to dispel false news and misinformation in this age of morphed images, clickbait, and tailored videos. Passing an order restricting him from posting on social media would amount to an unjustified violation of the freedom of speech and expression, and the freedom

to practice his profession." Refusing to quash the FIRs, the court asked Zubair to approach the Delhi High Court for this, Granting him bail, the SC said, "The existence of the power of arrest must be distinguished from the exercise of the power of arrest. The exercise of the power of arrest must be pursued sparingly. In the present case, there is absolutely no justification to keep the petitioner in continued custody any further..."

#### **YOUTH FOUND DEAD**

#### Appears case of suicide, SIT probe ordered to get details: MP minister

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BHOPAL, JULY 26

MADHYA PRADESH Home Minister Narottam Mishra on Tuesday constituted an SIT to probe the death of Nishant Rathore, a fourth-year student of computer engineering who was found dead — run over by a train near Midghat station in Raisen district – around 6 pm on Sunday.

The SIT was constituted since Mishra received representation over a mysterious message Nishant's father received from his son's cellphone just before his time of death. The message stated, "Rathod Sahab Apka Beta Bohot Bahadur Thha.. Gustakh e-Nabi Ki Ek Hi Saza Sar Tan se Juda."

Mishra told the media on uesday, "Prima facia it appears to be a case of suicide and the viscera has been preserved. The cellphone is also being investigated, (as is) the message sent to the family. The message was sent before the incident but is still being investigated. I will order Raisen police to constitute an SIT to probe

He said: "The postmortem report has been studied closely and

Raisen SP, Vikas Kumar Shahwal, said a status was uploaded on his Instagram account at 5.40 pm and "a message was sent to his father; the time of his

#### **BENGAL SCHOOL JOBS SCAM**

## More trouble for Partha, ED says seized documents link him with TeT scam

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, JULY 26

WEST BENGAL minister Partha Chatterjee, who is currently in the custody of the Enforcement Director(ED) in connection with recruitment of teachers and staff in government-aided schools, can find himself in more trouble with the central agency claiming to find his involvement in alleged irregularities in appointment of teachers through Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) in 2014.

The Calcutta High Court had ordered a CBI probe into the 2014 Primary Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) and dismissed 269 people who were recruited through the test.Chatterjee was then the state

The seizure list of recoveries from Chatteriee's house in Naktala indicates his involvement in the TET corruption too, said an ED official.

According to the ED, documents relating to revised result of TeT 2012, a note of president of West Bengal Board of Primary Education (WBBPE), a copy of WBBPE chart relating to proposed teachers, their posting, and a copy of a paper relating to the committee of WBSSC were recovered from the minister's house during the search. The documents related to the TeT are mentioned in serial number 15



TMC minister Partha Chatterjee at Kolkata airport on Tuesday, after he was brought back from Bhubaneswar. Express

of the ED's seizure list.

Chatterjee, who was brought back to Kolkata at 6.30 am after a thorough check-up at AIIMS Bhubaneswar, was straightaway taken to the ED office at the CGO complex here, where he was questioned. His arrested aide Arpita Mukherjee was also questioned. On Monday, a special court remanded both Partho Chatteriee and Arpita Mukheriee in the ED custody till August 3.

Sources in the ED said that a black diary, purportedly belonging to the Department of Higher Education and School Education, was found from Arpita Mukherjee's residence during the raid. They are trying to find out if the diary was the departwhy it was kept at Arpita Mukherjee's south Kolkata residence. The diary contains several numbers and it has different handwriting, said ED sources. The ED has also reportedly

ment's official document and

recovered a bunch of papers relating to transfer and candidate's admit card. Officials have recovered five deeds in the name of Echhay Entertainment Pvt Ltd from Partha Chatteriee's house and six deeds in the name of Arpita Mukherjee. A deed of one Sentry Engineering private limited where Arpita is a director. was also recovered.

"Mukherjee is cooperating in the probe and has revealed more information that could be helpful

in further investigation into the money trail," an ED official said. "The seized documents make it clear that the association

of Partha Chatteriee and Arpita Mukherjee goes back to at least 2012, and their financial interests have been converging since then... Both are involved for the commission of offence of money laundering by indulging in criminal conspiracy for the object of illegally giving jobs for the post of assistant teachers and also in primary teachers, and generating huge proceeds of crime and for having knowingly indulge, assisted, involved and being a party in the process..."the ED told the court while seeking their custody.

the case thoroughly.'

t clearly says death due to being hit by the train. But the SIT has been formed to look into the viscera, mobile phone, messages and what could be the probable cause [of suicide]."

death is around 6 pm".

Police suspect Nishant was hit by GT Express, which passed that stretch around that time. The loco pilot of Sai Nath Express, which passed on the adjacent tracks a few minutes later, spotted the body lying near the tracks.

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STOP CORONA: WASH YOUR HAND, WEAR MASK & MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. I, HPWD, Shimla-3, H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible

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The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website

The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders

class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

**MONKEYPOX** 

#### 15 labs across country to start testing The sample will simultaneously

#### **ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

AFTER DETECTING the first case

Date of release of

22.07.2022

Starting date for

14-07-2022

14-07-2022

of monkeypox without international travel history on Sunday. the Indian Council of Medical Research activated 15 of its Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) to conduct preliminary test for the infection.

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be tested at National Institute of Virology for confirmation. At present, sample of any suspected case from across the coun-

try is sent to NIV-Pune for testing. "The labs are slowly being given the responsibility of testing for monkeypox, just like it was done with Covid-19. This is the way forward for increasing testing," said Dr Priya Abraham, director of

Pune, which will be the apex lab. The 15 labs include AIIMS-Delhi; Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Disease, Mumbai;

Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore; and Government Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram, NIV field unit, Kerala among others. **FULL REPORT ON** 

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### Rajasthan receives 70 per cent of its monsoon rain in three weeks

#### **ANJALI MARAR** PUNE, JULY 26

BHILWARA DISTRICT witnessed extremely heavy rains in a 24hour period ending at 8.30 am on Tuesday, officials said. With Bhilwara recording 205 mm of rain, Chittorgarh (179mm) and Iodhpur (118.8mm), these three cities were the country's wettest regions on Tuesday

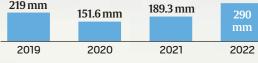
Rajasthan has also recorded its highest July rainfall in 33 years this year. Since the onset of the Southwest monsoon over the state in early July, Rajasthan has recorded 290mm (till July 26) breaking the previous 30year record of 262.4mm set in July 2015, the rainfall data maintained by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) stated.

Since June 1, Rajasthan's rainfall has been 55 per cent above normal, the IMD's data said. With five more days to go in this month and the Met department warning of heavy rainfall on Wednesday, Rajasthan would have received 3/4 of its seasonal rain quota by early August.

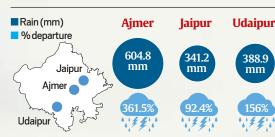
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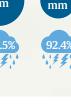
#### **JULY RAINFALL OVER RAJASTHAN**



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#### Accused of running brothel, Meghalaya BJP vice-president arrested in UP

**TORA AGARWALA** 

**GUWAHATI.JULY 26** 

UTTAR PRADESH police Tuesday arrested Meghalaya BJP vicepresident Bernard Marak, who was on the run after being accused of running a 'brothel' at his farmhouse in Tura.

Earlier in the day, Meghalaya Police had issued a look out notice against Marak, instructing police in all states and Union Territories to inform them, in case he was traced.

Marak was arrested around 7.15 pm in Hapur district. "We got to know from our sources that he was travelling in Hapur. We alerted Hapur police, and he was detained within 30 minutes," said Vivekananda Singh, SP, West

Garo Hills, under which Tura falls. A local Meghalaya court had issued a non-bailable warrant in Marak's name on Tuesday.

On July 22, police raided Marak's farmhouse following a complaint filedin February, when a minor was allegedly sexually assaulted on the premises. In a statement on Saturday, police said they detained 73 youths, including 23 women, and rescued five minors from there.

Since then, Marak has been insisting "nothing untoward" was happening on his property. The BJP leader said a "planned conspiracy" was afoot to "malign" his image by the CM Conrad Sangmaled National People's Party. The state BIP, too, has come out with a statement "supporting" Marak.

The incident threatens to strain ties between the BJP and the NPP. The latter is the leading partner in Meghalaya Democratic Alliance ruling coalition.

On Sunday, the state BJP president Earnest Mawrie issued another statement alleging that police were "harassing" BJP karvakartas at Tura with "unnecessary and unlawful detention" "The act of political vendetta against our BJP workers is highly condemnable and the action taken by police has angered all state karyakartas," he said.

#### **GUJARAT**

## Hooch toll touches 30, six arrested

Can anyone enter gutter without being intoxicated: Sister of a victim

ROJID (BOTAD DISTRICT)

AARTIBEN PARMAR, 26, is wearing a veil and sitting in front of her pucca house in a Botad village, adjacent to the Ahmedabad-Bhavnagar highway, as the family mourns her husband Vasrambhai Parmar, a sanitation worker from Rojid who died in a Bhavnagar

hospital Monday after allegedly

consuming spurious liquor.

Aarti has been asked not to speak and mourn in silence as it rains outside. Her husband was among 30 who died after consuming spurious alcohol in various villages of Ahmedabad, Surendranagar and Botad since Monday. Vasrambhai allegedly consumed the liquor on Sunday.

A release from the Gujarat government on Tuesday said the deaths were caused by "chemical poisoning" adding that an analysis of the substance consumed by the victims by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) Gandhinagar has revealed the presence of 98.71 per cent to 98.99 per cent methyl alcohol.

The prime accused, Jayesh Kavadia, worked in a chemical packaging company from where he is said to have illegally sourced methanol.

Relatives mourn the death of a victim. Nirmal Harindran

Six people, including the prime accused, were arrested. Five more deaths from Dhandhuka in Ahmedabad district are under investigation and are recorded as accidental deaths for now, the government statement said.

The spurious liquor, also known as "lattha" in local parlance, was supplied to over a 100 people in the villages of Ahmedabad, Botad and Surendranagar, police said. At least 51 of them are still admitted to hospitals of Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar and the toll is expected to rise, officials said. Vasrambhai's family admits

that he used to consume 'lattha' regularly. "He used to clean gutters and sewage lines in cities. What option did he have? Can anvone enter a gutter without being intoxicated? We asked him to quit... this dependency on 'lattha' due to his work took his life today, leaving behind his wife and three kids," said Kanuben Parmar, sister of Vasrambhai.

Eleven people died in Rojid,

the epicentre of the tragedy, as villagers recall victims losing their eyesight and vomiting blood since Monday noon.

"Deepak was also a sanitation worker and consumed 'lattha' with Vasrambhai on Sunday night. Around Monday noon, he complained of losing his eyesight. We took him to Sonawala hospital in Botad from where doctors referred him to the government-run Sir T Hospital in Bhavnagar where he died Monday night," said Madhuben Vaghela, mother of 32-year-old Deepak Vaghela from Rojid.

Of the 30 deceased, six are from Ahmedabad district and 22 are from Botad district, who are confirmed to have died of poisoning. The cause of the remaining two deaths is yet to be ascertained. The victims are from Rojid, Nabhoi, Chandarva and Devgana villages in Botad and Dhandhuka taluka in Ahmedabad.

Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi announced a three-member committee headed by Inspector General of Police Subhash Trivedi to probe the incident and submit a report in three days. The probe has been handed over to Ahmedabad Crime Branch and Gujarat Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS), two premier police agencies in Gujarat. **Prohibition Act** a way to earn money: Kejriwal

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RAJKOT, JULY 26

**DELHI CHIEF Minister and AAP** convener Arvind Kejriwal said Prohibition Act in Gujarat is used as a cover to earn money through illegal liquor trade and accused the ruling BJP of playing with the lives of the people.

Kejriwal, who is on a two-day visit to Gujarat, visited Sir Takhtasinhji General Hospital in Bhavnagar city where 66 people who were taken ill allegedly after consuming spurious liquor are undergoing treatment.

Quoting survivors, the Delhi CM said that liquor is openly sold in villages and towns of Gujarat. "This puts a huge question mark on the Prohibition Act. Legally, on paper, there is Prohibition and yet, liquor is sold openly. When I asked them (the survivors), they told me they purchase liquor from bootlegger who visits their village every day," Kejriwal said.

"It appears the Prohibition Act is there to cover for illegal liquor trade and earn money," the AAP chief said, adding, "The government will have to answer why liquor is being sold in Gujarat."

MAHARASHTRA PROJECT TO CREATE JOBS

## **Vedanta-Foxconn** IV finalises \$22 bn investment to set up semi-conductor

State Cabinet set to clear plan today

**YOGESH NAIK** MUMBAI, JULY 26

THE MAHARASHTRA Cabinet on Wednesday is set to clear a proposal to allot land for a \$22 billion Vedanta-Foxconn project to set up a semi-conductor and display fabs manufacturing facility in the state.

Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) Baldev Singh told The Indian Express, "We are bringing a proposal before the state Cabinet on Wednesday to facilitate investment of Vedanta-Foxconn in Maharashtra. They will bring an investment of over Rs 1.58.000 crore in the state."

A press note issued by the Maharashtra Development Corporation (MIDC) said, "Vedanta is in active discussion with the government of Maharashtra for their proposed manufacturing facility for semiconductors and display fabs. With a high concentration of skilled manpower, connectivity to the port, seamless domestic supplychain and highly developed industrial infrastructure, Talegaon in Pune has emerged as a prominent option for Vedanta and Foxconn for their \$22 billion investment that can generate over 200,000 direct and indirect jobs."

On Tuesday afternoon, Vedanta Electronics and Foxconn delegation called on CM Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis at Mantralaya.

Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Group's team was headed by Akarsh K Hebbar, global MD of Vedanta's display and semi-conductor business arm Avanstrate. Hebbar was accompanied by a team of Foxconn officials. together to form a joint venture with in the 60:40 ratio.

During the meeting, Shinde

said, "Maharashtra plans a 10,000 acre hi-tech electronics manufacturing ecosystem in Pune. For this, Vedanta, along with Foxconn, can play a pivotal role as the anchor investor in creating the next Silicon Valley." "We are committed to realising the \$5 trillion goal for India and a trillion-dollar economy for Maharashtra," Fadnavis said.

The note further said Vedanta and Foxconn have had multiple meetings with the state leadership. Vedanta also conducted site visits to Talegaon in Pune and found the location to be an ideal match for its requirements.

Agovernment official said that Foxconn earlier wanted land in Raigad district that has proximity to India's largest container port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust. However, the state has chosen a 400-acre land at Talegaon in Pune district, which has direct connectivity to INPT via Mumbai-Pune Expressway. "As a matter of procedure, Foxconn will have to apply for land," the official said.

An MIDC official said a team of Vedanta and Foxconn "have visited the site in Amble village in Talegaon in Pune and are happy with it". The project will be divided into three segments – display fabrication with investment of \$12.6 billion dollars; semi-conductors with an investment of \$7.9 billion dollars outsourced assembly and testing with an investment of \$470 million dollars (Rs 3,800 crore).

The joint venture will invest \$21 billion dollars and the manufacturing ecosystem will invest \$5 billion dollars (Rs 40,000 crore). It is expected to create employment opportunities for 80,000-1,00,000 people and the ecosystem can give jobs to another 70,000-1,00,000 people. Vedanta will also run skill development programme for local res-

## CBI books 4 ITBP men for fudging oil supply records

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE CBI has booked four ITBP personnel, including a Commandant, posted in Dehradun for corruption after detecting misappropriation of over 9,000 litres of heating oil worth Rs 7.16 lakh, meant for troopers posted along the India-China border

According to the CBI, the accused in 2018 allegedly falsified records to show two oil tankers (9,784 litres each) dispatched to border outposts (BoPs) located at over 10,000ft to 12,000ft.

However, only one tanker ever reached the sector post and many BoPs did not get even a drop of oil, the CBI said.

These tankers were supposed to have reached Mana post, near Badrinath shrine in Uttarakhand. in 2018 and from there it was shown to have been distributed to three BoPs further up in the mountains near the Line of Actual Control (LAC), However, Mana and Kothiyasain posts did not receive oil even though the records show that they were delivered

"Vide two invoices, two tankers of SK Oil (heating oil),

each of 9,784-litre capacity, were shown to be received at Mana post of 23rd Bn, but actually only one tanker carrying oil worth Rs 7,16,430 was received. Another tanker of SK Oil never reached Mana post. There is misappro-

at Mana post on 06.09.2018," the CBI FIR has said. Those booked by the agency were identified as Commandant Ashok Kumar Gupta; Sub-7,200 litres of oil cumulatively.

Inspector Sudhir Kumar; ASI Anusuiya Prasad; and one Sajid. The investigation into the matter was initially conducted by the

ITBP itself through a Court of

priation of 9,784 litres of SK Oil

Inquiry (CoI). The CoI found that when various stakeholders were questioned about the receipt of the tankers, almost all except the accused said they had not seen more than one tanker reaching the Mana post. The records were also found to have been overwritten at places to allegedly hide the misappropriation.

According to the CoI, the oil was supposed to be distributed between Mana post (3,000 litres), Ghastoli BoP (5,984 litres), Ratakona BoP (6,384 litres), and Kothiyalsain BoP (4,000 litres), as mentioned in the records.

Similarly, the accused were

found to have falsified canteen records to show purchases that were never made, and siphoned off over Rs 9 lakh, the FIR said. "From August 2017 to October 2019, the unit had procured consumable items for Wet Canteen from three different firms owned by one person for more than Rs 9,06,131 without following any due process of purchase. Most of the bills were processed on simple letter pads of the firms concerned and cash payments were made. The firms had denied that the bills were issued by them. No payment was received by the firm against these bills," the FIR said.

## 'UAE is our third largest trading partner; there are huge economic stakes in ties with it'

In this edition of explained. Live, former ambassador Navdeep Suri analyses how the damage to India's image in GCC countries will take long-term public diplomacy to repair. The session was moderated by Deputy Chief of National Bureau Shubhajit Roy



#### On the significance of the relationship between India and West Asia

MANY PEOPLE in India don't understand how important the relationship with West Asia, in particular the larger arc of Gulf countries, is from an Indian perspective. The first dimension of this relationship is historical. If we go back a hundred years, the only point of reference for people here was Bombay, which they came to for trade, education, healthcare and tourism much before they discovered London, Paris and New York with the oil boom. We need to reclaim that space, which we lost for some decades after our independence in 1947. The trauma of Partition blinded us to the reality that we had traditionally been a maritime nation. Around 25 years ago, the Government started the Look East Policy, by which we improved our relationship with Southeast Asia and now we have the Look West policy to reclaim our relationship with the Gulf countries.

Our trade ties anchor this relationship. While the US is our number one trading partner, China is number two and the UAE is number three. During the 2021-2022 financial year, trade was \$72 billion. Our trade with the GCC countries — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, UAE and Kuwait — is larger than our trade with the European Union. Last year, our exports to UAE alone were about \$32 billion, which is our second-largest destination of exports after the US. So there are huge economic stakes in the relationship. The large sovereign funds like PIF in Saudi Arabia, the Qatar Investment Authority in Doha and the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority are investing billions of dollars in the Indian economy and this is the kind of patient, long-term capital that the Indian economy needs.

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority is the world's second-largest sovereign wealth fund with assets of almost \$900 billion and they've put money into our national infrastructure fund. They've invested hundreds of millions of dollars into renewable energy, highways, logistics and a range of new sectors.

Nearly 60 per cent of India's imports from GCC countries are crude and natural gas. In the longer term, oil from the Gulf will always be more eco-



#### **AUDIENCE QUESTIONS**

On which country is more dependent

I don't think we should put it in quite that formulation. Today, if we want gas, I don't think we have a lot of options if Qataris want to replace Indians. There are a dozen other nationalities that could come in and replace Indians. There are interdependencies. The interests run deep on both sides. No diplomat would want to fall into the binary that you are trying to propose, which will run completely counter to our interests in the region.

nomically viable than the temporary situation with Russian oil. Therefore, our energy security is critically dependent on Gulf countries.

Close to 80 lakh Indians call one or another country in the Gulf their home. Unlike, the Indian diaspora in the US, Canada or elsewhere, virtually all of these are Indian passport holders, placed at top-end groups like Lulu and Landmark. They are now investing in India. According to the Word Bank, our total remittances globally last year were about \$84-85 billion, two-thirds from the Gulf.

From a strategic and military perspective, the sea lanes of communication in the Red Sea or the Gulf are crucial for us. Our ships can go that much further by refuelling and getting other facilities at Duqm in Oman, which then becomes a crucial strategic partner for the Indian Navy. Our intelligence cooperation has helped us break terrorist networks like those of Dawood Ibrahim and bring back gangsters like Farooq Takla.

#### On countering China's influence

In the last 10 years, China has made vast inroads into the Gulf, and it has done that on at least three levels, if not more, taking advantage of US disinterest. The first is major investments in infrastructure projects, some through the Belt-and-Road Initiative, some through state-owned enterprises in key areas. The second is trade, India having been supplanted by China as the largest trading partner in the UAE. The third is the transfer of strategic military technologies in the Gulf.

On the changing relationship since 2014

I was ambassador to Egypt when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was elected. Their leadership had then thought that his government would affect India's relationship with the Muslim world. Eight years later, except this recent blip (the Nupur Sharma incident), India's relationship with the Muslim world, broadly speaking, has never been better. The Modi government has invested enormous energy into the relationship. No Indian Prime Minister visited the UAE for 34 long years after Indira Gandhi in 1981 till Modi did so in August 2015. Modi's recent visit to Abu Dhabi was his fourth. Usually in diplomacy, relationships change incrementally but you can see the transformation this engagement has brought about in our ties. The Gulf was thought to be Pakistan's strategic backyard because it is an Islamic republic. That was true for a long time but changed ever since UAE moved to a greater religious tolerance



(Left) Former ambassador Navdeep Suri and (right) Shubhajit Roy

with now a ministry dedicated to it. Saudi Arabia has made immense strides in changing its attitude towards terrorism. The posturing has changed dramatically after 9/11 when they started seeing Pakistan as the problem and India as a secular, stable country that they would want to invest in. You have seen the transformation to a point that when Article 370 was revoked, none of the Gulf countries spoke against us. The UAE, in fact, went out to say it is India's internal matter. When the UAE was hosting the foreign ministers

of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC), they invited Sushma Swaraj, who was not just India's foreign minister then but a Hindu woman, as the chief guest of honour. I wish people understood how much distance we have travelled in such a short span of time.

#### On Pakistan and terrorism

When 9/11 happened, it came as

a shock to the UAE and Saudi Arabia. Among the 19 hijackers, 15 were Saudi and three were Emiratis. They realised the influence of not just the Muslim Brotherhood through educational institutions but also the reach of radical groups like Al-Qaeda through social media. They decided that this was an existential threat and today there is zero tolerance for anyone supporting terrorism. They took major steps to translate that intent into reality and in the process, Pakistan became a part of the problem as a country which is host to so many terrorist groups. The Emiratis haven't forgotten or forgiven the fact that their ambassador to Afghanistan was blown up in Kandahar and there was a lingering suspicion that the trigger was pulled from across the border in Pakistan.

#### On the diplomatic side of Gulf relations

We should never put ourselves in the situation of either-or. We should have relationships with whoever works with our national interests. Even at the worst of times, over the last two decades, we've talked to the Israelis, Palestinians, Saudis, Iranians and Qataris, even when they were

at loggerheads with the Emiratis. There is no contradiction between the fact that we have excellent relations with Saudi Arabia and Iran, even though the two may not necessarily talk to each other.

#### On the impact of Nupur Sharma's remarks

The remarks were odious and in the nature of a self-goal. It's very disheartening that such remarks come from members of the ruling party when the PM himself has invested so much in developing the relationships. It's almost like saying that the right hand doesn't know what the left one is doing. Beyond that, isn't it part of our culture to respect other religions? Similar comments were made in France, Netherlands and Denmark. Our notion of secularism is different from the French notion of secularism and it's worth looking at that separately. If on a single day, three Indian ambassadors are being summoned, rebuked and handed out a protest note, it is a big deal. For it to happen in Qatar, on the day our Vice-President was in that country, is a major embarrassment. This was not a diplomatic failure, it was

a political failure. We must do damage control.

I believe that Government-to-Government (G2G) relations are resilient as there are deep national interests involved. The damage to G2G relations is transient but the damage to the image of India in these countries is deeper and it will take an extensive long-term public diplomacy effort to put the clock back where it was. The image hit is palpable in the

Arab media with questions like, "Is the new India disrespectful to other religions?" The extreme Right-wing trolling has not helped either.

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I saw the Twitter feed of the assistant foreign minister of Qatar, who had simply retweeted her foreign office statement. But the abuse was uncalled for. I'm also aware that some of this is amplified by Pakistanis, bots and other people with a vested interest in embarrassing us. But there's no dearth of our own people putting out some really obnoxious comments on social media without realising that they are harming India's interests. It will take time to undo this because we have shown an ugly side of India that perhaps was pre-

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## Another virus alert

Monkeypox outbreak reinforces urgency of framing strategies to check zoonotic diseases

### THROWING THE BOOK

Depriving 23 Opposition MPs of their voice isn't discipline, it's disproportionate — and a dismal signal

INETEEN RAJYA SABHA MPs of the Opposition suspended for a week, a day after four Lok Sabha Opposition MPs were suspended for the entire Monsoon Session. This was not a show of "enough is enough" firmness by the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Deputy Chairman of the Upper House. This cannot be passed off as action taken to "uphold the dignity of the House", to punish "unruly behaviour" "misconduct" and "utter disregard" to the House and the authority of the Chair. A decision that effectively deprives 23 Opposition MPs of a voice in Parliament for a week or the entire session, must, in the first place, be avoided. If it must be taken, the bar must be set very high indeed. Nothing that transpired in either House over the last few days can be said to merit this extreme form of disciplinarianism. The suspensions come in a political context that makes them look even more jarring and disproportionate. Already beset by a fading of lustre that afflicts institutions in general with the passage of time, growing cynicism and the pressures of populism, Parliament is in particular need of resuscitation in times of a strong executive that feels less accountable to the legislature. When spaces are shrinking for the Opposition to ask questions and hold the government to account on a host of issues, including price rise and GST on essential commodities — the two issues that the Opposition has been pressing for a debate on, over the last few days — this large-scale suspension of MPs sends an especially dismal signal on the curtailing of debate.

The party with the larger numbers is able to get its laws passed in Parliament, but it would be an impoverished notion of parliamentary democracy that defines itself only as one where the ruling side has its law, or way. Parliament is looked up to as the highest forum for deliberation because it accords room — and respect — for the views of all the people's representatives, and especially of those in the minority, not just of a chosen few. Of course, there are rules of the House but they must be used, in letter and in spirit, to make the debate more participatory, not less. And if debate itself is seen to be imperilled by disruption, by slogan-raising or placard-bearing MPs, for instance, then it is the responsibility and challenge of the presiding officer to find ways to restore "order" without taking the axe, in polarised times, to its very possibilities.

It is possible to argue that in a political climate made of the overwhelming majority of the BJP in Lok Sabha and the Opposition's wavering foothold even in Rajya Sabha, and given that the BJP goes by a winner-takes-all approach and often gives short shrift to the conventions of debate, Parliament's rule-book needs to be read down to make the House free-er and more inclusive. This requires greater accommodation to those who don't have the electoral numbers to amplify their voices. In suspending 23 Opposition MPs, the presiding officers of both Houses may have invoked the rule-book but it is an invocation that cramps deliberative democracy. They need to rethink—and rescind.

### AREA OF DARKNESS

Executions in Myanmar signal that generals don't care what world thinks of them. In this, for Delhi, a sharpening challenge

HE MYANMAR JUNTA has executed four political activists, one of them a former member of Parliament, in brazen defiance of civilised norms and laws that govern the international community. When the announcement came in June that the death sentences would be implemented, it was widely believed that the junta would refrain from taking this extreme step as it was in its interest not to burn every bridge with the outside world. The executions have been condemned by several countries. The US, EU, Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea and the UK have issued a joint statement. So have the UN Secretary-General and the Human Rights Commissioner. And in an unusual step for ASEAN, the regional bloc which has a hands-off policy on the internal politics of member states issued a strong statement expressing disappointment that the junta did not consider an appeal by the current chair of the group and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen not to carry out the killings. The generals who rule Myanmar have signaled to the world that they do not care what the world thinks of them.

Two of the four activists executed were the well known and respected pro-democracy activists, Ko Jimmy and the Phyo Zayar Thaw, who had demonstrated in the days after last February's coup that they could mobilise thousands to rally against the junta. Phyo Zayar Thaw had also been a member of Parliament of the National League for Democracy, and had worked closely with the party leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was recently transferred from house arrest to a prison where she has been placed in solitary confinement.

With last year's coup and now the executions, Myanmar has regressed at least three decades. The executions are, of course, intended to spread fear among the groups that continue to resist the junta's takeover. India, a member of the Quadrilateral grouping, stands out as the one major democracy that has not yet said anything about the executions. For a country that aims at a larger role on the world stage, this is unfortunate. Delhi's "twin track" approach — that of engaging with the junta to secure its own interests, while persuading it to return to democracy — will not work if Delhi cannot find its voice at key moments in its own neighbourhood. Myanmar's decade of hope, during the early years of which the notoriously insular military rulers loosened their repressive grip but without giving up control, has given way to another era of darkness. India can be silent only at the risk of being misunderstood.

### CHO CHWEET

Parentese, it appears, is near-universal. It is a reminder of how much people have in common

PARE A THOUGHT for LL Zamenhof. In 1887, the Warsaw-based ophthalmologist created Esperanto, which he hoped would become the lingua franca for diplomacy — an "international auxiliary language". Linguistic universalism, Zamenhof thought, was the key to ending war. As it turns out, even 135 years ago, there already existed a near-universal language. Baby talk.

Gurgling sounds, high-pitched coos, sing-song voices and simple tunes — it is difficult to think of "Parentese" (as baby talk is formally known) as being intelligible, let alone translatable. But in the broadest research on the subject — consisting of an analysis of 1,615 voice recordings from 410 parents on six continents, in 18 languages — the findings present a picture of the universal meaning in the nonsense. From Kerala to Kansas, there is a deep similarity in Parentese — in terms of the sounds, pitch and metre — and in every case, this is different from how adults talk to each other.

It is easy to think of the findings as obvious. Babies, after all, are pretty similar across cultures. But the real import of the research is that they also have universal developmental needs. From helping with speech, to learning how to discern sounds, Parentese serves important evolutionary functions. But these functions — speech, in particular — are also the basis for social life and human development. In essence, the human abilities to learn, conceptualise and create — all the things that form culture and civilisation — start (at least in part) from the over-pronounced gibberish adults perform for infants. And while it can't be used for such high-minded things as diplomacy and world peace, the near-universalism of Parentese does hold a lesson for all those who prefer to emphasise differences and prejudice over the fact that, for all their differences, all people coo at babies.

### Giridhara R Babu

A VIRUS BELONGING to the poxviruses family causes a rare contagious rash illness known as monkeypox. This zoonotic viral disease (a disease transmitted from animals to humans) has hosts that include rodents and primates. What was previously limited to the disease's local spread in central and west Africa, close to tropical rainforests, has recently been seen in various urban areas and now in more than 50 countries. The good news is that most infected people will have minor illnesses and recover on their own.

It is a self-limiting disease with symptoms lasting two to four weeks and a case fatality rate of 3-6 per cent. A skin rash on any part of the body (even if only 1 or 2 spots) should raise suspicion because it could be the only presenting symptom. Swollen lymph nodes are another distinguishing feature. Aside from these, other symptoms of a viral illness include fever, chills, headache, muscle or back aches, and weakness. Touching skin lesions, bodily fluids, or clothing or linens that have been in contact with an infected person can result in transmission. Prolonged face-to-face contact can also result in the spread. So far, evidence suggests that sexual or intimate contact are the most common modes of transmission. It can also be spread by sharing a bed, towel, or unwashed clothes. It's also worth noting that monkeypox does not spread from person to person through everyday activities like walking next to or having a casual conversation with an infected person. Because symptoms usually appear 5-21 days after exposure, people with rashes, sores in the mouth, rash, eye irritation or redness, or swollen lymph nodes should be monitored. What begins as a rash progresses through several stages, including macule, papule, or vesicle, pustule, and crust.

When symptoms appear, it is critical to isolate the infected from other people and pets, cover their lesions, and contact the nearest healthcare provider, preferably by phone if possible. It is also critical to avoid close physical contact with others until instructed to do so by our healthcare provider. Because most people know the importance of isolation and quarantine during Covid outbreaks, it is

Most people will recover completely. Preventive health measures, such as avoiding infected animal or human contact and practising good hand hygiene, are the best option. Monkeypox is mostly treated by managing symptoms and preventing complications if it is diagnosed. In the minor proportion who are immunocompromised, complications can occur; pulmonary failure was the most common complication with a high mortality rate.

preferable to use home isolation whenever possible. In addition to the precautions taken during Covid-19 (mask, washing, and distance), people should avoid contact with sick or dead wild animals and thoroughly cook animal meat. Priority should be given to educating grassroots workers about symptoms, specimen collection, disease detection, acquiring sample collection equipment, and maintaining cold storage of specimens.

Public awareness of disease transmission should be prioritised to reduce the stigma associated with the diagnosis. Increased surveillance and detection of monkeypox cases are critical for controlling the disease's spread and understanding the changing epidemiology of this resurging disease.

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smallpox, is recommended for monkeypox.
Despite mild illness and a low transmission rate, the WHO has declared monkeypox, a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) to contain the disease. The increase in monkeypox cases in a short span of time in many countries necessitated the declaration of PHEIC and additional research studies. It is unclear whether the recent sudden outbreaks in multiple countries result from genotypic mutations that alter

virus transmissibility. SARS-CoV-2 and monkeypox virus co-infection can alter infectivity patterns, severity, management, and response to vaccination against either or both diseases. As a result, there is a need to improve diagnostic test efficiency. We also need to examine if a newer variant of concern (VOC) of SARS-CoV-2 can emerge due to their interaction. It's also unclear whether the Covid-19 pandemic is exacerbating the current monkeypox outbreaks.

Smallpox vaccination programmes have been discontinued for the past 50 years, resulting in a scarcity of effective vaccines. There are approved drugs and vaccines, but they are not widely available to scale up controlling monkeypox. This is not the last such difficulty we will face, as the world is still witnessing more such public health crises. Zoonotic diseases are caused by various factors, including unchecked deforestation, climate coupled with a failure to prioritise public health, poverty, and climate change. Instead, a robust plan for pandemic preparedness should be accelerated, guided by a single health agenda. Never before in history have three infectious diseases (poliomyelitis, Covid-19, and Monkeypox) been declared PHEIC at the same time. Regrettably, this will not be the last time. There will almost certainly be more of these occurrences in the future. The world is yet to recognise emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases as a genuine threat. The immediate priority is to strengthen the surveillance infrastructure, including hiring public health professionals and field workers who can participate in outbreak detection and response during many future PHEICs. Mechanisms for initiating contact tracing, quarantining exposed people, and isolating infected people should be institutionalised. Without prioritising public health strengthening, the threat of new and re-emerging infectious diseases, as well as the enormous social and economic challenges that accompany them, is real and grave.

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## TIPPING POINT

On service charge, court should consider views of workers not just consumers

ARUSH KHANNA

LAST WEEK, THE Delhi High Court stayed the operation of guidelines issued by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), which prohibited hotels and restaurants from adding a component of service charge to their bills. The guidelines stated that collection of service charge as a pre-condition to placing an order of food and beverages amounts to a restrictive trade practice as per Section 2 (41) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

Under Article 226 of the Constitution, the application of an order passed by the Delhi HC ought to only be confined to the national capital territory (NCT) of Delhi. However, in view of the decision passed by the Supreme Court in Kusum Ingots and Alloys Ltd. v. Union of India (2004), any order passed by a high court on the constitutionality of central legislation will have effect throughout the country. With the Consumer Protection Act being an enactment of Parliament, it is safe to say that the order clears the way for hotels and restaurants across the country to restore their practice of levying a service charge.

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The practice of levying a service charge has been followed by the hospitality industry since Independence. The first formal validation for service charge came in 1958, when the Hotel Standards and Rate Structure Committee under the chairmanship of Dewan Chaman Lal recommended that there be a uniform charge of 10 per cent on the customer's bill throughout India. The committee condemned the practice of solicitation of tips, calling it injurious to the dignity of the worker and causing harassment to the customer. It further called for the introduction of compre-

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hensive legislation, which would provide a minimum-wage structure, uniform rate of service charge and most importantly, the utilisation and apportionment of the service charge for the benefit of the staff. The report emphasised the need for regulating the working conditions of the unskilled and semiskilled staff working at hotels and restaurants and suggested that a portion of the service charge so collected may be utilised to provide benefits such as provident funds, pensions and life insurance.

Thereafter in 1964, a Wage Board was constituted by the Chief Commissioner, Delhi which accepted the practice of levying a service charge ranging between 5-10 per cent on a customer's bills. It even provided for the apportionment of the service charge collected, of which 45 per cent was to be allocated for the staff working at the establishment.

Many decades and recommendations later, there is no legislative framework regulating the imposition and apportionment of service charge in India. That being said, the practice has been upheld by various decisions of the Supreme Court as well as the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The National Restaurants Association of India argued that prohibiting hotels and restaurants from levying service charge would lead to inequitable distribution of tips as the same is only likely to be pocketed by the staff who come into contact with the customer, leaving the back-end workers high and dry. This argument is inspired by the Supreme Court's observations in Wenger & Company and others vs. Their Workmen (1963), which deprecated

the practice of tipping as a nuisance for the customer and an excuse by the management to justify low wages.

Notwithstanding the lack of uniformity in its application (for want of a legal framework), the question still arises: How did a longstanding practice of levying service charge suddenly become "unfair" and "restrictive"?

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The Delhi HC is expected to address the issue of whether the levy of service charge comes within the ambit of "unfair trade practice" under Section 2 (47) of the Consumer Protection Act. In the absence of formal legislation regulating the concept, the issue relating to the application of service charge might be at the risk of being viewed from the lens of the consumer and not the worker. One can only hope that the court, while finally deciding this issue, gives an audience to the concerns of the workers' community, compelling our lawmakers to come to their rescue.

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### JULY 27, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### OPPOSITION QUITS

Minimum Wage.

WHILE REJECTING FRESH privilege notices which had arisen out of the Kuo Oil deal issue, Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, M Hidayatullah ruled that the "Rajya Sabha is incompetent to meddle in the affairs of the Committee on Public Undertakings." All six Opposition members on the Public Undertakings Committee and the Public Accounts Committee resigned in protest. The decision was taken following a meeting of the leaders of Opposition parties in the House. They felt that the chairman's ruling had reduced the Rajya Sabha to a second class position. The decision was unanimous.

#### ISRAEL DROPS BOMBS

ISRAELI JETS BOMBED West Beirut for the fifth day in a row as the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) said its forces repulsed a landing attempt by Israeli navy on the beach. The Israeli attack came amid a political controversy over reported PLO recognition of Israel. US presidential troubleshooter Philip Habib had talks with Jordan's King Hussein on arrangements to evacuate Arafat's estimated 8,000 guerrillas from Beirut.

INDIA-US PARTNERSHIP SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS said

that they expected Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to lead to a "new tone" in the Indo-American relationship. They noted among other things that India is an effective functioning democracy and that the atmosphere for private investment in India has markedly improved.

#### BURDWAN FLOOD

AT LEAST 25 people were swept away in a flash flood in the Damodar in Burdwan district. The district magistrate of Burdwan said a group of pilgrims were wading through the knee-deep water of the river when the water came gushing.

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## THE IDEAS PAGE

## A history of argument

Today, values of debate, free speech and religious harmony, which lie at the core of India and Hinduism, are being endangered by political correctness



Parappanangadi Unnikrishnan Panikkar

NUPUR SHARMA'S COMMENTS on a news show created much controversy recently. The Supreme Court came down heavily on her, and made some unfortunate remarks, holding her responsible for the unrest across the country.

In doing so, the apex court failed to consider the rich legacy of debates in India and its long history of freedom of speech. Blasphemy and impiety were once punishable by death in certain Western nations, and are serious offences in some Eastern countries even today. In India, however, we have had the freedom to criticise and satirise religions, beliefs, and sacred texts for long.

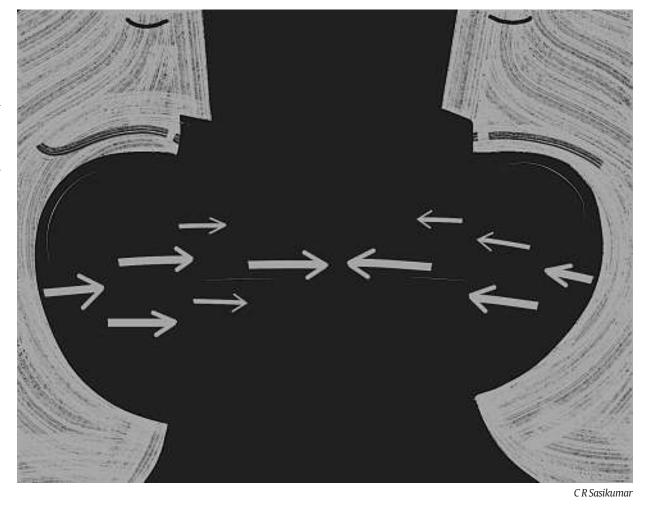
That no Hindu system of philosophy was beyond criticism is obvious to anyone who has studied the subject. In fact, each system of philosophy has grown by challenging another. Debates between proponents of different beliefs used to be common once. Surendranath Dasgupta, who has studied the history of Indian philosophy and written on the topic, says these debates were decisive to the prestige and popularity of the schools of philosophy and their proponents. For instance, if a Buddhist monk defeats a famous naiyayika in a full house, he not only becomes celebrated among scholars, but amasses disciples and followers as a result. These debates defined the importance, popularity and future of philosophies and philosophers in India.

This culture of debate was not limited to philosophical doctrines. Criticism of belief systems never triggered anyone. Literature has subjected belief systems and avatars to serious criticism too. In his epic poem Kumarasambhava, Kalidasa depicts Lord Shiva, disguised as a seer, talking to Parvati towards the end of her deep meditation. How can Shiva, who wears serpentine armlets, hold the bejewelled soft hands of Parvati, the seer asks. How can his blood-stained animal skin match her embellished accoutrements? The seer goes on to say Shiva is a mere palisade in a boneyard, and the pious will not bow to it as to a holy Vedic flagstaff.

In Bhavabhuti's *Uttararamacharita*, a self-loathing Lord Rama is about to kill Shambuka, the Shudra seer, knowing well that it is wrong to do so. Rama looks at his right hand, which refuses to swing the sword, and says: "Oh right hand, kill this Shudra seer and bring back the dead Brahmin boy. You are a limb of the Rama who had it in him to leave a pregnant Sita in the jungle. Why start with mercy now?"

This raises a pertinent question: Should the recent spike in the mockery of Hindu idols be criticised? Why are a rising number of Hindus reacting sharply to such ridicule? If criticism, mockery, and satire have their place in Hinduism and India, shouldn't there be outright acceptance of the mockery? Why should, for example, Hindus react if MF Husain draws Saraswati in the nude?

The answer is simple. Criticism these days differs from the culture of debate that existed in India in two ways — and that makes the reactions that we see today un-



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Firstly, criticism in the past had respect, appreciation, sometimes admiration, for the critiqued. Bhavabhuti goes on to claim that Rama's story has the power to bestow divine grace. Elsewhere, Kalidasa bows down to Shiva and Parvati, who dwell together like a word and its meaning.

Secondly, in any debate, the opponent was granted equal rights to words and methods in her opportunity in defending herself and challenging the criticism. For instance, Sankaracharya calls Buddha "Asambandhapralaapi" — a prattler. Critics of Sankara wonder if he was "unmatta" — insane. The yardsticks for denunciation were equal on both sides.

The standards are unfit for a debate, if one claims that one's beliefs are sacrosanct and deities are never to be portrayed, but then goes on to ridicule another's belief and paint their deities in the nude.

The Muslim community has to a larger extent absorbed India's debate culture, a reason why Sharma's comments did not make much impact among them in the first few days. Only after there was controversy at the diplomatic levels did Muslims in India start to react.

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Akshapada Gautama, in his *Nyayasutra*, classifies arguments into three: vada, jalpa and vitanda. Vada is the method where two parties engaged in a debate want to — as Narayana Guru put it — "know and let know". In this style, a proposition, *paksha*, is put forward by one person and a *pratipaksha* is put forward by another. The debate between two persons develops using proofs and reasonings. Jalpa's sole aim is to establish one's idea one way or the other. Evidence holds little value here and debaters resort to sophistry, unsound arguments, and futilities. Vitanda is another form of *jalpa*, which is constant attack of the opposition,

and no effort in defending one's stand.
The Nyayasutra was written two thou-

sand years ago. Spirited debates and criticism are in this country's blood. Most of what we hear in television debates are either jalpa or vitanda. Vada has almost become extinct from the public sphere. Clamour and ridicule of opposition have taken over debates. Religious harmony, like the culture of de-

bate, too has a rich history in India. François Bernier, the French physician and traveller who visited India in the 1600s, writes after conversing with some Indians: "They did not claim that their law was universal; that God had made it for them and it was for that reason that they could not receive a foreigner into their religion; that for the rest, they did not claim at all that our [religion] was false; and that it might well be that it was good for us and that God had created different paths to go to heaven, but that they did not wish to accept that our [religion] being valid for all of the earth, theirs was nothing more than a fable and pure invention."

These values — debate rules, communal harmony, and free speech — were not given to us by Westerners or Left intellectuals. They are at the core of India and Hinduism.

The Supreme Court does not seem to have taken these factors into consideration before making its observations based on comments aired on a news channel. A few days ago some jurists and bureaucrats wrote to the court saying that the court's "outrageous transgressions are without parallel in the annals of judiciary" and that it is "violative of fundamental rights" as guaranteed by the Constitution of India. It is not just that. It is a violation of this nation's values too. The values we held high as a nation for centuries should not be rewritten in the name of political correctness.

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## Coarse and coarser

"Current polls suggest that the autumn vote will deliver the most extreme rightwing government in Italy. Against the backdrop of Vladimir Putin's war, a related energy crisis and the risk of recession, it constitutes a menace to

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

European unity on multiple fronts."

Attempt to defame Hamid Ansari reveals an environment in which use of innuendo, invective against political opponents, are par for course



VIVEK KATJU

THE ATTACK ON former Vice-President Hamid Ansari, based on the comments of Nusrat Mirza, a Pakistani journalist, is a manifestation of India's current political culture. A significant characteristic of this culture is to rush to attack without considering the veracity of information or the bona fides of the informant. Besides, the traditions and norms of governance or the implications of the attack on the polity, or that it is founded on unsubstantiated charges are often ignored. Charges are also sometimes levelled to coincide with political events or to bolster or divert attention.

All sections of the political class have, in some measure, contributed to the making of the country's political culture. The use of intemperate language is also an attribute of political culture. Aimed at capturing public attention, it is fanned by the mass media. In addition to the liberal use of innuendo and invective, the motives of political adversaries are liberally questioned. This is in sharp departure from past practice when only policies were attacked. A fine illustration of this norm was witnessed in 2014 when Rajnath Singh, then home minister, speaking at the 125th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary, said that he personally had differences with some of Nehru's policies but could never doubt his motives or intentions. Rajnath Singh also extensively praised Nehru's contributions to the making of modern India, including in establishing its democratic foundations. Singh showed great grace and courage, qualities which are declining, if not extinct, in contemporary political culture.

The genesis of the present controversy involving former Vice President Hamid Ansari stems from a 50-minutelong video interview of Nusrat Mirza to Shakil Chaudhary that was uploaded on July 10. Mirza as a journalist evokes little respect either in Pakistan or among serious Pakistan watchers in India. The video shows that Mirza is out to prove himself as an expert on India and it is in this context that he states he visited India five times from 2005 to 2011. This included a visit in 2010 when Hamid Ansari was the Vice-President and when he attended a conference which discussed terrorism. He said that he visited 15 Indian states during his visits and learnt a great deal about India. During these visits, he says, he gave interviews to "10-20 TV channels". The implication is that these were to Indian channels.

Mirza emphasised in the interview that his ability to understand India was because he was a Mughal and "we have ruled there" and "we understand India's conditions and culture and we know its weaknesses". And, the understanding he displays throughout the interview are standard Pakistani positions and prejudices. There are also gems such as that there are now 67 independence movements going on in India, or that India is out to take revenge for 800 years of Muslim rule, or that during Nehru's time India studied how Spain ended Muslim rule so that it could undo the Partition.

During the interview, Mirza claimed that Khursheed Kasuri as Pakistan's foreign minister got him a special visa which permitted him to visit seven Indian cities and on his return to Pakistan, he gave Kasuri information on his India trip. This was transmitted to the ISI. A Brigadier called him to seek more such "information". It is not unusual in the world of diplomacy or espionage to seek impressions gathered by travellers, including media persons, about the countries they have visited. But such persons have to be insightful. Indeed, if the ISI really relies on information which conspiracy theorists like Mirza feed it, they should be given permanent visas for India! It is also for consideration if a trained ISI agent would ever voluntarily reveal his identity.

Should a man like Mirza become the basis to target a person who has spent his life in the service of the republic? That is a question the political class should ask itself as it should also ask if the time has not come to abandon the use of charges such as Prime Minister "chor hai".

Political contestation should also never overlook the fundamentals of the structure of governance in India. It prescribes that the political executive take policy decisions and maintain an oversight over their implementation undertaken by civil servants who apply it to individual cases. With respect to visas for Pakistani nationals, the policy pursued by successive Indian governments for decades was based on the belief that the promotion of people-to-people contacts was in India's interest. This was premised on the belief that visits to India would give Pakistanis a correct impression of India and would help abate misinformation and prejudice conveyed by the Pakistani officialdom and sections of the Pakistani media about India. Traditionally, it was Pakistan which was wary of giving visas to Indian nationals. Naturally, security checks as mandated were carried out before visas were given. Thus, neither then nor now could political leaders or constitutional authorities be held responsible for the grant of individual visas by diplomats unless there was clear evidence that they had ordered a specific visa application to

It is time that the leaders of the political class confer with each other to return to a culture where its members could fiercely oppose each other but in doing so never doubted each other's patriotism, integrity or motivations. Rajnath Singh's 2014 address on Nehru is a guide for all.

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## The sustainable communalism

Divisive politics drowns out clamour against corruption, criminality in Karnataka



THE BJP IN Karnataka is leaving no stone unturned in achieving the permanent abjection of Muslims in this once composite state. A determined march towards realising Hindu Rashtra in the shortest possible time, and delivering the South (more "legitimately" and respectably than in 2018) to the BJP in 2023 has begun. The Bajrang Dal, Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, and Sri Rama Sene, despite minor quibbles with the ruling party, are joined by ordinary Kannadigas to enable this rapid political, social and economic disenfranchisement. An ever-lengthening list of accusations against Muslims finds a credulous and receptive audience - for alleged depredations in the past (building mosques on the site of temples), for plans for the future (the community's devious

demographic design) or for merely existing.

After months of attacks – via the threat of violence, actual violence, or through multiple court cases and government orders on hijab, halal, azaan, and Muslim commerce at Hindu jatras – comes the latest mode by which Muslim abjection is ensured. In February, Harsha Hindu, a member of the Bajrang Dal was murdered in Shivamogga. Initially, the police stated that the murder was a "localised crime stemming from long-standing communal rivalry" and cited his criminal record – five cases of assault and attempt to murder with communal over-

tones, including participation in a mob attack on Shivamogga's Muslim traders in December 2020. But soon, the police — instead of investigating the murder — managed to find a larger Islamic conspiracy. Chief Minister B Bommai presented the family with a cheque of Rs 25 lakh from state funds. Similarly, in April, the death of a young man, Chandru, in a road rage case was given communal overtones by the political leadership, despite police assertions to the contrary.

despite police assertions to the contrary. Karnataka, it seems, has now gone beyond the assertion that a Hindu can do no wrong to the conviction that a Muslim can do no right – even in representations. The play – Jotegiruvana Chandira, or The Moon Will be With Us — loosely derived by Jayanth Kaikini from the Fiddler on the Roof, had been performed for the past one-and-a-half decades without incident. It became "unbearable" to a small group of Bajrang Dal activists of Sorab taluk, Shivamogga District on July 3. They terminated the performance because it portrayed Muslims in a good light. The police, who were at first unaware of the reasons for the disruption, nevertheless upheld it, even giving the Dal time to think up other equally illegal "reasons" for stopping the performance. That it portrayed an inter-faith alliance? Or that no  $play foregrounding \, Muslims \, can \, be \, performed \,$ 

in a Lingayat-owned hall? How does it matter

since we have heard nothing since?

Even more surprising was the uncomplaining acquiescence of the audience to this abrupt end to their entertainment. For some time now, despite a small, spirited and vociferous push back by some Kannadigas, there has been widespread acceptance of, and even active agreement with, the stand of the Hindu Right. The "nuisance" posed by azaan, the unacceptability of the "cruelty" of halal, the unfairness of Muslim stalls at Hindu festivals. (or indeed of any kind of successful Muslim business, WIPRO exempted), and the necessary redressal of unfair "weightage" given to Jainism, Buddhism and Muslim rule in Karnataka textbooks appear now to be a vocalised common sense of large section of Hindus.

Scrubbing public memory clean of Karnataka's syncretic traditions, whether in practice (as is being attempted through claims to the paduka puja at Bababudangiri, or in ending "salam mangalarathi" in the name of Tipu at Kollur Mookambika) or in textbook representations, has been made easy.

Hindu claims to tolerance, a commitment to gender equality, and other noble virtues are also gathering force. In March, to buttress the righteousness of its decision on the hijab ban, the Karnataka High Court quoted at length B R Ambedkar's lament about the deplorable fate of the veiled Muslim. Thus, patriarchy is

made coterminous with one religion, while the majority shoves its own foundational inequalities behind Ambedkar's shoulders.

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The sustainable communalism of the Hindu Right drowns out the allegations of corruption and depredation involving leading political lights. We hear no more, for instance of "Sriki" or Srikrishna, the young mastermind behind the massive crypto-currency scam, after he was arrested and released on bail within days. Minister K S Eshwarappa has now been cleared of culpability for the suicide of one unpaid PWD contractor, despite his suicide note and contractors' anger about the unbearable burden of the 40 per cent bribe allegedly demanded by the state's ruling party. Daily denials are issued about the industrial-scale rigging of the examination to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors.

Far better and more rewarding to keep the anti-Muslim pot boiling. Easier, too, to announce Karnataka's triumphant entry into the Brave New Hindu Rashtra with government support (Rs 5,000) for pilgrimage to Kasi. The "secularism" that the government is quick to invoke in withdrawing Muslim privileges (hijab in classrooms, or haj subsidies) is a customised weapon to ensure the permanent abjection of Karnataka's Muslims.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WAY AHEAD THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Field of

concern' (IE, July 25). Rice is the most important crop in India, and the staple in large parts of the country. Since the Green Revolution in the 1960s and 70s, production of rice, along with wheat, has been sufficient to meet the needs of the population. Having said that, rice and wheat have several drawbacks in the current context. First, both these crops are water guzzling and result in a depleting water table. Also, as India exports rice and wheat, it results in what some experts call "water export". Second, the nutritional content of these crops is as high as coarse grains like millet. Finally, in the larger context, inequality in availability of irrigation facilities makes the situation even more grim. The need of the hour is creation of irrigation facilities in eastern India. At the same time, in Punjab and Haryana, where rainfall is not stable and the groundwater has depleted, farmers should be incentivised to diversify their production outside of rice and wheat.

**Dewang Ganesh Thosar,** Raigad

#### CURE COMPLACENCY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Expand Agnipath' (IE, July 25). Using "Agnipath" as a screening mechanism for the AIS is a brilliant idea. It would help reduce the bureaucratic immunity in the field. The complacency comes with no incentive for performance in the current rank-system. Periodic trimming of services at different stages of tenure will remedy this issue. Reducing politicisation of the top positions and trimming out the unnec-

essary officers will also help reach the motive of "minimum government

with maximum governance". **H Upadhyay,** via email

#### JUST FOR FUN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'RRR is not a history lesson' (IE, July 25). Fictional drama movies like *RRR* were made to stimulate emotions, in which the film succeeded and was commercially very successful. The purpose of the film was not to show the facts but to create an experience for the viewers. No one can deny the crimes of the British during the colonial era. The film has only used that to extract nationalist emotions from the audience for its own commercial success. Demanding factual accuracy from a piece of media is naïve.

Love Kumar Lalwani, Mehsana

#### New order

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'US-India tango' (IE, July 25). Ever since its withdrawal from Afghanistan, after waging a losing battle for a long time, there has been a perceptible change in the foreign policy of the USA, especially with India. The Russia-Ukraine war has placed India in a pivotal position which has provided further impetus to this shift to a cordial partnership. India and the US both need to cooperate for the expansion of their trade, defence & industrial ties. This is a testimony to how our foreign policy has evolved and augurs well for peace in the region, on top of providing a push to our development

Ravi Mathur, Noida

The 2022 Booker Prize longlist of 13 books, referred to as the "Booker dozen" and released on Tuesday, is dominated by American authors, including previously longlisted writer Elizabeth Strout. Karen Joy Fowler and Leila Mottley are among six American authors nominated this year.

## TOPOFTHE WORLD



**Pakistan President** Arif Alvi

**PAKISTAN** 

#### No harm in early appointment of Army chief: Alvi

Islamabad: Pakistan President Arif Alvi said on Tuesday that there was "no harm" in the appointment of the next Army chief before the expiry of the incumbent Gen Qamar Javed Baiwa's term later this year. according to media reports. Pakistan Army chief Gen Bajwa, who was given an extension in 2019 by the previous Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) government, will leave his position on November 29 when his second three-year tenure comes to an end. "In my opinion, there is no harm in making the Army chief's appointment ahead of time," Alvi said. "There is no constitutional role for the Army in the country [for resolving political crises]," he said, according to the Dawn

#### PAKISTAN **SC** names Parvez Elahi as Punjab CM

Islamabad: Pakistan's SC on Tuesday struck down Punjab Assembly deputy speaker's decision to reject 10 votes during the CM's election as unconstitutional and named PML-Q leader Chaudhry Parvez Elahi as the new executive head of the politically crucial province. The court also ordered the Punjab Governor to swear in Elahi as CM before 11.30pm Tuesday. In case he fails, President Arif Alvi can do so, the court ordered. PTI

### CANADA

#### Pope honours grandparents after apology

Edmonton: Pope Francis ar-

rived for his first big Mass in Canada on Tuesday to honour grandparents, a day after he apologised for the Catholic Church's role in severing generations of Indigenous family ties by participating in Canada's "disastrous" residential school system. It wasn't clear if Francis would actually celebrate the Mass himself or designate someone else to lead.

#### **RUSSIA**

#### Griner's trial in Russia begins

Khimki: The drug trial of American basketball star Brittney Griner in a Russian court focused Tuesday on testimony that cannabis, while illegal in Russia, is regarded in other countries as having legitimate medicinal use. "We are not arguing that Brittney took it here as a medicine. We are still saving that she involuntarily brought it here," defence attorneysaid.

#### **ISRAEL**

#### In a first, coin with zodiac found

Jerusalem: Israel's Antiquities Authority said Monday it has discovered a rare 1,850-year-old bronze zodiac coin during an underwater survey off the coastal city of Haifa. The coin bears the image of the zodiac sign Cancer behind a depiction of the moon goddess Luna, Experts say it was minted in Alexandria, Egypt, under the rule of Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius.

## EU nations reach deal to ration gas by 15% amid Russian cut-off fears

THE NEW YORK TIMES BRUSSELS, JULY 26

EUROPEAN UNION energy minis-

ters on Tuesday hammered out a deal to curb their natural gas consumption, finding enough common political ground for a quick compromise intended to avert an energy meltdown as Russia toys with the union's fuel supplies.

The agreement provides exemptions to nations that face particular energy problems or have been diligent in saving more gas than they needed in recent months. But it still calls on all nations to voluntarily cut their natural gas consumption by 15 percent between now and spring.

Nations in the bloc will have to agree that there's a broader energy supply emergency to make the measures mandatory.

The agreement came less than 24 hours after Russia's state-owned gas monopoly, Gazprom, said it would further  $reduce \, the \, amount \, of \, natural \, gas$ it sends to Germany through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline.

Today, the EU has taken a decisive step to face down the threat of a full gas disruption by Putin," the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, said.

Unanimity was not required to pass the proposal, but only one of the 27 member states did not ultimately support the compromise. The single country to vote against it was Hungary.

The compromise plan will exempt Ireland, Cyprus and Malta, two island nations with little flexibility to seek alternative energy sources, as well as the Baltic States that have electricity grids connected to Russia's, an official statement summarising the deal said.



A military strike hit a building, Central House, in Chuhuiv, in Kharkiv region. Reuters

### New missile strikes at Black Sea coastal regions

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** KYIV, JULY 26

RUSSIA TARGETED Ukraine's Black Sea regions of Odesa and Mykolaiv with airstrikes Tuesday, hitting private buildings and port infrastructure along the country's southern coast, the Ukrainian military said.

The Kremlin's forces used airlaunched missiles in the attack, Ukraine's Operational Command South said in a Facebook post.

In the Odesa region, a number of private buildings in coastal villages were hit and caught fire, the report said. In the Mykolaiv

region, port infrastructure was targeted despite the agreements Moscow and Kyiv signed last week that was intended to allow grain grain shipments to resume from Ukraine's Black Sea ports.

Hours after the strikes, a Moscow-installed official in southern Ukraine said the Odesa and Mykolaiv regions would soon be "liberated" by Russian forces, just like the already occupied Kherson region further east.

Meanwhile, Russia's top diplomat repeated his insistence that Moscow was ready to hold talks with Ukraine on ending the war, though he once again claimed that Kyiv's Western allies oppose a deal.

#### Russia to drop out of ISS after 2024

Moscow: Russia will pull out of the International Space Station after 2024 and focus on building its own orbiting outpost, the country's new space chief said Tuesday.

pointed this month to lead the state space agency, Roscosmos, said during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin that Russia will fulfill its obligations to its partners before it leaves the project. "The decision to leave the station after 2024 has been made," Borisov said, adding: "I start forming a Russian orbiting station." Borisov's statement reaffirmed previous declarations by Russian space officials about Moscow's intention to leave the space station after 2024.

Yuri Borisov, who was ap-

think that by that time we will

#### **FLED LANKA DURING PROTESTS**

## Gotabaya likely to return from Singapore

Parliament to meet for first session under Ranil today

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** COLOMBO. JULY 26



**Ex-President** Gotabaya

country from Singapore, Cabinet spokesman Bandula Gunawardena said on Tuesday. Rajapaksa, 73, fled Sri Lanka after the July 9 uprising when people broke into the President's House after months  $of \, public \, protests \, against \, him \, for \,$ 

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economic crisis since 1948. Rajapaksa first fled to the Maldives on July 13 and from there he proceeded to Singapore the next day. When asked about Rajapaksa at a weekly Cabinet media briefing, Cabinet Spokesman Gunawardena told reporters that the former president was not in hiding and he is expected

mishandling the country's worst

to return from Singapore. Gunawardena, who is also the Minister for Transport and Highways and Mass Media, said he does not believe the former president fled the country, and is in hiding. He, however, did not offer any other details of Rajapaksa's possible return.



People queue up to buy fuel at a Ceylon Petroleum Corporation fuel station in Colombo on Tuesday. Reuters

A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Singapore earlier said Rajapaksa has not asked for asylum and neither has he been granted any asylum.

Singapore has granted a 14day short-term visit pass to Gotabaya as he entered the country on a "private visit" on July 14. Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's

Parliament is set to convene on Wednesday for the first session under new President Ranil Wickremesinghe and will approve the state of emergency imposed over a week ago to quell social unrest, an official announcement said on Tuesday. According to government sources, talks are underway to expand the current 18member Cabinet and form an all party government.

#### **Baglav discusses** ties with Sabry

Colombo: Indian Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay on Tuesday called on Sri Lanka's new Foreign Minister Ali Sabry and discussed ways to deepen the multi-faceted bilateral partnership between the two nations. Conveying greetings and wishes to Sabry for taking charge as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baglay and Sabry touched on "ways and means to deepen the bilateral partnership" in diverse areas pertaining to the multi-faceted bilateral relationship, particularly in trade, investment, and people to people ties, the Indian High Commission tweeted.

**Indian-American** 

man found guilty

Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak during in the BBC Conservative Party leadership debate in Stoke-on-Trent, England. AP

### Sunak and Truss spar over tax in TV debate

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** LONDON, JULY 26

THETWO candidates vying to be Britain's next prime minister sparred Monday over how to help families struggling with the soaring cost of living, meeting in a testy televised debate that highlighted the contrasting economic visions of the

Conservative Party rivals. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss promised to cut taxes as soon as she took office, using borrowing to pay for it. Former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak said he would get inflation under control first, arguing that Truss's plan would increase the public debt and leave people worse off in the long run.

Tempers flared as Sunak said that "it's not moral to ask our children to pick up the tab for the bills that we're not prepared to pay."

Truss called that "Project Fear" and said it was sensible to borrow to rebuild from the coronavirus pandemic, a "once in a 100-year event."

The pair are battling to succeed Boris Johnson, who quit as leader of the governing Conservative Party on July 7 after months of ethics scandals triggered a mass exodus of ministers from his government. The contest has exposed deep divisions within the party as it tries to move on from the tarnished, but election-winning Johnson.

Oddsmakers say Truss is the favorite to win. She outperforms Sunak in polls of Conservative members though Sunak has the edge among voters as a whole.

### Bangladesh seeks \$4.5 bn IMF loan as deficit widens

REUTERS DHAKA, JULY 26

BANGLADESH HAS sought a \$4.5 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund, the Daily Star newspaper reported on Tuesday, joining South Asian neighbours Pakistan and Sri Lanka in seeking help to cope with mounting pressure on their economies.

Known for its big garmentexporting industry, Bangladesh has sought the funds for its balance of payment and budgetary needs, as well as for efforts to deal with climate change, the Daily Star reported, citing documents it had seen.

The country's \$416 billion economy has been one of the fastest-growing in the world for years, but rising energy and food prices because of the Russia-Ukraine war has inflated its import bill and the current account deficit.

The Daily Star said Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal wrote to IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Sunday. A senior finance ministry official said the matter was indeed "being discussed" but declined to give details. Kamal and IMF's office in Bangladesh, a country of more than 165 million people, did not respond to requests for comment.

## Japan executes prisoner who killed 7 in Tokyo street rampage

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** TOKYO, JULY 26

JAPAN ON Tuesday executed a man who killed seven people in a vehicle crash and stabbing rampage in a crowded Tokyo shopping district in 2008.

Justice Minister Yoshihisa Furukawa told reporters that Tomohiro Kato was hanged at the Tokyo detention centre earlier Tuesday.

Japan has maintained the death penalty despite growing international criticism. Furukawa said capital punishment was a

justified response to continuing heinous and violent crime and scrapping it wasn't appropriate at this point. Furukawa said Kato had thoroughly prepared to commit the mass killings — "an atrocious act that led to serious consequences and had a major impact on society."

In the attack, Kato drove  $down\,his\,truck\,on\,a\,street\,in\,the$ Akihabara electronics shopping area, slamming into a crowd of people and killing three pedestrians in June 2008. He then got out of the vehicle and stabbed four people to death. He injured or wounded 10 others.



out in high secrecy in Japan, where prisoners are not informed of their fate until the morning 2007, Japan has begun disclosing the names of those executed and some details of their crimes, but disclosures are still limited.

#### kidnapping **YOSHITASINGH** NEW YORK, JULY 26 **EXECUTIONS ARE carried**

of parental

38-YEAR-OLD Indian-American has been convicted of international parental kidnapping after he took his US-born child to India and later failed to bring the kid back to the mother in the United States.

Amitkumar Kanubhai Patel from Vadodara, who formerly lived in Edison, New Jersey, was convicted last week of one count of international parental kidnapping following a five-day trial before US District Judge Renee Marie Bumb in Camden federal court in New Jersey.

The international parental kidnapping offence of which Patel stands convicted carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. He will be sentenced

in November this year. Patel is a naturalised US citizen who had been living in India, He was convicted of obstructing the parental rights of his child's mother by kidnapping the child and failing to return the child to the US when ordered, US Attorney Philip R Sellinger said Monday.

and the evidence at trial, the child's mother and Patel were in a relationship and resided together in New Jersey from August 2015

## Polish institute classifies pet cats as alien invasive species

**VANESSA GERA** WARSAW, JULY 26

A POLISH scientific institute has

classified domestic cats as an "invasive alien species," citing the damage they cause to birds and other wildlife. Some cat lovers have reacted emotionally to this month's decision and put the key scientist behind it on the defensive.

Wojciech Solarz, a biologist at the state-run Polish Academy of Sciences, wasn't prepared for the disapproving public response when he entered "Felis catus," the



Some cat lovers have put the key scientist behind the decision on the defensive.AP

scientific name for the common house cat, into a national database run by the academy's

The database already had 1,786 other species listed with no objections, Solarz said on Tuesday. Invasive alien species No. 1,787, however, is a creature so beloved that it often is honoured in Poland's cemeteries reserved for cats and dogs. Solarz described the growing

scientific consensus that domestic cats have a harmful impact on biodiversity given the number of birds and mammals they hunt. The criteria for including the cat among alien invasive species, "are 100% met by the cat," he said. AP

According to the documents through July 2017.

DAVIS' UNIT WAS PART OF WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS CREATED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

## 102-yr-old WWII veteran from segregated mail unit honoured

**JAY REEVES** 

MONTGOMERY, JULY 26

MILLIONS OF letters and packages sent to US troops had accumulated in warehouses in Europe by the time Allied troops were pushing toward the heart of Hitler's Germany near the end of World War II. This wasn't junk mail — it was the main link between home and the front in a time long before video chats, texting or even routine long-distance phone calls.

The job of clearing out the massive backlog in a military that was still segregated by race fell upon the largest all-Black, allfemale group to serve in the war, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. On Tuesday, the oldest living member of the unit is being honoured.

Romay Davis, 102, will be recognised for her service at an event at Montgomery City Hall. It follows President Joe Biden's decision in March to sign a bill authorising the Congressional Gold Medal for the unit, nicknamed the "Six Triple Eight."

Davis, in an interview at her home Monday, said the unit was due the recognition, and she's glad to participate on behalf of other members who've already passed away. "I think it's an exciting event, and it's something for families to remember," Davis



Romay Davis at her home in Montgomery, Ala., Monday. AP

said. "It isn't mine, just mine. No. It's everybody's.' The medals themselves won't be ready for months, but leaders decided to go ahead with events for Davis and five other surviving members of the 6888th given their advanced age.

While smaller groups of African American nurses served in Africa, Australia and England, none matched the size or might of the 6888th, according to a unit history compiled by the Pentagon.

Davis' unit was part of the Women's Army Corps created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943. With racial separation the practice of the time, the corps added African American units the following year at the urging of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights leader Mary McLeod Bethune, as per the unit history.

More than 800 Black women formed the 6888th, which began sailing for England in February 1945. Once there, they were con-

New Delhi

fronted not only by mountains of undelivered mail but by racism and sexism. They were denied entry into an American Red Cross club and hotels, according to the history, and a senior officer was threatened with being being replaced by a white first lieutenant when some unit

members missed an inspection.

"Over my dead body, Sir," replied the unit commander, Maj. Charity Adams. She wasn't replaced. Working under the motto of "No Mail, Low Morale," the women served 24/7 in shifts and developed a new tracking system that processed about 65,000 items each shift, allowing them

to clear a six-month backlog of

mail in just three months.

"We all had to be broken in, so

to speak, to do what had to be done," said Davis, who mainly worked as a motor pool driver. "The mail situation was in such horrid shape they didn't think the girls could do it. But they proved a point." A month after the end of the war in Europe, in June 1945, the group sailed to France to begin working on additional piles of mail there. Receiving better treatment from the liberated French than they would have under racist Jim Crow regimes at home, members were feted during a victory parade in Rouen and invited into private homes for dinner, said Davis.

# ECONOMY

INTERVIEW WITH DG, DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of July 25

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#### JIO, BHARTI AIRTEL, VI, ADANI SUBSIDIARY 'ACTIVELY' PARTICIPATE

## **5G auction Day 1: Bids of ₹1.45L cr;** premium 700 MHz band in demand

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE FIRST day of the country's largest ever auction of 5G spectrum saw bids of around Rs 1.45 lakh crore, including in the premium 700 MHz band, Union **Minister of Communications** Ashwini Vaishnaw said Tuesday. All the four applicants — Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and an Adani Group subsidiary – "actively" participated in the auction, he said.

The 700 MHz band, which is best suited for coverage in highdensity areas, and is ideal for data networks, had gone unsold in both the previous spectrum auctions in 2016 and 2021. The band saw bidding in all 22 circles, and, according to analysts, it received bids worth around Rs 39.000 crore.

A total of 72 GHz of spectrum is up for bidding in the ongoing

import dipped

by 50% in FY21

Newsprint

from FY18,

Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

says Thakur

New Delhi: Import of newsprint

dipped by 50 per cent during Covid-19 years when compared

to 2018-19, according to data

shared by the government in the

tion, Information & Broadcasting

Minister Anurag Thakur said the

newspaper industry had im-

ported 13,84,056 kg of

newsprint in 2017-18, which de-

clined to 6,48,620 kg in 2020-21,

2021-22, Thakur said in re-

Congress Party member

years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

by the government, the newspa-

per industry imported 12,96,300

kg of newsprint in 2018-19, and

marginally increased to

**BRIEFLY** -

New NSE chief

New Delhi: Ashishkumar

Chauhan on Tuesday as-

sumed charge as MD and

CEO of National Stock Excha-

nge (NSE). He was relieved

of his previous role as MD-

CEO of BSE on Monday. PTI

'Coinbase probe'

Bengaluru: The US SEC is

probing whether Coinbase

Global Inc improperly let

Americans trade digital as-

sets that should have been

registered as securities, said

Bloomberg News. A Coinbase

spokesperson said the com-

pany does not list securities

on its platform, while the SEC declined to comment

on the report. **REUTERS** 

Axis Bank, Citi

New Delhi: The Competition

Commission cleared Axis

Bank's proposed acquisition

of Citi's India consumer business, worth ₹12,325 crore.

New Delhi: Engineering and

construction conglomerate

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) on

Tuesday said its consoli-

dated net profit rose 44.9% to ₹1,702.07 crore in Q1FY23.

Ujjivan SFB Q1

New Delhi: Ujjivan Small

Finance Bank saw its highest

quarterly profit in June 2022

quarter at ₹203 crore on

higher interest income, fall

in bad loans as well as strong

loan disbursement. PTI

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12,96,354 kg in 2019-20. **PTI** 

The world was in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic in the

Margani Bharat.

a drop of nearly 46 per cent. The import of newsprint fur-

In a written reply to a ques-

auction in various high- and lowfrequency bands, accounting for a total of around Rs 4.3 lakh crore. At Rs 1,45 lakh crore, the bids have exceeded expectations, surpassing the government's internal expectations of receiving bids of around Rs 1 lakh crore.

Some of the most competitive bidding was done in Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, and Northeast circles in the 800 MHz bands, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh (East) circles in the 1800 MHz band, Bihar, Haryana, Kerala, West Bengal and Punjab circles in the 2,100 MHz band.

Vaishnaw said the auction saw healthy participation on the first day, adding the response shows that the industry has turned from its difficult times. He said the government will aim to allocate spectrum by August 14, and expects 5G services to start rolling out by September. The auction will continue on



THE 700 MHz band, which is best suited for a coverage in high-density areas, and is ideal for data networks, had gone unsold in both the previous spectrum auctions in 2016 and 2021.

As per data released by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), four rounds of bidding took place on Tuesday with mid- and high-end bands seeing keen interest. In particular, the 3,300 MHz and 26 GHz bands, which are seen as the most suitable bands for 5G enterprise solutions, attracted strong bids, while the 600 MHz band received minimal bids.

As per the auction process, it won't be known as to which company bagged how many airwaves until the completion of the auction. However, the applicants' earnest money deposits (EMDs) submitted to the DoT prior to the bidding could serve as an indicator about the bands that the applicants could be looking to target.

Adani Data Networks, a subsidiary of Adani Group, which had submitted an EMD of Rs 100 crore, had earlier clarified it was participating in the auction only to provide enterprise-level private network solutions for various business verticals like airports, ports, power generation, and logistics among others. Analysts had predicted the company would largely place bids in the high frequency 3,300 MHz and 26 GHz millimetre bands.

Apart from high-speed data connectivity for users, 5G also has the potential to enable a number of enterprise-level solutions such as machine-to-machine communications, connected vehicles, and more immersive augmented reality and metaverse experiences, among others.

The auction is being held for spectrum in various low (600 MHz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,300 MHz), mid (3,300 MHz) and high (26 GHz) frequency bands. The government will not collect any spectrum usage charge on airwaves auctioned in this round, and the requirement for bank and financial guarantees has been done away with.

Payments for spectrum can be made in 20 equal annual instalments to be paid in advance at the beginning of each year. The bidders would be given an option to surrender the spectrum after 10 years, with no future liabilities with respect to balance instalments.

58.87%

there has been a sudden increase in the number of such occurrences. Edited excerpts: Why has there been a rise in safety-related incidents on

board Indian aircraft?

THE DIRECTORATE General of

Civil Aviation (DGCA) is enhanc-

ing its surveillance on airlines to

minimise technical malfunction

incidents that have plagued

Indian carriers over the last few

months, the aviation regulator's

Director General ARUN KUMAR

told PRANAV MUKULin an inter-

view, Kumar also explained why

We are overreacting and probably panicking too much. Aircraft systems are reasonably robust and have sufficient redundancies, which enable them to tide over exigencies. To our institutional knowledge, the kind of technical glitches, which have engaged our attention beyond all measure and have been portrayed as life-threatening/disastrous, are actually routine and do happen in all airlines across the world for all kind of aircraft types for the simple reason that the machine is similar and normal wear/tear is inevitable.

What is required is that as flight crew, you need to be alert, vigilant and respond to situations as they unfold and if you follow the standard operating

Arun Kumar File

without compromising safety. It means if on ground, you attend to symptoms of snag before proceeding further and if in air, do the checklist actions appropriately and, if required, seek a priority, precautionary or emergency landing as the case may be. Remember, all these are safety valves and need to be pressed in action to avoid an actual safety issue. Yes, it may result in delays, diversions, cancellation causing inconvenience, but will not cause irreparable harm.

Is there an increase in the

reportage of these incidents? Safety manoeuvres are part of a safety management system and must be welcomed. A missed approach or rejected safety. We should worry about actual issues such as serious incidents or accidents as defined by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and not for usual bird hits with no consequences. I must place on record our appreciation for our pilots, who have shown exemplary competence and have negotiated such snags with confidence and have not compromised safety.

#### What steps is DGCA taking to prevent these occurrences?

We, on our part, are doing everything possible to minimise such events through enhanced surveillance. All regulatory agencies follow similar protocol and we are no exception. We believe that we will be able to arrest the trend sooner than later. Some events may still happen, which we will deal with as per the laiddown procedures.

#### Could Covid-19 have played a role in why these snags are becoming more prevalent?

The reasons for increasing number of technical snags appear to be Covid-related, which impacted airline operations due to lockdown and curtailed operations, etc. Also, there is a universal problem of manpower shortage after Covid-19, not just with

### Power shortage at 1% in April-June this fiscal

India saw a power shortage of 1% in April-June this fiscal, with an electricity supply of 400.65 billion units (BU) against requirement of 404.76 BU, as per government data

Average number of days for which thermal power plants can run at 85% plant load factor (PLF) or capacity utilisation, using coal stock available as of July 17, 2022

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under consideration by the

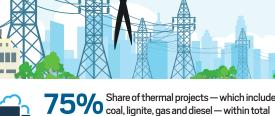
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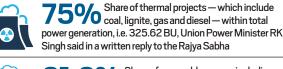
Factors other than power availability inadequacy that

■ Constraints in distribution network

■ Financial constraints

Commercial reasons Forced outage of generating units





## 21.6% Share of renewable energy, including large hydro plants, within country's

## OneWeb, Eutelsat to merge

New Delhi: French satellite operator Eutelsat and key shareholders of Bharti-backed OneWeb have inked a pact for merger, entailing all-share transaction, a statement said Tuesday.

Bharti Group will be the single largest shareholder of Eutelsat.

Post closing of the deal,

The transaction values OneWeb at \$3.4 billion (over Rs 27,000 crore), according to a joint statement by the two companies. Eutelsat will combine its strong fleet of 36 Geostationary Orbit (GEO) satellites with OneWeb's constellation of 648 Low Earth Orbit satellites, of

The announcement has a takeaway for the India market as well, where OneWeb had received the letter of intent for the GMPCS Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite) licence from the DoT. PTI

#### Franklin MF: ther declined to 5,97,766 kg in Would be silly sponse to a question by YSR to leave India

**ASHLEY COUTINHO** 

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON Mutual Fund (Franklin MF) on Tuesday announced the launch of a new equity offering, while reiterating its long-term commitment for its business in India. The launch of open-ended dynamic asset allocation fund called Franklin India Balanced Advantage Fund (FIBAF) marks the US-based asset manager's first such launch since its decision to wind up six debt schemes in April 2020.

"What I can say categorically is that we are not leaving India. We have been here for 26 years and we will be here for another 26 years. Given how the firm views India's growth potential, it would be silly to leave India," said Avinash Satwalekar, its president for India. "There is no doubt that the brand has taken a beating and we will have to regain the trust of investors," he said, adding re-engaging with distributors was the need of the hour. **FE** 

## IMF cuts FY23 India GDP forecast by 80 bps to 7.4%

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday slashed its global growth projections for 2022 and 2023 and warned of a possible worldwide recession next year. The multilateral body also trimmed its real growth forecasts for India by 80 basis points each for FY23 and FY24 to 7.4 per cent and 6.1 per cent, respectively, from its April projections.

"For India, the revision reflects mainly less favourable external conditions and more rapid policy tightening," the IMF said on Tuesday in its latest update of its World Economic Outlook. Global real GDP growth will

drop to 3.2 per cent in 2022 from 3.6 per cent forecast in April. it said. Global GDP actually shrank in the second quarter of the calendar year 2022 due to downturns in China and Russia. As for 2023, the Fund scaled

down its global growth forecast to

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU INFLATION WEIGHS ON OUTLOOK (in %age) 2021 | 2022 | 2023 World 6.1 3.2 2.9 5.7 2.3 5.4 2.6 1.2 Euro Area UK 7.4 3.2 0.5 China 8.1 3.3 4.6 Note: Figures for 2022 and 2023 are projections; for India, date and forecasts are presented on a fiscal year basis; Source: IMF World Economic Outlook, July 2022

> 2.9 per cent from 3.6 per cent announced in April, as it highlighted the damaging impact of tighter monetary policies. "The risk of recession is particularly prominent in 2023, when in several

economies growth is expected to bottom out...," the Fund warned. "Several shocks have hit a world economy already weakened

by the pandemic: higher-than-expected inflation worldwide, especially in the US and major European economies, triggering tighter financial conditions; a worse-thananticipated slowdown in China, reflecting Covid outbreaks and lockdowns: and further negative spill-overs from the war in Ukraine," it said. **FE** 

#### From strategic reserve, US to sell 20 mn extra barrels of oil

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, JULY 26

THE JOE Biden administration on Tuesday said it will sell an additional 20 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve as part of a previous plan to tap the facility to calm oil prices boosted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and as demand recovers from the pandemic.

The administration said in late March it would release a record 1 million barrels of per day of oil for six months from the SPR, held in hollowed-out salt caverns on the coasts of Louisiana and Texas.

The United States has already sold 125 million barrels from the reserve with nearly 70 million barrels already delivered to purchasers, a senior administration official told reporters.

Brent edged down 0.9 per cent as of 2:52 pm ET to \$104.14 a barrel, after the previous day's 1.9 per cent gain.

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## Staff strike: Lufthansa cancels hundreds of flights

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** BERLIN, JULY 26

LUFTHANSA SAYS it will have to cancel almost all flights at its main Frankfurt and Munich hubs on Wednesday because of a strike by its German ground staff, affecting tens of thousands of passengers in the latest travel turmoil to hit Europe.

The airline said Tuesday that the strike will force the cancellation of 678 flights at Frankfurt, 32 of them on Tuesday and the rest on Wednesday. It also is canceling 345 flights at Munich, including 15 on

Lufthansa said that 92,000 passengers will be affected by the Frankfurt cancellations and 42,000 by the Munich disruption. It said those affected will be contacted Tuesday and rebooked on alternative flights where possible but warned that "the capacities available for

this are very limited." The company said the strike may still



lead to "individual flight cancellations or delays" on Thursday and Friday.

The ver.di service workers' union announced the one-day strike on Monday as it seeks to raise pressure on Lufthansa in negotiations on pay for about 20,000 employees of logistical, technical and cargo subsidiaries of the airline.

The walkout comes at a time when airports in Germany and across Europe already are seeing disruption and long lines for security checks because of staff shortages and soaring travel demand.



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#### THIS WORD MEANS

#### **JOHAR**

The tribal greeting that means salutation and welcome, used by President Droupadi Murmu

**ABHISHEK ANGAD** RANCHI, JULY 26

THE 15TH President of India, Droupadi Murmu, assumed office on Monday with a 'Johar' greeting to the country.

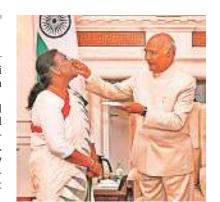
"Johar! Namaskar! I humbly greet all the fellow citizens from this sacred Parliament, a symbol of the hopes, aspirations and rights of all the citizens of India. Your affection, trust and support will be my greatest strength in discharging my functions and responsibilities," President Murmu tweeted from her official handle.

#### Meaning of greeting

'Johar' means 'salutation and welcome'. Several tribal leaders from Jharkhand said the word 'Johar' also means 'paying respect'. The greeting has been in use since time immemorial, these leaders said. Tribal communities are often nature worshippers and follow the Sarna religious code, although it is not an official religion.

#### Who uses it

The greeting is used within the tribal communities of Jharkhand, and parts of Chhattisgarh and Odisha. There are 32 tribal communities in Jharkhand, who speak different dialects. Almost all, including tribal Christians, use the word 'Johar' along with some other words for salutation. 'Johar' is predominantly used by the Santhal, Munda, and Ho communities that share some similarities. People belonging to the Oraon community use 'Jai Dharam',



President Droupadi Murmu with her predecessor in Rashtrapati Bhavan, Ram Nath Kovind PTI

apart from 'Johar', as a salutation.

#### Forms of 'Johar'

There are at least four types. 'Doboh Johar' is used between people where one has a higher standing than the other. Ratan Tirkey, a former member of Tribes Advisory Council (TAC) said that in 'Doboh Johar', there is a ritual where the person with a tumbler full of water bows in front of the person of higher standing.

"The person who bows will touch the Earth and in return, the other person will wash his/ her hands (using water in the tumbler) and let the water fall on the Earth. The exercise means that the hospitality being shown has been accepted," Tirkey said.

## 'Parentese', or baby talk, is truly a lingua franca: study

WE'VE ALL seen it, we've all cringed at it, we've all done it ourselves: talked to a baby like it was, you know, a baby. "Ooo, hellooooo baby!" you say, your voice lilting. Baby is utterly baffled by your warble and your shamelessly doofus grin, but "baby so cuuuuuute!"

Regardless of whether it helps to know it, researchers recently determined that this sing-songy baby talk - known as "parentese"

– seems to be nearly universal to humans around the world. In the most wide-ranging study of  $its\,kind, more\,than\,40\,scient ists$ helped to analyse 1,615 voice recordings from 410 parents on six continents, in 18 languages from diverse communities: rural and urban, isolated and cosmopolitan, from hunter gatherers in Tanzania to urban dwellers in Beijing.

The results, published re-

the way parents spoke and sang to their infants differed from the way they communicated with adults — and that those differences were profoundly similar from group to group. ('Acoustic regularities in infant-directed speech and song across cultures')

"We tend to speak in this higher pitch, high variability, like, 'Ohh, heeelloo, you're a baaybee!" said principal author Courtney Hilton, a psychologist at Haskins Laboratories at Yale University. The other principal author, Cody Moser, a graduate student at the University of California, Merced, added: "When people tend to produce lullabies or tend to talk to their infants, they tend to do so in the same way."

The findings suggest that baby talk and baby song serve a function independent of cultural and social forces. They lend a jumping off point for future baby research and, to some degree, tackle the lack of diverse rep-

resentation in psychology. Scientists have long argued that the sounds humans make with their babies serve a number of important developmental and evolutionary functions. Samuel Mehr, a psychologist and director of The Music Lab at Haskins Laboratories who conceived the new study, noted that solitary human babies are "really bad at their job of staying alive". The strange things we do

cently in the journal Nature Human Behavior, with our voices when staring at a newborn showed that in every one of these cultures, not only help us survive but teach language and communication. For instance, parentese can help some infants remember words better, and it allows them to piece together sounds with mouth shapes, which gives sense to the chaos around them. Also, lullabies can soothe a crying infant, and a higher pitched voice can hold their attention better. "You can push air through your vocal tract, create these tones and rhythms, and it's like giving the baby an analgesic," Dr Mehr said.

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NEW RESEARCH

### SIMPLY PUT

# The comeback of petrol

Nudged by tough BS6 emission norms, automakers are offering mild and strong hybrid options in their vehicles and using tech tweaks to stretch out every litre of petrol and deliver the biggest bang for the buck

**ANIL SASI** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

MARUTI SUZUKI'S compelling fuel efficiency pitch - 1,200 km on a single tank! - for the hybrid version of its new Grand Vitara premium SUV rides on the underrated petrol engines that leverage a range of mild and strong hybrid options, marking a significant departure from the biggest trick that carmakers have employed for the better part of the last two decades: the diesel mill.

India's largest carmaker is not alone — a slew of tweaks and innovations that stretch every litre of fuel are bringing back petrol variants as the top models across manufacturers.

#### Diesel's traditional advantage

Because they use compressed air with no spark plug for the ignition process, diesel engines use 15%-20% per cent less fuel compared to a petrol engine vehicle, which translates into lower operating costs in addition to providing higher low-end torque (the turning force). This made diesel the primary choice for utility vehicles. However, diesel engines entailed higher upfront costs, and their servicing and maintenance costs tended to be more.

While diesel continues to be a pricier, hot option among the variants on offer, it is no longer the mainstay mileage buster for a number of carmakers, including Maruti Suzuki. The return to petrol has been triggered by the stricter BS6 emission norms rolled out two years ago and, more importantly, a range of tech alterations to deliver the most bang for the customer's buck.

#### Petrol tech innovations TWO FUELINJECTORS PER CYLINDER:

In Maruti Suzuki's new DualJet technology, two injectors are placed close to the engine inlet valves, which enables finer atomisation of fuel, resulting in more complete combustion. The dual jets also help deliver smoother and faster responses at low throttle inputs, a regular feature in city driving conditions.

This leads to cooler running, which allows manufacturers to use a higher compression ratio, which, in turn, helps convert the energy in the fuel to mechanical energy much more efficiently. The combustion chamber used in these engines is more compact, which makes the fuel and air mix better before it is ignited, thereby delivering better efficiency.

The result is really high mileage of 22-26 kpl under Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) test conditions. Maruti Suzuki has three new DualJet engines as part of its Kseries C engine updates that now power the new Celerio, the Baleno, the Swift, the updated Brezza, and the S-Cross that was sold earlier.

Duallet, along with Maruti Suzuki's latest Heartect platform, has ensured that eight **Energy Efficient tech** 

Upto 5%

COMBUSTION TECHNOLOGIES

Cylinder deactivation: 'Turns off' some cylinders when not needed

Upto 8% **Turbochargers:** Increase engine power; smaller engines can be used without lowering performance; better performance

**Gasoline Direct Injection:** Higher performance with lower fuel use

speeds more often

without lowering fuel economy

Valve Timing & Lift Technologies: Improve efficiency by optimising flow of fuel, air into engine for various engine speeds

TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGIES Additional gears: Allow engine to operate at efficient

**Continuously Variable** Transmission (CVT): Infinite number of "gears", seamless acceleration, improved fuel economy

**Dual-clutch transmissions:** Similar to manual transmissions but with automated shifting; less energy loss than automatics

Source: US Department of Energy; National Academy of Sciences

of its vehicles are in the 10 top mileage petrol cars, according to a list compiled by Autocar India based on official figures revealed by manufacturers and/ or certified by ARAI. Models: Suzuki Brezza, Baleno, Celerio

**GASOLINE DIRECT INJECTION:** GDI is a sophisticated engine that injects fuel precisely and at very high pressure directly into the combustion chamber of the engine. This leads to higher fuel efficiency, higher power output, and significantly lower emissions by overcoming the problem of a compromised combustion ratio when fuel and air are mixed in the intake chamber, as in most traditional vehicles. Hyundai has a range of GDI turbocharged engines.

Models: Hyundai Creta, Verna, Venue

**TURBO PETROL ENGINES:** Korean and German carmakers are counting on "engine downsizing" in the petrol variants, with a turbocharged engine. These are essentially smaller engines, with typically fewer cylinStop-start systems: Engine stops when car stops, restarts automatically, cuts fuel burn while

Hybrid technologies

Mild hybrids: Stop-start technologies and small regenerative braking system that recovers, reuses small amounts of energy lost from

**Hybrids:** Use stop-start, regenerative braking,

larger electric motors and batteries to reduce fuel use, especially in stopand-go driving

OTHER TECHNOLOGIES

Reducing vehicle 1%-3% per 5% reduction in weight weight: Less energy needed to propel vehicle;

weight reduction, powertrain downsizing can significantly improve fuel economy Low rolling resistance Upto 4%

tyres: Reduce parasitic energy loss from tyres rolling under load



ders, which are generally more fuel efficient but low on rated power. This power deficiency is overcome by using a turbocharger - a turbine that is powered by the engine's exhaust fuel to subsequently power that additional compressed air into the combustion chamber, resulting in extra combustion of the airfuel mix. The result: these smaller turbocharged engines produce more energy than a bigger engine, while guzzling less petrol.

The technology is relatively old — Ford Ecosport's EcoBoost engine was an early mover, followed by the Volkswagen Polo. But both these cars had low mileage. With the BS6 norms kicking in, Hyundai, Skoda, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Tata Motors have all deployed smaller, turbocharged petrol engines of the kind used in the Hyundai Venue and VW Taigun. In all these cases, the internal combustion engine has lower cubic capacity, but not at the expense of power. Maruti Suzuki is an exception, relying entirely on regular, naturally aspirated (nonturbo) petrol engines with its DualJet tweak.

Models: Hyundai Venue, VW Taigun,

#### **Hybrid engines**

MILD HYBRID TECH: Maruti Suzuki has deployed mild hybrid - or what it calls "Smart Hybrid" – technology across its higher-end sedan and utility vehicle models to increase fuel efficiency. The engine automatically stops when idle, and starts silently when optimal conditions are met in manual and automatic transmissions. It comes with a dual battery setup including a Lithium-ion battery, which stores the energy generated during braking to assist the engine's idle start-stop and torque assist functions. The energy stored in the Lithium-ion battery assists during acceleration.

Models: Suzuki Ertiga, Brezza

**STRONG HYBRID TECH:** The strongest Japanese counter to the diesel engine, led by the Maruti Suzuki India and Toyota Motor combine, and Honda Motor, is focussed on petrol-powered engines mated with hybrid systems. Two new Suzuki-Toyota SUVs, the Grand Vitara and the Toyota Hyryder, are powered by petrol engines with hybrid setups.

A hybrid system sometimes includes a petrol engine that's paired with an electrical motor and a Lithium-ion or Nickel-metal Hydride (NiMH) battery pack that allows the automobile to be pushed in purely electrical mode for short distances. The battery pack is recharged by the engine, or by way of regenerative braking. Maruti Suzuki and Toyota claim that their strong-hybrid SUVs return a fuel efficiency of 27.97 kpl, a claim that is, however, still to be certified by ARAI. If the ARAI figure does match the manufacturers', the Grand Vitara and Hyryder would be the most fuel-efficient SUVs in their segment, and among the top mileage cars in the country. Honda too claims that its City hybrid will return an average fuel efficiency of 26.5 kpl.

Models: Honda City e:HEV, Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder, Suzuki Grand Vitara

#### Improved transmission tech Additional gears allow the engine to op-

erate at efficient speeds more often. In the case of its automatics, Maruti Suzuki has shifted from its 4-speed torque converter to a new 6-speed gear configuration.

Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) automatics have an infinite number of "gears", providing seamless acceleration and improved fuel economy. Dual-clutch transmissions (DCT), which have two clutches for seamless automated shifting, suffer less energy loss than traditional automatics.

Models: Suzuki XL6 (6-speed torque convertor), Hyundai Venue (DCT), Hyundai i20, Toyota Glanza, Suzuki Baleno (CVT gears)

### Behind the protests over HIV medicine shortage across India is able to get the medicines in a

#### **ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI, JULY 26

PEOPLE LIVING with HIV have been protesting outside offices of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) for five days, demanding that they receive medicines in a timely manner following shortages for nearly five months.

for the three previous days.

Around 50,000 people have been affected due to the shortage, according to the protesters. What led to the protests? There has been a shortage of some medicines since March this year, owing to tenders by the Centre failing. The protest began on July 21 after centres even in the capital ran out of stock

"Over the last four or five months, several states have been experiencing shortages of one HIV medicine or the other due to procurement

of one of the medicines, dolutegravir-50mg,

problems by NACO. Despite meetings with officials, the issue hasn't been resolved. Now, even Delhi has run out of medicines. So, we have decided to sit in protest," said Harishanker, who works with the Delhi Network of Positive People (DNP Plus). Harishanker said, "By their own admission, the drug supply issue of NACO is affecting 50.000 people across the country."

An official from Delhi said, "Yes, there has been supply issue with medicines from NACO. But we did locally purchase around 3 lakh doses in March, Now, we have again placed an order with the delivery scheduled in the next 15 to 20 days." The official added that the NACO supply is likely to arrive by the first week of August. "Even though there is a shortage, we have managed it such that people do continue to get their medicine even if for only five days at a time."

Jai Prakash, who needs dolutegravir, said, "We will not end the protest until everyone

timely manner and for one month at a time. A daily wage earner cannot afford to come to the hospital every five days to get the medicines."

#### What medicines are unavailable? The main shortage is of dolutegravir, used

as part of the first-, second-, and third-line ART combinations. "NACO recommends dolutegravir as the preferred drug for treatment of HIV-positive adults, adolescents and children (aged more than 6 years with bodyweight more than 20 kg)," according to the 2021 guidelines for HIV care and treatment by the organisation. There is also a shortage of nevirapine syrup

that is given to infants with HIV. A baby born earlier this month at RML hospital was given syrup that is to expire in four days, "The hospital has said if they get fresh stock by, they will give new syrup. Otherwise, they said that the same medicine should be used," said one

of the protesters.

According to the networks of positive people, there is a stockout of at least one or more medicines across 12 states, most facing problems with paediatric and second and third lines

#### Why is the shortage a concern? While there is no cure for HIV infection, ART

aims to reduce the replication of HIV and bring the viral load to undetectable levels. There has been a decline in mortality and illness resulting from HIV infection due to better availability of affordable and effective ART. Continued suppression of the virus with

the use of ART over time leads to reduction in the progression of HIV, the frequency of opportunistic infections, and increases lifespan and quality of life. If medicines are skipped, there is a possibility of the viral replication increasing and taking backwards the progress

## Ranveer Singh's photoshoot and the laws covering obscenity in India

#### **MOHAMEDTHAVER**

MUMBAI, JULY 26

THE MUMBAI Police registered an FIR against actor Ranveer Singh on Tuesday for sharing photographs from an apparently nude photoshoot for the New York-based Paper magazine. What is the case about, and what sections of the law is he supposed to have broken?

#### What led to the FIR?

A lawyer and an individual running an NGO had separately approached the police. Chembur police registered the FIR based on the statement of Lalit Tekchandani, 50, who has told the police that he is a contractor and runs the Shyam Mangaram Foundation, which works with widows and children of farmers who have died by suicide. Tekchandani has said that when he zoomed in on one of Ranveer Singh's photographs, he realised that the actor's private parts were visible. According to the complainant, upon inquiring, he found that Ranveer had done the photoshoot for Paper magazine, and would have earned a lot of money. He added it would also influence youngsters struggling to get into the industry to resort to similar measures to earn money and fame.

Paper magazine did a nude photoshoot of actor Kim Kardashian in November 2014. Ranveer Singh's photoshoot pays homage to late actor Burt Reynolds's 1972 nude photoshoot for Cosmopolitan magazine.

#### What sections have the police invoked?

Police have booked Ranveer Singh under Sections 292, 293 and 509 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 67A of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Sections 292 and 293 are colonial-era provisions introduced by the Obscene Publications Act of 1925.

Under Section 292 (sale of obscene books etc), a book, pamphlet, paper, writing, drawing, painting, representation, figure or any



Ranveer Singh has been booked under various IPC sections and IT Act's Section 67A

other object, shall be deemed to be obscene if it is lascivious or appeals to the prurient interest, or if its effect tends to deprave and corrupt persons likely to read, see or hear the content.

In 1969, Section 292 was amended with exceptions added to charges of obscenity: material proved as justified as being for the "public good" (in the interest of science etc); or material kept "bona fide for religious purposes"; or sculptures or any ancient monument. Section 293 deals with sale or distribution

of obscene objects to any person under age

20, or an attempt to do so. The maximum

onment for three years and a fine up to Rs 2,000, and for the second conviction seven vears with a fine up to Rs 5.000. Section 509 deals with a word, gesture or act that is intended to insult the modesty of a woman, or intrudes upon the privacy of such

punishment for the first conviction is impris-

for one year and/or a fine of Rs 1,000. Sections 67A of the IT Act deals with material containing a sexually explicit act etc in electronic form. The punishment is five years and Rs 10 lakh (first conviction) or seven years and Rs 10 lakh (second conviction).

woman. The punishment is imprisonment

#### How have courts decided what is obscene over the years?

To judge whether any content is obscene or not, courts in India used to rely largely on the 'Hicklin test', until 2014. First laid down in England in Regina vs Hickiln (1868), the Hicklin test judges obscenity based on "whether the tendency of the matter charged as obscenity is to deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such influences".

In Ranjit D Udeshi vs State Of Maharashtra (1964), the Supreme Court ruled against discarding the Hicklin test. Udeshi, a bookseller, was appealing against his conviction under Section 292 for selling unabridged copies of D H Lawrence's Lady Chatterley's Lover.

In the same judgment, the court held that sex or nudity by itself was not enough to deprave minds and thus to hold something as obscene. It held that the obscene part has to be weighed against the whole work; also, an obscene publication was considered to be justified if it was for public good unless obscenity was so serious as to weigh down the public good. The 1969 amendment added "public good" among various exceptions.

In Aveek Sarkar & Anr vs State Of West Bengal and Anr (2014), the Supreme Court held that the Hicklin test is not the correct test to determine obscenity. The case pertained to a nude photograph of tennis legend Boris

New Delhi

Becker with his Black fiancee, Barbaba Feltus, published in the German magazine Stern and reproduced in Sportsworld magazine in India as well as in Anandabazar Patrika. The court ruled that the question of obscenity must be seen in the context and the message it wanted to convey. It ruled: "The message, the photograph wants to convey is that the colour of skin matters little and love champions over colour. Picture promotes love affair, leading to a marriage, between a white-skinned man and a black skinned woman.'

#### In which other cases have the police invoked provisions for obscenity?

In November 2020, actor and model Milind Soman was booked for uploading a picture of himself running nude on a beach in Goa. In 1995, Soman along with his then girlfriend Madhu Sapre had posed nude with a python for an advertisement, following which they were booked for obscenity, and subsequently acquitted in 2009.

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#### **PERSONAL**

I have changed my name from Amna Khan to Aamna Begum for all future purposes. Aamna Begum, W/o Riyaz Ahmad, R/o RC-78, Himalya Enclave, Khoda Colony, Khora, Ghaziabad-201309.

0070796323-1

I Seema Singh W/o Rajbir Singh R/o 4v-304, Gurjinder Vihar, Greater Noida, (UP)-201308, have changed my name from SEEMA to SEEMA SINGH for all future purposes.

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I Satish Kumar S/o Ishwar Dayal R/o 12-B. Pocket-A-2, Mayur Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-110096. have changed my minor daughter's name from SHRADHDHA to SHRADHA for all purposes.

I Ram Sharan S/o Late Sh. Devi Dass R/o Plot No.82, S/F, Block-C-1, Sanjay Enclave, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Harish Kumar for all

0040624083-6 Jyoti D/o Hazari Singh R/o-212

my name to Jyoti Rajput for all the future purposes. 0070796295-1 I Gurmeet Bajwa W/O, Arjan Singh Bajwa R/o Hno 508

Aligarh-202281, have Changed

Khedia Bahadur, Garhi

Greenfields Majitha Road Amritsar-143001 have changed my name to Gurmit Kaur Bajwa for all purposes. 0040624177-1

I,Sushma Kalra,W/o Ajay Kumar Kalra R/o-221/104 (SF) Gali.No.2.Block-S Vishnu Garden Delhi, have changed my name to Megha Kalra.

0040624185-1

I.Sameer S/o-Subhash Chand, H.No-446/13, Gali. No-12,Partap-Nagar Gurgaon(Harvana) 122001, have changed my name to Sameer Chaudhary, for all Purposes.

I,SANDEEP KUMAR, S/O.RAMESH KUMAR.ADD-18/24/12-A,GALI.NO-22 OLD GOVIND PURA EAST DELHI-110051, changed my name to SANDEEP DHINGRA, permanently.

0040624182-8

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I.Meenakshi W/o-Praveen Gupta, R/o C-168, Pushpanjali-Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name Meenakshi Goel,for all 0040624190-5 I,Km Arshee Khan W/O Rahil Nasim.R/O F-6/71.Sultan

Puri,Block-F-6,Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Arshi Khan 0040624190-10

I, MONIKA, W/O.SUBHASH AGGARWAL, H.NO-A-27,GALI.NO-1 NEAR BBL SCHOOL DHEERAJ-NAGAR ATMAADPUR FARIDABAD HARYANA-121003, Changed my name to MONIKA AGGARWAL, for all, future 0040624190-2 Purposes.

I, KAUSHALYA DEVI SHARMA, MOTHER OF, MANOJ SHARMA,R/O.VPO-DOBRA DISTT JHUNJHUNU RAJASTHAN-333031, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KAUSHALYA DEVI SHARMA TO KAUSHALYA SHARMA VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED-26/07/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

I,Sushil Kumar R/o-B38, Gaushala, Chhaiarshi Colony, Sector-63, Noida, U.P. changed my minor daughter's name from Ridhi Kumari Singh to Ridhi Singh for, all purposes 0040624084-1

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I, Yogesh Kumar, S/o Kanwar Bhan Madan R/o 4/86, Subhash nagar, New Delhi-110027, have changed the name of my minor son from Anirudh Kumar to Anirudh Madaan for all future purposes.

I, Yogesh Kumar, S/o Kanwar Bhan Madan, R/o 4/86, Subhash nagar, New Delhi-110027, have changed the name of my minor son from

Aavish to Aavish Madaan for all future purposes. 0040623295-3

I, Sharfi Devi dependent mother of Yogender Kumar resident of SMQ-631/01, Mirage Block, AFS Jaisalmer-345001, have changed my name from Sharfi affidavit BD-395643 dated 18/07/2022 before Honourable District & Sessions Court,

Jaisalmer. 0050201066-1 It is for general information that I,SURESH KUMAR,S/O NAND LAL,R/O KH.NO.97/15, BLOCK-E. GALI.NO-40, SHIV MANDIR, TOMAR-COLONY,

KAMAL PUR MAJRA,BURARI,NORTH,DELHI, DELHI-110084,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as SURESH

KUMAR,S/O NAND LAL in my Aadhar Card.No.748087841461.The

SURESH KUMAR, which may be amended accordingly. 0040624195-9

I,hitherto known as Anuradha Devi Sood, D/o Late. Gian Chand Sood,residing at,196,Sood-Niwas, Vasant Kunj-Enclave, N.Delhi-110070.have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANURADHA

0040624182-6

**I,Yamini** D/o Surender Singh R/o 36/37, Extn-3, Nangloi Delhi-41, have changed my name to

0040624182-9

I,Vivek Kuduva Ganesan S/o Ganesan, R/o 7-1, Gali No.3, Chattarpur Extension, Delhi-110074, changed my name to Krish Harish Kuduva Ganesan.

0040624183-2

I,Vikram S/o Brij Lal Gupta R/o F-18/76, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my

0040624183-1

I.Vertika Singh,D/o-Sh.Sanjay Singh,R/o-129,131,North-Avenue, G.P.O. New-Delhi-110001, have changed my name, from Vertika Singh to Eshita Singh, for all, future purchases. Vertika Singh and Eshita Singh is one and the same-person.

0040624185-8

I.VINIT DUTT PATHAK.S/o-Bisham dutt pathak, R/o.Q.no-361 type-III,block-18 Lodhi colony, South, DELHI-03, declar e that my name has been mentioned as vineet dutt pathak in my passport Documents-passport no-E3491355 the actual-name is VINIT dutt pathak, for all the, future purposes.

0040624183-6

I,VIKRAMADITYA,S/O DEVIPAL TOMAR.R/o.GF2,PLOT.NO.1/22 RAJ-ARCADE, SECTOR-5,RAJENDER-NAGAR, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD, U.P-201005, changed my name to VIKRAMADITYA TOMAR.

0040624185-3

I.Tripti Khadqi W/o Rishabh Verma R/o 804/10.La Residentia, Noida Extn, UP-201306 have changed my name to Tripti Rishabh Verma.

0040624183-3

**I,Shorya** Sharma,s/o Pardeep Sharma R/o.H.No-391,Sector-1.IMT Manesar Gurgaon. Haryana-122052, have changed my name to Shourya Sharma permanently.

0040624183-5

I,SUBHASH,S/O.PURSHOTTAM LAL AGRWAL,H.NO-A-27, GALI.NO-1 NEAR BBL SCHOOL DHEERAJ-NAGAR ATMAADPUR FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121003.Changed my name to SUBHASH AGGARWAL, for all, future Purposes.

0040624190-1

I,Renu Sangwan W/O Vijender Singh,R/O Plot No-38A,2nd-Floor Har-Vihar Kakrola Delhi-110078,have changed my name to Renu. 0040624190-9

**I,Rajni** Rathi W/o Parveen

Kumar Mann, R/o-C-45, Raghubir Enclave Najafgargh, Delhi-110043.have changed

my name to Rajni Mann Permanently. 0040624157-2 I,Rajinder Kaur,D/o Sh.Pritam Singh Makker, W/o Sh.Amarjeet Singh Sapra, R/o-D-209, Ram Prastha Colony, Chander-Nagar,Ghaziabad U.P-201011, have changed my

Rajinder Kaur, for all, future Purposes. 0040624195-5

name from Rajinder to

I,Rajesh Bhardwaj,S/o Charan Dass,R/o A-18,S.F.Emaar Emerald Hills, Sector-56,Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Bhardwaj.

0040624195-3

I, RAJESH KUMAR S/O HARBANS LAL CHOPRA R/O B-424,SUDERSHAN PARK.RAMESH NAGAR, DEI HI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJESH KUMAR CHOPRA.

0040624195-1

I.Prakash Chand Verma.S/O Shri Bhola Ram,R/o H.No.94, Block-A Shahbad Dairy Sahibabad Daulatnur Delhi-110042, inform that the Prakash Chand Verma and Parkash both are the same and one person.

0040624190-7

I,Naresh Kumar Thakur,S/o Keshav Ram Thakur, R/o-Prakash-Nagar App.,Plot.No.7,Flat.No.5,Secon d-Floor, Street. No. 3, Mandawali,Fazalpur Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name To Naresh Thakur, For All Purposes.

0040624183-7

I,NO.3011935H,Hav Clk VIVEK PANDEY, R/o-VILLAGE-CHHATAMI, PO-RADHA SWAMI DHAM, TEHSIL-GYANPUR, DISTT-BHADOHI, UP-221303, Presently serving with 19-RAJPUT(BIKANER) c/o-56,APO-912119,inform that the my, son name is recordedwrongly in my, service record as ARHIUDAY PANDEY instead of ABHYUDAY PANDEY my, son actual-name is ABHYUDAY PANDEY. 0040624182-10

I,NO-14844941-L,NK TEG PAL SINGH DECLARE THAT AS PER MY SERVICE-RECORD MY MOTHER-NAME & DOB **ERRONEOUSLY RECORDED AS** JAYSHRI DEVI AND DOB-01/07/1958, HER CORRECT-NAME JAYSHRI & DOB-01/01/1969 WHICH MAY BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.

0040624183-8

I.Mohd Shahid R/o K-418,419,New Seelampur,Delhi-110053, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Mansha Shahid to Mansha Ansari for all purposes. 0040624188-10 **I,Manoj** Sachdeva,S/o Shyam Lal Sachdeva,R/o-403,Santosh Apptt.Plot no.39-B.Sec-6. Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed name to Manoj Kumar Sachdeva.

0040624188-6

I,Mamta,W/o Arun Kumar kuwar, Resident H.No-A.27 2nd-FlooR dayal bagh-colony Surajkund faridabad-121009, Hariyana,changed my name to Mamta kunwar.

0040624182-2 I.Mahesh Kumar,S/O Nanak Ram, R/O-435, Sainik Vihar,

Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to MAHESH KUMAR CHANDWANI. 0040624188-4 I,MUSTAFA BAQAR,S/O JALILUR. REHMAN R/O-1198.TOP-FLOOR GALI MAZARWALI KALAN

MAHAL DARYA GANJ, DELHI-2, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

0040624182-3 **I,Lela** Kumari,W/o Daulat Ram,R/o K-35-A,20FT,Road Part-II, Chanakya Place New Delhi-110059,changed my name to Leela Kumari.

MUSTAFA BAKAR.

0040624185-2

I,Jitender Singh Negi,S/O Shri Madan Mohan Singh R/O-A-2/168,4th Floor, Sector-17.Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Jitendra Singh Negi.

0040624188-1

LJC-381042H Sub Pramod Kumar Dwivedi S/o Shri Ramprasad Dwivedi, Inform that in My Service Records, My Mrs Name was wronglywritten as Uramila Devi, instead of her actual-Name is Urmila.

0040624183-4

I,Harpreet Vohra,S/O-Mr.Surjit Singh Vohra,R/O G-1203,The Palm Drive, Golf Course Extension Road, Sector-66 Gurugram(Haryana)changed my name.from Harpreet Singh Vohra to Harpreet Vohra. From now I shall be known by this name.

0040624195-8

I,Pankhuri Sikka D/o Girish Kumar Sikka R/o H.No.5/103.Nirankari Colony Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Pankkhurii Sikka for all, purposes.

0040624195-4 I,HAMIDA BEGAM,D/O MOHD YASEEN R/O H.NO.274/A SHRI RAM NAGAR SHAHDRA.DELHI-110032, HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO SANJEEDA.

0040624182-7 I, Gireesh A.S S/o Sadasivan A. K.R/o-House.No.3.SLG-1.B-8.B-Block, Dilshad Colony, Jhilmil, East Delhi-95, have changed my name to Girish Sadasivan Anakkallil,for all, future purposes

0040624190-8 I.Devender Pal Singh S/o Prem Singh,R/o 36 Parmarth-Apartment, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, have changed the name of my minordaughter Japneet Chawla to Janneet Kaur Chawla for

all, future purposes.

I,Deepak Kumar,R/o-6/270C, Nirankari colony, Dr.Mukheriee Nagar.New Delhi-110009, have changed my minor-Son name Yatharth Saxena to Yatharth Kumar, for all, future Purposes.

0040624182-5 I,Chhaya Sharma,W/O-Sagar Kamboj R/O 1312,Plot No-49,

Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have Changed my name to Chhaya Kamboj.

0040624188-2 I,Bhawana,W/O-Mahesh Kumar Chandwani,R/O 435, Sainik Vihar, Pitam Pura,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to

Neelkanth

BHAWANA CHANDWANI.

I,Balbir Singh Makhija,S/o Wazir Chand R/o J-113,Rajouri Garden New Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Balbir Singh.

0040624182-4

I.Baby W/o-Mohd Subhan Ansari, R/o K-347, J.J. Colony, Wazirpur, Ashok-Vihar, New Delhi-110052,have changed my name Ashma, for all purposes.

0040624190-6 I,AVDHESH S/O-RAM SAMUJH

R/O 522,H-BLOCK, MANGOLPURI, DELHI- $110083. {\sf HAVE\,CHANGED\,MY}$ NAME TO AVADHESH PRASAD, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040624190-3 I,ANIL KUMAR ROY S/O BILAT

RAIR/O KHNO.29/4/2. GALINO.3, MAIN ROAD, SANGAM-VIHAR, BURARI, DELHI-110084.CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR RAI.

**I,** Suresh Kumar, R/o B-16/G-4 DILSHAD GARDEN DELHI 110095 have changed the name of my minor child aged 14 years from Shubh to Shubh Shakyawar. 0070796325-1

I. Subedin S/o Shri Chanda R/o-97, Dindarpur, Najafgarh, N.Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Sube Singh S/o Shri Chanda for all Purposes 0070796297-

I, Sarabjit Singh Nanda s/o Inderjit Singh Nandar/o WZ-87-A, Gali No.-5, Shiv Nagar, Delhi-110058 have changed my name to SARABJEET SINGH 0040624090-1

I, Sabeena Chowdhary, r/o 305, silver arch apartment, 22, feroze shah road, New Delhi, declare that I have changed my minor son's name from Arkayan Goswami to Arkaayan Goswami (d.o.b-29.09.2006), for all future purposes, vide affidavit dated 25.07.2022 before Notary public, Delhi.

0040624108-1 I, RAMESH KUMAR BANSAL S/O RAM PRATAP BANSAL R/O TP-147 3RD-FLOOR NR RAM MANDIR, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO RAMESH BANSAL.

0040624195-11

I, Purnima Sharma, w/o Sh. Anil Kumar, R/o-. RZ -50, Shyam Vihar, near Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 hereby declare that my real and correct name is Purnima  $Sharma\ and\ the\ name$ Purnima and Purnima Sharma pertain to one and same

I.Girisha Saini.D/o-Late Dinesh

0040624179-1

Kumar Saini, R/o RZ A-22,Adarsh Nagar,Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059. infom that in my policy No.330896031,my name has wrongly mentioned as Baby Muskaan instead of Girisha

0040624188-7

I. Privanka W/o Hitesh Malhotra R/o C-1/4 Jiwan Jyoti Apartments Pitampura Delhi have changed my name as Priyanka Malhotra permanently

0040624134-2

I. Priva W/O Sh. Subhash. R/O A-143, Wazirpur, J.J. Colony, North West Delhi, Delhi-110052 Have changed my Name from Priya To Poonam for allfuture purposes.

0040624089-1 I, Nitin Kumar Jain S/o Pawan Kumar Jain,R/o-D-119,

changed my name to Nitin Jain Permanently. 0040624157-1 I, Lija Kalathil W/o Balram V Gopal R/o H. Name Aswathy Tc 10/926 (12) Vra 106 Peroorkada Trivandrum Kerala-695005 Do

Hereby Declare That I Have

Changed My Name From Lija

Kalathil to Lija Balram for All

Public.

Mahendru-Enclave Opp, Model

Town-III,Delhi-110009,have

Future Purposes Vide Affidavit Dt. 24-07-2022 Before Notary

0040623882-1 I. LAL ASA VERMA, W/o RAJESH KUMAR MAURYA, R/o 672/A, Gali No 16, Adarsh Mohalla, Maujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to LALSA

0070796089-1

I. Krishnanand S/O Ram Rekha R/O C-371, Street No 42, Mahavir Enc, Part-III, New Delhi-110059, changed my name to Krishnanand Shastri vide affidavit dated 23-07-22 Sworn before notary Komal Singh Suman RN No 4127/07, NCT Delhi.

0040624079-1

L Harish Kumar Gunta S/o Parmod Kumar R/o-4643, First Floor, Gali. No.-15, Jai Mata Market, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Sonu Gupta for all future purposes.

I, Fatima Wasim W/o Mohd Wasim Mian R/o 2794, Gali Garhiya, Kucha Chelan, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, have  $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Fatima$ for all purposes.

I, Deepak Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Mane Ram Sharma R/o E-467 Gali. No. 8 Jagjit Nagar, Brahampuri, Delhi-110053, have declare that in my son Aray Sharma School record my name written-as Deepak Sharma instead of Deepak Kumar Sharma. In future I, will be known-as Deepak Kumar

Sharma for all purposes.

I, Anuj Aggarwal, S/O-Sajjan Kumar Aggarwal R/O-G-29/140-141, Sector-3, Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed the name of my minor daughter aged 16-years from GAZAL GARG to GAZAL AGGARRWAL.

No.13, Bhajanpura, Delhi-

 $name\,wrongly\,written\,as$ 

forever.

110053, inform that my father

0040624188-3 I, Aman Singh R/o H.No.302, Khasra No.309 & 310, Gali

**BUTH SINGH in my Driving** Licence. But correct name is BUDH SINGH. 0040624077-1 I, ARNAB BANERJEE, S/o TARA PRASAD BANDOPADHYA, R/o 1201-A, Marvel Homes, Block-B, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my minor Daughter's name from NIHARIKA BANERJEE, aged 13 years to NIHARIKA DOSHI 0070796321-1 I. ANJU BANERJEE, D/o

RAVINDRAKUMAR DOSHI and W/o ARNAB BANERJEE, R/o 1201-A, Marvel Homes, Block-Lawyer's Chamber K-86, Near Gate No.2, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054. B, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-NORTHERN RAILWAY 201301, have changed my

I hitherto known as Deepak Kumar Goyal S/o Mahender Kumar R/o HNo. D-280, First Floor, Gupta Farm, Krishna Park,Khanpur, Delhi.have changed the name of Deepak

name to ANJU DOSHI.

I, Girish S/o Hoti Lal Gupta R/o C-28 J.J.Colony, Shakurpur Delhi have changed my name as Girish Kumar Gupta permanently 0040624134-1

LOST & FOUND

L Jiban Krishna Das S/o Late R. P. Das have lost my original copy of NOC of water and electricity connection issued by DDA at the time of possession of my flat, 7D, Pocket B, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, Finders may contact at above address.

0040624151-1

**I,** Ashima Sharma, D/o Sh. V.D. Sharma, R/o-B-75, BSF, CGHS Sector-32, Pi-1, Greater Noida. (signing authority through power of attorney given by Sh Vishal Sharma the actual property owner) lost Original Allotment letter (Builder Byer Agreement) of Purvanchal Royal City, Flat No. 1230, Tower-8, Sector-Chi-5, Greater Noida, 0070796312-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Single Storey, Nand Nagri Delhi-110093. Smt.Meena S/d/W/o Shree Sirajuddin, have lost the DDA Documents1.Demand Letter 2. Possession cum allotment Letter 3. Possession Slip 4. NOC (electricity And Water Connection) for 1637, Janta Flats, Single Story, Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093.1 have also FIR in Police Station Vide LR No.527684/2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I. Mohammad Zahid S/o. Mohammad Yusuf R/o. B-1/131, Gali No.-1, Kabir Nagar, Gokal pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as MD Zahid and Gulista in my minor daughter Sumayya aged 14 years in her school records. The actual name of mine and The actual name of mine and my wife are Mohammad Zahio and Gulista Parveen res amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE ent Mrs. Sonila Sharma D/o Late Sm nandralekha Sharma, R/o House No Chandralekha Sharma, R/o House No, 7, C-2/C Pocket No. 12, Janakpuri B-1, Delhi-110058 is one of the owner of Flat No. C-1/1686, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070. The original Conveyance deed dated 28.08.2008 duly registered as document No. 17,600 additional Box No. 1 Volume No. 3128 on pages 42 to 43 in the office of Sub-registrar-VII, Delhi ad been lost or misplaced near Janakpuri District Centre, Delhi on 25.07.2022 at around 14:15 p.m. If anybody finds the same, please return at the address mentioned below. MADHUR ARORA-ADVOCATE 128-A, (R.S. BLOCK), STREET NO. 14, BHOLA NATH NAGAR, SHAHDARA, DELHI - 110032

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PUBLIC NOTICE

B1-7/8. MALKA GANJ. DELHII. has a disowned and disinherited her son anamely, MANISH SHARMA from all opublication in two newspapers i.e., Jansatta (Hindi) & Indian Express (English) both dated 24.07.2022. Now the matter has been compromised/settled amicably between my client and her son with their free will and consent and without any pressure, coercion or undue influenced and the son been compromised to the compressure, coercion or undue influenced and without any pressure, coercion or undue influenced and their pressure, coercion or undue influenced and without many pressure, coercion or undue influenced and without many pressure, coercion or undue influenced and without many pressure, coercion or undue influenced and without the coercial and harmonious relations as aerifer with her son namely MANISH SHARMA, because he felt sorry for his previous dreadful acts and behavior towards myclient.

DAVINDER KUMAR - ADVOCATE DAVINDER KUMAR - ADVOCATE

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30-Elect-14-T-R2-21-22-E3 Electrical work in connection with provision Centralized Control and Command Center (C-4) at BRSQ Railway Station. location 2. Approx cost of the works in Rs. 109.39 lacs 3. Address of the office Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi 4. Earnest Money tender 6. Opening of tender 17.08.2022,12.00 Hrs. 7. Website & notice board www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

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Be it known to everyone that our client Sh. Jagdish Tyagi S/o Late Sh. Mahender Singh R/o D-16 Lord Krishna Road Adarsh Nagar Delhi-110033, has severed all relationship from his elder son Sh. Devesh Tyagi, on account of his Misbehavior and disrespect. Our client has disowned & debarred hir from all moveable and immoveable properties and our client will not be responsible for the acts, deeds and (Amit Kocher) Advocat

(RNK LEGAL) Mobile.: 8860070030

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"My clients Satyanarayan Beniwal S/o
Lale Sh. Shodyal Beniwal and Kilabo
Devi Wlo Sh. Satyanarayan Beniwal
both R/O - C - W/29, Balbir Nagar,
Suleman Nagar, Kirari, North West
Delhi - 110086 have severed all their
relations from their Son Shri. Vijay
Beniwal and his wife Himanshi Beniwal
and their children was disowned &
debarred him from all moveable and
immovable properties, assets and
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Chamber No. 158A, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi-110054 **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

ALANKRIT TANDON ADVOCATE

General public is hereby informed that my client/s Mr. Hari Kishan Gupta S/o Late Mr. R.P. Gupta is the owner of Entire Prop. No. B-1187, (E-42), built on Old Plot No. 42, area 100 sq. yrd., at Shastri Nagar, Delhi, Initially Mr. Tejinder Singh vide GPA & his wife Ms. Kamlesh Kumari Arora vide ATS & Two Wills. was the owners Later on Mr. Tejinder Singh died. Survivor Certificate of Late Mr. Tejinder Singh was not obtained. Any person having any claim in respect of the above said mentioned of inheritance, transfer, mortgage or otherwise, whatsoever, are requested to inform the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned on below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of publication hereof together with copies of all documents on the basis which claims area made, filing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on myclients.

Manoj Kumar, Advocate Ch. No. 192, Tis Hazari Courts (Civil Side) Delhi-110054 Mobile No. 9868581889

**PUBLIC NOTICE** General Public is hereby informed that Sh. Sukhjeet Singh S/o Sh Kulwant Singh R/o II/55/5, Sada Bazar, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi 110010, owner of lease-hold rights & egal possessor of property bear egai possessor of property bearing.

No. II/55/5 & part of property no. II/55/10 Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt

Survey No. 49/15 has requeste Delhi Cantoment Board for recording his name in the House Ta Register in respect to proper legister in respect to proper earing No. II/55/5 & part of proper o. II/55/10 Sadar Bazar, Delhi Car o. Survey No. 49/15 being the own of lease-hold rights in the sai roperty. The said property is in h xclusive possession. If any person has objection to the recording of h name in respect of the sai properties, he/she/they may file his/her/their objection(s) within 30 days of the publication of this not to the Chief Executive Officer Delhi Cantonment Board, failin which the matter for recording of th name in the House Tax Register qu the said properties shall b considered by the competer authority in accordance with law.

Singh S/o Sh. Kulwant Singh R II/55/5, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cant New Delhi- 110010. SHAHID KHAN Enrol. No. D/7293/19 Lawyer's Chamber Bloc Rohini Courts Complex

For and on behalf of Sh. Sukhji

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

General Public is hereby informed th Sh. Jasbir Singh Loyal S/o Late S Joginder Singh Loyal P/o II/40/1 Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt, New Delli 110010, owner of lease-hold rights legal possessor of Property No. III/40/ II/40/1A, II/40/2, II/40/4, II/40/5, II/40/13 II/40/11 II/40/12 II/40/13 II/40/13 requested Delhi Cantonment Board for recording his name in the House Ta. Register in respect to Property No III/401, III/4012, III/4014, III/4012, III/4014, III/4015, III/4014, III/4015, III/4014, III/4017, III/4014, III/4017, III/4017,

or and on behalf of Sh. Jasbir Singh oyal S/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh oyal R/o II/40/14 Sadar Bazar, Delh antt, New Delhi -110010.

SHAHID KHA Advocate Enrol. No. D/7293/19 Lawyer's Chamber Block Rohini Courts Complex New Delhi-110088

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

it known to the general public that of intess, Mrs. Rajni Jindal, W/o. Lat render Jindal, aged 60 years, resider House No. 106-107, Second Floc cket- D-1, Sector-11, Rohini, Delh Mrs. Chinu Jindal, Wo Sh. Anshu Jinda and disowned. Sh. Anshu Jinda and Mrs. Chinu Jindal shall have n right, title, interest or claim whatsoever the movable and immovable propertie of our said clientess and she shall not tresponsible for their act(s), deed(s commission(s), or omission(s).

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मण्डोला विहार योजना गाजियाबाद के सेक्टर—6 में आन्तरिक सड़कों एवं विभिन्न प्रका के सेमीफिनिश्ड भवनों के निर्माण कार्य हेतु टू— बिड सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत ऑनलाईन निविदाए अल्पकालीन ई—निविदा सचना संख्या—१०५१ / पी०आर०ओ०—५०ई / ५०, दिनांक २५.०७,२०२२ द्वारा आमंत्रित की गयी है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाइट www.upavp.com ए गर्यालय में किसी भी कार्यदिवस में देखा जा सकता है। अधीक्षण अभियन्त

> **NORTHERN RAILWAY** NOTICE INVITING TENDER

30-Elect-20-T-2022-23-E3 Electrical work in connection with regarding wiring & cable laving its location work at the Hostel of DTTS Building, New Ghaziabad Approx. Cost of the work ₹17.79 Lakh Bid Security ₹35,600/-Sr. Divil Elect, Engineer/General, New Delhi Address of the office

Date & Time of submission of tender 22.08.2022, 12:00 Hrs.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 1883/22

(b) Disabled soldiers

(d) Spouse/Widow of Ex-Serviceman

(c) Ex-Servicemen

RO. No. 462

Opening of Tender

Website &

notice board

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. एक नवरान कम्पनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking) ISIC Business Park, New MDBP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Ind. Estate, New Delhi- 1100; TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

22.08.2022, 12:00 Hrs.

www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

Online tenders in Single Bid system are invited for SERVICE PERTAINING TO SUBSTATION AND ELECTRICAI NSTALLATION AT MMLP/BARHI, SONIPAT (HARYANA) FOR 24 MONTHS only through e-tendering mode The bid document can only be downloaded after paying ₹1,000/- through online from the websit (www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL CON/AREA-1/TECH/ELECT/AMC/MMLP/BARHI/2022 Tender No. Estimated Cost ₹24,79,466/- (Inclusive of GST) Period of the contract 24 Months (As per Clause-6 of Section -II) ₹49,589/- (through e-payment) as per clause 2.1 (a) of Section-I Earnest Money Deposit\* ₹1,000/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment Cost of Document Tender Processing Fee\* ₹1,463/- (Inclusive of 18% GST) through e-payment which is Non-refundable Date of Sale (Online) From 27.07.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. to 16.08,2022 up to 16:00 Hrs. 17.08.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs. (E-Tendering Mode Only) Date & Time of submission

Date & Time of Opening Through e-Payment CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For completed the control of the control Group General Manager/Technical (Area-1) etails logon to www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL.

18.08.2022 at 15:30 Hrs.

01x Tea Coffee & Snack Bar at CTVS building as Regimental Shops is likely to be available for allotment at Army Hospital (R &  $\overline{R}$ ), Delhi Cantt-10 initially for one year and extendable for a period of maximum five years subject to revision of licence fee as per the policy in vogue.

Priority of allotment will be given to the following category of eligible applicants in the order mentioned through a bid system (a) Widows of defence persons killed while on duty

Application form can be obtained from Olo Head Clerk, Army Hospital (R&R) from 1000h to 1300h within 15 days of publication of this notice in newspaper. Eligible volunteers may submit their application alongwith discharge book/documents within 15 days of publication of the advertisement addressed to

"The Commandant, Army Hospital (R&R) Delhi Cantt-110010" in a sealed envelope (B Nambiar)

Army Hospital (R&R)



Office of the EE (Solar), "Ujjwal" Maharani Bagh, G.M.S Road, UJVN Ltd, Dehradun, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below: Tender No: 04/EE(SOLAR)/2022-23

Tender Notice

Name of the Work: Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Net metering work of proposed 15 kW grid connected roof top Solar Powe Plant on SHP office, Near THDC Colony, Rishikesh, Dehradun. Estimated Cost: Rs 1029529 (GST exclusive) Date for availability of tender on web site: 26.07.2022.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer (Solar) "AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

Last date for submission of Tender: 16.08.2022 till 16:00 Hrs.

NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar,(U.P)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति नौएडा परिक्षेत्र में कार्यरत पथ विक्रेताओं को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिन पथ विक्रेताओं के द्वारा माननीय जिला न्यायालय गौतमबुद्धनगर, माननीय उच्च न्यायालय इलाहाबाद उ०प्र० एवं माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय में यदि पथ विक्रय स्थल की मांग हेतु याचना की गई है तो वह पथ विक्रेता अपनी याचिका में उपलब्ध मैमो पार्टी अर्थात जिस पृष्ठ पर सभी याचिकाकर्ताओं का विवरण उपलब्ध होता है की प्रति तथा माननीय न्यायालय द्वारा संबंधित याचिका में यदि कोई आदेश पारित किये है तो उक्त आदेश की प्रति एवं संबंधित पथ विक्रेता/याचिकाकर्ता अपना प्रत्यावेदन दिनांक 02.08.2022 को अपराहन 2.00 बजे इन्द्रिरा गांधी कला केन्द्र, सैक्टर-6 नौएडा में अपना पक्ष रखने के लिए उपस्थित होने

(इन्दु प्रकाश सिंह) विशेष कार्याधिकारी, नौएडा।

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION

HEAD OFFICE, 12, THAMBUSAMY ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI-10

Ph. No. (044) 26426773 Email id : tncsc.tn@nic.in CIN:U15137TN19 BS4/012880/2022/TNCSC/22-23/ET-21 Date: 26.07.2022 e-TENDER NOTICE

Complete e-Tender document can be viewed and downloaded through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncse and also available in www.tenders.tn.gov.in The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital

Online e-tender invited for "THE PURCHASE OF 1,55,000 Nos.

of 'Y' cone as per specification

DIPR / 3554 / Tender / 2022

Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III. For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED,

Phone: 25222842 / 25251910 / 25261005 e-Mail: mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in

Last Date for Online Submission: 12,08,2022 at 11,00 A.M.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

UTTARAKHAND SAHKARI CHINI MILLS SANGH LTD. (UTTARAKHAND SUGARS NFAR- RAILWAY CROSSING. BADRIPUR ROAD. JOGIWALA, DEHRADUN- 24800 Telephone: (0135) 2666987, 2666988

சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போட

E-mail: uksugars@gmail.com Website: www.uttarakhandsugars.com Letter No 810 Date 26-07-2022

E-Tender Notice For Sale of BISS SUGAR YEAR 2019-20 Online e-tenders are invited from reputed buyers of BISS SUGAR YEAR 2019-20 available in our cooperative sugar mills Bazpur as per detail given in tender document Tender of BISS Sugar Year 2019-20 will be uploaded up to 06.00 P.M. on 22.08.2022 and Technical and Financial bid will be opened on the scheduled date 23.08.2022 a 10:30 A.M. to 03:30 P.M.

Tender documents can be downloaded from e-tender portal https://uktenders.gov.ii

or Federation's website www.uttarakhandsugars.com. The bidders will have to

deposit tender fees (Non Refundable) of Rs. 2,000/- (18% GST Extra) & earnes

money in the form of Demand Draft/RTGS /NEFT /NET BANKING for Rs. 30.00 pe quintal (Rupees Thirty Per Quintal ) in favour of Uttarakhand Cooperative Suga Factories Federation Ltd. Pavable at Dehradun. Tenders without earnest money will no be accepted. The bank details are available inside the tender document. The details for submission of The E-Bids is available on the E-Tender Portals www.uktenders.gov.in & www.uttarakhandsugars.com from 27.07.2022 at 06.00

any reason. The decision of administrator shall be final and binding. इस निविदा के सम्बन्ध में सभी संशोधन, स्पष्टीकरण, शुद्धिपत्र, परिशिष्ट, समय वृद्धि आदि को केवल <u>www.uktenders.gov.in</u> & <u>www.uttarakhandsugars.com</u> पर ही दिया जायेगा । निविदादाता अद्यतन जानकारी के लिए नियमित रूप से इन वेबसाइटों को पढते

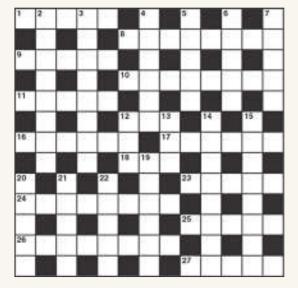
PM. The administrator reserves the right to cancel any or all E-Bids without assigning

MANAGING DIRECTOR

shall hereafter be known

Deepak Kumar Goyal.

#### CROSSWORD 4804



#### ACROSS

- Fishes in shallow water (5)
- A letter I composed is well expressed(8) Man of affairs? (5)
- 10 Case involves every one in a trial (3.5)
- 11 Highest tree by the way
- 12 Means justification? (3)
- 16 King is rattling good sport (6)
- 17 Give way concerning a fast time(6)
- 18 Happy to be back from Italy
- 23 It's rolled back for the opening
- 24 Having responsibility in attack (2.6)25 Worker constantly striking (5)
- 26 A firm grasp of what hunger strikers aim to do (4,4)
- 27 Being stupid I upset Anne (5)

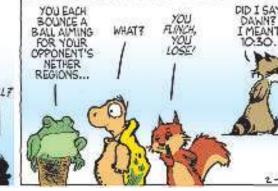
#### DOWN

- Perhaps he is link in foreign
- capital(8) A sign of wrong and right we hear in a puzzle
- Glutton takes an age to finish a
- bird(6) Respond to a trace of
- difference(5) Bottle-opener and drinks in
- packs (5)
- Ocean bed2 (5
- 12 Food produced in layers
- 13 Dull but not raining (3) 14 Senior citizen (8)
- 15 Prepare for take-off? (8) 19 An impressive time of the
- year?(6) 20 Getting drunk is not free (5)
- 21 A nut case it's said involved in
- a row (5) 22 Port and orange (5)

Solutions Crossword 4803: Across: 1 Vociferous, 6 Scum, 10 Eaten, 11 Cattleman, 12 Mediator, 13 Relic, 15 Curtail, 17 Despair, 19 At large, 21 Bootees, 22 Het up, 24 Self-made, 27 Subaltern, 28 Teeth, 29 Shoe, 30 Interested. Down: 1 Vied, 2 Cathedral, 3 Fungi, 4 Recital, 5 Uttered, 7 Carmel, 8 Manicurist, 9 Alfresco, 14 Act as hosts, 16 Abruptly, 18 Amendment, 20 Eastern, 21 Balance, 23 Taboo, 25 Metre,

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis





#### CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong





SOLUTION SUDOKU 4907



#### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip

If \_\_\_were a book, they would cut the last two chapters - Nora Ephron (9)



**EELRCY ERRUGP** 

प्रपत्र सं0–1

dated: 22.07.2022

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Answer: If **pregnancy** were a book, they would cut the last two chapters - Nora Ephron SOLUTION: ARENA, PINON, CELERY, PURCER

#### Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

SUDOKU

Difficulty Level 5s

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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5	7	8	2	9	6	3	1	4
9	3	4	8	1	7	6	5	2
8	6	7	4	3	2	5	9	1
4	9	1	5	7	8	2	3	6
3	5	2	1	6	9	4	7	8

#### **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Venus makes subtle angles to a series of planets, encouraging you to seek inspiration and sympathy from friends and colleagues. Those of you at work will discover that it's who you know that counts, not what you do. Given that intense passions could erupt at

any moment, you should never slip into complacency. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You can take advantage of

growing planetary alignments with secretive sectors of your chart to increase your privacy and spend more time by yourself. Over the next few weeks, peace and quiet will be a commodity in increasing demand, and there's no reason why you should reveal all to people with whom you're uncomfortable.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) That sensitive sign, Pisces, has been having its say in your

life and your instincts have been telling you to bide vour time over career and professional issues. However, you may now put delicate considerations to one side and press ahead with your usual vigour.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The Moon is casting

its rays far and wide, especially over those sections of your chart with responsibility for close and intimate partnerships. Friendships with people who are older, more mature and experienced should be favoured, especially if there's any chance that you might end up living together.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) It looks like a hardworking day. There's a general air of excitement, but today is a good time to get your shoulder to the wheel and press ahead with routine but highly

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

necessary chores. My only

concern is that you might push



yourself too hard.

but for honest toil. However, the planets are in a slightly chaotic mood, and with the Moon quite sensitive, today you must give priority to pleasure, romance and cultural excursions

#### BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Jupiter, the ruler of opportunity and enthusiasm is the planet of the moment. If professional ambitions are at the top of the agenda the outcome can only be good. The one problem is your tendency to offend those whose

support you. Put yourself at

their disposal and they won't

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Although financial

forget it.

indications are relatively benign, you need to do your sums and ensure that you are not making a rod to beat yourself with. Don't take on commitments you won't be able to keep, especially if you are under duress from partners to make a quick agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)  $Something\,that\\$ 

brought you up short recently should not be allowed to make you feel undermined. You are too big a person and the future is too bright, to allow you to carry resentment around for long. If you feel that somebody has been unfair, then you can't do anything about it until you have found the right approach.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The Sun and Mercury

are sparkling away in your solar chart, bringing fresh light to areas of your life that have

long been buried deep beneath a mountain of emotional verbiage. Now's the time to break free, perhaps while someone who has been blocking your path is looking the other way.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Be prepared to take



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

made crystal clear and you

alternatives are.

might even find out what the



you to be feeling neglected and hard done by. Right now, you may be considering spending your way to happiness and why not? You have earned the right to a little luxury, as long as you're careful.

#### कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय राष्ट्रीय उच्च पथ प्रमंडल,देवघर

<u>ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना</u>

अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा प्रसंग

सं0-NH/Deoghar/JHR/F2/04 (2nd Call) दिनांक:-25/07/2022 Paver block & Tree Painting work

		on both side of road from km 60.560
1.	कार्य का नाम	(Commisioner Residence) to km
		62.760 (DC Chowk, Dumka) of
		NH 114A for the year 2022-23.
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4.	होने की तिथि एवं समय	27.07.2022 (11.00 HIS)
5.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा उपलब्धता	02.08.2022 (12:00 Hrs)
J.	की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	02.08.2022 (12.00 1118)
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कार्यपालक अभियंता राष्ट्रीय उच्च पथ प्रमंडल,देवघर PR 274541 Deoghar(22-23).D

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY** 

**E-TENDER NOTICE** 

E-Tender Notice for supply of materials-"participation in through" web portal of IREPS

www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials: The closing time

10103 Nos.

88 sets

26 sets

24 Nos.

221 sets

51 Nos.

3191 Nos

81 Nos.

14 sets

1035 Nos

1 Nos.

249 Nos.

Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS-

www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and

detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the

PR/0693/HQ/Store/T/22-23/104 Principal Chief Material Manager/ECR/Hajipur

Batch No: 129/22

**OPEN TENDER** 

01 03223376

05 | 03223808

06 03223857

07 03223746

08 06211003

11 | 14211530

12 | 14225008

for all tenders is at 14 00 hr

S.N. Tender No. Brief Description

02 14215008C Supply, installation, testing

03 03223476 Set of Overhauling kits

04 03223769 Combined inter/after cooler

Relay q11

10 14213332 Battery set for WAG-9 loco

09 03223475 | Concentric Valve assly.

13 03220004A Modified arrangement

IOH BPS Gasket

Overhauling kit

EP valve for snubber circuit

complete for SR and FB

Capacitor bank harmoni

filter 66 6 micro fd for FE

panel of WAG 9 loco

Led type emergency light

unit for self generating

nanufacturing, testing

and supply of 05 MVA

for transmission screw

power transformer

Design, engineering,

Brake block for WAG-9

and commissioning of

750 V, 3 phase isolating

#### भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berh Established by the Ministry of Education, Go

	e-render Notice					
IISER Berhampur invites e-Tenders for the below-mentioned goods/services						
	NIT No. & Date	Detail of Goods/ Services	Last Date of Submission			
	IISERBpr/S&P/2022-23/29 dt. 20/07/2022	Hiring of 52-seater bus (Off line tender)	July 29, 2022 (15:00 Hrs)			
		Physical property measurement system with 14T superconducting magnet	August 17, 2022 (15:00 Hrs)			

For participation, please visit the website i.e. https://www.tenderwizard.com/IISERBP. Complete details of specification of goods and services, and tender documents are available on the Institute website i.e. http://www.iiserbpr.ac.ln/tender.php and https://eprocure.gov.ln. Any corrigendum etc.will be notified on the above websites only. क्रय एवं भण्डार अधिकारी

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is here by informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) name: unknown, residence and family is unknown about 55-60 years of age was found dead at 4568, Gali No. 42, Regarpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi dated 21.07.2022. In this regard a DD No. 23-A, Dated 21.07.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Karol Bagh,

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: about 55-60 years, Height: 5'4" ft. Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Orange colour Langot.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

DP/1688/CD/2022

P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhl Ph. No.: 011-25726870, 28721115 Mob. No.: 8750870430

#### e-Procurement Cell **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT,** JHARKHAND, RANCHI

### e-Procurement Notice

Re e-Tender Reference No.-BCD/ Special Works Division, Ranchi/08/2022-23 Date-26-07-22

		Proposed Residential Complex for			
1	Name of Work	Honourable MLA'S in Core Capital			
		Area at Site-1 ,HEC Area , Ranchi.			
		Rs 200,97,30,000/- (Rupees Two			
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Hundred Crore Ninty Seven Lacs			
		Thirty Thousand ) only.			
3	Time of Completion	24(Twenty Four) Months			
4	Date of Publication of Tender on	04-08-2022 at 11:00 A.M.			
L.	Website				
5	Pre Bid Meeting	10-08-2022 at 3:00 P.M.			
6	Last Date/Time of Submission of	24-08-2022upto 5:00 P.M.			
0	Bids	24-00-2022upto 3:00 1:1vi.			
7	Last Date/Time of Submission of	26-08-2022 upto 11:30 A.M.			
	Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	20-08-2022 upto 11.30 A.W.			
8	Date/Time of opening of Bid	26-08-2022 at 12:00 P.M.			
	Name & Address of office Inviting	e-Procurement Cell, Building			
9	tender	construction department, Jharkhand,			
	tender	Ranchi-834004			
10	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0651-2446166/7739288270			
11	Helpline Number of e-procurement	0651-2446166			
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e-Procurement Cell **Building Construction Department** PR 274509 Building(22-23).D Jharkhand, Ranchi.

#### JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking) 3rd floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.

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PR No.: 269890
Corrigendum 3

All bidders are hereby announced that Corrigendum 3 is released for tender having **NIT No.:** JUIDCO/NIT/RWWSS/JUWSP/2022/480 and Tender ID.: 2022 JUADB 58591 1 for " Construction and five years of Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Intake works in Ranchi.". The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids against the tender.

Note: Corrigendum 3 can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e., (http://jharkhandtenders. gov.in) Project Director (Technical)

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

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Dheeraj Rai S/o Baij Nath Rai R/o Village Chakwalli Dyara PS Mathiyani, Distt. Begusarai, Bihar, Present Add.: Vegabond NDRS, Near Pul Pahar Ganj Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No. 12/2020 U/s 380 IPC, P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Dheeraj Rai can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Dheeraj Rai has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Dheerai Rai of FIR No. 12/2020 U/s 380 IPC, P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.08.2022 By Order

Rajani Ranga, Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate-01, Room No. 366, 3rd floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



General Public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Mehak D/o Lt. Prakash R/o House No. C-772, Shiv Vihar, J.J. Colony, Hastsal, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi has been missing since 16.06.2022 from the area of P.S. Uttam Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 160A dated 16.06.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Uttam Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 22 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Firozi Colour Suit & Jamuni Colour Salwar and Orange Colour Chunni & Black Colour Chappal in feet.

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

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Dwarka Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-25377600,25377425

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#### Tender Notice No.03/2022-23/GVMC/CE/SE(P-III)/EE(PD-IV)/ DB/ Dt:25-07-2022 1.Number of Works 01 (One)

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

2. Value of works (ECV) Rs.178.96 Lakhs

3.Down loading Starting Date : 25-07-2022 @ 10.00 PM : 10-08-2022 @ 3.00 PM 4.Down loading End Date 5.Last date for Submission of bid: 10-08-2022 @ 4.00 PM

Note: Further details at http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in O/o the Executive Engineer (PD-IV) Division Chief Engineer, GVMC

#### 🗑 NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Tender Notice No: AGC-ELG-T-12-2022-23

E - Tender Notice Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General )N.C. Railway, Agra for and behalf of

resident of India invites." Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. Sr.No. AGC-ELG-T-12-2022-23

Provision of 220 KWp Solar Plant with Name of work with its AMC for 5 years in Agra Division. location & completion completion period -06 months Period Approx. Cost of the work ₹ 9963214.37 /-

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Flailways website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenders can only be submitted through web porter ww.ireps.gov.in.up to 15:00 hrs. on 17:08:2022 943/22(DG)

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CALL OPTION NOTICE TO BOND HOLDERS OF "9.07% Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited 2025 Tranche-I" LISTED, lotice is hereby given to the Bondholders of 2000 Nos. 9.07% Rajasthan Rajya Vidy

UNSECURED, NON-CONVERTIBLE, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE BONDS Prasaran Nigam Limited 2025 Tranche-I Listed, Unsecured, Non-convertible, Redeemable, Taxable Bonds (NCDs) of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited ("the Company"), issued on Private Placement Basis, that, the Company is xercising 'Call Option' to fully redeem the NCDs pursuant to the Disclosure Docume dated 22nd July 2013 which states that "these bonds also carry a Put and Call option a the end of 9th year and would be fully redeemed at the end of 9 years if either of the put or call option is exercised". The specific terms of the redemption are given below: INE572F08055 ISIN No.

Issue Description	9.07% Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran
	Nigam Limited 2025 Tranche-I
Face Value (Rs./Bond)	Rs. 10,00,000/-
Coupon Rate	9.07% p.a.
Deemed Date of Allotment	06th September 2013
No. of Bonds issued	2000
Issue Price & Redemption Price	At Par
Tenure	12 Years from the Deemed Date of Allotment
Date of Maturity	30% on 06th September 2023 (Rs. 3,00,000/-)
·	30% on 06th September 2024 (Rs. 3,00,000/-)
	40% on 06th September 2025 (Rs. 4,00,000/-)
Put/Call Option for seeking early redemption	At the end of 9th year from the Deemed Date of
	Allotment
Call Option Date	06th September 2022
Record Date for determining the Beneficial	20th August 2022
Owners for the purpose of payment of	
principal amount and final interest accrued	(Scheduled Record Date 21th August 2022
thereon	being holiday)
Listed on	BSE
Depositories	NSDL and CDSL
Registrar & Transfer Agent	Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd.

The redemption amount shall be paid to Beneficial Owners of above NCDs as existin on the Record Date by crediting the redemption amount to the bank account appearing the demat account of respective beneficial owners

Address/Bank Particulars in the demat account as appearing in the details provided by National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") / Central Depository Services (India Limited ("CDSL")/Registrar & Transfer Agent ("R&TA") only will be considered for payment of Redemption Amount, pursuant to exercise of Call Option.

The Bonds shall be taken as discharged on payment of the redemption amount by th company to the Beneficial Owners as existing on record date. The Company's liability to the Bondholders towards all their rights including payment or otherwise shall ceas and stand extinguished from the due date of redemption in all events.

Place: Jaipur Date: 25-07-2022 (Vijay Mathur) Jt. Director (Corporate Affairs) cur RRVPN/TR-5527/2022

New Delhi

Company Secretary

New Delhi: Lovlina Borgohain's personal coach Sandhya Gurung on Tuesday received her accreditation for the Commonwealth Games, a day after the Olympic bronze medallist claimed her preparation for the event was getting affected due to "continuous harassment" of her coaches. Gurung, who is also Indian team's assistant coach, was added to the Indian contingent, just days before the event.

### **Injured Chopra** advised 1-month rest, pulls out of CWG

#### MIHIR VASAVDA

OLYMPIC CHAMPION and world championship silver medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has pulled out of the Commonwealth Games, which begin on Thursday.

Chopra, the defending CWG champion, had injured his groin during the World Championship final in Eugene, USA, on Saturday. He underwent a MRI scan the following day and was subsequently advised onemonth rest by the doctors, according to Rajeev Mehta, the secretary-general of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

"I was informed by the Athletics Federation of India today morning that Neeraj is not 100 percent fit. He had injured his groin and after scans, has been told to rest for one month. Consequently, he will not be taking part in the Commonwealth Games," Mehta told The

The 24-year-old athlete was set to be India's flag-bearer during Thursday's opening ceremony. Mehta said a decision on the new flagbearer will be taken soon in consultation with other IOA office-bearers.

In Chopra's absence it will be upto DP Manu and Rohit Yadav to try and finish on the podium. However, it won't be easy because of the presence of Peters, the world champion and 2012 Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott. Also in the mix will be Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who finished fifth at the World Championships. Manu has a personal best of 84.35 metres, while Yadav too throw is 82.54m.

Chopra had said after Saturday's final. where he won the silver medal, that he would be able to gauge the extent of his injury once his body cools down and had hinted he wouldn't take any risks vis-à-vis the CWG.

It's something he has been cautious about after suffering an elbow injury three years ago, which kept him out of action for a prolonged period. Post surgery, Chopra stopped punishing his body if he felt a strain or there was discomfort. He had been out of action for a year and couldn't risk another injury.

"Initially he would just push himself through pain. Now he has matured. He knows it is ok not to train when he has not slept well. He knows there is no point doing a morning session without full recovery. He will tell us if he is feeling tightness around say the shoulder or the hip. If the coach says you have to do a 90 kg squat or 90 kg snatch and if he feels he is not able to do it he will give his feedback. He knows how to prevent injury," his physio Ishaan Marwaha had told this paper.

The injury also puts a question mark over Chopra's Diamond League participation. Chopra was to participate in the Lausanne Diamond League on August 26. He had finished second in Stockholm and was aiming to qualify for the final in Zurich on September 7 and 8. During the media conference just after Chopra had spoken about a Diamond League

At Stockholm he had finished second, behind Grenada's Anderson Peters.



Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra was set to be India's flag-bearer at the CWG. AP

# 'Sindhu can play upto 40 years'

Star shuttler is a rare talent but it's strength & conditioning trainer Verma who keeps her fighting fit & injury-free



**EXPRESS IN BIRMINGHAM** 

#### **SHIVANI NAIK**

JULY 26

WHAT'S HAPPINESS got to do with it? It was the question PV Sindhu and her strength and conditioning trainer Srikanth Verma pondered when they committed to turning the badminton star into a performance juggernaut.

"I never enjoy anything in life. I don't think I will till France Olympics," Verma says stoically, explaining how even his dreams revolve around how to keep the 27-year-old fit and fighting till Paris, her third Games. "Sometimes after she wins a title, I tell her 'Enjoy for 2-3 days'," he says, because happiness is on every life doctor's prescription for success. "She'll say, 'No, it's ok. I'm happy only.' And next day, turn up for training," he explains of someone he calls a god-gifted athlete, who still puts in an insane work rate to respect that genetic advantage.

The duo is working towards a particularly stacked month, having to peak three times winning the Singapore Open, the Commonwealth Games next two weeks and then a short turnaround to the World Championships. Sindhu's results have been up and down since winning the 2019 World title, and the Olympic bronze, a disappointment for the world-class athlete, has clearly triggered an appetite for the Paris gold. "Age (27) is just a number. The way Sindhu is, she can play up to 40 even - if she wants."

Verma's job - his obsession, a research project even - has been to ensure mortal matters like injury do not interfere with Sindhu's pursuit of greatness. All her peers -Carolina Marin, Nozomi Okuhara, Akane Yamaguchi and Chen Yufei - have spent extended periods out due to injury, but the Indian remains a persistent contender. "Even foreign experts ask me how we keep her injury-free. But it's a secret," he says.

Broken Arrow, shooting gun Verma has regrets about his own stubbed



PV Sindhu's strength and conditioning trainer Srikanth Verma's job has been to ensure mortal matters like injury do not interfere with her pursuit of greatness. AP

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES, 2022** 

#### 1 DAY TO GO

career in sport - he ran 800 metres, and rues never receiving good advice to understand why he faded off in the final 30-40 metres, and why his injuries spelt a definitive end of his dreams. "The failure I faced left me broken. I decided I'll become the best strength and conditioning coach in the world and moved into sport education," he says. Verma prides himself in being able to observe an athlete for just a few minutes, and figuring out which tiniest muscle needs bolstering.

He came from a poor family, and believes he wasted eight precious years of his life meandering through mediocrity solely for lack of scientific guidance. It got him digging deep - and wide, as he spoke extensively to shot put coaches, and guided a Vizag thrower to the national podium. "Usually only North Indians won. But I kept working on ways to improve the strength of South side athletes," he says. He would travel to Spain, learn about

strength techniques at tennis academies there, work with Indian boxers, tennis players and the Andhra Ranji Trophy team to compile a decade-long experience in solely improving strength and assiduously preventing injuries. He was in Russia with Suchitra Academy's

Praveen Raju when he was invited to work with Sindhu-on a month's audition before the 2017 World Championships. He was anxious about working with an established Olympic medallist, but supremely confident of his own techniques. "I was scared because I was only a low-level trainer. I didn't know if she would listen to me. But she has never questioned me.'

#### The workhorse

Verma had met many parents who gave him grief because their daughters bulked up muscles, faced ridiculous questions like it their height would be stunted if the upper body went Samson. "Sindhu never asked me why her shoulders were getting bulky. In fact, I would tell her after starting any new body strength training that she'll suffer for two



Three weeks before the All England, he put Sindhu into an off-season regimen of intense loading to last her the long season with big events coming up. Right until this Friday before flying out on Sunday for the Commonwealth Games, Verma had worked Sindhu to numbing exhaustion. "I asked her if she wanted a break after the Singapore Open. She said no."

Verma's earliest tweak on Sindhu had been her footwork and striding. "We identified a mechanism to reach every corner of the court. Worked different muscles to dominate from everywhere." He would watch every match from 2017-19 to hyper-focus on the smallest muscle groups. Teaching the tall woman with

long legs to unlearn and relearn the low lunge and then the high toss needed lots of resistance band variations. Her hips, glutes and ankle were trained in mobility to move at a snap second's notice in any direction.

It's daily questionnaires on Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness (Doms) - how sore one feels from a session - the same question every day that have helped Verma understand Sindhu's training thresholds. "I wish I had answers to why my muscles were sore when I was failing as an athlete," he says, glad to be the one watching an elite athlete shine along the

'She was always the toughest, strongest athlete I know. I just added explosive strength and my recovery protocols have ensured she's never injured from overloading," he says, stressing that it's not YouTube or Google copypastes of workouts but a bespoke blasting of her specific muscles in training to aid them in exploding in competition. On top days, she runs 12k. "I tell her if you bear with it, and put in the work, you'll last the tournament'." Verma's recovery protocols include water immersion, band stretches, hot water, jacuzzi, air compression therapies, trigger points, underwater walking, ice baths and sleep. "But it's her natural hormones. She's built to be a great athlete," he says. It's his job to maintain the momentum. Tirelessly.

#### **Growing maturity**

It's no wonder then he looks up to Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic for their relentlessness. "First 2-3 years, Sindhu was confused as to 'why he's making me work so hard.' But I had her father's permission to push hard. She never complained though. And now I ask her to work for two hours, she'll do four hours." Her mental maturity has improved, and she can even monitor her own recovery when he hands her a pointby-point schedule.

Curiously, it's not the long matches that are challenging for Sindhu, whose recovery game is top-grade. "Keeping energy is no problem for her body even in long tournaments like the CWG. We are working on closing out of close matches and what she needs to do there. Coach Park (Tae Sang) will have a list and order that this and this isn't working and needs to improve. It's my job though to actually get it done," he says. Even Juggernauts - gunning for CWG gold, then the Worlds - need their jugglers prepping for

## With Neeraj out injured, spotlight falls on DP Manu

#### **NIHAL KOSHIE**

FROM BEING in the shadow of javelin star and fill the void - that is how DP Manu's world changed on Tuesday. Chopra's pull out because of groin injury puts the other two throwers from India. Manu. who will make his international debut, and Rohit Yadav, in the spotlight at the Commonwealth Games. Yadav was 10th at the World Championships in Eugene with a best throw of 78.72 and is the more experienced of the two.

Manu's progress this year marks him out as a special talent. An 84.35 metre throw in June at the Inter-State Senior Athletic Championships makes him the fourth-best in India, behind only Chopra, Shivpal Singh and Davinder Singh Kang, Manu crossed the 80-metre mark for the first time in March this year with 82.43m at the Indian Grand Prix in Thiruvananthapuram.

Twenty-two-year-old Manu is also blessed with quick arm speed, a natural trait of Chopra's. His block of the leading leg has vastly

improved as he does not bend it as much as before, coach Kashinath Naik says. About an inch taller than Chopra, Manu has improved his upper body strength over the past two years, one of the reasons the youngster from metres this season, Naik, the 2010 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist, says.

"He has also worked on the angle of release of the javelin. It used to be over 45 degrees, which is not great. Now it is between 35 and 40 degrees. Just by doing that he has improved by four to five metres. He has both explosive strength and speed. He was very strong in his lower body. He needed to build upper body strength and that has been done. Earlier, his snatch used to be 55 kg now it is 85 kg. Step by step, he will improve further,"

#### Blind punt

Another physical trait that Manu has going for him is his long arms, or what Naik calls 'reach'. His arm length is about 86 centimetres, longer than the average of people of his height, and combined with arm speed it gives Manu an advantage.



DPManu and coach Kashinath Naik.

However, when Naik first heard about Manu, he punted on him. Almost blindly.

At the 2019 Khelo India Games, Manu had won gold and registered a throw of 66 metres in the Under-21 category. The distance wasn't special but a thrower from Karnataka winning gold was rare. Naik's curiosity

piqued. Naik wasn't at the venue on the day Manu won gold but he heard from other throwers that Manu was tall and was fast on the runway. The next day, Naik got Manu's phone number and spoke to him.

metres, which is good. He also didn't have a specialised coach but had still managed a 65 metre plus throw. I felt he was someone with potential," Naik says.

#### Ironing out flaws

Naik, who coaches at the Army Sports Institute, convinced the officers to give Manu a trial. "We already had Neeraj (Chopra) in the army and he threw close to 90 metres. So I was asked why do we need someone who is throwing only 66. I told my seniors to give me four days to iron out some technical flaws and then conduct the trials," Naik says.

At the trials, Manu improved to 70 metres and soon he appeared for the exam to enrol as a sepoy. His army dreams hit a roadblock when he failed the paper. But at the Senior Inter-State Championships in Lucknow in 2019, he registered a throw of 76.24 metres and won silver. Yadav had won

the gold. "On the basis of the throw at Lucknow he was recruited as a havildar. He didn't have to write an exam because if an athlete throws 75 to 76 metres and is seen as someone with genuine potential he can medical, completes some paperwork and formalities. On June 31, 2020, he joined the army," Naik says. Before Manu joined the army he weighed

about 74 kilograms. He was tall but thin, is how Naik describes Manu before a change in diet filled him out. "Weight gainer protein, ghee, dry fruit shake is what I fed him in addition to the healthy diet. He was too thin for this height. Now his weight is just right and he is strong too."

Naik believes Manu can improve his personal best at the Commonwealth Games, "All I told him was to throw more than 84.35 metres at the Commonwealth Games. He is capable of doing that. Another thing he needs to focus on is his block. It is much better than before but at times there is a slight bend in his leg (leading leg on landing before release). If he gets his bend right, the distance will improve."

#### CHESS AFTER TALIBAN'S TAKEOVER IN AFGHANISTAN

## 'Most fled, I play alone': How chess became a victim of Taliban's policies

SANDIPG CHENNAI, JULY 26

IN JUST one word, uttered coldly, Sepehr Sekhawaty, captures the plight of chess in

Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover, But he says he has no complaints, for he is happy just to be alive and playing the game,

a privilege not many could afford. After the Taliban recapture, they banned women from all sports and began the clampdown on those streams they thought were at odds with their doctrine. Chess, they believed, was a form of gambling and distracted people from saying their prayers, besides carrying the Soviet stigma. Though they have not banned the game officially, like they did during their previous reign, they have chopped its arms.

The hardships of being a chess player in a country intolerant to the game, and an extension, most sports, is immeasurable, he says. Fearing Taliban's backlash, most chess clubs shut shop frantically, most chess players stopped playing, and even the federation officials fled. The president sought refuge in Latvia while several others migrated to Uzbekistan, "For months, I had no one to play chess with. Even the federation's president has fled the country. So have a lot of senior players and officials. I played all alone in my room," says Sepehr, who is from Herat, 900odd kilometres from Kabul.

Or when there was electricity and internet, he would browse chess websites, download diagrams of games that featured the top 100 players, played a few games and, if time permitted, read up on his favourite player, Bobby Fischer. Forget coaching camps, he has not met his Olympiad colleagues in months. To get into groove before the Olympiad, he travelled a back-breaking 600-odd kilometres by road to Tehran to compete in three tournaments. "I started playing the game alone when I was seven, and now I am 19, and I am still alone. There's no coach or colleague. Most of them have fled the country, and I am just managing to play chess because of my supportive father. But I cannot keep



The Chess Olympiad was Sepehr Sekhawaty's dream, a dream that he nearly did not realise. Instagram

troubling him forever," he says. The Chess Olympiad was his dream, a dream that he nearly did not realise. He had

hardly any money of his own to buy tickets.

"There was no funding and all we got as a stipend was \$25 in three months. Thankfully, my father bought me the tickets, and I hope the federation would repay me after I reach Chennai," he says A bigger hurdle was getting the govern-

ment's nod. For several weeks, he was uncertain of travelling to Chennai as his government kept refusing permission. He would anxiously check the news or information from his friends in the media. Finally, last Saturday, he got the approval. The chess fraternity fears a ban on the sport as happened in 1996. The old stories kept haunting them — the police would burn chessboards, pieces, imprison them for weeks. slap fines and issue threats of cutting off their hands if they played the game again. Chess players, fearful of denunciation, had to meet in secret. But even that stopped when the police intensified the crackdowns

#### Reversing the progress

Unshackled after the exit of the Taliban two decades ago, chess had begun to prosper again. "During the last five years, chess

was growing rapidly. We could afford to hire a Grandmaster as coach, started branches in 28 provinces across the country, had around 10.000 active players and organised the FIDE Arbiter and Trainers seminar in 2019," details former national federation general secretary Abasin Mohibi. Sepehr too could travel abroad for competitions and used to be a regular in tournaments in India and Iran, at a time when he amassed a wealth of experience and points. But fewer tournaments meant a stagnation in points (he has managed only 1809).

The emergence was further stamped after Afghanistan claimed gold in Category D of the Chess Olympiad in 2019. But all that progress has turned upside down in the last 11 months.

"Eleven months into the Taliban rule, there has not been a single official tournament, seminar or any related activities. Most federation officials have left the country. In some provinces, chess has been banned. The female department of the federation is currently shut. There is no active female player

either," narrates Mohibi. The Taliban has been especially severe on

New Delhi

try, many others had to quit their streams altogether and burn documents or equipment that betrayed they were sportspersons. Even women's cricket was stopped - during their last regime, Taliban forbade women and girls from receiving an education or working as well. Mohibi sighs: "People are busy rebuilding lives. It's a difficult life for us."

Fleeing the country seems the only realistic alternative to forge a career in chess, though Sepehr does not want to leave his country. "I really love and care for my country," he says emotionally, but concedes he would eventually look out. "I will definitely accept any offer from countries where chess is important so that I can reach my targets and goals. But who would want me?" he asks, in a deflated tone.

But Sepehr is unwilling to give up. "I want to win the individual gold in Board Three and help the team win the gold medal in our category. That would mean something in these times," he says. A gold that would be a metaphor of defiance, though they would not be paraded as heroes when they return home.

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## India to host 2025 Women's ODI World Cup



The Women's ODI World Cup was last held in India in 2013.

Twitter/BCCI Women

New Delhi: India will host the Women's 50over World Cup in 2025 as the BCCI has successfully bid for the mega event during the ICC Annual Conference that concluded in

Birmingham on Tuesday. The ICC flagship event will return to the country after more than a decade. The last time a women's 50-over World Cup was held in India was back in 2013 when Australian emerged champions after beating the West Indies by 114 runs in the final in Mumbai.

Three other ICC women's events were also awarded on the day with Bangladesh hosting the 2024 T20 World Cup and

#### Saini dazzles for Kent with 3/45

Manchester: India pacer Navdeep Saini returned with figures of 3 for 45 to put his county side Kent in a commanding position against Lancashire on the rain-affected first day. On a day when only 34.2 overs were bowled, Saini registered figures of 3/45 in 11 overs as Lancashire reached 112 for 4 before play was abandoned due to rain on Monday. . Saini's scalps included that of openers Luke Wells (35) and Keaton Jennings and Rob Jones, who was trapped leg before by the Indian off the very first ball he faced.

England winning hosting rights for the 2026 edition. The inaugural T20 Champions Trophy in 2027 will be hosted by Sri Lanka.

The last big mega women's global cricket event held in India was the 2016 World T20 but that was primarily because ICC used to organise both men's and women's event simultaneously. However, the system has changed with popularity of women's game increasing exponentially and ICC has segregated the events to procure the proper value for women's game with separate broadcast deal and exclusive

#### Christian Eriksen joins Man Utd

Manchester: Manchester United's Danish midfielder Christian Eriksen said manager Erik ten Hag's vision for the Premier League giants played a big role in convincing him to join them on a free transfer last month. Eriksen, who needed life-saving treatment on the pitch last year when he suffered a near-fatal cardiac arrest in a Euro 2020 game against Finland, made the move after returning to action with top-flight side Brentford in January. Eriksen said that speaking to the Dutch manager helped him make up his mind. REUTERS

## India go back to mental conditioning coach Upton

The South African had worked previously with India during the 2011 World Cup

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY** KOLKATA, JULY 26

BCCI HAS roped in Paddy Upton as the Indian team's mental conditioning coach, this paper has learnt, Upton, 53, will start working immediately, from the upcoming five-match T20I series against the West Indies that commences in Tarouba from Friday. The mental conditioning expert has already reached the Caribbean to join the team and his contract will run until the T20 World Cup in October-November.

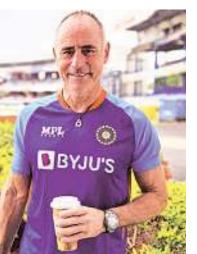
"Rahul Dravid (Indian team head coach) proposed his name to the BCCI and accordingly, Upton has been added to the support staff to help the team prepare for the T20 World Cup," a top BCCI official fold The Indian Express.

Upton was part of India's 2011 World Cup-winning set-up, handpicked by then India coach Gary Kirsten. During his first stint with the Indian team, between 2008 and 2011, Upton worked in the dual role of mental conditioning coach and strategic leadership coach, developing a fine rapport with a lot of players, including Dravid. India also briefly reached the top of the ICC Test tree during that period. Later, the two worked together as coaches in the IPL

Following the launch of *The Barefoot Coach*, a book by Upton, the latter was effusive in Dravid's praise, as he posted on Twitter: "Rahul Dravid played an integral part in my coaching journey, since first working with him back in 1995! I've since learned loads from him, about cricket and life - the best of which is shared in my book, The Barefoot Coach. Thanks RSD".

The admiration is mutual, attested by Dravid's words in Upton's book: "Paddy is a thought-leader. He brings a unique approach and relevant approach to cricket and life."

India haven't won an ICC trophy since 2013 and the BCCI is leaving no stone unturned to end the drought. Before the T20 World Cup last year, MS Dhoni was included in the set-up as



Paddy Upton has worked with Rahul Dravid in the IPL.

team mentor, the idea being to pick the brain of the former captain whose career was embellished with three ICC titles. Dhoni was pretty hands-on during the team's training sessions in the United Arab Emirates, but India failed to qualify for the semifinals, losing to Pakistan and New Zealand in their first two matches. With the appointment of Upton, the BCCI and the head coach have ostensibly gone back to move forward.

Appointing sports psychologists/mental conditioning experts is nothing new in Indian cricket. Renowned sports psychologist Sandy Gordon joined the Sourav Ganguly-led Indian team before the 2003 World Cup and made his 'now or never' catchphrase very popular in the camp. India went on to play the final.

Greg Chappell as the Indian team head coach had brought in sports psychologist Rudi

Webster. The practice of appointing a mind coach was done away with after Shastri took charge of the Indian team. His successor has decided to return to the old ways

At the end of the 2011 World Cup, Upton joined the South African team as its performance director and staved in that role until 2014. He has also worked as the head coach of Pune Warriors, Rajasthan Royals and Delhi Daredevils in the IPL. He had his stints as head coach in the Big Bash League and the Pakistan Super League as well, with Sydney Thunder and Lahore Qalandars respectively.

"So we really did not focus on losing or winning, but on the kind of cricket we're playing. We knew at that point that we were already playing good cricket throughout the 100 overs of a one-day game, both with the bat and ball. The focus was to keep playing the best possible cricket and not worry too much about the result," Upton wrote on The Indian Express last year, offering an insight to his working style during India's World Cup-winning campaign.

"In reality, apart from a few, I have never worked or met any athlete in cricket or any other sport who doesn't have insecurity. doubt, vulnerability and negative thoughts. It's normal. We all have them and the expectation that athletes should not have these (emotions) is rubbish ... The single biggest mental obstacle to success in cricket, and probably any sport, is fear of failure and pressure. When you have a senior player who gets very emotional around mistakes, that increases the fear of failure and the pressure, and decreases the chance of younger players performing" he said in Express Idea Exchange. Those who have seen him at close quarters would confirm that the man, who has a degree in Human Movement Sciences, likes to keep things simple.

(India take on West Indies in the third ODI at the Queen's Park Oval, 7 PM IST onwards, Live on DD Sport)

### Lanka build lead to 323 in 2nd Test against Pakistan

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GALLE, JULY 26

RAMESH MENDIS completed a five-wicket haul as Sri Lanka bowled Pakistan out for 231 to take a 147-run first-innings lead on Tuesday before extending its lead to 323 when the third day of the second test ended early due to bad light, Sri Lanka was 176-5 in its second innings at stumps at Galle International Stadium.

Although Pakistan bowlers picked up wickets at regular intervals, an unbroken 59-run partnership for the sixth wicket between Dimuth Karunaratne and Dhananjaya de Silva saw Sri Lanka's lead pass 300 runs.

Sri Lanka will still be cautious after Pakistan impressed in the first test. The hosts had set a target of 342 but Pakistan won by four wickets in the last session of the final day with a record successful chase at Galle. Karunaratne, who is struggling with back spasms, only came out to bat after the fall of the fourth wicket. He was feeling uneasy while running between the wickets but was unbeaten on 27 when play was called off with 19 overs left.

De Silva dominated the partnership as he posted 30 not out off 52 deliveries with six fours. Niroshan Dickwella opened the batting in place of Karunaratne and was caught behind off Naseem Shah (2-29) when he chased a wide delivery without any feet movement.

The spin trio of Yasir Shah, Mohammad Nawaz and Agha Salman picked up a wicket apiece to keep Pakistan interested as Sri Lanka lost four wickets between lunch and tea, going from 22-0 to 109-4.

Naseem came back for a second spell later in the day to dismiss Dinesh Chandimal (21) in similar fashion to Dickwella. Sri Lanka was 117-5 and only had a lead of 264 at that point but the partnership between Karunaratne and de Silva gave the advantage to the hosts.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 378 and 176/5 in 50 overs (Dimuth Karunaratne 27 not out, Dhananjaya de Silva 30 not out; Naseem Shah 2/29) lead **Pakistan** 231 (Agha Salman 62; Ramesh Mendis 5/47) by 323 runs.



STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended			Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		30.06.2022	2 31.03.2022 30.06.2021		31.03.2022	S.		30.06.2022	31.03.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022
		(Un-audited)	Re-instated	Re-instated	Re-instated	No.	Particulars	(Un-audited)	Re-instated	Re-instated	Re-instated
		Refer Note No.		3				Re	efer Note No.	-3	
	Continuing Operations:						Other Comprehensive Income/ (Loss) from				
1	Income					8	Continuing Operations				
а	Revenue from operations	19,124.27	18,520.26	11,271.84	59,958.99	а	Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(117.16)	(49.06)	(5.79)	(66.42)
b	Other income	2.92	19.96	91.86	302.44	b	Tax impacts on above	87.21	3.79	4.69	14.73
	Total income	19,127.19	18,540.22	11,363.70	60,261.43		Total Other Comprehensive Income/ (Loss)	(29.95)	(45.27)	(1.10)	(51.69)
2	Expenses					9	Other Comprehensive Income/ (Loss) from Discontinued Operations				
а	Cost of Materials Consumed	13,043.06	12,515.91	7,454.40	41,254.26	а	Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	_	(45.53)	2.31	(38.60)
b	Purchases of Stock-in-Trade	1,132.12	1,507.47	325.84	3,480.53	b	Tax impacts on above		11.46	(0.58)	9.71
С	Changes in Inventory of Finished Goods, Work-in- Progress and Stock-in-Trade	218.04	(237.73)	130.60	(138.92)		Total Other Comprehensive Income/ (Loss)		(34.07)	1.73	(28.89)
d	Employee Benefits Expense	1,024.56	951.47	835.15	3,717.11	40	Total Other Comprehensive Income/ (Loss) from Continuing and Discontinued Operations (8+9)	(00.05)	(70.04)	0.00	(00.50)
е	Finance Costs	83.62	103.05	80.81	370.32	10		(29.95)	(79.34)	0.63	(80.58)
f	Depreciation & Amortization Expense	111.46	115.43	116.82	467.12		Total comprehensive income for the period				
g	Other Expenses	2,164.36	1,891.34	1,086.47	6,187.63	11	(comprising profit after tax and other	973.35	467.74	558.73	2,594.88
9	Total expenses	17,777.22	16,846.94	10,030.09	55,338.05	''	comprehensive income after tax for the period) (7+10)	0.000	101111	0000	2,0000
3	Profit before tax (1-2)	1,349.97	1,693.28	1,333.61	4,923.38	12	Earnings per share for Continuing Operations in rupees:				
4	Tax expense						(Quarterly not Annualised)				
а	Current tax	389.76	309.92	214.99	1,054.4		- Basic (in Rupees)	4.08	5.22	4.19	14.65
b	Deferred tax	(45.83)	(23.62)	(9.00)	(80.07)		- Diluted (in Rupees)	4.08	5.22	4.19	14.65
С	Income Tax of earlier years	2.74	1.13	-	3.57	13	Earnings per share for Discontinued				
	Total Tax Expenses	346.67	287.43	205.99	977.88	13	Operations in rupees: (Quarterly not Annualised)				
	·						- Basic (in Rupees)	-	(3.19)	(2.11)	(4.72)
5	Net Profit after tax from Continuing Operations (3-4)	1,003.30	1,405.85	1,127.62	3,945.50		- Diluted (in Rupees)	-	(3.19)	(2.11)	(4.72)
6	Discontinued Operations (Refer Note No. 3)					14	Earnings per share for Continuing and Discontinued Operations in rupees:				
а	Revenue from Operations	-	6,791.11	3,313.75	24,144.57	14	(Quarterly not Annualised)				
b	Other Income	-	4.24	2.03	10.36		- Basic (in Rupees)	4.08	2.03	2.07	9.93
С	Total Expenses	-	7,121.45	3,896.12	24,926.02		- Diluted (in Rupees)	4.08	2.03	2.07	9.93
d	Profit/(Loss) before exceptional expenses and Tax	•	(326.10)	(580.34)	(771.09)	15	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10 each) * Net of cancellation of cross holding upon	*1913.14	2,693.55	2,693.55	2,693.55
е	Exceptional Expenses	-	583.09	-	583.09	13					
f	Profit/(Loss) before Tax		(909.19)	(580.34)	(1,354.18)		amalgamation of 7804145 shares				
	Tax Expenses	_	(50.41)	(10.82)	(84.14)	16	Shares pending allotment -9% Non Cumulative Compulsorily				
g h	Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations		(858.78)	(569.52)	(1,270.04)		redeemable of Preference Shares pending for allotment	109,58,078	-	-	-
7	Profit from Continuing and Discontinued Operations (5+6)	1,003.30	547.08	558.10	2,675.46		- Equity Shares pending allotment (Refer note-3)	78,04,145	-	-	

#### Notes:

- 1. The above Financial Results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee & approved by the Board of Directors of Kamdhenu Limited at their respective meetings held on 25th July, 2022. The unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2022 have been limited reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- 2. The financial results have been prepared in accordance with principles and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015, as specified in section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 3. The Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench (NCLT) vide its order dated 3rd June, 2022 has approved the Scheme of Date: 25.07.2022 Arrangement of Kamdhenu Concast Limited, Kamdhenu Overseas Limited, Kamdhenu Paint Industries Limited, Kamdhenu Infradevelopers Limited, Kamdhenu Nutrients Private Limited, Kay2 Steel Limited, Tiptop Promoters Private Limited (Transferor Companies), Kamdhenu Limited (Transferee Company), Kamdhenu Ventures Limited (Resulting Company No.1) and Kamdhenu Colour and Coatings Limited (Resulting Company No. 2). The Scheme became effective on 18th July, 2022, upon filing of the NCLT Order by the Transferor Companies, Transferee Company, Resulting Company No.1 and Resulting Company No.2, with the Registrar of Companies, NCT of Delhi & Haryana. Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement became effective, the Paint Business (Demerged Business) of Kamdhenu Limited have been transferred to and vested with the Resulting Company No. 2 Kamdhenu Colour and Coatings Limited with effect from 1st April, 2022 being the
- a) In accordance with the scheme, all the assets and liabilities of Demerged Business (difference between assets and liabilities referred to as net assets) which ceases to be assets and liabilities of the company as at appointed date of 1st April, 2022, has been reduced from the books of accounts of the company at respective book values as appearing in books of accounts of the company as at 1st April, 2022.

The net assets value of the Demerged Business amounting to Rs. 9576.04 lakhs have been adjusted against Capital Reserve of Rs. 807.74 lakhs, Securities Premium account of Rs. 5276.56 lakhs and the balance of Rs. 3491.74 lakhs against retained earnings

Further, upon discontinuation of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022 and 2012 and 2012 and 2012 are considered as a constant of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022 and 2012 are constant of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022 and 2012 are constant of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022 and 2012 are constant of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022 and 2012 are constant of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the Quarter ended 31st March, 2022 and 2012 are constant of the Paint Business of the Company, quarterly financial results for the Quarter ended 31st March, 2022 are constant of the Paint Business of the Company of the Companand 30th June, 2021 and for the year ended 31st March, 2022 have been reinstated as profit/(loss) from discontinued operations

The Shareholders of transferor companies against cancelation of 7804145 cross holding equity shares of Rs. 10/- each are to be allotted 7804145 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each and 10958078 9% non-Cumulative Compulsorily Redeemable Preference Shares of Rs. 10/- each of the Company and has been considered as pending allotment in serial no. 16 of financial results.

- The Company has also given impact of scheme of arrangement w.r.t amalgamation of Kamdhenu Concast Limited, Kamdhenu Overseas Limited, Kamdhenu Paint Industries Limited, Kamdhenu Infradevelopers Limited, Kamdhenu Nutrients Private Limited, Kay2 Steel Limited, Tiptop Promoters Private Limited as at 1st April, 2022, in accordance with Pooling of Interest method as given in Ind AS 103, accordingly:
- (i) All the assets and liabilities recorded in the books of transferor Companies has been transferred to the company at the respective carrying value.
- (ii) Cross investment and inter-company balances have been cancelled.
- (iii) Surplus arising out of amalgamation has been credited to Capital Reserves.
- As per Appendix C of Ind AS 103, for all the business combinations under common controls, the financial information in the financial statements in respect of prior period should be reinstated as if the business combination had occurred from the beginning of the preceding period in the financial statements, irrespective of actual date of the combination. Hence, financial statements of the Merged Undertaking are merged with effect from April 1, 2021 to make it comparable. Accordingly published results for the quarter and year  $ended \,March\,31\,2022\,have\,been\,rein stated\,to\,give\,effect\,to\,the\,Amalgamation.\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company\,has\,include\,the\,Below\,mention\,Accordingly,\,Company,\,Compa$  $results \ of \ transferor \ Companies \ into \ the \ results \ of \ previous \ presented \ period:$ (Rs. in Lakh)

	Quarter	Yearly Ended	
Particular	31.03.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022
Revenue from operations	27.94	-	27.94
Other income	42.01	0.54	114.35
Total Income	69.95	0.54	142.29
Purchases of Stock-in-Trade	26.96	-	26.96
Other Expenses	16.09	0.16	50.8
Total expenses	43.05	0.16	77.76
Profit before Tax	26.90	0.38	64.53
Tax expense			
Current tax	20.96	0	20.96
Net Profit after tax	5.94	0.38	43.57

- 4. The quarterly Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2022 being prepared for steel business only, which is considered to be only reportable segment, hence segment reporting has not been given for the quarter under review
- 5. In accordance with the Scheme of Arrangements w.r.t. demerger of Paint Business into Resulting Company No. 2, the shareholders of the company are to be allotted shares in resulting company no. 1. Pending allotment of shares in resulting company no. 1 to the shareholders of the company and subsequent listing thereof in stock exchanges, the unaudited financial highlights of resulting company no.1 and resulting company no.2 for the quarter ended 30th June, 2022, have been consolidated are as under:

Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2022
Revenue from Operations	5466.93
Other Income	3.78
Total Revenue	5470.71
Total Expenses	5851.88
(Loss) before tax	(381.17)
Tax Expenses (Deferred Tax)	(2.99)
(Loss) for the quarter	(378.18)
Total Other Comprehensive (Loss) for the quarter	(7.22)
Total Comprehensive (Loss) for the quarter ended 30.06.2022	(385.40)

- 6. Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement became effective, Kamdhenu Ventures Limited ceases to be the Subsidiary company of Kamdhenu Limited with effect from 1st April, 2022, being the Appointed Date for accounting treatment. Therefore, the Company has not prepared the consolidated financial results from 01.04.2022 onwards.
- 7. The company continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on its business including its impact on customers, supply chain etc. Due care has been exercised on significant accounting judgement and estimates including in relation to recoverability of receivables, inventory and other financial assets based on information available to date while preparing the company's financial results for the
- 8. The unaudited financial results of the company for the quarter ended 30th June, 2022 are also available on the Company's website (www.kamdhenulimited.com) and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and NSE (www.nseindia.com) in accordance with the provision of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Kamdhenu Limited

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